

# *Town of Mayerthorpe*

## **Cemetery Guide**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This guide serves as a modest introduction to Mayerthorpe Cemetery. It is the goal of the Town of Mayerthorpe Cemetery Committee, in collaboration with the Mayerthorpe and District Cemetery Association, to strive towards providing a quiet, beautiful resting place for the deceased, where varied foliage of trees and shrubbery shall give a sense of repose.

Town Staff are ready to assist you with your burial needs - whether you are a current plot owner or are searching for a future resting place for yourself or your loved ones.

Contact the Town Office to answer any questions you may have about plot ownership or to purchase plot(s) at the Mayerthorpe Cemetery.

## **PLANNING**

Planning a funeral can be stressful, but there is help available. Funeral Directors know how to guide families through the process and Town Staff can help with burial details.

Inquiries about purchasing grave sites or locating those already owned can be answered by the Town Staff. Referrals to marker and monument providers are available. A price list is published as a helpful tool to determine costs.

If you already own a plot and need to know how many graves are still available on the plot for burials, Town Office personnel can consult the records and tell you which graves are still available.

Whether you are planning ahead for yourself or taking care of a family funeral, the Mayerthorpe Town Office should be one of your first stops.

## **VISITING**

The Town strives to ensure that the grounds are maintained. Mowing, trimming, etc, depend heavily on the weather and on the work load of the cemetery grounds workers so bear with us if the grass is a bit long.

## **PRICING FOR PLOTS AND SERVICES**

In the Mayerthorpe Cemetery, there are traditional grave sites and cremation sites available.

A concrete burial vault must be ordered through the Funeral Home when making funeral arrangements. The Funeral Home will handle pricing and payment.

The cost for opening and closing a grave varies by season and by size. Costs are higher in the winter. Please see the price list for details.

At least three days notice is required for burials. The costs of funeral services are not handled by the Town of Mayerthorpe. Visit the funeral home of your choice to get cost estimates.

## **MARKERS AND MONUMENTS**

The Town does not sell markers or monuments. A referral list of local companies that deal in monuments and markers is available at the Town Office, but companies not on the list can be used as well.

Please be certain that the placement of names on double markers corresponds with the placement of the actual burials.

The installation of markers and monuments may be supervised by Town staff.

Concrete borders around markers are encouraged to protect the marker and to minimize the "sunken marker" effect as the years go by.

The requirements for in-ground markers on a gravesite are as follows:

On a single traditional gravesite, a single burial may have a 4'w x 2'd x 3' h marker. Cremation burial 12" x 20" flush marker may be used. Additional markers must be set by main marker and be flush.

For a double marker centered on two side-by-side traditional graves, the maximum allowed size is 48" x 14". For two side-by-side cremation graves the maximum is 30" x 14" (a concrete border should not be placed around a double marker until both burials have taken place as it can be difficult to inter the 2nd burial with the concrete border already in place).

An upright monument may have a concrete foundation prepared by the contractor to provide proper support.

Over the years, markers might settle into the ground and become overgrown. It is the family's responsibility to hire a contractor to straighten and level these markers.

## **DECORATING GRAVESITES**

Mayerthorpe Cemetery is not responsible for damaged or stolen decorations and discourages solar lights, ornaments, or trinkets as these items can be damaged during maintenance activities. Flowers and wreaths are permitted.

Mayerthorpe Cemetery does not allow planting of trees or bushes.

Mayerthorpe Cemetery allows live and artificial flowers all season long in urns and stands. Artificial flowers stuck in the ground are allowed any time and may be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel once they have perished or are faded.

Live flowers can be planted in the ground but must be located at the top or the bottom of a marker or on either side of a monument.

## **PLOT OWNERSHIP**

Upon receipt of any request affecting a plot, the first obligation of the Town Office is to establish ownership of that plot.

Ownership of a plot may be established in several ways. A plot may be purchased from the Town of Mayerthorpe, a plot may be inherited, or plot ownership may be transferred. Regardless of how ownership is established, title can be held by only one person.

Upon the death of the owner of a plot, it is very important that the descent of title be documented with the Town of Mayerthorpe. A cemetery plot may be inherited pursuant to the terms of a will; however, we find this to be a rare occurrence.

An Owner cannot sell a plot to someone else. An Owner can give the plot to family or buy on behalf of family. If Owner doesn't want the plot any longer you can sell it back to the Town for 85% of the cost.

## **CONTRIBUTING**

Donations and bequests are welcome and appreciated. In the last few years cash contributions have funded many improvements at Mayerthorpe Cemetery.

