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POLICY

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The Mohawk Council of Kanesatake is The Legal Governing Body of the Mohawks of Kanesatake.

INTRODUCTION

It is in the best interest of the Community of Kanehstake to operate and maintain a beautiful and suitable Cemetery for an appropriate final resting place for departed loved ones of the Mohawks of Kanehsatake.

In formulating these policies and procedures, it has been our desire to offer as much freedom of choice as possible while still preserving those regulations necessary to maintain a high standard of beauty and efficiency.

We sincerely hope that you will assist us in this effort by adhering to these rules.

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A-DEFINITIONS

Eligibility: The right to be buried in a cemetery space

Heir: The person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that persons death.

Urn: A container used for cremated remains.

Plot: Grave site

B- BURIALS AND CREMATION

(1) General Requirements

(a)To proceed with the grave being dug one must go through the Estates department at MCK to ensure the cost is covered by MCK, and proper placement is being done.

(2) Burials Per Grave

(a)One deceased shall be allowed in a casket, except a father or mother with an infant child, or two children buried at the same time. **YES NO COMMENTS**

(b)No more than one casket will be allowed in a grave, except when a family member is cremated in which case, can be buried at the same plot on top of existing grave.

(3) Cremation

(a)Urns can be buried on top of existing family members if preferred to keep family close.

(b)Eight Urns can be placed in one plot to save space and keeps family's close.

C- GENERAL

(1) Establishment of Cemeteries

The Council may set aside any land for the purpose of a cemetery and no person shall be permitted to intern a body in any other place. **YES NO COMMENTS**

(2) Hours of Admission for Visitors

Every cemetery shall be open to the public during the following hours; Mondays to Saturday; 07:30 to 16:00 and Sundays and Public Holidays: 08:00 to 16:00. The Council shall have the power to close to the public any cemetery or part thereof for such period as it may deem fit.

COMMENTS

(3) Reserving of Graves

(a) No person shall, without the written consent of the Council transfer reserved grave site.

(b) Any person having reserved a grave and failing to use the grave within a period of 50 years from the date of reservation, or omitting to notify the Council that he/she does not intend to

use the grave, gives the Council the right to relocate the grave. **COMMENTS**

(4) Complaints

Any person wishing to lodge a complaint about the management or conditions of the cemetery shall lodge the complaint in writing to Chief and Council.

(5) Damages

The Council shall not accept responsibility for any damages caused or may occur which is not due to the negligence of the Council's employees.

(6) Covered Services

The Mohawk Council of Kaneshatake offers eligible community members grave digging services free of charge.

(7) Consultation

The Lands and Estate department must be consulted when choosing a grave site location in The Pine Hill Cemetery

D- PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING

- (1) Plants and flowers left by the deceased family and loved one are left in the responsibly of the heir of deceased if they become unsightly or over grown the council will have the right to remove.
- (2) Funeral arrangements and riffs are permitted to be left up for one month (30 days) after the burial. After one month they will be removed by staff.
- (3) Flowers, whether natural or artificial, lose or in a vase may be placed or left on a grave at any time.
- (4) Accepted dimensions of plots must be respected

E- ELIGIBLITLY

- (1) Deceased being buried must be a Registered Kanesatake Community Band Member, who can prove two grandparents being a part of the band of Kanesatake. **YES NO COMMENTS**
 - (2) No non First Nation Member will be buried in the community cemetery with expectation to children who pass under the age of 12. **YES NO COMMENTS**
 - (3)
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F- ALLOCATION

- (1) Allocation will be finalized by the council with taking into consideration existing family placements.
 - (2) Council will accept written letters from community members who wish to reserve plots with keeping in mind council/ staff have final say. **YES NO COMMENTS**
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(3)

G- MEASUREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The standard dimensions of an adult gravesite shall be 10ft x 5ft mm and that of a child 8ft x 4 ft.
- (2) No adult grave shall be less than 6ft and that of a child less than 6ft mm in depth.
- (3) No person shall place any coffin constructed from any material other than soft wood or other perishable materials approved by the Council.
- (4) All headstones up to .5ft in thickness shall be securely attached to the base in an approved manner.
- (5) The underside of all memorial work shall be set at least .5ft below the natural level of the ground.

H- MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

- (1) All memorial work shall be completed as far as possible from the cemetery before it is brought into the cemetery.
- (2) MCK will add their own small plaque to identify graves by serial number used in the computer software.
- (3) Monuments and Markers will adhere to the measurements and regulations mentioned in the MCK policy.
- (4)

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COUNCIL SIGNATURS

The undersign accepts the Kanesatake Pine Hill Cemetery Policy.

Print First and Last Name	Grand Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Vice Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Chief	Signature	Date.
Print First and Last Name	Title	Signature	Date.
Partner (Printed Name)	Partner (Signature)		Date.
Print First and Last Name	Title	Signature	Date.