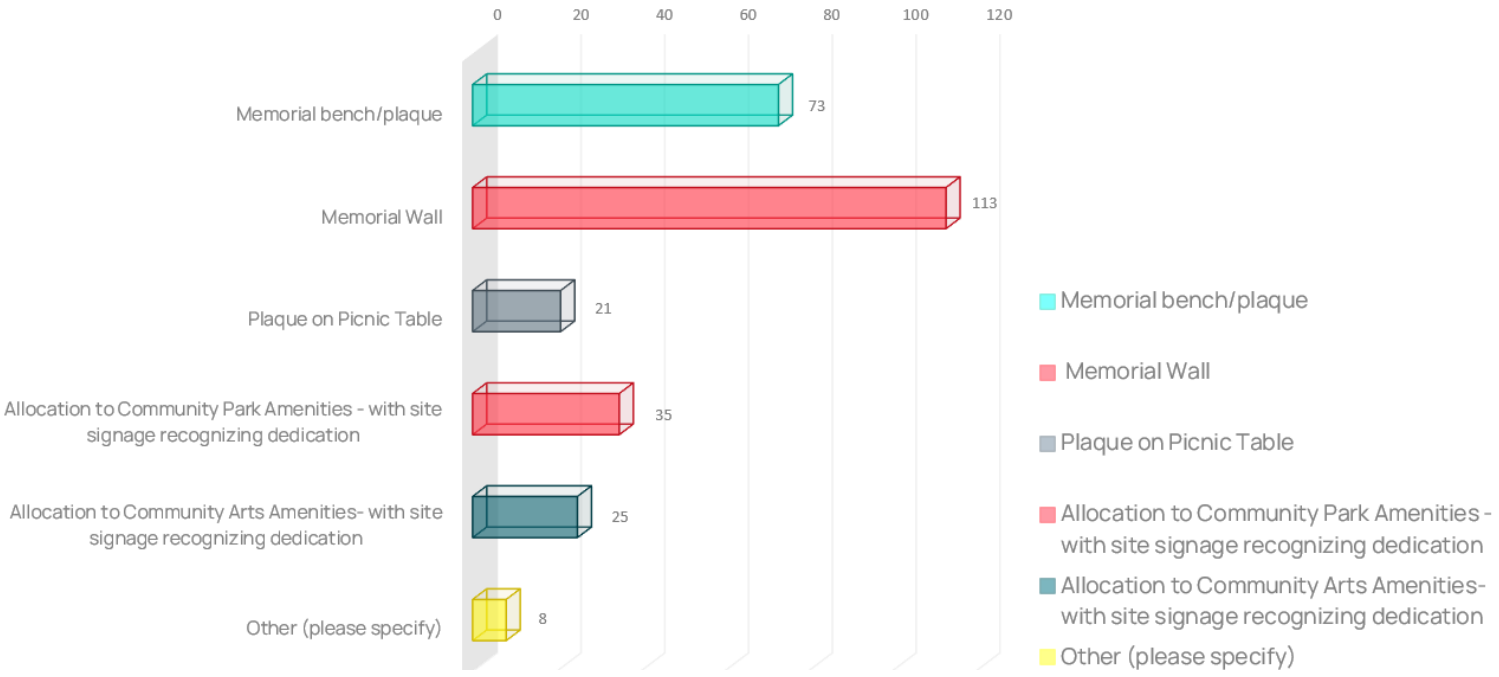
Memorial Program

Survey Results

In the Fall of 2024, City Staff launched a survey to ask the community about your priorities for memorial program offerings in Prince Rupert. The City's memorial programming is over-subscribed and has been on hold for a number of years. This is due to in flux planning around the waterfront where existing memorial walls are located, the lack of additional space for new benches, deteriorating condition of the existing wall dedicated to those lost at sea, and the inability for the City to recuperate the costs of installing and maintaining the benches within the existing fee structure.

