



# STONY PLAIN CEMETERY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

## Community Survey Summary

### INTRODUCTION

An online survey was used to collect input on community members' cemetery needs, and their level of interest in potential cemetery services and design features at Stony Plain's new cemetery. The survey was available from January 7 to February 5, 2020 and was completed by 173 community members.

The summary below presents the findings of this survey. Because all questions were optional, the percentages shown in the graphs are based on the number of respondents that answered each question. For some questions, participants were also given the opportunity to provide comments. Themes from these comments are summarized and the numbers in parentheses show how many comments were related to each theme if there was more than one of comment.

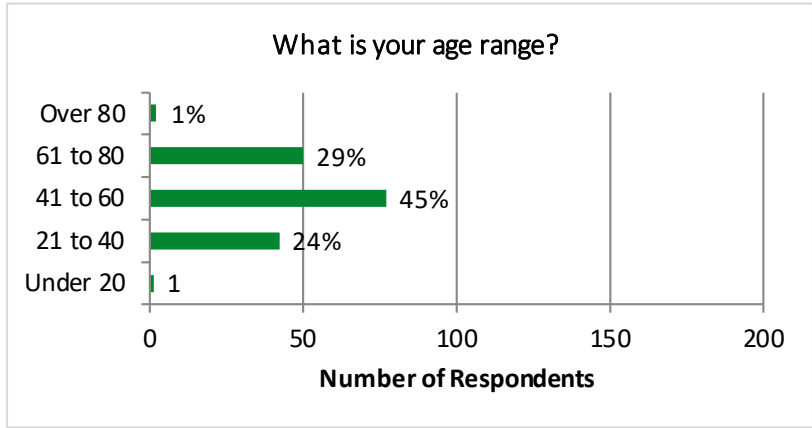
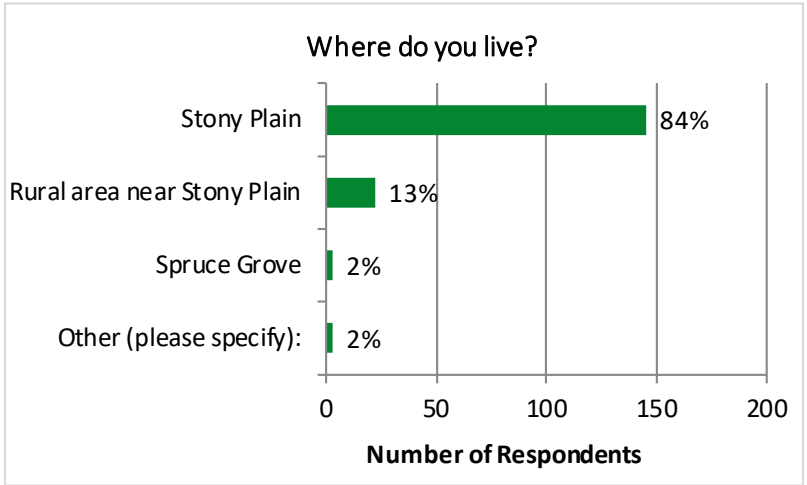
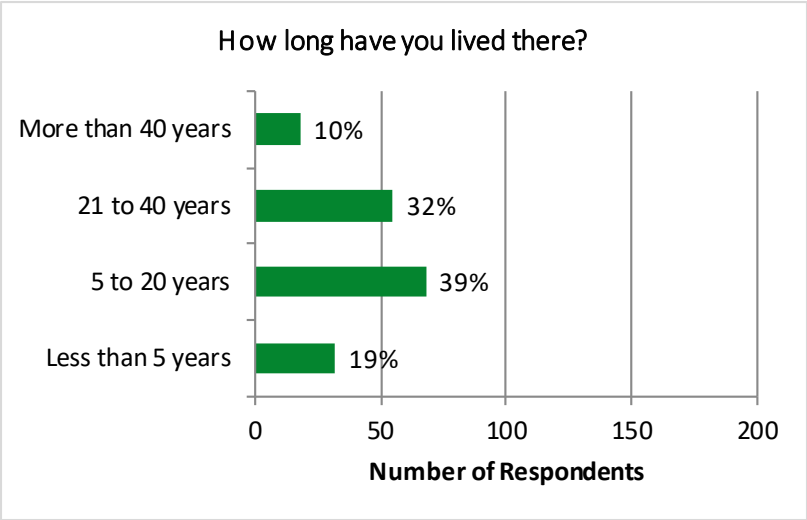
### DEMOGRAPHICS

Participants were encouraged to answer some demographic questions to provide an understanding of their connections to Stony Plain and the degree to which participants represent the age range of the broader community.

Eighty-four percent of survey participants live within the Town of Stony Plain and 13 percent live in a rural area near Stony Plain. A small percentage are from Spruce Grove and three participants live elsewhere - Wabamun, Parkland County, and the Greater Edmonton Area.

Most people have lived in their respective community for between five and 20 years with only ten percent for longer than 40 years and 19 percent less than five years.

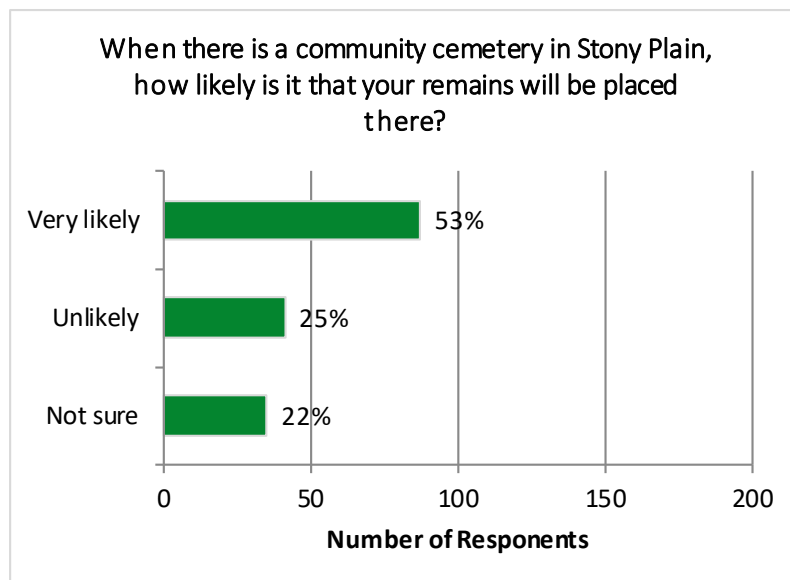
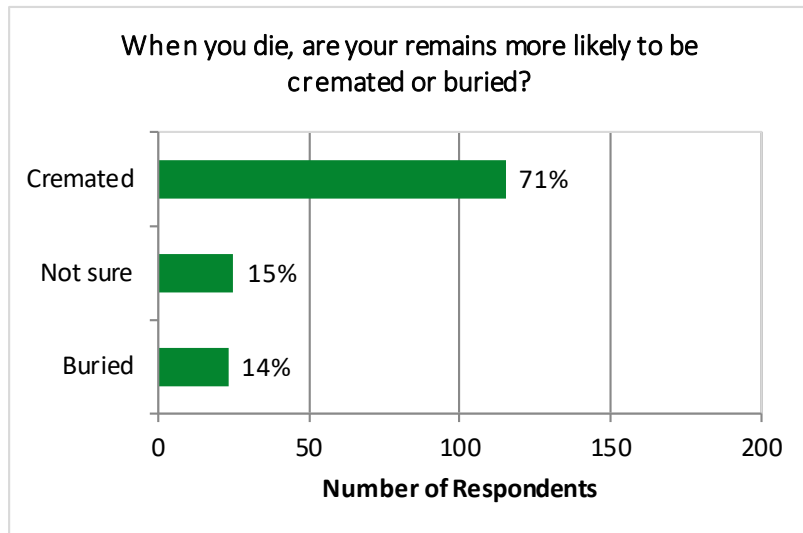
The survey has a good distribution of participants between 21 and 80 years old. There is only one participant over 80 and one under 21.



## CEMETERY NEEDS

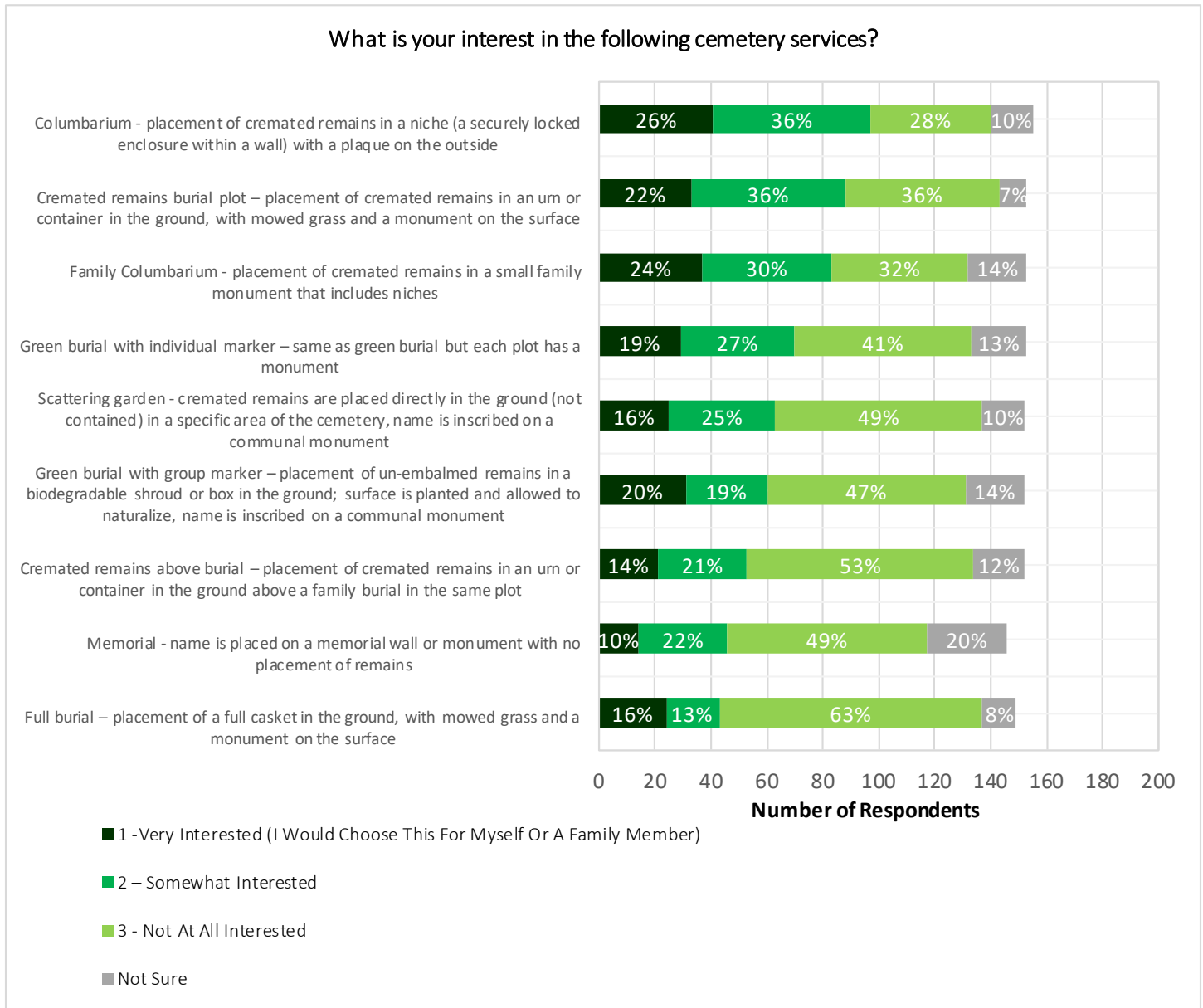
Almost three-quarters of survey participants reported that their remains are most likely to be cremated after they pass away. Fourteen percent of participants reported that their remains are likely to be buried and 15 percent said they were not sure what would happen to their remains.

