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Subject: Feb 19 Public Works meeting - Support of Natural Burials by-law
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Dear Public Works Committee,

I know this email may be a few minutes late, sorry I just read the Spectator article about tomorrow's vote on the Hamilton Cemetery by-law amendment.

I am writing in support of amending Hamiltons Cemetery by-law No.12-151 to include the new provisions for natural burials and interments of pets. The current by-law is outdated and does not accommodate the increasing demand for affordable and environmentally friendly burial options.

Benefits of natural burials include:

- Reduction of embalming chemicals in soil
- Expansion of community green space and areas to mourn as a community
- Accessible to all income levels
- Increase in pollinator habitat and expansion of native species migration corridors through Hamilton
- Increased individual autonomy by being able to choose burial methods rather than being confined to the limited options currently available in Hamilton

I urge you to support amendments to the Hamilton Cemetery by-law and allow natural burials at the Mount Hamilton Cemetery.

Best,

Fiona Parascandalo

