

Final Resting

- Burial – IRA/Membership clerk will meet with the family at the cemetery to select burial site.
- IRA/Membership clerk will notify Public Works of burial, date, time and request an outer box for burial.
- A wooden/aluminum cross & name plate will be provided by NFN.
- Cremation – columbariums will be installed at both Garden Village and Duchesnay cemeteries. Each cubicle is large enough to hold two (2) urns. Name plates will be provided by NFN.
- Should the family choose to bury the urn – they must be buried at a minimum of 2 ft (24 inches). Please contact Membership office prior to the burial of urns/ashes for documentation.



Gravesite Maintenance

- All cemeteries are maintained by NFN.
- No person shall plant trees, flower beds or shrubs without the approval of the maintenance department.
- Any gravesite that has excessive decorations will not be maintained by the grounds crew.
- Flowers and memorial wreaths that are in a state of disrepair shall be removed by the maintenance staff – this is done to maintain a tidy appearance of the cemetery.

General Information

- Luncheon – the Homemaker's offers a luncheon for families following the funeral service (on-reserve only).
- Donations of food are requested from the community.

- Monetary donations are accepted by the Homemaker's Club to assist with costs associated with providing the lunch, i.e., coffee, tea, water, plates, cups, etc.
- No funds are received from Nipissing Nation to provide the luncheon.

Annual Memoriam Notice

- A notice is placed in the Nipissing First Nation newsletter in the month of January to reflect on the passing of our members during the previous year.
- We hope this has provided you with information that will help reduce some stress that comes making arrangements when there is a death of a loved one.
- Feel free to call our office should you have any questions regarding this presentation at 705-753-2922.



Wills, Power of Attorney, Life Estates and Reporting the Death of a Loved One

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Will & Power of Attorney & Life Estates – having a Will and Power of Attorney in place is the most loving and kind thing you can do for your family. It relieves a lot of stress during a time that is most difficult for them to make decisions for you when you are no longer here or you are unable to make for yourself. They can carry out your wishes for you. A life estate provides assurance to your spouse who is not a member of Nipissing First Nation to be able to live out their life in the matrimonial home.

What is a Will

- A Will is used after your death;
- A Will is a very important document that anyone 18 years and older should have that contains your instructions and wishes as to how your property and assets are to be distributed after your death;
- A Will has formal requirements to be valid;
- You must have capacity to make one;
- Anyone with capacity and is 18 years of age or older can make a Will;
- When you make a Will, the law says that you have to be of “sound mind”.

What is a Power of Attorney

- A Power of Attorney is used while you are living;
- Your Attorney is not the same as a lawyer;
- It is useful to have one in place for when you are unable to make decisions about your care or property;
- There are two types of Power of Attorney:
- Power of Attorney for Property – banking, bill payments, etc.
- Power of Attorney for Personal Care – health care, long term care, etc.
- A Power of Attorney has formal requirements to be valid;
- You must have capacity to make one;

- Anyone 18 years and older with capacity can make a Power of Attorney.

Life Estates

- Land can only be held by Nipissing First Nation members;
- Non-member spouses (includes Common Law) can hold a Life Estate in the matrimonial home after the death of the Nipissing First Nation, spouse while they are occupying the matrimonial home;
- It is a Life Estate Agreement between the Nipissing First Nation spouse and the non-Member;
- It is kept with the Will and is in effect after the death of the Nipissing First Nation spouse.

Contact the Land Office for information on how to prepare a Will and Power of Attorney and Life Estate Agreement at 705-753-2922.

Who to Contact

- Upon the death of a loved one, please contact NFN Membership office at 705-753-2922 to:
- Report the death.
- Inquire if there is a Last Will & Testament on file. Some Wills will have special burial instructions.
- To Access Funeral Burial Assistance Fund.
- Advise NFN of the Funeral Home for arrangement, visitation, etc.
- Choose the final resting place of individual – burial/cremation.
- For assistance with estate documentation - applying to be Appointed Administrator with Will Attached or apply to be Appointed Administrator Without a Will.

Funeral Home Arrangements

- The next of kin needs to contact the funeral home to make arrangements for visitation & burial or cremation.
- Funeral home will require copies of birth certificate, social insurance number of the deceased to file death records – some funeral homes offer the service of submitting application for death benefits to Service Canada.
- What type of service would the family prefer: private service; a mass at a local church; or no service.
- Funeral home will provide copies of death certificate to the next of kin and to Nipissing Nation.

Wills on File

- All Wills and POA's are stored in Lands Department safe.
- Only Lands staff have access to this safe and its contents.
- If you have a Will on file – it may be time to update the Will with new information, such as new additions to your family, change of Executor/trix, special instructions.

Funeral Burial Assistance Fund

- This fund is available for all registered members of Nipissing First Nation to assist with the funeral and burial costs of NFN members.
- Up to \$5,000.00 is available – this includes: transportation of remains, embalming, cremation, prayer cards, etc.
- This fund is payable directly to the funeral home (or to the individual who paid for the funeral) if receipts & death certificate are provided.
- Application must be completed by the next of kin/ executor/ administrator
- Any costs above the \$5,000.00 is the responsibility of the family.