What We Heard Report

Cemetery Master Plan

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Parks and Green Spaces and Communication Departments

Introduction and Background

Located north of the Lloydminster Golf and Curling Centre, the Lloydminster Cemetery is surrounded by a series of naturally beautiful amenities such as farmland, mature vegetation and manicured and unmanicured greenspace. The current Lloydminster Cemetery features a variety of burial areas/methods, including a scattering garden. Columbaria and areas for cremated and casket burials. This site has served the community for generations and will continue to act as the sole burial location for the Lloydminster and area families for the next 100+ years.

With the Lloydminster Cemetery nearing capacity, the City of Lloydminster has initiated the Cemetery Master Plan. This document will guide the future development of the area by: accommodating a wide range of internment and memorialization options, creating sustainable and flexible phased plans, create a division for the Lloydminster cemetery and surrounding land uses, improve current cemetery water and drainage issues, enhance community programming and recreational uses and enhance overall user-friendliness.

Project Timeline

The Cemetery Master Plan begun in July 2020 with an initial site visit, location analysis and stakeholder engagement. Through this consultation the City of Lloydminster discussed the current and future functions and opportunities of the facility with history and heritage, ethnic and religious, funeral and professional, and first responder groups/stakeholders.

Within the second and third phases of the project, the team finalized the site analysis, developed plan concepts and created the draft Master Plan. Following these developments, the project team engaged with area residents via an online survey. With consideration to the feedback collected, the project team aims to present the draft Cemetery Master Plan for Council's consideration in early 2020.

Advertising

Public consultation for the Cemetery Master Plan was advertised through the following channels:

- Newspaper
  - Meridian Source
  - Weekly Bean
  - Morning News
- Radio
  - Real Country
  - The Goat
- Media Release
  - The Goat
  - Stingray (Prime Time, 101 Boom, 95.9 Real Country)
  - Meridian Source
  - Kurt Price
  - Lloyd Connect
  - Municipal Infonet
- Website
  - Lloydminster.ca
  - Yourvoicelloyd.ca/Cemetery
- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Twitter

Public Engagement

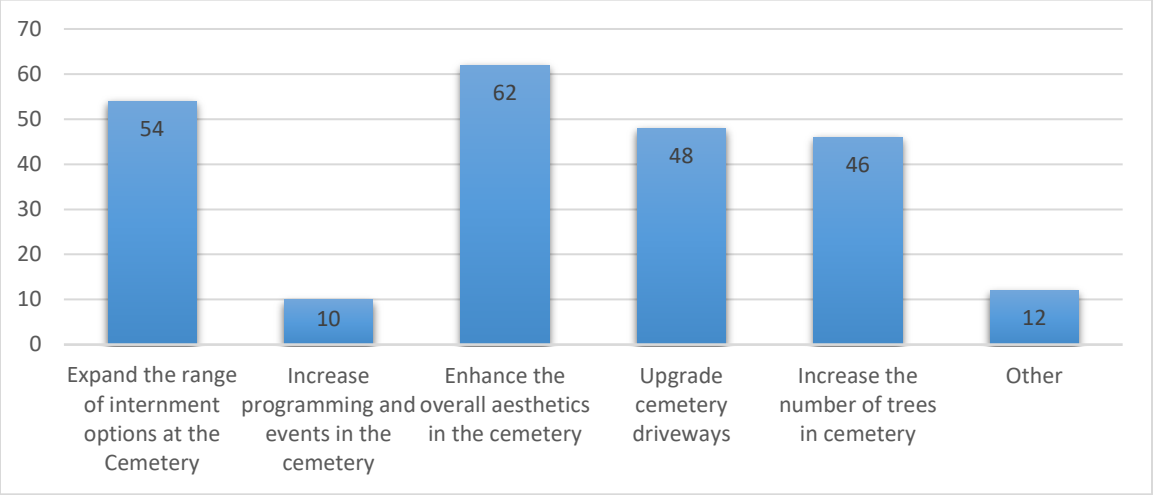
Due to COVID-19 and in respect to social distancing, the City of Lloydminster hosted all engagement for the Cemetery Master Plan virtually on the yourvoicelloyd.ca/Cemetery webpage. This webpage allowed for residents to view the plan concepts, understand introductory and background information and participate in the survey. Through this consultation, 491 individuals viewed the project webpage, 220 were informed of the activities on the page and 86 engaged in the survey.

