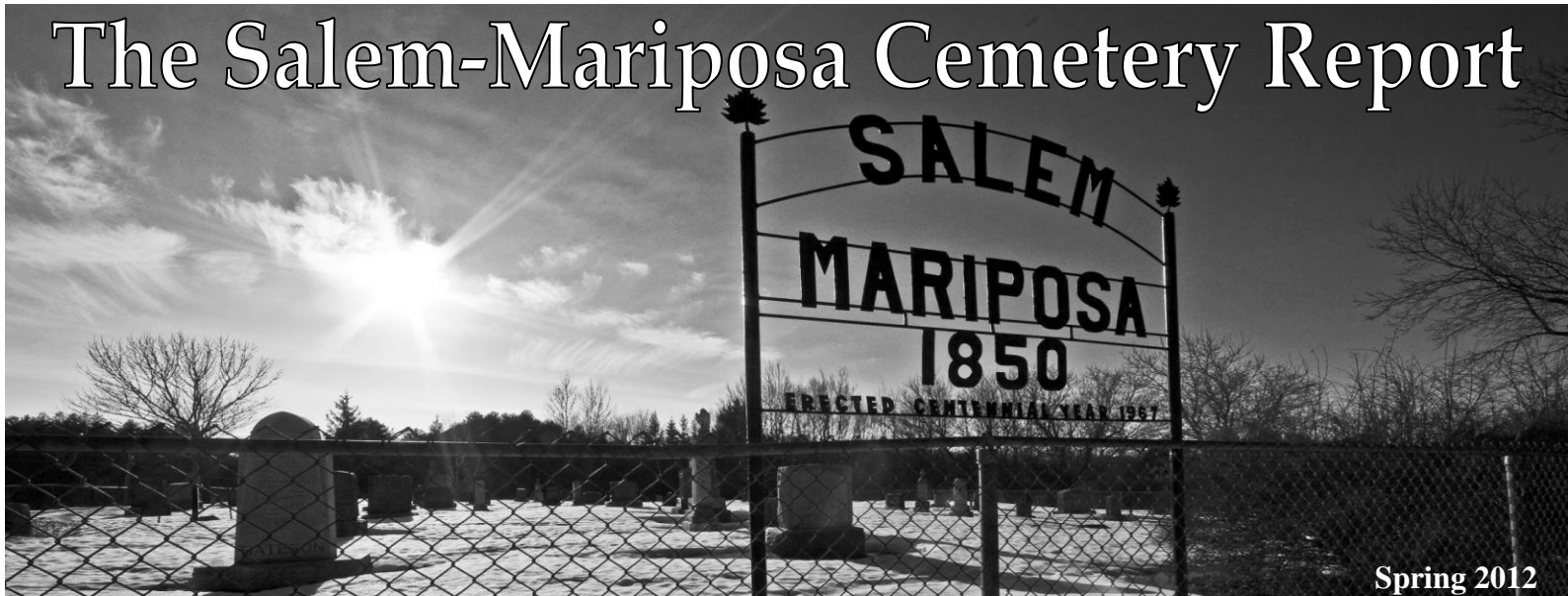


The Salem-Mariposa Cemetery Report



Spring 2012

From the President

Over the past year a lot of water has flowed under the bridge, with a great deal of discussion on its direction. As a dedicated Board of Directors, we have deliberated about charitable status, budgets, web sites, plot pricing, elections and the list goes on. Let me assure you the group never walks away from a meeting feeling that it was fruitless. Let me also reassure you that board members are not experts but have the belief that Salem Church/Cemetery is a worthwhile community project.

This year the second election will be held since our incorporation. There is one position open in the board. The person who is elected will stand for five years as per our bylaws. Please put your name forward.

The final stages of our "Charitable Status" application has been completed and been accepted by the government. Now that it is in place it will make the prospect of donations including bequests, much more appealing for families.

We will be using the temporary steps for the church for decoration this year and assuming no further hold-ups, construction on the permanent structure will begin this August.

Take time to check out our website: www.salemmariposacemetery.com and mark the important dates and times on your calendar. One of those dates will be the annual clean-up. Last year we had a great turnout and as a result the basement was cleared of debris allowing Dave Smeall to check further on the church's flooring condition. In addition, Jim Tremereer was able to add a number of artifacts to his collection, which he is going to display at the church and in an upcoming book.

Thank you for your phone messages, e-mails and letters over the year. It helps the Board stay focused and to more clearly identify the needs of the church. We look forward to seeing you at the Decoration Service and Annual Meeting on the third Sunday in July starting at 1:30 p.m.

Bruce Davey
President

From the Secretary

The current Board of Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery consists of the following directors: Bruce Davey (President), Douglas Moore (Treasurer), Everett Davey (Secretary), Jim Tremereer and David Smeall (Directors). Donna Campbell is appointed by the Board as Acting Treasurer for the Corporation. Garry Smith is Cemetery Manager.

