

New City Cemetery

First Round Public Engagement – What We Heard

Verbatim Responses



Question 1

Which design concept do you prefer?

268 online & in-person survey responses

Concept 1
Radial
31%

Concept 2
Looped
33%

Concept 3
Curvilinear
35%

Question 2

Why do you prefer this design concept over the others?

Concept 1
Radial

Aesthetics:
(31 comments)
Natural fit
More visually appealing,
Beautiful,
More space overall,
More greenery & trees,
Cleaner & simpler,
more natural feel,
less through traffic,
more traditional,
alignment of the roads and
pathways,
allows for strolling,
radial drawings most relaxing,
simpler/cleaner,
add formal gardens to
compliment the green burial and
natural wetland,
less roadways more green
space,

Concept 2
Looped

Aesthetics:
(39 comments)
More trees division into
sections,
Concept 2 with entrance 3,
Maximum amount of East facing
sites,
More trees planted randomly,
Like building in middle
overlooking field and lake with
#3 entrance,
Like the idea of allies,
#1 design looked just too busy,
no calming effect, 3 curved
design looked somewhat barren,
Formal and informal cremation
gardens, traffic flow and open
character on west side,
More mixed plantings along
roadway,
It appears to be the most
pedestrian friendly. This is an
important feature of a
cemetery. It allows people to
use the space not only for the
intended purpose, but as a
contemplative spot that
encourages some physical
activity.
Green burial & cremation kept
to west side,
Landscaping feels more natural,
The look of it is peaceful and

Concept 3
Curvilinear

Aesthetics:
(56 comments)
Wind breaks provide an
Albertan feel, good transition
from wetland to cemetery, east-
west openness allow for longer
views as well as not block out
sunrises and sunsets,
I prefer the curvilinear design
because of the trees, shelter
belt and more appealing to the
eye.
Trees would form a natural wind
break and perhaps protect from
blowing snow.
I really like the idea of following
the land formations.
More trees and not so uniform.
Wind rows for trees sets up the
cemetery for distinctive spaces
and allows for site phasing.
I like how fluid the design is.
Looped would work too but
radial seems to cookie-cutter.
I like the way it can be broken
into areas.
The curves of the road and the
lining of the trees with trees
placed within the plot sites looks
very lovely.
More organic, suits the nature
of the environment that
surrounds it.

calming,
 Clear organization of spaces – sense of formality appropriate for this type of landscape – fewer roads/loops.
 Less road ways...quieter peaceful. I really like the hedgerows that subdivide the sites.
 The viewing platform. Being able to be in nature during those times can help emotionally.
 Lots of trees,
 Less paved surfaces,
 Zen look about it which keeps with the peaceful environment.
 I especially like the example photo with Japanese Zen seating adds depth and design to the area.
 Retain some of the prairie character

I like that the site continues out towards the wetland.
 More modern.
 The lines and roads on the ground are the most leisurely and conducive to reflection by being ordered without too unnatural uniformity.
 It looks the most natural. For a place that will hopefully be used by the community afterwards, it looks most park-like.
 Allow for more garden spaces.
 Our cemetery needs to be a Park Forever Green.
 Add trees to the main road as well; similar to other concepts.
 The road isn't totally surrounded by trees.
 The options for celebration buildings are more "natural" rather than at "predictable" increments.
 The cremation gardens have unique and more interesting shapes/placement.
 Curvilinear more accurately reflects historical cemetery designs of Calgary cemeteries while reflecting the nature of the prairie landscape; also references the natural shape of the adjacent wetlands.
 "framed westerly views"
 I like the idea of formal and informal cremation gardens throughout.

Economics:
 5 comments
 Best use of available land,
 Makes more efficient use of space,

Economics:
 2 comments
 Alignment of graves oriented in one single direction,
 Really – the cemetery should be more of cremation site than burial to conserve the land usage,

Economics:
 1 comments

Accessibility:
 15 comments

Accessibility:
 23 comments

Accessibility:
 6 comments

More pathways throughout the site,
 Accessibility of pathways,
 Provide parking areas so people can walk to their loved ones grave,
 Less roads,
 More roadways might mean flow of traffic is better if multiple burials/visits are occurring at the same time,
 Less linear, more natural feel, less through traffic,
 Allow for strolling,
 Most pedestrian-centric,
 Creates good flow and access to all areas without an overcrowded or congested feel,

Pathways need to be looped and connected,
 Closer together,
 People don't like to be blocked in or out, provide more options,
 Circular concept for the cremation gardens,
 This is a better way to get in and pay our respect and leave in an easy manner,
 More fluid traffic flow especially with long processions,
 The accessibility to all the areas seems more user and pedestrian friendly,
 It seems to be the design that provides for the best traffic flow,
 I like the symmetry of parallel grave sites,
 Eliminated 2 way traffic,
 Looped cemetery drive with alley,
 Prefer to see more pathways and to walk around than lots of vehicular traffic.
 Walking paths are designed very well.

