

Annual General Meeting
Northeast Avalon Memorial Gardens Inc.
June 24, 2025
Chair Report

The purpose of the Chairs' Report is to highlight the work of NEA MGI.
It is not to highlight the work of the cemetery committees. Others will do that.

I repeat some of the important points I talked about Last year

To explain the setup of NEA MGI

Corporation - Northeast Avalon Memorial Gardens Inc.

Legal Entity - Registered in the Province of NL

Public Company - owned by the people of Flatrock and Pouch Cove

Not for Profit - Registered in the Province of NL, more on this later

CRA Charitable - this is very Important

Very strict guidelines

Under NEA MGI we have two cemetery committees,

Pouch Cove Cemetery Committee and

Flatrock Cemetery Committee.

We share a lot but each committee is independent and reports to NEA MGI as the legal entity.

Before getting into details, Thank You to the two Committees for their hard dedicated volunteer work, and the Board who works tirelessly to ensure we are doing it right.

Thank you to all of you for your support and help owning, operating and managing two cemeteries.

I will start by repeating what I said last year.

NEA Memorial Gardens Inc. is a not for profit legally incorporated in the province of Newfoundland Labrador.

Key point here is Not For Profit. More importantly or equally as important to that we are a CRA Registered Charitable Company able to issue tax receipts. With this said we, NEA MGI, have to follow very strict guidelines.

I want to thank Catherine Houlihan Parsons who keeps us on track as it relates to our charitable status. As I said there are very strict guidelines that we have to adhere to and she is our, mine for sure, go to person. Again, thank you Catherine.

Last year my report as chair was long because it was our first AGM and I had to retract on our journey from our meeting with Arch Bishop Hundt to our 2024 AGM. This year it's a little different. Most of our activities since our last AGM either happened within the cemetery committee's or fundraising. These will be reported on separately by the each committee.

I would like to thank each of these committees on their commitment, dedication and professionalism. We are who we are because of you.

Also, I would like to thank my fellow board members who volunteer their time to accomplish all we do.

To recap a few highlights,

1. We have a fully functional website, NEAMGI.org It is not at 100% yet but it contains all the information to help family members as they grieve the loss of a family member.

I want to thank Ingrid Barnes for her dedicated volunteer time to make this happen. This was not just a few hours but hundreds of hours. Thank you. I would encourage each and every one of you to go in and explore NEAMGI.org and give us feedback to make it better and more effective and responsive.

2. Secondly, we now have our own mailing address
NEA Memorial Gardens Inc.
60 Old Flatrock Road
Flatrock, NL
A1K 1C6
3. Throughout the year we tweaked some things
 - a. Family Information Package, now on our website.
 - b. Minor revisions to our by-laws will be presented later tonight. Our two years experience has shown us that we needed to tweak a few things to the way we were operating.
 - c. Our financial system is an excel sheet based on our needs. We tweaked our account codes to reflect what we are doing.

We will continue to tweak our documents, especially our policy and procedures manual. We are learning as we go.

We did confirm the Cemetery Masses for 2025, we did it early enough to get the dates we wanted, Late July on Wednesday, 23 & Thursday 24TH.

We continued our fundraising. Dianne will cover these in detail, the two committees worked In harmony.

Following the Cemetery Masses last year NEA MGI went really quiet, but both Committees continue to work, that was the concentration.

If you would like a copy of anything we are referring to this evening,

The Family Package,

The By Laws

or anything discussed here tonight please email us,

neamgi22@gmail.com

or send us an information request from our website, neamgi.org

We continue to use Canada Helps, a fundraising organization. They make things easier for us and you when you want to donate, you have many options to pay and you can select the project that you want your donation to go toward.

We are fully insured, both Liability and Directors policies.

We have to operate our cemeteries according to the laws of Canada, and Newfoundland Labrador. We are the legal owners of both when I say we, I mean all of us, the people of Pouch Cove and Flatrock.

We also continue to work with other cemeteries, especially Torbay, Portugal Cove and Outer Cove.

I know Dianne will say thank you to Neil Hudson for his work on our year end financial statement but I want to say thank you to him myself, Thank you Neil.

That covers it for me, Thank You and as some old fellow said, I remain Your Loyal Servant.

I can answer any questions you have regarding my role as Chair of NEA Memorial Gardens Inc.