

Scottish Society of Ottawa and the Scottish Community Package

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Community Package 2026



Beechwood Cemetery
proudly serving our community
since 1873

 **BEECHWOOD**
Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services
Services funéraires, cimetière et crémation

The story of Beechwood is the story of our country

The story of Beechwood Cemetery is the story of Canada, in all its diversity of colour, religion and culture.

“Whenever I enter a cemetery,” former governor general Michaëlle Jean once said, “I feel as though I am opening the door to a library. Every tombstone is a book; every person at rest, a story.”

From its French and English roots, Beechwood’s story spans the Scots and Irish with their Celtic crosses to influxes of Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese and East European migrations and more recent memorials bearing Arabic and other scripts. Beechwood tells 85,000 stories spanning over 144 years and 160 acres. More than a cemetery, its memorials and tombstones describe a country that grew and matured, a country whose diversity and tolerance became pillars of pride and strength.

Beechwood had humble beginnings as a cemetery open to all faiths, which was built outside the old city boundaries. At the time, a council decree banned cemeteries from within the city due to fears that burial grounds harboured deadly diseases such as cholera, typhoid and smallpox.

It was the first cemetery in Ottawa to provide the Chinese community with its own distinct burial ground, in 1903. With a traditional Chinese pagoda honouring the community’s ancestors, Beechwood has since become the final resting place for waves of Asian immigrants, including those from Vietnam. Beechwood opened its gates to European communities before, during and after the Second World War, as well as those from East Europe escaping Cold War communism, and to Italians, Greeks, Portuguese and others seeking new lives in the New World.

Various parishes have established sections in the cemetery, including St. George and St. Anthony Orthodox Church, Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, St. Charbel Maronite Church, St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Sts. Peter and Paul Melkite Catholic Church and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine. Special monuments have been erected to the Protestant Ophans’ Home, Protestant Home for the Aged, the Home for Friendless Women, the Canadians who perished in the 9/11 attacks, even the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada.

In the Portuguese section, established in 1997, there is a statue of Our Lady of Fátima, based on the apparition that appeared before three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. Rosaries are draped on the Virgin Mary’s wrists for her blessing.

In more recent years, refugees and immigrants have come from Africa and the Middle East, escaping tyranny and oppression in countries like Iraq and Syria, Somalia and Nigeria. In 2008, the Ottawa Muslim Association and Beechwood Cemetery signed an agreement under which a section was set aside to meet the religious, cultural and interment needs of the Muslim community, including an ablution room.

The Beechwood National Memorial Centre was officially opened in April 2008, complete with reception rooms, family meeting rooms and catering facilities. It also includes the Sacred Space, a striking nine-sided worship area made from wood and stone that was conceived through extensive consultations with local faith leaders and the Ontario Multi-Faith Council. No fewer than 27 different religious denominations participated in the services that marked the opening beneath its soaring sky-lit dome, including a smudging ceremony performed by the Sacred Fire Keeper of the Algonquin Nation.

“To walk through Beechwood Cemetery is to walk through a place of memory,” Michaëlle Jean said at the centre’s official launch. “To go back in time and retrace the footsteps of our predecessors, discover the dreams that inspired them. “Entire chapters of Canada’s history can be read right here beneath our feet. There are people buried in this cemetery who built this country through sheer determination, conviction and courage.”



Top 5 Reasons to Preplan Your Funeral

1. You want to ease the burden on your family and loved ones.

- If your wishes are unknown when you die, they will be faced with making difficult decisions at a trying time. Will they know if you wish to be buried or cremated? Will they agree on an open or closed casket? Will they agree on how much to spend? Confusion and disagreements are common occurrences when there is no plan to follow. You can avoid this by leaving behind a plan.

2. You want your family to have the benefit of a meaningful funeral.

- A funeral is an important event for a grieving family. Psychologically, it provides a sense of closure and enables the family to begin the healing process. Families benefit emotionally and socially by honouring the lives of their loved ones with a fitting ceremony and by giving them a proper send off. It is difficult to make the funeral the best it can be when planning it in a short time.

