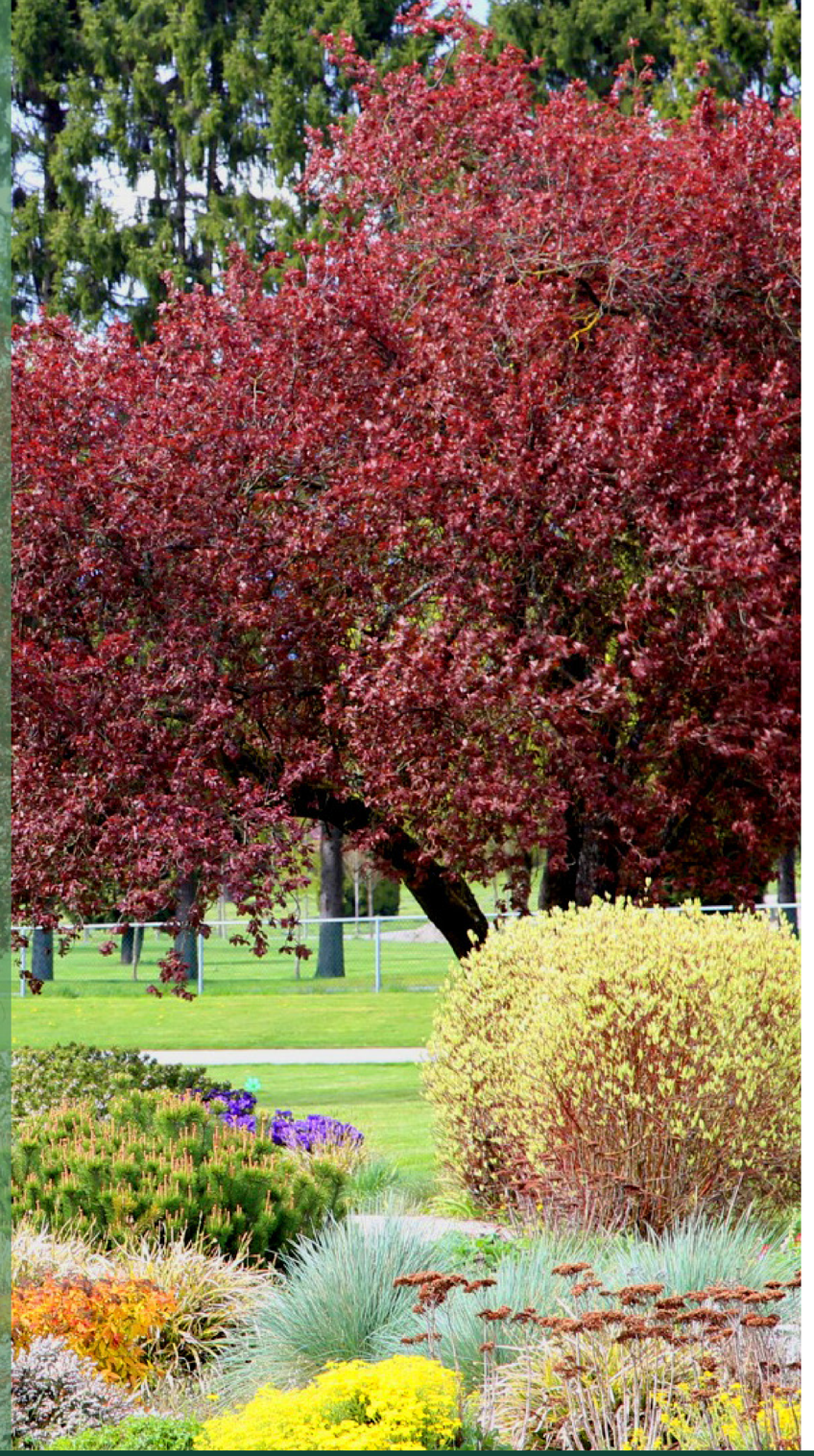
City of Richmond Memorial Garden Public Engagement

The City of Richmond is seeking to understand community needs and preferences as they relate to the potential for a Memorial Garden in Richmond.

