



Report to: Development Services Committee

Report Date: March 5, 2013

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**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION REPORT  
Application by the Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of  
Toronto to permit an increase in capacity of Christ the King  
Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Avenue East, File No. SC 12 127153

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That the report entitled "Application by the Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto to permit an increase in capacity of Christ the King Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Avenue East, File No. SC 12 127153" be received;
- 2) That the application by the Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto to permit an increase in capacity of Christ the King Cemetery at 7770 Steeles Avenue East, File No. SC 12 127153, be approved;
- 3) That notice of Council approval be given to the applicant and the Registrar in accordance with the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act;
- 4) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Not applicable

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to recommend approval of an application to permit a third phase expansion to allow an increase in capacity of Christ the King Cemetery at 7770 Steeles Avenue East as required under the Cemeteries Act. The increase in capacity includes additional mausoleums, lawn crypts and columbaria.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Property and Area Context**

The proposed expansion area consists of approximately 30 hectares (74 acres) within the larger 70 hectare (173 acre) cemetery property located on the north side of Steeles Avenue, east of Reesor Road (See Figure 1 – Location Map). The larger cemetery property contains natural features including a woodlot and tributary of the Little Rouge Creek. The property also contains a number of heritage buildings, and an aboriginal archaeological site situated centrally within the cemetery lands (see Figure 2 – Air Photo).

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**Official Plan, Zoning and Site Plan Approval**

The land use approval for Christ the King Cemetery was enacted by way of a Ministerial Zoning Order issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on December 19, 2001.

A site plan application for Phase 1, located in the southwest portion of the property just north of Steeles Avenue, was approved by Council in 2003 (See Figure 3 – Approved Site Plan). The associated Phase 1 site plan agreement contains provisions related to protection of the heritage buildings, the archaeological site, the tributary and the woodlot on the larger property.

Markham City Council previously authorized an expansion (Phase II) to increase the capacity for Christ the King Cemetery on June 3, 2009. This second phase expansion consisted of 3 private family mausoleums, 4 lawn crypts and 1 columbarium.

**Proposal**

The applicant is proposing a third phase expansion to further increase capacity in the Cemetery by adding 7 private family mausoleums producing 56 crypt spaces, 5 lawn crypts producing 20 crypt spaces and 3 columbaria walls producing 500 niche spaces (See Figure 4 – New Site Plan). The information provided by the applicant indicates that the family mausoleums are approximately 1.8m (6 ft) wide and 1.8m (6 ft) long with a height of approximately 2m (7 ft). The lawn crypts are approximately 1.8m (2ft) high and 2m (7ft) long. The columbaria are wall-like structures which have a maximum height of approximately 2.7m (9ft) and a width of 1.5m (5ft). Examples of the proposed structures are provided in Appendix 'A'.

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:****Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act established procedures for increasing the capacity of a cemetery**

The procedures for increasing cemetery capacity are established under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Act, 2002 (FBCSA) which was passed on July 1, 2012. This Act combines the Cemeteries Act (Revised) and the Funeral Directors and Establishments Act and requires that approval is obtained from the Ministry of Consumer Services for a proposal to increase the capacity of a cemetery, including the establishment of a mausoleum, lawn crypts and a columbarium. Prior to applying for consent from the Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit for the Ministry of Consumer Services, the owner is required to obtain approval from the City of Markham. Once a decision has been made, the Act requires the municipality to send a copy of the decision to the applicant and the Registrar. The Act also requires a Notice of Decision to approve the expansion to be published in a local newspaper.

An appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) may be made within 15 days after publication of the Notice of Decision. The applicant, Registrar appointed under the Cemeteries Act (Revised), or any person with an interest in the matter, may appeal the decision to the OMB.

