

COLUMBARIUM BY-LAWS

1. Payment must be made to the cemetery operator before an interment may take place.
2. Only the cemetery operator may open and seal niches for interments. This applies to the inside sealer and the niche front. No person other than cemetery staff shall remove or alter niche fronts.
3. To ensure quality control, desired uniformity and standard of workmanship, the cemetery reserves the right to inscribe all niche fronts or install all lettering, vases, adornments, or any other approved attachment.
4. The cremated remains of not more than two persons shall be interred in any niche.

The marker used on a niche shall be supplied and installed by the cemetery and the cost shall be addition to the selling price.

Items such as photographs, additional script, flowers, etc. may not be attached to the niche.

The cemetery reserves the right to remove deteriorated or excessive quantities of flowers from the surrounding area.

The inside dimensions of each niche is 12 ½" X 12 ½" X 14.

Interment or disinterment of cremated remains in a columbarium will be permitted year round, weather permitting.

Interments or disinterment are to be performed by cemetery personnel only, during regular business hours – Monday – Friday 8am - 4pm. Extra charges apply for Saturday Interments hours 8am – 2pm. No Interments or Disinterment on Statutory Holiday Weekends or Sundays

Nothing may be placed on the top surface of the Columbarium.

Niche is designed to fit two standard sized urns.

5. Fifteen percent (15%) or \$165.00 whichever is greater of the selling price shall be placed in the Care & Maintenance Fund.

Opening and closing charges shall be shown on the Price List and are subject to change upon approval.

STONE CHURCH CEMETERY BY-LAWS

EFFECTIVE AS OF DEC 1ST 2013

Funeral, Burial, Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA)

These by-laws are the rules and regulations that govern **Stone Church Cemetery** and have been approved by the Registrar of Cemeteries, FBCSA, Cemeteries Regulations Unit, Ministry of Consumer Services.

The trustees shall be owners of plots in the cemetery, irrespective of the size of the plot or plots. No owner shall have more than one vote.

A. DEFINITIONS

Burial: The opening and closing of an in ground lot or plot for the disposition of human remains or cremated human remains.

By - laws: The rules and regulations under which the Cemetery operates.

Care and Maintenance Fund: It is a requirement under the FBCSA that a percentage of the purchase price of all Interment Rights, and set amounts for marker and monument installations is contributed into the Care and Maintenance Fund. Interest earned from this fund is used to provide care and maintenance of plots, lots, markers and monuments at the Cemetery.

Cemetery Operator: Trustees of Stone Church Cemetery

Contract: For purposes of these by-laws, all purchasers of interment rights must sign a contract with the cemetery, detailing obligations of both parties and acceptance of the cemetery by-laws.

Corner Posts: Shall mean any stone or other land markers set flush with the surface of the ground and used to indicate the location of a lot or plot.

Grave: (Also known as Lot) means any inground burial space intended for the interment of a child, adult or cremated human remains.

Interment Right: The right to require or direct the interment of human remains or cremated human remains in a grave, lot, niche or crypt and direct the associated memorialization.

Interment Rights Certificate: The document issued by the Cemetery to the purchaser once the interment rights have been paid in full, identifying ownership of the interment rights.

Interment Rights Holder: Any person designated to hold the right to inter human remains in a specified lot.

Lot: For the purposes of these By-Laws a lot is a single grave space.

Marker: Shall mean any permanent memorial structure that is set flush and level with the ground, and used to mark the location of a burial lot.

Monument: Any permanent memorial projecting above the ground installed within the designated space to mark the location of a burial or lot; normally placed at the head of a grave.

Plot: For the purposes of these by-laws, a plot is a parcel of land, sold as a single unit, containing multiple lots.

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

Cemetery Operator

A chairperson, secretary- treasurer, and four trustees shall manage the affairs of the cemetery.

General Conduct:

The cemetery operator reserves full control over the cemetery operations and management of land within the cemetery grounds. No person may damage, destroy, remove or deface any property within the cemetery. All visitors should conduct themselves in a quiet manner that shall not disturb any service being held.

By Law Amendments:

The cemetery shall be governed by these bylaws, and all procedures will comply with the Funeral Burial & Cremation Services Act, 2002 and Ontario Regulation 30/11, which may be amended periodically. All by-law amendments must include proper notice as outlined in section 151 of Ontario Regulation 30/11. All by-laws and amendments are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Cemeteries Regulation Unit, Ministry of Consumer Services.

