

**City of Menahga
Action Memorandum 18-034**

Subject: Authorize the Purchase of a Niche Winchester Ossuarium from Eickhof in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000

Agenda of: May 14, 2018

Council action: Postponed Indefinitely

Summary statement: A component of the Cemetery Expansion project is the purchase of the Eickhof 80 Niche Winchester Ossuarium with memorial band.

The justification for this purchase is as follows:

- Statistical data indicates cremations have increased by 60%, with a large portion of those cremains being housed in an ossuarium;
- The design used by Eickhof to fasten the niche fronts to the ossuary is secure and can only be removed with special tools;
- Eickhof uses privacy panels so when the niche front is removed, the surrounding niches may not be viewed by others;
- The selected model is a good size for the area in which it will be located;
- Eickhof's models' feature clean lines and hidden hardware for the niche fronts, making it so the unit does not end up with rust and discoloration running down the granite front;
- Eickhof is a Minnesota based company, leading to the confidence that if the ossuary needs maintenance, they will respond in a timely fashion;
- Eickhof offers engraving (for a fee) and provides a shipping container. If the granite panel is damaged in transit, Eickhof will replace the panel free of charge;
- Since Eickhof's granite is sourced locally it is much easier to match if it needed to be replaced;
- The proposed cost per niche is \$900. This price will provide room for up to two sets of cremains and engraving the granite niche front;
- The ossuary portion can hold up to 106 sets of cremains and will generate extra revenue at \$300 - \$400 per internment (\$250 of that going to engrave on the memorial band);
- Note: the final cost of each niche and ossuary portion will be set by council at a later date.

Fiscal information:

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ 45,000

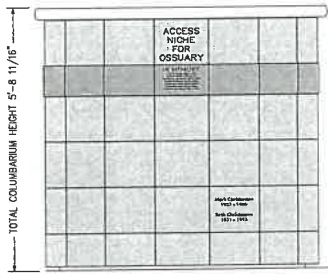
This legislation (✓):

Has no fiscal impact Creates a positive impact in the amount of: \$ _____
 Creates a negative impact in the amount of: \$ 45,000

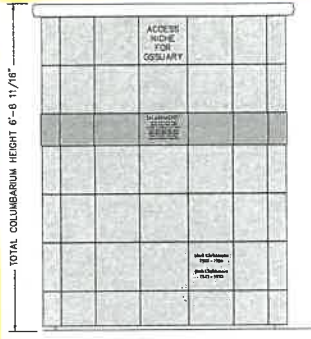
Funds are (✓):

Budgeted Line item(s): Cemetery Funds
 Not budgeted Affected line item(s): General Fund Reserve

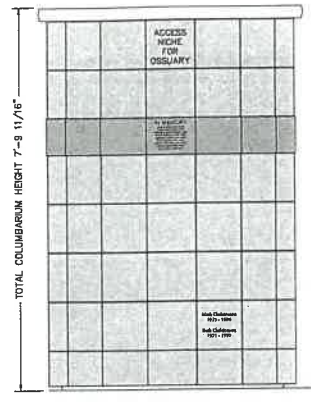
OSSUARY & MEMORIAL BAND ^{*Patent Pending}



