

**A Town of Nipawin  
Bylaw No. 1192/25**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF NIPAWIN, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO PROVIDE FOR  
THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TOWN-OWNED CEMETERIES**

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The Council of the Town of Nipawin, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

**1. Short Title**

This bylaw may be cited as *The Cemeteries Bylaw*

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for regulation and control of Town of Nipawin-owned cemeteries.

**3. Authority**

The Authority for this Bylaw is *the Municipalities Act* and *the Cemeteries Act*.

**4. Cemetery Locations**

The following locations have been established for the purpose of Cemeteries for burial of dead human remains:

- **Mabel Hill Memorial Cemetery** – approximately Ten (10) acres in the SE 31-50-14-W2nd in the Rural Municipality of Nipawin #487
- **Woodlawn Cemetery** – all the land in Parcel A, Registered Plan #BJ2950, in the SE 31-50-14-W2nd in the Town of Nipawin
- **Ravine Bank Cemetery** – a portion of the land in the NE 31-50-14-W2nd in the Rural Municipality of Nipawin #487

**5. DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. **Block** means a subdivision of land containing up to four plots.
- b. **Cemetery** means land owned by the Town of Nipawin set apart for, or used as, a place of interment of human remains and includes a place where human remains have heretofore been buried.
- c. **Cremated Remains or Cremains** means human bone fragments that remain after cremation
- d. **General Manager** means the General Manager of Leisure Services for the Town of Nipawin, or other person designated by the Council.
- e. **Family Columbarium Monument** means a structure in the cemetery erected or constructed above ground on any lot or lots for the interment of cremated remains in sealed compartments or niches.
- f. **Grave Marker** means a flat Memorial set at ground level, constructed on any Lot or Lots for memorial purposes.
- g. **Human Remains** means a dead human body but does not include cremated human remains.

- h. **Interment** means the burial of human remains or cremated human remains or the interment of cremated human remains in a columbarium.
- i. **License** means a permit provided by the Town to an individual with respect to a lot or plot for the purpose of a single burial or the burial of cremains as provided for therein.
- j. **Lot** means a space of land in the cemetery to be utilized solely for the interment of human remains or cremated human remains and includes a niche or compartment in a columbarium.
- k. **Monument** means any structure in the Cemetery erected or constructed above ground on any lot or lots for memorial purposes.
- l. **Niche** means each individual compartment in a columbarium to be used for the interment of cremated human remains.
- m. **Plot** means a subdivision of land containing up to four lots.
- n. **Regular Hours** means regular working hours for the Town of Nipawin employees from 7:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm, weekdays.
- o. **Resident** means any person or persons who have resided or presently reside in the Town of Nipawin.
- p. **Section** means a subdivision of land containing several Blocks.
- q. **Vendor** means a funeral home that owns a columbarium structure in the cemetery

## 6. PURCHASE OF LOTS

- a. All lots shall be described according to a Plan of Records in the Town of Nipawin Office, where suitable books of record with a description of each lot in the cemetery, with the name and description of the owner thereof, and all other books necessary to keep a complete record of all business transacted in connection with the Cemeteries shall be open to inspection during regular office hours.
- b. Upon payment to the Town of Nipawin by any party of the full cash price of a lot, furnish such party with a receipt for the sum of money paid and draw up a Deed or Transfer in favour of such party, such Deed or Transfer to be subject to the terms, conditions, rules and regulations set forth in this Bylaw, and any amendments hereto governing said Cemetery, and to be executed by the Chief Administrative Officer, and to have the Corporate Seal of the Town of Nipawin affixed thereto.
- c. Every conveyance or Deed to any lot in any Cemetery shall be subject to the Condition that the lot shall not be used for any purpose other than as a burial ground for human remains.
- d. No Deed shall be recognized by the Town unless same is duly registered at the Town Office.
- e. All persons ordering graves in the Cemetery shall be held responsible for the cost thereof and for all charges in connection with same. Charges for lots and opening and closing of same shall be those rates as determined from time to time by resolution of Council.
- f. A person may reserve a grave, or graves, by paying in full. The reservation shall hold the grave for use by

the party who paid the purchase price, the purchaser's heir(s), or for a burial upon the purchaser's instructions, for a period of ten (10) years. At the expiry of the ten (10) year reservation period, the grave(s) shall revert to the Town unless the party who paid the purchase price or renew the reservation in writing. The Town shall notify the party who paid the purchase price, or if known to be deceased, the heir(s), if known, during the first six (6) months of the tenth year, advising of the impending cancellation if not renewed as required by this section. Notification by ordinary mail at last known address shall be sufficient notice.

