



BYLAW NO. 14.20

A Bylaw of Yellowhead County to make provision for the improvement, maintenance, management, control and operation of the Evansburg Cemetery.

WHEREAS, the Yellowhead County Council deems it necessary to create and adopt regulations for the efficient and orderly operation of the cemetery;

AND WHEREAS, the parcels of land described herein as Lots 8 through 22 inclusive and Lots 33 through 35 inclusive, Plan #617 CL, a Subdivision of parts of Legal Subdivision #5 and #12 in Section 20, Township 53, Range 7 West of the 5th Meridian and shall be referred to as the "Sunrise Section";

And,

Lot 1, Plan 892-0429 in the SE 1/4 Section 19, Township 53, Range 7 West of the 5th Meridian and shall be referred to as the "Sunset Section";

And, have been designated as a cemetery by the Yellowhead County Council and shall be known as the Evansburg Cemetery;

NOW THEREFORE, the Yellowhead County Council, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw shall be called the "Cemetery Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS:

2.1 "Council" shall mean the duly elected officials of Yellowhead County.

2.2 "Cemetery" means land that is set apart or used as a place for the burial of dead human bodies or other human remains.

2.3 "Resident" shall mean anyone who resides within the Municipality of Yellowhead County boundaries.

2.4 "Liner or Vault" shall mean a container placed in the ground into which a casket and human remains have been sealed. The container is designed and built to withstand the



weight of the earth and standard cemetery maintenance equipment and to prevent the grave from collapsing.

- 2.5 "Burial Plot" shall mean a single grave plot for the burial of dead human bodies that meets the standard size of 1.524 metres (five feet) in width by 3.048 metres (ten feet) in length.
- 2.6 "Cremation Plot" shall mean a single grave plot for the burial of human remains that meets a minimum standard size of 0.6096 metres (two feet) in width by 1.524 metres (five feet) in length. Cremation plots in the Evansburg Cemetery may be a maximum of 1.524 metres (five feet) in width by 1.524 metres (five feet) in length.
- 2.7 "Interment" shall mean the excavation of a burial or cremation plot to the required depth, the back filling of the burial plot and the removal of any excess earth.
- 2.8 "Upright Monument" shall mean a memorial of bronze, marble, granite, stone, fiberglass, or another non-deteriorating material intended to be placed upright with the epitaph inscribed on the vertical face.
- 2.9 "Pillow Monument" shall mean memorial of bronze, marble, granite, stone, fiberglass, or another non-deteriorating material which projects above the level of the surrounding cement leader.
- 2.10 "Group Plots" shall mean a group of plots exceeding one (1) purchased by a religious organization for resale to its members or a group of plots purchased for use by a family unit or couple.
- 2.11 "Pre-need Plot" shall mean a burial plot or a cremation plot for which, at the time of purchase, there is no known date for its use.

3. LOCATIONS:

- 3.1 Lots 8 through 22 inclusive and Lots 33 through 35 inclusive, Plan #617 CL, Subdivision of parts of Legal Subdivision #5 and #12 in Section 20, Township 53, Range 7 West of the 5th Meridian and shall be referred to as the "Sunrise Section."
- 3.2 Lot 1, Plan 892-0429 in SE 1/4 Section 19, Township 53, Range 7, West of the 5th Meridian and shall be referred to as the "Sunset Section."



4. ADMINISTRATION:

- 4.1 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall be responsible for the selling of burial plots and cremation plots in the Evansburg Cemetery and for the collection of all fees and charges in connection therewith.
- 4.2 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall be responsible for the keeping of all cemetery records as required by law.
- 4.3 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall be responsible for the general supervision of maintenance and construction of the grounds of the said cemetery.
- 4.4 No interment at the Evansburg Cemetery shall take place without the prior written approval of Yellowhead County, either by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.
- 4.5 All persons employed in the construction of burial vaults, erection of monuments or doing other work in the Cemetery, whether employed by Yellowhead County or not, shall be subject to the direction and control of the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.

5. CEMETERY DESIGN:

- 5.1 The "Sunrise Section" shall maintain a plot plan as designed by the former Village of Evansburg and transferred to Yellowhead County in 1998.
- 5.2 Each block of plots in the "Sunset Section" will be assigned a descriptive number beginning with the number "1".
- 5.3 Each row of plots in the "Sunset Section" shall have a cement leader 0.6096 metres (two feet) by 1.524 metres (five feet) at the head of the plot. The leader will be of one continuous cement foundation. Leaders shall not protrude more than 1.27 centimetres (1/2 inch) above the level plane of the adjacent ground surface.
- 5.4 Plots will be sold individually in each row in the Sunset Section, with the exception of Group Plots. Plots in two rows only will be available for sale at any one time. The rows within which plots are available for sale shall be designated by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate. Plots in a new row will not be sold until a preceding row has been completely filled, except if required for Group Plots.

- 5.5 Block 10 in the "Sunset Section" shall be designated as the "Field Of Honour" for the burial of the remains of veterans; and Block 11 shall be held in reserve for a potential "Field of Honour".

