

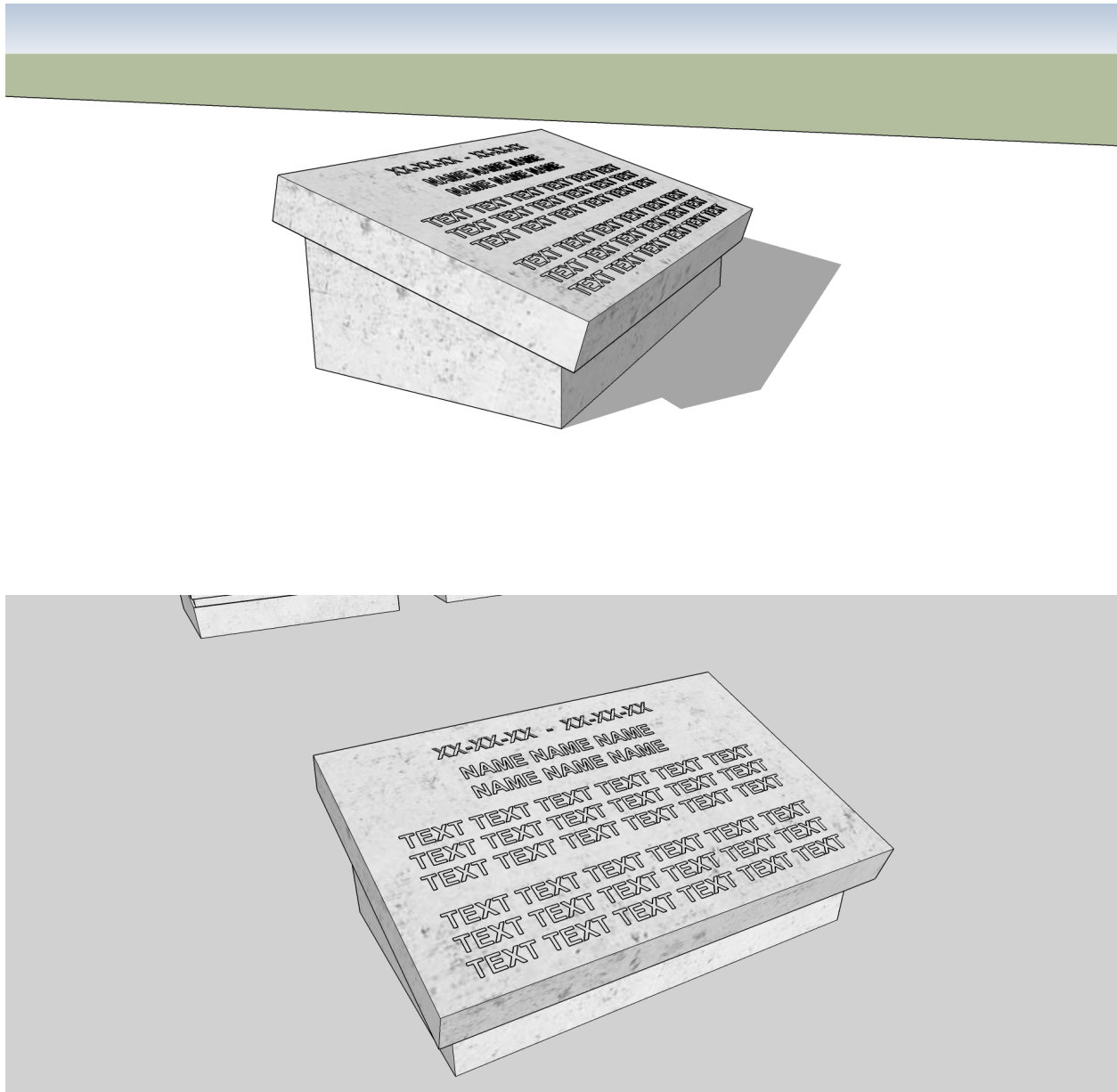
Update from the Cemetery Committee

Recent changes to City by-laws will result in exciting new developments for the Or Shalom Cemetery, located within Mountain View Cemetery (MVC) at 33rd Ave and Fraser St. The City of Vancouver, which owns and manages MVC, approved a new by-law last month enabling individuals to buy half of a burial lot (plot) at half the cost of a full plot, without pre-arranging with a partner. Also, two unrelated individuals who wish to share a grave site can purchase a half-plot, but each will have separate ownership. Several Or Shalom members have already expressed interest in purchasing a half-plot. The by-law comes into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Meanwhile, progress continues on landscaping at our area. The photo below shows new paving tiles added this month at both ends.



Glen Hodges, the MVC Manager, plans to install sample markers within the next few weeks to allow members to view them and provide feedback. The committee has approved a uniform design, with markers composed of dark-grey granite from Hardy Island in Jervis Inlet, B.C. They will look something like this:



The new by-law also confirms MVC’s commitment to environmental sustainability, encouraging “green” burial practices. The cemetery doesn’t use herbicides, pesticides or irrigation. Concrete

vaults, commonly used in some cemeteries, are not required. Burials in the Or Shalom area will be in biodegradable (wood or cardboard) caskets or shrouds.

To learn more about the history of our cemetery, eligibility requirements, plot purchase and related burial fees, see <https://www.orshalom.ca/cemetery>

The website will be updated as new information becomes available.

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