



Bend in the Bow.

Design Development Plan
Phase 2: Pearce Estate Park

What We Heard #2:
Concept Options
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Project Overview

The City of Calgary has begun a long-term project to connect the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (IBS), Pearce Estate Park and the adjoining green spaces along the Bow River. This project is called Bend in the Bow.

Phase 1 of this project, which includes the IBS and the Inglewood Wildlands, is complete.

Phase 2 is underway and focuses on Pearce Estate Park and the adjoining green spaces along the Bow River towards the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.

This document builds on the previous stage of engagement for Phase 2 Bend in the Bow. For a summary of the overall process, and what we heard previously, please visit calgary.ca/bendinthebow.



Engagement Overview

Engagement for Pearce Estate and the adjoining lands (Phase 2 of Bend in the Bow) was broken down into three stages: Vision and Programming, Concept Options, and Preferred Concept. This What We Heard Report describes the activities and the results of the engagement from the Concept Options stage.

From May to June 2016, we presented park design options for Pearce Estate and the adjoining green spaces along the Bow River and asked citizens for their feedback on the developing program (including zones of uses and types of features), their locations in the park, and visual design preferences (examples of images of what the features might look like). This input informs how the park design will evolve in the next round of revisions.

Engagement activities included two stakeholder workshops (May 17, 2016), a public open house (May 19, 2016), and an online questionnaire (June 2016). The variety of in-person and online activities provided stakeholders and the community with a number of ways to view the park design options and provide their input. Opportunities for public engagement were advertised through The City of Calgary's social feeds (Facebook, Twitter), Brite signs, and posters and postcards that were distributed in the Inglewood community. To further raise awareness about the online campaign and drive traffic to the survey, large posters were placed in the park beside the Bow Habitat Station parking lot and along the regional path in Pearce Estate Park.

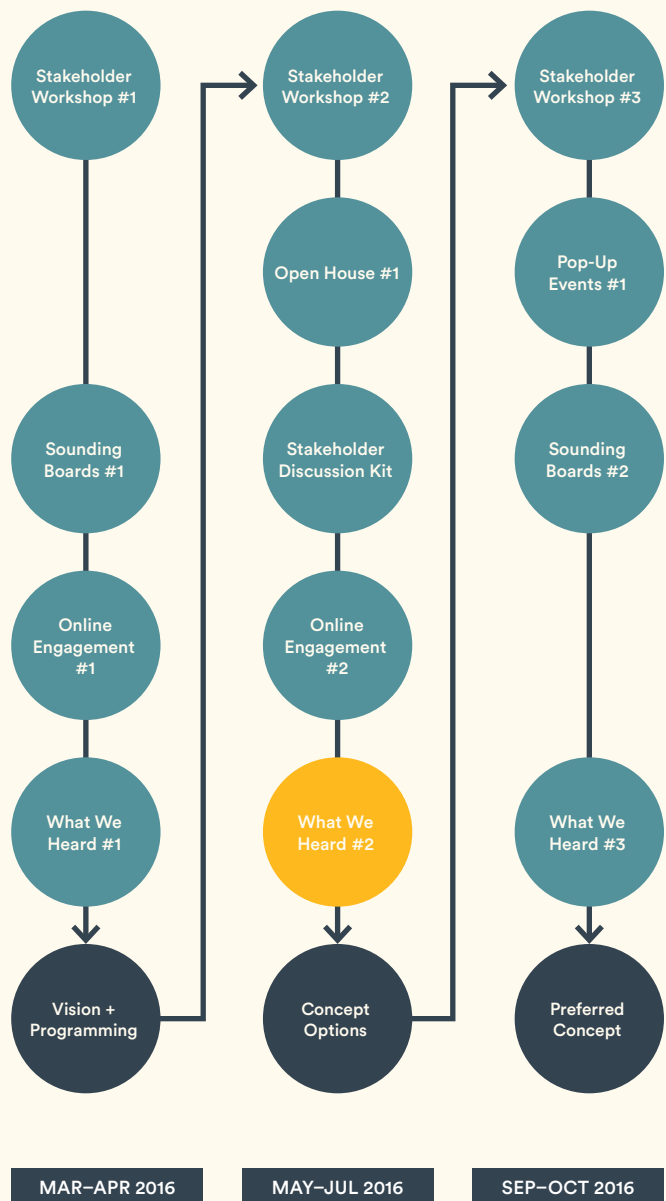


Figure 1: Bend in the Bow Engagement Process & Opportunities

What We Asked

Through a combination of group discussion, feedback forms, concept panels, and an online questionnaire, stakeholders and the public were asked the following questions:

What do you think of the proposed zones of use and their characteristics?

What do you think of the proposed features? Why?

Are there any features you would change? Why?

What do you think are the best aspects of the plan?

What ideas could enhance the design?

What did we miss?

What design inspiration precedents do you prefer?

Stakeholders and the public were not specifically required to respond directly to the questions. Rather, the questions acted as prompts for discussion. The project team collected feedback in the form of verbal comments, sticky notes, completed online responses, and written email responses. The feedback was consolidated and analyzed to understand what the public recommended for what and where changes could be considered, as well as how revisions could be implemented, for the next version of the park design.



What We Heard

Overall, the proposed park design options were well received by those who participated in the engagement process from May to July 2016.

Suggestions, ideas, concerns, and specific points of conflict were all taken into consideration for further refinement of the park improvements.

In total, over 300 comments and ideas were received through this stage of the engagement process across all engagement activities.



27
responses from the
online questionnaire



13
stakeholder
feedback forms



135
written comments
from the open house +
stakeholder workshops



emails
to the project team



verbal comments recorded
by note takers at the
stakeholder workshops

What We Heard

Summary

The comments received represent a wide variety of opinions. While each comment was considered individually, there were also a number of recurring thoughts and ideas expressed by participants overall.

The proposed zones of use and their characteristics were met with positive feedback. The proposed features people were most supportive of included reinstating the boat launch, improved amenities and signage, creation of formal entries to the park, access to the gravel beach with natural seating, repairing the river edge, multi-use spaces, trails, and separating active and passive path use.

Other proposed features were met with mixed feedback. Some participants wished to change features such as the location of the active multi-use space (eg. disc golf course), use of the baseball diamonds area, and proposed washrooms by the water's edge. We also heard a desire to balance the amount of natural conservation with recreational amenities. It should be noted that while there was some negative feedback for these features, there was also support expressed for each one, highlighting the necessity to ensure a balance within the proposed design.

Many additional ideas to enhance the design related to increasing parking (especially for a boat launch and river access), increasing natural areas, increasing history and education, and to create more play opportunities for both children (playgrounds, nature play) and adults (parkour, bouldering).

While every effort was made to inform the community about the opportunity to provide feedback, it should be noted that the opinions expressed do not represent an accurate cross-section of all citizens of Calgary.



Likes

- Zones & Trails
- Multi-Use Space
- Nature
- Improved Amenities
- Formal Gateway Entry
- Separate Path Use
- Gravel Beach
- Repairing River Edge
- Boat Launch
- River Access



Conflicting Opinions

- Active Multi-Use Space (eg. disc golf)
- Baseball Diamonds
- Washroom (at river)
- Nature / Recreation Balance
- Overdeveloped



Ideas

- More Parking
- More History & Education
- More Nature
- More Play (Kids & Adults)

What We Heard

Detailed Summary of Input

The following pages present a detailed summary of the comments received. Input has been sorted based on their location in the park (North, South, and Entire Site) and categorized into relevant themes (for example, Zones & Balance, River Access, Amenities). Comments have been further grouped with icons to indicate whether the feature on the Proposed Concept had positive/supportive feedback, conflicting/mixed feedback (both positive and negative comments), or was an additional idea to consider.

