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INFORMATION REQUEST (IR) - Green Burials

Requested by: Councillor Joly
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Date Response Due: June 5, 2025
Confidential Response: **No**

QUESTION

Could we get an update to CI-22-083, Green Burial Question, specifically about the comment that "in anticipation that St. Albert could offer green burials at a future point... [a naturalized area] will take 2-3 years (2024-2025) to be suitably naturalized as a green burial option in the area closest to the natural tree stand in the NW corner"?

RESPONSE

Councillor Joly gave notice on October 19, 2020 of a proposed motion that the City of St. Albert Municipal Cemetery begin to offer green burials in accordance with the standards set out by the Green Burial Society of Canada (GBSC). The motion was never formally read however administration began preparing a portion of the cemetery in anticipation, referenced in CI-22-083.

The northwest corner of the cemetery, approximately 0.4 acres, was allowed to informally 'naturalize', with vegetation from nearby riverlot 56 moving into the site, and grasses allowed to grow. With each additional year, vegetation is maturing and currently, is likely at a point considered appropriate by the GBSC.

Should the City proceed with the intention to offer green burials in the future, consultation with the Indigenous community, application to the Green Burial Society of Canada for consideration, and revision to Bylaw 27/2008, the Cemetery Bylaw, would need to occur.

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