

**Burlington Cemetery
Barley Street
Burlington, Kings Co., N.S.**

**8th Annual Newsletter
March, 2014**

It appears that spring “may” be on its way after a very long, snowy winter and “if” it is spring that means its time to let you know how things are going at the Burlington Cemetery.

On the evening of May 8, 2013, we once again had a very successful spring clean-up with many attending from family and community. We did the usual raking and picking up of branches but overall the cemetery was in pretty good shape after a milder winter. Doug Kemp used his tractor to level off the green burial section which had been very rough to mow the previous summer. Refreshments were provided by Pat Kemp and were very much appreciated.

This year the spring clean-up will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Susan Daniels did the mowing of the cemetery for the 2013 season and did a wonderful job. We had many compliments on how good the cemetery looked. For this season Susan felt she needed an increase of \$250. due to the cost of fuel. We accepted that and she will do the mowing once again this year at a cost of \$3250.

In the summer, the community student worker painted the gate on the south side cemetery, as well as the gate to the green burial site.

In August, we held a working executive meeting at the cemetery. We measured off the first burial section in the new green burial cemetery. It will hold 12 graves. At that meeting, we asked Tom Metcalfe to take on the responsibility of grubbing out the pathways and sectioning off the graves and the centre common area. This was offered as a paid position and he accepted. That job was completed in the early fall. Tom was also able to obtain a stone for the common area where the names of those interred will be placed. That stone has been placed. Pat Kemp had a sign made for the green cemetery and it will be erected in the spring.

We once again received the municipal grant in the amount of \$2000.

Cindy Hiltz, a Barley Street resident, has been placing poppies and flags at all the veterans graves every Canada Day and Remembrance Day. We think this a wonderful thing to do and we hope she can continue to honour our veterans in this way.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on March 19, 2014. All of the executive was willing to stand for another year and all were reinstated.

We had 2 burials this year and sold 5 lots. We still have many lots available in the conventional cemetery as well as the green cemetery at a cost of \$250.

This spring we are planning to replace the old fence along the roadside on the north side cemetery. Drew Armstrong took on the job of finding a similar wire fence to the one that has been there for many years. It has been purchased and will be erected as soon as the weather improves. We are also putting together a committee to further our plan of erecting a memorial at the cemetery for Theresa McAuley to honour all battered women. Anyone interested can contact Pat Kemp at 538-3387.

As you can see we have had another busy year at the Burlington Cemetery. All that we have accomplished is only due to your continuing support. We are truly thankful for all donations. If anyone is able to make a donation once again this year, please use the enclosed envelope. You will receive a tax receipt along with our many thanks. Due to the rising cost of postage if anyone would like to receive future newsletters by e-mail please forward your e-mail address to bobanddoreen@eastlink.ca.

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