



## *Memorial Park Cemetery*

### *Plot Adornment Guidelines*

Prince George Memorial Park Cemetery understands the need for families to show respect and love for those interred in our Memorial Park through the placement of floral offerings at the gravesite. The following policies have been enacted in order to preserve the aesthetic beauty of our Cemetery. In addition, these policies will help to ensure the safety of all who visit and maintain them.



#### *Flower Placement Policy:*

Only floral arrangements, both fresh-cut and artificial may be placed at the interment location at any time throughout the year. We highly encourage the placement of fresh cut arrangements; we accept no responsibility or liability for any item placed at the site that is removed, missing or stolen. Potted plants, gardens and planters are not permitted.



#### *Flower and Plot Adornment Removal Policy:*

Floral arrangements, both fresh cut and artificial will be removed from interment sites when they become wilted, discoloured, unsightly, or seasonably inappropriate and will be discarded by Cemetery Staff. Any non-floral items placed at the interment site including, but not limited to potted plants, ceramics, statuary, lanterns, candles, fences, glass, benches, rocks or landscaping materials, will be removed by Cemetery Staff. No person shall plant trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, or bulbs in the Cemetery, other than Cemetery Staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance to these policies. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our staff for assistance. For further information, please refer to the City of Prince George Cemetery Bylaw No.8046, 2008 Section 18.

Copies of the Bylaw and Plot Adornment Policy can be obtained at the Cemetery Office, City Hall or online at [www.city.pg.bc.ca](http://www.city.pg.bc.ca)

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# City of Prince George Cemetery Adornment Placement and Removal Policy

## Reason

The effective and efficient provision of Cemetery operations is necessary to allow the municipality to meet new legislative requirements by the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act (CIFSA) while at the same time addressing safety and maintenance issues to ensure sustainable Cemetery operations. A plot adornment placement and removal policy is necessary to make a clear statement of the intent of allowable plot adornments while respecting the grieving process of all visitors and to establish a framework for the priorities within which adornments will be removed.

## Policy

1. To implement the changes outlined in Cemetery Bylaw No. 8046, 2008 the following adornment removal guidelines will be followed for the removal of adornments that contravene the new bylaw:
  - a. Interment rights holders will be given a one (1) year period from the date the new Cemetery Bylaw is adopted to remove all adornments which contravene the bylaw. During this period, Cemetery staff will advise families of the policy.
  - b. After one (1) year, Cemetery staff will remove adornments that contravene the bylaw and keep the material on site for a one (1) year period during which time family members may claim them.
  - c. If after the above noted timeframe adornments have not been claimed, they will be disposed of.
  - d. From that day forward, Cemetery staff will remove adornments that contravene the bylaw as soon as they are identified and keep the material on site for three (3) months for family members to claim.
2. Acceptable Adornment Placements:
  - a. Flower Placement
    - Only floral arrangements (both fresh cut and artificial) may be placed at the interment location at any time throughout the year.
    - Placement of fresh cut floral arrangements is highly encouraged and is the preferred option.
    - All floral arrangements must be placed in an approved permanent vase receptacle (no glass vases).
  - b. Funeral Flowers
    - Out of consideration to those with recent deaths, funeral flowers, along with other funeral items, such as stands, baskets, frames and casket sprays may be placed at the interment site the day of the service and may be left at the site for one (1) week.
    - Family members should remove any funeral items they wish to keep at the conclusion of the graveside service.
  - c. Special Occasion Flowers
    - For Family members and friends who wish to commemorate a significant date in the life of their loved one (such as a date of birth) by placing floral arrangements at the site, should, prior to placement inform the Cemetery personnel to help ensure these special placements will not be disturbed during this time.
  - d. Holiday And Special Days Of Honor
    - During holidays and special days of honor, appropriate flowers and arrangements may be placed at the interment site. Such appropriate tributes may be placed one week prior and left one (1) week after the holiday.
3. Adornment Removal:
  - a. Floral arrangements, both fresh-cut and artificial will be removed from interment sites by Cemetery staff when they become wilted, discoloured, or unsightly.
  - b. Any non-floral arrangements placed at any interment sites, including, but not limited to, ceramics, statuary, trees, fences, rocks, benches, glass, baskets or stands will be removed from the site as soon as they are identified by Cemetery staff. Items attached to mausoleum crypt or niche facings, such as cards, photographs or wreaths will also be removed.
  - c. These items will be tagged for identification purposes and stored for three (3) months for family members to claim.