

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing the operation of Galiano Cemetery (St Margaret of Scotland) Ralph and Clara Stevens Memorial Addition

A: Definitions

In these Rules and Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- “Cemetery” shall refer to the Ralph and Clara Stevens Memorial Addition, Galiano Cemetery (St Margaret of Scotland)
- “Sexton” shall refer to person appointed by St Margaret Of Scotland Church to perform duties of maintaining Galiano Cemetery
- “plot” shall refer to a designated section of land within the boundaries of the cemetery for use of full burial or interment of ashes, available for purchase
- “maintenance” shall refer to the perpetual care of the cemetery including but not limited to care for the grounds, monuments, pathways, gates and fences therein.
- “monument” shall refer to a marker of stone or other material indicating the name and any other information about the deceased set upon the interment plot

B: Lands Used As Cemetery

The following lands, owned by the Anglican Synod of The Diocese of British Columbia, and maintained by the Church of St Margaret of Scotland, has been set aside to be used for cemetery purposes:

Lot C, PLAN VIP17214, Active Pass Road, Galiano Island

C: Custody and Filing of Plans, Rules and Regulations

A copy of the cemetery plans and Rules and Regulations shall be submitted to Consumer Protection BC for acceptance and filing, and copies shall be kept available for inspection by the public at the address of the Sexton and at such other places as deemed necessary.

D: Interment and Exhumation

- 1 – Interment shall be in respect to human remains only.
- 2 – Interment shall be below ground level only.
- 3 – Each interment in the cemetery shall be made to a sufficient depth to provide 1m of earth above the upper surface of the coffin or grave liner in a full burial or 45cm of earth above the surface of an urn containing cremated remains.
- 4 – St Margaret of Scotland Church will issue a Place of Interment Deed upon payment of plot fee and maintenance fee for each interment before an interment takes place. The Deed may not be issued until the Sexton has received a copy of the Death Certificate of the deceased, or another equivalent document issued by an authorized agency of the Dept. of Vital Statistics, BC. If an immediate burial is required by the Medical Health Officer, the documentation must be obtained as soon after as is practicable.
- 5 – Exhumation of interred remains shall only be carried out by legal warrant, as designated by the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act.
- 6 – Interments may not be performed except by the Sexton or with permission from the Sexton or St Margaret of Scotland Church.
- 7 – Scattering of cremated remains may be permitted in some designated locations upon consultation with the Sexton. Documentation and purchase of a Place of Interment Deed may be required.
- 8 – Interment of cremated remains may be permitted in the site of a previous interment by family or a next of kin relationship upon consultation with the Sexton. Documentation and purchase of a Place of Interment Deed may be required.

E: Plot Purchase

1 – Interment of remains is only permitted by purchase of a Place of Interment Deed, secured by the payment of a plot fee payable to St Margaret of Scotland Church and maintenance fee, payable to the Cemetery Care Fund (under management of St Margaret of Scotland) for perpetual care of the plot.

2 – Full Burial plots are to be 5' x 10' total area, Cremated Remains plots are to be 5' x 5' total area. No monuments or personal decoration may extend within 1' of outer plot boundary for Full Burial plots and within 1.5' for Cremated Remains plots.

3 – Place of Interment Deed is non-transferable, and may only be sold back to St Margaret of Scotland Church at original price upon permission granted by the church Warden.

4 – Upon purchase of a Place of Interment Deed, the selected plot will be held in reservation for the purchaser for a period of 25 years, upon which the purchaser will be contacted for renewal at the last given contact address. Failure to renew reservation within 1 year will result in Place of Interment Deed becoming void and selected plot becoming available for purchase.

5 – Section D of the cemetery is set aside in Perpetuity for the Georgeson Family, in accordance and respect to the original conveyance of land in 1928 between George Georgeson and the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of BC. The Georgeson family is permitted to use Section D for interments without charge.

F: Monuments

- 1 - Monuments must be approved by the Sexton and may not extend within 1' of plot boundary for Full Burial plots and 1.5' for Cremated Remains plots.
- 2 - St Margaret of Scotland is not responsible for damage or reasonable wear to monuments.
- 3 - Decorations are permitted on monuments. However, Sexton reserves the right to remove any decorations posing hazard or impediment to the maintenance of the cemetery.
- 4 - If no monument is set in place after an interment, St Margaret of Scotland church may place a monument of its choosing bearing the name of the deceased, unless permission is granted otherwise.

G: Conduct Within The Cemetery

- 1 - Damage or defacement of any memorial, monument, structure, or any other improvement in the cemetery is forbidden.
- 2 - Removal or destruction of any trees, shrubs, plants, or rocks in the cemetery is prohibited unless permission is received from the Sexton or another authority.
- 3 - No motor vehicles are permitted within the cemetery unless permission is received from the Sexton or another authority.
- 4 - The payment for repair of any damage to the cemetery by pets will be the responsibility of the pet's owner.
- 5 - The depositing of trash or waste within the cemetery is strictly prohibited.
- 6 - The discharge of firearms within the cemetery is not permitted.

7 – The cemetery is not to be used for recreational or commercial purposes unless permission is received from the Sexton or another authority.

8 – Respect must be shown for funeral services held within the cemetery. Some persons may be asked to leave if seen to be interfering with an ongoing or imminent funeral service.

9 – Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset, unless permission is received from the Sexton or another authority.

10 – Individuals seen to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the cemetery, or otherwise behaving in a manner disrespectful to families of the deceased may be evicted if necessary.

H: General

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the administration and operation of the cemetery shall be carried out at all times in accordance with the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act and the Regulations made thereunder.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Church of St Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island, BC, by public meeting on _
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