Non-digital engagement options were available upon request.

The following data is a conclusion of the feedback we heard through the survey.

Public Feedback

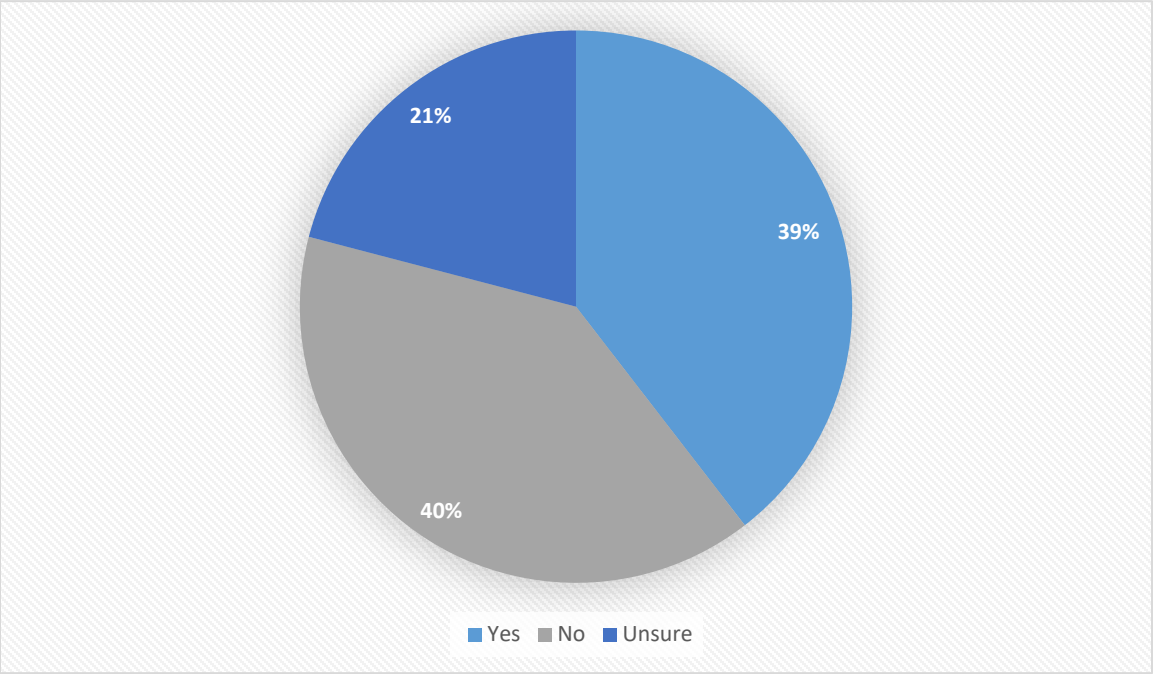
What are the top three features you think the City should include as part of the future cemetery improvements?



