

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.1.
Number: 26-05-04
Title: Motion - Scattering Garden
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

Whereas cremation is now the predominant form of disposition in Ontario, and residents are increasingly seeking dignified, affordable, environmentally considerate, and low-maintenance options for the final disposition of cremated remains; and

Whereas scattering gardens are a recognized and regulated feature of municipal cemeteries under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, when properly authorized, documented, and maintained; and

Whereas the Municipality of Brockton has a responsibility to ensure its cemetery services reflect evolving community needs while maintaining regulatory compliance, transparency, and long-term sustainability; and

Whereas Council wishes to explore the potential establishment of a scattering garden in a deliberate, consultative, and evidence-based manner before considering any future decisions;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Council directs staff to undertake an exploratory review and prepare a report for Council's consideration on the feasibility of establishing one or more scattering gardens within Brockton's municipal cemeteries; and
2. That the report include, but not be limited to:
 - Legislative and regulatory requirements, including compliance with the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario
 - Review of existing cemetery by-laws, policies, and any amendments that may be required
 - Potential locations and high-level design considerations
 - Record-keeping, memorialization, and maintenance practices
 - Capacity and long-term planning implications
 - Estimated capital and operating costs, including potential fee structure
 - Identified benefits, risks and operational considerations

Carried

Original Signed By
Mayor - Chris Peabody