

**VILLAGE OF RYLEY
BYLAW No. 2026-1002**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF RYLEY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO
PROVIDE FOR THE
RYLEY CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS the Village of Ryley owns and maintains the Cemetery located at NW 33-49-17-4, hereinafter referred to as "Ryley Cemetery or Cemetery";

AND WHEREAS the Village of Ryley is required, pursuant to the Cemeteries Act to ensure that all burials within Ryley Cemetery are conducted in a decent manner and for that purpose may make rules for burials within the Ryley Cemetery;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Ryley endeavors to conduct its financial and management operations in an ethical and responsible manner;

NOW THEREFORE, Council for the Village of Ryley, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS:

1. The term "Burial Site Supervision" shall mean the attendance of a Village of Ryley Public Works employee during excavation, and an obligation of the Village of Ryley to maintain and care for the Village of Ryley Cemetery site.
2. The term "Cemetery" shall mean the Cemetery managed by the Village of Ryley.
3. The term "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation or anyone engaged in placing, erecting or repairing any memorial, or performing any work in the Cemetery grounds, other than a Village of Ryley employee.
4. The term "Employee" shall mean any employee of the Village of Ryley.
5. The term "Interment" shall mean cremation with interment, entombment, or burial of the remains of a deceased person.
6. The term "Memorial" shall mean any marker or structure upon or in any plot or niche, placed thereupon or therein or partially therein for the purpose of identification or in memory of the interred.
7. The term "Owner" shall mean the owner of rights of interment.
8. The term "Plot" shall refer to a specific plot location in the Cemetery.

ASSIGNMENT OF INTERMENT RIGHTS:

1. Persons desiring to obtain interment rights in the Village of Ryley Cemetery are referred to Village of Ryley employee(s) who will arrange to assist the person by showing the plans and available plots of the Cemetery. Upon having made a plot selection and full payment of plot fee(s) the Village of Ryley employee will issue interment rights which will give title to the Cemetery plot. The Village of Ryley employee will then record the title in the Village of Ryley records. Then the location of the grave plot site will be relayed to the Village of Ryley Public Works Department, they will locate and mark the site upon direction from the Village employee.
2. Arrangements for the excavation of the site will be made by Village of Ryley Public Works using approved contractors of the Village of Ryley. Any excavation must be approved and supervised by Ryley Public Works. Owners wishing to arrange for private contractors are required to have prior authorization in writing by the Village of Ryley including the completion of all necessary documentation and waiver agreements by the contractor and the owners. As well, the contractor and the owners will be required to sign agreements of responsibility for any damage caused by the contractor in the Cemetery. In the matter involving private contractors, the contractors will only work in the Cemetery under the direction of the Village of Ryley Public Works Department. Any problems or refusal to follow instructions by the Village of Ryley Public Works Department will result in immediate removal from the Cemetery. Arrangements made for private contractors will be the sole responsibility of the owners and all arrangements for costs associated with the contractors will be the responsibility of the owners. The owners will remain responsible for all costs associated with the municipality.
3. Guided by established legal and ethical standards to ensure safety, dignity, and environmental protection, if a grave is required to be prepared for an urn, a minimum of seventy-two hours shall be given to the Village of Ryley prior to the time set for the burial. For a body burial, minimum one week notice shall be given.
4. Assignment of Interment Rights shall be made to residents and non-residents of the Village of Ryley at rates adopted by the Village of Ryley.
5. No interment rights or contracts for the assignment of interment rights can be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated without the written approval of the Village of Ryley.
6. The reassignment of any interment right by any owner or assignee must be made in writing to the Village of Ryley. The Village of Ryley shall reassign interment right to the new owner. This procedure is required in order for the Village of Ryley to maintain a complete and accurate record of all owners. The Village of Ryley may refuse to consent to a transfer or to an assignment as long as there is indebtedness due the Village of Ryley from the owner so documented in the records of the accounting department for the Village of Ryley.



7. The Owner of interment rights may dispose of same by will, subject to foregoing conditions. If the owner dies intestate the interment rights will descend to his or her heirs according to the laws of descent.
8. All interment rights are assigned subject to payment of the amount posted in the current Village of Ryley Master Rates Bylaw. All work on plots, all opening and closing of plots, all interments and disinterment shall be performed under the direction of the Village of Ryley, except when permission is otherwise granted.
9. The Village of Ryley shall direct all improvements within the grounds and upon all plots and graves, before as well as after interments have been made therein. Coffin burials will be heaped for one year to allow ground to settle. After the one year mark the plot will be leveled and covered with fresh black dirt and seeded. Monitoring and maintenance of mounted graves shall be a responsibility of the Village of Ryley.
10. If any memorial, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the Village of Ryley to be offensive, they shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to enter upon such plot and remove, change or correct the offensive or improper object or objects.
11. If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any plot, by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise, is or becomes detrimental to adjacent plots or avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Village of Ryley shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to correct the existing condition.
12. No person, unless otherwise authorized herein, shall pluck or remove any plant or flower, either wild or cultivated, from any part of the Cemetery.