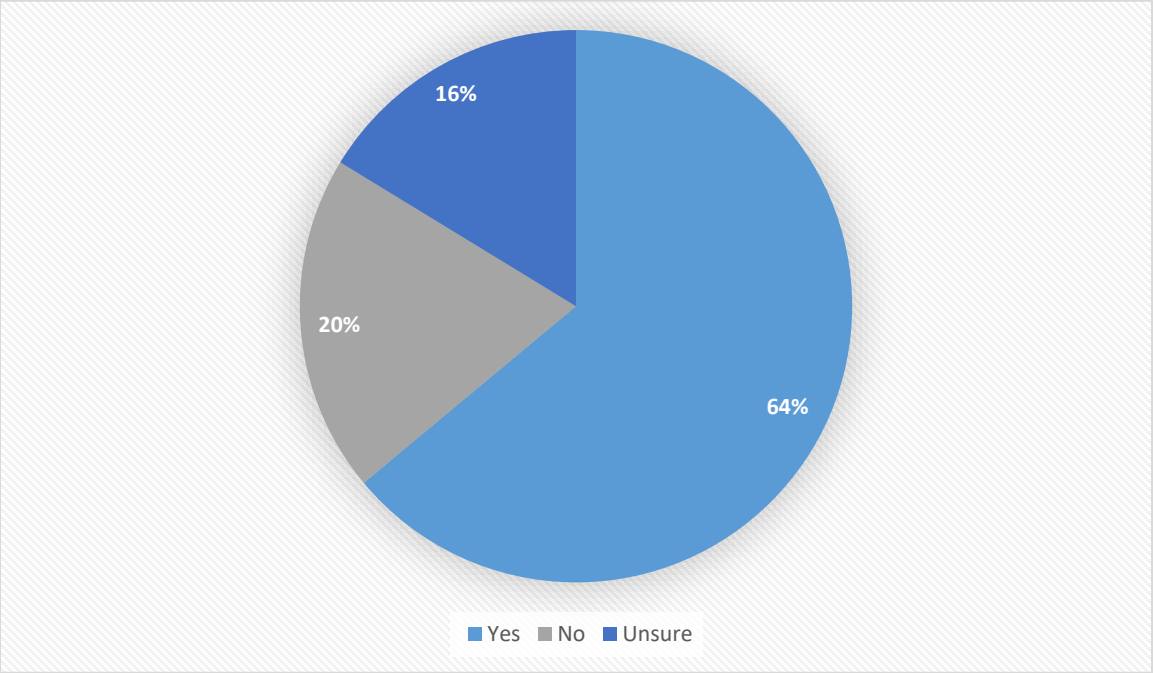
Other including:

- Desire for additional seating areas
- Concern for drainage issues

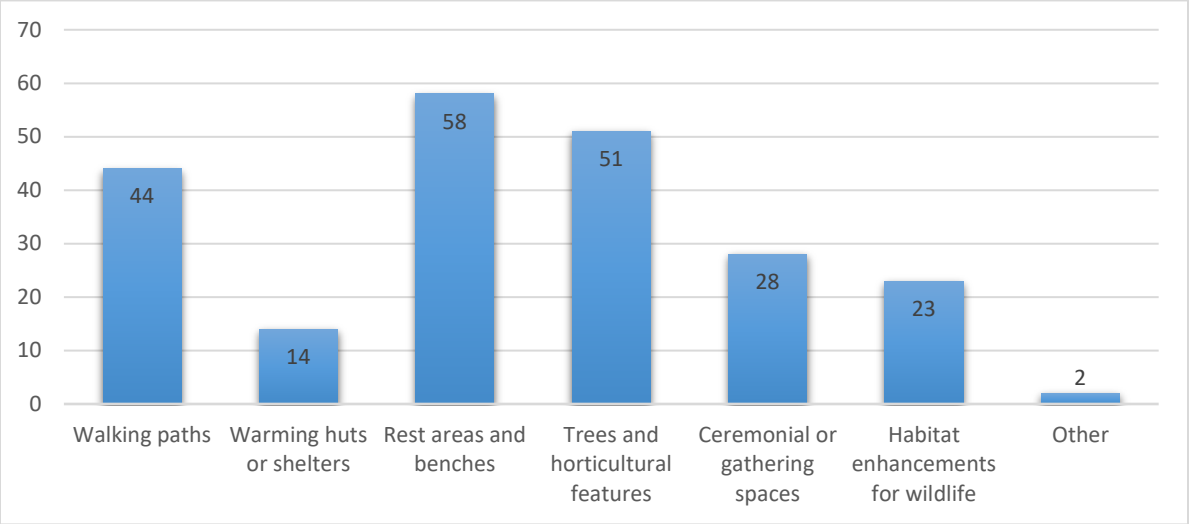
Natural Burial is an internment option that involved a simple biodegradable casket or shroud with no embalming. Would you consider a natural burial if it were an option?



Memorial Walls are often used as a dedication area for individuals who were cremated or buried elsewhere. Is an inscription on a Memorial Wall something you may consider?



