

# Report to Council



**Date:** May 9, 2016  
**File:** [RIM Classification Number]  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** David Gatzke, Cemetery Manager  
**Subject:** Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery Bylaw Update

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Cemetery Manager, dated May 9, 2016 recommending changes to the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery Bylaw 8807;

AND THAT Council gives reading consideration to Bylaw No. 11215 being amendment No. 7 to Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery Bylaw No. 8807

## **Purpose:**

To update the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery Bylaw with regards to the addition of new inventory, increasing interment capacity on certain burial lots, as well as some housekeeping and language updates.

## **Background:**

During the development of the new Legacy Gardens interment precinct at Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery (KMPC) an opportunity arose to add new types of niches to the project that were not identified in the initial design process. Specifically, a Family Niche that has a capacity to inter four cremated remains and a Family Vessel Niche that has the capacity to inter ten comingled remains.

Additionally, staff would like to increase the capacity of one of the casket burial sections to allow cremated remains to be buried above casketed remains. This practice is already in place for the majority of the cemetery's burial plots. The requested change will expand this practice to include an additional section of the cemetery.

The amended KMPC bylaw contains general language and housekeeping updates, as well as updates to definitions, fees and inventory:

## **Definitions**

Definitions were changed to reflect the additional inventory included in Legacy Gardens - the Family Niche and the Family Vessel Niche.

Definitions were also updated to reflect additional capacities for large lots to include an additional two cremated remains in Section G7, Block 3.

## **Memorialization**

A new section was added to specify the requirements/restrictions for memorialization for Legacy Garden niche shutters and Legacy Garden Family Vessel Niches.

## **New Fees**

The following new fees have been added:

- Replacement Shutter fee for Legacy Gardens niches - This fee will be applied if a current niche owner has had a shutter (front stone panel for a niche) engraved and sells the niche back to the city. The existing engraved shutter will have to be replaced with a new blank shutter in order to make the niche appropriate for re-sale. There is a separate fee for an individual niche and a family niche (shutter is twice as wide as individual niche).
- Family Niche - This fee is for a new product. The Family Niche has the capacity to inter up to four cremated remains in one compartment. The size of this niche is twice the size of the regular niche and will be distinct from the outside by having a single shutter (door) span the distance of the entire compartment - twice the length of the regular niches shutters.
- Family Vessel Niches - This fee is for a new product. The Family Vessel Niche is an urn shaped niche that has the potential to contain up to ten (10) co-mingled cremated remains.
- Family Vessel Niche Plaques - Each interment in the Family Vessel Niche has an opportunity for memorialization on a bronze plaque.
- Mausoleum Bud Vase - This is an optional item that can be added to the memorialization plaque on the Legacy Garden Mausolea.
- Second Year Date Plate for Mausolea - the same fee currently applied when a second year date plate is added to a memorial plaque on a niche will be applied when a second year date plate is added to a memorial plaque on a mausolea.

## **Internal Circulation:**

Legislative Services  
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## **Considerations not applicable to this report:**

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

**Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:**

**Existing Policy:**

**Financial/Budgetary Considerations:**

**Personnel Implications:**

**External Agency/Public Comments:**

**Communications Comments:**  
**Alternate Recommendation:**

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Approved for inclusion:



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