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**Part I.**

Name of Country: Consular district in Canada – New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island and Saint-Pierre et Miquelon (self-governing territorial collectivity of France)

**Part II. U.S. Consulate Information**

U.S. Consulate Halifax

Address: 1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 904, Purdy's Tower II, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3R7

Phone: 902-429-2480

Fax: 902-423-6861

After Hours Phone: 902-429-2480 (Switchboard)

[State Department Country Specific Information](#)

[State Department Travel Information](#)

[Smart Travel Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#)

**Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors**

Country Profile: Visit the State Department's website "[Background Note: Canada](#)"

Religion in Canada, especially the Atlantic Provinces encompasses a wide range of denominations.

Religious activities for Visitors: English and French language services are available throughout the Atlantic Provinces. The majorities of religions represented in Atlantic Canada include, but are not limited to the following: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, United, Presbyterian, Jewish, Jehovah Witness, Seventh-Day Adventist, Mormon, Buddhist, and Muslim. Roman Catholic is the main religion of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon with services performed in the French language.

**PART IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:**

DISCLAIMER: The U.S. Consulate General Halifax, assumes no responsibility or liability for the professional ability or reputation of, or the quality of services provided by, the following persons or firms. Names are listed alphabetically, and the order in which they appear has no other significance. Professional credentials and areas of expertise are provided directly by the funeral directors, morticians and other service providers.

**Province of New Brunswick**

Below is a list of funeral homes in the Province of New Brunswick; however, a more detailed list can be found at Canadian Funerals Online website <http://www.canadianfunerals.com/funeral-homes-canada/new-brunswick-funeralhomes01.html>

McAdam's Funeral Home & Crematorium  
160 York Street, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 3N7  
Tel: 506-458-9170  
Fax: 506-450-7968  
Email: [mcadams@mcadamsfh.com](mailto:mcadams@mcadamsfh.com)

York Funeral Home  
302 Brookside Dr., Fredericton, NB E3A 5K2  
Telephone: 506-458-9538  
Fax: 506-452-8805

Frenette's Funeral Home  
88 Church St., Moncton, NBE1C 4Z5  
Telephone:506-858-1900  
Fax: 506-858-0554  
Email: [directorsjmy@frenettefuneralhome.com](mailto:directorsjmy@frenettefuneralhome.com)

Tuttle Bros. Ltd. Funeral Home & Crematorium  
171 Lutz Street, Moncton, NB E1C 5E8  
Telephone: 506-857-8564  
Fax:506- 857-9997  
Email: [info@tuttlefuneralhome.ca](mailto:info@tuttlefuneralhome.ca)

Brenan's Funeral Home & Crematorium  
111 Paradise Row, Saint John, NB E2K 3H6  
Telephone: 506-634-7424  
Fax: 506-634-0150  
Email: [info@brenansfh.com](mailto:info@brenansfh.com)

Castle Funeral Home  
309 Lancaster Avenue, Saint John, NB E2M 2L3  
Telephone: 506-634-1701

#### **Province of Newfoundland and Labrador**

Below is a list of funeral homes in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador; however a more detailed list can be found at Canadian Funerals Online website <http://www.canadianfunerals.com/funeral-homes-canada/newfoundland-funeralhomes01.html>.

Barrett's Funeral Homes Ltd.  
328 Hamilton Ave, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador A1E 1J9  
Telephone: 709- 579-6007  
Fax: 709-579-3106

Caul's Funeral Home  
LeMarchant Road, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador  
Tel: 709-753-6845  
Fax: 709-753-0240

Country Haven Funeral Home  
167 Country Road  
Corner Brook, Newfoundland & Labrador, A2H 4M5  
Telephone: 709-634-2500

Stacey's Funeral Home  
60 Roe Ave, Gander, Newfoundland & Labrador A1V 2E1  
Telephone: 709-256-8585  
Toll Free 1-888-256-8585  
Fax: 709-256-7606  
Email Address [staceysfuneralhome@hotmail.com](mailto:staceysfuneralhome@hotmail.com)

Penney's Funeral Home  
620 Hudson Drive  
Labrador City, Newfoundland & Labrador A2V 1M1  
Telephone:709-944-7790

Fillatre Funeral Homes Ltd.  
45 Aspen Drive  
PO Box 920, Station "C"  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador A0P 1C0  
Toll Free 1-888-868-6800

### **Province of Nova Scotia**

Below is a list of funeral homes in the Province of Nova Scotia; however a more detailed list can be found a Canadian Funerals Online website <http://www.canadianfunerals.com/funeral-homes-canada/nova-scotia-funeralhomes01.html>.