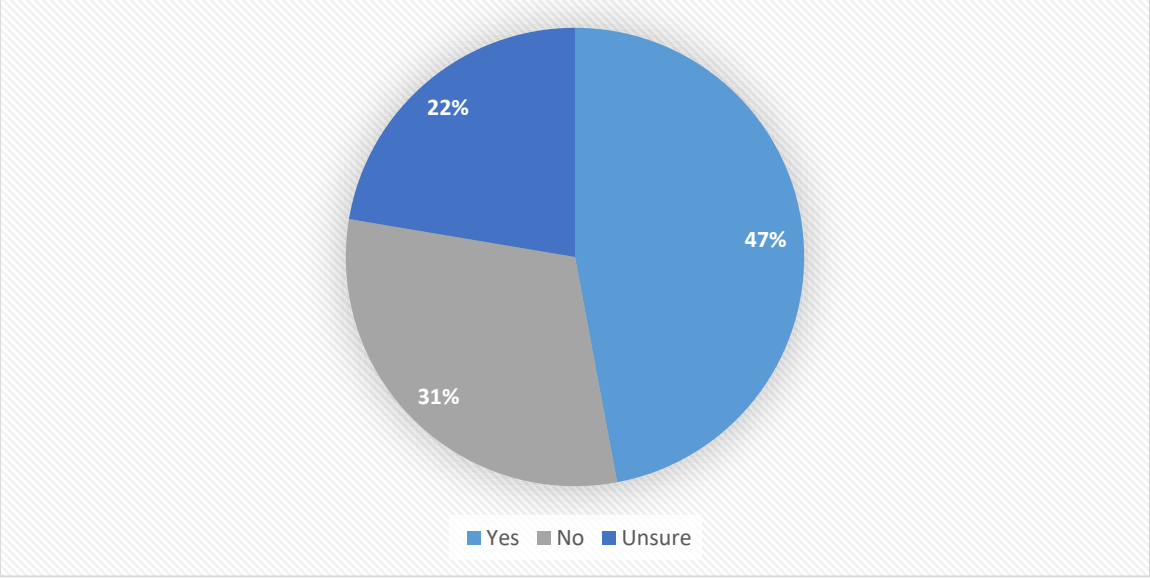
Cemeteries are often intended to accommodate a wide variety of uses other than burials, including acting as an extension of the community's green spaces and trail network. Which of the following amenities would you like to see included as part of the development of the cemetery?



Other:

- Desire to remove old or expired vegetation
- Desire to fix ongoing drainage issue

Cemeteries in other communities host a range of programs and events for families. Would events like Mother's Day celebrations, candle lighting services, historic tours or a 'Night for All Souls' appeal to you?



Do you have any specific events or programs you would like to see included at the Lloydminster Cemetery?

The main themes of this question included:

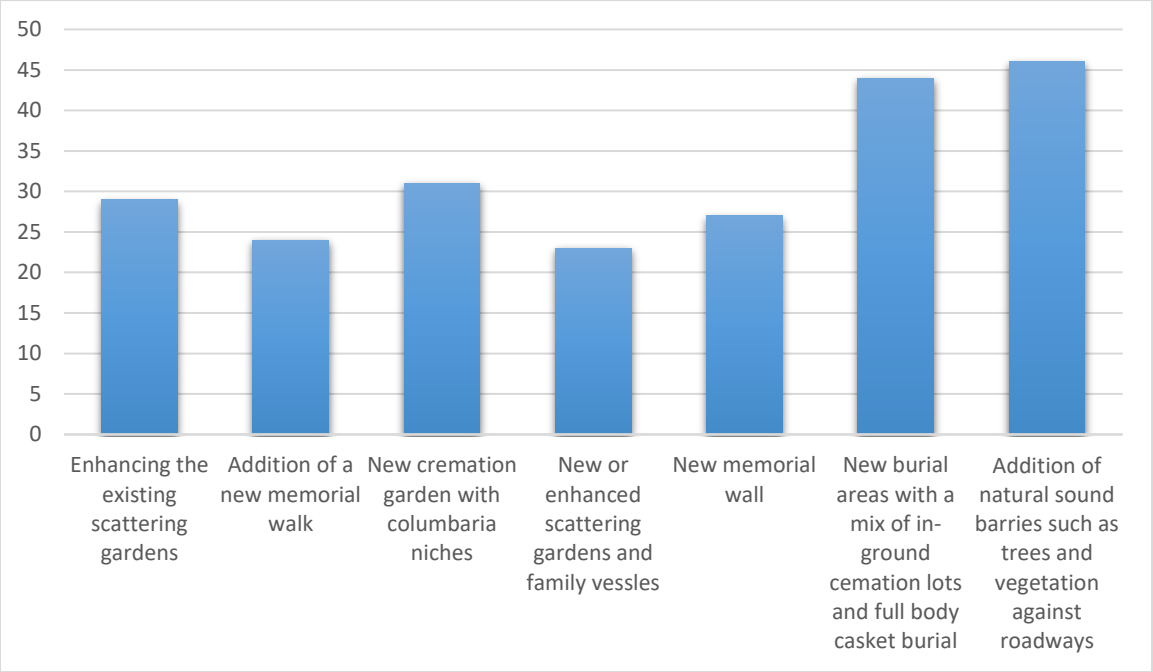
- Candle lighting services surrounding main holidays
- Historic tours
- Cultural celebrations

