

## Councillor Initiative Report

FILE: 01-0550-02/19

**DATE:** April 17, 2019

**Date of Meeting –** April 30, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Councillor Anena Simpson

**SUBJECT:** A Place of Remembrance

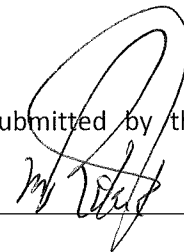
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**RECOMMENDATION(S):** THAT Council:

- A. Direct staff to include in the 2020 business planning process a plan to explore the creation of a Place of Remembrance in Pitt Meadows on existing city land including developing partnerships to accomplish this objective; OR
- B. Direct staff to include in the 2020 business planning process a plan to explore the feasibility of establishing an above ground burial site in Pitt Meadows, including developing partnerships to accomplish this objective; OR
- C. Other.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW**

This Councillor Initiative Report is endorsed by Councillor Simpson and submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer on her behalf.



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**PURPOSE**

Provide purpose of report and what is expected from Council as a result of reading the report.

☐ Information Report

☐ Direction Report

☒ Decision Report

**DISCUSSION**

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**Background:**

Over the years, there have been various proposals to create a place of remembrance in Pitt Meadows for those who have lost loved ones. Some have recommended a place for buried remains; others have suggested a memorial place of contemplation.

In 2012, under the leadership of Pitt Meadows Foundation president (now Councillor) Mike Hayes, research was conducted and a proposal made to City Council for the creation of a place of remembrance in Pitt Meadows.

In 2014, a memorial garden was proposed for Osprey Village. This project was terminated due to resident opposition.

In 2018, Mayor Dingwall gave Councillor Simpson an assignment to follow up on an offer made to the previous Council by a local resident for a memorial prayer garden.

Once this initiative became public, several community members reached out to express their support for a prayer garden, memorial site or cemetery in Pitt Meadows. A number of organizations also expressed interest in partnership with the city.

The research has led to two different options for the City to consider: the development of a memorial garden or the development of a cemetery.

**Examples of Memorial Gardens in other cities:****Port Moody**

The city of Port Moody partnered with Crossroads Hospice to establish a healing garden at Pioneer Memorial Park. Please See Attachment A.

**Port Coquitlam**

As part of the Blakeburn Lagoons Park development, a Place of Peace was included with a large bench dedicated as “a place to reflect, heal and honor”. Please see Attachment B.

**Partnership Offers:****Last Post:**

Last Post is connected with the department of Veterans Affairs and offers financial assistance to ensure dignified burials for veterans. They expressed interest in our potential project.

**Catholic Cemeteries:**

This organization expressed interest in a joint venture to build a cemetery in Pitt Meadows.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

- |                                                          |                                              |                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Excellence            | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Livability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable      |                                                          |

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- ☐ None      ☐ Budget Previously Approved  
☐ Other      ☒ Referral to Business Planning

Any consideration for a place of remembrance or burial site will be referred to the 2020 Business Planning process for Council's consideration.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- ☒ Inform      ☐ Consult      ☐ Involve      ☐ Collaborate      ☐ Empower

The Community will be kept apprised of this initiative as discussion moves forward.

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**KATZIE FIRST NATION CONSIDERATIONS**

Referral      ☐ Yes      ☒ No

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**SIGN-OFFS**

Written by:

Anena Simpson, Councillor

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Port Moody – Crossroads Hospice Healing Garden at Pioneer Memorial Park
- B. Port Coquitlam – Blakeburn Lagoons Park development

## Port Coquitlam – Blakeburn Lagoons Park Development

“A Place to reflect, heal and honor.”







Employment Opportunity  
Volunteer Opportunity

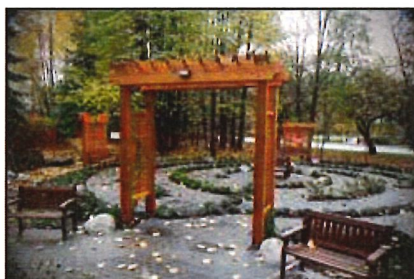
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### CROSSROADS HOSPICE LABYRINTH HEALING GARDEN

For over twenty-five years Crossroads Hospice Society has provided support to those affected by end of life experience. As a part of that legacy Crossroads Inlet Centre Hospice has experienced, first hand, the healing power of nature through its rooftop sanctuaries. Now, through the Crossroads Hospice Labyrinth Healing Garden, we are able fully integrate nature into our compassionate focus for both our patients, staff, volunteers, supporters and our community.



Located on the grounds of Pioneer Memorial Park in Port Moody, BC, this labyrinth-style was built in partnership with the City of Port Moody and contributions of time, energy and talents by a host of supporter and volunteers. As a point on the Trans Canada Trail is also welcome respite for tourists and weary travelers and joins a community of over 3,000 labyrinths

worldwide.

#### A Healing Tool

The labyrinth healing garden is a unique tool in the extension of our bereavement services as well as a place for members of our community to find peace and serenity. Designed for the participants of Crossroads Hospice Society's programs and services the public is also welcome to enjoy this naturescape for moments of meditation, reflection and healing.

#### The Labyrinth Path

Labyrinths have been used for over thousands of years, and in many different cultures, as a form of walking meditation. To maximize your visit we suggest you pause before entering the garden and take a deep breath. Concentrate on each step and trust that the path will lead you into the center. Once in the centre, take a moment to reflect on your journey. When you are ready, exit the labyrinth by retracing your steps and notice how you feel. Walkers have expressed a feelings ranging from clarity to relaxation.

#### Help us

If you are interested in supporting this project, we have two unique giving opportunities available and would welcome your support. We are also interested in connecting with community groups and individuals interested in developing programs or volunteer opportunities connected with the labyrinth healing garden. For more details please call our Business Office at 604-945-0606 or email [info@crossroadshospice.org](mailto:info@crossroadshospice.org).

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