**Conclusion**

Staff recommends approval of the application to increase the capacity of the cemetery and that Notice of Council approval be given to the applicant and the Registrar in accordance with the Cemeteries Act.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)**

Not applicable

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Not applicable

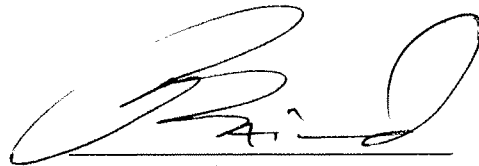
**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDED BY:**



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Commissioner, Development Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Figure 1 – Location Map

Figure 2 – Air Photo

Figure 3 – Approved Site Plan

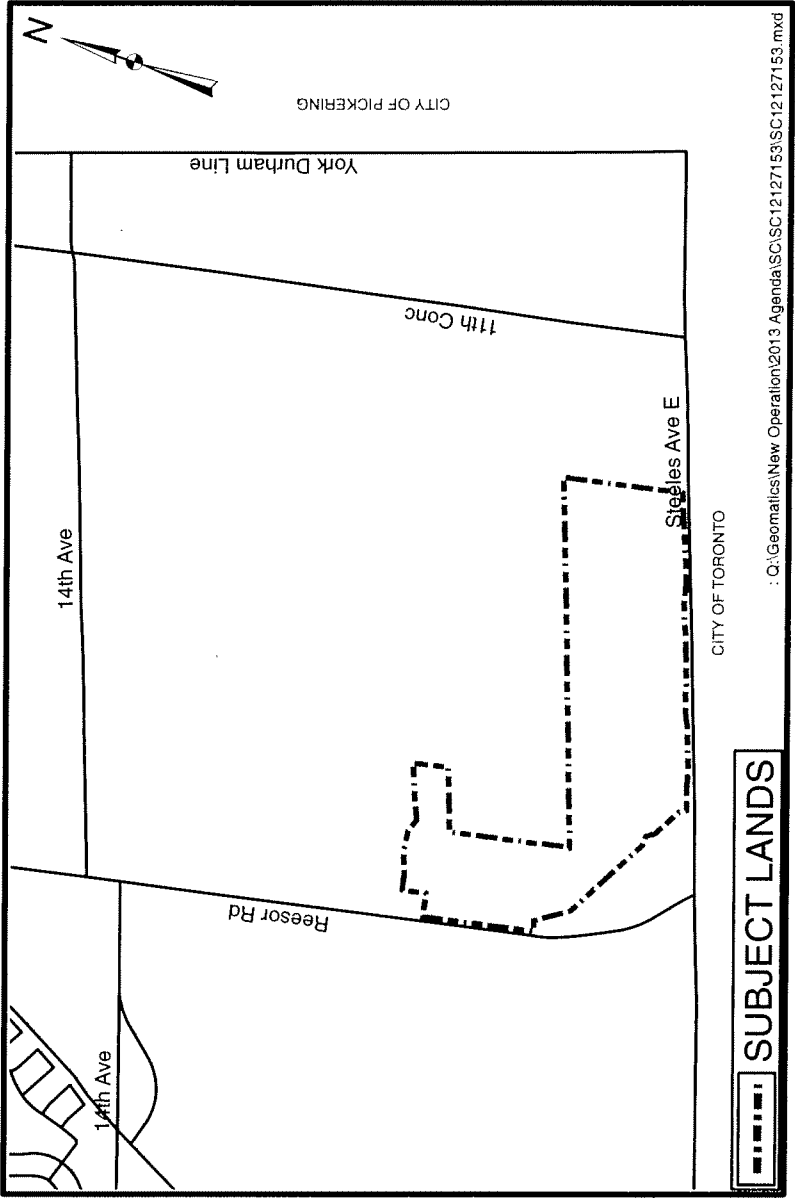
Figure 4 – New Site Plan

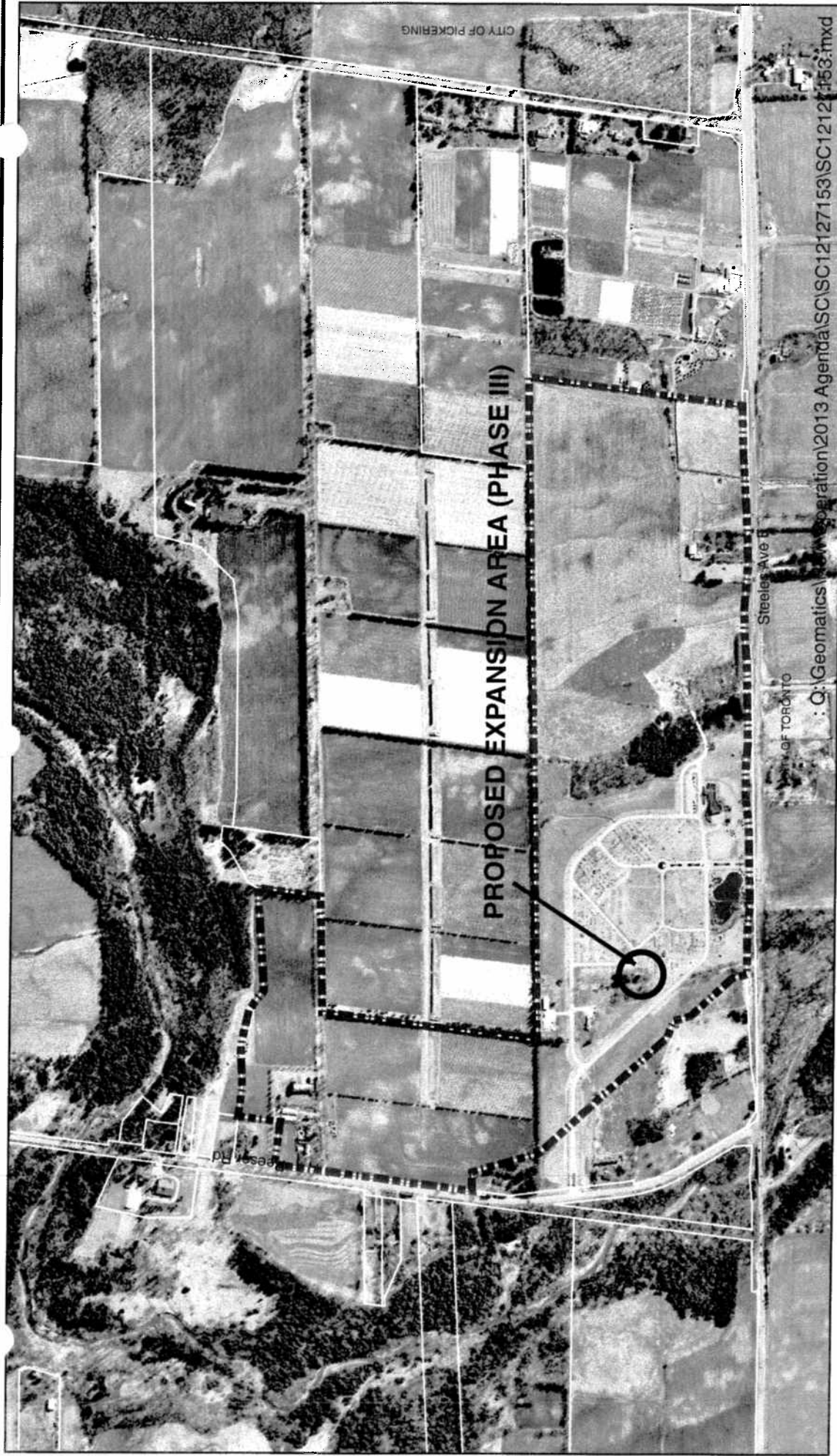
Appendix 'A' – Examples of Proposed Mausoleums, Crypts and Columbaria

