

## Parkside Cemetery -- Dundas Information Session Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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**My comments / some thoughts on the design:**

### Main Entrance

The double entrances off Parkside is, in all probability, the best solution (as opposed to one single entrance) in the event of one funeral procession coming in and one concluding simultaneously (although I think those would be rare occurrences). Although it is obvious that the entrance closest to the intersection of Cayley Street and Parkside Avenue will be the main entrance (I think), subtle distinctions should be apparent indicating a separate entrance and exit. Aesthetically, the double entrance offers a symmetrical balance along Parkside Avenue.

The Parkside School Memorial situated between the two entrances should be 'gussied up' as a fitting tribute to the previous occupant of this site.

The Columbarium Areas are situated nicely along the paths that are intersected by the main asphalt path and leads smoothly to the commemorative rock area. But the western-most columbarium, with the outward convex curve, should be located on the other side of that pathway and curved inwards (concave) so as to look more inviting. The staggered locations would also offer greater visual variety and interest.

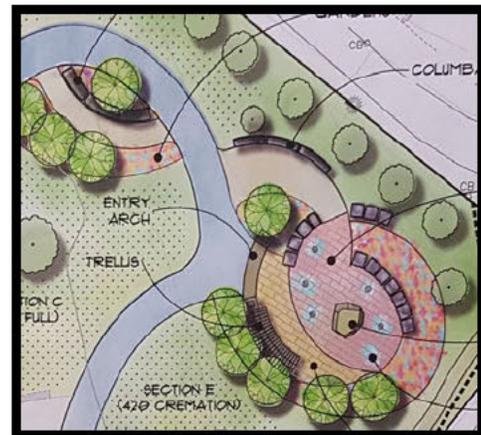
### The Commemorative Rock Area

Assuming that the in-ground water spray nozzles would work intermittently, when activated, that action may disturb anyone there for some quiet time.

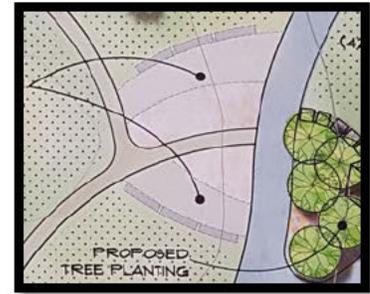
Perhaps the commemorative rock could incorporate a continuous gentle-running water fountain with a catchment area at the rock base, if not a small decorative pond. I think the sound of the water over rock would encourage a more contemplative behaviour, both visually and acoustically. If the in-ground nozzles are to be continuously running, the water heights should be fairly low (less than 1m), but they may present a potential safety hazard for patrons.

The 'Look-out' should have minimal vegetation impeding the vista of anyone situated in the gazebo looking out towards the Driving Park. At most, any proposed vegetation should be low-lying in the foreground. Perhaps taller vegetation may be used to 'frame' selected views.

The rock seating wall can be utilized as a bottom frame in the foreground for viewers situated in the gazebo, but sitters on the rock wall will have the option of sitting and viewing the scenery towards the gazebo or outwards into the Driving Park.



**The Future Columbarium Expansion Area** (when and if it's eventually built) looks like it needs a focal point -- or an aiming stake; perhaps a comparable commemorative rock feature as suggested earlier (with or without the water) and located at the western space of the walkway T-intersection would do the trick.



### **The Shed**

As there were some concerns about the proposed shed's location, perhaps it could be moved further 'down the road' closer to Section E, still on the south side of the main asphalt path, but west of the proposed walkway, so it's just situated a little further away from any nearby residence. The shed structure itself shouldn't have an exterior 'industrial' look (e.g. concrete block), but a 'warm' or 'rustic' finish (e.g. 'distressed' brick or wood).

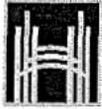
**The Three Walkways to the Driving Park** are at three 'corners' of the cemetery property abutting the Driving Park and are roughly equidistant accesses into the Park -- or from the Park into the Cemetery. They flow seamlessly from one site to the next, as they should.

The inter-space entrances at each walkway should be inviting from both sides, but especially from the Park into the Cemetery. Here's why: even in the 21st century, cemeteries still have a 'stigma' about them that is somewhat negative and most undeserved.

Having welcoming gateways between the Park and Cemetery may add to accepting Parkside Cemetery as a place for the living as much as for a memorial ground for our deceased.

Respectfully submitted,





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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

Please move storage unit ~~out~~ out of  
sight line of horses. It can be hidden  
closer to Drury Park, especially if it is  
10x10. All equipment could be kept at  
Grove or Drury Park storage units.



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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

Would it be "possible" to move existing Hydro pole? (North Point of Cemetery)

This would be an improvement for EMS vehicles on this 90° turn.

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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

- Section G, H + A (along Parkside) should be restricted to flat markers, monuments that are taller should be in the "middle" of the cemetery, in our opinion.
- Currently large emergency vehicles (fire truck etc) have difficulty maneuvering around the corner where section G is (on Parkside). We suggest updating that corner to meet modern standards for roads / ensure emergency vehicle accessibility (it's a perfect opportunity to fix this issue).



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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

Put the meditation sitting area in the middle of the cemetery. Making it easier and the same walking distance for the elderly people. Plus it would make a nicer view when entering the park.

Please contact me regarding the wait list.  
Thank-you.



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#### Please provide your comments on the design:

Please make sure the fountain and buffer zone follow through, the singlehand most important thing is an adequate buffer b/w park and cemetery, to ensure smooth transition.

Some trees on parkside drive would help

Also the monument idea on corner was good.



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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

Design looks nice. Reduced heights of upright stones as well as uprights located in middle area only would be preferred for view from park + homes facing cemetery + as many trees as possible!

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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

- I would like to scatter my husband's ashes in this new cemetery; I hear other widows struggle to find a location to scatter (i.e. close to home, easy to visit, with opportunity to perhaps plant a tree); would you consider increasing the amount of space devoted to scattering

- please keep the plantings of an indigenous nature and with pollinator species and songbirds in mind.

THANKS!

\*do I need to purchase the opportunity to scatter?

\*how do I obtain space?



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**Please provide your comments on the design:**

USING CANADA'S PLANT HARDINESS ZONES & PROJECTED CHANGES  
I HOPE THAT HAMINTON WILL BE PLANTING APPROPRIATE  
SPECIES THAT WILL BE HARDY WITH THE CLIMATE  
CHANGES AND NOT STICKING TO CURRENT NATIVE  
SPECIES.