



Privately-Owned Urban Cemeteries in the Countryside **CFFO Position Statement**

Introduction

The CFFO has been asked to consider the issue of privately-owned cemeteries in the countryside, particularly those used by the urban community in prime agricultural areas.

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement does not allow new graveyards to be located in prime agriculture land

Whereas the CFFO believes that the best agricultural land should be used in the best way which is to be producing food

Whereas the current situation will have a long-term financial impact for privately-owned graveyards increasing their costs tenfold¹

Whereas Agriculture Class 1-3 land is the ideal land type for cemeteries

Whereas there are many Christians who consider it essential to be buried in the ground

Therefore be it resolved

That the CFFO does not support allowances for privately-owned urban graveyards in agricultural land as the economic driver does not outweigh the long-term preservation of prime agricultural land

That the CFFO believes that cemeteries should be considered a necessary part of the development of Settlement Areas within the Provincial Policy Statement

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¹ Increasing the average cost per plot of land from \$700 to \$7,000