Hope is a small community with a population of around 7, 000 people at the junction of highways 1 (Trans Canada), 3 (Hope-Princeton), 7 (Lougheed) and 5 (Coquihalla). It is approximately 150 km or 2 hours drive east of Vancouver, beside the Fraser River and surrounded by mountains. It was originally established as Fort Hope in 1848 by The Hudson's Bay Company, incorporated as a village in 1885 and as a town in 1935.

In the District of Hope there are four cemeteries. All four are managed by the District of Hope. All are well kept and tidy. The oldest markers are found in the Heritage Cemetery with the earliest noted burial in this cemetery as 1885. The known burials without markers are taken from the burial records of All Saints Church, Aggassiz, BC and St John The Devine Church, Yale, BC. The writing in the photocopy of this document is at times hard to read so there may be some spelling errors.

In the town on Coquihalla Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street are found Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery and Hope Heritage Cemetery. Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery can be entered from Coquihalla Street only. Hope Heritage Cemetery can be entered from either Coquihalla Street or King Street. Both cemeteries were walked from the south to north with rows 1 starting in the southwest corners. Our Lady of Good Hope contains a monument to unborn children and an outdoor alter. Parking for both is on the street. Vehicles cannot enter the cemeteries.

The Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery and the Mountainview (Municipal) Cemetery are located approximately 1.5 km up Kawakawa Lake Road east of Hope and across the road from each other. The Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery was walked from south to north with rows 1 beginning in the southwest corner. The Mountainview Cemetery was walked north to south with rows 1 beginning in the northwest corner. There is a water tap in the middle of Mountainview Cemetery. Both cemeteries have grave location boards at the entrances. The columbarium in the Mountainview Cemetery is located in the southwest corner. There is room to park on Kawakawa Lake Road or in the cemeteries although the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery gate is usually closed.

Please note that all marker numbering may have changed as new markers are put in place and some markers disappear. The marker number just gives the general location in the row to help you find the location.

For further information about the cemeteries of Hope please contact:

District of Hope 325 Wallace St Hope, BC V0X 1L0 phone: 604-869-5671 fax: 604-869-2275 email: <u>Info@hope.ca</u>

Other places to contact: Our Lady of Good Hope Church (RC) 671 Water St Hope, BC V0X 1L0 phone: 604-869-5382

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 228 phone: 604-869-5465 344 Fort Street Hope, BC V0X 1L0

Christ Church (Anglican – the oldest church on the mainland still holding services) 681 Fraser Street phone: 604-869-5402 Hope, BC, V0X 1L0 email: <u>hope@uniserv.com</u> www.anglican-hope.ca





Heritage Cemetery



Monument to unborn children and alter



entrance sign in Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery





Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery





Mountainview (Municipal) Cemetery Entrance







