



**Board of Funeral Services  
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**Celebrating 100 Years!**

On May 6, 2014, funeral service in Ontario will celebrate 100 years as a licensed profession!

As one of the oldest self-regulating professions, we are honoured to have served bereaved families with care, dignity, and respect during difficult times. For this reason we hold our heads high and are so very proud of our history of compassion, professionalism, and exemplary service.

In recognition of a century of service and success, we are grateful to the Globe and Mail and Toronto Sun for their commitment to acknowledging the efforts of funeral professionals in daily publications on May 6, 2014.

To further mark this memorable occasion, we are also inviting communities across the province to help us pay tribute by proclaiming May 4 – 11, 2014, as “Funeral Professionals Week”. To support your valued contribution, please find attached a proclamation template that speaks to the initiatives, accomplishments, and contributions of licensed funeral professionals throughout the years.

We also hope that you will consider reaching out to funeral professionals within your community with a request to engage in events or initiatives aimed at raising consumer awareness about the value of funeral service.

On behalf of Ontario funeral professionals, we thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Sincerely,

*Wayne Smith*

Wayne Smith  
Chair, 100 Year Celebration Committee  
Board of Funeral Services

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Yves Berthiaume, CFSP, PRF  
Chair,  
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