6. PLOT SALES:

- 6.1 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall, from time to time, review cemetery plot purchase fees and recommend to Council any appropriate changes. The fees and charges shall be those set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
- 6.2 Burial plots and cremation plots may be purchased for immediate use or as Pre-need Plots by any person or estate by paying in full the land tariff for such plots as set out in Schedule "A".
- 6.3 A person who has purchased a Pre-need Plot in the Evansburg Cemetery which remains unused, may terminate their ownership, in which case the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate will refund said holder an amount representing 85% of the market value of the plot at the date of termination, less an administrative fee as specified in the attached Schedule "A" of this bylaw at the time the said refund is issued. Upon such termination, the said burial plot or cremation plot may, again, be sold by the County.
- 6.4 A person or estate who has purchased a Pre-need Plot which remains unused may resell the plot on the open market only upon receiving written approval of the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate and upon payment to the County of the administration fee specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw at the time of transfer. Transfer of a burial plot or cremation plot by such resale shall only be effective upon giving written notice to the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate of the name and address of the purchaser.
- 6.5 Upon the purchase of a pre-need burial plot or cremation plot, the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall provide the purchaser with a pre-need contract, the wording to include the written words as specified in the attached Schedule "B".
- 6.6 Burial plots or cremation plots shall be made available for indigents upon request by Alberta Human Resources. The fees charged to Alberta Human Resources shall be 50% of the current plot price for residents, plus 100% of the interment costs as described in the Province of Alberta Cemeteries Act: RSA 2000, Chapter C-3, 12(3)(b).

- 6.7 Burial plots or cremation plots shall be made available to veterans at 50% of the current plot price for residents, plus 100% of the interment costs as described in the Province of Alberta Cemeteries Act: RSA 2000, Chapter C-3, 13.

7. INTERMENTS:

7.1. General

- 7.1.1 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall, from time to time, review charges for the opening and closing of a full burial or cremation plot and recommend to Council any appropriate changes. The charges shall be those set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
- 7.1.2 In all cases notification of intention to inter must be given to the County Office during regular hours at least 48 hours prior to the time of interment. This notification may be waived when the deceased person to be interred died from a contagious disease or if special circumstances so require.
- 7.1.3 No burial shall be permitted in the Cemetery unless a proper burial permit and/or certificate of cremation is produced to the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate by the party applying for the burial.
- 7.1.4 No person other than the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall open or close a grave or make a disinterment in the Evansburg Cemetery.
- 7.1.5 Disinterment must be conducted in accordance with the Cemeteries Act and Regulations thereto, and only after issue of a permit for disinterment by the Director of Vital Statistics.
- 7.1.6 Funeral Directors who are licensed under the Alberta Funeral Services Act must provide the necessary lowering devices and make their own arrangements for the placing of mats, wreaths, flowers, etc. around the grave.
- 7.1.7 All applications for interments in the cemetery must be signed by the owner of the plot in which such interment is to be made, or by legal representatives of such owner with proper documentation.

7.2 Burial Plots

- 7.2.1 A vault or liner is required for any full burials, and must be constructed of material impervious to rotting. All individuals or agencies who are making arrangements

for the interment of human remains in the cemetery, must inform the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate of their intentions, and what type of materials are to be used in the construction of the vault.

- 7.2.2 All full burials shall ensure a grave depth of 0.9 meters (three feet) between the top of the casket and the ground surface.
- 7.2.3 No more than one full burial shall be permitted in a single plot.
- 7.2.3 Maximum 4 urns (cremation ashes) permitted in burial plots after the original interment has occurred. Spacing of such urns will follow 7.3.3
- 7.2.4 Where a cremation urn is to be added to a burial plot with a grave cover, the grave cover must be permanently removed.

7.3 Cremation Plots

- 7.3.1 A maximum of four urns shall be permitted in each cremation plot unless special circumstances exist and the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate authorizes a greater number of urns.
- 7.3.2 Cremation ashes may be buried in a cremation plot only where the person in charge of the ashes is deemed to have authority to give permission for such a burial in that plot, or where that person has received written permission from those deemed to have that authority by providing appropriate documentation.
- 7.3.3 Urns must be buried in a designated quadrant as chosen on the intake form at time of registration. All urns must be buried at a depth of 0.9 meters.

8. MONUMENTS:

- 8.1 Pillow and upright monuments shall be permitted in the Evansburg Cemetery.
- 8.2 One monument only shall be permitted at the head of each burial plot. In the "Sunset Section" the monument shall be centered on the cement leader and shall be of a size to ensure that the outside edges of the monument are a minimum of 7.62 centimetres (3 inches) back from all edges of the cement leader.
- 8.3 Markers may be added for cremation burials on an existing plot on the condition that the marker is placed flush with the ground.
- 8.4 Grave covers are not permitted in the Evansburg cemetery. Any pre-existing grave covers in the "Sunrise Section" may remain until such time that their condition warrants removal.



- 8.5 Approved markers, monuments or stones must be placed or erected by the parties concerned but the placing must only proceed upon approval of the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.

