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MEMORANDUM

PHD-C 12-2021

Subject: Temporary COVID-19 Memorial

Date: September 14, 2021

To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

From: Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

At the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting held on July 13, 2021, the following Councillor Information Request was put forward:

> Provide a report to the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting being held on August 10, 2021, respecting plans to provide a location for a memorial to recognize Niagara residents lost to COVID-19. Councillor Ip.

Further to the direction above and the intention of any temporary memorial to be cost effective, staff are currently exploring a suitable location within the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site to install a bench that would serve as a temporary COVID-19 memorial.

The Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site location was selected due to its proximity to Regional Headquarters, ample parking, accessible trails and the opportunity to provide a quiet place for reflection.

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing, the temporary location will recognize those Niagara residents lost to COVID-19 while considerations for a permanent memorial site will take place once the pandemic is declared over.

Staff will provide additional information on the location of the bench once it is installed and will ensure that the public is made aware through various social media platforms.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Ron Tripp, P. Eng
Acting Chief Administrative Officer