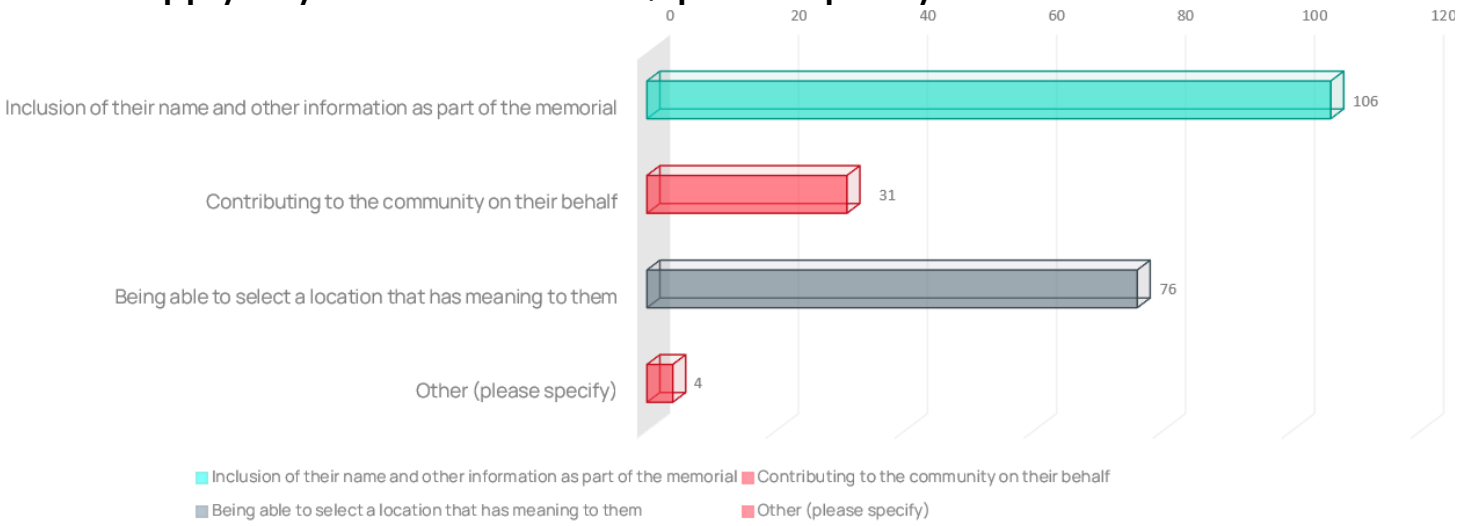
Given these issues, there's a need to rethink the way we recognize and celebrate loved ones in Prince Rupert. Staff reviewed memorial programming options across other municipalities and developed the questionnaire to help inform a recommendation to Council regarding future programming and policy. There were 133 survey submissions received, and the results are summarized below.

What type of memorial program(s) would you like to see in Prince Rupert and/or be likely to use? Select all that apply.



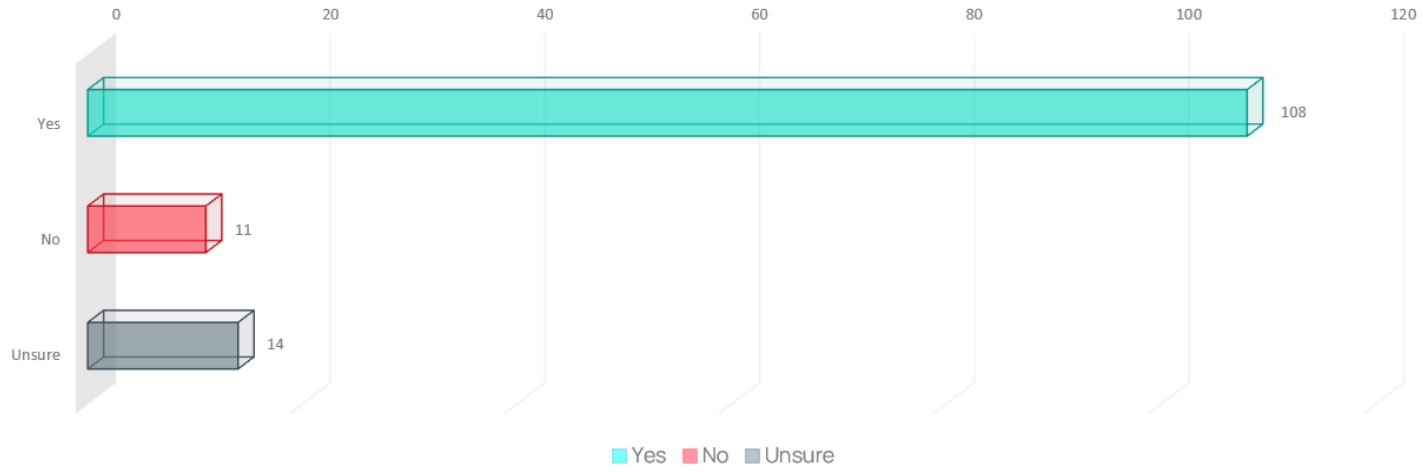
In the "Other' category, where written responses were provided to the question, six respondents also indicated desire for options related to plantings with or without a dedication plaque. Memorial gardens at the Civic Centre and Sunken Gardens were also proposed as well as benches along the Seal Cove Salt Marsh.

What is the most important aspect of memorializing a loved one to you? Select all that apply. If you selected 'Other,' please specify.