Albert Walker Funeral Home Limited  
149 Herring Cove Rd, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3P 1K6  
Telephone: 902-477-5601

Cruikshank's Halifax Funeral Home  
2666 Windsor St, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 5C9  
Telephone: 902- 423-7295

J.A. Snow Funeral Home  
339 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, NS B3S 0E1  
Telephone: 902-455-0531

Campbell's Funeral Home  
98 Church Street, Amherst, NS B4H 3B4  
Telephone: 902-667-9906

Chant's Funeral Homes,  
564 Alexandra Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia B1S 2G8  
Telephone: 902-539-4458  
E-mail: [swchant@gmail.com](mailto:swchant@gmail.com)

Sydney Memorial Chapel  
49 Welton Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 5R3  
Telephone: 902-539-0500  
E-mail: [info@sydney Memorial Chapel.com](mailto:info@sydney Memorial Chapel.com)

H. M. Huskison's Funeral Home & Crematorium Ltd.  
29 Albert Street, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia B5A 3N1  
Telephone: (902) 742-3626  
Email: [info@huskison.net](mailto:info@huskison.net)

Sweeny's Funeral Home & Crematorium  
567 Main St., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia B5A 1J6  
Telephone: (902) 742-3245  
Email: [sweenysfh@eastlink.ca](mailto:sweenysfh@eastlink.ca)

### **Province of Prince Edward Island**

Below is a list of funeral homes in the Province of Prince Edward Island; however a more detailed list can be found at <http://www.canadianfunerals.com/funeral-homes-canada/pei-funeralhomes01.html>.

East Prince Funeral Home  
245 Pope Road  
Summerside, Prince Edward Island C1N 5T4  
Telephone: 902-436-0915  
Fax: 902-888-3112

Belvedere Funeral Home  
175 Belvedere Ave.  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 2Y9  
Telephone: 902-628-1881  
Toll Free #: 1-888-628-1881  
Fax: 902-892-9048

## **PART V. Profile of services available in Atlantic Canada regarding preparation and shipment of remains.**

Burial is the most common way of dealing with remains. Bodies must be buried in approved cemeteries. There are two methods of burial. The first is the traditional earth burial, in which the body is placed in a casket and lowered into the ground. The second involves permanently placing the body and the casket in a mausoleum, or tomb, above or just below the ground. Cemetery costs vary widely. Before you make an agreement ask for a written statement listing all costs.

### 1. Maximum Period Before Internment

Provincial health regulations contain no requirement for burial within a prescribed time, whether or not the body is embalmed.

### 2. Embalming

Embalming facilities exist and embalming is done in most cases. In most provinces, embalming must be authorized. In most provinces, embalming is not legally required; however, it may be required, when transferring remains by air or otherwise to another province or territory, or out of the country, unless embalming is contrary to religious beliefs. If the body is not embalmed, a hermetically sealed container must be used for shipment.

### 3. Cremation

Local laws permit cremation. The Province of Prince Edward Island has no facility for cremation and remains must be shipped to Nova Scotia for this purpose. Before you receive permission to have a body cremated, the body must be examined by a medical examiner and a Medical Certificate of Death signed by the attending physician. Funeral chapels and crematoria require that the body be enclosed in a container that is combustible, of rigid construction and equipped with handles. After a cremation, all that usually remains of the body is two to three kilograms of pulverized bone and ash, and perhaps some parts of artificial joints. These materials represent no health risk. You're free to take care of the ashes as you see fit. Most crematoria and funeral homes will provide temporary storage of the ashes until you decide what is to be done with them.

#### 4. Caskets and Containers

Caskets and containers available locally meet the requirements for shipment out of the country. Hermetically sealed caskets are available. The price of a casket can easily range from a few hundred dollars for a cloth-covered casket to several thousand dollars for a metal or hardwood casket. You may have to ask to see less expensive caskets, since these are often not on display at funeral homes. Plywood caskets can usually be purchased on request.

