

CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

Maple Ridge Cemetery Amending Bylaw No. 8112-2026

A Bylaw to amend the text of the Maple Ridge Cemetery Bylaw No. 7612-2020

WHEREAS, Council deems it expedient to amend the Maple Ridge Cemetery Bylaw No. 7612-2020

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "Maple Ridge Cemetery Amending Bylaw No. 8112-2026".
2. Maple Ridge Cemetery Bylaw No. 7612-2020 is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. by deleting gender-specific pronouns where they appear and substituting the gender-neutral pronouns "they", "them", "their", and "themselves", as the context requires.
 - b. **Part I Definitions** is amended by inserting the following definitions into Section 1 and reordering in alphabetical order:

"Disinterment" means the removal, for the purpose of permanent relocation, of

 - a. human remains, and
 - b. the container, or any of the remaining container, holding the human remains,

from the lot in which the human remains are interred.

"Exhumation" means the exposure and removal of interred human remains for the purposes of viewing or examination;
 - c. **Part I Definitions** is further amended by removing the following definitions from Section 1:

"Resident" (d) owned real property in the city at the time of death; or

(e) owned real property in the City for more than ten (10) years at any time preceding death and can show proof of ownership.

- d. **Part I – Definitions** is further amended by deleting the following text:
“Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto forms part of this bylaw”; and replacing it with
“Cemetery fees are set out in the Maple Ridge Fees and Charges Bylaw, as
amended from time to time.”
- e. **Part II Legal Description** is amended by inserting the following text to end of
SECTION 2(a) “, and PID: 009-040-480 Lot 3, DL247 Group 1 NWD; Plan 8050.”
- f. **Part III General Section 6(d)** be deleted in it’s entirety and the section be
renumbered accordingly.
- g. **Part VI Memorialization Section 10(b)** is amended by deleting paragraph (b) in it’s
entirety and substituting the following:

(b) All Upright Monuments, their bases and foundations are the responsibility of the purchaser and will only be installed by a monument company upon prior approval by the City. All Pillow Top Markers and their foundations, Memorial Markers and Niche plates will only be installed by the Caretaker.

(c) All monuments, markers, plaques, niches and their corresponding inscriptions will only be installed and inscribed after the human remains or Cremated Remains have been interred and may only be installed and inscribed on the corresponding Grave or Niche where the remains have been interred.

And by re-lettering the existing paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively

- h. **Part VI Memorialization Section 10** is amended by inserting the following:
 - “(g) The City shall not be held liable for, or be obliged to repair, any breakage or damage to any Memorial in the Cemetery, except as shall arise as the result of the negligence of the City.
 - “(h) All Memorials and foundations, are the property of the purchaser, and their care and repair are the responsibility of the purchaser.

- i. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (a)(ii)** is amended by replacing the word "concrete" with "granite" in all instances in this section and replacing the words "slightly bevelled surface to shed water at its outer edges." with the words "sawn or polished surface."
- j. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (a)(iii)** is amended by replacing "2 inches (5 cm)" with "3 inches (7.62 cm)"
- k. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (a)(iv) is amended as follows:**
A memorial marker or Niche plate may be inscribed in a non- English script provided the that a translation has been provided and approved by the Clerk."
- l. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (a) is amended by adding the following clause:**
 - (v) Concrete bases are not permitted
- m. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (e)(ii)** replace the word "two" with the words one or two.
- n. **Part VI Memorialization Section 11 (e)(iii)** delete the words "single or double".
- o. **Part VI Memorialization Section 12 (a)(iv)** is amended by replacing the word "concrete" with "granite" in all instances in this section and replacing the words "slightly bevelled surface to shed water at its outer edges." with the words "sawn or polished surface."
- p. **Part VI Memorialization Section 12 (a)(v)** is amended by replacing "2 inches (5 cm)" with "3 inches (7.62 cm)"
- q. **Part VI Memorialization Section 12 (a)** is amended by adding the following:
 - (viii) Concrete bases are not permitted.
- r. **Part VI Memorialization Section 12(b)(ii), (iii), and (iv)** are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:
 - (ii) Each full burial Grave may have a maximum of one Upright Monument or Pillow Top Marker and up to four 8" X 12" (20.32 cm X 30.48 cm) cremation memorial tablets. Each additional 8" X 12" (20.32 cm X 30.48 cm) cremation memorial tablet may only memorialize one deceased person. Each Upright Monument or Pillow Top Marker may only memorialize persons whose remains that have been interred within that grave.

- (iii) Two side-by-side full burial Graves may have a choice of one double Upright Monument or double Pillow Top Marker overlapping both Graves, or one single Upright Monument or single Pillow Top Marker on each of the two full burial Graves. Each double or single Upright Monument or Pillow Top Marker may only memorialize persons whose remains that have been interred within that grave. Each of the two full burial Graves may have a maximum of four additional 8" X 12" (20.32 cm X 30.48 cm) cremation memorial tablets. Each additional 8" X 12" (20.32 cm X 30.48 cm) marker may only memorialize one deceased person.
- (iv) Where four full burial Graves are purchased in a square, these four full burial Graves may share one double Upright Monument or two single Upright Monuments. The Upright Monument(s) may only memorialize persons whose remains that have been interred within those graves, on either side of the monument(s).

3. Schedule A of the bylaw is removed in its entirety.¹

4. Maple Ridge Cemetery Bylaw No. 7612-2020 is hereby amended accordingly.

READ a first time the 9th day of June, 2026

READ a second time the 9th day of June, 2026

READ a third time the 9th day of June, 2026

THIRD READING rescinded and read as amended, the 23rd day of June, 2026

ADOPTED the 30th day of June, 2026


PRESIDING MEMBER


CORPORATE OFFICER

¹NOTE: Cemetery fees are set out in the Maple Ridge Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time