Please see the appendix for all verbatim comments.

Legend



Likes



Conflicting
Opinions



Ideas

Proposed Zones of Use

	<i>What We Heard</i>
Zones & Balance	Balance nature, culture, education
	Trying to do too much
	Nature objectives in all zones
	Multi-use spaces & integration
	Provide nature-only spaces
	Distinct boundaries between different usage zones
	Separation of recreation and transportation
	Maintain integrity as a (wildlife) corridor
	Maintain existing features & functions
	No off-leash provisions

Proposed Zones of Use

We heard from Calgarians how they currently use these park spaces and how they'd like to use them in the future. We've compared this feedback with existing conditions, physical characteristics of the site, and the project's considerations and constraints to identify zones of use.

Natural Area

- » Allow passive uses that are compatible with a natural area

Nature

- » Maintain, restore and enhance terrestrial, aquatic and riparian habitats
- » Increase biodiversity
- » Improve wildlife mobility
- » Improved resilience to change (climate, flooding, etc.)
- » Plan trails to minimize braiding

Culture

- » Illustrate historic uses of the land by First Nations + early settlers
- » Celebrate Pearce's contributions to conserving Calgary's river parks

Education

- » Maintain education trails
- » Improved interpretive signage
- » Foster appreciation for nature and our role as stewards of the environment

Mobility Corridor

- » Allow active and passive uses that are compatible
- » Incorporate the regional pathway
- » Improve connections to the community

Nature

- » Enhance wildlife movement
- » Maintain and enhance tree canopy
- » Connect people with the water, but protect the shoreline

Culture

- » Incorporate a theme that discusses the importance of trails and mobility to First Nations, as well as early settlers.
- » Retrace the historic alignment of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

Education

- » Improved wayfinding
- » Create gateways at major entrances
- » Foster appreciation for nature + culture
- » Use signage to communicate pathway rules

Multi-use Space

- » Allow active and passive uses that are compatible
- » Enhance amenities
- » Improve universal accessibility

Nature

- » Maintain and enhance tree canopy
- » Environmentally friendly landscaping

Culture

- » Celebrate Pearce's vision for the City Beautiful movement
- » Celebrate Pearce's accomplishments in experimental farming, irrigation, tree cultivation and other significant achievements

Education

- » Foster learning through play
- » Improved wayfinding
- » Use signage to communicate park rules
- » Foster appreciation for sharing space

Active Recreation

- » Allow active uses, and enhance amenities to support active uses
- » Where compatible, combine multiple uses

Nature

- » Maintain and enhance tree canopy
- » Environmentally friendly landscaping

Culture

- » Tell the story of river use by First Nations
- » Share the story of the weir, and its significance to Alberta
- » Promote history of water sport on the Bow River

Education

- » Foster learning through doing
- » Use signage to communicate rules, etiquette and life safety
- » Foster appreciation for sharing space



What do you think of the proposed zones of use and their characteristics? Use a post-it to share your thoughts. 

Have an idea that's not in scope? Put it in the idea jar.



Proposed Concept: North – Pearce Estate Park

What We Heard		What We Heard			
Active Recreation	⚡	Disc golf course:	Furniture & Accessories		
	⚡	» Conflicts with bird/wildlife habitat		♡	Natural seating (logs) on gravel beach
	⚡	» Conflicts with other park users		♡	Increased picnic tables & benches
	♡	» Conflicts with park values		♡	Increased garbage & recycling facilities
	💡	» Course located in central city		♡	Playground
River Access	💡	» Dedicated, family oriented course	💡	Bicycle racks	
	💡	» Consider moving location	💡	Water fill-up station	
	♡	Gravel beach (for family play & soft-surface river access)	💡	BBQs	
	♡	Space & access for multiple uses	💡	Nesting boxes	
	♡	Spill out spaces near Harvie Passage	Connectivity & Trails	♡	Separation of active & passive path use
	⚡	Boat launch (limit boat access to minimize damage)		♡	Pedestrian promenade along river
	💡	River access at North shore		💡	Create hierarchy of pathways
Natural Areas	💡	Fishing	💡	Establish additional small/natural trails	
	♡	Keep existing wetland	💡	Widen some pathways for cyclists	
Amenities	💡	Food forest	💡	Widen creek crossings	
	♡	Washrooms (central location)	♡	Pearce Estate Park Gateways	
	⚡	Washroom (new – lookout):	💡	Clear identity to distinguish from Bow Habitat Station	
		» Not enough eyes, harder to access	💡	Bridge to island	
	♡	Trout pond	💡	Improve park gateway for easier bicycle access into the park	
	⚡	Potential liability of pond use	💡	Make paths from public transit more accessible (disabilities, strollers)	
	💡	Ice fishing	💡	Nocturnal wildlife movement	
💡	Skating	Noise	💡	Mitigate noise from Deerfoot Trail	

Proposed Concept: North

Within the zones of use we've proposed, we've identified numerous features to redevelop or improve upon at Pearce Estate Park.



















What do you think of the proposed features? Place dots next to the features you prefer, use a post-it to share your thoughts. ✍️

Are there any features you would change? Why ✍️

Have an idea that's not in scope? Put it in the idea jar. ✍️

Figure 3: Presentation panel shown during engagement for feedback

Proposed Concept: South – Adjoining Green Spaces

What We Heard		What We Heard	
Active Recreation		Baseball diamonds:	 Increased safety of underpass
		» Conflict with birds/corridor	 Lighting in underpass
		» Increase parking	
		» Turn into multi-purpose space (disc golf, basketball, parkour)	 Fence, by-law signage, identification for transition point into Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
		» Move/Remove: To expand corridor	
		Parkour:	Connectivity & Trails  Bow Bend Shack Trail
		» Natural or man-made elements	 Enhancements to Grand Trunk railway bed & addition of trail
		» Teaching/learning	 Review how Grand Trunk Railroad Trail connects to surroundings
River Access		Boat launch:	 Alleviate pinch point at bridge
		» Parking & drop-off point	 Make underpass wildlife friendly
		» Two ramps for boats	
		» Accommodation for trailers	
		» Ensure boat launching does not block pathway users	
		» Shelter/dry boat storage	

Proposed Concept: South

Within the zones of use we've proposed, we've identified numerous features for the adjoining green and open spaces along the Bow River towards the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.



What do you think of the proposed features? Place dots next to the features you prefer, use a post-it to share your thoughts. ✍️

Are there any features you would change? Why ✍️

Have an idea that's not in scope? Put it in the idea jar. ✍️

Figure 4: Presentation panel shown during engagement for feedback

Proposed Concept: Entire Site

The following comments are applicable to the entire Phase 2 site (Pearce Estate Park and adjoining green spaces).

