



**THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF
HEAD, CLARA & MARIA**

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All Area Churches and
Funeral Homes
Mattawa, Deep River, Pembroke

To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this information as you may be in the best position to inform the public of the current status of the cemetery, locally known as the "Protestant" Cemetery, located on Ferndale Lane in Deux Rivieres, Ontario more specifically described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 49R-15705 deposited with the Land Titles Division of Renfrew.

In 2006, a transfer of ownership of the "abandoned" cemetery from private landowners to the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria occurred. Since that time, the cemetery has been deemed "inactive" and is in effect closed to further interments. The municipality does not wish to, nor has the capacity to operate the cemetery as an active cemetery. We have received from the Ministry of Government Services a license to own an "inactive, abandoned" cemetery. We do not have a license to operate this site.

We are taking all reasonable steps to inform the public that this cemetery is closed to any further interments. The land that this cemetery is on was never officially designated a cemetery under *The Cemeteries Act*, but simply private land that had been used by different individuals of various denominations for burial purposes. Section 18 of *The Cemeteries Act* states that no one other than the registered owner may sell lots for burial. We have been ensured by the previous owner that there are no unexercised interment rights however; we further understand that there are head stones with the names of living individuals on them. As such, we believe that you may in future be contacted to play a part in the interment of certain remains at this site.

We wish to inform the public that we are not authorized to permit future interments. Should we discover that there have been interments within this cemetery subsequent to the land transfer, we will contact the police and have the individuals involved charged with trespass and violation of our by-laws.

Please inform your staff of the above conditions and status of this cemetery. Should you require anything further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely and on behalf of Council

Melinda Reith, Clerk

Enclosures: copy of by-law # 2006 -18