



Thank you for attending the Crowfoot Cemetery Engagement session and workshop.

Arcadis is developing a Concept Plan for the Chief Crowfoot Cemetery. The concept plan is a long-term blueprint that will outline the vision, goals, and phasing for developing and expanding the cemetery.

The traditions and ceremonies carried out for burial and transitioning to the spirit life is special and unique for each culture and the Arcadis team are interested to hear what traditions are important and sacred for the Siksika people. The intent of this session is:

- *For the Arcadis team to **listen, respect, learn and understand** the traditions and ceremonies related to Siksika burials and transitions to the spirit life, in order to develop a plan that is community-led.*
- *For Siksika representatives to describe and inform the Arcadis team of the important events and ceremonies that take place before, during and after a burial.*
- *To have a general discussion / answer questions (below) related to practical, technical and cultural requirements for the cemetery.*

Your feedback is important to us. Please take time to share your thoughts and answer questions below – this will help the designers make sure the cemetery layout reflects Siksika culture and facilitates the traditions around a sacred time in life's journey.

Name (Optional):

Address (Optional):

Email Address (Optional)



Feedback Questions

1. What are the most important *cultural elements, ceremonies, rituals, and traditions* included in a Siksika burial ceremony?

2. On average, *how many people attend* a burial ceremony at the cemetery?

3. Does anyone *walk or cycle* to a ceremony here or is it mostly vehicles?

4. What *type of vehicles* access the cemetery during a ceremony and for grave operations and maintenance?



5. How each *plot is selected and designated* (by family?), who is responsible for this designation and ensuring order and organization of the plots? Is there a *formal record of burials* available?

6. Is there a set *distance* between plots. What is the *depth* of the graves? Are family members buried in companion plots / double depth burials? Are there any *non-Siksika or unknown people* buried here?

7. Is there a *desired appearance* for the landscape, seating areas in and around the cemetery? Are there any *desired or required amenities* to make the cemetery look beautiful while being functional and a nice place to remember and reflect?

8. What *materials* are important to Siksika Nation during construction? For example, natural materials (rock, wood, native plants)?



9. **Commemoration:** Would you like to see new signage/wayfinding, special memorials, cultural icons, monuments or commemorative plaques (for individuals or groups) at the cemetery in addition to the existing ones?

10. What are the main **operational and maintenance requirements** at the graveyard?

11. Is there **additional information** you can share that is important to include in the concept plan?

12. On a scale of 1-5, **how important is** this project to you? (1 being not very important, 5 being very important)

Please share your reasons for your choice above:

Email Feedback to: lyleb@siksikanation.com (Lyle Breaker)

Thank you for participating in this feedback session. Your input is invaluable to us as we work towards creating a concept plan that best serves the community's needs.