As a non-profit corporation, donations and contributions to the Mayerthorpe Cemetery may qualify as a tax credit when cheques are made payable to the Town of Mayerthorpe.

## PLOT PRICES

### Full Size Plot

Grave Plot.....	\$420.00 Plus GST
Perpetual Care.....	\$240.00 Plus GST
<u>Opening &amp; Closing</u>	
Summer.....	\$425.00 Plus GST
	\$525.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Winter.....	\$525.00 Plus GST
	\$625.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Closing after 3 p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

### Cremation Plot

Cremation Plot.....	\$370.00 Plus GST
Perpetual Care.....	\$240.00 Plus GST
<u>Opening and Closing</u>	
Summer.....	\$100.00 Plus GST
	\$150.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Winter.....	\$125.00 Plus GST
	\$225.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Closing after 3p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

Blocks 13 to 18 inclusive and 56, 57 and 58 have been designated for Veterans and their wives or husbands. These are intended for Veterans of World War One; World War Two; and the Korean War.

### Veterans

Grave Plot.....	no charge
Spouse Plot.....	\$420.00 Plus GST
Perpetual Care.....	\$240.00 Plus GST
<u>Open &amp; Closing</u>	
Summer.....	\$425.00 Plus GST
	\$525.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Winter.....	\$525.00 Plus GST
	\$625.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Closing after 3p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

If remains of children are buried in a Veteran's plot, then cremation plot fee would apply.

### Indigents

Grave Plot.....	\$210.00 Plus GST
Perpetual Care.....	no charge
<u>Opening &amp; Closing</u>	
Summer.....	\$425.00 Plus GST
	\$525.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Winter.....	\$525.00 Plus GST
	\$625.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Closing after 3p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

### Indigents

Cremation Plot.....	\$185.00 Plus GST
Perpetual Care.....	no charge
<u>Opening and Closing</u>	
Summer.....	\$100.00 Plus GST
	\$150.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Winter.....	\$125.00 Plus GST
	\$225.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Closing after 3p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

### Infant –

Local Resident under 12 months - No Charge for Plot	
<u>Opening and Closing</u> .....	\$212.50.00 Plus GST
	\$262.50.00 Plus GST Weekends & Statutory Holidays
Perpetual Care.....	\$240.00 Plus GST
Closing after 3p.m. Weekdays - \$75.00 Plus GST	

**Late Notification** - Less than two business days prior to a burial taking place within the period May 1 through October 31 and three business days prior to a burial taking place within the period November 1 through April 30.

Fee.....\$250.00 Plus GST

**Municipal Damage Deposit** – Contractors or their agents

Deposit.....\$200.00 (Excludes GST and includes \$25.00 Administration Fee)

**Administration Fee**.....\$25.00 Excludes GST

## **FUNERAL INFORMATION FORM**

Any and all requests regarding burials must be directed to the Town Office. A Funeral Information Form must be filled out and returned to the Town Office. A faxed or e-mailed copy will be accepted; however, the original must follow by mail. Notification of burial will not be deemed to be received until the Funeral Information Form has been received.

## **NOTIFICATION**

The Town must be notified in writing two business days prior to a burial taking place within the period May 1 through October 31 and three business days prior to a burial taking place within the period November 1 through April 30 prior to a burial taking place. A Late Notification Fee plus opening/closing fees shall be applicable when less than the minimum notice, not including weekends and/or holidays, is given for a burial. If additional fees (i.e. equipment rental etc., overtime etc.) are incurred due to lack of notification, these fees will be invoiced as well. Exceptions to the above may be authorized at the Chief Administrative Officer’s discretion. The Town shall not be liable for additional third party fees when the Funeral Information Form has not been given by the minimum notice prior to a burial.

## **ENTRANCE FORM**

A Cemetery Entrance Form must be filled out by anyone authorized to make renovations or alterations to a grave. This shall include relatives of the deceased. Cemetery Entrance Forms are available at the Town Office.

## **DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

A Municipal Cemetery Damage Deposit form must be completed, include the applicable deposit, and submitted to the Town by contractors or their agents prior to entering the Mayerthorpe Cemetery.

## **TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

This Committee makes recommendations to and members are appointed by Town Council for a three year term. The Committee's main purpose is to review policies and procedures of the Mayerthorpe Cemetery.

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### **CEMETERY CARETAKER** Seasonal

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## **TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Saturdays & Sundays & Holidays Closed

## **MAYERTHORPE CEMETERY HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Vehicle Gates:** 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Mother's & Father's Day  
& any other holidays when appropriate  
(weather permitting)

**Pedestrian Gate:** 24/7 (keep gates closed to keep animals out)

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