

River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Combined Park Management Plan + Design Development Plan



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Background

- Park Overview
- Phase 1 Engagement
- Council Direction

Phase 2 Engagement

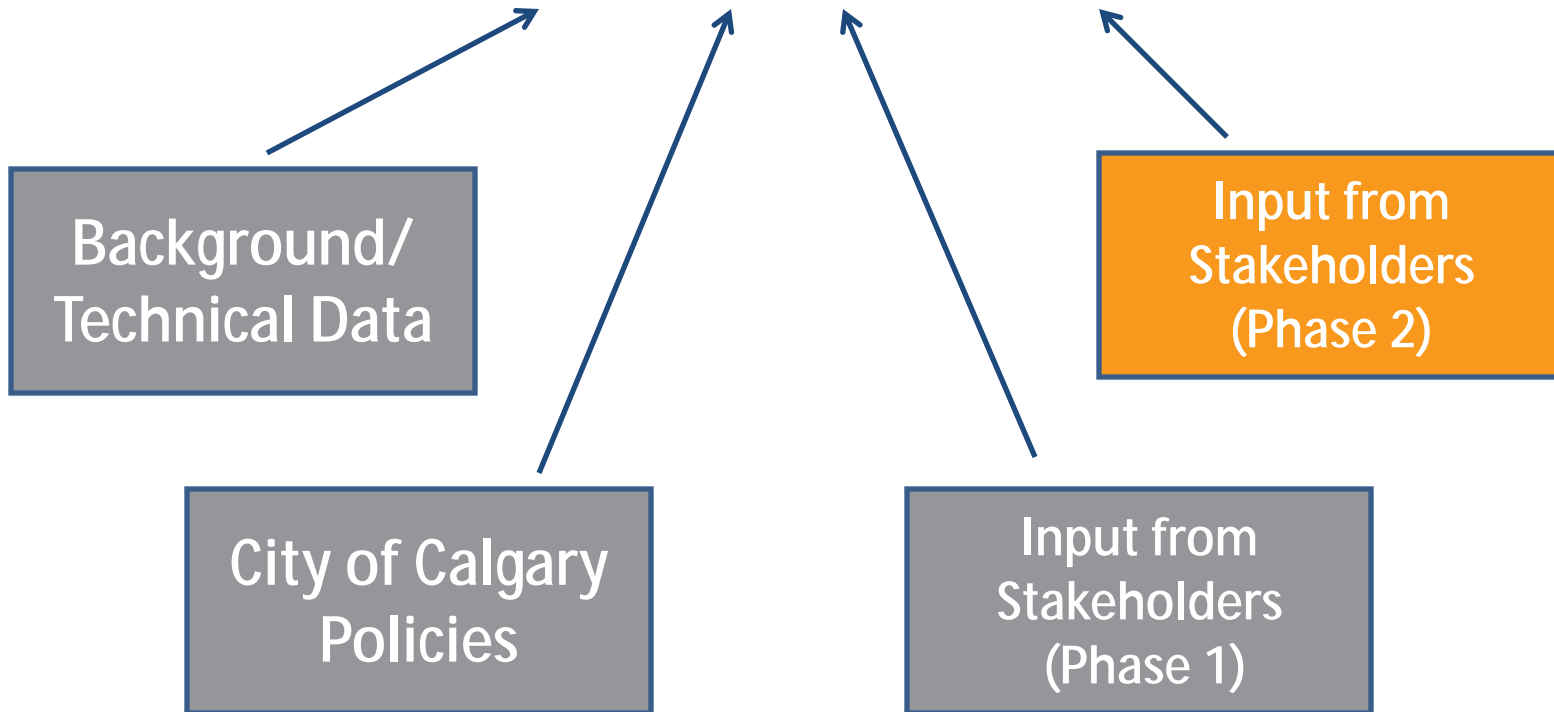
- Lessons learned in Phase 1
- The plan for Phase 2
- Feedback on the proposed process

Next Steps

- Current State of the Park



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Background

- City ownership of parklands along the Elbow River since the 1950s
 - parcel bounded by Britannia Dr., 50 Ave. SW and utility corridor
- 1980s – River Park designated off-leash dog area
- 1982 – leases for days camps, school
- 1994 – previous design development planning process



June 2007

- River Park Steering Committee recommends short-term maintenance and long term planning to address physical issues and user conflicts in River Park
- Issues of overuse and deterioration also affect bordering parks of Sandy Beach and Britannia slopes
- Parks are part of regional and contiguous open space park system
- The City decided to undertake a comprehensive planning process to address the management and design needs of the parks



