

Compagnie du Cimetière

FOREST HILL

Cemetery Company

Operational Regulations of the Forest Hill

Cemetery Trois-Rivières, Québec

May 2025

Welcome to the Forest Hill cemetery

1. The Forest Hill Cemetery is a non-denominational cemetery which can receive human remains (only) in coffins or urns. It is governed by the Forest Hill Cemetery Company, a non-profit corporation subject to the Law governing Cemeteries of the province of Quebec. The specific regulations that govern the Forest Hill Cemetery are approved by Board of Directors of this Company.

The provincial legislation contains strict criteria as to the contents of a grave and to the disturbance of the remains that are buried there.

2. The Forest Hill Cemetery Company has contracted a legal agreement with the Centre Funéraire Rousseau, which designates the latter as its Agent (*see contact information below*). Anyone who wants to acquire the rights to a burial lot or lots in the Forest Hill Cemetery must go to through the Agent.
3. The lots are of one standard size (3 ft/0.9 m by 9 ft/2.7 m) and are available either singly or as a group of adjacent lots. Restrictions are imposed on the monuments on and decoration of the lots. The Agent sees to it that the company regulations are respected.

Each lot can accommodate at most either two (2) caskets and two (2) urns, or one (1) casket and six (6) urns, or eight (8) urns.

4. The acquisition of the right to any such lot or lots requires the signature of a contract of transaction (the "Concession") which states the name of the "Concession-holder" (or "Concessionaire"), the number(s) of the lot(s) involved, the dates of validity of the contract (the "term": 50 years, renewable), the acquisition cost of the Concession (which include the maintenance of the lots for the duration of the Concession), and the names of the persons entitled to be buried therein. The signing of the Concession by the Agent cannot be made until the signing and payment of the acquisition costs by the Concession-holder are completed. The duration of the contract starts on the day of this second signature.

It is to be noted that the "ownership" of a cemetery lot "in perpetuity" is not permitted under Quebec legislation.

5. The ordering of a funeral monument/grave stone is a separate transaction, for both the choice and costs. The Agent will refer the Concession-holder to the appropriate professionals.
6. Additional costs are to be expected for laying the concrete base for any monument and - eventually - for the digging involved in any inhumation. The costs of these will have to be met when the decisions for these actions are taken. *See also section "Specific Regulations 2a" below.*
7. The Concession can be transmitted from the original Concession-holder to an heir within the validity period of the Concession. Any such changes must be sent by the original Concession-holder to the Agent in writing, on forms available from the Agent.

It is the duty of the Concession-holder, and eventually of his/her heir(s), to keep the Agent fully informed as to any changes in status (address, death, designated occupant - see point 4) of the original Concession-holder. This is of capital importance for the Agent to be able to administer properly the status of any lot.

8. The Agent is also responsible for the monitoring and maintenance of the Cemetery, as well as of burials in it.

Anyone interested in concluding such a concession with the Forest Hill Cemetery Company, or to get information about the conditions of use and the accepted practices, is invited to consult the Agent:

Centre Funéraire Rousseau
3300 boulevard des Forges (opposite the l'UQTR)
Trois-Rivières, Qc, G8Z 1V6 Phone
: 819-374-6225
e-mail : info@centrerousseau.com

The Centre Funéraire Rousseau occupies part of the grounds at the north end of the Forest Hill Cemetery of TroisRivières.

Specific regulations

1. Burials

- a) The Agent alone has the responsibility to decide and how a burial can proceed. The main condition is the proper filling out of all the documents prescribed by the Quebec legislation.
- b). The Agent may refuse to dig a new grave during the winter months.

2 Appearance of the lots

a). Monuments or tombstones

The dimensions of the monuments or tombstones are limited by the dimensions of the lot (or group of adjacent lots). The style of the monument must respect the sobriety of the surroundings and must be approved by the Agent. Maintenance of the monument is the responsibility of the Concession-holder.

The concrete base for the monument will be installed (at cost to the Concession-holder) by the Agent once the monument is approved, ordered and paid for. There is no regulation requiring the erection of a monument or the time to do this.

b). Flowers and plants

Only the planting of annual flowers is permitted, within a band of 12 inches/ 30 cm along the inside face and for the width of the monument. The height of the plants should not exceed 12 inches/30 cm.

In order to facilitate the maintenance of the Cemetery, the following plants are prohibited: perennials, shrubs and trees. Vases and Planters will be tolerated if sunken flush to the ground level. All permanent constructions other than the tombstone and fences are prohibited

An exception of a few days for crowns and sheaves can be made following a burial.

The main restrictions are dictated by the maintenance practice of the Cemetery: the grass is cut by a mower that passes over the lots as well between rows, and no gardening services are provided.

Water taps can be found near the Cemetery's entrance by the interpretive panel, in front of section H near benches and at the section G post along back road.

c). Decorations

Are also prohibited: all decorations and artificial flowers, lights, wreaths, signs and flags. Exceptions are permitted for specific holidays or family birthdays. Permission for these exceptions must be requested in advance from the Agent.

The Agent has permission to remove from any lot any addition that does not meet these criteria.

3 Access to the Cemetery

- a) The Cemetery is open all year, and accessible only during daylight hours. Visitors can park their cars either on the circular Cemetery roadway (for a short visit), or in the parking lot of the Centre Funéraire Rousseau. For a visit in the winter: the paths between the rows of the lots are not cleared of snow, so the lots in the central part may not be easily accessible.

- b) Children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

- c) Any activity that disturbs the peaceful atmosphere of the Cemetery will not be tolerated.