At the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, July 15th, following the Decoration Day Service, an election will be held to fill one vacant position on the current Board. Jim Tremereer has agreed to step down from the Board to allow for a new member to join the Board. Anyone wishing to be nominated to this position should submit their name in writing to the Secretary 14 days before the Annual Meeting. Please submit to: Everett Davey 506-2650 Marsdale Dr., Peterborough, ON K9L 1Y2; or via email at everglo@cogeco.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting following the Decoration Day Service.

Everett Davey
Secretary

Important Dates to Remember

Cemetery Grounds Clean up

Saturday, May 5th

Rain Date: Saturday, May 12th

Memorial Decoration Day Service & Annual Meeting
Sunday, July 15th, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. – **Note time change**
Salem-Mariposa Church

The Board is continuously updating the address and name list complete with emails. If you have not provided your current addresses please be prepared to share this information at the Decoration Day Service.

In Memoriam 2011

Marion Armstrong McReelis

Delphine Joanne Willis

Important Cemetery Update

Funeral Burial & Cremation Services Act (FBCSA)

This new Act introduced by the Ontario Government takes effect on July 1st, 2012. It provides improved consumer protections and expanded regulations for cemeteries and funeral establishments. The act will require updates to cemetery interment contracts, rights certificates, price lists and by-laws. The Act will also mandate additional contribution costs for Care & Maintenance Funds to be held in trust. The revised documents for Salem-Mariposa Cemetery will be available at the Annual Service in July.

Effective July 1st, 2012, there will be a significant increase in the cost of a single-grave lot for interment by burial or cremation. Anyone wishing to purchase interment rights at the current cost of \$350 for a single-grave lot should contact Garry Smith prior to May 15th, 2012 (905-953-9354).

Salem-Mariposa Cemetery has taken membership in the Ontario Association of Cemetery & Funeral Professionals (OACFP), a non-profit organization which will provide assistance with the implementation of the new government legislation and with the standards of operation required for the cemetery.

Accomplishments

- Charitable Registration was granted by Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency, effective January 2012.
- Acknowledgement of the work by Jim Tremere: the compilation of historical data into booklet format
- Updated membership lists prepared
- Operation budget template prepared for fiscal year 2012, to be reviewed and revised in future years
- Website launched
- Accounting firm BDO in Lindsay prepared and filed electronic tax returns with Canada Revenue Agency for 2009 and 2010, as required for the Corporation status of the church and cemetery

Cemetery History

In 1853 the land for Salem Bible Christian Church and Burying Ground was purchased from William Ramsay for one shilling. 10 years later, in 1863, the deed to the one half acre of land was issued to the Trustees of the Bible Christian Church; Edward Maunder, Thomas Gilson, Joseph Pearn, William Chidley, and Issac Elford.

The oldest stone found in the cemetery to date is dated 1857.

In 1885 the land for the present church was purchased for \$60 from Isabella McInnis by the Church Trustees Samuel Tremere, Thomas Batson, William Tremere, William Thorne, William Ramsay, Alpha Davey and Wes Thorne. In 1887 the same group of Trustees purchased 7/20 of an acre to enlarge the cemetery to the present size from William Ramsay for \$56. The deeds for these transactions proved the Church and the Cemetery were owned by the same group. The ruling allowed the Cemetery Board to take over the church building from the United Church of Canada.

Financial Statement Summary 2011

The financial statement, prepared by Donna Campbell, was examined and approved by Don and Morag Found.

Revenues

Earnings: GICs, Trust Funds	\$1,276.38
Donations	\$1,030.00
Fees: Interments	\$ 625.00
Sale of Interment Rights	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	\$2,931.38

Expenditures

Grounds Keeping/Tree Work	\$1,150.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 872.48
Professional Fees: Church Steps	\$2,061.69
Legal/Charitable Registration	\$ 430.00
Insurance	\$ 691.20
Memorial Decoration Service	\$ 260.00
Interment Costs	\$ 389.00
In Trust Deposits	\$ 0.00
Sundries/Bank Fees	<u>\$ 108.00</u>
	\$5,962.37

Cash on Hand

\$1,909.57

GIC Investments

\$27,500.00

Thank you to everyone for the financial support in 2011.

Important Charitable Registration Update

Salem-Mariposa Church Building & Cemetery is now recognized as a charitable organization by the Canada Revenue Agency and official receipts for income tax purposes can be issued for donations of \$20 or more. In order to receive a tax receipt, cash or cheque (payable to Salem-Mariposa Cemetery) should be placed in a sealed envelope with your name and postal address printed clearly on it. Envelopes will be made available to insert donations at the Memorial Decoration Day Service, if needed.

Any mailed donations should be sent to Salem-Mariposa Cemetery, c/o Donna Campbell, 221 Salem Road, RR#1 Manilla, ON K0M 2J0.

**Salem-Mariposa Church Building & Cemetery
Annual Meeting
July 15th, 2012
Following the Memorial Decoration Day Service
AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome** – Bruce Davey
- 2. Reports:**
 - 2.1. Finance
 - 2.2. Charitable Status
 - 2.3. Membership in the Ontario Association of Cemetery & Funeral Professionals
 - 2.4. Web Site
- 3. Rotation of Directors - Election**