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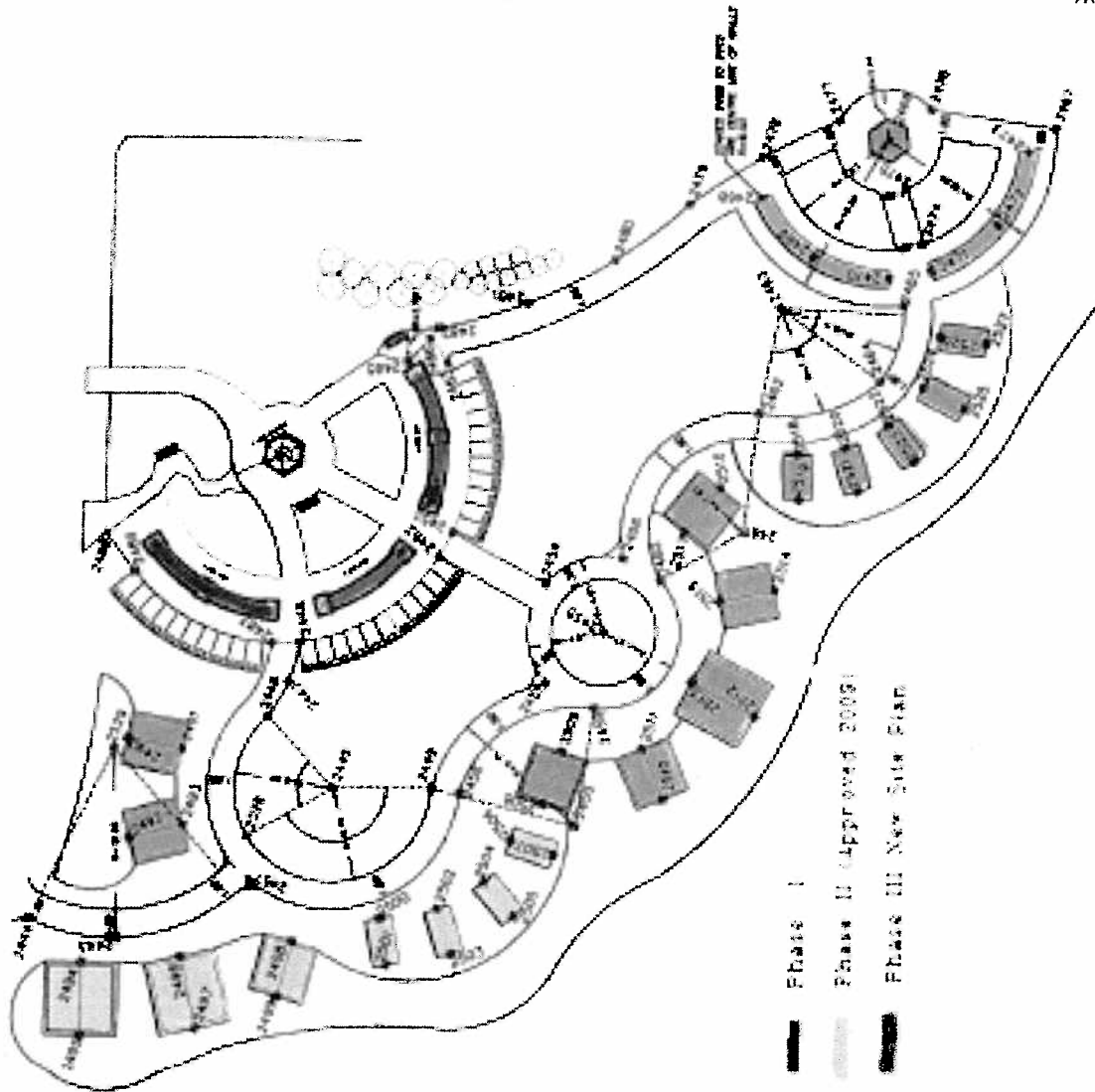
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 SUBJECT LANDS