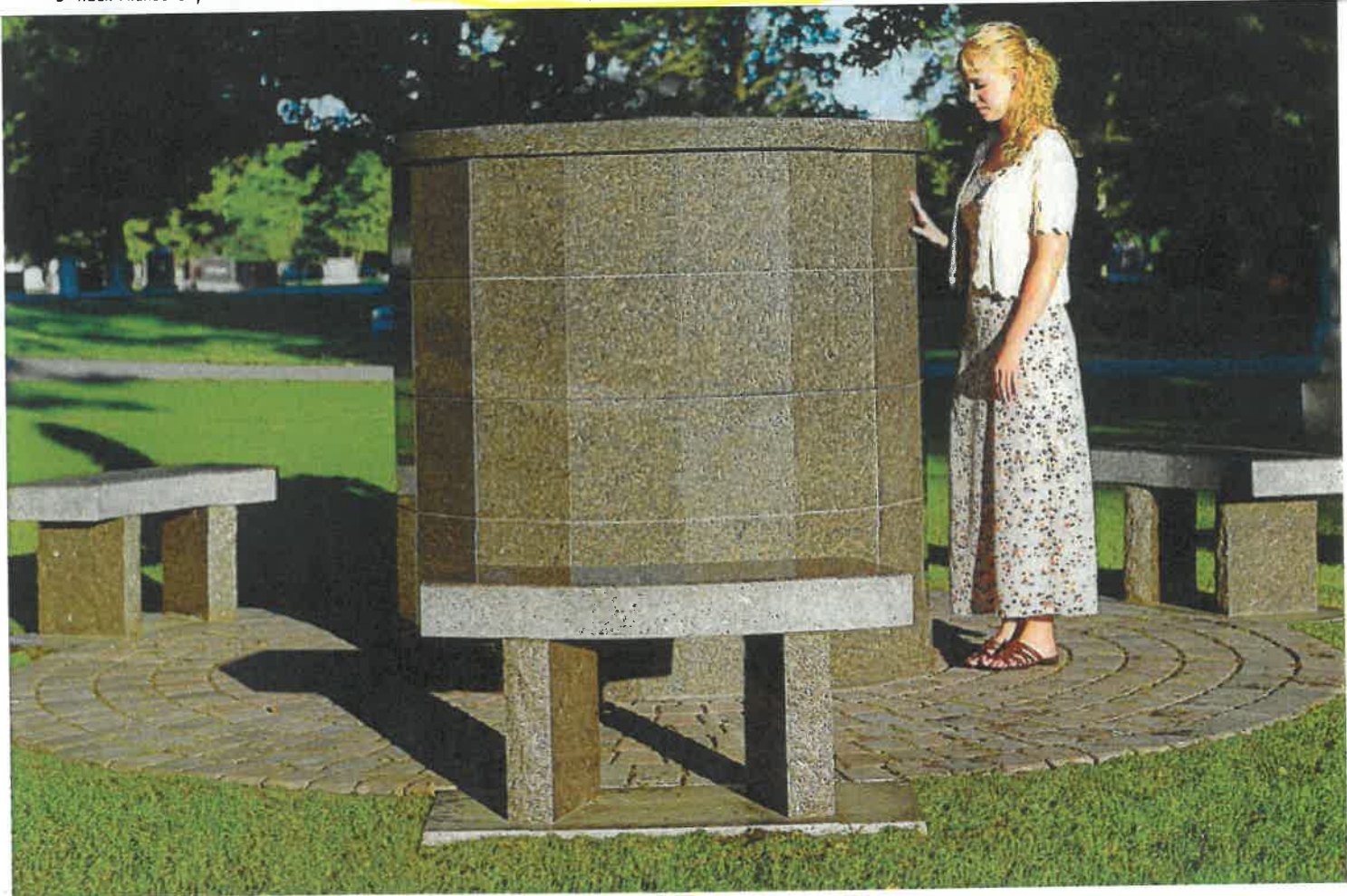
64 NICHE WINCHESTER OSSUARIUM™
\$33,200 (\$519 Per Niche)
 87 Ossuary Spaces
 215 Total Urn Spaces (\$154 Per Urn Space)
 3" Rock-Pitched Capstone and 9" Flat Base Trim



80 NICHE WINCHESTER OSSUARIUM
\$36,900 (\$461 Per Niche)
 106 Ossuary Spaces
 266 Total Urn Spaces (\$139 Per Urn Space)
 3" Rock-Pitched Capstone and 9" Flat Base Trim



96 NICHE WINCHESTER OSSUARIUM
\$40,600 (\$423 Per Niche)
 127 Ossuary Spaces
 319 Total Urn Spaces (\$127 Per Urn Space)
 3" Rock-Pitched Capstone and 9" Flat Base Trim



64 NICHE WINCHESTER COLUMBARIUM - Shown with optional 3" polished capstone, finished in all Mahogany

Winchester Family

64 | 80 | 96 COMPANION NICHES
 128, 160, 192 URN SPACES

5'-4" DIAMETER
 STARTING AT \$28,400
 (\$444 PER NICHE)