No dead ends (no pun intended).
 The paths are well defined; not abstract.

Cultural/Social:

3 comments
 Grave alignment is variable allowing sections to be designated for various groups,

Cultural/Social:

2 comments
 Possibility of sectioning areas for difficult religious groups looks more natural,

Cultural/Social:

3 comments
 I hope the new cemetery will include a Catholic section and this option seems to provide the best setting for that.
 I like the wind row of trees which speaks to the "settled" prairie environment.
 Allows for multiple grave orientations may appeal to various faiths.

Biodiversity:

1 comment
 Most natural to surrounding landscape,

Biodiversity:

X comments

Biodiversity:

X comments

Environmental:

9 comments

More greenery & trees,
Viewing platform and overall design is more impressive,
Closer connection to wetland,
Maintain prairie character,
Hedges catch garbage that blows and hides things (animals) from view,
Lots of places for trees,
Seems to provide more trees and better defines the areas of usage,
Wider berth (buffer zone?) of the wetland that is being retained to protect eco system,
Retains the natural features more diverse more potential for bird habitats,

Green Burials:

3 comments

I like the locations of GB areas,
Appears to have more land for GB.
I like the GB concept and the wetland viewing areas,

Amenities:

X comments

Environmental:

7 comments

Weary of GB close to water, GB are further from the wetland,
Green corridor adjacent to wetlands,
More opportunities for natural landscaping and flow into the wetland area.

Green Burials:

3 comments

I like the wetlands and the GB ideas,
The 3 green burials is a must.
Cremation gardens – wonderful idea, more people are taking cremation over burial.

Amenities:

4 comments

Covered shelters,
Celebration building at the centre,
Shelter from elements,
Viewing docks to the wet ponds with semi covered seating for reflection or bird watching.
Plenty of covered benches or some form of seating throughout the park.

Environmental:

5 comments

I like the idea of it not looking like a cemetery and preserving nature.

Green Burials:

1 comments

GB is more nestled in the whole cemetery (& closer to the wetlands/natural habitat) rather than up front (which feels abrupt).

Amenities:

1 comments

I like the larger columbaria sections which will lend themselves to the potentially more interesting designs and connection to one another.
I like the sculptural walls concept.
No viewing platform shown in this concept a benefit for the wetland but not necessarily for the cemetery.

Question 3

If none of the concepts caught your interest, why or why not? What in particular do you like/not like about the concepts presented?

- The proposed green burial is not green. I don't think it will be used.
- In general, the cemetery should also focus on security/ controlled access and not just on easy public access in order to prevent vandalism.
- After all the plots that form this property are privately owned. There should be a fine balance between restricted use and overly used.
- Adequate 24 hour lighting should be provided throughout in order to deter vandalism
- I particularly like the cremation gardens although as yet have not found the difference between formal and informal. My own personal wish is for a Garden of Remembrance, a rock garden with perennial plants, no inscriptions on the rocks, some park benches. My grandparent's ashes were scattered in such a garden in England 60 years ago. People are very transient these days, not everyone wants to visit a grave on a regular basis.(I also realize some do)Missing for me is any area for ethnic minorities who may have special requirements
- I was in Mexico, and they had gone to a cemetery at Xcaret Park, which was very clever. I've included the description, take it for what it is, the structure is brilliant, it saves space too... and there could be multiple. "This unique architectural work has a special significance that simulates a hill with seven levels, referring to the days of the week. On the outside you can find 365 graves that symbolize each day of the year, and finally at the main entrance is a staircase with 52 steps representing the weeks. Additionally, its spiral shape refers to a conch shell, as used in ancient times to communicate with the gods through their breath, the wind." I cannot attach a picture however but I think this is a very valuable resource.
- I would like to see more trees. The newer part of Queens Park Cemetery look very harsh with the lack of trees
- I like the walking paths in #1, but there would not need to be so much room between the path and the graves. #3 has too much planted buffer area - there is plenty of 'wild' green area around the cemetery; don't need to lose space inside the grounds.
- Should develop more cremation plots than burial sites. Too much land used for burials!
- Cemeteries are a huge waste of land and resource. The idea that a person needs to take up land when they are dead is ridiculous and selfish. The City should be encouraging people to be cremated instead.
- Although I appreciate your acknowledgement of the prairie spaces, I think of standing out on the bald prairie and how unprotected, hot and windy it can be. One of the things I appreciate in a cemetery are shade trees that protect visitors, not ornamental trees lining the road/path way.
- Ensure primary focus is cemetery -- 'green' approach should not take over prime purpose. Related to that, City of Calgary needs to ask why it is even continuing in this "business" which is now well served by the private sector and faith communities.
- Concept 3 seems more of a 'hodgepodge'.
- It doesn't matter. As long as there is enough room to be buried.
- You seem to capture all the right things - the only difference is aesthetics.
- Like the idea of celebration site, framing of mountains, etc.
- It seems that in the future land will be scarce and we should be using it for other uses like growing food.
- I like the radial concept.
- Of the concepts presented, only the looped concept allowed for traditional east-west alignment of gravesites. I would prefer that graves be aligned in this fashion where possible. The customs surrounding death and burial are often very influenced by customs, tradition and religion, and accordingly cemetery design should reflect this.

