



The Cemeteries of Abbotsford

A Question & Answer Guide to the Cemeteries in Abbotsford

What day and time can an Interment be arranged?

A regular or cremation interment may be scheduled between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday. Overtime charges will apply after 3:00pm on weekdays and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays.

Is there a Veterans' section?

Hazelwood Cemetery is the only cemetery that has a designated veterans' section; however, a veteran may be interred in any of the four City cemeteries. The veteran's regimental number is required in order to be interred in the designated veterans' section at Hazelwood Cemetery, and to receive the Veterans rate in any of the City Cemeteries.

Are cremated remains permitted on a full burial lot?

As outlined in the Cemetery Bylaw, each full burial lot can accommodate one casket and up to six cremated remains. Each individual interred on a grave site will require a Right of Interment and should be a family member of the original occupant

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium, often free-standing in a cemetery, is constructed of numerous small compartments (niches) designed to hold urns containing cremated remains. There are currently columbaria located at Hazelwood Cemetery and Mt. Lehman Cemetery. Niches hold one or two urns.

What is an Ossuary?

An Ossuary is an underground receptacle in which cremated remains are co-mingled. This option is available at Hazelwood Cemetery. A small bronze memorial plaque can be placed on a granite pillow located in an adjacent landscaped area.

If I move out of the area, can I get a refund on my reserved Right of Interment?

Yes, you will only be refunded the rate you paid for the Right of Interment, less the Care Fund contribution. The Interment Right holder or executor must submit a written request to cancel the Right of Interment and receive a refund. The original Right of Interment and licence must be surrendered prior to refund.

What type of decoration can be put on a grave?

- Cut or artificial flowers and wreaths may be placed on a grave, cemetery staff will remove them when their condition deteriorates.
- Tripods may be used for holding wreaths and sprays of flowers during interment.
- Metal or plastic vases may be used, and will be set by Cemetery staff so that they are flush with the ground in front of the marker base.
- Metal flower/plant holders that are a maximum of 20 inches (51cm) tall, and no wider than the width of the marker, being secured to the memorial tablet, marker or monument.

Where can I purchase a memorial tablet?

Memorial tablets (headstones, markers, or monuments) for placement in the ground can be purchased from a monument

company. The City keeps a list of companies, or you can find a selection of monument companies listed in the yellow pages under "Monuments". Bronze memorial plaques for interments in the Columbarium, Scatter Garden, and Ossuary are supplied by the City. Please contact our office at 604.851.4198 for further information.

Who places memorial tablets?

The Cemetery Caretaker places memorial tablets, provided the installation fee is paid.

What size memorial tablet(s) is/are permitted?

The size depends on the grave type and the number of interments involved. The following is a guideline:

The top surface of a memorial tablet should not exceed the following measurements:

Individual or Infant Graves	12" x 20"
Companion-type memorials identifying 2 adjacent graves	18" x 30"
On a grave containing an adult burial and cremated remains	12" x 20" Plus up to 6 single cremation 8" x 12" or up to 3 double cremation 10" x 14"
On a cremation grave	1 or 2 single cremation 8" x 12" 1 double cremation 10" x 14"
Two adjacent cremation graves	12" x 20"
Columbarium Niche	10" x 10" Bronze
Scatter Garden and Ossuary	3" x 4" Bronze

The City places stone monuments and bronze tablets that have been mounted on a concrete or granite base. Stone tablets and concrete or granite bases for bronze markers should be at least 3 inches thick. Pillow monuments (6/4 slope only) are not permitted in the cremation section. Upright monuments are only allowed in certain sections of the cemetery, and will be set by the monument company on a foundation provided by the City.

How can I find out where someone is buried?

If you are looking for someone you think is buried in one of the City's cemeteries, call the Parks, Recreation & Culture office at 604.851.4198 for the most up to date information. Most records can also be found on www.findagrave.com

Where can I get information on the Mennonite Cemetery in Abbotsford?

This is a private cemetery, also known as Maclure Road Cemetery. Information can be obtained by calling 604.226.7772 or www.maclureroadmennonitecemetery.com