The Parks

- River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes is within Elbow River watershed
- Combined park areas total approximately 90 hectares
- Passive park with a variety of recreational uses (rafting, cycling, dog walking, jogging)
- Often perceived to be a neighbourhood park
- Part of larger regional system of river valley parks
- Linear, connected open spaces play a special role in protecting the environment and ecology as well as providing public access to the river



Engagement

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Stakeholder Engagement – Phase 1

2007

Q4 2008	Newsletter Issues Review Site Analysis Program review
Q1 2009	Stakeholder Workshop Seasonal Field Surveys
Q2-Q3 2009	Online Survey
Q3 2009	Web Survey Stakeholder Workshop
Q4 2009	Open House Summary of Issues and Draft Design Plan
Q2 2010	Council directed Administration to incorporate broader public & stakeholder input for the management & design plan.
Q3 2010	Council approved Phase 2 engagement process



Motions of Council June 2010

- “To commence a second phase of the public engagement process for the River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Park Management and Design Development Plan no later than 2010 November; and
- Report to the SPC on Community and Protective Services with a completed River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Park Management and Design Development Plan no later than 2011 July.”



City of Calgary Engage Cornerstones

Accountability	<i>Demonstrating that results and outcomes are consistent with promises.</i>
Inclusiveness	<i>Reaching and hearing the voices of those interested or affected.</i>
Transparency	<i>Ensuring decision, processes, procedures and constraints are understood, known and followed.</i>
Commitment	<i>Leading and resourcing appropriately for effective management.</i>
Responsiveness	<i>Being accessible to address stakeholder concerns.</i>

Engage! Spectrum

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STRATEGY

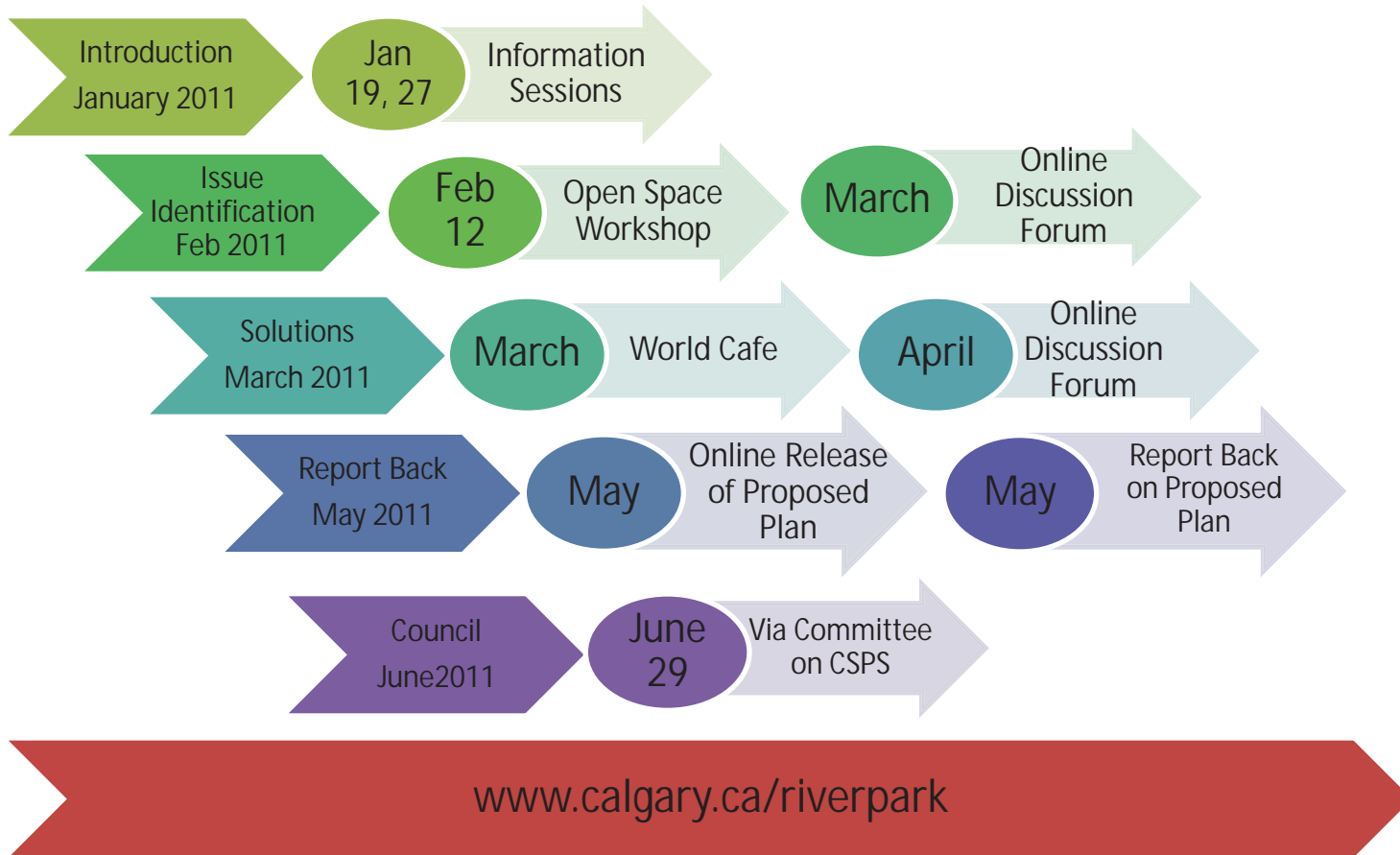
Stakeholder feedback is obtained through consultation to analyze issues and build alternatives and thereby make a contribution to the decision-making process. Consulting with stakeholders ensures issues and concerns are understood and considered

