



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373				
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ABERDEEN CEMETERY POLICY			Council Resolution 213/19	
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ABERDEEN CEMETERY POLICY

1. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

1. The purpose of the policy is to set rules and regulations regarding the Aberdeen Cemetery.
2. The Aberdeen Community Cemetery is located in the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 on the SW 7-39-02-W3rd (Blk/Par B-Plan 101539223 Ext 25, Parcel 149124214, Title No. 117933655 registered owner of Parcel # 149124214, The Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373).
3. The Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 maintains the cemetery records, including future interments.
4. The Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 is responsible for the sale of grave plots.

2. DEFINITIONS

- a) "Cemetery" means land set apart for or used by the Town of Aberdeen and the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 as a place for the interment of the dead or which human bodies have been buried and includes any land that is set apart and is used as a site for a columbarium.
- b) "Aberdeen Community Cemetery" refers to the cemetery located at SW 7-39-02-W3rd (Blk/Par B-Plan 101539223 Ext 25, Parcel 149124214).
- c) "Columbarium or Columbaria" means a structure(s) or building(s) designed for the purpose of storing or interring cremated human remains in sealed compartments or niches.
- d) "Cremated Remains" or "Cremains" means human bone fragments that remain after cremation.
- e) "Human Remains" means a dead human body but does not include cremated human remains.
- d) "Plots" means a space of land in a Cemetery to be utilized solely for the interment of human remains or cremated human remains and includes a niche or compartment in a columbarium.
- e) "Memorial" means a marker, headstone, tombstone, monument, plaque or inscription that is used to identify a plot or memorialize a deceased person.



3. INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS

- a) No person shall bury any dead human body or cremated remains in the Aberdeen Community Cemetery unless and until the person has complied with the provisions of:
 - i. The Public Health Act and regulations there under;
 - ii. The Vital Statistics Act and regulations there under; and
 - iii. The provisions of this Policy.
- b) Plots for ground burial shall comply with the following regulations;
 - i. No interment of more than (4) cremated bodies in urns shall be interred in one (1) grave plot; or no more than one (1) human remains with one (1) cremated body be interred in one (1) grave plot with the human remains being the first burial in the plot.
 - ii. Each Block is marked with a corner pin on the SE Corner. Grave Plots are 10' x 10'. Each 10' x 10' can be divided into (2) two 5 x 10 Plots, running East to West, with Headstone on the West Side. The grave shall be dug in the center of the grave plot.
 - iii. In all cases, the interments of cremated remains shall be made in the center of the grave plot.
 - iv. All burial depths will comply with regulations set out in the Cemeteries Act;

4. MONUMENTS, MARKERS & COLUMBARIUMS

- a) All monuments, markers and foundations shall be installed entirely within the plot for which it was intended.
- b) All monuments or markers shall be manufactured of granite, bronze or other material approved by the Cemetery Committee.
- c) The initial monument or marker for each plot must be placed at the head of the grave and shall be in a location designated or approved by the Cemetery Committee. Each monument placed at the head of the grave shall be set on a concrete foundation of a minimum thickness of ten (10) centimetres. The upper surface of each foundation shall be to ground level and in each case the foundation shall project ten (10) centimetres on all sides of the base of the monument erected thereon.
- d) Each marker placed at the head of the grave will not require a foundation if they have a minimum thickness of eight (8) centimetres. If a minimum thickness is less than eight (8) centimetres, all markers must be either embedded in concrete with a minimum thickness of ten (10) centimetres or be placed on a foundation of concrete or granite with a minimum thickness of ten (10) centimetres.



- e) Flat markers with a minimum thickness of eight (8) centimetres, placed on a plot, do not require a foundation. All other markers must be embedded into concrete or placed on a concrete or granite foundation with a minimum thickness of ten (10) centimetres.
- g) There shall not be more than one (1) monument and one (1) marker permitted on each lot except where cremated remains are to be buried in the occupied grave with an existing monument or marker. In such cases, additional monuments or markers set at the head of the grave would be allowed.
- h) Grave covers of any type or description of any material shall not be allowed.
- i) Columbarium niches shall be sold as a package that includes one brass plaque to maintain consistency. No other type of plaque will be allowed. Cost shall be determined by cost recovery of columbarium, pad, plaque and other incurred installment costs.
- j) No restrictions on types of urns to be installed in the columbarium. Two (2) urns can be placed in one niche. Purchaser must ensure urns fit in purchased niche. Standard niche size is 12.5" L x 12.5" W x 14" H

5. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- a) Subject to the provisions and requirements of the Cemeteries Act, any matters concerning burials and cremations not otherwise dealt with shall be dealt with by the Cemetery Committee in a manner that deems most appropriate.
- b) All persons, while in the cemetery shall conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
- c) Motor vehicles in the cemetery shall travel on the roadway provided.
- d) No pets shall be allowed in the cemetery.