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Hi Jason:

Thank you for including the Cranston Historical Cemeteries Commission (CHCC) in the on line meeting concerning the development of the Mulligan's Isle project. Members of CHCC have looked in to as many aspects of the proposed project as possible and we all have discussed the matter at length on line. CHCC has also had to conduct much of its meeting functions in the same manner as departments of the city due to the unusual circumstances of the virus CV-19. As you know all this takes extra time to compile information and reach a consensus. As I stated in the on-line meeting CHCC does not wish to stand in the way of city development. We want to work with the city as much as we can. However CHCC must also try its best to perform the duties the city prescribed to research, restore and protect the historic cemeteries located within the city.

After extensive discussion CHCC would agree to respectfully and professionally move the cemetery out of the way of the proposed building development portion of the Mulligan's Isle project. However since there is an ample amount of land in the rear portion of the proposed building and the developers are planning to move the communications tower to the rear location, CHCC is in agreement to do the same with the cemetery. CHCC would oppose moving the cemetery to any other location in Cranston or the State because of the history of the cemetery. CHCC would suggest the new location of the cemetery should about the new location of the tower and its new land. The new location of cemetery like the tower should not be moved again as the further development of the surrounding land continues in the future; such as housing development, etc. CHCC believes since the new location of the tower fits the planning of the project, moving the cemetery next to the new tower location should fit the project planning as well. CHCC believes this would be the best way to resolve the situation. This solution would open the proposed plans for the new building and preserve the history of the cemetery by keeping the cemetery in the same general location in perpetuity.

Again thank you for consulting with CHCC on this matter. Please continue to keep CHCC up to date on this matter. If CHCC can be of any other assistance to you on this matter or any other matters similar to this situation we would be pleased to give you any assistance we can. Stay safe my friend during all the unusual circumstances of CV-19.

Gregg A. Mierka, Chair
Cranston Historical Cemeteries Commission