November 29th 2011
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Heinsburg and Starosielski Cemeteries

Dear Linda,

Pursuant to the letter of June 7th 2001 from Cliff Martin, Chairman of the County Cemetery Committee, Diocese Maintenance Manager John Gross has made visits to both cemeteries. A cleanup of the Heinsburg cemetery has taken place. County personnel have constructed an entrance approach from the adjacent road.

The province of Alberta has a file code of CIF attached to both of the cemeteries. Thus they are inactive and unable to accept new burials.
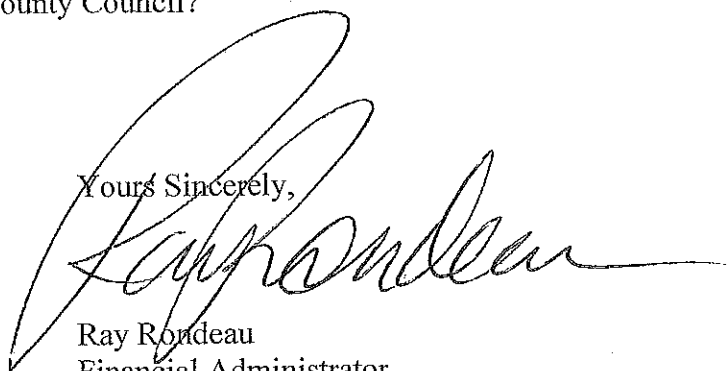
In discussions with local residents of Heinsburg they expressed that they would be quite pleased if that cemetery was reactivated.

The Starosielski cemetery marked grave sites are all Poirier or Murray family members. Thus there may not be the desire to reactivate that cemetery.

With either cemetery however, the best use would be as a community cemetery rather than a Religious cemetery. The Diocese of St. Paul doesn't have active parishes in close proximity to either parish.

Our question then to the County is this. Would the County of St. Paul be able to assume ownership of these two cemeteries? If in County ownership then all county residents would likely feel at home burying their deceased in either of those two cemeteries. Can you please bring this offer to the County Council?

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Rondeau
Financial Administrator