

Wahnapiatae First Nation

Cemetery Policy

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Definitions

- Plot Owner:** An individual who has paid their \$100 to pre-select a plot or an individual who has paid for the opening or closing of the gravesite.
- Indigent:** A member who has no other individual to arrange for his or her burial.
- Custodian:** Individual who has been chosen by the Administration to maintain the cemetery and assist with the opening and closing of grave sites

Policy

1. The Cemetery will be a non-denominational cemetery.
2. The Public Works Manager and the Asset Manager shall oversee the care, operation, and maintenance of the Cemetery. The Public Works and Asset Manager shall review the Policy and make recommendations to Chief and Council as needed. The Public Works and Asset Manager shall also establish the rules and regulations governing the Cemetery and may change from time to time, subject to the approval of the Chief and Council.
4. All plots shall be held subject to the Cemetery Policy in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Relations.
5. Plots may be sold in random order unless poor ground conditions determine otherwise. They may be purchased and paid for at the Band Office during regular business hours, except in cases of emergency, when a member of the Public Works and Asset Manager may sell a plot and the purchaser shall then attend at the Band Office to pay for said plot on the first business day following the purchase. All plots shall be paid for in accordance with the rates set forth in the fee structure.

6.
 - a) Plots shall not be used for any purpose other than for the burial of human remains. Trafficking in the sale of plots is not permitted.
 - b) Cremation burials may be permitted in the full-size plot provided that the deceased are members of the plot owners' family. The maximum number of burials on one full size plot is four providing that there is only one non-cremation burial.
 - c) Additional markers on full size plots must be placed over the remains. These markers must be level with the ground and no larger than 40 cm sq.
7. Notice of each interment to be made shall be given to the Band Office at least 48 hours previous thereto, except under special circumstances where the notice can be made to the Public Works and Asset Manager.
8. No interment shall be made on Sunday except on a doctor's certificate that burial must be made within 24 hours of death in accordance with the regulations of the Ontario Ministry of Health for the control of communicable diseases.
9. Winter interments will be permitted, provided ground conditions allow for same.
10. No body shall be moved or disinterred without the written consent of the local Medical Officer of Health and the owner of the plot, except on an order from the court or as provided in the Regulations of the Cemetery Act.
11. No marker shall be erected, on any plot or grave, that has not been fully paid for.
12. All monuments erected must not rise more than 75cm (30 inches) above ground level.
13. All bases to monuments must be placed a minimum of 20 cm (8 inches) from adjacent boundaries. If two adjacent plots are owned by the same owner, monuments may overlap their boundaries provided that the base monument is 20 cm (8 inches) away from adjacent plots.
14. The Public Works and Asset Manager reserves unto itself the right to select the grave site for any indigent burial.
15. The erection of borders, fences, railings, wall hedges, trees or shrubs is prohibited on plots.
16. Flowers planted upon plots shall be the responsibility of the plot owner. Unsightly or neglected plants shall be removed by the custodian. In cases where flowers have been planted upon plots and have been left without care, or allowed to grow wild, the Public Works and Asset Manager reserves the right to have them

removed and the areas seeded with grass. Any flowers which hinder the maintenance of the Cemetery may be removed at the discretion of the custodian.

17. No person other than the custodian or one in the employ or under the direction of the Public Works and Asset Manager shall open or close any grave.
18. Mounds are not permitted, and no person, by adding or removing any substance, shall change the level of any plot or grave, or prevent the growth of grass.
19. Rubbish shall not be thrown on roads, walks, or other parts of the Cemetery.
20. Children under the age of twelve years are not admitted to the Cemetery grounds, except in the charge of an adult, who shall be responsible for their good conduct.
21. Visitors to the Cemetery are reminded that this Cemetery is sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead, and that a strict observance of the decorum which should characterize such a place will be required on the part of all.

FEE Structure

Item	Member	Non-Member spouse or child
Lot	\$0.00	\$400.00
Burial -Full Lot Cost	\$300.00	\$300.00
Burial -Cremation	\$90.00	\$90.00
Pre-Select Plot	\$100.00	\$100.00