

Mountain View Cemetery Services Plan 2024 - 2057

Committee of the Whole
September 10, 2024

Project Scope

- Holistic review of Mountain View Cemetery
- Relevant data for last 10 years
- Cemetery trends & best practices
- Future site expansion
- Operational framework development

Project Background

2021: Received Council direction to develop a Mountain View Cemetery Services Plan



2022 – 2024: High-level review of services & operations



2024: Expansion concept design and framework

4 Phase Approach



Phase 1: Research & Analysis



Phase 2: Facility & Future Investment Concept



Phase 3: Sustainability of Operations



Phase 4: Concepts and Capital Costing

Key Findings:

Rates/fees comparable
to Vancouver Island
Communities

Increasing demand for
internment services –
cremation

New services are
emerging
(green/natural burials
& scattering gardens).

Existing inventory is
limited

Site can accommodate
expansion

Opportunity for
operational
improvements

Recommendations

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

1. Adopts the Mountain View Cemetery Services Plan as attached to the September 10, 2024, report from the Director of Parks and Recreation;
2. Refers the short, mid, and long-term priorities in the Mountain View Cemetery Services Plan to the annual budget planning process;
3. Directs staff to begin infill construction for 2025 as part of the approved capital plan and build future phases into the 5-year capital planning process;
4. Selects preferred capital expansion plan (Option 1) and directs staff to incorporate expansion funding as part of the municipalities long term capital financial program; and
5. Directs staff to create a cemetery capital reserve fund and make annual contributions of \$184,047 beginning in 2025 until 2034.