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Lacombe Fairview Cemetery Expansion to Proceed in 2013



The upcoming Fairview Cemetery expansion will provide an estimated 60-75 year supply of burial plots.

Council has directed City administration to enter into a contract with Lees and Associates Landscape Architects and Planners to complete a Master Design & Cemetery Plan for Fairview East Cemetery expansion, and to oversee the construction of Phase 1 of the expansion in 2013.

“Council wants to ensure an adequate supply of land for current and future cemetery use,” said Mayor Steve Christie. “The proposed expansion site is approximately 10 acres in size and will provide an estimated 60-75 year supply of cemetery plots.”

“We are pleased to see that Council is taking a proactive approach to ensuring that the community will be well-served with a necessary public service,” said Chief Administrative Officer Norma MacQuarrie. “This expansion will enhance the role of the cemetery as a local cultural asset, and as an important link in the City’s trails system.”

Knowledge that the cemetery lands were reaching capacity led the City to search for lands for future cemetery development both inside and outside the municipal boundaries, but a suitable and cost

effective property could not be secured. As a result, in May 2010, Council directed Administration to commence necessary preparations to expand the existing cemetery onto the lands abutting the east perimeter of Fairview West Cemetery.

“We are looking forward to working with Lees and Associates, who have significant expertise in this field, to develop a comprehensive cemetery design for the land,” said Community Services Director Brenda Vaughan. “We are also looking forward to consulting with the public to ensure that their needs are addressed in the final design, so that residents have a meaningful place to inter and remember their loved ones.”

The steps in bringing the project to fruition is the development of a conceptual master plan to guide the long term expansion of the cemetery, It will then be possible to develop and manage subsequent phases of the cemetery in stages, relative to the interment needs of the community.

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