Liability:

The cemetery operator will not be held liable for any loss or damage, without limitation (including damage by the elements, Acts of God, or vandals) to, any lot, plot, columbarium niche, monument, marker, or other article that has been placed in relation to an interment or scattering right save and except for direct loss or damage caused by gross negligence of the cemetery operator.

Public Register:

Provincial legislation – Section 110 of Ontario Regulation 30/11 requires all cemeteries and crematoriums to maintain a public register that is available to the public during regular office hours.

Pets or Other Animals:

Pets or other lower animals, including cremated animal remains, are not allowed to be buried on cemetery grounds.

Right to Re - Survey:

The Cemetery has the right at any time to re-survey, enlarge, diminish, re-plot, change or remove plantings, grade, close pathways or roads, alter in shape or size, or otherwise change all or any part of the cemetery, subject to approval of the appropriate authorities.

Notice of Resale and Transfer of Interment Rights:

The cemetery operator permits the interment rights holder to sell or transfer their interment rights to a third party, at no more than the current price listed on the cemetery price list, as long as the sale or transfer is conducted through the cemetery operator and the purchaser meets the qualifications and requirements as outlined in the cemetery operator's by-laws and provides for the administrative charge outlined in the cemetery price list to transfer the interment rights certificate.

C. CANCELLATION OR RESALE OF INTERMENT RIGHTS

Purchasers of interment rights acquire only the right to direct the burial of human remains, and the installation of monuments, markers and inscriptions, subject to the conditions set out in the cemetery by-laws. In accordance with cemetery by-laws, no burial, entombment, or installation of any monument, marker, inscription, or memorialization is permitted until the interment rights have been paid in full. An interment rights certificate will be issued to the interment rights holder(s) when payment has been made in full. The purchase of interment rights is not a purchase of Real Estate or real property. An interment rights holder wishing to resell their interment rights may advise the cemetery operator of their intention prior to seeking a third party buyer for their interment rights.

Cancellation of Interment Rights within 30 Day Cooling - Off Period:

- A purchaser has the right to cancel an interment rights contract within thirty (30) days of signing the interment rights contract, by providing written notice of the cancellation to the cemetery operator. The cemetery operator will refund all monies paid by the purchaser within thirty (30) days from the date of the request for cancellation.

Cancellation of Interment Rights after the 30 Day Cooling - Off Period:

- Upon receiving written notice from the purchaser of the interment rights, the cemetery operator will cancel the contract and issue a refund to the purchaser for the amount paid for the interment rights less the appropriate amount that is required to be deposited into the Care and Maintenance Fund. This refund will be made within thirty (30) days of receiving said notice. If the interment rights certificate has been issued to the interment rights holder(s), the certificate must be returned to the cemetery operator along with the written notice of cancellation.
- If any portion of the interment rights has been exercised, the purchaser, or the interment rights holder(s) are not entitled to cancel the contract or re-sell the interment rights.

Resale of Interment Rights after 30 Day Cooling - Off Period:

- Unless the interment rights have been exercised the purchaser retains the right to cancel the contract or re-sell the interment rights. Once payment for the interment rights has been made in full, and an interment rights certificate has been issued, the interment rights holder(s), as recorded on the cemetery records, has the right to re-sell the interment rights. Any resale of the interment right shall be in accordance with the requirements of the cemetery by-laws and in keeping with the FBCSA.
- If any portion of the interment rights has been exercised, the purchaser, or the interment rights holder(s) are not entitled to re-sell the interment rights.

Care and Maintenance Fund Contributions:

- As required by sections 166 and 168 of Regulation 30/11, a percentage of the purchase price of all interment rights, and a prescribed amount for monuments and markers is contributed into the care and maintenance fund. Income from this fund is used to provide only general care and maintenance of the cemetery. Contributions to the care and maintenance fund are not refundable except when interment rights are cancelled within the 30 day cooling off period.

Permit or prohibit resale of interment rights to a third party:

Note: All resale of Interment Rights must be carried out through the Cemetery Operator.

