
CREMATION BYLAW

BEING a Bylaw of the Town of Sedgewick, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of instituting a set of standards and procedures for the purchase, use and reservation of cremation interments in the new Memorial Cairn area in the southwest corner of the Sedgewick Cemetery;

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and advisable in the best interests of cemetery planning that Council be authorized to establish a series of regulations controlling the operation of the Memorial Cairn area;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 S.A.1994 and amendments thereto, and pursuant to provisions of the Cemeteries Act, Chapter C-2, R.S.A. 1999 and amendments thereto, the Town of Sedgewick enacts as follows:

Definitions:

- a. *Cremation Plot* shall mean a single 2' by 2' area located in the Sedgewick Cemetery in the southwest corner behind the Memorial Book cairn.
- b. *Memorial Book* shall mean the granite cairn located in the southwest corner of Sedgewick Cemetery.
- c. *Memorial Plaque* shall mean a bronze plaque, size and placement determined by the Town.
- d. *Memorial Plaque Space* shall mean a single, indented space on the front of the Memorial Book cairn.

Title: This Bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the "Cremation Bylaw."

Authorization to Sell:

1. Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and his/her designate, to sell cremation plots and memorial cairn spaces and, to arrange for the ordering, payment and installation of memorial plaques.

Cremation Plot:

2. Cremation plots will be sold in rotation with no choice of location. No plot deed or transfer of ownership will take place.
3. No markers, headstones, plaques of any kind, placement of flowers, shrubs or trees, aboveground urns or any other decorative object, will be permitted in the cremation plot area.
4. Town employees will dig all cremation burials; digging will not be permitted by any other individuals.
5. The cremation plots will not be used for any purpose other than the burial of human ashes.

Memorial Book:

6. The plaque spaces in the Memorial Book will be assigned by the Town in an orderly fashion with no choice of placement.
7. The memorial plaques will be of a size and material, as approved by the Town. The plaques must be ordered from a company approved by the Town.
8. The memorial plaque will be a direct cost to the individual in addition to the cremation plot, burial fees and the Memorial Book cairn fee.

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9. The Town of Sedgewick will order the memorial plaque, as recorded by the family member or private individual. The plaque costs will be due at the date of ordering.
 10. A standard form will be supplied to individuals to record the appropriate information required on a memorial plaque. The Town accepts no responsibility for the manufacturing or design of the memorial plaque.
 11. Town employees will install all memorial plaques on the Memorial Book. No other entities are permitted to install plaques on the Memorial Book.
 12. Memorial plaques on the Memorial Book are provided for humans only.

Pre-Purchase Plan:

13. A pre-purchase plan may be implemented by the Chief Administrative Officer and/or his/her designate for the purchase of cremation burial plots and memorial book spaces.
14. Final placements in the cremation burial area and on the Memorial Book will be determined upon the time of death.
15. The pre-purchase plan will not include the purchase of a permanent memorial plaque due to the changing value of the commodity.
16. The pre-purchase plan may include the purchase of a blank memorial plaque, of a design selected by the Town, to reserve a space on the Memorial Book next to a departed loved one. Ownership of the plaque will revert back to the Town, with no compensation, upon the installation of a permanent Memorial Plaque in the reserved space. Final placement in the cremation burial area will be determined upon the time of death.

Fees:

17. The fees for the purchase of cremation burial plots, memorial cairn spaces and opening and closing of cremation burials will be set by council per the 'Fees Bylaw' as amended from time to time.

Enforcement:

18. Any Person or persons who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to pay a fine not exceeding \$250 exclusive of costs for breach thereof, or in the case of non-payment of the fine and costs, imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days.

Severability:

19. If any term of this Bylaw is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court or tribunal having jurisdiction to do so, that term is to be considered to have been severed from the rest of this Bylaw and the rest of the Bylaw remains in force unaffected by that finding or by the severance of that term.

Effective Date:

20. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon third and final reading.

Read a First Time this 17th Day of February, 2005 A.D.

Read a Second time this 17th Day of February, 2005 A.D.

Read a Third Time by Unanimous Consent of All Councillors present and finally passed this 17th Day of February, 2005 A.D.

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