GENERAL:

13. Funerals, after entering the gates, shall be subject to the direction of the appropriate personnel.
14. When a removal is to be made from a single grave to another grave, the formerly occupied single grave space and all rights thereto revert to the Village of Ryley. If no steel or concrete vault has been used for this interment, one must be furnished by the party requesting the change if in removable condition. If there is a steel or concrete vault which is in a removable condition, charge for removal of the vault must be paid in advance. This charge shall be based on cost of equipment, materials and labour. Application for a removal permit must be signed by the family or its representative and properly notarized prior to time of removal.



15. At the discretion of the Ryley Chief Administrative Officer or delegate, one plot may contain:
- a) up to two body burials, or
 - b) up to three cremations
 - c) Alternative arrangements, which shall not exceed two interments deep, must be approved by Village of Ryley Chief Administrative Officer or delegate.
- The Village must be provided notice at the time of plot purchase or first interment if additional interments will be required for the plot to ensure proper depth to obtain two body burials and retain the right of refusal.
16. Concrete or metal vaults are required for all full interments, and non-degradable containers are required for all cremations.
17. Columbarium niche can hold up to two urns as long as urn size permits.
18. Personal items may be placed in niche with size limitations and at owners own risk.
19. Columbarium charges do not include engraving of plaques.
20. Anything which would mar the general beauty and harmony of the Cemetery must be avoided. Peace and good order must prevail, and the sacredness of the place be maintained at all times.
21. All owners of interment rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations Bylaw, as amended from time to time.
22. Dogs shall be permitted in the Cemetery only when leashed, under strict control and supervision. Defecation and/or digging is not permitted anywhere within the Cemetery boundaries.
23. No person shall be permitted in the Cemetery on a bicycle, except on designated roadways. All vehicles shall remain on said roadways and observe a maximum speed of 10 km/h.
24. No person shall be permitted to operate any all-terrain vehicle, mini-bike, or any off-highway vehicle, or snow vehicle within the Cemetery.
25. Every grave shall be marked. Prior to placing a marker or monument, permission must be obtained from the Village of Ryley and the appropriate fees paid, as per the Master Rates Bylaw. Markers and monuments must be of traditional stone or metal composition and, on a single plot, shall not exceed three feet in height and three feet in width, with the base not exceeding four feet in length and three feet in width. On a double plot, base not exceeding five feet in length and three feet in width. All monuments must be placed with appropriate footing at the head of plots. All work shall be under the supervision of the Village of Ryley Public Works Department. Unauthorized markers shall be addressed immediately.
26. Urn markers, no more than three feet in length, may be placed on or directly below the main monument stone, but must not be placed on other parts of plots without Village employee approval.



27. Care and upkeep of monuments are the responsibility of the owner, next of kin or agent.
28. Grave decorations are permitted at owners own risk. The Village of Ryley will not be held responsible for any damages or missing grave decorations. All damaged grave decorations will be removed and disposed of by the Village of Ryley.
29. All work and all planting of any kind on all plots is prohibited. The Village of Ryley has the right to direct the removal of any inappropriate decorations, flowers, potted plants, and wreaths when they become withered. Trees and shrubs which have died or become unsightly shall be removed by the Village of Ryley.
30. The Village of Ryley is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or plots.
31. All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the deceased, and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of disturbance and/or disregard of the rules and regulations as set out in this bylaw, or the Alberta Cemeteries Act.
32. No person or persons other than a police officer shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms within the Cemetery except a military guard of honour during a Military Service.
33. Planting, maintenance of plots, and placing of monuments contrary to this Bylaw or Cemetery Rules and Regulations contained within the Alberta Cemeteries Act, will be corrected at the direction of the Village of Ryley and at the owner's expense.
34. Future plots are to be laid out in such locations and sizes as the Village of Ryley shall designate.
35. Copies of this Bylaw shall be distributed to owners of plots if requested at time of purchase, to persons making general inquiries or interment arrangements, and to local funeral homes and monument companies.

FEES, CHARGES AND PAYMENTS:

36. Columbarium engraving fee will be paid directly to the engraver. Engraver must be approved by the Village of Ryley.
37. All charges and fees pertaining to the Ryley Cemetery will be as per the Village of Ryley Master Rates Bylaw. The payment of all fees and charges shall be made at the Village of Ryley Municipal Office, where receipts and proper title will be issued for all amounts paid.




SEVERABILITY:

38. If any provision of the bylaw is deemed invalid, then such provision shall be severed, and the remaining bylaw shall be maintained.
39. That the Alberta Cemeteries Act and Regulations shall take precedence over any part of this bylaw.
40. That all bylaws and policies pertaining to the Ryley Cemetery are hereby repealed and replaced upon the coming into force of this bylaw.
41. That this bylaw comes into force and effect upon the date of third reading and being signed.


READ a first time this 17 day of February ,2026.

READ a second time this 17 day of March ,2026.

READ a third time and finally passed this 17 day of March ,2026.



Mayor



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