

ST. NICHOLAS ANGLICAN CHURCH TORBAY
DIOCESE OF EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CEMETERY REGULATIONS

(taken from the Diocesan Constitution – revised 2007 / Canon 5 – 18 & 19)

The Diocesan Constitution states. “Every cemetery belonging to the Church shall be managed by the incumbent and Church Wardens or the duly constituted Cemetery Committee if the congregation to which it belongs.” (Diocesan Constitution – Canon 5).

The Diocesan Constitution also gives authority to the Vestry to set its own regulations for each cemetery.

The following revised REGULATIONS were passed by Vestry of St. Nicholas Church:

It shall be the duty of the incumbent and Church Wardens or the Cemetery Committee as the case may be;

- (a) To have each cemetery of which they have the management divided into lots and graves’
- (b) To have prepared a plan indicating the location and size of such lots and graves;
- (c) To collect all money due on account of lots and graves and to disburse it for the maintenance of the cemetery and for keeping the cemetery in proper condition;
- (d) To use every effort to keep the property adequately fenced and in good order, and to protect it from injury, vandalism, desecration, and all improper use.

No one shall have the right to make selection of a plot, to prepare a grave or erect a marker or monument or in any way make use of or interfere with such Cemeteries, without the approval and authority of the Church Wardens and/or Cemetery Committee.

No Plots shall be reserved in our cemeteries except in the case of the husband or wife deceased. Exemptions may be given by the consent of the Vestry.

The size of the plot shall be (a) single – 4 ft. x 8 ft. or double – 8 ft x 8 ft.

There is a cemetery maintenance fee of \$350.00 for every burial.

2-3 Cremation urns may be in a single plot.

When there is a burial between May 1st and October 31st the grave site shall be returned to decent order within 30 days. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in Vestry having the work completed and the cost incurred being billed to the appropriate person. There shall be no dumping over the banks – all debris is to be taken away or left in containers provided.

No concrete forms or fences shall be placed around a plot. There shall be no corner markers placed in the cemetery. All plots are to be seeded or sodded. Plots are to be level with those in the cemetery. **No trees, bushes, flowers or shrubs of any kind are to be permanently** placed in the cemetery without consulting the Cemetery Committee.

Families are encouraged to keep their loved ones graves in a presentable condition. Ie: Filling in graves when they sink.

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