- This space presents a blank slate a huge opportunity to create something special and unique with a small scaled space. It should connect to RKP.
- All concepts similar, but preferred the overall characteristics of Concept 1: Radial
- I like that it incorporates all of the different options for burial/cremation in the one design, including the green burial areas. I also really like the treed roadway on all of the plans.
- I like the variety of spaces provided.
- Personally I do not want any green burials ...I don't think they belong in our society. It may be okay in another country and it is probably cheaper to wrap a body in cloth and put him in the soil but the concept is not pleasant to me. I want the whole cemetery to be 'pleasant'.
- I don't like the green cemetery. It looks un kept and I worry about the contamination of decomposing people into the wetland. (Even though you can't see it.)
- I like the diverse concepts--especially the more natural settings (really like that concept) and also the spaces for urns--also like the multi-use concept for the park
- I like the loop and it seemed to have variation and flow.
- Concept 1 was good, but seemed too formal, rigid and in-organic. Option 2 was way too structured, especially for being situated right next to a wetland. The heavily tree-lined roads of 1 and 2 will block the long sunrises and sunsets of Alberta and cut short the views in the cemetery.
- the looped design looks more accessible
- Difficult to see ultimate concept without a shadow plan of final development.
- To better understand the ultimate development a shadow plan of all lands is needed.
- Concepts 1 and 3 promote green burials beside the wetlands. How does this NOT contaminate the water sources and water tables for the folks living south of this site?
- Well structured
- Didn't like looped as it seems there is too many road ways within the cemetery.
- Not sure if the city owns all the land on all sides of the cemetery, I don't think so; so my point is, why not buy the landowners out so you aren't land locking them, making the land unusable. The City needs to stop being bullies to the little people! Buying the land would be a drop in the bucket for The City, and a huge relief for the landowners being isolated...I'm sure they aren't even being heard in this situation because they are ONE owner who doesn't have the funds to protect themselves (i.e. a developer).
- I am not Japanese however; I have seen many Japanese gardens. If I may suggest incorporating this style of design as it represents, peace, calm, tranquility, and most of all natural beauty which provokes people to reflect, watch, listen and learn. Adding rock gardens for color to brighten up the constant green would be nice. If this space is to be multi-functional, ensure the areas are functional. Meaning use nature for seating and tables and provide shaded areas for those people who cannot be in heat for extended periods. Functional areas need: wash-up area, washrooms, sinks disposals, phone for emergency, first aid, seating, tables and access to/from them.
- None of these concepts include parking. Due to the large size of the cemetery, it may be important to have two parking lots, one at either north or south end of the property.
- I would like to see some terracing, and potentially areas that have large head stones like they have in Paris.
- The other 2 look so typical.

Question 4

What do you feel are the most important landscape features to incorporate into the design of the new cemetery?

