

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502
BYLAW NO. 8-2018**

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL
OF THE CEMETARIES OPERATED BY THE RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

LOCATION:

All lands acquired by the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 and set aside for the interment of the dead or in which human bodies have been buried, and described as follows:

Albion Cemetery

All that portion of the North East quarter of Section Twenty-seven (27), in Township Fifty-Two (52), in Range Twenty-six (26), West of the Third Meridian, in the Province of Saskatchewan, in the Dominion of Canada designated as:

Blk/Par A – Plan No. 101533069 Ext 25

Containing three point zero (3.84) acres, more or less.

I. **DEFINITIONS:**

Base – The bottom or lower portion of a monument.

Block – Means a subdivision of the Cemetery containing a number of lots.

Burial Vault – Means a vault or cover, with or without a floor, placed over a casket interred in a grave for burial.

Cemetery – Means land owned or managed by the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 set apart for, or used as, a place for the interment of human remains and includes a place where human remains have hitherto been buried.

Council – Means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

Cremains – Means the ashes of a human body which has been cremated.

Deep grave – Means a grave with a minimum depth of 2.8 meters (110 inches).

Grave, Standard Depth – Means a grave approximately 2 meters (79 inches).

Grave Cover – Means a cover of fiberglass, plastic, marble, granite, or concrete placed over the interred remains.

Grave Marker – Means a memorial made of granite, marble, bronze or stone, that is flush with the ground.

Grave Monument – Means any upright memorial, tombstone, or other structure made of granite, marble, bronze, stone, or concrete erected above the ground on any lot or plot.

Lot – Means a parcel of land in the cemetery comprised of two or more plots and is to be utilized solely for the interment of human remains or ashes.

Municipality – Means the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

Plot – Means a subdivision of land in a cemetery for the purpose of a single burial of human remains and/or the burial of cremated remains.

II. **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. A person may reserve a plot or plots by paying in full at the Municipal Office, the purchase price as set out in "Appendix A", Schedule of Fees. The plot or plots shall be for the use of the Licensee who has paid the purchase price, a member of the Licensee's family or for a person designated to be buried upon the instruction of an heir of the Licensee,

for a period of twenty (20) years after the date of purchase. At the expiration of twenty (20) years, the Municipality shall contact the Licensee or his/her family to determine if they desire to renew the reservation for the unused lot or lots. If, after using every possible means to contact the Licensee or his/her family, the Municipality fails to establish contact, the municipality may, by publishing in two issues of a local newspaper, cancel the reservation and make it available to the public.

2. A Licensee of a plot or plots desiring to transfer ownership rights to another party must make written application for approval to the Municipality before transfer will be validated.
3. A licensee wishing to transfer ownership rights back to the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 may do so by making written application to the Municipality. In exchange for the ownership rights, the original licensee shall receive a payment not to exceed the original purchase price.
4. The Municipality or any official thereof shall not be held responsible for any mistake resulting from lack of precise instructions regarding grave space where an interment is to be or has been made.
5. During a burial service, all work in the immediate vicinity of the Cemetery shall be discontinued.
6. All persons while in the Cemetery shall conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
7. All persons who enter the Cemetery shall do so at their own risk, and shall be and remain responsible for any injury or other loss, whether to person or property at the Cemetery.
8. The Municipality may remove or prevent the placing of any stand, holder, base, or other receptacle for flowers or plants, deemed unsuitable and a hindrance to the maintenance of the Cemetery.
9. The Municipality shall have the right to remove from any lot weeds, grass, or any article that is deemed unsightly.

III. **INTERMENTS**

1. Any person applying for interment in the Cemetery shall furnish the Municipality with such particulars as he/she may require for the purpose of maintaining the records.
2. The funeral home or family desiring to have a grave dug shall notify the Municipality and make arrangements for the purchase of a lot, unless a lot has already been purchased, and make arrangements with the grave digger for the opening and closing of the said grave.
3. It shall be compulsory that a burial vault be used in the interment of all deceased persons in the Cemetery excepting those that have been cremated.
4. A grave may be used for the burial of two bodies with the first body placed at the depth of a deep grave and the second body at the depth of a standard depth grave as defined in II. Definitions. The first burial grave must use a concrete vault; the second burial may be an optional wood or concrete vault. This is only permissible when the grave is for a once removed relative and there are no adjoining graves available.
5. No interment of a body shall be permitted in the same grave where another body has already been interred, with the exception of deep graves with concrete vault or cremated remains, or in the case of a parent and child concurrently, or two infants buried in one casket, subject to applicable legislation.
6. A lot may be subdivided for two infant burials as designated by Council.
7. Cremains may be interred in a section of the Cemetery designated by Council for that purpose or in an occupied grave at a minimum depth of 0.6 meters (2 feet).
8. Cremains will be interred in the following order; head, middle, and foot whether interred with a body or not.

IV. **GRAVE MARKERS AND GRAVE COVERS**

1. Grave covers will not be permitted in any section of the Cemetery from the date of this Bylaw excepting those already in place.
2. The Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 reserves the right to remove any grave cover that:
 - a) is deemed unsightly and
 - b) is at least 10 years old and is damagedand shall only do so after no less that 60 days written notice to a known family member.
3. All monuments, markers and foundations shall be installed entirely within the plot for which it was intended.
4. Grave markers shall be placed at the head of the grave, on an approved base in a straight, continuous row. Flat grave markers shall be installed on an approved base such that the highest point of the marker shall be no higher than the surface of the ground. The Municipality reserves the right to adjust any grave marker that is installed improperly and forward any charges to the registered owner of the marker.
5. Any group, individual, or company wishing to install a marker must first acquire permission from the Municipality.

V. **CARE OF MONUMENTS AND GRAVES**

1. The Municipality shall have the general care of the entire Cemetery. The owner of the graves shall observe all rules and regulations passed from time to time by Council for keeping the graves in order.
2. No border, fence, railing, trellis, coping or hedge, or other bounding or enclosing object or material shall be constructed, placed, or planted in or around a grave or graves shall be permitted. Permanent structures of any kind other than monuments or markers are prohibited in the Cemetery.
3. The Municipality shall remove any permanent structure or material erected before the passing of this Bylaw, when it reaches a state of disrepair as determined by the Municipality. Notice in writing of such action shall be forwarded to the owner at his last known address.
4. No tree or shrub shall be planted in the Cemetery except with the permission of the Municipality.
5. The Municipality shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees shrubs, or plants of any kind as soon as, in they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased.
6. The Municipality may declare any monument, marker, or other structure in the Cemetery to be in a state of disrepair or of unacceptable quality and may order the Licensee to repair the same within thirty (30) days of the notice.
7. If the Licensee of the monument or the marker neglects to make the required repairs or alterations within the said period of thirty (30) days, the Municipality may have the monument, marker, or other structures removed from the Cemetery and disposed of.

VI. **BYLAW REPEAL**

1. Bylaw 15/12 (1912) is hereby repealed.

Reeve

SEAL

Administrator

APPENDIX "A"

SCHEDULE OF FEES

1.	Fee for single plot	\$300.00
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