9. MAINTENANCE:

- 9.1 No trees, plants, shrubs, flowers or any other thing intended for growth shall be planted, seeded, grown or maintained on any plot in the cemetery unless permission is first obtained from the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.
- 9.2 Grave decorations must not include any items made of glass, china, or earthen materials.
- 9.3 All decorations, including artificial flowers and their holders, are only permitted if permanently contained within the monument or marker. Any decorations, artificial flowers, or holders not permanently contained as such shall be disposed of without notice.
- 9.4 The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate shall have authority to have removed from any grave: floral pieces which have become wilted; items that become tattered, torn or sun bleached; or, any other items that are in their opinion unsightly or in disrepair so as to keep the cemetery peaceful and attractive.
- 9.5 Flowers, funeral designs or floral pieces will be permitted on the grave the day of the burial for a period of five days. The Municipality shall have the authority to remove any funeral designs or floral pieces which may become wilted, or any other article or thing after the expiration of five days from date of service.
- 9.6 No person shall erect upon a grave or burial plot or cremation plot any curbs, fences, railings, walls, copings, trellises, hedges, trees, or shrubs, or the like. Where any of the same have been previously erected on or around a grave, and have by reasons of age or neglect become unsightly or objectionable, the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, may cause same to be removed but, in so doing, will leave the area in a safe, proper and neat condition.
- 9.7 Plot maintenance including monument maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the plot owner. In cases where a plot needs maintenance and an owner cannot be located, Yellowhead County will only conduct maintenance required for safety of staff and visitors to the cemetery.

10. PENALTIES:

10.1 A person who:

10.1.1 Willfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes a tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure placed in a cemetery, or a fence, railing or other work for protection or ornament of a cemetery or of a tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or a cemetery lot within the cemetery,

10.1.2 Willfully destroys, cuts, breaks or injures any tree, shrub or plant in the cemetery,

10.1.3 Discharges firearms in a cemetery, except at a military funeral,

10.1.4 Willfully and unlawfully disturbs persons assembled for the purpose of a burial in the cemetery, or

10.1.5 Commits a nuisance in the cemetery,

10.1.6 Otherwise breaches this bylaw;

is guilty of an offence and will be liable for fines in accordance with the provisions of the Cemeteries Act.

10.2 No person shall turn loose, ride, or allow to go at large any cattle, swine, horses, dogs, cats, or any other animal in the cemetery.

10.3 No person shall be permitted to drive a vehicle or conveyance within the cemetery at a greater speed than fifteen (15) kilometers per hour, nor elsewhere than upon the roadways provided for vehicular traffic.

10.4 No person shall be permitted to drive, ride, park, or operate any all-terrain vehicle, mini-bike, motorcycle, or any off-highway vehicle, or snow vehicle within the cemetery.

10.5 The Chief Administrative Officer shall have the right to prohibit the entry of any person or persons who do not have related business at the cemetery.



11. LIABILITY:

- 11.1 Yellowhead County, or its agents or employees shall not be responsible for any damage whether willful or accidental, to any plot, memorial tables, monument or other structure located within the Evansburg Cemetery.
- 11.2 Yellowhead County does not have ownership of any materials, articles, or monuments erected at a grave site, and does not assume responsibility for their ongoing maintenance.

12. GENERAL:

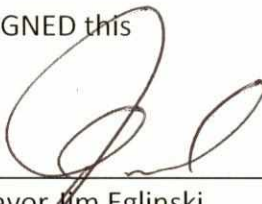
- 12.1 Yellowhead County may enter into agreement with a third party for the performance of this bylaw upon Council Resolution.
- 12.2 Schedule A of this Bylaw may be amended by resolution of Council.
- 12.3 This Bylaw shall repeal Bylaw 21.03 any and all previous cemetery bylaws and take force and have effect upon final reading thereof.

READ a first time this 28 Day of July A.D., 2020

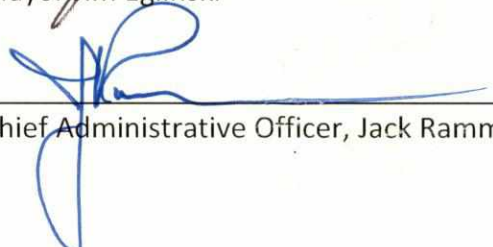
READ a second time this 25 Day of August A.D., 2020

READ a third time this 25 Day of August A.D., 2020

SIGNED this 25 Day of August A.D., 2020



Mayor Jim Eglinski



Chief Administrative Officer, Jack Ramme

BYLAW NO. 14.20 SCHEDULE "A"

FEES AND CHARGES

CREMATION PLOT

Resident (Plus GST)	\$200.00 (\$210.00)
Non-Resident (Plus GST)	\$300.00 (\$315.00)
Opening & Closing (Plus GST)	This amount is determined by the actual cost of the interment contract on a cost recovery basis.

BURIAL PLOTS

Resident (Plus GST)	\$300.00 (\$315.00)
Non-Resident (Plus GST)	\$400.00 (\$420.00)
Opening & Closing (Plus GST)	This amount is determined by the actual cost of the interment contract on a cost recovery basis.

GENERAL

Administration Fee to Transfer Ownership of Sold But Unused	\$25.00
Administration Fee for Termination of Ownership	\$25.00