

Cemetery Committee's Report Presented to HIRRA March 14, 2012

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 to maintain and improve the cemetery grounds.

We had two internment of ashes and one full body burial this past year.

Projects completed:

Installed rain collection gutter to fill two water barrels behind the shed.

Installed display case on the shed.

Gained more gravesite spaces at the current site by shifting the equipment entry higher up the hill where the soil depth is insufficient for grave digging.

Dug some test holes in the old path to ascertain suitability for graves.

Did some fine tuning to a few graves by removing or adding soil.

Projects in progress:

We will fill the display case with information about the cemetery since its creation in 1935. Margaret Sinclair has written text and located photos as a backdrop. Stevie Kittleson will provide graphic design.

Bill Cannon has provided a grid for the cemetery with a permanent numbering system. We will install small cement markers for the grave sites so we can keep better track of vacant and occupied spots.

Broom control.

We will create a new walk-in entry where the old road used to be. We hope to display a map over who is buried where on the grounds.

A special thank you to Bill Cannon for his grid work, which was not an easy task. We also thank Eben Walmsley and Craig Macgillivray for noteworthy attention to detail and general helpfulness with the digging of a grave.

Committee members. All are standing for reelection

Gemma Colin

Margaret Pethick

Margaret Sinclair

Larry Smith

Eva Wetzel (chair)