Requirements if resale of interment rights is permitted by the cemetery operator:

The interment rights holder(s) intending to sell their rights shall provide the following documents to the cemetery operator so that the operator can confirm the ownership of the rights and provide the third party purchaser with the required certificate:

1. an interment rights certificate endorsed by the current rights holder
2. if the resale involves interment rights, a written statement of the number of lots that have been used in the plot and the number of lots that remain available
3. any other documentation in the interment rights holder(s) possession relating to the rights

The third party purchaser will be provided with the following documents by the cemetery operator:

1. an interment rights certificate endorsed by the current rights holder
2. a copy of the cemetery's current by-laws
3. a copy of the cemetery's current price list
4. if the resale involves interment rights, a written statement of the number of lots that have been used in the plot and the number of lots that remain available
5. any other documentation in the interment rights holder(s) possession relating to the rights

The cemetery operator will:

1. require a statement signed by the rights holder(s) selling the interment rights acknowledging the sale of the interment rights to the third party purchaser;
2. require confirmation that the person selling the interment rights is the person registered on the cemetery records and that they have the right to re-sell the Interment rights;
3. record the date of transfer of the interment rights to the third party;
4. record the name and address of the third party purchaser(s);
5. require a statement of any money owing to the Cemetery Operator in respect to the Interment Rights;

Once the endorsed certificate and all required information has been received by the cemetery operator from the rights holder(s), the cemetery operator will issue a new interment rights certificate to the third party purchaser.

Upon completion of the above listed procedures, and upon the issuance of the new interment rights certificate, the third party purchaser or transferee(s) shall be considered the current interment rights holder(s) of the interment rights, and the resale or transfer of the interment rights shall be considered final in accordance with the cemetery by-laws and the FBCSA.

The cemetery operator may charge an administration fee for the issuance of a duplicate certificate in accordance with the price listed on the cemetery operator's current price list.

The cemetery operator does not prohibit the resale of an interment rights and may repurchase the interment rights from the rights holder(s) if the cemetery operator so desires and may negotiate a purchase price so long as the seller acknowledges being aware of the cemetery operators current price list amounts for interment rights.

D. BURIAL OR INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS

Interment rights holder(s) must provide written authorization prior to a burial, or an entombment taking place. Should the interment rights holder be deceased, authorization must be provided in writing by the person authorized to act on behalf of the interment rights holder i.e. Personal Representative, Estate Trustee, Executor or next of kin.

A burial permit issued by the Registrar General or equivalent document showing that the death has been registered with the province must be provided to the cemetery office prior to a burial, or entombment taking place. A Certificate of Cremation must be submitted to the cemetery office prior to the burial of cremated remains taking place.

In accordance with the FBCSA the purchaser of interment rights must enter into a cemetery contract, providing such information as may be required by the cemetery operator for the completion of the contract and the public register prior to each burial or entombment of human remains.

Payment must be made to the cemetery before a burial can take place.

The cemetery shall be given 36 hours notice for each burial of human remains or cremated human remains.

The opening and closing of graves may only be conducted by cemetery staff or those designated to do work on behalf of the cemetery.

Human remains may be disinterred from a lot provided that the written consent (authorization) of the interment rights holder has been received by the cemetery operator and the prior notification of the medical officer of health. A certificate from the local medical officer of health must be received at the cemetery office before the removal of casketed human remains may take place. A certificate from the local medical officer of health is not required for the removal of cremated remains.

In special circumstances the removal of human remains may also be ordered by certain public officials without the consent of the interment rights holder and/or next of kin(s).

- Each single grave may contain one casket burial, one casket and two cremation interments, or three cremation interments. All double depth burials must be approved by the board of directors.

E. MEMORIALIZATION

- No memorial or other structure shall be erected or permitted on a lot until all charges have been paid in full.

- No monument, footstone, marker or memorial of any description shall be placed, moved, altered, or removed without permission from the cemetery operator.
- Minor scraping of the monument base of an upright monument due to grass/lawn maintenance is considered to be normal wear.
- The cemetery operator will take reasonable precautions to protect the property of interment rights holders, but it assumes no liability for the loss of, or damage to, any monument, marker, or other structure, or part thereof.
- The cemetery operator reserves the right to determine the maximum size of monuments, their number and their location on each lot or plot. They must not be of a size that would interfere with any future interments.
- All foundations for monuments and markers shall be built by, or contracted to be built for, the cemetery operator at the expense of the interment rights holder. All foundations shall be constructed of solid concrete to a minimum depth of five feet below the natural ground surface.
- Should any monument or marker present a risk to public safety because it has become unstable, the cemetery operator shall do whatever it deems necessary by way of repairing, resetting, or laying down the monument or marker or any other remedy so as to remove the risk.
- The cemetery operator reserves the right to remove at its sole discretion any marker, monument, or inscription which is not in keeping with the dignity and decorum of the cemetery as determined by the trustees.
- A monument or other structure shall be erected only after the specific design plans have been approved by the cemetery operator including: dimensions, material of structure, construction details, and proposed location.
- In keeping with the cemetery by-laws only one monument shall be erected within the designated space on any lot.
- The minimum thickness for flat markers including footstones is 4 inches or 10 cm.
- All monuments and markers shall be constructed of bronze or natural stone (i.e. granite).
- No monument shall be delivered to the cemetery for installation until the monument foundation has been completed, and the interment rights holder(s) and/or marker retailer have been notified by the cemetery operator.
- Corner posts are to be paid for at the time of purchase of the plot.
- Markers and footstones of bronze or granite are permitted according to the following size and quantity restrictions. Placement of such memorials shall not interfere with future interments.
 Single lot maximum: 24 inches by 16 inches,
 Double lot maximum: 36 by 16 inches of bronze or granite,
 Single cremation lot maximum: 12 inches by 12 inches.
 Double cremation lot maximum: 36 inches by 24 inches.

