

Town of Osoyoos, Lakeview Cemetery Public Survey

Purpose

The purpose of this survey is to give the public an opportunity to provide feedback on their interment and memorialization preferences, and provide input on any improvements for Lakeview Cemetery.

Questions

1. What is your age?
 - ☐ 18-24 years old
 - ☐ 25 – 34 years old
 - ☐ 35 – 44 years old
 - ☐ 45 – 54 years old
 - ☐ 55 – 64 years old
 - ☐ 65 years or older

2. Are you a resident of Osoyoos (including RDOS Area A)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

3. Do you identify with any of the following religions? (Please select all that apply.)
 - ☐ No religious affiliation
 - ☐ Prefer not to say
 - ☐ Specify the religion you identify with _____

4. Please select which, if any, visible minority group(s) you identify with:

- ☐ I do not identify as a visible minority
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Inuk
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____
- ☐ First Nations
- ☐ Métis
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ Southeast Asian
- ☐ West Asian

5. What is your connection with Lakeview Cemetery? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ I have loved one(s) buried here.
- ☐ I have pre-purchased or plan to purchase a burial plot.
- ☐ I am a researcher (historic, genealogical, other interest).
- ☐ I am a funeral director or work in the funeral industry.
- ☐ I visit Lakeview Cemetery recreationally.
- ☐ No connection/I was not aware that Osoyoos had a cemetery.
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

6. Lakeview Cemetery has three options for interment: casket burial lots, in-ground cremation lots, and columbaria niches. Which of these services do you intend to use?

- ☐ A casket burial lot
- ☐ An in-ground cremation lot
- ☐ A columbarium niche
- ☐ I have a lot/niche reserved elsewhere, or plan to purchase a lot/niche elsewhere
- ☐ I will not be using a lot/niche in my end-of-life plans

- I have not thought about this yet
7. Additional interment and memorialization options could be offered at Lakeview Cemetery.
Please select all the options you would consider as part of your end-of-life plans.
- **Green Burial / Natural Burial:** Interment in a biodegradable casket without embalming, grave liners, or vaults. It involves sustainable landscaping practices and minimal grave marking/memorialization.
 - **Scattering Garden:** A dedicated garden in the cemetery for the scattering of cremated remains.
 - **Memorial Wall:** An inscription or plaque placed on a wall or stone to commemorate a person, possibly even memorializing those buried elsewhere.
 - **Family Columbarium:** A smaller version of the communal columbarium. Interment rights to the entire columbarium are purchased by one family.
 - **Cremation Ossuary:** An above- or below-ground vessel for cremated remains.
8. Do you plan to incorporate any faith-based, cultural, or secular practices into your end-of-life interment arrangements that the cemetery currently does not accommodate? Please specify:
9. Which amenities/features would help you achieve your ideal end-of-life arrangements? Please select all that apply:
- Information kiosk with cemetery map and information
 - Small gathering space (fewer than 50 people)
 - Sheltered gathering space/sheltered place to sit
 - Altar stone or reliquary shelf (a spot to place flowers, memorabilia, etc. during a service)
 - Incense burning

- Access to water
- Specific grave orientation (please specify below)
- Specific burial method (no casket, etc., please specify below)
- Other (please specify):

10. What are the most important features you would like to see in the cemetery? Please rate the following from “Not Important” to “Very Important”:

a. Expanded range of interment options offered at the cemetery				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

b. An attractive perimeter fence and entry gate				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

c. Additional trees planted				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

d. Increased number of benches and places to sit				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

e. The addition of a gathering/celebration space				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

f. The addition of a structure to offer shelter from the elements, such as a gazebo				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

g. The addition of more signage throughout the cemetery				
<i>Not important</i>	<i>Slightly important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>

h. Other (please specify): _____

11. Would community events at Lakeview Cemetery, such as candle lighting, music, All Soul's Day, or Mother's Day celebrations appeal to you and your family?

a. No

b. Yes (please specify): _____

12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding Lakeview Cemetery? Please specify: