



# The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood Cemetery

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The RCMP (originally the North West Mounted Police) and Beechwood Cemetery were established in 1873 and have grown to become two of Canada's most respected institutions.

In 2001, the RCMP Veterans' Association (RCMPVA) Ottawa Division researched the possibility of establishing an RCMP cemetery in Ottawa, the birthplace of the original Force. Following a bilateral agreement signed by the RCMPVA and Beechwood, the official opening of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery occurred in October 2004.

In 2006, the RCMP joined the partnership and the site was officially named the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood.

The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood complements the RCMP-designated cemeteries at Depot Division in Regina, Maple Creek and Battleford in Saskatchewan, and Fort Saskatchewan in Alberta



# Eligibility

## ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood is open to:

- current RCMP employees,
- members of the RCMP Veterans' Association (RCMPVA), and
- those who may meet the criteria of the RCMP Veterans' Association, and
- their respective families.





## A Place for Generations

Beechwood has dedicated a plot of land with over 4,000 gravesites and two granite walls with the capacity to hold thousands 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 RCMP badge and surname, service dates, and regimental numbers prominently placed at the top. Monuments can be constructed in a variety of colors and designed to allow eight 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 RCMP 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

<u>CASKET - IN GROUND</u>	<u>CREMATION - IN GROUND</u>	<u>CREMATION - COLUMBARIUM</u>
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 RCMP NMC monument can vary, however the following is commonly found:

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





## A Place for Generations to Commemorate

To commemorate the founding of the RCMP (NWMP) on May 23, 1873, the RCMP Veterans Association - Ottawa Division holds an annual sunrise vigil.

On May 23, a bugler and a piper from the RCMP Pipes and Drums start the vigil, calling serving members and veterans to participate in a sunrise Flag raising ceremony at the Main Monument recalling their basic training at Depot and to stand in repose at the Fallen Member Cenotaph from 06:00 hrs until the memorial services at 11:00 hrs. . Wreaths are placed to remember those who have served Canada diligently and their families who supported them.



Tours are provided to show respect to the over 250 North West Mounted Police, Royal North West Mounted Police, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members buried across the National Cemetery of Canada. These were some of the members who each shaped the Force in their own way.

A Remembrance Ceremony is held prior to Remembrance Day (November 11) to honour the service of the military and para-military of the RCMP, RCMP Veterans and their families.

Lest we forget.



## Supporting the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery

The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood is a not-for-profit collaboration and needs your support for current and future projects and programs.

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

Find out more at [www.beechwoodottawa.ca/en/communities/defence-and-security-services/rcmp-national-memorial-cemetery](http://www.beechwoodottawa.ca/en/communities/defence-and-security-services/rcmp-national-memorial-cemetery).



# Questions?

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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.

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