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# Indian Residential School Permanent Memorial Project Update (Verbal), C2023-0595

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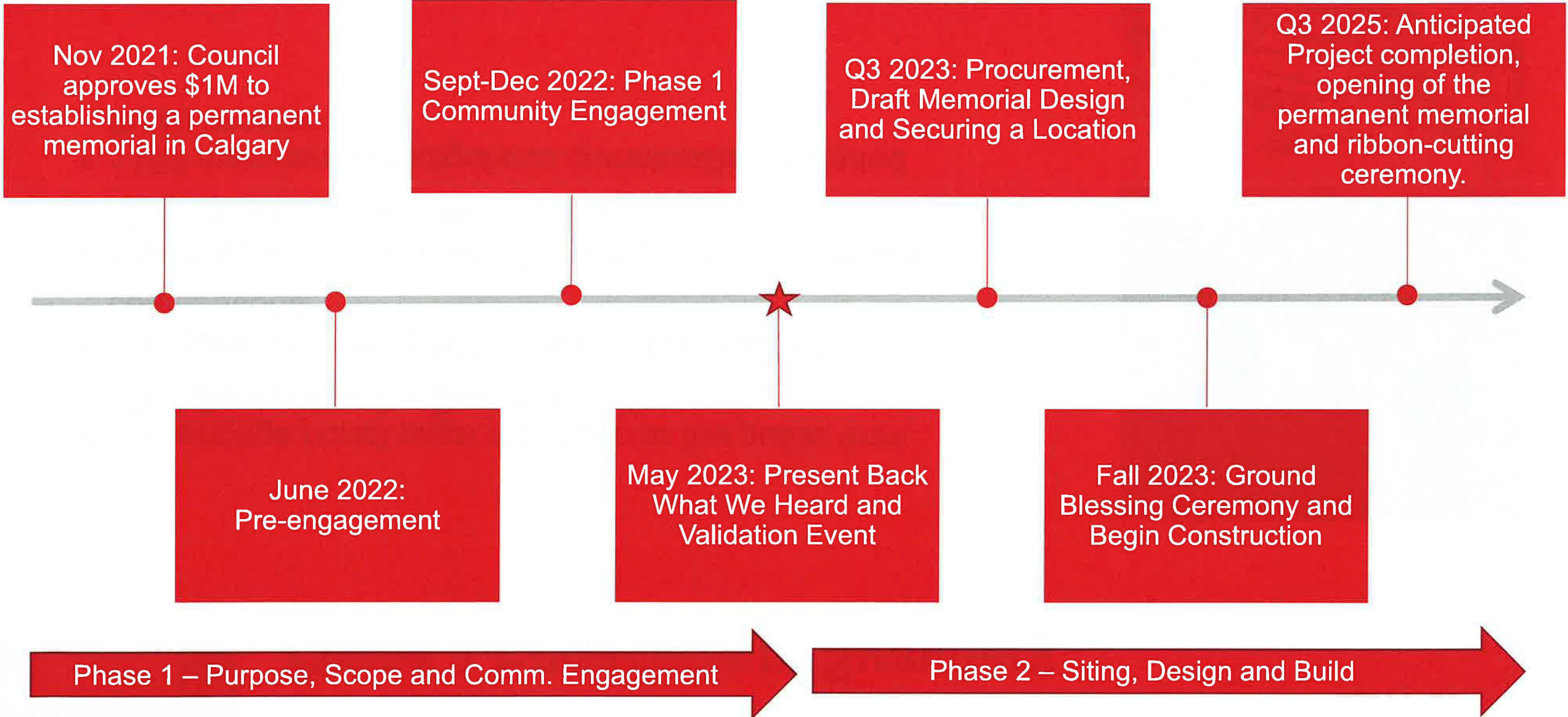
# Recommendation

**That Council receive this presentation for the Corporate Record.**





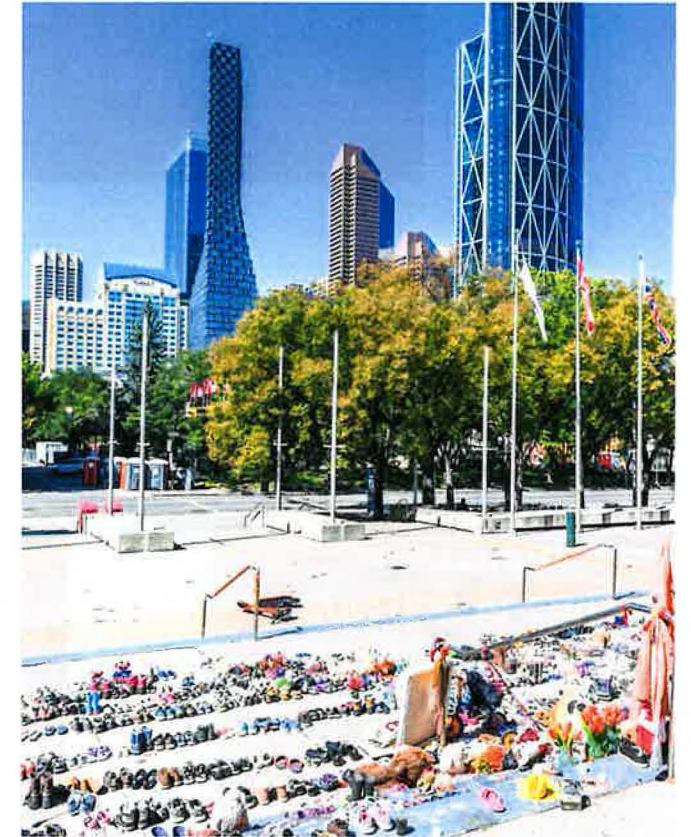
# Project Timeline





# Phase 1 Engagement Summary

- The engage portal page was open to the public from 2022 September 8 – December 31.
- The page received 9,512 views and a total of 732 contributions.
- The Indigenous Relations Office hosted approximately 17 in-person engagement sessions.
- ~185 members of Indigenous communities attended these sessions.





