



Thinking outside of the casket...

Good Green Death Project Newsletter April 2020

SPECIAL EDITION

The bad and sad news...

There is really nothing I can add about our current situation with the COVID-19 virus, except to say that I hope you are staying well, and have enough food in your cupboards (and TP, I suppose...) How quickly our lives have changed. How quickly we are learning what is really important and essential. I am awed by how people are stepping up and supporting each other.

The good news...

The work of the Good Green Death Project continues. Last month I received an email from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. This is the provincial ministry responsible for funeral homes and cemeteries.

The Ontario government is reaching out to us for input on potential regulations for natural organic reduction (composting). This is the opportunity we have been waiting for to ask everyone we know – and everyone you know – to do one of two things. Well, three actually.

- 1) Answer the questions on the [Consultation Paper](#) as best you can. Scroll down on that page and click the link that says Consultation Paper. Feel free to comment on alkaline hydrolysis (water cremation) as well in the first section.
- 2) Write your MPP to say you'd like to see natural organic reduction (composting) as a legal option in Ontario. Your MPP's contact information can be found [here](#).
- 3) Ask any organization you belong to (religious, social, cultural, trade etc) to do the same.

The deadline (haha) is **April 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm.**

Since your personal comments are far more effective than a form letter response or a petition, I would highly encourage you to write, email and/or call.

You have your own reasons, but please also consider the following points as to why you support this alternative:

- I want the final disposition of my remains to reflect my green values
- I want my composted remains to be used to plant a tree (such as in a protected forest cemetery)
- I'm concerned that current options are harmful to our environment
- We need options that don't use fossil fuels, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Feel free to share your reasons for supporting this option on our Facebook page or Twitter (links below). And please share this news widely.

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Kelly's email is below if you require more information. This was her message to us:

Good afternoon:

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has posted a consultation paper on Ontario's regulatory registry that may be of interest to you.

The consultation paper seeks feedback to inform potential proposals for legislative and regulatory changes that would establish a regulatory framework more tailored to licensing of providers of alkaline hydrolysis and possibly of other alternative methods of disposing of human remains under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. The posting is now available for review and public comment.

We value your input as we consider how best to move forward. If you or your colleagues are interested in reviewing the consultation paper and providing feedback, we encourage you to visit the posting available [here](#).

The deadline to submit feedback is **April 17, 2020, by 11:59 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kelly.houston-routley@ontario.ca or 416-212-6655.

Thank you for your support for this important consumer protection initiative.

Kind regards,

Kelly Houston-Routley
A/Director, Consumer Policy and Liaison Branch

Funding and Membership

The Good Green Death Project is entirely volunteer-run with minimal funding, driven by passion and personal interest. Our current expenses include website hosting and domain name fees, building a resource base for future events, and incorporation costs.

Donations are gratefully received to help us cover these expenses, and deposited into a dedicated account at a local credit union. Email money transfers are preferred using info@goodgreendeathproject.ca



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