	What We Heard			What We Heard	
Active Recreation		Analyze appetite/feasibility of proposed high-impact activities	Education & Storytelling		Educational opportunities
		Consider how to avoid impacts of recreational use			Include historical significance of site/ Inglewood/Calgary (physical markers, signage, apps)
Natural Areas		Beware “over-engineering” of habitat & too much development		» The story of developing an urban forest, tree planning and experimentation	
		Support diversity of area		» Industrial heritage, reclamation and reuse	
Amenities		Increase amenities		» The changing landscape of a river, including Bend in the Bow flooding	
		Increase wayfinding		» The William Pearce story including Calgary’s irrigation history, western land survey and the men who were the surveyors, the story of homesteading the prairies, and the Grand Trunk Railroad	
		Increase parking overall and consider parking options for major events			Interpretive signage for wetlands/ streams
		Universal design (paths, lighting, signage, playground, picnic tables)			Public art opportunities
		Increase play elements			Plant heritage/historical trees
		Create activity park for adults (outdoor bouldering, parkour training)			Use pathway as history story strip
		Change rooms: Simple (no doors, no heat, no cubicles), close to parking	Connectivity		Improved connectivity for both pedestrians & wildlife
		Shelter / dry boat storage			
		Provide spaces to connect in small & large groups			
		Spectators and other needs (electricity, irrigation, alternative turf) for activities/competitions			
	Design for future floods				

Operations & Management

We also received comments related to operations and management that are not within the scope of project. These comments will be forwarded to the relevant City departments for consideration.

	<i>What We Heard</i>		<i>What We Heard</i>
Operations, Maintenance & Management	Washrooms:	Parking	By-law enforcement for parking in traffic circle
	» Longer hours/year-round access (to alleviate current use of Bow Habitat Station facilities), consistent with park hours		Manage commuter parking
	» Monitor for legitimate use		Re-open parking lot exit at south end
	Develop management plan for natural areas & historical uses	Nature	Align with the City of Calgary's Biodiversity Plan
	Increase trail maintenance		Enhancement of biodiversity should be verified through quantitative monitoring
	Monitor increased access/use (eg. encampments)		Perform bird and wildlife sweeps/surveys to determine use areas and ideal habitat
	Booking procedures for picnic sites		Fish Compensation Program and Lagoon
	Growth risk assessment (accommodation of large crowds, parking, transit access)		Education
	Clearance needed for well maintenance	Safety	Consider safety/security concerns regarding well equipment (security cameras)
	Ensure pipes around site connecting wells to Bow Habitat Station are not damaged	Park Access	Review Calgary Transit access to Pearce Estate Park and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
	Consider weight of maintenance trucks		Improve the pedestrian flow and safety at Blackfoot Trail and 19th St.
	Recycling initiatives		Review city-wide boat launch access
Ensure families with dogs can still access the water			

What We Heard

Design Inspiration

To spark discussion about the design elements within the space, participants were asked to mark which design inspiration precedent images they preferred. The large images shown represent the image most preferred by participants in each category. Smaller images represent others in the same category that received over twenty votes each.

Please see the Appendix for the total number of votes on each image.

Nature



Culture



Education



Play



Gateways & Entrances



Structures & Amenities



Wayfinding & Markers



Site Furniture



Pathways & Trails



Next Steps

Using the feedback within this report, the project team will refine the concept options to create a preferred plan for Phase 2. The plan will be presented to stakeholders and the public for their final thoughts and feedback in September. Prior to this, we will meet with the Bow Habitat Station and The Government of Alberta (for Harvie Passage), our project partners, to ensure the preferred concept we have created aligns with the programs and services they offer at Pearce Estate Park.

Further to this, the feedback we received from stakeholders and the public revealed an opportunity to explore river access within the park. The rivers are an integral part of citizen's sense of community and are enjoyed by a multitude of user groups and tourists. In June (2016), City Council instructed City Administration to collaborate on a long-term river access strategy and to engage with river users and other Calgarians for discussions on river access issues in the short term.

Calgary Parks is working closely with other business units and the Provincial and Federal governments to develop a city-wide strategy that will address increasing use of the river, allow for better access to the river, as well as explore amenities options such as parking, change rooms and washrooms. This strategy will ensure easier, safer, legal and environmentally friendly river access along the Bow and Elbow rivers.

At this time, we do not know to what extent the strategy will guide the design for Pearce Estate Park, but will continue to keep stakeholders and the public informed as much as possible.

Upcoming engagement opportunities:

- » **Pop-up Events**
Second week of September at Pearce Estate Park
- » **Stakeholder Workshop**
September 13

Project information and opportunities for public participation will continue to be made available at calgary.ca/bendinthebow.

Appendix: Verbatim Comments

Online Survey

Proposed Concept: North

What do you think of the proposed features? Why?

1. The boat launch seems really far from the parking lot. Long distance to carry a boat.
2. It is a tough space to balance this many multiple uses. Not sure designers are aware of the current pressures facing an already busy park. Often, there is already not enough space for those who are educating groups, using picnic spaces, playing in the open greenspace, etc. By trying to do EVERYTHING in one space, you would be diluting the experience of the things the park already addresses well: providing an enjoyable space for humans to learn and engage outdoors in a beautiful and serene space.
3. Some make sense - others seem really disconnected from the values. Good to change the location and add washroom facilities. I anticipate that they will be constructed to be open year round? Like the idea of expanding the playground facilities and picnic sites. Also enhancing the parking lot is critical. Do not know why the disc golf course is even being considered and included in this proposal!? If you proposing to expand the picnic area how are you also going to accommodate the disc golf course? This park is such an important place for nature in the heart of the city. We already know that the wildlife corridors are pinch points and by allowing the disc golf course you are further pinching these points completely eliminating the allowance for wildlife to use this space and compromising one of your core overarching project values.
4. Moving washroom to above flood plain makes sense. Keeping wildlife habitat protected is a positive.
5. Disc golf course seems dangerous in a shared space. Additional parking required as Pearce Estate Park lot is at capacity most days year-round, even with Harvie Passage being closed. There is too much going on- the plans are great, but it doesn't seem like there will be space left for people to get out in nature if all of the proposed features move forward.
6. They look like a very large waste of taxpayer money. As my property taxes increase every year I am slowly being crushed and having the city waste money on projects like this is very upsetting.
7. I would like to see a sprinkle pad that features an educational element in Pearce Estate Park
8. I think it is great so far and I appreciate the food forest concept near Harvie Passage... strawberries, currant etc. I think this element should be expanded to include a diverse range of edible and medicinal perennials and trees including nuts and fruits... More kayaking, rafting and canoe features would be great
9. I like the location for the new washrooms because it is closer to the picnic area and the fish pond.
10. I think it overall is good, but could be much better. It is only semi-accessible to people with disabilities, and people who use Calgary Transit buses. The pathway from bus #1 (which stops at Blackfoot Truck stop on 9 Ave) isn't completely paved with rounded sidewalks. This makes accessing the park rather difficult for transit users with babies in strollers, and people with disabilities. The current sidewalks leading from Blackfoot truck stop to Pearce Estate Park is broken and uneven in some parts and non-existent in others. There is no wheelchair accessible pavement leading from the bus stops on 9 Ave. SE to Inglewood Wildlands park and bird sanctuary. Heck there is no bus that stops near Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Inglewood Wildlands Park are completely inaccessible for Calgary Transit users to utilize and enjoy especially if they are disabled regular transit users, or parents with babies in strollers who use transit as their main mode of travel.
11. On the right track. I love the space as it is, but better way-finding and more accessible washrooms would be helpful.
12. Too much development
13. I think the proposed features are great. I'm glad the wetland feature will stay as is. Additional garbage facilities along the pathways are good, same with the addition of wayfinding signage.
14. Good use of natural area. Updated amenities are required. It's becoming a more popular area for families
15. Generally I like the proposal as it maintains the existing features and functions. My understanding is that it updates the current site rather than completely redesigns it. I support it on that basis.
16. Seems like a good plan. I like the inclusion of multiple uses in the area.
17. Good mix
18. I like the layout, mix of use, and improved amenities.
19. Like the beach
20. I don't mind the idea of a washroom near the river amenities, but I don't think it's appropriate on the east (river) side of the pathway. I also think it is more important to have the washroom close to the play and

picnic areas. For this reason I prefer the location closer to the parking lot, as long as there is a direct connection from the river amenities that is well-signed.