- g. Failure by the purchaser to pay the full price of a reserved lot within six (6) months shall result in cancellation of the reservation and a refund of any monies paid.

#### **7. LICENSE:**

- a. The Town may grant a license to any person for use of a lot or lots as provided for in this Bylaw. The said license shall be issued subject to all provisions of this Bylaw and any amendments thereto passed from time to time by Council
- b. The license fee and all charges for work done or services rendered at the Cemetery shall be in accordance with the Cemetery Rates Schedule.
- c. Grave lots and plots shall not be resold or transferred by the licensee. Licensee may only transfer a lot or plot to an immediate family member (ie: father, mother, child, grandchild, or grandparent). A licensee may surrender the license to the Town for any unused lot or plot. The Town will refund to the original licensee the original purchase price of the license. The licensee must provide the original receipt to the Town of Nipawin.

#### **8. GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- a. The Cemeteries will be open to the public daily.
- b. All funeral processions shall be under the control and supervision of the Funeral Director in charge of funeral services while within the boundaries of the cemetery.
- c. No person shall give money or other reward to any employee working in connection with the Cemetery for their service or attention.
- d. All material brought into the cemetery to be used in improving any lot shall be transported and deposited in the cemetery in such manner as the General Manager shall direct, and all earth, wood or rubbish remaining after such improvements shall be removed or shall be deposited at a suitable location in the cemetery under the direction of the General Manager, by the person who provided the said improvements.
- e. All employees completing work in the cemetery shall comply with the orders and directions of the supervisor of the cemetery who shall be under the direction of the General Manager and all employees shall cease work and cemetery vehicles shall be removed when a burial is taking place in the vicinity of their work.
- f. No trees, shrubs, plants or flowers of any kind shall be removed from the Cemetery unless special permission of the General Manager is first obtained.
- g. All persons employed in the construction of columbarium's, erection of monuments or grave markers, or in doing any other work on the lots or graves in the Cemetery, shall be subject to the direction and control

of the General Manager, and in the case of any such persons refusing to obey the orders or directions of the General Manager, the General Manager shall have power to remove such person or persons from the Cemetery.

- h. The General Manager, or anyone under the General Manager's charge, shall have power to remove from the grounds, any person disturbing the quiet or good order of the Cemetery by noisy or improper conduct or language, or any person violating any of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- i. No animals shall be allowed in the Cemetery.
- j. No person shall injure any shrub or tree or pick or destroy any flower, wild or cultivated, growing in the Cemetery.
- k. No person shall write upon, mark, scratch, deface or injure any lot, monument, grave marker, fence, building or other structure in the Cemetery and shall be personally responsible to the Town for such damage, besides being guilty of a breach of this Bylaw.
- l. No person shall remove or destroy or attempt to remove or destroy any body or remains put in any grave.
- m. No person, except those Town employees in performance of duties, shall drive a vehicle over any part of the Cemetery, except on the roadways.
- n. Motor vehicles in the cemetery shall travel on the roadways provided and shall not exceed ten (10) kilometres per hour.

**9. FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, BORDERS, FENCES, HEDGES, ETC.**

- a. No border, fence, railing, trellis, coping, hedge, or any other bounding or enclosing object or material shall be constructed, placed or planted in or around any lot or plot other than for purposes of operating the cemetery as authorized by the General Manager.
- b. The placing of flowers and wreaths shall be allowed only in receptacles which are affixed to the monument, marker, columbarium, or other structures as approved by the General Manager. The exception being that flowers, wreaths, and other items are permitted to be placed on the grave the day of the burial and left for a period of ten (10) days after which the flowers, wreaths and other items will be removed and disposed of.
- c. No grave or plot shall be decorated by its owner/owners or others interested therein with any trees, shrubs, or plants. The Town will remove these items without notification to the next of kin. This shall not be deemed to prohibit the placing of cut flowers upon graves.
- d. The foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit the normal Remembrance observances of any Bonafide Veterans' organization, or the placing of cut flowers or artificial flowers upon the graves, but in such cases, these shall be placed in a receptacle approved by the Town and sunk level with the ground. Not more than two such receptacles shall be allowed for any one grave
- e. The Town maintenance crew may remove from any lot any weeds, wilted flowers, or floral pieces or any other articles or things which are unsightly or which are considered to be an obstacle to convenient and safe mowing of the grass.

- f. All vases, urns, and plant stands not properly cared for and such as are not filled with plants or flowers on or before the 20th day of June in any year, may be removed by the General Manager from the lots on which they are situated and stored. If applied for by the owner within one year from the date of removal, the same shall be returned; however, the Town will not be held responsible for any loss of or damage to any vases, urns, plant stands or other receptacles.
- g. All items placed in the cemetery by the public shall be at their own risk.

