

## qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

<b>SECTION 5.6</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL SERVICE POLICIES - CEMETERIES</b>
<b>POLICY</b>	<b>5.6.1</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>STOLEN OR DAMAGED ARTICLES AT REGIONAL DISTRICT CEMETERIES</b>
<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>April 26, 2007</b>

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### **PURPOSE:**

To minimize the Regional District's financial liability and other claims arising from damaged or stolen articles at the Cranberry and Woodlands Cemeteries.

### **RATIONALE:**

Family members and others purchase items to place on gravesites at the Cranberry and Woodland cemeteries and in the mausoleum. The facilities are not secure and are not constantly patrolled so the Regional District cannot ensure protection of these items from damage or theft. Despite the best efforts of employees and contractors, regular grounds maintenance procedures can occasionally and unavoidably result in minor damage. Also, items may deteriorate over time.

### **POLICY:**

1. The Regional District shall not accept any financial responsibility to repair or replace memorial markers and other items purchased by others to be placed at cemeteries operated by the Regional District, including within or on buildings and structures on the cemetery grounds, except where the damage or loss of such items results from the negligence of a Regional District employee, contractor or agent.
2. Persons who purchase items to place on Regional District cemetery properties and facilities in accordance with the cemetery regulation bylaw shall do so at their own risk and shall be so notified in writing at the time of purchase.
3. The financial responsibility to repair or replace items stolen or damaged by vandalism, by standard grounds maintenance procedures, except as noted in section 1, or through normal wear and tear shall rest with the purchaser.
4. The purchaser shall not be obligated to repair or replace damaged or stolen items.
5. 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.
6. The Regional District will make every reasonable effort to notify the purchaser prior to removing any damaged item.