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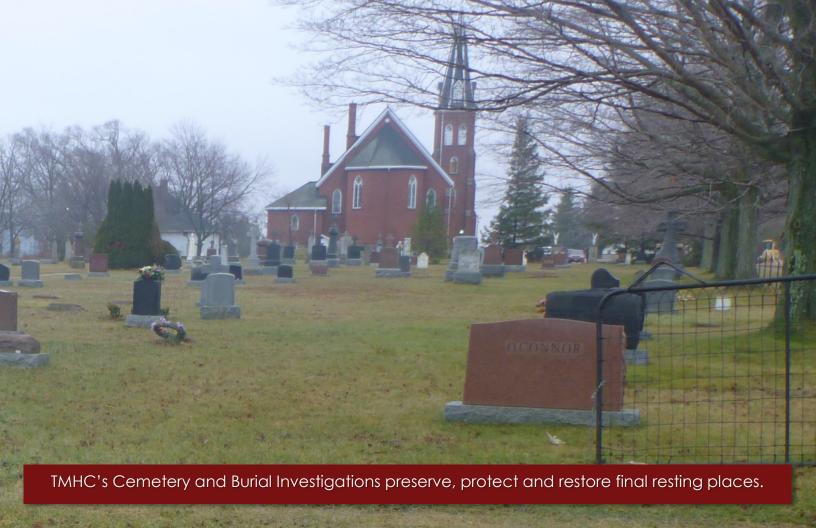
Who we are...

Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc. (TMHC) embraces respectful and innovative conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage. As heritage resources, cemeteries reflect our shared history. As the sacred resting place of loved ones, they deserve our greatest respect.

Our cemetery and burial investigation team work in partnership with municipalities, Indigenous and other Descendant communities, public and private organizations, scholars and the general public to manage a variety of cemetery types, from ancestral graves, small family plots and church yard burial grounds to large municipal cemeteries.

Although caring for grave sites is our shared responsibility, the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act (FBCSA) ensures cemeteries are properly identified, managed and protected. The Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) ensure compliance with the FBCSA and offer guidance on how to address accidental discoveries of ancestral remains and manage the precise locating of interments in aging cemeteries where burials may no longer be marked by stones. The original boundaries of older cemeteries are often not clearly demarcated, especially when encroached by development and agricultural ploughing or when former fences have fallen down or been dismantled.







Human remains have been found on your property...

FBCSA Burial site investigations, what you need to know

Let us help

- → Guide you through the process from discovery to re-interment.
- → Liaison with the Registrar of Burial Sites to confirm requirements are being met at each stage of the FBCSA process.
- → Provide dedicated, experienced experts to complete required investigations quickly and in compliance with government requirements.
- → Provide expert advice to complete the site disposition agreement.



 Provincial legislation may trigger the need for an archaeological assessment if:

a) a development property sits
 adjacent to a known cemetery;

b) other documentation suggests there is potential for the presence of a cemetery or burial site?

 Accidental discovery after development has begun can cause significant delays?

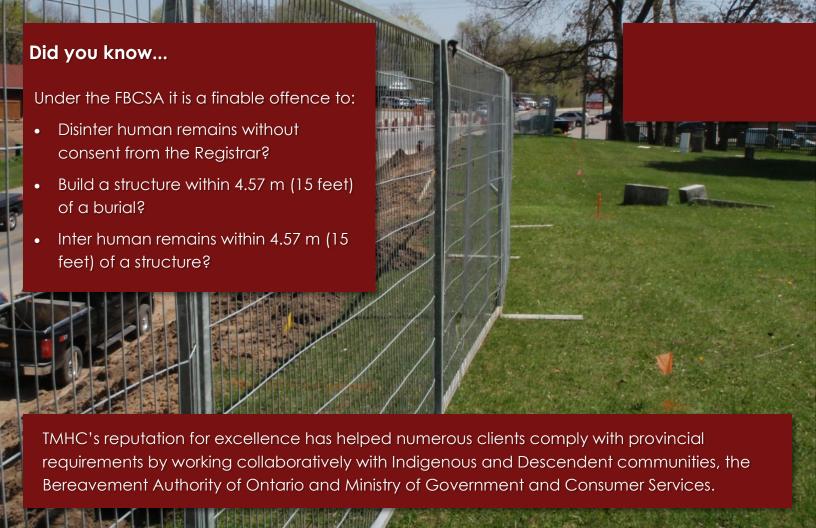


TMHC is a respected leader in cultural resource management and helps a wide range of clients complete due diligence assessments prior to development, reducing risks of delays.

Don't know if you have a cemetery or a burial site?

Let us help

- → Provide experienced staff to complete detailed historical research.
- → Complete archaeological fieldwork to confirm whether a cemetery or burial site is present.
- → Provide expert advice on what to do next should a cemetery or burial site be confirmed.



