

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH CEMETERY BOARD
c/o Trinity United Church
140 Maple Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2P8

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UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

As many of you will recall, the Cemetery Board brought forward the possibility of constructing a columbarium for the interment of cremated remains at our cemetery. The Board obtained quotations from suppliers, and at our Board meeting of April 14, 2014, it was decided to proceed with construction. The cost of construction will be covered initially by cashing investments, but the long term costs will be recovered through the sale of niches in the columbarium.

The Columbarium

The columbarium will be identical to the units constructed in the neighbouring Presbyterian Cemetery – constructed of polished gray granite (sides, base and top slabs) with black granite niche doors. We are proposing to have the columbarium constructed on the site of the old building, with the long axis running north and south, so the niche openings will face east and west. There will a total of 48 niches - 6 to a row in 4 rows for a total of 24 on each side. There is sufficient room in each niche to place two (2) cremated remains.

The Cost

The Board had previously requested persons with an interest in purchasing niches in a columbarium to let the office know of your interest. We had a good response and have received deposits from a number of individuals. The price for the niches was originally set at \$1,100/niche plus an additional 15% (\$165) for perpetual care costs. In reviewing both our finances and practices at other cemeteries, the Board is proposing to modify the pricing on the niches to the following:

Location Cost of Niche Perpetual Care (15%) Total Cost

Top row-	\$1,500/niche	\$225	\$1,725
Second row -	\$1,200/niche	\$180	\$1,380
Third row -	\$1,100/niche	\$165	\$1,265
Bottom row -	\$1,000/niche	\$150	\$1,150

This revised price list will go in to effect end of day December 31, 2014. Until that date, we will retain the pricing for the niches at \$1,100/niche + \$165 perpetual care (total cost of \$1,265). PLEASE NOTE: If you have paid a deposit on your niche, the price of \$1,100/niche plus \$165 perpetual care will not change, and we would ask that you advise our Board of any preference

as to either the row or east or west facing. We will put together a diagram showing the location of the niches and this will be updated as they are sold.

Purchasing a Niche

We would also ask that, if you are interested in purchasing a niche in the new Trinity columbarium, you let the church office know as soon as possible. In the past we have asked for a deposit of 50% of the cost of the niche at the time a niche is requested and a spot reserved.

To ensure that we have the funds to complete this work without incurring a large debt, we propose to continue to ask for a deposit. The Board appreciates very much your patience with this project. We wanted you to know that it is now moving forward – construction is expected to be completed this fall – and we will update the congregation on an on-going basis as this moves along. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the church office (705-445-3901) with any questions and these will be referred to the Board.

Thank You

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