

## **Overview**

*The following are guiding principles for the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) Replacement Project Memorialization Advisory Committee (MAC). These principles will guide the committee's discussion and recommendations for memorializing the protected area(s) of the school site. As outlined in the Terms of Reference, the following is the mandate for the MAC:*

The role of the New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project Memorialization Advisory Committee is:

- to provide input and recommendations to the New Westminster School District regarding memorialization of the protected areas of the site. At its initial meetings, the Committee will develop a work plan and meeting schedule to coincide with key project milestones;
- to communicate within the organizations represented regarding the progress of the project;
- to advise the School District, should remains be discovered, how to proceed in a respectful way, consistent with guiding principles and regulations.

## **Guiding Principles: Memorialization**

1. Memorialization recommendations will consider and recognize the diverse cultural heritage of the site and respect all groups who have historical connections to the site.
2. Memorialization areas will be a "passive green space"<sup>1</sup>. Both areas, the area designated as cemetery and the area designed as heritage, will be treated in the same way. The committee will recommend permissible activities within the Consumer Protection Branch and Heritage Conservation Act guidelines, and will ensure that activities respect the cultural heritage of groups with historical connections to the site.
3. Memorialization area(s) landscaping will adhere to City of New Westminster's design guidelines and be consistent with the new school site, incorporating sustainable, low maintenance vegetation.
4. Memorialization recommendations will integrate educational components throughout the site that provoke dialogue and opportunities for experiential learning so that current and future generations understand the cultural significance and the importance of honouring and respecting the site. Where possible, First Peoples Principles of Learning<sup>2</sup> will be encouraged.
5. Memorialization area(s) will be fully accessible and will allow for easy integration and access to other areas of the site and the surrounding community.
6. Memorialization recommendations will consider community and site user safety and security a design priority.
7. There must be a sustainable long-term plan in place for an operating budget for the memorialization area. If possible, committee members should seek available funding opportunities and resources through their community/industry contacts.
8. Aspirational statements (developed by the committee) should guide the design and development process and may need to be revisited and strengthened throughout the process to reflect additional committee considerations.