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Mount Pleasant cemetery operator challenging ruling that forces more oversight

Ronald G. Slaght was quoted in The Toronto Star article *Mount Pleasant cemetery operator challenging ruling that forces more oversight* on November 13.

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Lawyer Ron Slaght, representing MPGC, told appeal judges Dunphy made “fundamental errors in law” deciding that legislation from the 1800s — when Town of York residents passed a hat to buy a non-denominational plot to bury their dead — had not altered the charitable trust status of what became a major funeral industry player.

Slaght argued a 1871 law “swept away” a requirement that the board, when it chose a new member, also place an advertisement that could trigger a meeting where members of the public could instead choose the new trustee.

Slaght also warned that Dunphy didn’t properly take into account the impact of his finding that MPGC, with hundreds of staff, had overstepped trust rules by opening “visitation centres” and funeral homes.

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