F. CARE AND PLANTING

A portion of the price of interment rights is entrusted into the Care and Maintenance Fund. The income generated from this fund is used to maintain, secure and preserve the cemetery grounds.

Services that can be provided through this fund include:

- Re-levelling and sodding or seeding of Lots,
- Maintenance of cemetery roads, sewers and water systems,
- Maintenance of perimeter walls and fences,
- Maintenance of cemetery landscaping,
- Repairs and general upkeep of cemetery maintenance buildings and equipment.

To facilitate grass cutting, flowers should be placed at the base of the monument only, or should there be no monument on the plot, the space it would otherwise occupy may be used for flowers.

No person other than cemetery staff shall remove any sod or in any other way change the surface of the burial lot in the cemetery.

No person shall plant trees, flower beds or shrubs in the cemetery except with the approval of the cemetery.

Flowers placed on a grave for a funeral shall be removed by the cemetery staff after a reasonable time to protect the sod and maintain the tidy appearance of the cemetery.

G. ITEMS THAT ARE PROHIBITED AND PERMITTED

The cemetery reserves the right to regulate the articles placed on lots or plots that pose a threat to; the safety of all interment rights holders, visitors to the cemetery and cemetery employees, or which prevents the cemetery from performing general cemetery operations, or are not in keeping with the respect and dignity of the cemetery. Prohibited articles will be removed and disposed of without notification, including all glassware and crockery.

The cemetery reserves the right to disallow or remove quantities of memorial wreaths or flowers considered to be excessive and that diminish the otherwise tidy appearance of the cemetery. Glass containers, wire, borders, fences, railings, hedges are prohibited.

Effective May 1, 2011 due to increasing maintenance problems, placement of artificial flower arrangements including monument saddles and lights will no longer be allowed for use over the summer months at the Stone Church Cemetery between May 1st and October 15th with the exception of two weeks before and two weeks after Decoration Day Service, which is held on the third Sunday in August. Any artificial flowers left in place more than two weeks after Decoration Day service will be removed by the cemetery staff for disposal. Artificial flowers may be placed on plots over the winter months between Oct 15th and May 1st. After May 1st, all artificial flowers will be removed by cemetery staff for disposal.

Dogs or other pets are not permitted on the cemetery grounds.

H. CONTRACTOR/MONUMENT DEALER BYLAWS

Any contract work to be performed within the cemetery requires the written pre-approval of the interment rights holder and the cemetery operator before the work may begin. Pre-approval includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, delivery of monuments and markers, inscriptions, designs, drawings, plans and detailed specifications relating to the work, proof of all applicable government approvals and permits, and the location of the work to be performed. It is the responsibility of all contractors to report to the cemetery office and provide the necessary approvals before commencing work at any location on the cemetery property. Prior to the start of any said work, contractors must provide proof of WSIB coverage, Occupational Health and Safety compliance standards, Environmental Protection, WHMIS, and evidence of liability insurance of not less than \$1 million.

- All cemetery by-laws apply to all contractors and all work carried out by contractors within the cemetery grounds.
- Contractors, monument dealers and suppliers shall not enter the cemetery in the evening, weekends or statutory holidays, unless approval has been granted by the cemetery operator.
- No work will be performed at the cemetery except during the regular business hours of the cemetery.
- Contractors shall temporarily cease all operations if they are working within the immediate vicinity of a funeral until the conclusion of the service. The cemetery reserves the right to temporarily cease contractor operations at their sole discretion if the noise of the work being performed by the contractor is deemed to be a disturbance to any funeral or public gathering within the cemetery.
- Contractors, monument dealers and suppliers shall lay wooden planks on the burial lots and paths over which heavy materials are to be moved in order to protect the surface from damage.