

GROVESIDE CEMETERY BOARD

Groveside Cemetery has been serving the families of Whitby and beyond for just shy of 150 years. Initially it was privately owned but when it fell into terrible disrepair the owners requested that Whitby Township Council take it over. Township Council did so in 1942 and a cemetery board was put in place.

Today, the Groveside Cemetery Board is comprised of seven persons appointed by Whitby Town Council. One member of Council and one town staff person liaise with the Board which is responsible for the maintenance and management of the lands, buildings, machinery, plantings, accounting and record keeping for not only Groveside but four other "abandoned" cemeteries. Cemetery fees, charges and bylaws are set by the Board and the Board offers multiple interment and memorial options at Groveside and its Baptist Cemetery. Its other cemetery sites are full. Current annual revenues are almost \$500,000 and expenditures are roughly the same.

The Board employs two full time staff plus summer staff, as necessary, to maintain:

- (1874) Groveside Cemetery (26 acres, 14 developed),
- (1857) Myrtle Cemetery (behind car repair shop Myrtle Rd & Hwy 12),
- (1841) Hubbell Cemetery (Duffs Road, North of Myrtle Road),
- (1843) Baptist Cemetery (Columbus Rd, East of Thickson) and the
- (pre 1914) Hemingway Gravestone (S/E corner Thickson & Wentworth).

Currently, the Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at the Groveside Cemetery Offices (5155 Baldwin Street South, Brooklin), or at the call of the Chair.

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