3. You want your final wishes to be followed.

- If you have specific preferences for the disposition of your remains and the nature of your funeral services, you can clearly express them in your funeral plan. You may have a preference for burial or cremation, the epitaph on your headstone, or the music and readings at your funeral. Or you may not want a funeral ceremony. Whatever your wishes, they need to be set forth in your funeral plan.

4. You want to be self-reliant and have your affairs in order at the end of your life.

- Taking care of your funeral arrangements is a thoughtful and caring thing to do for your family. It is comforting to know that you have done all you can do to ease their burden. And you can be assured that they will appreciate that your caring for them continued after you are gone.

5. You want to assume the financial responsibility for your funeral.

- Planning ahead allows you to make financial arrangements to cover your funeral costs. Even if you are leaving behind sufficient money, will your survivors be able to access it? Preplanning provides you with sound financial planning options you can consider ahead of time.



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This example includes : up to four hours of visitation in a visitation suite on the day prior to the service. The next day includes one hour of visitation in the visitation suite followed, by the Funeral Service in the Sacred Space and final disposition. (Casket present)

Professional Services and Consultation

Professional Services	\$ 2,405.00
Legal Formalities and Documentation	\$ 595.00
Facility for Sheltering Remains (up to 5 days)	\$ 395.00
Basic Preparation and Handling of Deceased WITH embalming	\$ 950.00
Executor Assistance Program	Complimentary for funeral clients

Transportation (within 50km)

Transportation of Deceased from Place of Death (up to 50KM)	\$ 590.00
Lead Vehicle	\$ 225.00
Funeral Coach (3 hours)	\$ 610.00

Staff, Equipment and Related Facilities

Staff Services for Visitation (5 hours)	\$ 1,045.00
Visitation Suite and Equipment for Visitation (5 hours)	\$ 1,090.00
Staff Services for Ceremony (60 minutes)	\$ 750.00
Sacred Space and Equipment for Ceremony (60 minutes)	\$ 680.00

TOTAL TRADITIONS **\$ 9,335.00**

Staff Services for Reception (2 hours)	\$ 595.00
Reception Suite and Equipment for Reception (2 hours)	\$ 755.00

TOTAL TRADITIONS WITH RECEPTION **\$ 10,685.00**

N.B. Taxes not included



Thank you for your interest in Beechwood Cemetery.

With a history and heritage this long, it was only natural that the Scots of Ottawa found a home at Beechwood Cemetery. For nearly a century and a half, the Scots have chosen Beechwood as their final resting place here in Ottawa.

Scots have been involved in every aspect of Canada's development as explorers, educators, businessmen, politicians, writers and artists. The Scots are among the first Europeans to establish themselves in Canada and are the third largest ethnic group in the country.

As a member of **Scottish Society of Ottawa**, Beechwood would like to offer you a preferential pre-need rate. This rate includes:

- 10% off all funeral services* and caskets for you and your family, excluding disbursements (flowers, newspapers notice, clergy honorarium, coroner's certificate and municipal death registration)
- 10% off our regular rate on the purchases of interment rights (land, niche or crypt)
- 10% off memorials (monument or marker)

