

## qathet REGIONAL CEMETERY

### INFORMATION for PURCHASERS of MEMORIAL MARKERS

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The Regional District has a few regulations regarding the types and sizes of markers permitted in the Powell River Regional Cemetery. These regulations were developed at the request of families and to protect markers against damage from grounds keeping equipment. This sheet has been prepared so you will know what the regulations are and so you may be aware that choices you make now regarding the size of a marker can affect your options or costs for additional markers in the future.

#### **THE BASICS**

- \* Memorial Markers must be of the tablet variety and must be made of either stone or bronze.
- \* Bronze markers must be attached to a concrete base which is 3" thick.
- \* Stone markers must be 3" thick.
- \* The side surfaces of all markers must be perpendicular to the top surface.
- \* Markers will be set so that the top surface is level and flush with the surrounding ground.

#### **NUMBERS & MAXIMUM SIZES OF MEMORIAL MAKERS PERMITTED ON A BURIAL PLOT**

##### *Single Interments*

Adult Full Burial Plot	28" x 16"	or	71 cm x 40 cm
Child Plot	20" x 16"		50 cm x 40 cm
Infant Plot	12" x 8"		30 cm x 20 cm
Cremated Remains Plot	20" x 12"		50 cm x 30 cm
Green Burial Plot	12" x 8"		30 cm x 20 cm
Green Burial Communal Bronze Plaque	8" x 2"		20 cm x 5 cm

##### *Options*

1. Two adults who are interred side by side may be memorialized on one companion marker. The marker will be centered between the plots.

1 Adult Companion Marker - maximum permitted size:	28" x 16"	or	71 cm x 40 cm
1 Cremation Companion Marker – maximum permitted size:	24" x 12"	or	61 cm x 30 cm

2. An adult full burial plot may contain one full casket interment and a maximum of two sets of cremated remains. Where this option is selected, there are two choices for the types of memorial markers permitted on the grave:

1 Full Burial Marker - maximum permitted size:	28" x 16"	or	71 cm x 40 cm
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**plus (a) or (b) below**

(a) 1 or 2 Cremated Remains Markers - maximum permitted size for each marker:	12" x 8"	or	30 cm x 20 cm
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**OR**

(b) 1 Companion Marker – maximum permitted size:	24" x 12"	or	50 cm x 30 cm
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**Please remember to verify the existing number of markers and sizes on your plot with cemetery staff BEFORE you order additional markers.**

## **PHOTOS**

The Regional District strongly recommends against having photos installed on markers. Photos fade and are easily damaged. The Regional District accepts no responsibility for damage of any kind to photos.

## **TIMELINE FOR MARKER INSTALLATION**

Markers will be placed in the order which they were received at the cemetery, but only AFTER all cemetery fees have been paid and ground conditions are acceptable. To allow time for the grounds to settle, the following minimum waiting periods apply to marker placement:

- \* Full burial plots: 6 months
- \* Cremated remains plots: 2 months

## **CURBINGS**

Standard cement curbing are authorized to be installed in both regional cemeteries for memorial markers sized 12" x 8"; 20" x 12"; 24" x 12" and 28" x 16". Custom cement curbing can be purchased for additional sized markers.

A maximum of one cement curbing will be allowed on a plot. If using a companion marker, it is best to wait until both names are engraved on the marker prior to installing a curbing. Fees will be charged for removing curbing to allow for additional markers. Once lifted, curbing will have to be replaced at the expense of the customer.

The purchase and installation of curbing shall be subject to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations of the Powell River Regional District.

The Regional District has the authority to remove curbing that interfere with grounds maintenance due to damage or structural deterioration. Curbing damaged beyond repair will not be replaced.

## **RE-INSCRIPTIONS**

Arrangements for lifting of markers must be made at the Regional District Office. There is a fee for lifting, crating (if necessary) and reinstallation of the marker.

## **NO ALTERATIONS to GROUND CONDITIONS**

- \* Do not dig sod from around markers as this can cause a marker to move out of alignment. Staff will immediately re-fill any area that has had sod removed with soil.
- \* Do not place rock, gravel, or other material around markers as this creates a safety risk (from flying rocks) while mowing and trimming is being performed. Any non-compliant materials will be removed and space will be filled with soil.

## **RESPONSIBILITY for MARKER REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT**

1. The Regional District will not accept any financial responsibility to repair or replace memorial markers, except where the damage results from the negligence of a Regional District employee, contractor or agent.
2. The financial responsibility to repair or replace items stolen or damaged by vandalism, by standard grounds maintenance procedures or through normal wear and tear (except as noted above) rests with the purchaser.
3. The purchaser is not obligated to repair or replace damaged or stolen items.
4. If a purchaser does not repair or replace a damaged item, the Regional District may, at its sole discretion, remove the item where it presents a safety risk to the public, interferes unduly with normal maintenance procedures, or is deemed to be unsightly.
5. The Regional District will make every reasonable effort to notify the purchaser prior to removing any damaged item.
6. Persons who purchase memorial markers do so at their own risk.

If you have any questions pertaining to memorial marker regulations please contact the Cemetery at 604-483-4812 or the Regional District Office at 604-485-2260.