21. They sound very good overall
22. Overall it looks good. I like the current educational/recreational mix and access to the river.
23. The features sound excellent. Specifically excited about the disc golf course to replace the inner city one last from St James Island Redevelopment. The small beach area and hand launch location also a plus
24. I think that they are excessive and unnecessary. Pearce Estate Park is a jewel of natural forest in downtown Calgary. It has a playground that is already perfectly functional as well as picnic areas of a reasonable size. This park needs to be maintained and the river bank needs to be rehabilitated (simply) but beyond that, let nature be nature. In a time of economic recession, there is no need to spend extra money on a park that is already loved by its community as an area of peaceful wildlife.
25. Too much development!! Leave the wilderness alone.
26. I am very much in favour of the disc golf course. There is a lack of them in Calgary.

Are there any features you would change? Why?

27. Provide a way to drop off a boat
28. Absolutely NO disc golf course! There is truly no space for a course like this in this park. It would be incredibly invasive to a wildlife corridor and dangerous given the users of the park (primarily families with young children). There must be better suited areas within the city to develop a formal course like this.
29. The disc golf course is really disconnected from the project. It does not tie in to the overarching values of nature, culture and education. A disc golf course is going to cause major human and wildlife conflicts. It will completely eliminate the wildlife corridor and crosses two heavily used public paths. If you look at the birds eye view and actually coloured the disc golf course in yellow that appropriately represents the active recreation denotation you would appropriately show how large of a footprint the course is taking up in the park space that is supposed to be dedicated to culture, nature and education.
30. Consider limiting boat access, including hand launched. Rafts and kayaks, canoes don't always notice the damage they cause on the way through the park.
31. Additional parking is required- lots of it. Additional washrooms are a great idea, maybe close to parking

areas.

32. I would leave the area as it is and save hundreds of millions of dollars that should be spent by the city on essential services.
33. I would expand upon the existing whitewater element/access as well build a parkour/bouldering/adult workout and play space like in Vancouver and European countries encouraging adult activity and play.
34. Unsure about having a disc golf so close to the bike path.
35. Yes, I would add bus stops nearer to all 3 parks (Pearce Estate, Inglewood Wildlands, and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary) so more Calgarians can access these parks without using their vehicles. It would help reduce carbon use in this city. I would add yellow tactile strips (similar to the ones used on Calgary Transit C-Train platforms) on all the trails at Pearce Estate park so that the blind people can figure out where they want to go to while on the trails with and without their white cane/seeing eye dogs. It would make the park more accessible. I think it's also important for the city to contact Alberta Parks for their input since the Sam Livingstone Fishery, Bow Habitat station and Kids Can Fish pond are on the same site as Pearce Estate park. Alberta Parks has a wonderful program that is aimed at helping people with disabilities access all parks better called Push To Open. As part of that program they have Push To Open ambassadors (people with disabilities living) who are willing to educate people about how people with disabilities can enjoy being outside in parks. They would be happy to come and work together with the city to make Bend in the Bow 100% accessible for disabled Calgarians to utilize the park to it's fullest potential. For more info about Alberta Parks Push To Open program please visit <http://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/about-us/inclusion-accessibility/push-to-open-nature/> or email them at pushtoopen@gov.ab.ca
36. No
37. Calgary has enough groomed parks and not enough natural areas
38. The park gateway entrance should be improved so that it's easier for cyclists to access the pathway. Currently when I'm biking I have to use the little gravel pad next to the pathway to get onto the pathway when travelling east as I connect to the pathway from the street at the end of the cul-de-sac.
39. Gravel beach area is attracting some unwanted activity. Further insight into opposite side of the river as well would be key. Introduce foot bridge.

- 40. I would design the bike path for slower speeds. As a frequent pedestrian (e.g. minimum 5 times per week), I observe a real and increasing conflict between pedestrians (i.e. wandering families) versus Tour de France wannabes. That needs to be carefully addressed in the design.
- 41. Re-open parking lot exit at south end to eliminate need to drive through busy pedestrian area to exit
- 42. Add an additional washroom around the Seasonal Use Space, because the 3 other washrooms are relatively close to each other, with nothing in the southeast corner.
- 43. No
- 44. No, I agree with the rest of the plan.
- 45. Create more picnic sites and availability of booking sites
- 46. No, it looks good as long as the gravel beach area is left informal and includes access for families with dogs.
- 47. If the gravel beach could be a sand beach using trucked in sand, larger disc golf course.
- 48. No more buildings needed, current toilet facilities are perfectly adequate. It is already highly used and enjoyed as it is. Leave the park to the nature that is already there and the people who love it.
- 49. See above
- 50. None

Proposed Concept: South

What do you think of the proposed features? Why?

- 51. Looks good
- 52. The Grand Trunk Railroad trail seems like an afterthought that doesn't particularly connect any area with another?
- 53. If IBS has a "no dogs" policy why can't this apply to Pearce Estate Park as well? Is it not uncommon for people to allow their dogs off leash in the wetland features of Pearce Estate Park. Perhaps the whole Bend in the Bow area should have this rule applied.
- 54. Appreciate the benefit of wildlife friendly options. Educational opportunities are a positive.
- 55. A great use of space, good ideas for multi-users.
- 56. They seem like a tremendous waste of my money.
- 57. No
- 58. I think the boat launch definitely needs reinstating and expansion. Again baseball is great but the city needs more adult activity parks that you can do in small groups or alone as well... See outdoor bouldering, parkour training ground etc.
- 59. This is a busy intersection on the bike path. Think it would be worse with boat launch there as well.
- 60. All positive.

- 61. I think the features are good. They improve access to the area and will make the area look more welcoming.
- 62. Not adequate enough to promote good activities and satisfaction. The whole area surrounding 17th Avenue needs improvement.
- 63. Again, they are good and align with current uses. I see that the pathway will be realigned which I strongly support.
- 64. Better separation for recreational and transportation interfaces here are appreciated.
- 65. Good
- 66. *Thumbs up*
- 67. Like the gateway and railway stuff. Nice to enhance the sense of history in Inglewood. More history elements would be good
- 68. I love the Bow Bend Shack Trail and the Grand Trunk Railway Trail. This area is difficult to navigate as a pedestrian or cyclist and I think these trails could help. I would point out that the trails all converge on an intersection that is very confusing and occasionally feels unsafe. I know it is not in the scope of the plan to address this intersection (Blackfoot Trail and 19th St.), but anything that can improve the pedestrian flow and safety would be great.
- 69. They are well planned
- 70. I like the improved safety focus for the underpass. I sometimes feel uncomfortable there. Looks like a good balance for the rest.
- 71. Riverbank rehab yes, everything else no.
- 72. The ball diamonds could be used as a multi-purpose space.

Are there any features you would change? Why?

- 73. No
- 74. Curious why the disc golf can't be located in an area closer to the baseball diamonds in the Grand Trunk area.
- 75. Not sure.
- 76. Bow Bend shack trail passes through existing infrastructure, but additional access pathways are needed. Signage is needed to inform users what is going on, where to go.
- 77. I would leave the area as it is.
- 78. I think the boat launch definitely needs reinstating and expansion. Again baseball is great but the city needs more adult activity parks that you can do in small groups or alone as well... See outdoor bouldering, parkour training ground etc. Baseball encourages drinking and irresponsible adult behaviour with bats.

79. Will the cyclists be protected from long hits from the baseball diamond?
80. Yes, I would add bus stops nearer to all 3 parks (Pearce Estate, Inglewood Wildlands, and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary) so more Calgarians can access these parks without using their vehicles. It would help reduce carbon use in this city. I would add yellow tactile strips (similar to the ones used on Calgary Transit c-train platforms) on all the trails at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary so that the blind people can figure out where they want to go to while on the trails with and without their white cane/seeing eye dogs. It would make the park more accessible. I think it's also important for the city to contact Alberta Parks since they know how to help make trails 100% accessible for the disabled without impacting plants and wildlife habitat. Alberta Parks has a wonderful program that is aimed at helping people with disabilities access all parks better called Push To Open. As part of that program they have Push To Open ambassadors (people with disabilities living) who are willing to educate people about how people with disabilities can enjoy being outside in parks. They would be happy to come and work together with the city to make Bend in the Bow 100% accessible for disabled Calgarians to utilize the park to it's fullest potential. For more info about Alberta Parks Push To Open program please visit <http://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/about-us/inclusion-accessibility/push-to-open-nature/> or email them at pushtoopen@gov.ab.ca
81. No
82. If you re-open the boat launch you will need to factor in the conflicts between pathway users and people trying to launch boats. Currently there are issues in the morning when River Watch blocks the pathway so that they can back their buses and rafts down to the rivers edge. They routinely end up driving on the pathway and blocking it so that pathway users cannot access the pathway until they have moved their buses and trailers off of the pathway.
83. Remove gravel road access and dispose of "Grand Trunk Railroad" (unnecessary). Improve green space area north of bird sanctuary.
84. Do we really need ball diamonds there? How much use do they get versus say an off leash park?
85. None
86. Remove one baseball diamond and add a basketball court.
87. More interpretive history
88. The frisbee golf course along the regional pathway is

also an area where I have seen people playing bocci a lot. I also question the wisdom of having people throwing frisbees right next to a busy pathway. A multi-purpose green space might be more appropriate. The baseball diamonds need fencing along Blackfoot Trail to ensure errant balls don't fly into traffic (this has been an ongoing issue in the community). It would be nice if the plan could commemorate the old gateway into Inglewood where 17th St. crossed the river, before Blackfoot Trail was built. If you look at old air photos (pre-1960's) you will see where this historic gateway was located. I'm not sure if there is much about the plan that exemplifies Mawson's City Beautiful plan, but hopefully that will come out in the renderings.

89. More signage to mark features and amenities in the park
90. No, looks good. I'm assuming you won't have to pay to park.

What do you think are the best aspects of the plan?

91. Access to the river
92. Acknowledging that issues with the existing parking lot and facilities on-site need to be addressed (stormwater drainage, year-round washroom).
93. The overarching values of nature, culture and education (if they are actually adhered to). If the disc golf course stays I feel like the City of Calgary would be speaking out both sides of their mouth. What about future user groups who may also want a piece of the pie or to stake their claim? Why does the disc golf community even have a seat at the table? Where are the family groups who use or rent the park space?
94. Maintaining wildlife habitat. Integrating community. Keeping it natural.
95. Connectivity, recreation areas, promoting use of natural areas for Calgarians
96. There are no positive aspects of this plan. It is a waste of the tax payers money.
97. Looks great, please include some type of educational sprinkle pad for kids to cool off in the summer we don't have one in Inglewood
98. Connecting and expanding parks. Boat launch and improved playground and structural furniture that encourages play and movement
99. Including information on the Grand Trunk Railway.
100. Maintaining the balance of recreational use and natural habitat.
101. Leaving the natural areas as they are
102. I like that you are interested in improving the area while

maintaining the natural aspects of the park and its pathways.

- 103. Keep it as natural as possible.
- 104. It updates an existing gem of a space, while refreshing the cultural and educational aspects? I like that it refreshes rather than totally redesigns Pearce Estates park.
- 105. Uses and separations
- 106. Comprehensive, nice features.
- 107. Referencing the historical significance of this area is a really important part of the plan. The green spaces of Inglewood are a cultural landscape that tell the story of the settlement of Calgary and this is not apparent to most people who don't know the history.
- 108. Great public input
- 109. Keeping a focus on education and access to the river
- 110. Improving safety on the underpass.
- 111. Increased signage and riverbank/rapids rehabilitation
- 112. Riverbank enhancement.
- 113. The disc golf course and trail system.

What ideas could enhance the design?

- 114. Better access to boat launch
- 115. Less is more. Don't try to cram too much into the space or you dilute what the space is.
- 116. The project lacked clear communication. There were no presentations from biologists speaking to the diversity of species in Pearce Estate Park or sensitivity of corridors. Where are the numbers from a park use, parking lot and visitation surveys!? Invaluable statistics like this were not included and should be critical to making any decision. I don't understand why this project is trying to be all things to all people. It seems like there was an assumption that the park is under used. The parking lot is full on most days. Where are you going to put all of the surplus users?
- 117. Not sure
- 118. Leaving the area as it is.
- 119. A sprinkle pad that highlights nature
- 120. PARKOUR PARK and bouldering rock, whitewater features improved and food forest/forest gardens for public harvest.
- 121. The underpass area could be larger, no boat launch, material to discourage graffiti.
- 122. Not sure - I like it!
- 123. You need to keep in mind that lots of people walk, rollerblade and cycle along the pathways in the park. If you can minimize the number of conflicts between these users that would be beneficial. Currently there are some

bends in the pathway where you cannot see people coming around the corner until you are right on top of them, and they are travelling towards you on the wrong side of the pathway.

- 124. Amenities should be added to improve convenience and safety
- 125. Somehow link it to the pathway on the other side of the river to connect to the zoo.
- 126. If "Choose as many as you like" had better examples, closer to designs and features I would prefer.
- 127. Better playground
- 128. Keeping in mind that many families access this area and keeping it family friendly (including dogs) is key.
- 129. The idea of not over-developing nature for enjoyment. Maintain the park but otherwise leave it be. Let nature be nature and let Calgarians enjoy the priceless wilderness that already exists in this jewel of a park.
- 130. Leaving the park alone.
- 131. Reduce to a single ball diamond.

What did we miss?

- 132. Better access to boat launch
- 133. Simplifying the scope of the project. Feels like the project is trying to make everyone happy, and that just won't be possible.
- 134. The project lacked clear communication. There were no presentations from biologists speaking to the diversity of species in Pearce Estate Park or sensitivity of corridors. Where are the numbers from a park use, parking lot and visitation perspective!? Invaluable statistics like these were not included and should be critical to making any decision. I don't understand why this project is trying to be all things to all people. It seems like there was an assumption that the park is under used. The parking lot is full on most days. Where are you going to put all of the surplus users?
- 135. Not sure
- 136. Space is an issue.
- 137. You have no information about costs. Is all of this free?
- 138. A sprinkle pad Saskatoon has one along the river that would be great here too
- 139. PARKOUR PARK and bouldering rock, whitewater features improved and food forest/ forest gardens for public harvest.
- 140. People like to walk riverbed from underpass to proposed River Outlook and further.
- 141. Accessibility!!!! None of the playground equipment is accessible for kids with disabilities to use. None of the

