

Indian Residential School Permanent Memorial

Project Overview and Update

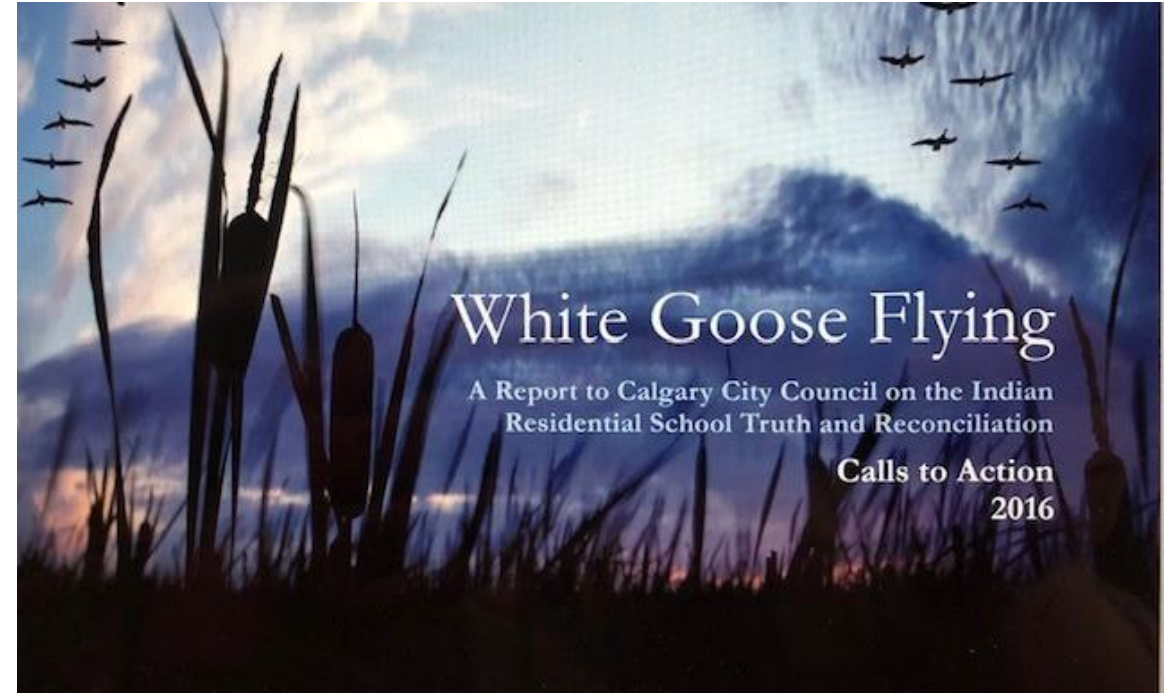


White Goose Flying Report

The City of Calgary's Response to the Calls to Action

Call to Action #82

We call upon provincial and territorial governments, in collaboration with Survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools Monument in each capital city to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.





Calgary



City Hall Temporary Memorial

Put up in honour of the first 215 children
discovered at Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First
Nation (Kamloops) May 27, 2021



Project Timeline



City Announced \$1,000,000
to be dedicated to
establishing a permanent IRS
memorial in Calgary
November 2021