Do you have any questions or changes for the plan concept that the project team should consider?

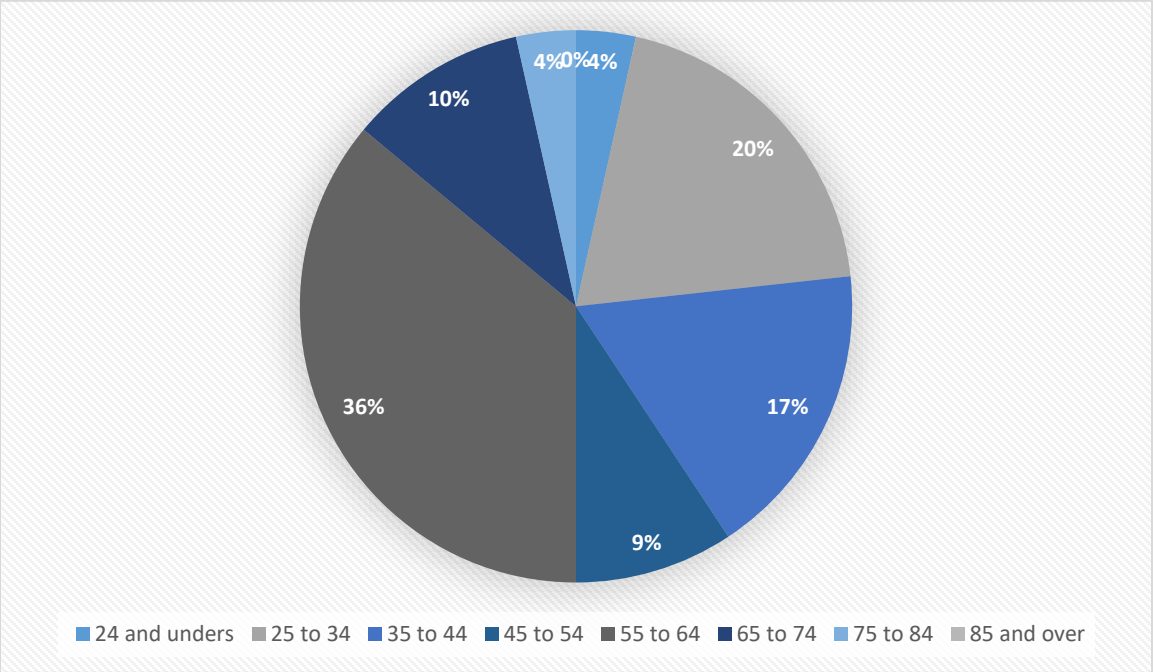
The main themes of this question included:

- Concern for long-term sustainability of cemeteries
- Desire to enhance roadways and drainage systems
- Suggestion to include cenotaph for veteran memorials
- Desire for enhanced wayfinding

