INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND
As you know, staff have been approached by the New Durham Cemetery Board and they are seeking financial assistance to remove some dead or dying ash trees. Some of these trees are not only a safety concern for the cemetery as they also threaten damage to a neighboring property.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS
Leigh Cohoe and Dave Orth from the cemetery board have shown staff the trees in question and all are in agreement that they need to come down. The work will involve the use of a crane as some of the trees are close to a house and others overhang a septic bed. The cemetery board does not have the funds available at this time to cover this costly work. The next door Neighbor, Mr. Sambrooks, has already received quotes on the work and has agreed to share the cost of 4 of these trees which are partially on his property. In the past, the Township has helped other cemetery boards in similar situations, most recently, the cemetery on Quaker Street with the installation of entryways and a roadway.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS
N/A

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
The cemetery’s share of the work will cost $2818.00 and this is the amount they are requesting the Township to pay. The quote for this work, from Timber-Pro, was the lowest of 3 quotes and pending proof of proper insurance and WSIB coverage they would be a satisfactory contractor as other contractors within the Township are either not available or not interested. The Public Works budget for tree removal is tight at present and staff would recommend this money should come from reserves.

CONCLUSION

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive report PW-2017-16 as information and furthermore that Council pass a motion to direct staff on how they wish to proceed.
ATTACHMENTS
None

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