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# Council Policy

## Roadside Memorials

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RESOLUTION: R205/11/02/28  
 REPLACING: NA  
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### **A. PURPOSE**

The City of Kelowna recognizes that roadside memorials are frequently installed by friends and family of persons who have been the victim of a motor vehicle fatality. In some instances the memorial is erected at a location where a crime has been committed and an individual has died. Out of respect for grieving family and friends and in some instances the community, the City of Kelowna will allow the placement of roadside memorials within the road right-of-way at, or near the site.

### **B. RESTRICTIONS**

Roadside memorials must not:

- a) present a hazard to those using or maintaining the roadway or sidewalk;
- b) encroach onto the paved portion of the roadway or sidewalk,
- c) cause intersection sightline obstructions or cause a significant distraction to motorists.

### **C. REMOVAL OF ROADSIDE MEMORIALS**

The authority to remove the memorial resides with the Manager, Transportation Services, who may also require removal of the memorial for maintenance, construction or safety purposes. In those circumstances, City Staff will attempt to notify the persons responsible for the memorial.

The roadside memorials must be maintained by family or friends of the deceased. If the roadside memorial becomes unsightly and not maintained it will be removed and disposed at the sole discretion of the Transportation Services Manager.

### **D. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES TO CONSIDER**

Grieving family and friends have the option to purchase one of the following as a more permanent memorial:

- a) a tree planted in a nearby park or at Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery;
- b) a dedicated bench; or
- c) for children, a plaque at the Brevity Memorial in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery.

For safety and/or maintenance reasons it is unlikely that the memorial tree or bench would be able to be placed immediately at the fatality site. In such cases, an alternate location will need to be selected.

### **REASON FOR POLICY**

To provide direction to the public and City staff regarding privately placed roadside memorials within a road right-of-way.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Council Resolution.

### **PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Outlined in the policy.