#### 5. Exportation of Remains

A permit is required for exportation of human remains. The undertaker obtains this permit from the Divisional Registrar of Deaths in his area, by presenting a certificate containing the personal particulars of the decedent and a report signed by the examining physician as to time and cause of death. The permit is similar to that issued when burial takes place locally. If the body is not embalmed, the undertaker's statement that the container is hermetically sealed must accompany the shipment. Ashes of a decedent can be sent by parcel post and there is no restriction on such shipment.

#### 6. Costs

The cost of disposition in each case includes embalming, casket, outer case, moving, and service. All of the amounts indicated are in U.S. dollars.

##### **Saint John, New Brunswick**

Cost of burial	\$4195.00
Cost of single grave	\$1,800.00
Cost of opening grave	\$ 775.00-800.00 (depending on which cemetery)
Cremation: Adult	\$ 525.00
Child	\$ 0 (0-6 years) at our crematorium
	\$ 0 (6-10 years) at our crematorium
Embalming	\$ 325.00 plus tax

##### **Saint John's, Newfoundland**

Cost of Traditional Casket burial	\$4700.00 & up
(Services fees and Casket)	
Cost of Cemetery of Plot	\$ 1200.00
Cost of opening of Plot	\$ 1150.00
Cremation: Adult	\$ 995.00
(Service Fee and Cremation Fee)	
Child	\$ 325.00

##### **Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Cost of burial	\$ 8950.00
Cost of Casket	\$ 1299.00 & up
Cost of single grave	Will depend on Cemetery (\$2,500.00 and up)

Cost of opening grave	Will depend on Cemetary (\$512.50 and up)
Cremation: Adult	\$ 575.00
Child	\$ 575.00
Cremation Casket	\$ 599.00
Embalming	\$ 495.00 plus tax

**Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island**

Cost of burial	\$ 600.00
Cost of single grave	\$ 800.00
Cost of opening grave	\$ 600.00
Cremation: Adult	\$ 550.00
Child	\$ 200.00

**Air freight**

Cost for shipping remains to:

<u>(Per 45 Kilos)</u>	<u>Boston</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>
From Saint John, NB	\$ 287.80	\$ 313.90	\$ 377.70
From Saint John's, NFLD	\$ 293.60	\$ 325.50	\$ 366.10
From Halifax, NS	\$ 373.30	\$ 299.40	\$ 366.10
From Charlottetown, PEI	\$ 287.80	\$ 313.90	\$ 377.70

Cost of mailing ashes by air parcel post to U.S.: \$ 15.75 @ 2.5 kilos

The package may be insured at the rate of: \$1.00 per \$100.00 up to \$1000.00  
(There is no charge for the first \$100.00 of insurance.)

The cost of preparing a body for shipment to the U.S. is approximately 2,500.00 (includes container and taxes).

However, the cost will also be determined by the dimensions of the container and the total weight of the container and remains. The average weight would be around 145 kilograms. Different airlines have different rates. Some airlines have a flat rate based on weight and not on destination. If this is the case there would be no difference in cost, no matter where the remains were being shipped in the U.S. Regulations can vary dependent upon transportation between provinces, or dependent upon from which country outside of Canada you are seeking to transport remains from. Usually, the funeral home handling the funeral service will arrange air transportation on your behalf if this is necessary.

All shipments must meet airline Goods Acceptance Process (GAP) and cut-off times for the shipment of human remains are generally between 2-4 hours prior to departure. A shipment will usually be cleared for collection 2+ hours after arrival. The funeral home will work with the receiving funeral home to make the necessary delivery and collection arrangement.

## 7. Exhumation and Shipment

Permission must be obtained from a provincial government official, the Divisional Medical Health Officer, for disinterment and removal of remains. Generally, the permission is granted automatically. Where the cause of death was an infectious disease, the Divisional Medical Health Officer may require a hermetically sealed container.

Costs involved would include the opening of the grave, the fee of the funeral director in removing the exhumed remains from the cemetery, and the cost of transport.

## 8. Autopsies

Autopsies are not routinely required. They are performed if requested by the family, if the reason of the death cannot be determined or it is suspicious. Families may refuse an autopsy for different reasons, religion or others. An autopsy must always be performed in the case of a murder.

## 9. Local Customs Regarding Funerals, Disposition of Remains, Mourning, Memorial Services

Local customs and procedures are virtually identical to those found in the United States.