## Who We Talked To



- Elders, survivors, inter-generational survivors of Indian Residential Schools
- Indigenous organizations
- Blackfoot Confederacy including Siksika, the Piikani and the Kainai
- Members of the Stoney Nakoda First Nations including Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney
- Members and Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina First Nation
- Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 and Local 87
- Inuit
- Urban Indigenous Calgarians
- 732 *Engage* portal contributions



# Themes/Design Parameters

Fort Calgary/  
Confluence was  
participants' top  
choice for location

Healing, ceremony,  
truth and  
acknowledgment  
were central themes

A Traditional  
Indigenous design is  
favoured over a  
contemporary design

The spirit of the  
temporary memorial  
must be incorporated  
into the permanent  
memorial

Bronzing the shoes  
from the temporary  
memorial was most  
preferred

Seating and  
accessibility were  
high priorities

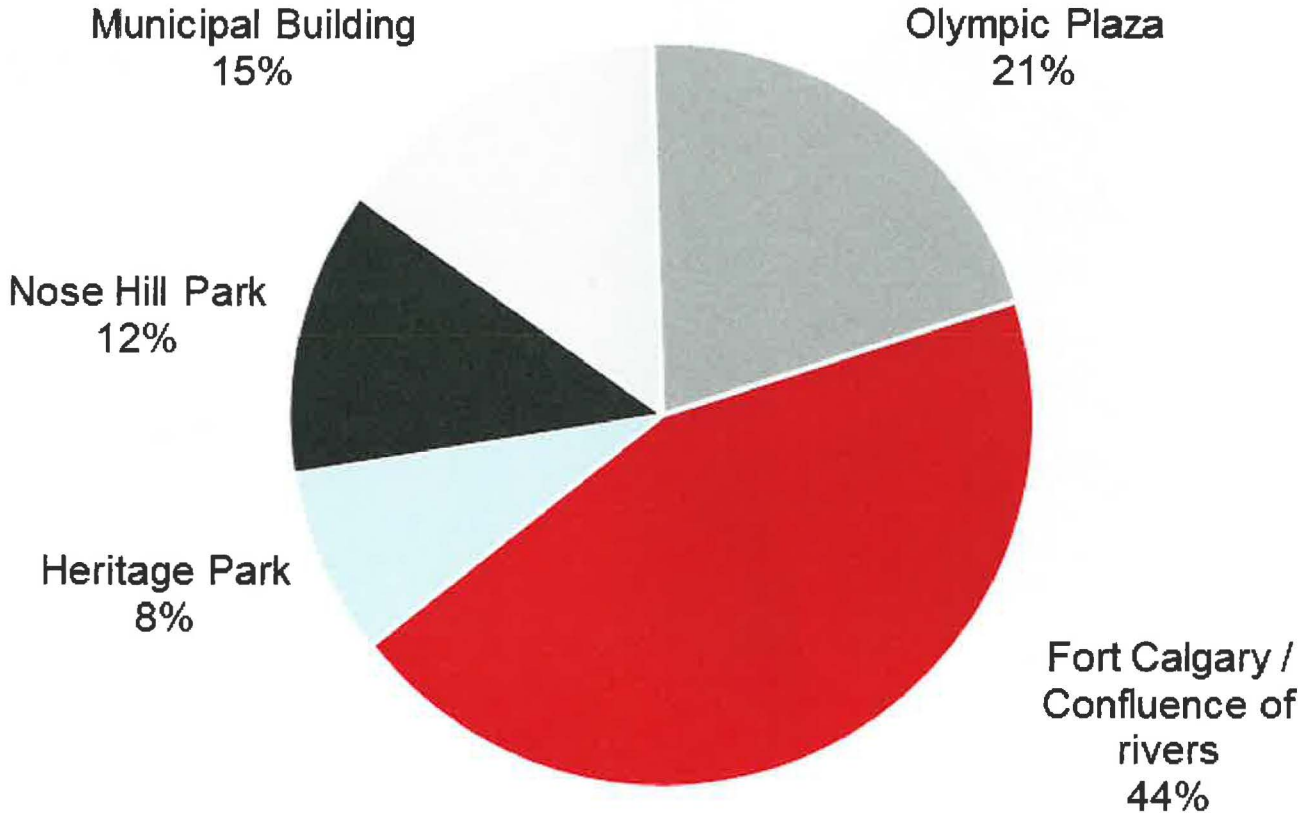
Symbolism and  
nature are very  
important elements  
of preference

# Locations of Interest

The following three locations are being explored for their feasibility:

1. Fort Calgary/Confluence
  - Working with the Indigenous Gathering Place Heritage Designation working group
  - Potential partnership with Fort Calgary
2. Olympic Plaza
  - Spoken with Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
3. Municipal Building
  - Met with Facility Management

## What is the best location for the IRS Permanent Memorial?





# Moving Forward

Establish a Phase 2 working group to complete:

- Site feasibility
- Procurement
- Final Design
- Blessing of the Ground
- Construction of the Permanent Memorial
- Opening Ceremony







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