Preferred Landscape Features

Walking and Cycling paths	165
Covered Seating areas	103
Unmanicured, natural areas	82
Manicured open green spaces	79

Other:

- No unmanicured spaces
- Features for wildlife EX: Snags for raptors
- Mosquito's are so bad out here
- Ralph Klein Park is full of Foxtails when it is left without trimming.
- Trees. Calgary is a windy and inclement weather 6-7 months.
- Shrubs, trees other than only along main walk way.
- Lots of trees
- Easy maintainable grave areas
- Large religious statutes to mark out areas for different religions
- Large Trees and gardens
- I see walking paths as important but not cycling -unless the park is part of a much larger path system.
- Please cut out all cycling in the cemetery
- Just walking paths. Not cycling paths.
- Trees
- Parks with food forests and community gardens - food.
- Shaded tree lined walks
- Low fountains or other running water features
- Prairie grasses, shrubs, and some trees for shade.
- Shade trees
- Reflection on the dignity of the dead.
- Seating areas, but not necessarily covered
- Well maintained narrow green spaces integrated into the headstones and markers
- Cycling paths should not be allowed. It is a place of respect and cycling through them should not be allowed.
- Seating areas - covered or not. I like the idea of walking paths. I don't want cyclists and walkers to have to compete for path space - it will reduce the tranquil nature of the space.
- flowers, large boulders
- peaceful architecture and art features, places to reflect ,
- walking paths only
- Water feature, rock features
- water feature, any noteworthy historical names and location map
- places to sit
- Walking area only. Not crazy about cyclists in the cemetery as many cyclists are not respectful of other people.
- Spaces to allow for artists to set up canvases/paint, spaces to read
- While I accept that cemeteries are often shared, public places, the location of this facility to the east of Ralph Klein Park suggests that it will not see much in the way of pedestrian traffic.
- Trees for the birds and gardens

- Viewing decks over the wetland, public art that relates to remembrance,
- Viewing areas overlooking the wetlands and prairie
- keeping a balance of the two within the space
- Open seating area, park area for multi-use;
- Long lines of sight
- Native vegetation, including flowering shrubs and trees
- Cemeteries are also refuge for urban wildlife, incorporation of both manicured and natural spaces as habitat is important
- Some feature - water/art
- Unmanicured only near and around the pond area - manicured everywhere else
- water features such as a fountain or waterfall are very peaceful
- Historical context
- Green burial spaces

Question 5

What type of facilities would you like to see incorporated into the design of the new cemetery?

Preferred Facilities

Multi - faith Chapel	176
Celebration building	145
Shelters	130
Reception Area	99

Other:

- Columbaria
- Benches
- Reception for inquires(manned)
- Public washrooms
- Funeral homes would love to work alongside the cemetery not compete with them.
- This is a space for final disposition – What have funeral homes & Churches all of the above
- Washroom
- Remembrance garden
- Natural burial area must be kept natural, with shrubs and trees (not natural to this location) added.
- none necessary - perhaps an office
- no facilities to keep cost down
- Catholic section
- seats/benches (natural or constructed) throughout
- washrooms
- landmarks that help people navigate and way find through the cemetery
- gathering areas to get out of bad weather - washrooms, natural seating and benches along the water pond
- washrooms
- drinking fountains/water for cleansing headstones when needed
- Public restroom
- benches and seating areas

- Separate Catholic Area in the Cemetery
- Catholic Chapel
- An area for a Catholic Cemetery
- Catholic Area
- As a Catholic, I would appreciate an area for Catholic burial.
- Catholic part to the cemetery
- Catholic chapel
- parks with food forests and community gardens - food, gathering places
- Sandstone monument
- green eco burial areas
- Mausoleum
- Washrooms
- Just like the memorial forest, an opportunity to plant a native species specific to grassland such as grassland shrubs etc.
- Information centre
- plenty of washrooms in each quadrant
- water feature (i.e. fountain or pond)
- non denominational and small enough to not compete with other community halls
- Entrance feature, identify specific spaces for potential future expansion,
- Washroom if outside ...a plain one that can be used after

Question 6

What type of memorialisation would you like to see incorporated into the design of the new cemetery?

Preferred Types of Memorialisation

Memorial Trees	154
Memorial Wall	127
Memorial Benches	114
Headstones	94
Flat markers	93
Plaques	68

Other:

- Columbaria
- Need to have a variety of memorialisation options as it is an individual choice.
- Crosses
- family crypts
- this is the type of markers I would use - if others will pay including the cost of upkeep they may want other
- Rocks in rock gardens without inscriptions
- Digital map of the cemetery, identifying all used graves with names of the interred. Each could link to online memorial page for that person.
- I like more sculptural artistic pieces that reflect the time and culture of the people buried there and also getting to put something unique to the individual in more than just a plaque
- green eco burial areas
- In a pinch, small markers in the natural burial area.

