

A photograph of the entrance to Exeter Cemetery. The entrance is marked by a black metal sign with white lettering that reads "EXETER CEMETERY". The sign is supported by two black metal posts. In front of the sign are two large, light-colored stone pillars. A black metal gate with ornate scrollwork is partially open, leading into a green lawn. In the background, there are several large, mature trees, including a tall pine tree on the left and a large evergreen in the center. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene is peaceful and well-maintained.

EXETER CEMETERY

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# Thank you!

- ⦿ We acknowledge your intent to make good decisions for:
  - Our community
  - Our residents
  - Rate payers



# We oppose the bylaw change

- Exeter has had winter burials for almost 30 years!



# The “mess” of winter burials

- We find burials during spring months typically cause the most mess



# Antiquated equipment

- Most burials are completed by a traditional backhoe



# Safety concerns?

- We simply don't understand this
- Today, graves are being left unattended which we feel is a safety concern
- “Spring can present more challenges for the grounds as frost is leaving the surface combined with increased rainfall. These conditions present the most issues for ground maintenance.”
  - Nick Haberer, Haberers Inc.



# Dollars and cents

- ⦿ Are there any savings?
- ⦿ Families will pay additional fees (\$450 minimum)
  - + Mausoleum Costs
  - + Funeral Home Costs
  - + Saturday Surcharge (Exeter Cemetery)
  - + Travel Costs
  - + Lost Wages







# Why are we really here

- ◉ We know it is possible
- ◉ We know it is right
- ◉ “delaying the burial of a family member has the potential to compromise the grieving process for people who may have to wait months to be able to complete this ritual. These delays can have long lasting effects resulting in preoccupation with the deceased causing the griever increased stress that can result in the manifestation of physical and emotional issues”
  - Kim Winbow, Coordinator of Hospice & Bereavement Service

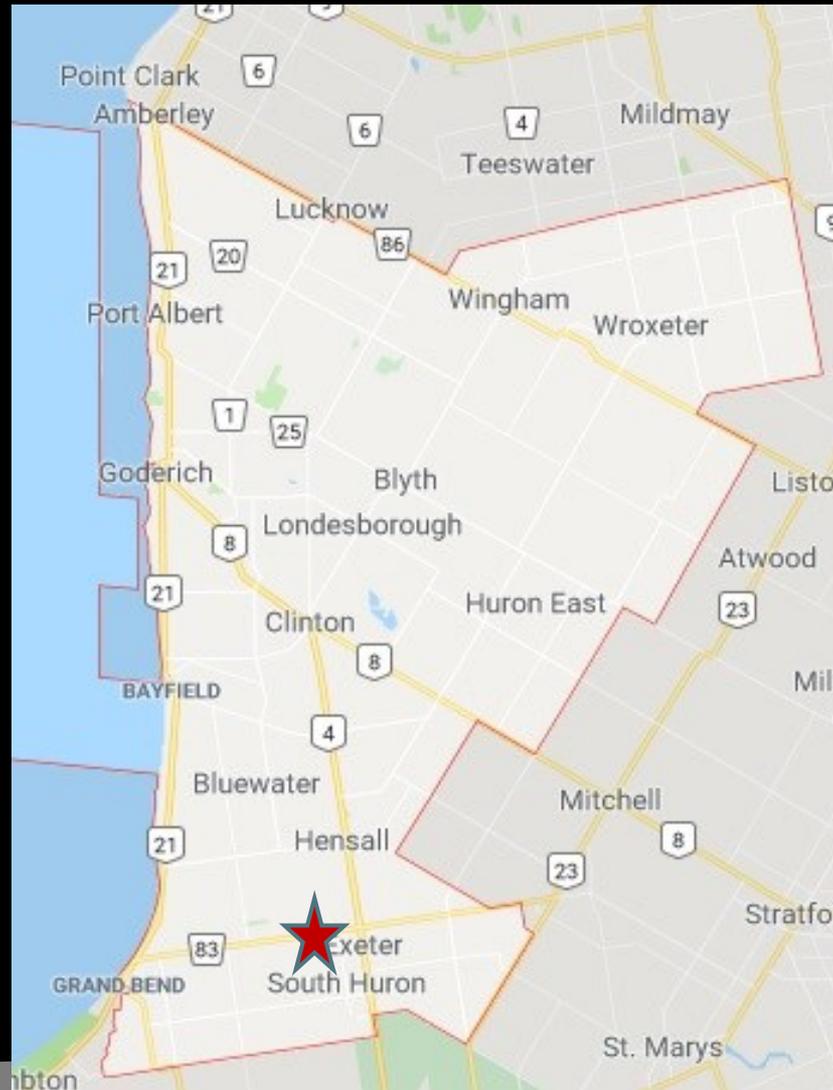


# It is possible

- ◎ Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, & Moosonee bury year-round
- ◎ Some northern states, (Minnesota, Wisconsin and New York ) have made it law



# Huron County



# More comparable



# Community that cares?



Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.

William Gladstone, British Prime Minister, 1809–1898



# All families will know...

- ⦿ When we are assisting grieving families, we will not hold our opinions to ourselves
- ⦿ Do you feel you can justify this proposed decision to someone you know and love?
- ⦿ This will be a decision for which you are given full credit – one way or the other

