



## **CEMETERY PLOT MEMORIALS AND PLANTINGS**

### **ADMINISTRATION POLICY #22**

To establish a policy for cemetery plot memorials and plantings, display and cleanup.

#### **DEFINITION:**

**Cleanup Period** – The time period twice a year, when municipal staff performs a cleanup of cemeteries in the Municipality specifically April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, to October 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **POLICY:**

The Municipality of Russell Binscarth cemeteries have received requests in the past for the placement of plants, artificial plants and memorials on cemetery plots.

In order to ensure a balance between the wishes of family members to recognize lost loved ones and efficient maintenance of the cemetery, the Municipality has established the following standards with regard to placement of items on a plot:

1. No perennials, shrubs or trees will be permitted to be planted on a plot.
2. Artificial plants and memorials are permitted at the cemetery, but must be located on the base of the headstone and secured to the base to ensure that they are not damaged during maintenance operations of the cemetery.
3. As part of the semi-annual cleanup period all artificial plants and memorials will be removed by the Municipality and discarded.
4. Prior to the start of a cleanup period i.e. before October 1<sup>st</sup> or before April 21<sup>st</sup>, individuals and families are encouraged to remove plants and memorials which they wish to retain.
5. After completion of a cleanup period individuals and families will be permitted and encouraged to place artificial plants and memorials on plots subject to Condition 2 above.

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