More than half of the respondents reported that would very likely have their remains placed at Stony Plain Cemetery, with another 22 percent not sure.

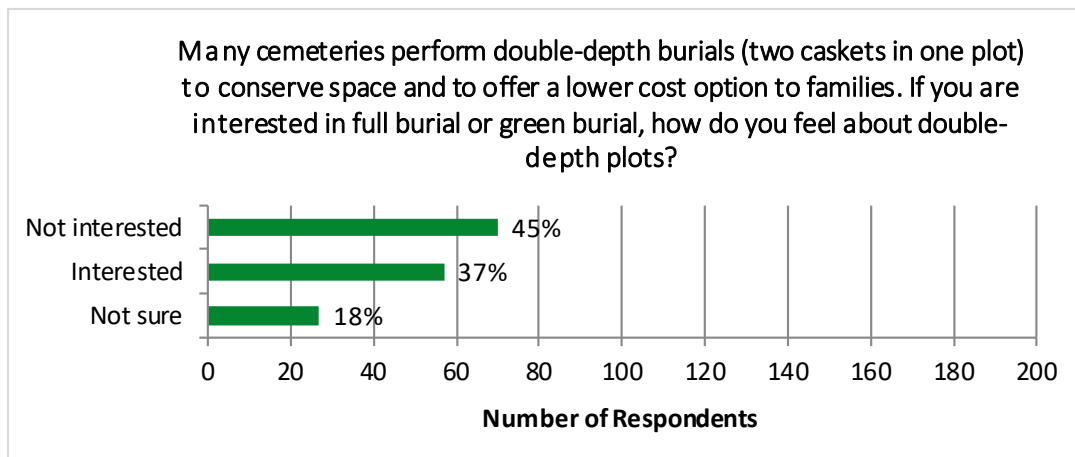
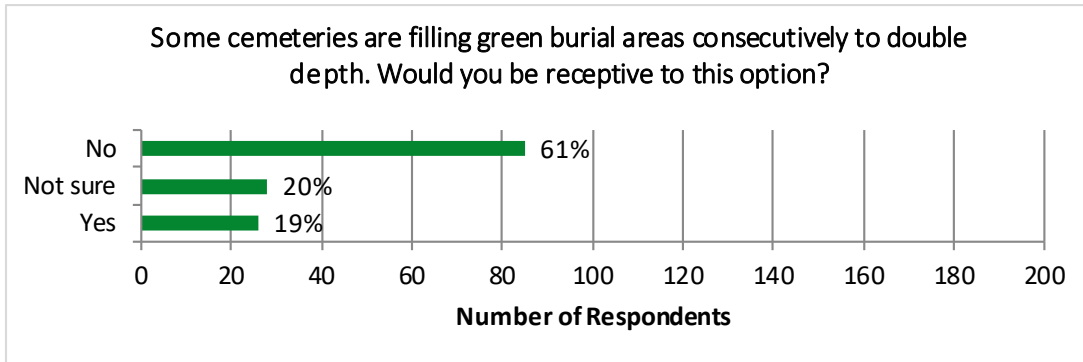