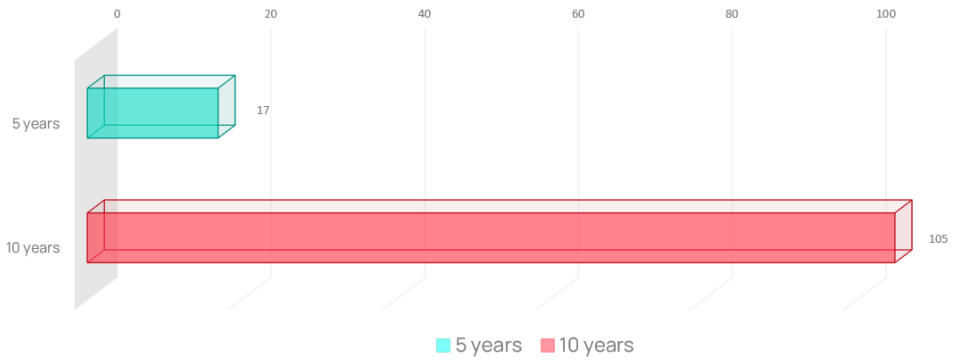


In the "Other' category, where written responses were provided to the question, someone mentioned a location that is accessible to both residents and visitors. One person expressed that only those lost at sea should be memorialized.

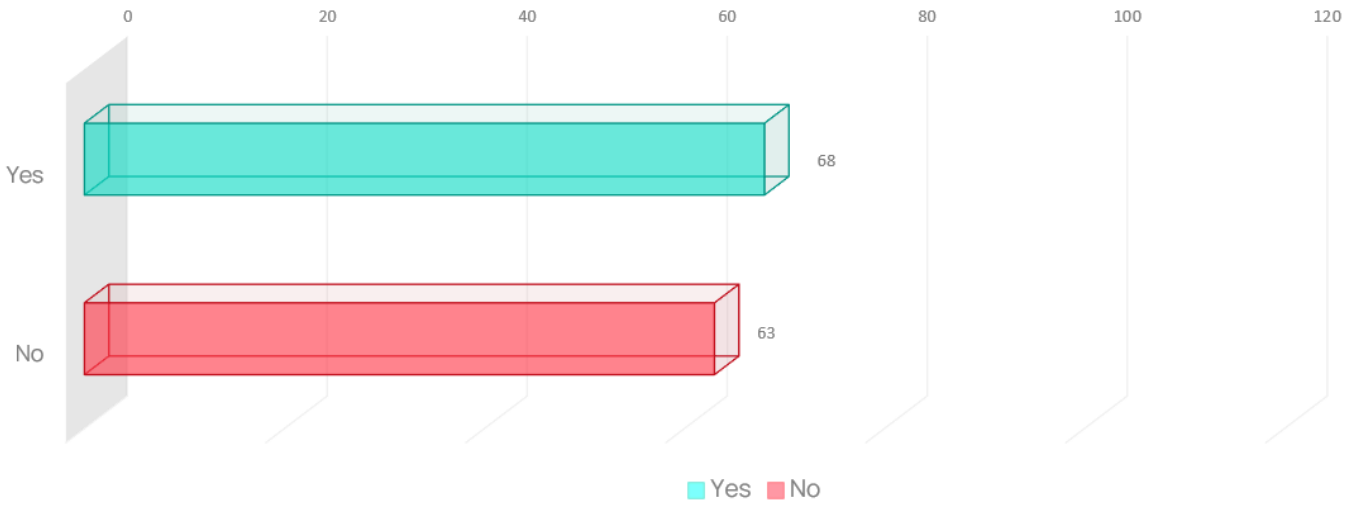
The state of the memorial wall to those lost at sea in Mariners Park is deteriorating and does not enable us to add any additional names. Would you be in favour of seeing this wall reconceptualized and replaced so that additional opportunities for recognition could be granted to future lost mariners?



Most programs have an end date for the memorial so that all residents have greater opportunity to memorialize loved ones. What is your preference for the length of the memorial?



Do you currently have a loved one memorialized through an existing City bench or wall plaque?



***Note**—where respondents answered 'yes', an opportunity to leave contact information for future outreach was provided.

General Comments

- Multiple people suggested memorials should be longer than 10 years or permanent, and this was emphasized for the wall to those lost at sea
- Multiple people also emphasized the importance of retaining the program and maintenance
- Multiple people noted pending requests that have been on hold due to the program pause
- Two people requested additional clarity around submission of memorial request processes
- Two people requested that plaques be returned to residents if they are removed/replaced
- Kwinitsa Station area, Seal Cove, Court House and Rushbrook Trail were suggested as location options
- One person suggested enhancing the memorial to those lost at sea as an art installation, another noted that the existing design does not blend well into the park, others noted the importance of retaining it at its existing location and also retaining existing names
- One person suggested that walls could be dedicated based on professional designations and passions and associated with the related organization/location
- One person suggested selection of memorials by lottery
- One person suggested engraving names within a pathway
- One person suggested to discontinue the program