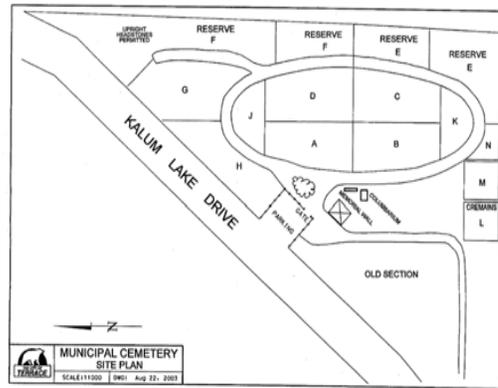


- *All above ornamentation requires a permit.*
- *Permits are issued at the time of interment and expire after 2 years. No permit fee is charged.*
- *Families wishing to use ornamentation after 2 years will be required to purchase an annual permit.*
- *All ornamentation must comply with the Bylaw.*
- *Upright headstones are only allowed in the designated sections.*
- *All ornamentation must be removed by October 31, and can not be placed back until May 1 and after a permit has been purchased.*



Those that are unable to remove their ornamentation annually may call the Terrace Volunteer Bureau at 250 638 1330. Please call a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.

For a complete copy of the Cemetery Bylaw please visit the City of Terrace web site at:

<http://city.terrace.bc.ca/>

Cemetery Information

as per Bylaw
1279 –1992

*An overview for
above ground ornamentation
at the Terrace Municipal
Cemetery*



Leisure Services Department

Telephone 250 615 3000

What are the cemetery regulations in regards to ornamentation?

Section 32 (a) states:

Fences, railings, copings, curbs or other markers conforming to the specifications of this Bylaw shall be permitted on licenced lots subject to issuance of a permit. Such permits will be valid for a period not exceeding two years from the date of burial. Additional permits may be issued on a year-to-year basis for the fee prescribed in Schedule "C". (this fee is \$25.00 per year)

Section 32 (b) states:

Fences, railings, copings, curbs or other markers surrounding licenced lots shall be constructed of metal, wood or other durable material and shall be constructed in a manner that allows the marker to be easily removed and does not require anchoring to concrete or other in-ground foundations. Fences, railings, copings, curbs or other markers shall rise no more than 60 cm above the surrounding ground and shall be of a design that does not include pointed or sharp-edged protrusions.

Section 32 (c) states:

Any fences, railings, copings, curbs or other markers placed at a lot or grave must be removed for the period from No-

vember 1st of each year to April 30th of the following year. The City of Terrace may remove or cause to have removed, any such markers which have become decrepit or which have not been removed during the period specified above.

Section 35 states:

Cut flowers, wreaths, floral tokens, artificial flowers and other tokens of remembrance may be placed on grave lots in the cemetery but will be removed weekly and disposed of.

Section 36 states:

No person, other than the caretaker and any employee of the City of Terrace in the ordinary course of his employment and as duly authorized to do so, shall plant, remove, cut down or destroy any tree, shrub, plant, flower, bulb or decorative feature within the cemetery.

What does all this mean?

Basically, if we cannot mow the lawn overtop of the grave site, you have ornamentation that requires a permit, or removal. If you don't have a permit your items can be removed weekly and disposed of without notice.

Why do we require permits?

*Prior to 2001 most of the Terrace Municipal cemetery sections allowed **no** above ground ornamentation. On request of some Terrace families City council passed a new Bylaw that changed those regulations to allow above*

ground ornamentation under the condition that everyone would be required to purchase annual permits, as well as remove all items from November 1—April 30.

What does the permit fee go towards?

The permit fee was implemented in order to help offset the additional costs for cemetery maintenance. With above ground ornamentation there are additional labour costs to maintain the grounds and honor commitments to customers who have purchased reserved plots. When this Bylaw was adopted Council wanted to minimize the additional costs to the regular tax payer, so a permit fee was implemented.

What happens if I don't purchase a permit?

If you don't purchase a permit, you will be in violation of the Bylaw. Your items can be removed and disposed of by the City of Terrace. There is always the possibility if the cost continue to increase, and people don't abide by the Bylaw that the Cemetery would have to revert back to no ornamentation as it was prior to 2001. More and more cemeteries in the province are revoking these privileges.