

NEWS RELEASE

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New public cemetery opens on former farm land

A new public cemetery is now open in Georgetown.

Devereaux Cemetery (www.devereauxcemetery.ca) is located adjacent to Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery on 17th Side Road, just west of Trafalgar Road. Both are owned and operated by The Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, in an innovative arrangement with the Town of Halton Hills. A dedication ceremony was held today.

“I’m very pleased to see a new cemetery open in our Town. Our existing public cemeteries are near capacity and this addition is welcome and needed. I would like to thank The Catholic Cemeteries for allotting some of the land for a public cemetery. Out of the 42-acre Catholic cemetery, 10 acres are now set aside for public use and known as Devereaux Cemetery,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Catholic Cemeteries director John O’Brien said the arrangement is part of the Diocese’s commitment to strong inter-faith relations and ecumenical outreach. “We are pleased to provide cemetery services for the general public and we invite local residents to start a new tradition for their families at Devereaux. Because Devereaux is new, there is room for generations to come.”

A ceremonial tree-planting by Acting Mayor David Kentner, Diocese of Hamilton Bishop Douglas Crosby and Reverend John Read, chair of the Halton Hills Ministerial Association and pastor at Norval Presbyterian Church, took place at the official opening, held on-site at Devereaux Cemetery.

The cemetery is named in honour of the Devereaux family, the original owners of the property, who farmed there for several generations. The former farmhouse is now the cemetery office.

John Perrotta, who has worked as a family counsellor for The Catholic Cemeteries at its main office in Burlington, has been named cemeterian for both Devereaux and Holy Redeemer cemeteries.

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