

	<b>Report Title</b>	Scattering Garden at Tillsonburg Cemetery Committee Recommendation
	<b>Report No.</b>	RCP 19-45
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	<b>Meeting Type</b>	Council Meeting
	<b>Council Date</b>	September 23, 2019
	<b>Attachments</b>	Scattering Garden Phasing Memo

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report RCP 19-45 – Scattering Garden at Tillsonburg Cemetery Committee Recommendation for information

AND THAT Council approves the Parks, Beautification & Cemetery Advisory Committee recommendation that a Scattering Garden is developed within the Tillsonburg Cemetery as identified within the amended Cemetery Master Plan;

AND THAT Council allocates budget for a three (3) year phased implementation of a Scattering Garden commencing with the 2020 capital budget.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Council's request, the Parks, Beautification & Cemetery Advisory Committee (PBCAC) reviewed the demand for a Scattering Garden in Tillsonburg. The Committee recommends that a Scattering Garden is developed within the Tillsonburg Cemetery as identified within the amended Cemetery Master Plan; and THAT Council allocates budget for a three (3) year phased implementation of a Scattering Garden commencing with the 2020 capital budget.

## BACKGROUND

At the April 4th, 2019, meeting of the Parks, Beautification & Cemetery Advisory Committee (PBCAC), a Sub-Committee was struck to determine the success of scattering gardens, including the demand and potential users, in similar sized Municipalities AND to report its findings back to the PBCAC. The Sub-Committee was chaired by Ken Butcher. The Sub-Committee developed a questionnaire and a list of similar sized Municipalities and Cemeteries that were to be contacted. At the September 5th, 2019, PBCAC meeting, the Sub-Committee presented their findings. It was noted that 43 Cemeteries (a mixture of private and Municipal Cemeteries) had been contacted and that approximately 25% either had Scattering Gardens or were working towards implementing a Scattering Garden. Cemeteries that had Scattering Gardens reported that scatterings are regularly utilized, although it represented a small percentage of their overall services.

The PBCAC passed the following resolution: The Parks, Beautification & Cemetery Advisory Committee recommends that a Scattering Garden is developed within the Tillsonburg Cemetery as identified within the amended Cemetery Master Plan; and THAT Council allocates budget for a three (3) year phased implementation of a Scattering Garden commencing with the 2020 capital budget.

## **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Members of the Scattering Gardens Sub-Committee contacted 43 external Cemeteries as a part of their research. The Scattering Gardens Report prepared by Snow Larc Landscape Architecture Ltd was referenced by the Sub-Committee as background information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The recommendation to fund the implementation over three years (2020, 2021 and 2022) will have an impact on the Town's Capital Budget for each of those years. Council will need to establish funding sources for the project. Revenue from scattering interments should be utilized to pay for the cost of at least a portion of the implementation costs.

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) IMPACT**

1. Excellence in Local Government
  - ☒ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
  - ☒ Demonstrate accountability
2. Demographic Balance
  - ☒ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
  - ☒ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
3. Culture and Community
  - ☒ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
  - ☒ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Dave Rushton - Sep 17, 2019 - 10:01 AM**

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