picnic equipment used is designed to include a person in a wheelchair. None of the signs used are in large print and braille, nor do they have an audio system so that the blind and those who can't read- can listen to a reader read things out for them. Again I would strongly encourage those designing Bend in the Bow to talk with Alberta Parks: Push To Open staff and ambassadors. I would encourage city planners to check out Alberta Parks William Watson Lodge in Kananaskis Country. That lodge is 100% accessible for the people with disabilities to use. There are accessible trails all around the lodge for people with disabilities to hike on with their family and friends. Remember when you make things accessible for the disabled, or when you help modify the user so that they can enjoy being outside without impacting the environment you make the trails accessible for everyone to enjoy being on. Please work with Calgary Transit to eliminate the transportation barriers that prevent all Calgary Transit users from utilizing all 3 Calgary parks! I think it would also be a good idea for Calgary Parks to contact Alberta Parks: Push To Open inclusion co-ordinator to find out where to get some adaptive all terrain wheelchairs/adapted cross country skis and adaptive bikes for the public with disabilities to use at Bend in the Bow for free. They currently allow all Albertans to rent these tools for free to use in provincial parks. It would be nice to have these tools available in all Calgary parks as well, for disabled Calgarians to use with their family and friends while out in city parks. For more info about Alberta Parks Push To Open program or to invite them to consult with you guys please email them at pushtoopen@gov.ab.ca.

142.Nothing!

143.Nothing that I can think of.

144.Areas between Phase 1 and Phase 2, i.e. north of bird sanctuary and path south of ball diamonds. Not discussed enough to connect the project together as a whole.

145.Ensuring the Bow Habitat Station continues to have a prominent role in the Park.

146. Nothing

147. Better examples, as stated.

148.I didn't find the precedent images very helpful. It was hard to tell what you were choosing other than a nice picture of x. It was unclear whether this section was about activities or infrastructure, and it was hard to tell what each image was representing.

149.I found it difficult to understand what many of the design inspiration pictures represented. Enlarging the photos

and adding written descriptions of what they're intended to represent would help optimize their use.

150.Road maintenance

151. I didn't see anything that specifically referenced dogs. I get that wildlife areas are off limits and anything near the pathways needs to be on leash but access to the water is key. For people from the north east, this is our closest river access and I don't want to lose it.

152.The fact that the park is just fine how it is other than the need for riverbank and rapids repair.

Online Survey, Stakeholder Meetings & Open House

Design Inspiration Images

Values beside each image denote the number of times it was selected by survey participants. The most popular images in each category are highlighted in blue.

Nature



A | 24



B | 12



C | 27



D | 24



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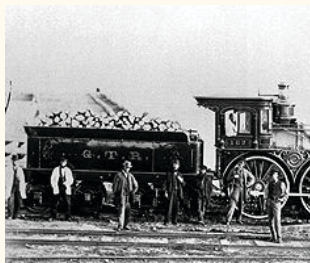


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Culture



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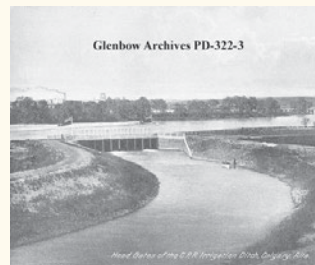
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Education



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Play



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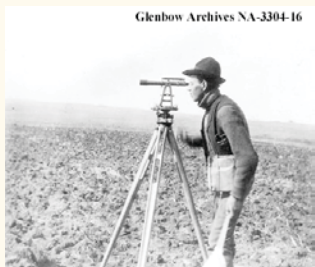
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Site Furniture



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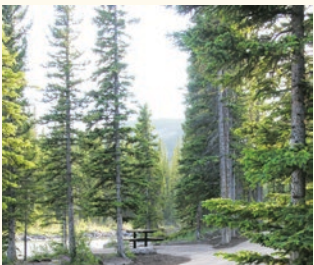
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Structures + Amenities



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B | 22

Gateways + Entrances



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Wayfinding + Markers



A | 20



B | 12



C | 10



D | 18



A | 19



B | 16



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E | 7



F | 16



E | 24



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Pathways + Trails

Open House

Written Comments

1. Nesting boxes!
2. Bat boxes!
3. Consideration for lighting?
4. Consideration for public art? -- Please
5. Interactive learning
6. Playground
7. Natural playground
8. More picnic sites
9. Willows support angling opportunities
10. Multi-use space -- yes!
11. Separate bike and pedestrian pathways
12. Change structure in low point
13. More BBQs
14. Seating / Connection space
15. Old bridge across -- need to research
16. Significance of this park for history
17. More log benches on gravel beach
18. Alberta Anglers outfit and Guides association needs 1 or more boat launches above Glenmore -- this is a good location
19. Disc golf in this area is fine, but not throughout the whole park
20. Need parking to support diamonds
21. Potential for bleachers (spectators)
22. Disc golf is "active" and disruptive to common use areas and to habitat
23. No bathroom on island. Valuable wildlife corridor
24. Need to ensure "bird sanctuary" is a sanctuary, including nesting and brood periods
25. Realign away from river's edge
26. Concern about impacts on "natural river corridor" function
27. How do you make this underpass wildlife friendly?

Stakeholder Workshop

Verbal Comments

(Recorded by note-takers)

1. Could use pieces of rock from Max Bell to create a parkour course; maybe pieces of bridge.
2. The typical age group for parkour is ages 6 to 15.
3. 25000 people did parkour this year, up from 18000 last year.
4. Needs signage and instructions. It's safe.
5. Ideas for other people to use parkour materials through social media; integrate video tutorials on site to educate people about how they could do it.
6. Could be natural or man-made elements. Clusters of obstacles.
7. "Leave no trace" contest program, not only for parkour but to educate about caring for nature and cleaning up.
8. From a teacher's perspective, this could create a different curriculum.
9. Social media, QR codes, videography integrated into curriculum.
10. Increases play activity for kids, as an outlet for energy.
11. Gets kids outside instead of in front of screens.
12. This could be a showcase for Inglewood and Alberta's parkour community.
13. From 1995 to 2000 there was a disc golf course at Pearce Estate Park. During this time Calgary Disc Golf donated 4000 hours of cleanup and were recognized by the mayor for increasing safety and cleanliness of the park.
14. In 2001 the president of Inglewood had a great relationship with this group.
15. Was overused in 2000 because it was the only disc golf course in Calgary at the time, but now there are 4 public and 3 private.
16. Decreased use now?
17. Would like to design a family-oriented course (to complement picnic, day use, increased student use, phys-ed curriculum, etc).
18. Species and their needs must be balanced (i.e. deer versus birds).
19. "E-Bird"-- find records of bank swallows.
20. Calgary Kayak is also involved in the Harvie Passage project.
21. Floats will not have enough washrooms, but it is hard to accommodate this.
22. Pearce was a strong proponent of irrigation, which was very important for Southern Alberta. The Calgary Irrigation Company was within the site; this should be a

part of the storytelling. Should be some reference on the South side.