- No advertising on benches, plaques or walls regardless of how discrete. Memorials should be of the dead, not odes to the material affluence of the living.
- Trees planted in the name of those deceased rather than burial sites
- Openness to new concepts for memorialization
- I would have supported memorial trees and benches, but I'd rather see those investments spread throughout the park system where they are more likely to be appreciated. A memorial wall would presumably be a convenient way to memorialize individuals who were cremated or perhaps interred elsewhere.
- other memorial items/options such as landscape features (stones, flower beds) or other outdoor furniture/landmarks (small sculpture, path/road intersection markers)
- Any other unobtrusive element
- Could also have a digital component where names are streamed, so it is not static
- Child specific and infant specific areas (private from other areas).
- Lots of options good - allows for individual personal experiences
- Families place flowers by the grave sites - need something for this some new ideas for this is needed
- Natural markers - i.e. rocks
- Small crypts, small mausoleums

Question 7

What specific cultural or religious amenities or design elements should be incorporated into the landscape and design of the new cemetery?

- A sheltered area where prayers can be said before interment.
- A pagoda style gazebo by the water might be nice.
- Christian designs are my preference
- A gathering section in the columbaria section with a podium or place to set the urn. This would provide a place to say final farewells prior to interment
- Same as Queen's park – Children area
- The funeral home operators would have the break down as to the number of specific requirements.
- All please avoid any decisions to limit faith based design elements in an attempt to avoid insulting anyone group.
- Separate section for each culture, special interest etc.
- All types so everyone feels welcome EX: Shinto shrine, crosses, mosaic tile for the Muslims, Buddha for the Buddhists.
- I really don't know what most of these things are? Or what they look like
- We should never lose our Identity as being "The West" I believe there should be a balance between the old and the new. We should incorporate our history as well as the beliefs of the people who live here. I know you can never please everyone but we should not stray from "who we are"
- Need to consider non- Christian religions (Muslim) a growing sergeant of the Calgary Population.
- I would like to see specific sections to accommodate specific denominations; particularly the orthodox community would very much wish the graves facing east.
- I recently came across the idea of biodegradable urns, where the ashes of a loved one are buried with the seed of a tree inside the urn. Once the urn decomposes a tree will start to grow where the remains are buried. Personally I think it's a great idea. For more information please

visit, http://preventdisease.com/news/14/032614_Biodegradable-Urns-That-Will-Turn-You-Into-A-Tree-After-You-Die.shtml

- Chapel or shelter
- may want to consider designating areas for certain cultures or faiths - has been historical practices to do so across North America
- Designated section for military veterans.
- Specific Catholic Area of the cemetery
- catholic section
- I would like a specific Catholic section please.
- Different faith sections i.e. a section for roman Catholics
- A specific space for different religions. I'm Catholic so that would be my first priority but I think Protestants, Jews, Muslims, or other faiths should be allowed their own area as well. Such specific areas can include statues or symbols specific to that religion to encourage those who visit their loved ones' grave sites.
- Catholic consecrated land area
- Catholic section please
- Specific area for different religious groups (e.g. Catholic)
- Separate Catholic Area of the Cemetery
- Catholic Area would be nice.
- As a Catholic, I would like to be buried in an area with other Catholics and where a different number of Catholic symbols would be evident such as angels, crosses/crucifixes and Marian statues.
- Please ensure there is a Catholic part of the cemetery.
- Catholic
- A crucifix (cross with life size Jesus) in the Catholic section of the cemetery.
- I would like to see a space for the burial of Catholics.
- I think that there is a necessity to identify a Roman Catholic area, as is fairly typical in most cemeteries that I have been in. Most major ethnic and religious groups seem to have this.
- As mentioned above, an area for Catholic burial. Without any real picture of how this would work... I think it would be great to acknowledge the beliefs, or lack of (?) for all those buried in the cemetery - A wall - a large plaque -?
- Asian pagoda designed for burning of incense/food offering. It would also be nice to see some form of religious statue or grotto in the Catholic area.
- Whatever it takes to meet cultural and ethnic needs
- Catholic Area. Peaceful places to walk and reflect
- Please include a Catholic section in this new cemetery.
- Catholic corner that is blessed ground
- Some graves oriented toward Haifa/Jerusalem (for Baha'is and Jews) and perpendicular to that (for Muslims). See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burial#Orientation>
- I love walking through old cemeteries and looking at the more elaborate angles and sculptures, the writing on the tombstones when it's more than just a name and a date, and the feeling of shelter amongst vegetation.
- Should be multi-cultural
- Catholic Area
- Having a specific area to bury those unborn (miscarriage remains, aborted fetuses) - and to have the ability to inscribe names for memorial purposes.

