

Priorities Committee Meeting_Jul16_2019

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Community Cemetery Assessment – Update on Status****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on the status of the Community Cemetery Assessment and to introduce the successful proponent.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

Report

The Community Cemetery Assessment has been designed with three distinct phases. Phase 1 will explore a market & community demand analysis, stakeholder and community engagement and community cemetery forms and operational structures. This phase begins in June, 2019; the final report will be completed by December 31, 2019 and presented to Council in January, 2020. Should Council decide to proceed, 2 additional phases will follow.

Council and Committee History

July 3, 2018	Council approved "THAT the 2019 budget include funds, up to \$60,000, to support an external review and report on the viability and desirability of a community cemetery in Strathcona County; and that this report be provided to Council for consideration by the end of 2019."
September 12, 2017	Council approved "THAT an expenditure of \$16,500.00 from Council Priority Funds as follows: Mayor Roxanne Carr \$ 1000.00, Councillor Dave Anderson \$1000.00, Councillor Brian Botterill \$ 500.00, Councillor Carla Howatt \$10,000.00, Councillor Paul Smith \$ 500.00, Councillor Fiona Beland-Quest \$2500.00, Councillor Delaine \$1000.00 for the purpose of providing funds to Burial Options Society of Strathcona for costs associated with pursuing professional exploration of the cemetery needs of Strathcona County residents and develop a plan to services those needs, be approved."

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan n/a

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