PROMISE

We will consult with stakeholders to obtain feedback and ensure their input is incorporated to the maximum extent possible. We undertake to advise how consultation affected the decisions and outcomes.

INFORM

Stakeholder Engagement – Phase 2



Why are we here?

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Feedback on process for Phase 2

- Does it provide you with adequate opportunities to participate?

Capturing your feedback

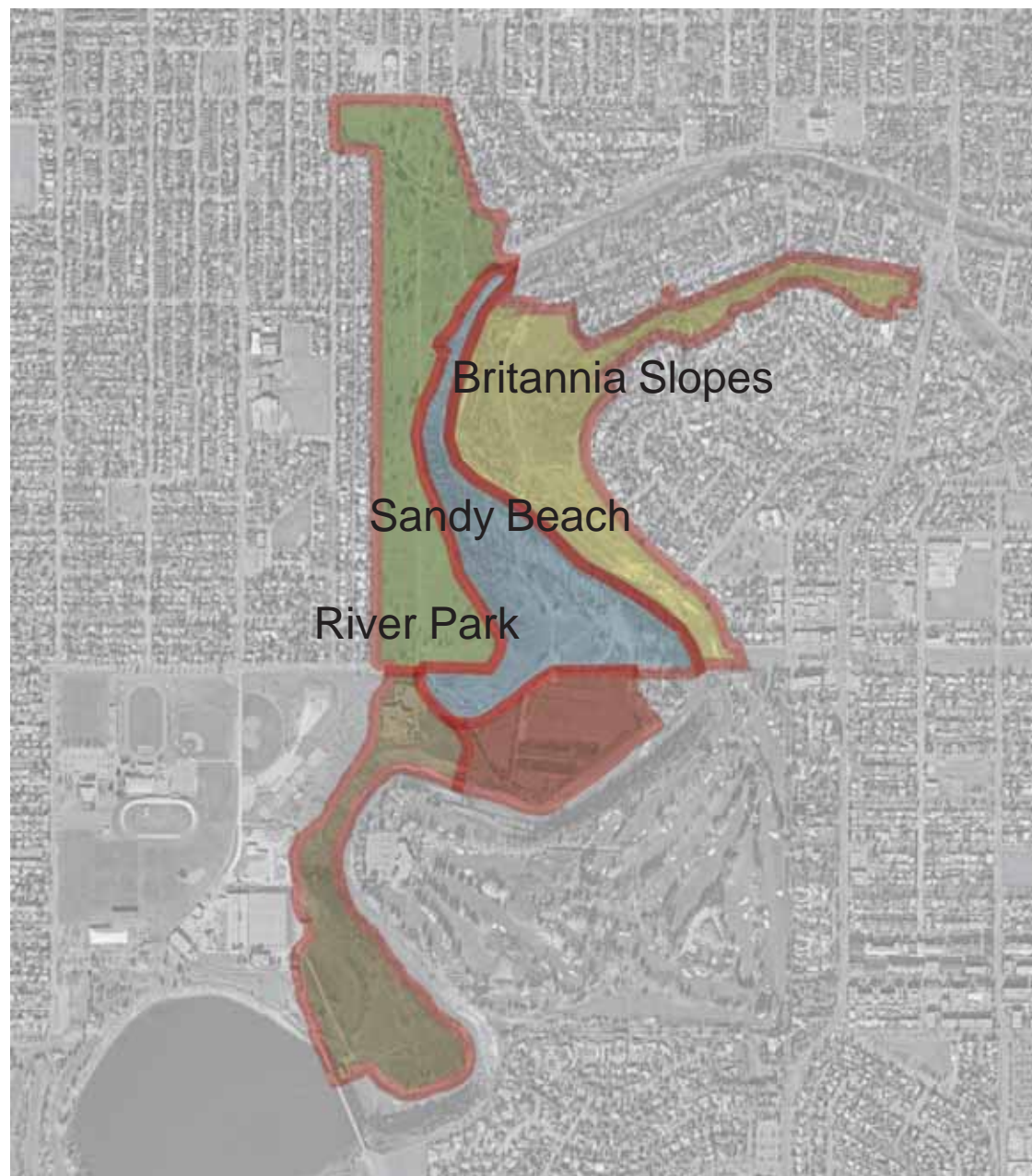
- Write and draw on process map





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The Parks



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Based on the stakeholder input from Phase 1 several issues were raised in the following areas:

