

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Rick Cox, Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks

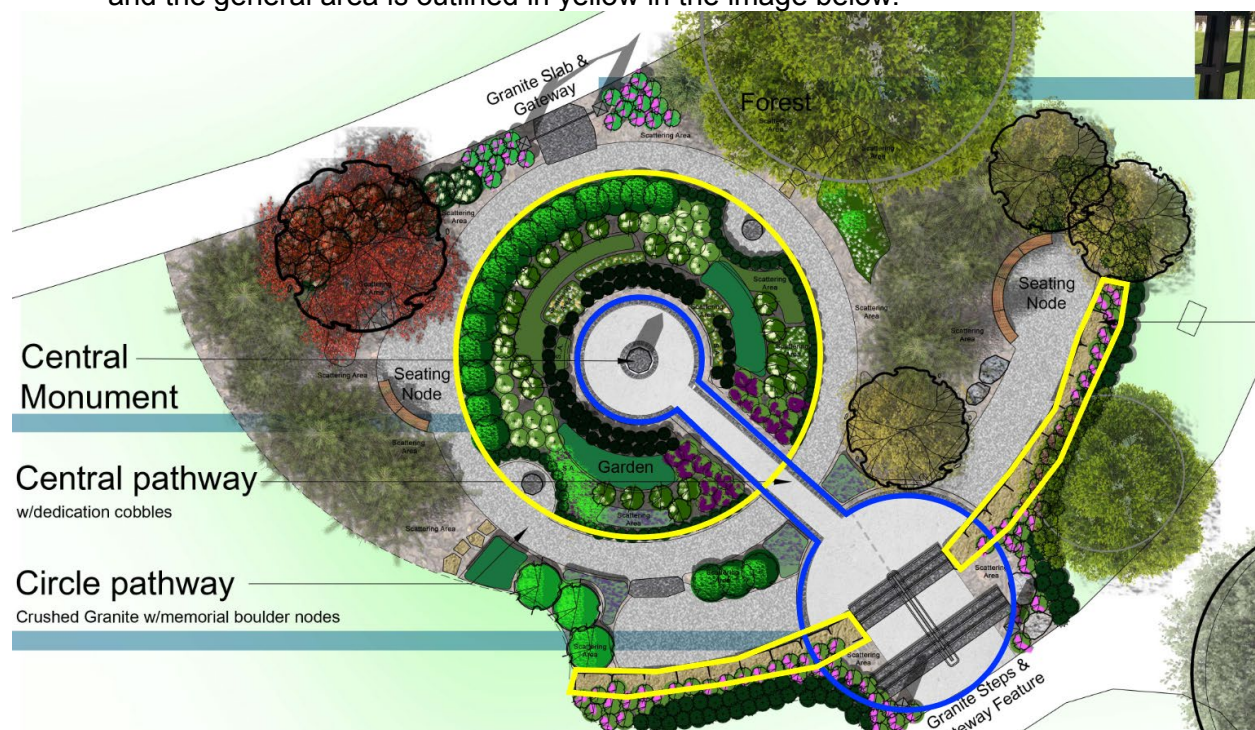
RE: Phased in approach to implementation of the Scattering Garden

At the Council Budget Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019, it was requested that staff provide an outline of the possible phased implementation of the proposed scattering garden at the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

The project currently incorporated in the draft Capital Budget included a funding allocation of \$99,200 to establish the first two phases of the scattering garden, with the final phase planned for the future as demand is demonstrated. The proposed 2019 work would execute:

Phase 1: preliminary site preparation, gravel pathway elements and the grove-like aspects of the design around the perimeter of the site, and one of the memorial stones. The cost of this phase is estimated using available unit costs at approximately \$67,000.

Phase 2: formal garden in the centre of the site and the stone retaining wall along the South-East border of the site. The cost of this phase is estimated at approximately \$32,000, and the general area is outlined in yellow in the image below.





Phase 3 (outlined in blue) consisting of textured concrete and granite stone steps, a central monument and a railing, would be implemented in a future budget year if demand warranted. The arched gateway indicated on the North entrance is an optional item which would only be placed if an appropriate memorial donation was made. The estimated cost of phase 3 elements including the gateway is \$40,000.

There are approximately 10% mobilization savings incorporated into the proposed budget. Should Council wish to adjust the project implementation timeline, it is possible to start with just Phase 1 in 2019 and at a budget of \$75,000.

Staff would bring the remaining phases forward in future budget years, with updated costing at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Cox
Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks