

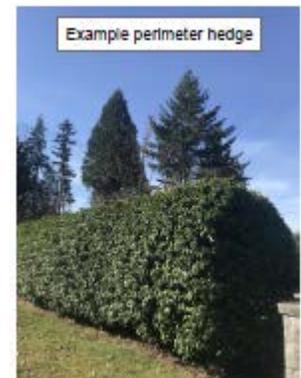
Public Input on Robinson Cemetery Expansion

The City of Coquitlam is proposing to repeal the [Robinson Memorial Forest Bylaw No. 3102, 1997](#) relating to the northern part of the **Robinson Memorial Park Cemetery** (the 'Cemetery') property located at **621 Robinson Street**. The City-owned and operated Cemetery is currently reaching capacity and the City is developing a Cemetery Services Plan to meet the needs of the community for the next 30 years. The repeal of *Bylaw No. 3102, 1997* will facilitate the expansion of the Cemetery into the Robinson Memorial Forest to accommodate additional burial spaces.

Robinson Memorial Park Cemetery is an 8.5 acre site designated as a cemetery and is the only cemetery in operation within the City of Coquitlam. The majority of the site, 7 acres, is actively used for burials while the remaining 1.5 acres is designated as Memorial Forest where burials are not currently permitted. The Cemetery has been in operation since 1935 and is now beginning to run low on burial space. For this reason, the City initiated a Cemetery Services Plan, which has now identified that expansion of burial services into the Robinson Memorial Forest is required to provide the significant burial space additions that will be needed to serve the community for the next 30 years.

In 2018, as part of the development of the Cemetery Services Plan, the City received nearly 600 survey responses to the associated public survey and 97% of the respondents supported the proposed Cemetery expansion.

In order to allow for the expansion at the Cemetery, it is proposed that the 1.5 acre northern portion of the Cemetery, currently the Robinson Memorial Forest, undergo significant tree clearing to facilitate the creation of new burial spaces. Under the proposal some significant and stable trees will be retained in this area and other plantings will take place as part of the expansion including trees and perimeter hedging. In addition, one of the anticipated burial options to be offered in this area is green burial, which will result in the area being reforested over time as burials are completed.



In accordance with provisions of the *Robinson Memorial Forest Bylaw No. 3102*, Council must provide an opportunity for persons, organizations and authorities affected by the proposal to comment on this proposal.

Please submit your comments in writing by **Monday, April 22, 2019** to the City Clerk's Office in one of the following ways:

- By email to clerks@coquitlam.ca;
- Fax: 604-927-3015;
- Mail: City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, V3B 7N2; or
- In person at City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way at the City Clerk's Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from **Monday, April 1, 2019 to Monday, April 22, 2019**, excluding statutory holidays (Telephone: 604-927-3010).

A comment sheet is available for convenience.

Additional information about this initiative can be accessed by:

- Reviewing the Draft Cemetery Services Plan at <https://www.coquitlam.ca/cemetery>;
- Visiting the Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Department at 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays;
- Calling Caresse Selk, Urban Forestry and Park Services Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Department at 604-927-6330; or
- Emailing Caresse Selk, Urban Forestry and Park Services Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Department, at cselk@coquitlam.ca.

Please note, all written submissions provided in response to this consultation will become part of the public record which includes the submissions being made available for public inspection at Coquitlam City Hall and on our website as part of a future agenda package at www.coquitlam.ca.