Establish an
Elder's Advisory
Circle November
2021

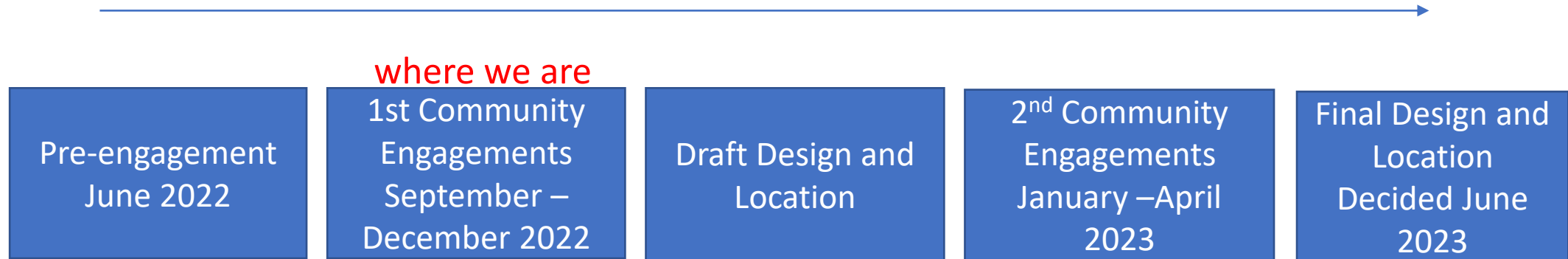
Establish a
Working Group
November 2021

Create a
Project Charter
March 2022

Scope out
Feasible Park
Spaces March
2022

Create an
Engagement
Plan April
2022

Project Timeline Continued



- Hire Indigenous Landscape Architect after 1st Community Engagements
- Construction to start Summer 2023
- Project completion Q4, 2024 with the opening of the IRS Permanent Memorial Site

Parameters

- Must be accessible
- Must be inclusive
- Must include the spirit of the temporary memorial
- Safe place to grieve
- Design & Location ideas obtained from conversations with the Indigenous community



Engagements

Purpose of engagements is around the design and location of the memorial

Adrian Stimson Stone Cairn, Paskapoo 'district',

Photo credit: Harold Horsefall



Potential Park Spaces

Side-by-side view





Potential Park Spaces

Fort Calgary SW Corner

- Located by the confluence
- Location and large space



Potential Park Spaces

City Hall Plaza

- visible
- located where the temporary memorial is

Design Strategy

Gathering Space or Large Statue/Structure?
Green park-space or Plaza-space?





Indian Residential School Memorial... Statue?

Dignity of Earth and Sky

- Three years to build
- Cost 1,000,000 US dollars
 - After Engagement, we will have \$0.9MM CAD
- Stainless steel, 50-foot-tall statue was specifically designed by sculptor Dale Lamphere to honor the cultures of the Lakota and Dakota people.
- Do people prefer a large statue to commemorate?

Indian Residential Memorial... Gathering Space?

- Kwanlin Dun Cultural Center
- Whitehorse, Yukon
- When this fire is lit, community members know that they can come, speak and be heard
 - Sacred Fire
- Do people prefer a Gathering Space to commemorate?

The Journey to Freedom Park

The Vietnamese Boat People memorial

- *Cost: ~\$1.5MM*
 - *Vietnamese Canada Association fund-raised \$0.2MM; CoC gave \$1MM*
 - *The Province chipped in \$0.3MM*
- *Time:*
 - *\$1MM awarded by CoC in 2020*
 - *Opening ceremony: July 1st, 2022*

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Saskatchewan Residential School Memorial

“The Memorial is more than the physical elements. It is a spiritual place where survivors and families can honour the children, and where our community can come together to learn and heal. I deeply appreciate the discussions I have had with Elders, knowledge keepers, survivors and their families. The Memorial is entirely based on these discussions.”

Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty



Stewart Steinbauer's Provincial IRS Memorial carving

This is the 'centerpiece' of the Reconciliation Garden that they are hoping to unveil in April 2023

- Reflects First-Nations, Metis and Inuit in Alberta
- The statue is a Mother holding an Infant "representing Mother Earth caring for humanity"



Engagement Details

- September – December 2022
- Urban and surrounding Nation's engagements
- Engagements will be held virtual and in person
- Engagements will be held at community agencies
- Engagements will be held during lunch and at night if needed
- Engagements will be held on the weekends if needed
- About three hours long (but can adapt time to 1.5 hours where needed)
- 15-25 participants ideally (but will adapt)



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IRS Engage Portal

<https://engage.calgary.ca/IRSMemorial>