

St.Margarets Cemetery Chair Report AGM June 2021

There were 3 interments in St.Margarets Cemetery in 2020. Seven plots were sold.Please see attached treasurers report for financial picture.

2020 was a very busy year again in the cemetery. In late summer of 2020 Gurk and I (Suzanne Sarioglu) re dug by hand the main drainage ditch to expose the sand layer removing debris and soil that had accumulated on the surface. We then laid down new fabric cloth in preparation for the delivery of river rock to create a dry riverbed on top of the drainage system. Many Thanks to Mathias Zaplatel for his machine work delivering the rocks down the length of the ditch. Once the river rock was down, path material was delivered and placed. Many thanks go to Norm Kasting for his machine work. He put down the path material and he also packed it down. Once the path was in place a crew was formed to build the split rail fence. Thank you to Wayne and Maureen Loiselle, Gary Geddes and Ann Erikson, Vicki Walker, Tom Anderson, and Gurk Sarioglu.

Mike Comeau was commissioned to repair the service gate which was completed in late fall.

The drainage ditch worked very well over the winter.

The Capernwray crew came in during the winter and knocked back the blackberries creating a corridor that can be more easily managed. Thank you extended to those young men. Blackberries will continue to be a problem and will need constant cleaning up.

In early spring, Ron Vandergag was commissioned to build a gate and bridge at the Capernwray side of the cemetery. Ron designed and built the beautiful gate and bridge that connects it to the cemetery. He donated all his time. Charles Fordham donated all supplies for the gate and bridge. This gate has yet to be stained.

A smaller little bridge was donated by Frank English and is used to access a viewing bench on the other side of the ditch.

In Early spring Chris Caul was hired to take down where necessary and trim the dead cedars in the cemetery. He limbed many of the cedars at the entrance of the cemetery- a massive job. I asked him to leave the cedars like totems. Greg Gaul was hired to bring in his chipper. It was a hard days work and many thanks go to Ron And Eleanor Vandergag for helping clean it all up. And always to Gurk Sarioglu.

Norm Kasting started to work on the main gate into the cemetery. Over a number of weeks he constructed a beautiful entrance to the grounds. Norm Kasting donated all supplies and his labour for this gate.

By April 30 both gates were in place.

Lucy Hayward donated a beautiful bench, which had formerly been located at Forbes hall. This bench will be used for the installation of memorial plaques, a proposed new addition to cemetery options. Large amounts of mulch were put in place along the fence line at the southeast side. Thanks again to Norm for his machine work on that.

Summer looks like it will be a challenge to keep things watered as it has to be done by hand.

Hopefully a good percentage of the trees and shrubs planted will survive. Re naturalizing is a slow process and requires patience.

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