

DATE OF MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2024  
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SUBJECT **QUEEN CHARLOTTE AIRLINES CRASH VICTIMS' MEMORIAL**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To inform Council of the placement of a memorial plaque at the mass gravesite in Bowen Cemetery for the victims of Queen Charlotte Airlines Flight 107, in October 1951.

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 17, 1951, Queen Charlotte Airlines Flight 107, returning workers from the Kemano Power Project, near Kitimat, to Vancouver, BC, crashed into the north slope of Mt. Benson during adverse weather conditions. All 23 souls aboard were lost. Seven bodies were claimed and shipped home. The remaining 16 are interred in a mass grave in Bowen Cemetery.

The BC Labour Heritage Centre approached the City regarding placement of a memorial at the gravesite in Bowen Cemetery. The memorial conforms to the requirements of Bylaw 7094, consisting of a marble base with cast bronze plaque, mounted flush with the ground surface. See Attachment A. |

## **DISCUSSION**

The memorial will be provided, at no cost to the City by the BC Labour Heritage Centre, and will be installed by City Staff. The memorial conforms to the requirements of Bylaw 7094 and will replace a small stone memorial in the same location. |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The BC Labour Heritage Centre approached the City to place a memorial at the mass gravesite in Bowen Cemetery, commemorating the 23 victims of which 16 are interred there.
- The memorial will be provided free of charge to the City and will be installed by City Staff, replacing a small stone marker in the same location.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Memorial Plaque Specifications and Photo of Existing Plaque |

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