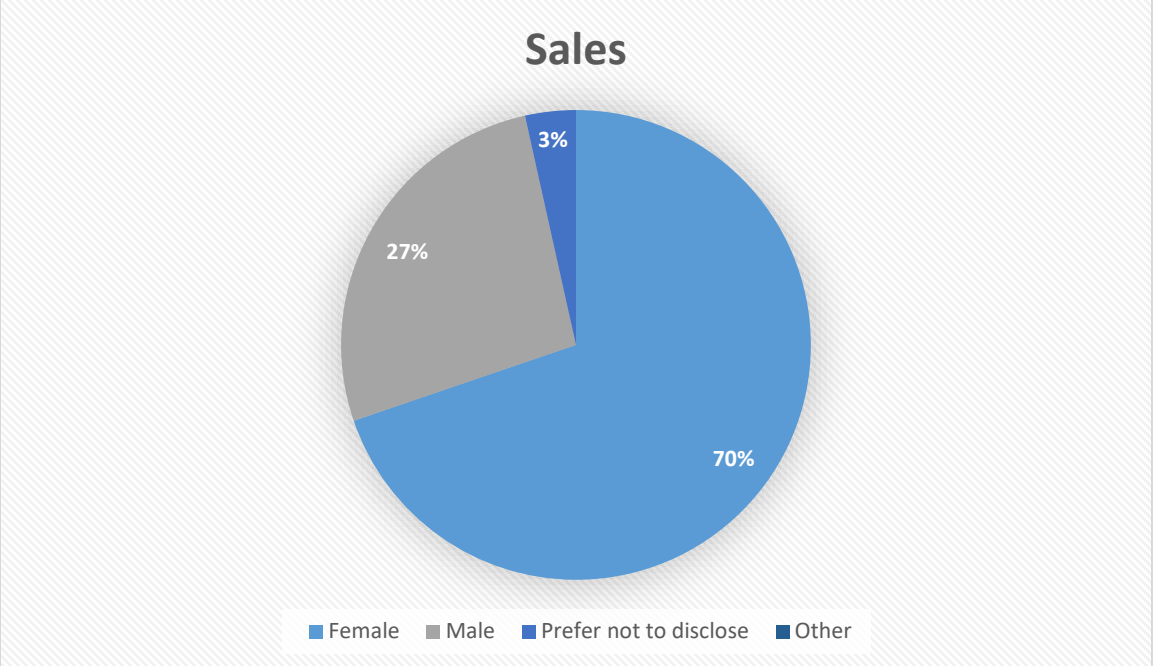
The Phase 1 diagram below shows the proposed internment development options which are expected to occur within 1 to 10 years. Which of the following program elements do you see as your top three priorities?