- Burning area for Chinese families
- Catholic section in the cemetery
- NONE!
- I am not familiar with all cultural and religious traditions, but it seems that the option for traditional or natural burials as well as cremation is sufficient. I would prefer not to see distinct designs or amenities to allow it to appeal to all faith and cultural traditions.
- none
- Layouts should include east facing graves etc. for groups with traditional needs
- All faith practices
- None
- I don't think there should be any cultural or religious amenities incorporated. We are all human and it should not matter that one culture doesn't want to be buried next to another culture and if the family wants to add religious decoration to the gravesite then that is their choice also.
- none
- Individual plots ought to cover specific cultural or religious beliefs. The cemetery ought to be multi cultural in approach.
- I don't think religion or culture should be any part of the design. Then you are separating culture and religion into separate components and it becomes racist. People should be allowed to bury their loved ones according to their beliefs (within reason) as long as it does not offend.
- native flora and fauna
- Calgary is multi-cultural and Multi-religious. All groups and symbolism should be treated equally. If one group has more representation than another it may cause resentment. The overall look it should be as universal as possible.
- Would be nice to not see any upright headstones, only flat markers or plaques.
- A place where people from different faiths can come and pray/meditate or remember loved ones.
- non denominational please
- It should reflect all religious amenities to respect all denominations. Especially the major faiths.
- There should be specific cemeteries to respect traditional religious practices, e.g. a Catholic cemetery or an Islamic cemetery (such that the graves are properly aligned in the direction of Mecca).
- None, this is Calgary and people move here should be part of our history.
- generic amenities that to speak to many different cultures or religions
- A small outside temple...Wood & some glass...open though
- not married to anything specific
- Multi-faith Chapel and quiet outdoor areas for reflection
- Keep it simple and attractive to all and very calm.
- I think there should be consideration given to those that do not have a cultural or religious alignment...they just want a place to bury their loved ones.
- Places for people to celebrate the life of the person that died, and places where people can be alone to pray (shelters, gardens, etc.)
- Please allow for a large ROMAN CATHOLIC section in the cemetery. I want a place to put large statues, a sitting area and green space.
- Allowing for the multicultural nature of the city - ensure that as many modalities for "disposal" are available as possible. I am not sure how important it would be to perhaps have some segments that do not overlap with others (?) I am not totally familiar with the restrictions of

various religions, but this may be important to consider (did you do stakeholder consultation with a number of religious heads???)

- I like the idea of something that is multi-faith--a place for prayer or contemplation or reflection that encompasses all faiths. Also like idea of having space where families can come and play, have lunch, 'be' with their 'departed' person--some open areas.
- Alberta Heritage... Wheat, grain elevators, farming, and oil and gas.
- Christian Crosses (fountain etc...)
- Perhaps some symbols or sculptures and inscriptions that represent different faiths.
- A quiet sitting area provided an opportunity to reflect on the memories of a loved one and God. Not sure we need a lot of cultural or religious amenities - you can't satisfy all groups and should not try
- Probably can't design to meet all faiths and cultures, so best to have a flexible or neutral space that can be interpreted or transformed into individual needs
- Personally if this is for everyone - there shouldn't be any religious amenities there - it may encourage vandalism - when having ceremonies portable items can be placed into the building/shelter and removed after the ceremony. Keep the park neutral but beautiful so everyone can enjoy without feeling offended at a statue or element. I prefer Japanese landscaping - simple, clean, elegant, beautiful, peaceful, easy to keep. Perhaps a wandering river with Koi fish that can stay in the water over winter. Inside the buildings could have art from local photographers rather than religious themes?
- Open and not specific to cultural or religious designs
- I would like to see a variety of design elements reflecting all major faiths, to reflect the multi-cultural nature of our city and country.
- Some form of parking
- Places to light candles, hang prayer flags, tie paper prayers to a tree.
- Public art reflecting different faiths while interacting with the natural surroundings as a destination for genuflecting/meditation that aren't necessarily chapels.
- Stained glass window somewhere does not have to be too ornate.
- I think that ideally the cemetery would be kept multi cultural so that all faiths can use and enjoy this space comfortably.

Question 9:

Any additional comments or feedback?

