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May 1, 2022

**Re: Changes to Cremation Request**

Mr. Carey Smith

Registrar/CEO

Bereavement Authority of Ontario

Dear Mr. Smith

As part of the Value for Money Audit of the BAO in 2020, the OCC received recommendations from the Auditor General regarding improvements to the cremation approval process. In response, the OCC committed to changes to the approval form that will allow us to better document the approval process.


I am writing to notify you that the changes to the Cremation and to the Shipment of a Body Outside of Ontario request and approval forms went live in Service Ontario on April 30, 2022.

One of those changes is the addition of a question for requestors. The requestor is asked "Are there any concerns that might require a death investigation?" This question is designed to flag deaths that require a conversation between the funeral establishment operator and the coroner.

I would appreciate if you would share this notice with operators. I am happy to receive any questions that might arise.

Thank you.

Roger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Skinner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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