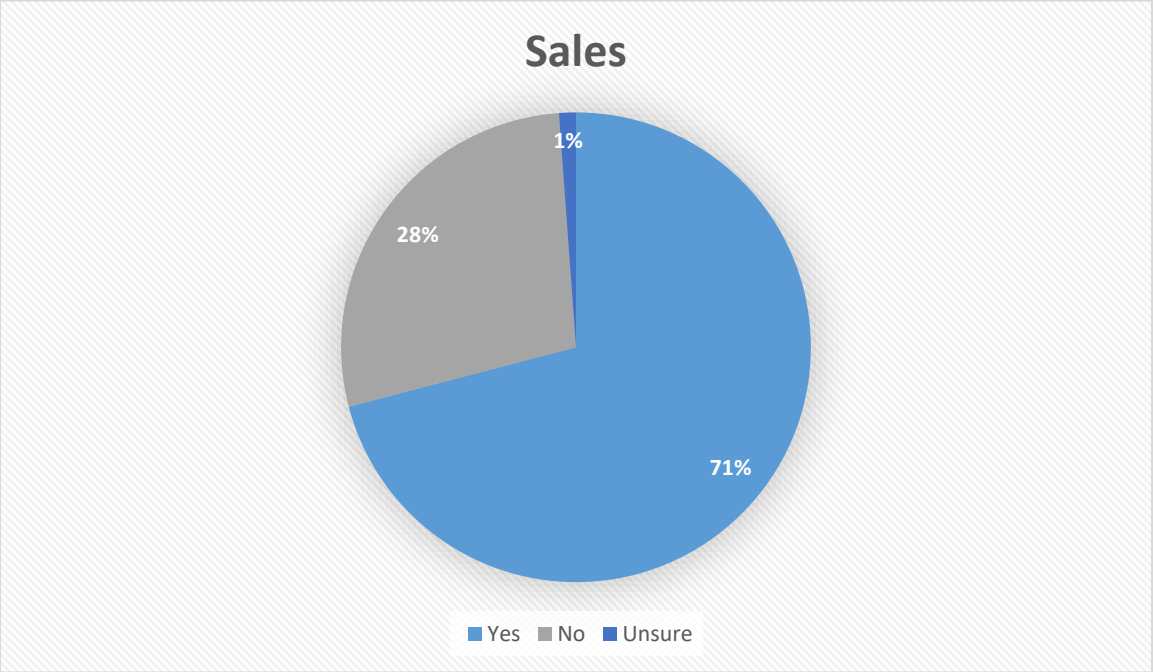
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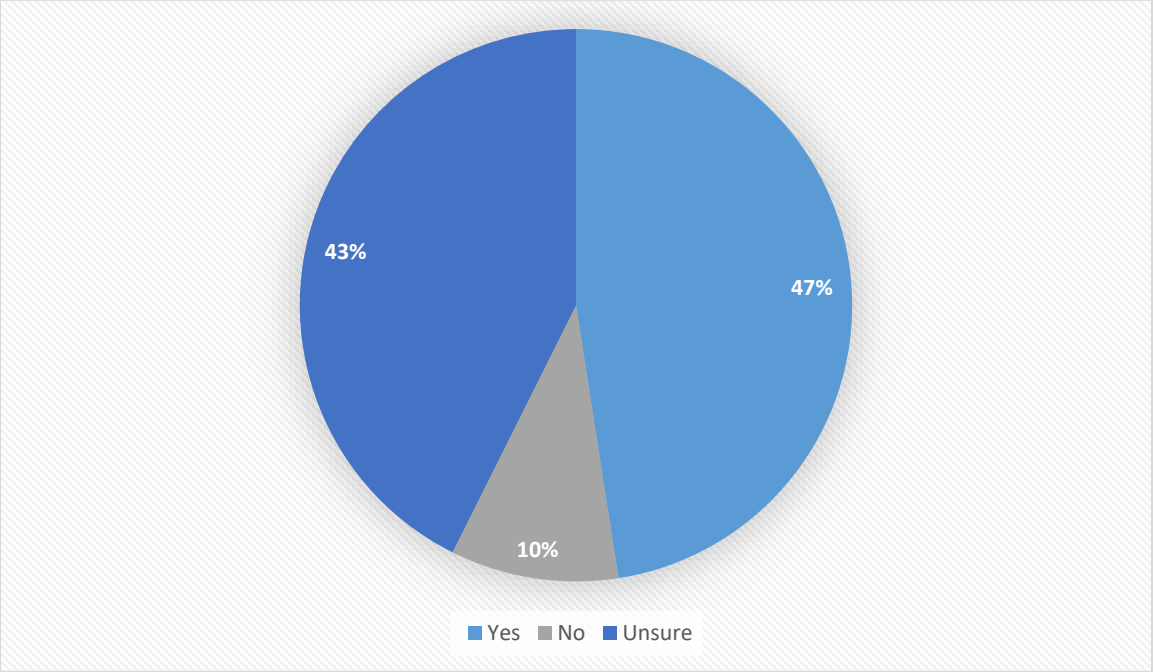
Please select your gender:



Do you currently have a plot, or family plot, within the Lloydminster Cemetery?



Do you intend to be buried in the Lloydminster Cemetery?



Do you have any additional questions or comments?

The main themes of this question included:

- Support for the draft concepts
- Concern for current drainage issues
- Desire for vegetation as a wind and sound control
- Desire for recreational uses such as trail systems
- Support for family burial plots
- Desire for cement strips for headstones
- Concern for the cost of burial plots
- Concern for vandalism and after-hour security

Next Steps

Thank you to all residents and visitors who completed the public survey. The feedback collected through this survey will be reviewed and considered when adjusting the final Master Plan. Stay turned to the project webpage yourvoicelloyd.ca/Cemetery for more project related updates.