

12th Annual Burlington Cemetery Newsletter
Barley St
Burlington, Kings Co., N.S.
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It is once again time to bring everyone up to date on our ongoing efforts at the cemetery.

Our last spring cleanup was held on May 8, 2017, with many in attendance to help rake leaves, gather up branches and twigs and to top up any graves needing it. It is a great way to spend a spring evening. This year it will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm, with a rain date of May 14.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Nov. 27, 2017 at the Burlington hall. All of the current executive were reinstated.

The cemetery has received word that a bequest has been made from the estate of Warren Swindell in the amount of \$5000. We are so thankful to the late Mr. Swindell for this wonderful and thoughtful gesture. We may use this to replace the present gate with a new archway and gate.

Our committee has been spending a good deal of time on the guidelines for the Green Burial Ground, especially our treasurer Pat Kemp, who has been in charge of these details. We had a meeting on Mar 14, 2018 to discuss these new guidelines. At this meeting some points were amended and the following has been decided on:

Endorsing an old, simpler method of disposition, the international Green Burial movement envisions a more meaningful, sustainable burial with minimal ecological impact.

Pasture land adjacent to the north side of the historic Burlington Cemetery acquired in 2014 was designated as *Green Burial Ground*. The mandate of *Green Burial (or Natural Burial)* is *to leave as small a footprint on the planet as possible*. Customarily, the deceased is buried in a timely manner wrapped in a shroud or contained in a simple pine box. Following interment in the *Burlington Green Burial Ground*, the gravesite will not be mowed, allowing the area to naturalize and each individual burial site may be identified by a simple marker and/or indigenous tree. Due to the large environmental footprint associated with cremation, cremated remains cannot be interred in a *Green Burial*.

There have been 11 plots sold in the Green Burial Ground to date and much interest in this option. The cost is \$250. There have been no interments. For detailed guidelines surrounding burial in Burlington's Green Burial Grounds, contact Pat Kemp at patkemp@hotmail.com, or by mail as noted below.

As well as the six lots sold in the Green Burial Ground this year, we have sold one in the conventional cemetery. We have had one burial this year. If anyone is interested in purchasing the right to be buried in Burlington Cemetery, lots are available at a cost of \$250. Please contact Tom Metcalfe at 902-538-9759 or, if Tom is not available, please contact Drew Armstrong at 902-538-9851.

Susan Daniels has agreed to continue with the mowing contract for another year as she is willing to do it for the same price as last year. The cemetery always looks well cared for under her care.

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support, both with donations and in kind, to help keep this fine old cemetery in good shape. If anyone is able to make a donation this year, please use the enclosed envelope or, if you receive this by e-mail, send to Burlington Cemetery c/o Pat Kemp, 3305 McNally Rd., Berwick, Kings Co., N.S. B0P 1E0. Along with our thanks, you will receive a tax receipt, as we are a registered charity.

If anyone would like to receive future newsletters by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to bobanddoreen50@hotmail.com.

Hope you have a great summer.
Doreen Bennett

The Current Volunteer Executive of the Burlington Cemetery Society:

Brian Hirtle - President
Drew Armstrong - Vice-President
Doreen Bennett - Secretary
Pat Kemp - Treasurer
Tom Metcalfe - Grounds Manager