- Memorialization scattering gardens
- The Bahai Faith only requires that the site face EAST, A prayer for the deceased is read as a group before the casket is lowered and therefore an area where this can be said would be helpful. Also, if a designated section of the cemetery be put aside for the Bahai's it would solve our current problem since there are not many cemeteries that still have East facing plots.
- For concept two I would recommend having the front and entrance way of concept 3
- It looks like 138th would be access for the cemetery so it should be paved
- Mausoleum interment – Not environmentally friendly.
- I would like to see a facility, park that offers the public a wide variety of choices for Interment and memorialization.
- Memorial Tree with steel wrapped markers.
- I like the tier stone wall effect
- Incorporate simple green – Not over crowded
- No mosques above ground

- No playgrounds
- No scattering gardens
- Please pave 138th Avenue S.E as people will use it for access coming off 84 Street the dust is horrendous on that road
- I would not want to see a mausoleum interment as it is a large building to maintain and heat. I see outdoor columbaria and ground interment more financially conservative for future generations to maintain As a funeral professional in the city it is critical that the design and creation of the new cemetery include a non denominational gathering area with reception facilities, Increasing number of families are turning away from the traditional church or funeral home option. Many families are looking for a venue which allows the service and celebration& internment at one location. At present the above option is only being offered by publicly traded funeral homes and cemetery companies within our city, may families have no option but to use these current facilitates. Not only would this option out the new cemetery give families an option besides the above. But also importantly would be a revenue source for the city and the cemetery.
- I live by the planned area, the natural unmanicured lands is a bad idea. The mosquito's are so bad(I have to spray myself 3 times a day to work in out yard)
- The foxtails take over very quickly. Nobody cuts the weeds and they spread badly
- Whatever the road, better be looked after it is better than the road in front of our.
- Thought you were farther along in your process 2016 is a very long time table for family members.
- Publication of all impact studies is desired; Impact to surrounding water table and contamination of neighbourhood wells must be addressed and communicated to neighbouring residents. Any planned or completed studies should be published. Water quality studies should be preformed prior to and past development.
- I think you should canvas the funeral homes in Calgary.
- Are green areas of a concern for the rest of the cemetery due to the weed control?
- Great to see a new cemetery
- To hear destination of green burial
- Disappointed to see that the city is looking at supplying facilities to compete with funeral homes.
- Let the wild life in, lots of trees and gardens
- My thought is that a non denominational chapel/ gathering area with reception facilities could be used by funeral homes and individuals. This facility if built would rented out and the user responsible for catering, etc. It would also allow people/ families to use facilities that don't have higher costs for facilities and rental. The city needs to be in this service area & provide an option.
- I would like to see a comparable cost of plots between Queen's and a new cemetery. Also it would be helpful to be able to trade Queen's plots for new plots here at parity. Particularly families wishing to expand their family plot holdings for future generations.
- This is what I would want for us - so no comment on things
- green burial
- green burials
- Green burial!
- Green burial options (no monuments, embalming, or non-biodegradable containers
- Green burials or tree memorial

- Columbarium space is currently being served in several faith communities. Don't need City competing in this area.
- Do you think maybe you should have defined your terms? Ossuary. Interment. Ossuary. Columbarium. Field of Honour (for veterans? first responders?)
- Plantings in honour of deceased rather than graves and land disturbance
- Include consultation with Calgary and area religions that all burial requirements are included.
- The new cemetery should include multiple options to inter loved ones.
- Green burial
- Fish pond in the summer time
- Just a comment...can't understand the difference between a columbarium and an ossuary, but since I know about a columbarium, I will vote for that!
- In visiting cemeteries all over the world, it is nice to see those that do not look the same as all the others. I am conflicted on the use of headstones - the old ones are nice and interesting, but I notice that with the evolution of technology, the energy is changing - more garish headstones do not seem to lend to an atmosphere of tranquility and respect. Therefore I lean towards less visible markers...
- As eco-friendly as possible--and land-efficient--what do countries with higher-density populations do?
- Infant and child specific areas and gardens. (Completely separate from other areas.) An Infant and child area is a must. I know from my own personal loss, having a toddler, Infant and child area separate and private from the rest of the cemetery is important. The grieving of a child is much different than the grieving of an adult, and therefore a separate area is a necessity.
- Perhaps some plaques with poems or prayers for reflection.
- I do not want to see bike paths in a cemetery. You go to relax and have a quiet time remembering your loved one and bikes racing through, is NOT appropriate. Walking paths should be at a minimum, keep the green space as quiet and reflective as possible. I have also used the cemeteries during times of stress in my life just to go to and find a peaceful place to collect my thoughts and have a good cry. A peaceful and quiet place should be the priority of the park. There are enough places in Calgary that offer other activities, have cemeteries alone.
- Eco burials
- Love the bands on trees idea - we need new ideas like this - step outside the normal cemetery box
- Green burial
- A small number of family crypts
- Green burial
- Green burial
- Green burial
- Green burial space - no casket or biodegradable casket, no liner
- Specific area for parents to bury miscarriage remains or aborted fetuses, respecting their human dignity that each person deserve a proper burial, regardless how young/small.
- I really do not know much nor have I thought about our future resting place. I would like a very nice garden with lots of trees and well maintain. The amenities walking path and biking is a great idea, same as a few shelters for whoever walks and or rides around.
- Please make plots affordable. I'm a single Dad, and worry about what my passing could cost myself or family.
- Will this include multiple burials in individual plots? i.e., 2 deep, family cremation burial plots etc.