- Environment
- Protect river
- User conflicts
- Off leash areas
- Traffic and parking
- Pathways and trails
- Slope erosion
- Amenities and maintenance



Intent of plan

- Address concerns expressed by citizens, and park users
- Align with City of Calgary policies including Open Space Plan, Natural Area Management Plan, Urban Parks Master Plan
- Phase 2 is about bringing the public together to identify and prioritize issues, create solutions





Questions

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Next Steps: Issue Identification

- Open Space Workshop – February 12th at 1:30 pm

Temple B'nai Tikvah,
900 47th Avenue SW

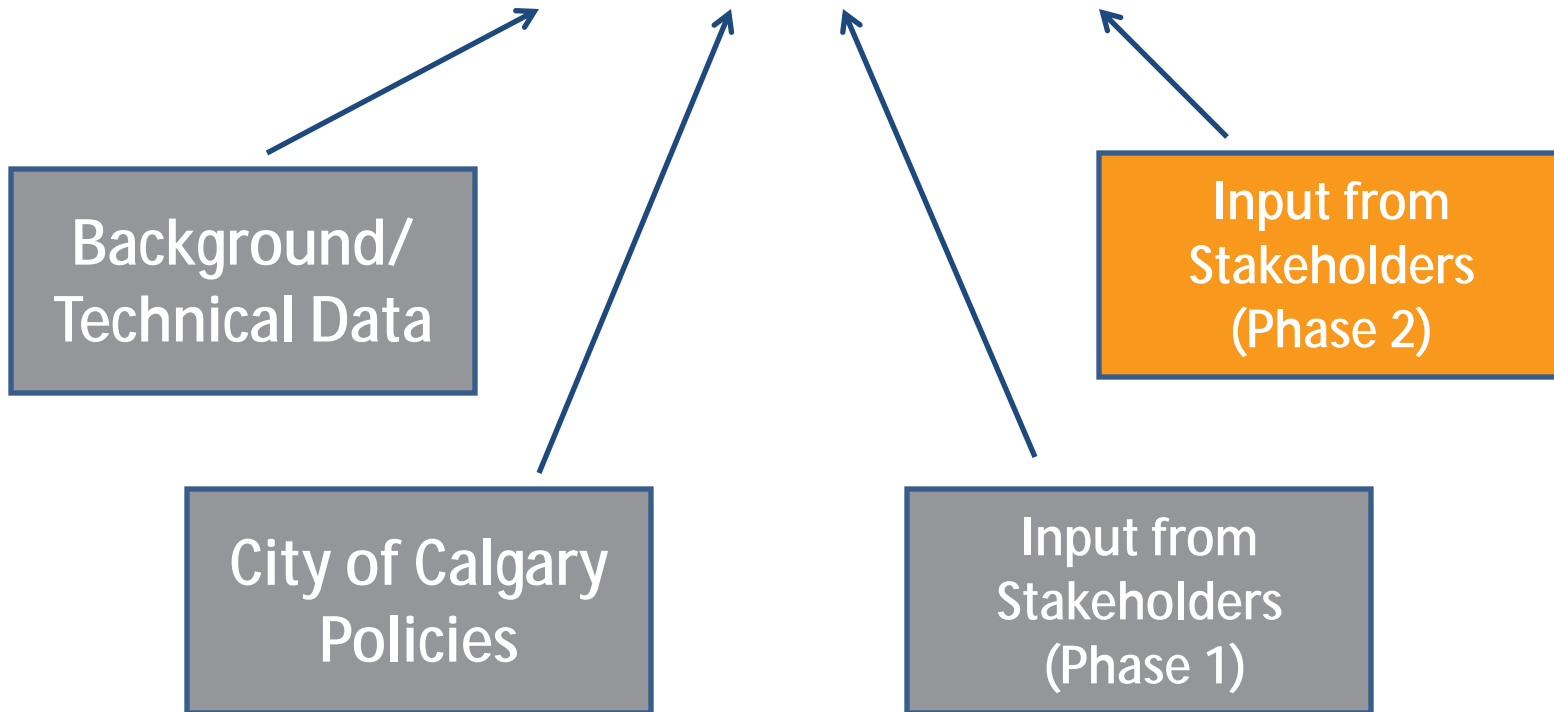
Help us plan by registering tonight or online

