

# **BYLAW NUMBER 310**

A Bylaw of the Municipal Corporation of the Hamlet of Fort Liard in the Northwest Territories to provide for the establishment and operation of a public cemetery and regulate the disposal of the dead, pursuant to the provisions of the Hamlets Act, R.S.N.W.T, 1988, c.22, section 103. and the Summary Conviction Procedures Act, R.S.N.W.T., 1988, c. S-15, section 11.

WHEREAS the Hamlet deems it necessary to ensure the proper care and burial of the deceased,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE HAMLET OF FORT LIARD, at a duly assembled meeting, enacts as follows:

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## **SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Cemetery Bylaw".

# **INTERPRETATION**

2. In this Bylaw:

"SAO"

"Burial plot"	means the parcel of land used for interment purpose;
"Body"	means the remains of a human corpse and includes ashes;
"Cemetery"	means any burial site for human remains operated by, and under the control of, the Hamlet;
"Hamlet"	means the Hamlet of Fort Liard in the Northwest Territories; and

means the Senior Administrative Officer of the Hamlet; and

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#### REGULATIONS

- 3. Burial plots within the cemetery shall be of both single and family plots.
- 4. Single burial plots shall be assigned without reference to race, color, creed, or sex.
- 5. Burial plots shall not be used for any purpose other than for the burial of human remains.
- 6. Burial plots shall have uniform dimensions of 3 meters in length by 1.5 meters in width.
- 7. No person shall bury a body in the cemetery without burial permit from the Registrar, Vital Statistics, Government of the Northwest Territories.
- 8. The burial permit referred to in section (7) shall include the date of burial and the name, age, and sex of the deceased
- 9. No person shall remove a body from a burial plot except with the written approval of the SAO.
- 10. The opening and closing of graves shall be supervised by persons employed or contracted by the Hamlet.
- 11. The SAO shall keep a cemetery register indicating particulars of the following:
  - a) a distinct identification number to locate each interment site;
  - b) each burial, indicating the date of burial and the name, age, and sex if the body buried; and
  - c) where a body us reinterred or disinterred, the date of the reinterment or disinterment.
- 12. Only one monument may be placed on each plot.
- 13. A fence no more than sixty (60) centimeters may be erected around the perimeter of the plot.
- 14. Markers level with the ground may be placed at the corners of each grave in addition to the monument or cross.
- 15. The SAO may remove:
  - a) any monument or inscription which, in his or her opinion, is improper or offensive to good taste or
  - b) any stand, holder or other receptacle for flowers or plants, and withered flowers or wreaths which, in his or her opinion, is unsightly, unsuitable or a nuisance or untended graves.
- 16. No person shall walk upon graves, pick flowers, breaks or damage trees, plants or shrubs, damage or deface any grave or monument, play any games or sport within the cemetery, willfully disturb persons assembled to conduct a burial ceremony or disturb the quiet of the cemetery.
- 17. No vehicle, ATV, skidoo, or bicycle shall be driven within the cemetery except upon designed roadways.
- 18. No form or advertising matter shall be placed or displayed within the boundaries of the cemetery.

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- 19. The Hamlet shall not be responsible for:
  - a) preparing the gravesite;
  - b) supplying the material and constructing the coffin;
  - c) providing transportation of the deceased to the designated church and from the church to the grave site, if necessary;
  - d) providing appropriate storage for the remains until such time as a burial can be performed; and
  - e) ensuring that burial takes place.

#### LOCATION

20. The Community Public Cemetery referenced in this Bylaw is located Lot 1001 Quad 95B/3 Plan 2385

#### **PENALTIES**

21. Any person who contravenes any provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and, upon summary conviction, is liable to fine not exceeding \$100.00 or imprisonment not exceeding one month in default of payment of a fine.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

22. This Bylaw is effective upon third and final reading.

READ a First Time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

READ a Second Time this 17th day of March 2022.

READ a Third Time and finally passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2022.

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Genevieve McLeo

**MAYOR** 

As per Section 77(1)(d) of the Hamlets Act, I hereby certify that this Bylaw has been made in accordance with the requirements of the Hamlets Act, and the Bylaws of the Hamlet of Fort Liard.

John W. McKee

Senior Administrative Officer