- We definitely want a Roman Catholic area for the cemetery - is there any way we can find out if there will be a Roman Catholic area for the Cemetery?
- CATHOLIC SECTION WITH LOW MAINTENCE WHICH WILL KEEP THE CEMENTARY ALOT QUIETER AND PRIVATE PLACE
- Please include different faith section such as Roman catholic
- Please make sure to have a Catholic area so that things such as large statues to Mary or the saints can be incorporated without offending others. I think other religions would appreciate something similar.
- My husband and I greatly want a green burial. We would love to have one in Calgary. It is very important to us.
- As a representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, I would like to inquire how possible is it to have a Catholic area.
- As the City of Calgary grows, I hope the City is securing a large enough area so that we don't run out of room in 20 or 30 years! Thank you,
- As a practicing Catholic, it's important for this denomination to have an area dedicated for the appropriate services, graves, etc.
- It is very important to have a Catholic section. I urge this to be part of the plans.
- I really must emphasize my need to see religious areas identified. This city has a very large Roman Catholic community, which if anything, is increasing daily. I also feel the requirement for the City to push for cremation vice full casket burials, as they make much better use of the limited space that is available. We must look to the future.
- I could go on forever with different but nary a dollar sign next to any suggestion, I'm afraid the dead might bankrupt us. I don't feel this survey will be too helpful, I am disappointed by it
- It is essential to our Catholic faith to be buried in holy (blessed) ground, so a catholic section is important to a large portion of the population of Calgary.
- Bring back the family plot sections as in the old cemeteries
- Thanks for striving to meet the needs of Calgarians!
- Please offer green burials. This is a huge opportunity to take a step forward in cemeteries in Calgary!
- Perhaps it has already been decided there will definitely be green burial. In case it hasn't been decided- I would really like to see green burial as an option. It's not popular now because most people have never heard of it but in our ever changing world I believe this will be a great option in the near future.
- Need a separate area for Roman Catholic faith
- I would like to see a Catholic Section in the cemetery as in all the other city cemeteries.
- Burying bodies is gross and old school. We should move forward and encourage cremation.
- Cemeteries are a huge waste of land and resource. The idea that a person needs to take up land when they are dead is ridiculous and selfish. The City should be encouraging people to be cremated instead.
- Don't forget to include faith communities in your consultation process.
- Can't think of anything
- Personally I prefer the most simple, natural methods possible.
- You should have an online grave finder that provides information about where graves are located.
- As death is a celebration and a very sad occasion, my beliefs is that when someone you love dies, then the place where they lay to rest should be visually peaceful and calming. And welcoming for the future generations to visit and learn about their past.

- Land will be scarcer in the future and we aren't making any more of it so why are we sitting for these uses? This doesn't seem sustainable given the population and development trends.
- Is it desirable to connect this to the Greenway pathway? It's very close. Also, location of proposed cemetery may limit future development of water supply wells in the buffer zone. May be a future growth issue to be considered in consultation with Water Resources and Planning, as well as MD of Rocky view.
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
- For me a cemetery is a very formal, serious sort of affair and I would expect a new one to represent that. With that said, I acknowledge that there will be a wide diversity of views on this matter. Best of luck to the Parks team on figuring out how to best reflect these practices. In my view, however, the concept of a proper burial in a cemetery is fairly traditional, and I expect that individuals for whom this is not very important would likely not hold preferences to the same extent. I feel that a religious building, e.g. a multi-faith chapel, is an integral component of a cemetery and would want to see one included.
- This is a limited sized space for long term cemetery requirements. We need to be thinking of other sites as well or another Queen's Park sized site. We need to take a more holistic approach across the city rather than just focusing on this one site.
- I like the opportunity for green burial, as I would like to leave as little impact as possible.
- All designs appear very respectful of the natural areas surrounding the cemetery, which will provide a peaceful resting place for loved ones.
- From the pictures (& a quick Internet search) I am still unclear what a Ossuary or Columbarium might look like - though I said "yes" to including them it would depend a great deal on what they looked like (i.e. blending in to the natural surroundings in some way, size etc.)