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FUNERAL HOMES

February 28, 2025

The Town of Goderich, Mayor Trevor Bazinet and  
Members of Council:  
57 West Street,  
Goderich, ON N7A 2K5

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: Paid Parking at the Maitland Valley Medical Centre**

Through social media posts and then consulting the Town's website along with writing to the Mayor, I learned that the Town has decided to institute paid parking at the MVMC.

To say that I am disappointed and surprised is an understatement, but I also realize that majority rules and the decision has been made.

I am now writing to you to ask that my letter be distributed to the council and placed on the next available agenda so that I may address the following concerns:

I am an active Funeral Director serving in Goderich as well Clinton and surrounding communities.

This is a real concern for us as funeral directors. We are often required, as part of our service to grieving families, to pick up Medical Certificates of Death from the various Doctor's offices at MVMC. We may also have to drop off relevant file information to them, pick up or even take requests for medical information to them for insurance purposes for surviving family members. There are times when this could require 2 or 3 trips in a single day. We are not usually parked there very long. \$3 a visit would soon add up. We might have to consider passing these costs onto the families.

I know you don't like to hear it, but Goderich's death registration, burial and cremation permit fees (which were raised 150% in August of 2024 with no consultation or notice to the funeral homes and I consulted McCallum & Palla and they had not been notified either) and cemetery costs are among the most, if not THE MOST expensive in Huron County already.

The other concern I have is for my son. He is a brittle diabetic and needs regular blood work & quick checks at the Life Labs clinic. He's often laid off so that is going to be an added expense for him. Three dollars is three dollars (\$3.00) regardless of what some say, it is NOT "not much" for some people.

There must be some mechanism or accommodation pass made for folks like him and for people like us to pick up and drop documents, etc.

I would appreciate your consideration on these concerns. I am willing to come to council to discuss these concerns or welcome an email at any time at [mark@falconerfuneralhomes.com](mailto:mark@falconerfuneralhomes.com) at work or on my personal email [mrushton@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:mrushton@hurontel.on.ca).

Sincerely Yours,



*A life well lived . . . is a life worth remembering*

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