

# Canadian Headstones Update - February 18, 2019

Re: Website

We first we like to acknowledge and thank those who have volunteered for Canadian Headstones in the past contributing to the collection of photographs and transcribing headstones. Our desire is to get the site back on the track and get the website moving forward and we apologize for not communicating to those who dedicated and volunteered their valuable time for CH.

It has been some time since a formal update has come out about the future of the website and we hope these answers some of those questions. We would also like to remind all that CH is completely a volunteer driven organization and is an independent organization with shared volunteers from The Ontario Genealogical Society to manage CH.

With this we present an update, as many who have used the website you would know that it is in two parts.

## **The Front End (Searchable Area):**

We have been very lucky to receive the assistance of a volunteer in the past who rebuilt this section of the website. The frontend of the website is functional and complete. If you have any suggestions or wish to request changes to the front end, we would ask that you email [info@canadianheadstones.com](mailto:info@canadianheadstones.com) and share these thoughts so we can consider the requests received.

## **The Uploading Section (Photo Uploads):**

As you know this section is not working and the login link does not work. Our goal is to restore this function in a timely fashion but will require to hire a contractor to build this section of the site. This of course requires funds to make this happen and we are working on efforts to raise the funds to move this process along.

## **Facts:**

1. The new website is now hosted by a Microsoft Azure grant which saves our organization approx. \$2000 a year in hosting costs.
2. Ads on the website - When people view or click on these ads this generates income for CH which we are paid monthly from Google.
3. We are looking to develop a plan to build the submission section of the website within the next 30 days and we thank you for your patience.
4. We will provide another update at that time to keep you current on what is happening.
5. The old website prior to the current site is not capable of running on the new hosting server. Bringing this site back online is not technically possible.

We look forward in continuing to work together to make CH an amazing site. If you have further questions or comments, please email me directly at [steve.fulton@canadianheadstones.com](mailto:steve.fulton@canadianheadstones.com)

Thanks

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