We look forward to serving you and your loved ones for many generations to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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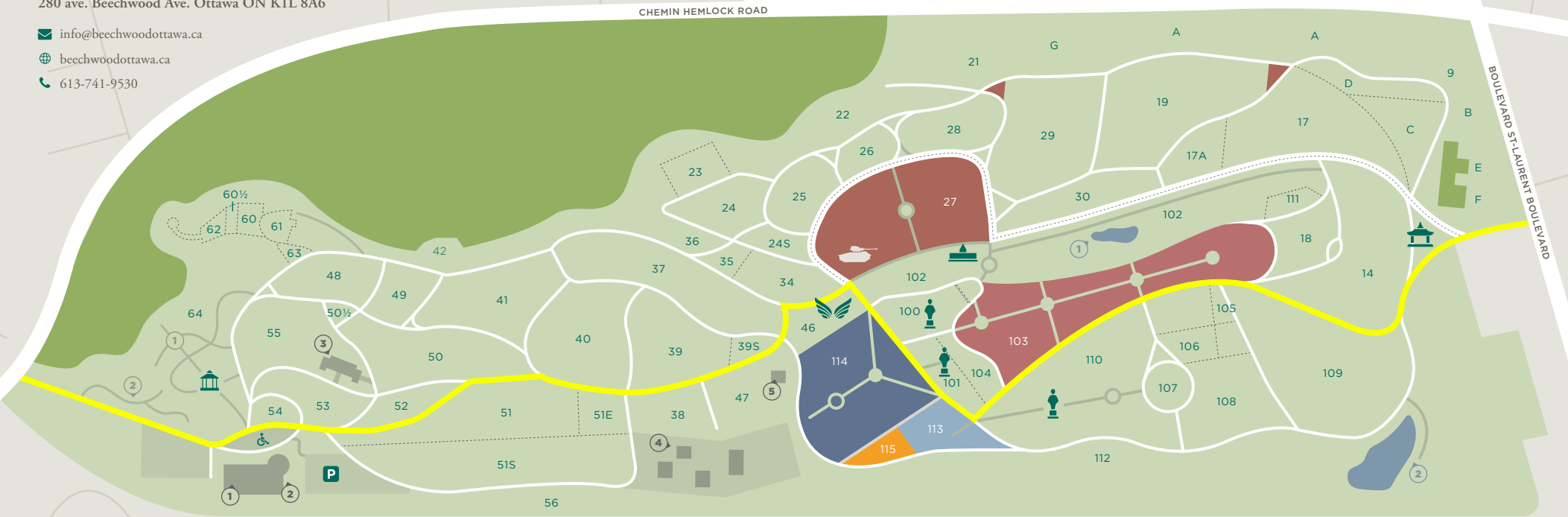
NAME OF DECEASED | NOM DE DÉFUNT

SECTION | SECTION

LOT | LOT

RANGE | RANG

FOLIO NUMBER | NUMÉRO DE FOLIO



LEGEND | LÉGENDE

LANDMARKS | INSTALLATIONS

- ① Beechwood National Memorial Centre
Centre commémoratif national Beechwood
- ② Sacred Space
Espace sacré
- ③ Mausoleum
Mausolée
- ④ Crematorium
Crématorium
- ⑤ Memorial Cross Building
L'immeuble de la Croix du souvenir

PATHWAYS | PARCOURS

- ① Botanical Cremation Gardens
Jardins botaniques pour crémation
- ② Poet's Hill
L'aire des poètes

MONUMENTS | MONUMENTS

- Tank
Char d'assaut
- Amicitia France Canada Monument
Monument Amicitia France Canada
- Garden of Angels
Jardin des anges
- Pagoda
Pagode
- Gazebo
Gazebo

WATERWAYS | COURS D'EAU

- ① Quarry
Carrière
- ② Macoun Marsh
Marais Macoun

SECTION 100 | SECTION 100
St. Charbel
Saint-Charbel

SECTION 101 | SECTION 101
Our Lady of Fatima
Notre Dame de Fatima

SECTION 110 | SECTION 110
Élisabeth Bruyère Monument
Monument Élisabeth-Bruyère

COMMUNITIES | COMMUNAUTÉS

National Military Cemetery
Cimetière national militaire

SECTION 27 | SECTION 27
Veterans Section
Section des Anciens Combattants

SECTION 113 | SECTION 113
Ottawa Police Service Memorial Cemetery
Cimetière commémoratif du Service de police d'Ottawa

SECTION 114 | SECTION 114
RCMP National Memorial Cemetery
Cimetière commémoratif national de la GRC

SECTION 115 | SECTION 115
CSIS National Memorial Cemetery
Cimetière commémoratif national du SCRS

ROUTES | ROUTES

Yellow Line | Ligne Jaune

White Line | Ligne Blanc

Pathways | Parcours

Roads | Routes

Sections | Sections

Parking | Stationnement

Off-Property Roads | Routes hors propriété

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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.