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COVID Memorial

Council Presentation

June 20, 2023

Background

July 5, 2022 Council Meeting

COVID-19 Pandemic – Memorial Options 2022/ 231

Moved by: R. Frank THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022 on tangible memorial options and placement locations to recognize the hardships and losses experienced by Strathcona County citizens due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DUE: Q4 2022 Postponed to June 20, 2023

Background

A small committee made up of representatives from:

- Family and Community Services;
- Emergency Services;
- Economic Development and Tourism; and
- Recreation, Parks and Culture.

COVID Memorials

As COVID-19 has impacted communities around the world, there have been several memorials completed.

Some have been temporary installations.



National Mall Project



“In America: Remember”
by Suzanne Brennan
Firstenberg.

COVID Memorials

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Other memorials are done with the contribution of those who have lost loved ones.



Rami's Heart COVID-19 Memorial in Wall Township, NJ



National COVID Memorial Wall in London, UK

COVID Memorials

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Some memorials have honoured specific groups impacted by the pandemic.



Mural in Flushing Meadows, NY



Doctor's Memorial in Lima, Peru.

COVID Memorials

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Another type of memorial is a garden such as the London Blossom Garden.



COVID Memorials

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Local communities:

- City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Arts Council
- The Town of Edson is working on “The Resilience Project”.
- “The Healing Project” by the City of St. Albert



“The Healing Project” at St. Albert Place.

Key Element of the Memorial

One element of a memorial that the committee felt was important is to create a space for reflection, connection, and mindfulness.

Recommended Project

- \$5,000** (within operational budget)
- Memorial plaque with bench seating



Memorial Sample

Recommended Locations

Recommended location for the memorial plaque is Broadmoor Lake Park.



Broadmoor Lake Park

Recommendation

THAT if Council approve a COVID memorial that a plaque on a rock and small ceremony be approved.

Questions