

St.Margaret's Cemetery Annual Report 2015

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There was no interment of remains in 2015.

There was 1 cremation plot sold and 2 burial plots sold. Interest in bank accounts equaled \$20; other income included donations of \$150; sale of firewood (from limbed trees) \$100 and \$285 from the sale of the book - Lives Behind the Headstones. Total revenue for 2015 was \$2255.

Grounds maintenance costs were \$1300: Signage \$84 ; there was a plot refund of \$300 and bank Service charges equaled \$6. Total expenses equaled \$1690. St. Margaret's overall financial situation for 2015 was as follows: The year began with \$32,433 in the bank. Excess of revenues over expenses equaled \$565. Leaving us with a balance of \$32,998.

This has been a very quiet year at St. Margaret's Cemetery. We are moving forward albeit slowly with plans for the development of the new area. In the meanwhile, regular maintenance has been done including a general clean up last spring and some tree trimming last June with Cross Cut Tree services. Beach access at the Capernwray gate has been blocked off as recommended by the engineers at the Green Shores Protection Workshop. We ask you to please respect this action and not use that beach access in order to allow the vegetation to grow. New signage was put up in the cemetery at the request of TIVFD (Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department) and TIRRA. During the drought last summer the high risk of fire became clear and both organizations asked the Board to put up No Smoking signs. A No Camping sign will soon accompany those signs. (a camper van was found parked in the driveway of the cemetery last summer.) We are presently determining how best to put these signs up so that they will be in keeping with the aesthetics of the cemetery and serve their purpose as well.

We have welcomed Glen Andison and Gurk Sarioglu on the board. We are grateful for their expertise and willingness to take on tasks. We also give thanks to Sheila Kelsey for her many years of service. A farewell tea was held for Sheila and Den at the home of Lucy and Pat Mooney. She will be sadly missed.

Many thanks to Norm Kasting for his continued work mowing the grass all year. The Cemetery Board thanks its many volunteers for their continued support and hard work.

St. Margaret's Cemetery is managed by a Cemetery Board in compliance with the Provincial Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act now under Consumer Protection B.C. and operates as a sub committee under the auspices of TIRRA.

Suzanne Sarioglu