23. Any irrigation pieces/ditches on site?
24. The public won't know about the history of irrigation, so it will not likely be included in artists' installations.
25. Should reconnect Pearce signage with irrigation projects.
26. Use an app to tell the park's story?
27. The significance of flooding needs to be documented here, as a part of its story.
28. The positive effects of flooding should be discussed.
29. Multi-use areas overlap, are on top of each other. Should ensure separation.
30. Make sure the "Natural Areas" aren't natural in name only.
31. Concerns over inability for the public to determine where the multi-use stops and natural areas begin.
32. Balance should be the most important priority, to preserve natural areas.
33. Not enough focus on management; management plan should focus on natural areas and historical uses of the site.
34. Trying to be all things to everyone is not the same as balancing interests.
35. Human use versus wildlife corridor; neither is entirely achievable in isolation.
36. Should we try to restore the site to a specific time frame (i.e. plant heritage/historical trees known to have grown on the site in the past)? Where and when is the point of reference?
37. We have files on what was once growing here, we could try to repopulate. Pearce promoted this practice himself.
38. Pearce is a "National Historic Person". Is Pearce honoured elsewhere? (The Glenbow Museum, provincial irrigation systems)
39. Pearce Estate Park is an opportunity to reintroduce Pearce into Alberta's story.
40. Can we lose a ball field? Or push in to the community or towards the Grand Trunk Railway? This would loosen the pinch point at the bridge and expand the wildlife corridor.
41. Disc golf is dangerous and destroys habitat.
42. Could disc golf be seasonal?
43. Under the Urban Park Masterplan, "Active Recreational Use" (i.e. Disc Golf) is not compatible with the vision for the park.
44. Policy is policy, if we have a policy document against active recreational use, why are we discussing it?
45. Disc golf should be given a dedicated facility with parking design and purpose-built infrastructure.
46. How can we avoid the impacts of recreational use?
47. High fences could be installed for disc golf. Wildlife corridors would not be impacted, but who is going to pay for it?
48. High fences would be detrimental to avian life.
49. Could install a moving fence to take down when not in use, but again, very expensive. Also detrimental to the local community, and detracts from views.
50. The wildlife corridor is more active in the nighttime; enhanced value.
51. The water's edge is indeterminate, it's a challenge to incorporate the natural edge.
52. Urban village at the expense of the corridor?
53. Pinch point at the bridge would need to be replaced at some point. Include in the long-term vision.
54. Emphasis on maintaining the integrity of the wildlife corridor.
55. Avoid the Bambi effect -- include holistic diversity of the area, not just the "cute" stuff.
56. Diversity depends on healthy riparian areas.
57. There is a tendency to over-design when it comes to facilities. Natural areas do not need much design. Let the natural show through.
58. This park is trying to do many things. Cannot be everything to everyone.
59. Parks for all people versus parks for all uses.
60. Where is the fire department access?
61. Support for washrooms close to Bow Habitat Station.
62. Strong opposition to washrooms proposed for hill area; point of privilege?
63. Where do people change?
64. Washrooms are needed, but it is difficult to say where they should go. No clear suggestions.
65. Design criteria to withstand future floods.
66. Harvie Island is unsafe -- naturalize it or bridge it.
67. Public road access to Harvie Passage; drop trailer at Harvie.
68. "Passage" is very important. Should be a totally natural island.
69. Give people a bridge to get to the island.
70. Lacking river access; boat launch and road access -- connection to Harvie Passage. Two ramps for boats.
71. Turn the disc golf into baseball. Baseball has limited use -- more disc golf here.
72. Limited hour disc golf?

73. Rogue discs a concern. Need more clearly defined constraints.
74. Move the baseball field closer to the street.
75. Disc golf should take place on St. Patrick's Island.
76. Disc golf restricts bird watching.
77. Remove the baseball diamond, it does not support the natural corridor.
78. The baseball field juxtaposes the river valley.
79. Disc golf was precluded as a use in that area. Changes in use were to be approved jointly by the City and Province.
80. Move the baseball field, make a movement corridor.
81. If animals use it, it's natural to them.
82. Really good natural area around the wetland; brilliant integration.
83. Fishing ridge -- access denied by SoBow condo development.
84. Existing uses being updated. Integrity lost because of too many uses.
85. Forcing all elements into all zones is a mistake. Keep the bird sanctuary natural.
86. How do we prioritize the What We Heard Report?
87. Gravel bar tells the story of where rocks are coming from and channel migration.
88. Noise from Deerfoot Trail a concern. Visual and audio screening; trees along Deerfoot?
89. Integration of SoBow condo into park.
90. A lack of hierarchy of pathways in the picnic areas is confusing right now. Need to pick up on where people want to move.
91. Is protecting the washrooms necessary?
92. If the province is providing so much money, the city should step up and provide facilities.
93. Build a permanent fence between the bird sanctuary to stop cyclists. Need to know that it's a bird sanctuary.
94. Need to investigate license of occupation agreement with City and Province on area around wetlands and areas planted as potential seed/stem sources for restoration.
95. Be aware, there are existing duck boxes in the woods.
96. Parking lot fills up every day, including weekdays. Overflow goes into traffic circle.
97. School buses use the loop at Bow Habitat Station. "No Parking" area helps buses turn.
98. How will the plan incorporate current use for education?
99. If Pearce Estate Park is being more natural, why is disc golf being put back in? Feels like a conflict. There are no users during the day and general dislike.
100. Bylaw is needed to address parking in traffic circle.
101. Bylaw signs needed in the park, especially regarding keeping dogs on a leash. Bow Habitat Station receives complaints from park visitors about off-leash dogs and concerns with kids and dogs.
102. What are the proposed security measures? Will there be security cameras? Bow Habitat maintenance staff concerned with damage to equipment throughout the park.
103. 30 to 40 foot radius around wells needed for crane/truck access. "No tree" zone.
104. Bow Habitat maintenance staff curious to know where the locations of the wells are in relation to the drawings. Security, safety, maintenance, vandalism concerns with wells.
105. Create a clear, distinct identity for the Park, so that Bow Habitat Station does not look like the face of the project. Bow Habitat staff are already overwhelmed with visitors and will not be able to handle an influx of questions.
106. Interpretive signage is good to tie into wetlands/streams.
107. Redesign of Harvie Passage will have a new island on the North edge -- include on the plan.
108. Add parking along the river for boaters to alleviate parking lot for Bow Habitat and park visitors.
109. Use of trout pond concept a concern. Liability on open water, limited staff at Bow Habitat, year round access (thin ice) an issue.
110. Will there be infrastructure (i.e. picnic tables) on the island?
111. There is a loop of pipes that connect the wells to the Bow Habitat building. This line cannot be damaged. Do not disturb this line.
112. Year round washroom necessary. Bow Habitat gets a lot of park visitors knocking on doors after hours to use the washroom.
113. Opportunity to add recycling initiatives.
114. More picnic benches throughout the park would be useful to Bow Habitat educational programming.
115. Concerned with safety during construction phases.
116. Sufficient lead time needed for construction disruptions to Fish Hatchery and Bow Habitat programming.
117. Concerned with weight of trucks.
118. Harvie Passage use will increase. See other urban white water rafting precedents : Denver Confluence Park; Missoula; Glenwood, Colorado.
119. New island will be a fairly active area.
120. More people will be attracted to water (buskers, activity, lounging, recreation, etc.).
121. Big Passage used for rafting, small passage (between

