

Skill-testing question required before buying burial plot

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VICTORIA - People who want to buy a burial plot in a popular Victoria cemetery must answer a mathematical question.

Victoria city councillors learned this week that their plans to sell empty plots in the Ross Bay Cemetery through a lottery has run afoul of gaming regulations. Before names can be entered, the entrants have to answer a skill-testing question.

Plans to sell more than 200 unused double plots to finance an \$1.8-million improvement project in the cemetery have been unfolding since 2001.

Joe Daly, manager of research, planning and design for the city, told councillors demand for the plots is extremely high with approximately 300 people paying \$25 to enter the draw to purchase the first seven plots put into a lottery. "We have many more people wanting them than we have plots available," Daly said.

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