

Timmins Memorial Cemetery

History and Facts

For the thousands of people who visit annually, Timmins Memorial Cemetery represents many different things. For some, it is a chance to walk among headstones that chronicle our mining history; for many, it is an opportunity to remember and honour the nation's war heroes, and for others, it is a place to say a last farewell during funeral services for a family member or friend. The following is a compilation of dates and historical facts on the cemetery.



Saint Anthony of Padua Cathedral

- 1906 - The first cemetery was behind the chapel; now Saint Anthony of Padua Cathedral on Pine Street North
- 1917 - Timmins is growing. A new cemetery has been approved with a location on grounds previously owned by the Dalton Family on Pine Street South.
- Formerly called Moneta Cemetery, Timmins Memorial was first established as a catholic cemetery and eventually expanded to include many more of our city pioneers of other denominations.
- A fence dividing the Catholics and Protestants was removed over 40 years ago.
- In year 2000, 1,400 unknown graves were identified; mainly in Section H (Baby section)
- The city is presently undergoing several cemetery enhancement projects such as records digitization and recovery, row numbering, monument restoration efforts, and ground leveling work.
- In the event the location of a grave is not known, please feel free to contact the City of Timmins Cemetery Management at (705) 360-2615 or visit their website at www.timmins.ca

Points of Interest

Among several interesting family mausoleums and underground crypt, you will come upon numerous monuments which you can enjoy from both a historical or artistic perspective.

Memorial Sections

Veterans: There are numerous war veterans buried throughout many sections of the cemetery. Sections B, Public D, F Public, and I (10 rows) are honoured by a Canadian flag.

Cremations: On the west side of rows R and S.

Babies and Children: In Section H, on the south side of the cemetery. In this older section, you will find markers just recently discovered.

Chinese: In Section E Public rows 13 to 18 as well as Section T rows 2 to 8 (reserved)

East European: In Section I. Many of our immigrant pioneers are resting here.

Mortuary Building: Between Sections A Public and B, along Pine Street South. This building serves as a chapel as well as a mortuary where bodies are kept during the winter (when winter burial is not possible) or are awaiting out of town burial.

Mining Monument: In Section A Public Victims of Hollinger Disaster. The monument is in memory of 9 out of the 39 miners that succumbed to the smoke and carbon monoxide poisoning at the Hollinger Mine, Feb. 10, 1928.

Mausoleum and Columbarium:

In Section U. Both buildings were built in 2002 and offer an above ground alternative to traditional casket or urn burials. Both have been designed to allow expansion in the future to accommodate further requests.

Solitude Garden: In Section U. When completed, the garden will be a place for reflection and meditation within the cemetery. It will ultimately include a rose bed, quartz walkways, benches, and a wildflower rock garden.



Chinese Community



Hollinger Victims Memorial

Cemetery Etiquette

The splendor of this cemetery is evident to families who visit our beautiful grounds each year. With this in mind, certain etiquette is required when visiting the cemeteries.

- Cemeteries are collections of privately owned outdoor sculpture. Please stay in the designated walkways, off cemetery lots and do not touch any memorials or artifacts.

- Turn off your car radio/stereo while driving or parking in cemeteries.

- Appreciate the memorials as they are. Do not add to, take away from, or modify a memorial in any way; even if you have exceptionally good taste. If it's not yours, don't touch it.

- Show respect for the dead and for their surviving families and loved ones. Do not intrude on funeral or memorial services. Do not bring alcohol, firearms, or entertainment items into cemeteries. Always be considerate of others.

- Well-behaved children under the direct supervision of responsible adults are welcome. Teach your children to respect cemeteries. Running, playing, and noisy activities are not appropriate in cemeteries.

- No person shall allow or permit any animal to enter or remain in the cemetery.

- Enjoy the natural peace and serenity of the cemetery. Do not litter (this includes cigarette butts) and do not interfere with the plants and wildlife that inhabit the site.

- Keep your vehicle on designated roadways or in parking areas. Idling vehicle engines can be harmful to historical structures. Please do not block cemetery roadways.

- Be friendly and courteous to all you meet.