- Online Discussion Forum – early March
- Check out the website for regular updates

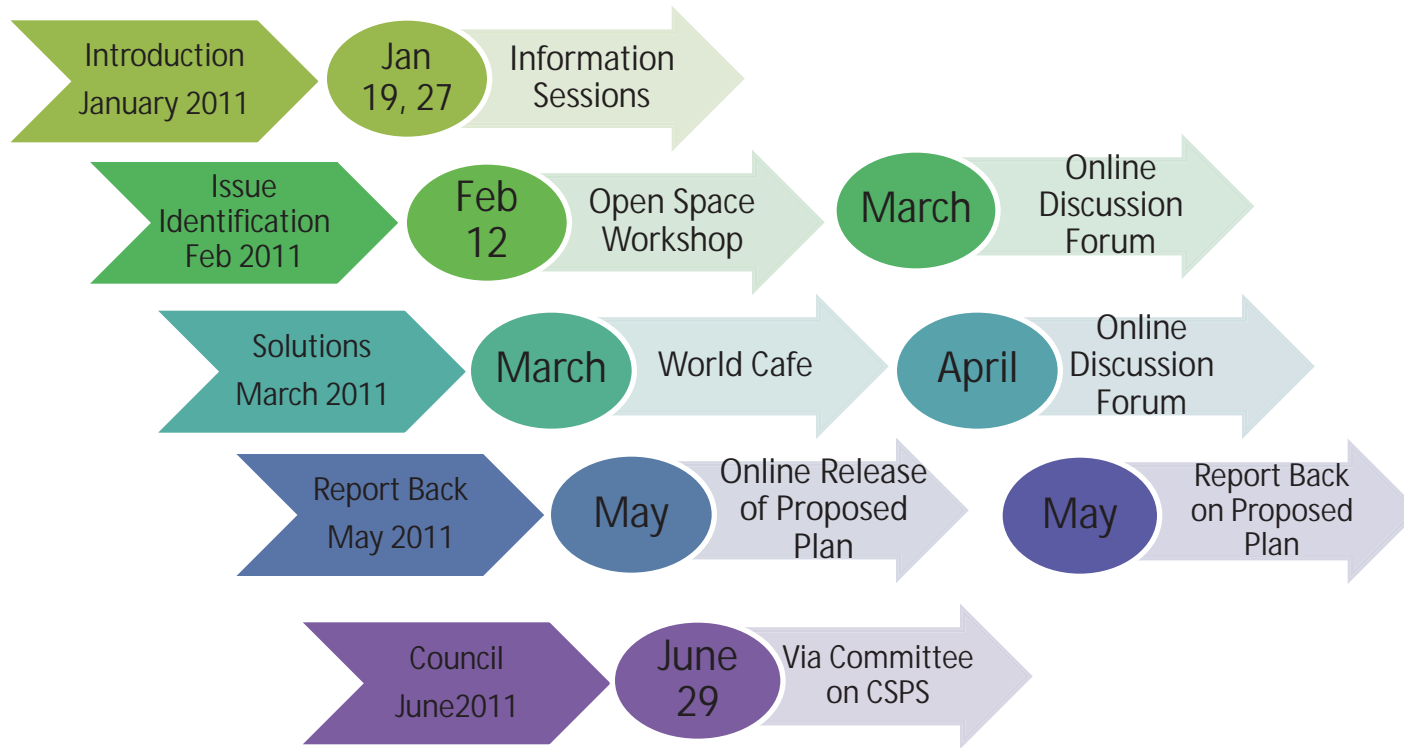
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