Planning an alteration within or adjacent to a registered cemetery?

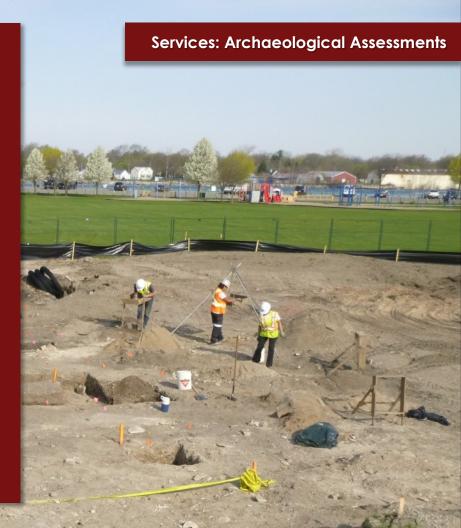
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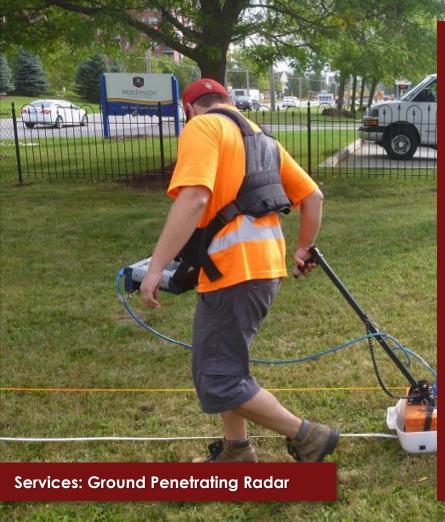
- → Provide expert advice on what will be required.
- → Provide mapping and inventories of existing graves within your cemetery.
- → Complete any required archaeological assessment to confirm there are no burials outside of the marked cemetery boundary.
- → Liaison with Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario to ensure compliance.

Archaeological Assessments

Cemetery investigations are undertaken by professional, licensed archaeologists. The methods used for locating, defining, and protecting cemeteries and burial sites are government-enforced requirements that involve successive stages of background research, site survey, ground testing and excavation or protection.

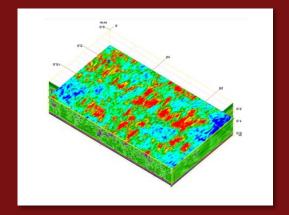






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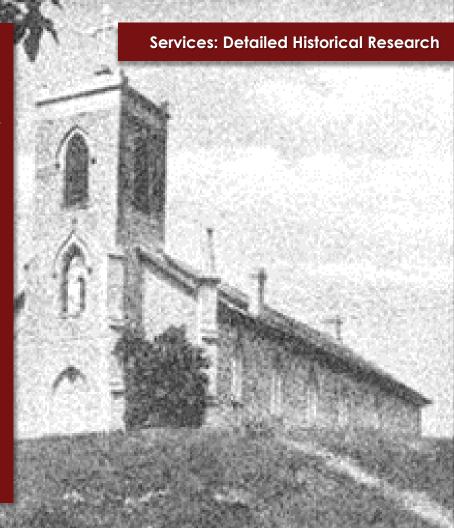
Partnering with Sustainable Archaeology and Western University, TMHC offers state-of-the-art ground penetrating radar (GPR) services. Useful for detecting subsurface ground disturbances, including grave shafts, GPR is a popular, non-intrusive way of beginning most cemetery investigations.

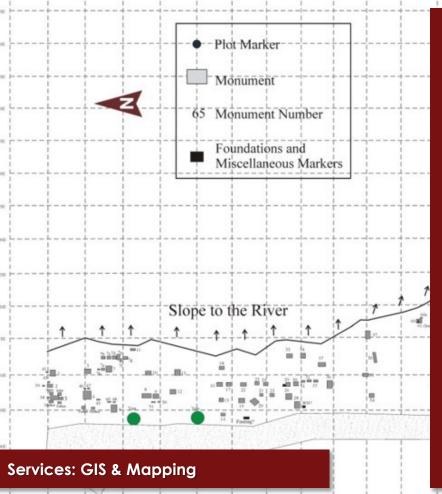


Detailed Historical Research

Detailed historical research is often a low cost, quick starting point for any cemetery investigation. Historic records can be a valuable source of information about a cemetery providing insights into its original deeded boundaries, the people who have been buried there, period of use and formal closing.

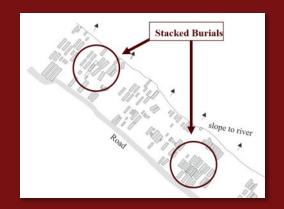
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GIS & Mapping

Whether mapping the features within a cemetery or its relationship to the surrounding landscape, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is an effective tool to manage spatial information. TMHC offers a wide range of mapping options that can be tailored to suit your needs.





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