

## **Part V Flowers and Memorialisation**

### **Responsibility**

55. All items placed in the Cemetery by the public shall be at their own risk. The City accepts no responsibility for any damaged or missing items.

### **Permanent Items**

56. Only approved Monuments, markers or approved parts thereof are considered permanent items and are permitted to remain in the Cemetery year-round.

### **Perennials, Trees and Shrubs**

57. The City reserves the right to plant and remove any perennial flowers, shrubs and trees and to landscape or carry out any improvements to the grounds.

### **At the time of Interment**

58. All types of flowers and other items are permitted on the grave the day of the burial and shall be left for a period of seven calendar days following interment. Any time after this period, the items shall be removed and disposed of by the City.

### **Annual Flowers and Flower Beds**

59. (1) From April 1 to October 31, the following guidelines apply:
- (a) flowers in containers that are not part of the approved Monument shall be removed and disposed of, however, Cemetery staff shall not remove flowers placed in vases that are part of an approved Monument;
  - (b) flower beds may be planted at the grave (except in military sections) subject to the following guidelines:
    - (i) the City assumes no responsibility for the appearance, maintenance, and fall cleanup of annual flower beds, further, if flower beds are neglected they shall be removed;
    - (ii) the outer edge of the flower bed cannot exceed the width of the concrete foundation or flat marker and cannot extend more than 18 inches out at the center;
    - (iii) the flower bed shall be crescent shaped and located immediately in front of the marker or foundation at the head of the grave only;

- (iv) only annual flowers that do not re-grow in the spring can be planted in approved flower beds; and
- (v) any artificial flowers, potted plants, perennials, lawn-edging, non-natural/such items, which includes but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones or other decorative items shall be removed and disposed of by the City; and
- (c) all other items placed on a grave, flower bed, Monument or concrete foundation are considered temporary and are removed and disposed of weekly by the City.
- (2) From November 1 to March 31, the following guidelines apply:
  - (a) all vases in the flat marker sections must be inverted. The City assumes no responsibility for missing or damaged vases or flowers; and
  - (b) all items placed at graves shall be removed only as needed to accommodate interments or if deemed hazardous, excessive, or inappropriate by the City.

### **Decorative Elements**

- 60. (1) To preserve the proper appearance of the Cemetery, the City may remove any memorial or memorialisation when it is objectionable, or its removal is otherwise considered necessary by the City. For clarity, non-natural items, include but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones, flags, poles, or other decorative elements that are not permanent would be objectionable.
- (2) When the City considers any memorial or memorialisation removed pursuant to subsection 60(1) to be of value, the City shall, where the address is known, forward a written notice to the Licensee or authorized decision-maker of the deceased notifying them of the removal of the article and that such article may be claimed within 30 days of the date of the notice.
- (3) If no claim is made to the City after the expiry of 30 days, or where no notice can be given, the City shall dispose of the article.
- (4) The City shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by any person as a result of the removal of the memorial or memorialisation, or the failure of the Licensee or authorized decision-maker or any other party to claim a removed memorial or memorialisation within 30 days in accordance with this section and the resulting disposal of the memorial or memorialisation.

- (5) Artificial or natural flowers may only be attached to the Columbarium in approved vases, one per niche, available for purchase from the Cemetery Office. Arrangements shall not encroach upon other niches. No other ornamentation or memorial item is to be attached to or hung from the Columbarium or vase. The City reserves the right to remove such items and dispose of them without notice and without liability.

61. **Bench or Tree**

- (1) Any person may, upon completion of the requested application and payment of the appropriate fee, commemorate the life of a person(s) on a memorial tree or bench.
- (2) The memorialisation is subject to the approval of the City, which shall limit such memorialisations to people who are either interred in Woodlawn Cemetery, or who have lived in Saskatoon at some point in their lives.