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## New Westminister Secondary School Replacement Project Memorialization Advisory Committee – Aspirational Statements

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### **Overview**

*The following are aspirational statements for the memorialization area on the New Westminister Secondary School (NWSS) site. These aspirational statements will guide recommendations and design for memorializing the protected areas of the school site. Aspirations may be revisited and strengthened throughout the process to reflect additional committee considerations.*

### **Memorialization Area Aspirational Statements**

The memorialization area should:

1. Preserve oral tradition by integrating storytelling through the site design.
2. Create a non-static dialogue that engages the community and bridges the gap between all generations.
3. Act as a gathering space where diverse community members can come together to share experiences, while also allowing for peaceful and solitary reflection.
4. Provide an opportunity for experiential learning, and evoke curiosity, community and cultural sharing, and facilitate self-reflection.
5. Be a welcoming space that people enjoy visiting.
6. Be inclusive and accessible to all, including people with disabilities.
7. Recognize the diverse cultural heritage of the site and ensure that First Nations, Chinese, disabled, youth and the general community feel a sense of belonging to the memorialization area.
8. Reflect the long and diverse history of the site, and honour the contributions of various groups in the pre and post-colonial development of New Westminister.
9. Ensure that visitors to the space are reminded that the space is meant to respect and honour those who were buried there.

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