# CEMETERY SERVICES AND FEATURES

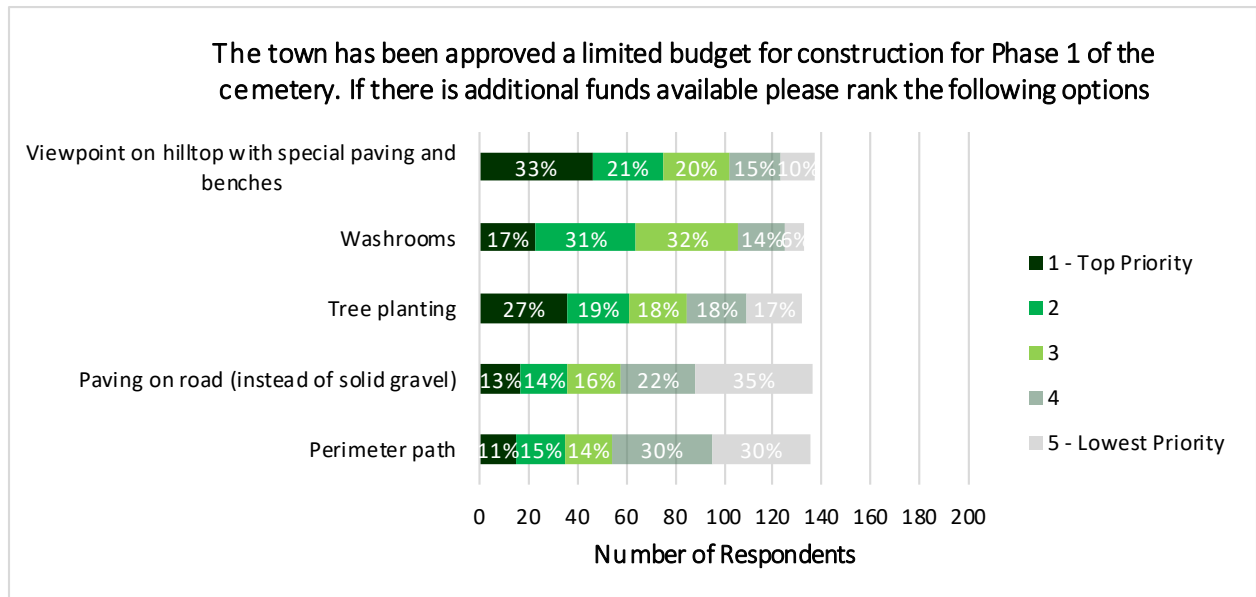
Participants were asked about their level of interest in a variety of cemetery services. The graph below summarizes their responses. The proposed services are arranged in order of highest interest - 'very interested' and 'somewhat interested' to not at all interested. Participants expressed the most interest in the columbarium.



Survey participants were asked their opinion of double depth burial, both consecutive and within a family. Nineteen percent are receptive to consecutive double-depth burial and 37 percent are open to this option if they can purchase the plot.



Participants were asked about their interest in additional design features in the cemetery if the budget allows this. The graph below summarizes their responses. Design features are arranged in order of highest interest 'top priority' (1 and 2) to 'lowest priority' (5). There is significant interest in all proposed design features, particularly the viewpoint, washrooms, and tree planting.



## CONCEPT PLAN

Survey participants were asked to share comments on the draft concept plan (see next page). There was a wide range of answers to this question as summarized below:

### MULTIPLE COMMENTS

- I like it / looks good (10)
- Waste of taxpayers' money, no need for a cemetery (9)
- Let's get this built (5)
- Love the move toward green burial/ the option (3)
- Green burials with pods that will grow into trees with either a plaque or a headstone next to the tree (3)
- Gazebo, benches, small pond (2)

### SINGULAR COMMENTS

- Is the cemetery only for Town residents?
- Will stormwater runoff become contaminated from this site? (please explain with data)
- Will the area be fenced?
- Where is this located? How will it be accessed?
- Where is it in Layman's View?
- Space for emergency services memorial
- Work with the Legion to design the veteran's cemetery
- Concerned about vandalism



# MAP 4: PREFERRED CONCEPT

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## LEGEND

- 1 VETERAN'S AREA
- 2 FULL BURIAL
- 3 COLUMBARIUM GARDEN
- 4 CREMATION PLOTS (FLUSH MONUMENTS)
- 5 FULL BURIAL (FLUSH MONUMENTS)
- 6 GRASSLAND SCATTERING GARDEN
- 7 GREEN BURIAL