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# SITE PLAN

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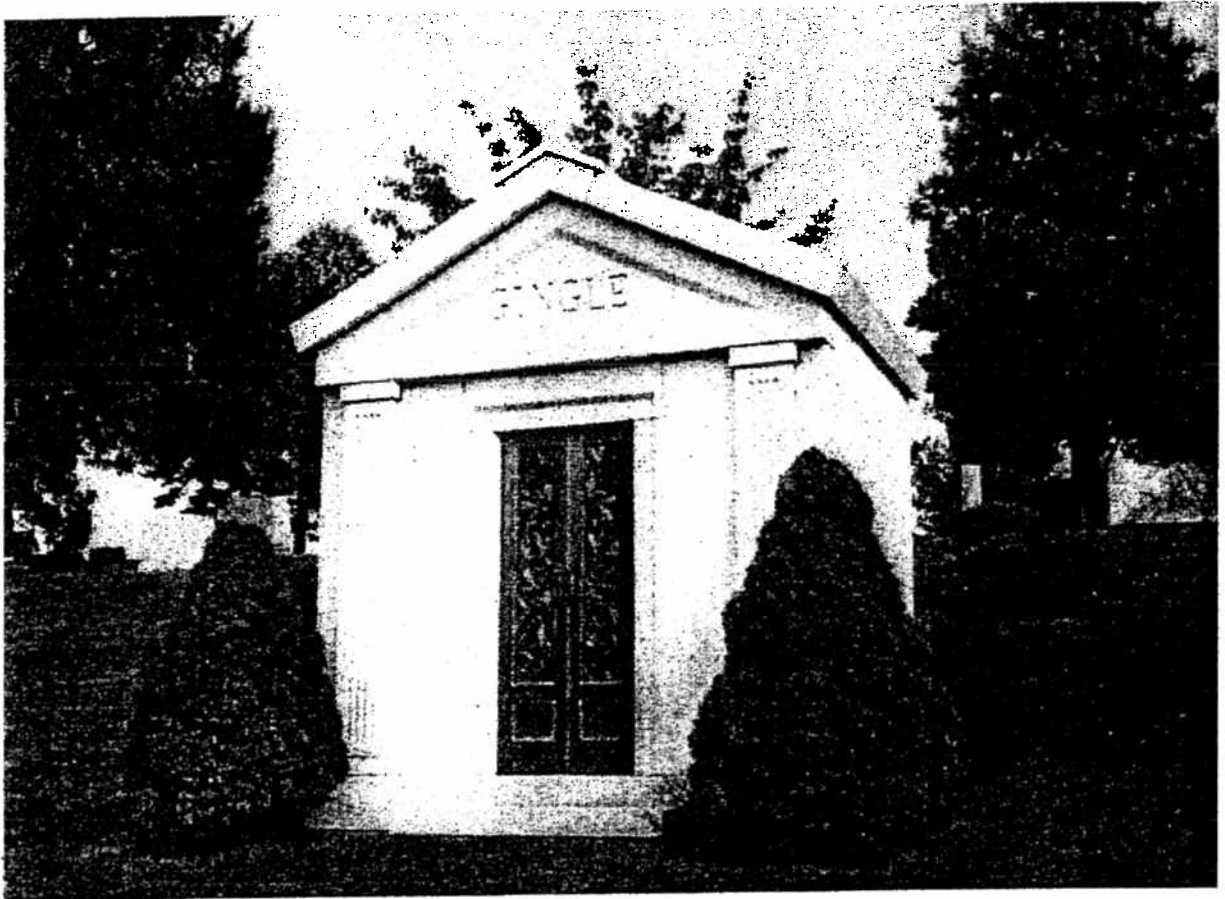


## Appendix 'A'

### Examples of Proposed Mausoleums, Crypts and Columbaria

6' x 6' x 7'

#### Mausoleum:

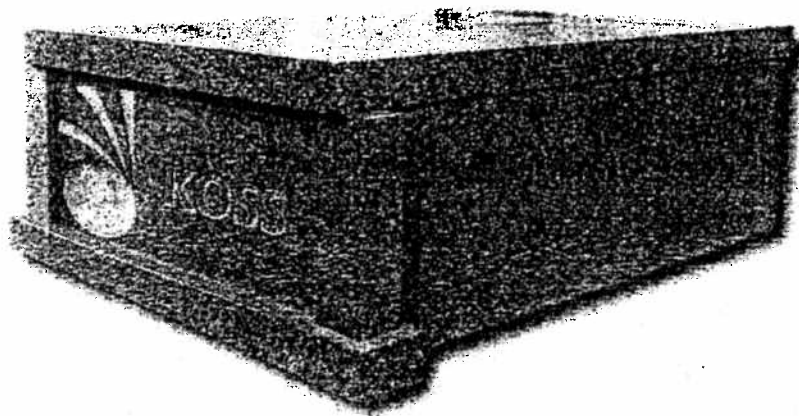


**Crypts:**

2' x 7'



**Double**



**Single**

# Columbaria:

