

Newest Cremation Ashes Disposition Site – Prince of Wales Park, City of Toronto

The Hindu Federation has been instrumental in having a new Cremation Ashes Disposition Site established by The City of Toronto in the Prince of Wales Park in Etobicoke.

Earlier this year, The City of Toronto had engaged the Hindu Federation (as well as stakeholders from the Tamil, Sikh and Chinese communities) in extensive discussions with respect to a new site. As a result, a report was prepared by City staff based on those discussions and was presented to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee of the City of Toronto on April 26, 2022. The report was adopted at that meeting, without any questions.

The next steps included The City of Toronto working with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to identify park sites for the disposition of cremation of ashes, and at the same time connecting with Hindu Federation to collaborate on site planning, fundraising for signage and education materials, as needed. The City of Toronto also worked with the local Councillor to engage the local community where the park is to be located.

As a result of the above steps, The City of Toronto has identified The Prince of Wales Park as the newest Cremation Ashes Disposition Site. The Park is located at:

**1 Third St., Etobicoke
ON M8V 2X5**

The following information is included on The City of Toronto's website with respect to this new site:

"Dispersal or Scattering Funeral Ashes into Water

The dispersal or scattering of funeral ashes on City land or in Lake Ontario is allowed. City permission is not required to scatter funeral ashes in Toronto parks or into water.

The [Province of Ontario also allows visitors to scatter or disperse funeral ashes in Provincial Parks](#), either on land or into water. Cremation ashes are sterile, organic matter so it is safe to disperse the cremation ash into the environment. Scattering ashes into Lake Ontario does not pose environmental risks to humans or wildlife.

Recommended Site

- [Prince of Wales Park](#) at 1 Third St., Etobicoke, ON M8V 2X5
- Parking is available.
- Site is not maintained in the winter.
- Closed midnight to 5:30 a.m. (Parks By-Law, section 608-9. Access)

At the western edge of Prince of Wales Park, there is a paved ramp into Lake Ontario. This is an accessible, scenic and tranquil location that is less busy than some other waterfront parks. People who wish to scatter funeral ashes are not required to use this park.

The park is open to everyone, including general park visitors and people scattering funeral ashes on a first come first serve basis.

- The area for scattering ashes is identified by a sign.
- Do not leave any items in the water or on the shoreline, such as flowers, fruit, cloth, notes or photos.
- The area is accessible but has no handrails
- The area is not maintained in the winter season and there may be a build-up of snow and ice on the pavement.
- Check the weather before your visit.
- Always use caution at the waterfront.

If you are in the area and see an individual or family dispersing funeral ashes at the water's edge, please be kind and respectful of this solemn practice”.

These are a few pictures of the site.