#### **10. INTERMENTS & DISINTERMENTS:**

- a. No person shall bury any dead human body or cremated remains in the 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 Bylaw.
- b. Written notice that an interment is to take place shall be given to the General Manager at the Town Office at least forty-eight (48) hours (two working days) before the interment is to take place during the period from November 1 to April 30 and at least twenty-four (24) hours (one working day) before the interment is to take place during the period from May 1 to October 31.
- c. Interments shall be made only between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Burials after 4:00pm on weekdays, or on weekends and holidays shall be subject to an additional fee and scheduled at the discretion of the General Manager.
- d. A grave for the burial of an adult shall be a maximum of six (6) feet in depth from the surface of the ground surrounding the grave, provided however that this shall not apply to the burial of ashes, where in such cases the ashes shall be buried two and one half (2 ½ ) feet from the surface of the ground and at the head of the grave lot (on the left corner, middle, or right-hand corner). Notwithstanding Part 4(iv)(a), no more than four interments will be permitted in one grave lot.
- e. No more than four (4) cremated interments will be permitted in one grave lot OR no more than three (3) cremated interments and one (1) casket will be permitted in one grave lot.
- f. With the exception of cremated remains, no interment of a body shall be permitted in the same grave where another body has already been interred.
- g. No interment shall be made until a legal Burial Permit has been purchased and proper notice is given to the General Manager as hereinbefore provided.
- h. Any person applying for interments in the Cemetery, whether as principal or undertaker, shall furnish the Town of Nipawin with such particulars as he/she may require for the purpose of record before such interments shall be allowed.
- i. Whenever outer cases for coffins or caskets are used in burials, such outer cases shall be at the Cemetery at least two hours before the time set for the interment so as to give a correct idea of the size of grave required, and in the case of burial taking place on a Sunday or Holiday, such outer cases shall be at the Cemetery before noon of the day preceding such Sunday or Holiday, provided that an exemption may be allowed where bodies arrive from out of Town.
- j. No person shall disinter or remove a body from any lot or plot without first producing a written order

from the licensee of such lot, a permit for such disinterment or removal issued by the Minister of Public Health, and a receipt from the General Manager showing that the necessary fees have been paid in accordance with rates set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

- k. The Town's service in connection with disinterments shall only include the opening of the grave down to the top of the casket or urn and the Funeral Director in charge shall be responsible for the actual removal of remains or ashes.
- l. Whenever the remains of a single grave are removed, the grave space so vacated shall revert to the Town in consideration of the cost and trouble of the removal.

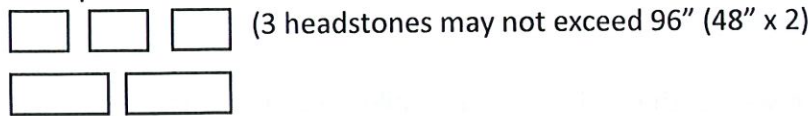
#### **11. MONUMENTS, GRAVE MARKERS & COLUMBARIUMS**

- a. Any person desiring to place a memorial or grave marker shall make written application to the General Manager for a permit therefor, and in such application shall state particulars of the memorial to be erected. Memorial Permit attached hereto and identified as Schedule 'B' and forming part of the Bylaw.
- b. Grave covers of any type or description and of any material shall not be permitted.
- c. The base for a monument or grave marker shall be laid at the head centre thereof in single graves. The base for monuments or grave markers marking multiple graves shall be laid at the head centre thereof.
- d. No person shall place or erect in the cemetery any monument, grave marker or any like structure that does not consist solely of imperishable and adamant materials. Monuments or grave markers or any like structures or applied decoration, constructed of plastic, glass, perishable or easily damaged materials are hereby prohibited in the cemetery.
- e. There shall not be more than one monument or marker permitted on each grave lot except where cremated remains are to be buried in an occupied grave with an existing monument or marker, whereas in such cases additional monuments or markers set at the head of the grave would be allowed providing all the monuments or markers together do not exceed the maximum width of 48" (inches) and maximum depth of 17" (inches), as specified for single monuments or markers. However, in cases where this is not possible, individual flat markers set at the head of the grave would be allowed. All monuments and markers must be located on continuous foundations if they are present. If no continuous foundation is present, monuments and markers must all be at the head of the grave in a single row.
- f. All Monuments and Grave Markers shall be of either granite, marble, Ionite, other material (ie 10-gauge steel sandblasted/primed & powder-coated) approved by the Town.
- g. Monuments & Grave Markers shall be placed on continuous foundations, where provided by the Town.
- h. Mounting of lighting or vases on continuous foundations will be permitted upon approval from the General Manager.
- i. A single grave monument, marker or pillow shall be a maximum 48" (inches) wide, maximum 17" (inches) deep (including a base or border), maximum 42" (inches) high (excluding grave markers). Such specifications shall also be those applicable in cases where a monument, grave marker or pillow is to mark a single grave lot with multiple interments.
- j. A double grave monument, grave marker or pillow intended to mark two graves adjacent to each other shall be a maximum 54" (inches wide) maximum 17" (inches) deep (including a base or border), maximum

