

# *St. Lawrence Anglican Parish*

## *Cemetery Regulations*

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The care, maintenance, and operations of the St. Lawrence Cemetery, Bauline Line Ext., Portugal Cove and St. Peter's Cemetery, Anglican Cemetery Road, Portugal Cove are administered by the St. Lawrence Parish Cemetery Committee. Visitors are welcome; please respect our cemetery grounds during your visit. **Pets are not permitted.**

### **1. Cemetery Plots**

Plots at Bauline Line Cemetery are of various sizes and are for the interment of the deceased in a casket **and/or** the cremated remains of a deceased person in an urn. A **single urn** contains the cremated remains and a **companion urn** contains two cremated remains.

- a. **Casket Plots:** Are of single, double (*two adjacent singles*), or larger size remains are permitted in a single plot. **Urns** may be placed alone in a single plot *or* above the casket; casket interments are not permitted above urns containing cremated remains. Interments in double or larger plots are in multiples of those in a single plot. A monument or marker may be placed at the head of the plot.
- b. **Family Cremation Plot:** Is for 2-4 cremated remains interred as *either* two urns *or* a single urn and a companion urn *or*, two companion urns. A monument or marker may be placed at the head of a plot.
- c. **Single Cremations Plot:** For *either* a single urn, *or* a companion urn. Only a flat or slant marker may be used.
- d. **Cremation Section:** The area behind the platform is designated for cremation plots only. Caskets are not permitted in this area.

### **2. Before Interment Proceeds**

**Purchasing a Plot:** Plots and related services provided at our cemetery may be purchased at the time of interment. Plot assignment will be determined by Cemetery Committee representative. All casket interments are subject to a \$500.00 fee; all urn interments are subject to a \$250.00 fee, collected by the funeral home. The "Purchaser" includes the intended future user (s) of a cemetery plot, or the person (s) acting on behalf of the estate of the deceased, such as an Executor or a Funeral Director. Fees will be used for the general care and maintenance of the cemetery as determined by the Cemetery Committee, such as mowing of walking area, fence repair, and topsoil for foundered graves.

The **Purchaser of a plot** does not acquire the cemetery property, but only the "**Right of Interment**". This means a right for the interment of human remains and cremated human remains in a plot, the right to erect—on the gravesite—a monument or marker, and the right to

place flowers, wreaths and ornaments on the gravesite, all in keeping with Cemetery Regulations.

- a. **Funeral Arrangements:** A Funeral Director must first determine the person(s) legally authorized to make the funeral arrangement. If the burial wishes of the deceased are known, the legal right to proceed rests with the next-of-kin, or, if formally documented in a Will, it rests with the Executor. If the burial wishes of the deceased are unknown, the immediate next-of-kin, beginning with the spouse, assumes responsibility in a decreasing order of provincial priority succession.
- b. **Future Use of a Pre-Existing Plot:** Family members and descendants may, by mutual agreement in writing, determine who among them shall have the right of interment in a previously purchased family plot until all spaces shall be occupied. Conflicts over plot use may require legal advice and should be resolved before interment takes place.
- c. **Opening and Closing of Plot:** The opening and closing of a plot can only be carried out by an authorized contractor under the direction of the Cemetery Committee representative.

### 3. Burial Procedures

- a. **Burial Permit:** The Cemetery Committee has the right, before burial proceeds, to request a purchase receipt indicating plot ownership. A Burial Permit or Death Certificate must be supplied.
- b. **Urns:** A variety of cremations urns, including wood, may be used. A companion urn must contain two cremated remains before interment.
- c. **Grave liners:** Caskets and urns may be placed in a wooden, plastic, steel, concrete or fiberglass grave liner.
- d. **Interment in our Cemetery:** Scattering of cremated remains is prohibited. Interment must be authorized by the Cemetery Committee Designate who will give direction to open and close a plot. Unauthorized burial, disturbance, or removal of interred human remains is prohibited and a criminal offence.
- e. **Burial Register:** The Cemetery Committee Designate shall keep a **record** which shall include the full name and age of every deceased person whose remains are interred in our cemeteries along with the dates of death and interment, and the plot location.

### 4. Monuments and Markers

- a. The plot owner is responsible for the installation of the monument or marker, including the concrete foundation. Monuments must be approved and placed as directed by the Cemetery Committee Designate to ensure standards are maintained and the location is correct.
- b. Monuments and markers must be either granite, marble or bronze, and erected on a concrete base. **Upright monuments**, including their base, must not exceed an overall width of 36-inches for a single casket or family cremation plot and 66-inches for a double plot. Combined height of monument and base must not exceed 36-inches above ground level.

- c. **Flat and slant markers (2/6 slope)** may measure up to 24x14 inches. (Sufficient for two family names.)
- d. **Wooden crosses** may be used until a monument is erected.

## **5. Care, Maintenance and Covering of Gravesite**

- a. Families are responsible for the care and maintenance of their loved one(s) graves including the monument and foundation.
- b. Should a grave fall into a state of disrepair, family members will be contacted by the Committee. Should the grave become a public hazard, appropriate action will be taken by the Committee.
- c. Fences, walls, enclosures, or concrete covers are not permitted on plots. Those already in place will be considered “Grandfathered In”.

## **6. Ornaments, Decorations, Flowers and Wreaths**

- a. Flower beds are allowed, providing they do not extend past the width of the base of the monument, and are a maximum of 12-inches deep, Only annuals are permitted. Perennials are prohibited.
- b. The following is prohibited:
  - Trees, shrubs, perennials
  - Glass containers
  - Flower bed borders or any type
  - Crushed stone
- c. Cemetery Committee Designate will remove all flowers, wreaths, decorations and ornaments as they become unsightly.

***7. Liability: St. Lawrence Parish endeavours to provide a dignified interment setting. Visitors enter our cemeteries at their own risk; they should exercise care, particularly under winter or stormy conditions. The Parish does not assume any liability for personal injury to visitors or for loss or damage to gravesites, and monuments caused by vandalism or other natural factors beyond its control, including deterioration of caskets and urns that may take place over time.***

**8. INFORMATION and SERVICE: Please contact St. Lawrence Parish Office at 709-895-2215 or email [parishofstlawrence@outlook.com](mailto:parishofstlawrence@outlook.com)**

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