

Cemetery Committee's Report

Presented March 12, 2008

The Cemetery Committee's responsibilities include looking after the affairs and care of the Hornby Island cemeteries and administering burial sites at the current cemetery. The committee sets policies and works together with volunteers to maintain and improve the cemetery grounds.

Projects Completed in the past year:

- Shed purchased and erected.
- Tools purchased and stored in shed.
- Two water barrels installed.
- Large and ailing oak tree pruned.
- Broom discovered and controlled.
- Three work-days for burning, shed site preparation and cemetery ground maintenance.

The following policies are in effect:

- Cost of a full body interment remains \$300 and burial of cremated remains is \$90.
- No preservatives of any kind are to be used on the bodies for burial (e.g. formaldehyde).
- For full body burial, the deceased must have been a permanent resident of Hornby Island. This includes those who have had to leave the island for extended care.
- There is no pre-booking of burial sites.
- There must be a marker of some type on the grave within one year of burial showing the name and dates. If this does not happen, the Cemetery committee will have one made and the family of the deceased will be billed for the cost.
- Any memorial other than a grave marker/head stone must have prior approval by the Committee.
- Annie Fearman currently allots the graves sites and arranges for the digger. The family pays for the digging and is responsible for the funeral arrangements and process.
- The rate for digging is up to the back hoe operator (usually about \$70 per hour and can take up to three hours. It includes digging before burial and back filling and tidy-up after.)

A special thank you to Bronwyn McLeod, who participated in the spring clean up work day and to RDCS for granting the Cemetery Committee \$1000 which was used for the oak pruning project and will also pay for mapping the cemetery.

Ongoing and New Projects

- To create an information sheet for those who wish to bury remains in the cemetery.

- To paint the shed.
- Continue cleanup and beautification
- To mount the plaque obtained for the graveyard by the preschool
- Long-term plans are to expand the Cemetery. One of the options is to expand into the adjacent Crown Land Area.

Committee Members in 2007

Pat Colin

Annie Fearman

Jim McLeod

Margaret Pethick

Eva Wetzel (chair)

All have indicated a desire to continue to serve on the committee.