

Embalmers and Funeral Directors

Transition Plan

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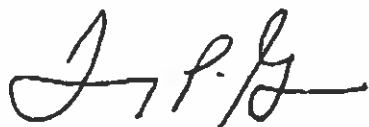
Chair's Message

As Chair of the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am please to submit this transition plan for the activities of the Board for 2007. This plan is prepared in compliance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act* pursuant to which the Board has been categorized as a Category 3 government entity and which requires the Board to prepare a transition plan. The Board is accountable for the preparation of this plan and for the achievement of its objectives. In developing this plan, the Board has considered the strategic direction of the Minister of Government Services.

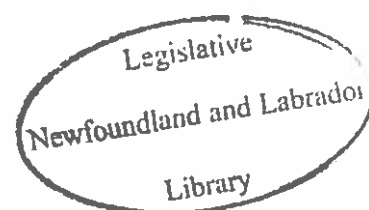
The Embalmers and Funeral Home Board is comprised of seven members, all appointed by the Minister of Government Services. The Board's function is to license and permit embalmers and funeral directors in the province. Further, the Board is responsible for prescribing training and educational requirements for licensure, providing and holding examinations as well as the suspension or revocation of licenses.

The Board's primary objectives are the fair and equitable application of license requirements and discipline procedures as well as to uphold the highest educational standards for licensees.

Sincerely,



Terry Green
Chair



Overview

The Board is established under Section 3 of the *Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act* with responsibility of establishing licensing requirements, reviewing applications for licenses, disciplinary action as well as the continuing education of licensees. The Board is appointed by the Minister of Government Services and is comprised of seven persons: two embalmers, two funeral home directors and three other persons who are not embalmers or funeral home directors. The Board is required to elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, a Registrar and a Deputy Registrar from its members. Members are appointed to a three year term and are eligible for appointment, but cannot serve for a continuous period exceeding nine years.

Mandate

The Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board is established under Section 3 of the *Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act*. Its mandate is to establish licensing requirements, review applications for licenses, disciplinary action as well as the continuing education of licensees.

Values

The work environment of the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board is focused on respect for its clients and the delivery of exceptional customer service. The Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board shares the values articulated by the Department of Government Services

Accountability: Each person accepts responsibility for their actions and follows through on requests and commitments.

Integrity: Each person engages in ethical behaviour exercising proper use of authority and responsibility.

Respect: Each person accepts differences and exercises courtesy in their encounters with others.

Primary Clients

The Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board has as its clients the general public and its licensees.

Vision

Quality and ethical embalmer and funeral services offered to the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mission

By 2011, the Department of Government Services will have improved citizen protection in the areas of public health and safety, worker health and safety and consumer interests.

The Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board supports the department's mission as it upholds consumer interests through the application of the highest standards of ethics.

Objectives

The following objectives represent the annual focus of the Board and include performance measurement information. The Board performs three functions: licensing, discipline and setting of educational standards. These objectives reflect the Board's direction in 2007.

1. By 2008, the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board will have submitted its' recommendations regarding new legislation.

Measure: Legislative changes recommended to government.

Indicators:

- Review committee formed.
- Legislation reviewed and studied.
- Changes recommended.

2. By 2008, the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board will have investigated standards of practice.

Measure: Committee established.

Indicators:

- Committee formed.
- Attend conference in U.S. regarding Funeral Services Examining Boards.
- Work towards the development of a provincial exam.