

'NAMGIS FIRST NATION CEMETERY PLAN

Forum #2 – Survey Questions

Draft survey / Discussion Questions

Below is a list of survey questions to be posted to the Nation's app.

INTRODUCTION

The 'Namgis First Nation is creating a Cemetery Plan to guide the care and future of the three cemeteries under our control. We have consulted with the community and have created a Draft Cemetery Plan. We are looking for your input on these draft plans so that we can make adjustments in the Final Cemetery Plan.

'NAMGIS (WOOD ST.) CEMETERY

The proposed 'Namgis (Wood St.) Cemetery improvements include:

- a) *Formalization of the grave layout, to ensure that all graves can be accessed for digging even if interments have taken place around them.*
- b) *Family plot layout that includes up to 10 graves which can be reserved by family groups. Families can reserve more than one plot group if needed.*
- c) *A gathering space.*
- d) *An area for columbaria – upright structures that hold cremated remains in individual “niches”.*
- e) *A 4m wide cemetery driveway for operational access.*
- f) *A split-rail fence along Wood St to protect the graves that are along the cemetery’s edge.*
- g) *An entrance and exit gate with signage, including interpretive signage that outlines cultural protocols in the cemetery, such as no photos, and to help signal the transition into sacred space.*
- h) *An area for potential future expansion.*

1. Generally, how supportive are you of the proposed changes to the 'Namgis (Wood St.) Cemetery?
 - a. Supportive
 - b. Neutral
 - c. Unsupportive
2. Which features and upgrades do you think are the most important?
 - a. Formalized grave layout

- b. Family plot layout
- c. Gathering space
- d. Columbaria
- e. Cemetery driveway
- f. Split-rail fence
- g. Entrance and exit gates with signage
- h. Future expansion area

3. Is there anything that is missing from these proposed improvements?

GATU RD. (ANGLICAN) CEMETERY

The proposed Gatu Road (Anglican) Cemetery improvements include:

- a) *Family plots of 10 graves which can be reserved by family groups. Families can reserve more than one plot group if needed.*
- b) *Gathering spaces.*
- c) *Tree and shrub buffer along existing cemetery edge and Gatu Road, to better enclose the space.*
- d) *Cemetery driveway linking Gatu Rd to Alti Rd.*
- a) *Vehicle and pedestrian entrances with cemetery sign and information signage with historical information and rules for visiting/viewing the cemetery.*
- e) *Updated pedestrian entrance with interpretive sign, and pedestrian path through the existing cemetery.*
- f) *A buffer area around the existing burial area, to ensure potential unmarked graves are not disturbed.*

4. Generally, how supportive are you of the proposed changes to the Gatu Rd. (Anglican) Cemetery?

- a. Supportive
- b. Neutral
- c. Unsupportive

5. Which features and upgrades do you think are the most important?

- a. Family plots
- b. Gathering spaces
- c. Tree and shrub buffer along the existing cemetery's edge
- d. Cemetery driveway

- e. Entrances and exits with signage
- f. Pedestrian entrance with interpretive sign and path through the existing cemetery
- g. Buffer area around the existing cemetery for unmarked graves

6. The cemetery previously owned by the Anglican Church is now owned and operated by the Nation. To avoid future confusion, the proposed name for the cemetery is **Gatu Road Cemetery**. If you have an alternative name you would like to suggest, please include it below.

7. Is there anything that is missing from these proposed improvements?

OLD 'NAMGIS CEMETERY

The proposed Old 'Namgis Cemetery improvements include:

- b) *A split-rail fence along the north side of the cemetery*
- c) *An information kiosk with historical information and rules for visiting/viewing the cemetery*
- d) *An information sign at the old hospital site*
- e) *Native tree and shrub planting along the back of the cemetery to help buffer views into neighbouring properties*
- f) *Meadow planting with grasses and perennials after invasive species removal*

8. Generally, how supportive are you of the proposed changes to the Old 'Namgis Cemetery?

- a. Supportive
- b. Neutral
- c. Unsupportive

9. Which features and upgrades do you think are the most important?

- a. Split-rail fence
- b. Information kiosk
- c. Information sign at the old hospital site
- d. Native tree and shrub planting
- e. Meadow planting

10. Is there anything that is missing from these proposed improvements?

OTHER QUESTIONS

11. Who should be allowed to be buried at the cemeteries? Please choose all that apply.

- a. 'Namgis First Nation members based on Band Registry
- b. 'Namgis First Nation members based on traditional membership
- c. Members of other First Nations
- d. Non-First Nation members who live or have lived in the community
- e. Other Non-First Nation members

12. Should non-members pay a fee?

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. Please leave any additional comments about the proposed cemetery improvements you think is important for us to know as we develop the final Cemetery Plan.