

The CSIS National Memorial Cemetery

A memorial to those who served
courageously in the shadows



Beechwood Cemetery
proudly serving our community
since 1873

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Canadian Security Intelligence Service National Memorial Cemetery

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is Canada's primary national intelligence service. Established by an Act of Parliament on June 21, 1984, CSIS is responsible for collecting, analyzing, reporting, and disseminating intelligence on threats to Canada's national security.

The CSIS National Memorial Cemetery was created by the tri-partnership between CSIS, the Pillar Society and Beechwood Cemetery Foundation.

Over the course of the next few years, the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery will be enhancing the cemetery that will honour all current and former CSIS employees.

The CSIS National Memorial Cemetery will be a place of national commemoration for current and former CSIS employees and all Canadians.

The CSIS NMC serves as an outward appreciation of the service of CSIS and its current and former employees.



Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

The CSIS NMC is open to:

- current and former CSIS employees,
- members of the Pillar Society (CSIS Alumni Association), and
- those who may meet the criteria of the CSIS NMC Committee, and
- their respective families.





A Place for Generations

Beechwood has dedicated a plot of land with over 500 gravesites and two granite columbariums with the capacity to hold 100's of niches in the years ahead. Beechwood provides a dedicated family services representative to help families make the right decision for their loved ones.

Ground Interment

Families have the option of both casket burial and/or urn interment with up to eight urns per grave.

Each location is designed to accommodate an upright monument with the CSIS badge and surname, service dates prominently placed at the top. Monuments can be constructed in a variety designed to allow several names or more names, enabling multiple generations of casket or cremation burials in one location.

Columbarium Niches

Beechwood has constructed two granite columbaria for families choosing above-ground inurnment.

Each location has room for two urns, with identification placed prominently at the top on a bronze plaque along with the CSIS badge.



CHOOSE YOUR BURIAL PLAN OPTION

First, cremation or casket burial? This choice is very personal and it is best to make it with your loved ones. Beechwood Cemetery's knowledgeable family service representatives will provide you all the information that you may require to make an informed decision.

IDENTIFY AND SELECT ALL NECESSARY BURIAL ITEMS

CASKET - IN GROUND	CREMATION - IN GROUND	CREMATION - COLUMBARIUM
1. Monument 2. Interment (Opening-and-Closing)	1. Monument 2. Urn 3. Vault (optional) 4. Inurnment (Opening-and-Closing)	1. Granite niche front 2. Urn 3. Inurnment (Opening-and-Closing)

INSCRIPTION

All inscriptions on the CSIS NMC monument can vary in design, however the following is commonly found:

- CSIS Ensign or badge of another service which you have served in;
- Your name and services dates;
- Your next of kin's name, service dates; (this varies depending on size of lot and monument)
- Ensign or badge of next of kin (if applicable) or religious symbol.





The CSIS National Monument

In October 2020, the CSIS National Monument was unveiled in the new parade square. The granite monument stands over 10 feet tall and is engraved with the CSIS crest and name in both official languages.

It complements existing monuments and emphasizes the relationship and history between the RCMP and CSIS.

Future Enhancements

Over the next few years, the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery will build a memorial monument to honor all current and former CSIS employees. The cemetery will see significant enhancements, including flagpoles, pathways, and beautiful landscaping.

Annual Events

As the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery continues to grow, ceremonies and commemorations have increased.

Each year, Beechwood and CSIS hold a **"Spies in the Cemetery"** event, where a veteran intelligence officer shares insights or declassified stories from their service.

During Veteran's Week in November, a dignified **Remembrance Ceremony** is held.



Supporting the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery

The CSIS National Memorial Cemetery needs your support for current and future projects and programs.

From the beginning, it was agreed that no public funds would be used for the creation and maintenance of the CSIS NMC. The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation provided a dedicated registered charity number, and fundraising initiatives began in earnest.

Financial support for the Pillar Project comes from private donations, Pillar Society contributions, and the Government of Canada's Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC).

The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation issues tax-deductible receipts for donations of \$20 or more. The charitable registration number is 88811 2018 RR0001.

The CSIS National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood has become a unique and significant place, serving as the only public site commemorating CSIS and its members.

It stands as the sole dedicated intelligence cemetery in the Western world, drawing visitors who seek to honor the service and sacrifice of Canada's intelligence community.



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About us

Beechwood is the National Cemetery of Canada and is the home of the National Military Cemetery, the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery, the CSIS National Memorial Cemetery, the Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery and many more organizations and religious groups. Beechwood has been proudly serving our community since 1873.

Take advantage of all the services offered by Beechwood Cemetery, including pre-arrangements, full service funerals, cremation, cemetery services and executor assistance. Beechwood Cemetery can meet whatever wishes you may have from visitations, informal gatherings, life celebrations, memorial services, catered receptions, to a custom monument or memorialization.

Beechwood Cemetery is here to provide you with everything you need to make the right decision for you and your loved ones.

Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services is owned by The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation and operates on a not-for-profit basis. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, it is the only organization of its kind in Ottawa. In choosing Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, you can take comfort in knowing that all funds are used for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of this National Historic Site. The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation was created for the purpose of safeguarding Beechwood's future and increasing public awareness of Beechwood, as well as the important historical persons buried within it.