We would like to hear your thoughts.



Please share your input by:

1 Telling us what matters most

Review the following presentation boards, and add your feedback and ideas using the sticky notes and dots provided.

2 Completing the survey

Scan the QR code below to complete the Let's Talk Richmond online survey (available in multiple languages), or fill out a hard copy survey.

It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Learn more and share your thoughts at **LetsTalkRichmond.ca/MemorialGarden**

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Memorial Services

Currently, the City of Richmond does not offer a dedicated space for memorialization.

A Memorial Garden could be a place where residents remember and pay tribute to deceased loved ones in a variety of ways. Such a site would typically offer a diverse range of opportunities for memorialization that reflects community preferences and traditions within a serene, contemplative park setting. A Memorial Garden could potentially accommodate above ground interment, burial of remains, and spreading of ashes, depending on the needs and desires of the community.

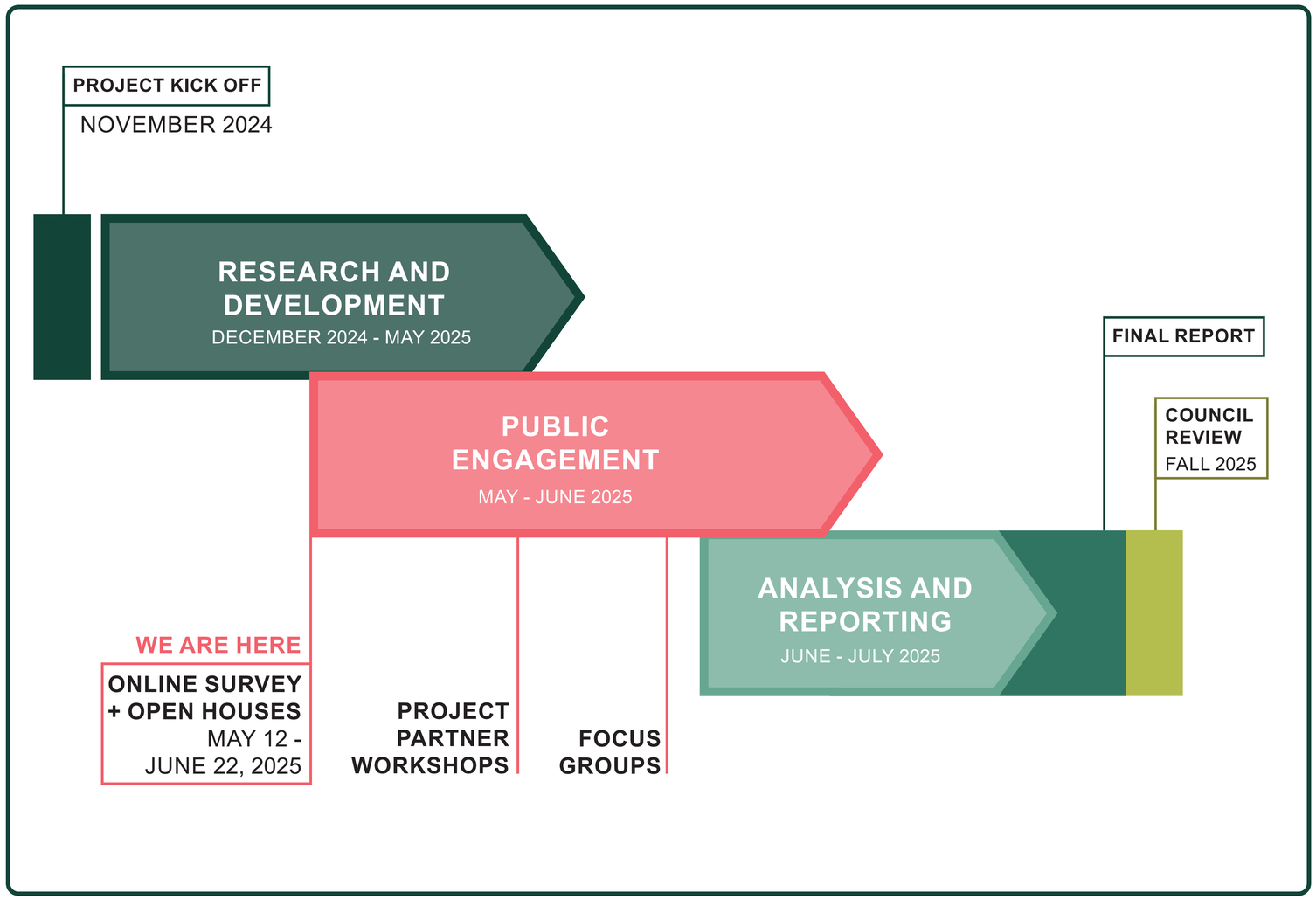
What's Happening?

