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**Subject:** Lakeview Cemetery – New Mausoleum Project

**Report to:** Thorold City Council

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## Recommendations

1. That the Concept Plans for the new mausoleum project at the Lakeview Cemetery **BE APPROVED**, and,
2. That funding for this project **BE CONSIDERED** during the 2024 Budget deliberations.

## Key Facts

- The Lakeview Cemetery Service Delivery Review identified an urgent need to provide additional crypts and niches to accommodate the demand for at-need and pre-need sales.
- Staff have developed Concept Plans to expand the existing Mausoleum and add Columbaria and Niche Walls that will satisfy the community's needs for the foreseeable future.
- The City of Thorold Strategic Plan 2020-2023 identifies the implementation of the Cemetery Service Delivery Review as a Tier 3 Priority (Service Modernization).
- Council direction is required as there will be Level of Service impacts.

## Budgetary Status

Funding was approved in the 2020 Capital Budget for Mausoleum Design Finalization and Tender (\$200,000). Budget for the Construction Phase will need to be approved in the 2024 Capital Budget. Funding will come from the sales of the crypts and niches.

## Analysis

Staff have been working with Raimondo +Associates Architects Inc. to develop a concept plan for a new mausoleum at the Lakeview Cemetery. The design (see

Appendix 1) takes into consideration the location of the Administration Building, servicing requirements and the topographical site features to create an attractive and functional expansion to the existing mausoleum, which is nearing full capacity. The plan provides for 184 single crypts and 1,378 interior wall niches. Also, integral to the design is provision for three (3) exterior columbarium walls that will provide an additional 795 niches. The proposed layout includes a courtyard, reflection pool and landscaping that fits nicely with the existing mausoleum buildings.

The Cemetery Service Delivery Review presented to City Council in 2022 identified the need to provide an expanded scope and scale of product offerings at the Lakeview Cemetery. This document is on the City of Thorold website and can be accessed at the link below;

[https://larkincloud.egnyte.com/fl/lle7mBSs5i/THOROLD\\_LAKEVIEW\\_CSDR\\_2021-11](https://larkincloud.egnyte.com/fl/lle7mBSs5i/THOROLD_LAKEVIEW_CSDR_2021-11)

The preliminary cost estimate for this project excluding contract administration, contingency and HST is \$2,535,000.

### **Impact on the Environment, Climate Change**

There are no known environmental or climate change related impacts to this Report.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

The only alternative considered was to market pre-need sales until a significant amount (75%) of the Capital costs for the new Mausoleum are secured. The alternative is not recommended as it would not address the demand for at-need sales.

### **Relationship to Strategic Plan**

The recommendation is consistent with Council's 2020-2023 Strategic Priority:

- Service Modernization

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1

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