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August 12, 2022

**Statement from The Board of Trustees of The Cataraqi Cemetery Company.**

**Re: Cemetery Trustees decline the relocation of Kingston's Sir John A. Macdonald Statue from City Park to Cataraqi Cemetery**

After many months of careful reflection and consideration, at a meeting of The Cataraqi Cemetery Company Board of Trustees held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Cemetery's Trustees resolved to decline the relocation of Kingston's Sir John A. Macdonald statue to Cataraqi Cemetery. A city representative was notified by the Cemetery on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The removal of the statue from City Park was first considered by the City in June of 2021. At that time, per a statement issued by the Cemetery on June 17, 2021, the Cemetery's Board of Trustees had, *"agreed in principle to the idea of accepting the relocation of the statue from City Park to a modest plinth beside the Macdonald burial site at the cemetery."*

The Cemetery, a National Historic Site of Canada and the burial place of Sir John A. Macdonald, was offered by the Cemetery's Board as a possible relocation site.

A decision on accepting or declining the relocation of the statue to the cemetery required further time, information, discussion, and consideration.

The Trustees of the privately owned cemetery always maintained the option to accept or decline the commitment of relocation.

As the stewards of the historic but still active cemetery, the Cemetery's Board of Trustees came to the conclusion to decline the relocation of the statue to Cataraqi Cemetery only after months of carefully considering if the size and massing of the statue would or would not be fit for the cemetery's natural landscape; if the statue would or would not be compatible in style and/or size to the other family monuments and burial plots in the area; and what further issues or general impact might the statue present upon the not for profit Cemetery and the interment right holders.

The Board of Trustees of The Cataraqi Cemetery Company