

# New City Cemetery

## First Round Public Engagement – What we Heard

### Response Summary



#### Part I - Design concepts

Participants were shown three preliminary design concepts and were asked to indicate their preference. Participants were also asked to provide comment on the unique reasons they preferred one concept over another.

268 online & in-person survey responses

Concept 1  
Radial  
31%

Concept 2  
Looped  
33%

Concept 3  
Curvilinear  
35%

While no clear decisive favourite emerged from the preliminary design concepts, over 200 detailed comments explaining what participants liked about each concept will help the design team to integrate some preferred aspects of each into a merged design concept.

Submitted comments touched on:

- Aesthetics (126)
- Economics (8)
- Accessibility (44)
- Cultural and Social (8)
- Biodiversity (1)
- Environmental (21)
- Green Burials (7)
- Amenities (5)

*“Wind breaks provide an Albertan feel, good transition from wetland to cemetery”*

Survey Comment

*“This space presents a blank slate a huge opportunity to create something special...”*

Survey Comment

Participants were also asked to indicate issues or areas that they did not like about the preliminary design concepts, as well as gaps or needs that these concepts didn't meet. Input here touched on issues of security, finding balance between a natural and manicured landscape, questions about parking, and concerns over alternative burials impacting water quality.

For a full listing of all comments received, please see the [verbatim section](#) at the end of this document.

#### Part II – Features & Facilities

Participants were asked to consider the types of landscape features, facilities, memorialisation, and cultural or religious amenities they would like to see at the new cemetery.

##### Preferred Landscape Features

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

##### Preferred Facilities

Multi - faith Chapel	176
Celebration building	145

Shelters	130
Reception Area	99

#### **Preferred Types of Memorialisation**

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

Suggestions for cultural or religious amenities included space to meet the needs of particular faith groups as well as space that could be considered neutral or non-denominational. Some comments also expressed an interest in representing the area's western or ranching heritage.

A list of other suggested types of features, facilities and memorialisation, as well as a complete listing of all suggested cultural and religious facilities can be found in the [verbatim section](#).

#### **Part III – Products & Services**

Participants were asked to consider the types of products or services that they would like to see at the new cemetery.

<b>Preferred Products or Services</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Cremation burial (cremation grave)	124
Full casket burials	113
Scattering Garden	109
Cremation burial (standard casket grave )	83
Field of Honour interment	79
Columbarium	75
Mausoleum Interment	63
Ossuary Interment	54