

Cemeteries and Cremation Grounds

The Public Health Department controls and maintains the following cemeteries and cremations grounds:

Cemeteries

- St Georges/ St Louis Cemeteries, Richelieu - Officer in Charge : Health Inspector G. Sookee (Tel. 57917802)
- St. Martin Cemetery, Mont Roches - Officer in Charge : Health Inspector M. Ramiad (Tel. 57236051)
- Bambous Cemetery - Officer in Charge : Health Inspector L. Dhurma (Tel. 57485651)
- Flic en Flac Cemetery - Officer in Charge : Health Inspector Kanaram (Tel. 59257715)
- Grande Riviere Noire Cemetery - Officer in Charge : Health Inspector L. Dhurma (Tel. 57485651)

Cremation Grounds

- Richelieu
- St. Martin, Mont Roches
- Medine, Bambous
- Beaux Songes

Crematorium

- Mt. St. Pierre, Bambous
 - Officers in Charge: Health Inspector Kanaram (Tel. 59257715)

A new crematorium at Richelieu will be operational in a near future.

Burials as well as placing of dead bodies in vaults and cremations are effected by Burial Ground Attendants under the supervision of Health Inspectors after all formalities are completed. The Health Inspectors posted at the Cemeteries also collect burial fees (re-opening of graves/vaults), fees for the purchase of new plots of ground, municipal vaults rental fees, cremation fees, etc.

They supervise the works of cemetery labourers responsible for the cleaning of the cemeteries (grass cutting, refuse collection, etc.).

NORMAL OPENING HOURS OF CEMETERIES

➤ *Monday to Sunday* - 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Late night burials up to 10.30 p.m. may be acceded to at Muslim section of St. Martin Cemetery. The officer in charge of the cemetery should be informed before 5.00 p.m. on the same day.

Plots for land for burial are not being sold in any cemetery within the District Council area of Black River due to scarcity. A grave is re-opened after a lapse of at least five years. The burial of corpses in common graves is restricted to residents of the District Council of Black River area except for St. Martin cemetery where residents of Mont Roches, Roche Brunes, Rose Hill and Beau Bassin are also accepted. For St. Louis and St Georges Cemeteries at Richelieu the burial of deceased persons from Beau Bassin, Coromandel, Grande River North West, Borstal, Montee S, La Tour Koenig, and pointe Aux Sables are also accepted

Fees leviable for the purchase of land for graves or vaults, digging/re-opening of graves, construction of vault tombs and monuments, cremation etc are as follows:

Purchase of land for graves	Rs
The price of any plot of land not exceeding 1 metre 83 centimetres by 91 centimetres shall be	500
For any plot of land exceeding the above surface measurements, the price for additional requirement, which shall not exceed 15 centimetres in length, shall be	200
Purchase of land for vault	Rs
The price of any plot of land not exceeding 3 metres 35 centimetres by 2 metres 13 centimetres shall be	5000
For any plot of land exceeding the above surface measurements, the price for every additional square centimetre or fraction of a centimeter shall be	50

Digging/re-opening of graves	Rs
The price for digging of one private or common grave shall be	300

For construction of vault tombs and monuments the following rates shall be paid in addition to the price of the land:	Rs
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1 st Class	Vault or tomb of more than 1 metre and 83 centimetres in height	4000
2 nd Class	Vault or tomb not exceeding 1 metre and 83 centimetres in height	2000
3 rd Class	Vault or tomb not exceeding 1 metre and 22 centimetres in height	1000
4 th Class	Vault or tomb not exceeding 91 centimetres in height	750
5 th Class	Vault or tomb not exceeding 30 centimetres in height	500
6 th Class	Simple gravestone place horizontally or vertically with inscription	375
7 th Class	Tomb covered with plaster without a grave stone not exceeding 30 centimetres in height	250
8 th Class	Grave board with inscription	75
	A cross wood or iron - not exceeding 61 centimetres in height	50
	A cross wood or iron exceeding 61 centimetres in height	75
	For the construction of a subterranean vault, in addition	1000

Should such vault extend above the level of surrounding soil, the additional fee mentioned for vaults or tombs above the ground shall be:	Rs
For an enclosure in plain boards (trellis or bars) of 61 centimetres in height	100
For an enclosure in plain boards of 91 centimetres in height	125
For an enclosure in plain boards of 1 metre and 22 centimetres in height	150
For 4-pillars in chains	100
For each additional pillar supporting chains	25
For all iron railings having not more than one metre in height	250
For an enclosure of stones	250

For the re-opening of a vault:	Rs
All Classes	300

The above tariff shall be held to apply to the cemeteries wherever situated within the jurisdiction of the Council.

No fee shall be paid for digging of graves for burial of unclaimed dead bodies.

The following rates shall apply for the occupation of any vault erected by the Council in its cemeteries provided that a refundable deposit of Rs 3000 be paid as security.

	Rs
One compartment of any municipal vault per month or fraction thereof for the first six months	100
For the same occupation per month or fraction thereof after the first six months	150
For the same occupation per month or fraction thereof after one year	250

Fees for cremation:

Cremation without coffin - Rupees 2000

Cremation with coffin - Rupees 3000

No new grave is available for sale at the above Cemeteries.

Documents to be produced for burial to the Officer in Charge of Cemetery:

1. Proof of ownership of grave.
2. Identity card of applicant.
3. Burial Permit from Civil Status Office.

Documents to be produced to Inspector in Charge of Crematorium:

1. Identity card of applicant.
2. Cremation Permit from Sanitary Authority.

The management of cemeteries and cremation grounds are regulated by The Black River District Council (Cemetery/Crematorium) Regulations 2011- GN 17 of 2011.