## 10. Remarks

Once the death is registered, the death certificate is available from the Government of Canada Provincial Vital Statistics Branch in the province where the death occurred. In most cases the funeral director/home may provide guidance on this process. The cost for a Provincial death certificate varies from Province to Province and can be obtained from the Provincial Vital Statistics Branch. The information typically required to obtain a death certificate is as follows: name of deceased, date of death, place of death, spouse's name, date of birth of deceased, name of Funeral Home(if known), relationship to person named on certificate, reason why certificate is required, daytime phone number and return address.

Contact information for Service/Vital Statistics in the Atlantic Provinces:

### **New Brunswick**

Service New Brunswick  
435 King Street,  
Fredericton, NB, E3B 1E5,  
CALL CENTRE ONLY: Within North America: 1-888-762-8600 (no charge dial)  
Outside North America: 1 (506) 684-7901 Fax : (506) 453-3245  
Email : [snb@snb.ca](mailto:snb@snb.ca)  
Website: <http://www.snb.ca/e/1000/1000-01/e/index-e.asp>  
(You can submit your request on line)

### **Newfoundland and Labrador**

Vital Statistics Division – Main Office  
Service NL  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6  
Tel: (709) 729-3308  
Fax: (709) 729-0946  
Email: Email: [vstats@gov.nl.ca](mailto:vstats@gov.nl.ca)  
Website: [http://www.serviceni.gov.nl.ca/birth/death\\_certificate/](http://www.serviceni.gov.nl.ca/birth/death_certificate/)  
(You can submit your request on line)

## **Nova Scotia**

Access Nova Scotia  
Vital Statistics – Main Office  
300 Horseshoe Lake Drive  
Halifax, NS B3S 0B7  
Tel: (902)424-4381 (or  
Toll-free within the Province only: 1-877-848-2578  
Fax: (902) 450-75311  
E-mail: [vstat@gov.ns.ca](mailto:vstat@gov.ns.ca)  
Website: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/vstat/>  
(You can submit your request on line)

## **Prince Edward Island**

Access Prince Edward Island  
Vital Statistics – Main Office  
126 Douses Road  
Montague, PE C0A 1R0  
Tel: (902)838-0880  
Toll free within the Province only: 1-877-320-1253  
Fax: (902)838-0883  
Applications for Death Certificates can also be obtained at various [Access PEI sites](#) at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/accesspei/index.php3?number=510&lang=E> across the province. Website contains contact number and e-mail address for each office location.

## **Profile of services available in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon regarding preparation and shipment of remains.**

### **Funeral**

In France the family of the deceased person are legally obliged to follow their wishes. A funeral ceremony in France can be secular and conducted by a funeral director, or religious and take place at a place of worship. After a death, the family has up to six working days (not including weekends or public holidays) to decide whether the deceased should have a cremation or burial.

### **Cremation**

If the body is to be cremated, authorization will need to be sought from the local mairie. It will usually take place at the local crematorium. Following the cremation, the urn is given to the family if requested, or the ashes can be scattered in the garden of remembrance (*jardin de souvenirs*). In France, it is legal to spread ashes on your own land, at sea or in a country environment such as woodlands or mountains, but it is not permitted to scatter ashes in a public places including rivers and paths. Cremations can still be a personal ceremony with speeches, music etc.

### **Burial**

A burial can be organized by a funeral parlor or the immediate family of the deceased. A request for burial should be made as soon as possible following the death certificate. Once the death is registered, the mairie will issue a burial permit (*permis d'inhumer*) indicating the time and date of death. Burial may not take place in the 24 hours following the death. The mairie authorizes burial in the local cemetery. Alternatively, the deceased can be buried on their own land providing that certain criteria are met.

## **Saint Pierre and Miquelon**

To obtain a death certificate (*déclaration de décès*), contact Saint-Pierre City Hall or Miquelon City Hall

### **Saint-Pierre City Hall**

Mairie de Saint-Pierre

BP 4213 F97500 Saint-Pierre et Miquelon -

Tel 011 5-08-41-10-50

Fax 011 5-08-41-43-13

[www.mairie-stpierre.fr](http://www.mairie-stpierre.fr)

### **Miquelon City Hall**

Mairie de Miquelon

2 rue du Baron de l'Espérance

F97500 Miquelon

Tel 011 5-08-41-05-60