This public engagement process is intended to help us better understand community needs and preferences as they relate to the potential for a Memorial Garden in Richmond. A specific site is not being considered at this time.

In addition to public engagement, we are speaking with focus groups and local businesses. The goal of this public engagement and planning process is to determine whether there is sufficient community support for a Memorial Garden and, if so, what a successful model may look like.

The results of this public engagement process will inform recommended next steps that will be presented to Council for consideration.

Project Timeline



In general, how supportive are you of the City of Richmond offering a Memorial Garden?

Please indicate your level of support with a dot sticker:

Strongly Opposed	Somewhat Opposed	Neutral	Somewhat Supportive	Strongly Supportive

Please add comments and ideas on sticky notes below:



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What services would you like to see offered at a Memorial Garden?

The following represents a range of typical services that could potentially be offered by a Memorial Garden. We welcome you to indicate your preferences with dot stickers, and to add comments/ suggestions with sticky notes.

In-Ground Cremation Burial



Cremated remains buried in a small in-ground lot with a flat marker.

Columbarium Niche



Cremated remains interred in an individual “niche” of a larger above-ground stone structure.

Scattering Garden



A dedicated garden in the memorial garden for the scattering of cremated remains.

Casket Burial



Casket burial in an in-ground lot with a headstone or flat marker.

Other Services Not Shown

Green Burial/Natural Burial



Interment in a biodegradable casket without embalming, grave liners, or vaults. It involves sustainable landscaping practices and minimal grave marking/memorialization.

Mausoleum



An above-ground building used to house the caskets and cremation urns of individuals or families.

Terramation



A process where human remains are transformed into soil by composting. Not yet legal in Canada.

Memorial Wall



An inscription or plaque placed on a wall or stone to commemorate a person, possibly even memorializing those buried elsewhere.

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What amenities and features would you like to see offered at a Memorial Garden?

The following represents a range of accessible amenities and features that could be provided by a Memorial Garden. We welcome you to indicate your preferences with dot stickers, and to add comments/ suggestions with sticky notes.

Gathering Space



Sheltered Gathering Space



Altar Stone



Incense Burning



Access to Water



Specific Grave Orientation



Trees and Ornamental Plants



Places to Rest



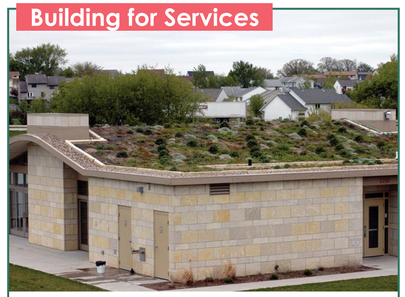
Walking Paths



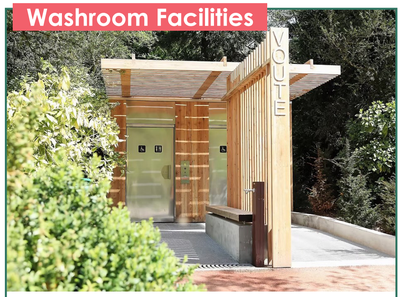
Water Features



Building for Services



Washroom Facilities



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Do you have any other thoughts about a potential Memorial Garden in Richmond?

Use sticky notes to add your thoughts and ideas.