42" (inches) high (excluding grave marker).

Where multiple plots exist and are adjacent to each other, single monuments may be placed on a concrete sidewalk in a single row not to exceed the plot size requirements.

Example:



- k. Where continuous foundations are not present, all flat grave markers shall be placed in such a manner in a row of graves, that they shall be in complete alignment. Monuments or pillows may not be placed where continuous foundations are not present.

## 12. Family Columbarium Monuments

Family Columbarium Monuments shall be allowed in Sections A, D, 1 and 2 only.

Additional sections may be designated by the Town of Nipawin as required.

- a. Blocks within each designated section will be provided on a first come first serve basis.
- b. Columbariums shall be placed on continuous foundations provided by the Town.
- c. The owner of a columbarium shall be responsible for providing a base for the columbarium at their cost. Bases must be constructed as per any specifications provided by the manufacturer of the columbarium's and approved by the Town of Nipawin.
- d. Columbariums shall be constructed in accordance with any applicable provincial and/or federal standards and regulations and be installed by the vendor/owner. The columbarium must be approved by the Town of Nipawin and must conform to the following specifications:
  - i. constructed of either granite or marble
  - ii. maximum height 48 inches
  - iii. maximum depth 24 inches
  - iv. maximum length of 51 inches on one single lot

## 13. Funeral Home-Owned Columbariums

- a. Vendors shall provide opening and closing of niches in their columbariums at no cost, whether they are involved in the service or not.
- b. Vendors may sell niches at prices set by the vendor and pay to the Town of Nipawin. A vendor may adjust pricing of niches from time to time, however the fee paid to the Town of Nipawin shall remain the same. All inquiries and sales of niches shall be handled by the vendor.
- c. Vendors shall have exclusive rights to the engraving of niches on their columbarium's.
- d. Vendors shall maintain insurance and ownership on columbarium(s), until such time that all niches in a columbarium are occupied, in which case, insurance and ownership shall revert to the Town of Nipawin.
- e. Appropriate signage identifying the block(s) is permitted, upon approval from the Town of Nipawin.

No more than 4 niches will be permitted in one columbarium.

**14. BURIAL LOCATIONS - Mabel Hill Cemetery**

Sections of the Cemetery shall be set aside for burials as follows:

- a. Section E shall be reserved for the burial of children and infants
- b. Sections B, C, F, H, I, J, K, L shall be reserved for the burial of adults, children and infants
- c. Section G shall be for the burial of Veterans and immediate family members only.
- d. Sections 1, 2, A and D shall be reserved for Family Columbarium Monuments only.

**15. MONUMENTS, GRAVE MARKERS & COLUMBARIUMS IN DISREPAIR**

- a. The General Manager shall report to the owners upon the condition of any monument or grave marker out of repair, and it shall be the duty of the owner of such monument or grave marker, to repair same without delay, to the satisfaction of the General Manager.
- b. Whenever an owner of a monument and/or grave marker neglects to make the required repairs or alterations after receiving due notice from the General Manager, a period of three months shall be allowed to elapse, after which time the General Manager shall have the power to remove such monument or grave marker from the Cemetery, or to repair such monument or grave marker and charge the cost thereof to the owner, which may be recovered as a debt from the owner to the Town.
- c. The Town of Nipawin will not be responsible for any damage or cost to repair any damage to monuments, grave markers, columbarium, or other structures that occur as a result of vandalism or improper installation.

**16. BURIAL OF INDIGENT POOR**

The Town shall furnish graves in the Cemetery, without charge, for the burial of indigent poor of any denomination who resided in the town at the time of death.

**17. PENALTY**

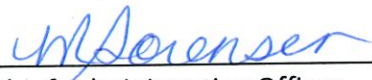
Any person guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw or any part thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties prescribed by the General Penalties Bylaw of the Town of Nipawin.

Bylaw 1138/22 is hereby repealed.

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the final approval by Council.



  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

Read a third time and adopted  
this 27 day of January, 2025

