## Background

In February, 2013 the Wardner Community Association (WCA) requested the RDEK add the existing Wardner Cemetery to the RDEK's cemetery service and apply for a Crown grant of the existing cemetery lands and an adjacent area of Crown land for future cemetery expansion. The WCA is committed to operating the cemetery.

The RDEK Board passed a resolution on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 that a Sponsored Crown Grant application be submitted for the existing Wardner Cemetery and an expansion area, and that the Wardner Cemetery be included in the cemetery service upon acquiring the land and that the Sponsored Crown Grant application and expansion of the cemetery service to include the Wardner cemetery be added to the list of Community Priorities for 2014 (see attached).

## **Development Plan**

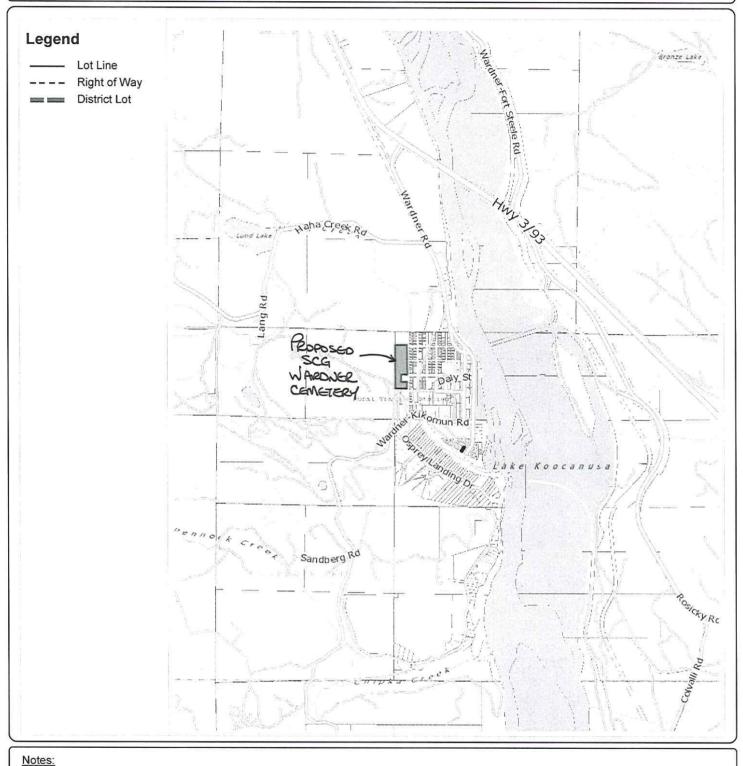
As there are no records of the existing cemetery, disturbing old burial plots is one of the community's concerns. There is also evidence of plots located outside of the existing cemetery boundaries. The goal of the proposed cemetery is to encompass existing plots that are currently not within the limits of the existing cemetery and provide an area for expansion. The 2.6 ha (6.4 ac) area would be utilized first and then expand to the remaining 1.4 ha(3.5 ac) "potential expansion area" when required.

Over time, proposed improvements would include landscaping and fencing around the proposed cemetery. A columbarium, historical memorial walls and gazebo are also proposed (see attached).

Once the land acquisition is finalized, the RDEK would work with WCA to acquire a Certificate of Public Interest necessary for cemetery operations and a cemetery operator licence. The RDEK would prepare a regulatory bylaw and an agreement with the WCA for cemetery operations.



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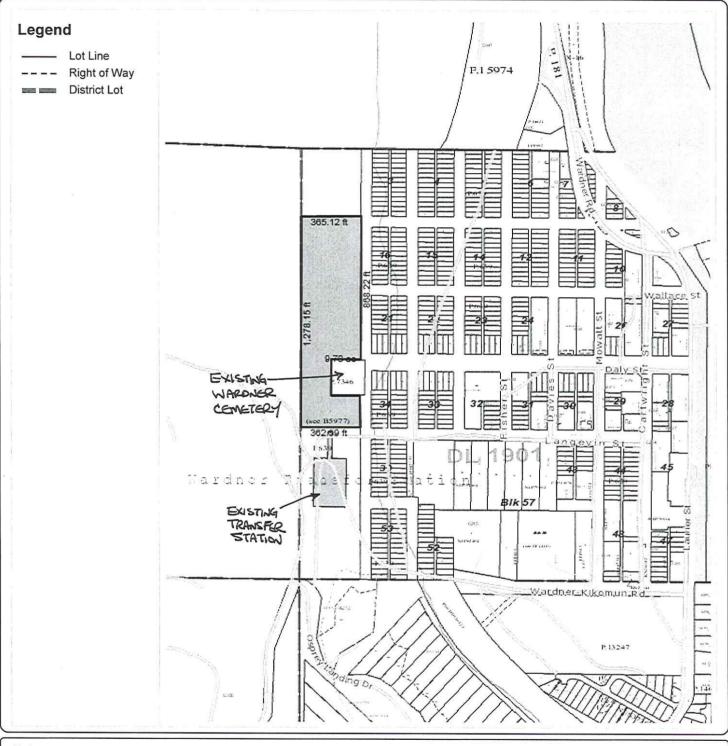
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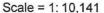
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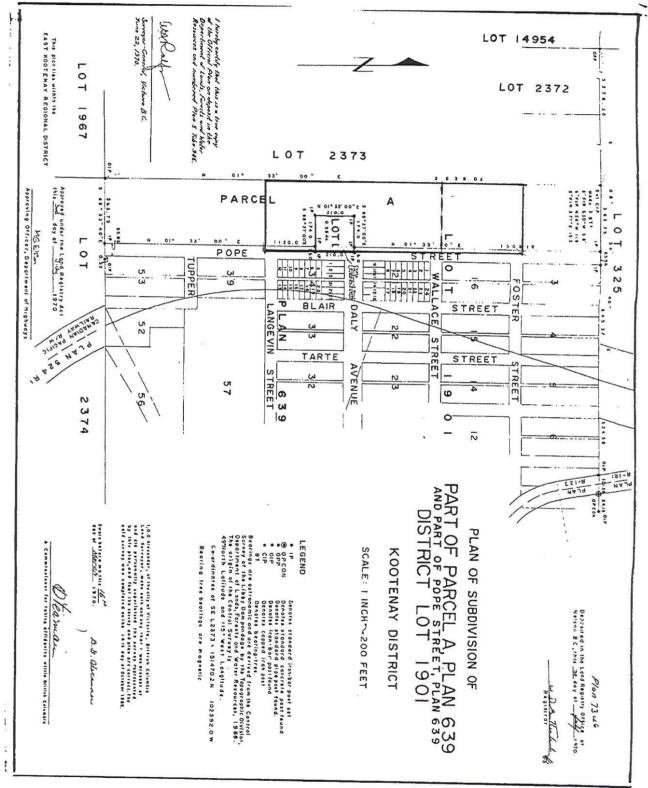
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