- island and shore) used for driftboats, tubing, etc.
122. River access to Harvie Passage is essential for accessibility. The only access point to the river is through PEP.
 123. Space needed for both river users and bystanders/passive use.
 124. "Recreation" not accurately represented within the project values. Recreation includes fishing, kayaking, frisbee, etc.
 125. Conflicts occur between walking (slow, cumbersome) and cyclists (fast). Negotiating different pathway users is important.
 126. People want to leave trailers at boat launch. Causes traffic/parking congestion.
 127. Current foot trail on south edge used by kayakers. Any opportunity to discuss an easement along this edge with SoBow? MR negotiation? Opportunity for parallel parking? This would alleviate many concerns.
 128. Could we add green space between alley and rail on West edge?
 129. Boat launch is a great idea. Whether official or not, people will use it.
 130. Need a River Access Plan to assess city-wide boat launch access.
 131. Include overflow parking by ball diamonds.
 132. Boat trailers parked during shuttle hours. Boaters head out early -- they might be using the parking before hours of other users.
 133. Change rooms don't need to be fancy. No doors, no heat, no cubicles.
 134. Want change rooms close to parking.
 135. Proposed design is enough space along river edge. Extra space for festivals.
 136. The proposed boat launch is the only river access point below Harvie Passage. Important for easy launching. River Watch can't launch above a Grade 2.
 137. Trailer access at boat launch necessary.
 10. Disc golf should go here instead
 11. Disc golf has a large footprint that is difficult to define + control
 12. 9 holes disc golf - family oriented
 13. What about errant discs in natural area?
 14. Major bird migratory pathway. Keep corridor. NO disc golf
 15. This is not appropriate in the river valley. Remove.
 16. Lots of land for one use
 17. Baseball is limited/seasonal use
 18. Can we move the ball diamonds back + create a wider strip?
 19. Fences would impact wildlife + visitor experience of nature
 20. Ball diamonds are in the way, why are they here
 21. Screening if you move the ball diamonds
 22. Proposed washroom - location is okay
 23. Proposed washroom location - very important
 24. Proposed washroom - is this practical? Above flood plain. Can this be sacrificial?
 25. Major circulation; not a good place for WC
 26. Expand - enhance for changerooms
 27. Changeroom
 28. Changerooms?
 29. Design criteria for future flooding? Amenities may be sacrificial
 30. Where do we draw the line? Avoid hard concrete edge
 31. River's edge = most biodiverse
 32. River's edge = indeterminate at this point in time
 33. Pathways change vegetation downstream; slope destabilization
 34. Drought? Think about adaptive design
 35. Could terrace back from river's edge
 36. Channel migration as an idea
 37. Re-vision the riverbank!
 38. Two user water groups (distribute)
 39. Calgary River Users Alliance; holistic approach to river recreation
 40. Bend in the Bow - the bow river should be integral to design
 41. Terraced approach; there's limitations
 42. Erosion/protection without taking away sand bank
 43. Riparian + wildlife capacity; nocturnal movement
 44. Before long term plans, need to make Master Plan for corridor
 45. Urban village at expense of corridor?
 46. Long term plan: fix pinchpoint
 47. Options to make corridor wider?

Written Comments

1. Disc Golf - Alternate location?
2. Disc golf does not fit here.
3. Disc golf is a terrible idea
4. Disc golf conflicts with people/natural areas/wildlife
5. Disc golf restricts birding activity
6. Put disc golf here
7. Disc golf is harmful to habitat
8. Disc golf doesn't fit with park vision/policy
9. How many users would there actually be for disc golf

48. Narrow corridor
49. Enhance wildlife corridor!
50. This IS the main corridor
51. Underpass / eco passage / deer passage; soft surface
52. Needs better balance; active edge vs. wildlife corridor
53. Function as a corridor = most important
54. Renaturalize
55. Tree swallows (bird sanctuary)
56. Urban setting = reduction in biodiversity
57. Outlook area utilized by wildlife
58. Engineered design for aesthetics v. functional habitat
59. No cutting of trees in this area
60. Potential areas for wildlife survey
61. Where is habitat element?
62. Bank swallows? North side
63. Wildlife area
64. Bird counts; see if it causes influence on bird habitat
65. Since the weir was built, pelicans chased down to Douglasdale, then moved
66. Where is the potential for bank swallows here?
67. Riparian area recovery
68. Widening pathway would put stress on birds.
69. Active monitoring. Verify data for impact on wildlife
70. 100 trees from the zoo torn out. Retained in Spy Hill
71. Bank Swallows
72. Add a bridge by the City for emergency service vehicles
73. No access
74. What is the access?
75. Reopen this access point
76. Drop trailered boat here?
77. Drive
78. Turnaround for car
79. Drop off loop?
80. This is a no-access for bird/wildlife habitat
81. Can this be reinstated for boat access during major events?
82. --SoBow Integration--
83. Bridge?
84. Intensive day use area. Works
85. CPTED issues @ this art piece
86. Deerfoot Trail - visual + acoustic screening. No one will call the CFD
87. Families + new Canadians
88. Needs cleaner pathways
89. No visibility on HWC due to divide island
90. No pathway hierarchy
91. Ice fishing?
92. Skating off-season? For kids
93. The word "passage" is chosen carefully
94. This is a good thing to conserve
95. Province DRP is \$16 to restore what was there before
96. City should step up to provide facilities to support
97. Gravel bar tells story of geology; where rocks came from
98. This is a small park; are we putting pressure on a space that's already tight?
99. Pedestrian park
100. Paint; cosmetic changes
101. Fill where water pools
102. Railings. No major bridge work
103. Log seating!
104. Wayfinding: "...you are five miles from..." SIGNAGE
105. Collaboration between two projects
106. Design for spectating
107. Use vegetation to direct people
108. Signage: shortest way to Harvie Passage
109. Family friendly active park - recreational
110. Celebrate our history + cultural roots. - Parks that tell stories; nature, culture, education
111. Irrigation + agriculture
112. Beautiful City Movement - Pearce
113. -- Role we play --
114. There is a National Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Regina. The KBS is not the only urban one.
115. NWMP arrived in Calgary in 1875. 1874 (FORT MACLEOD)
116. For enhancement of biodiversity: how will these plans align with the City of Calgary's Biodiversity Plan? The Calgary Wetland Policy? How will the plan enhance biodiversity? What is the evidence for this?
117. There's a lot of accommodation of high impact activities in the Phase 2 spaces, particularly Pearce Estates. More analysis needs to be done re: appetite + feasibility as sports-interest groups were very over-represented at the first Phase 2 meeting.
118. Park Amenities: anything about habitat or nature building? Fishing?
119. Universal Design of site
120. Barrier Free paths of travel
121. Better lighting for people with vision loss
122. Accessible signage (Colour contrast, large font, tactile lettering)
123. Accessible playground
124. Any archaeology?
125. Interactive public art
126. Accessible picnic tables
127. Bird feeding (or any wildlife feeding) is prohibited in the

Parks + Pathway bylaw

128. Recreation is a key pillar equal to Nature/Culture/ Education for Phase 2.
129. Like spill out spaces near Harvie Passage
130. Garbage - add washrooms near
131. Keep some soft surface access to river south of Harvie Passage
132. Looks like a reno - not a DDP - focused on putting disc golf back in the park - natural areas are secondary. Disc golf + nature + people are not compatible - area is cleared - they aim at birds + wildlife - remove the ball diamonds + put in disc golf it is not an integrated activity.
133. There are a lot of enhancements for park enjoyment by people. We also need areas just for nature.
134. Enhancement of biodiversity should be verified through quantitative monitoring
135. Zones make sense. I like that there are consistent NATURE objectives in all of them.
136. Important to achieve balance/harmony between nature, culture, and education
137. Natural Area - increased # of trails, need to ensure they are maintained. More access, may mean increased access for illegitimate users as well (ex. encampments)
138. Multi-use - needs to have very clear signage (especially at the transition point into IBS) indicating what these spaces are not intended for (ex. dogs on leash, etc)
139. Mobility Corridor: should include wayfinding; what about small pathways?
140. Active Rec: why not include playground, trout pond for fishing? Some zones might overlap.
141. Natural Zone: consider eliminating a small path on west side, since it's parallel to larger path
142. Barrier free access to each zone and between zones is important. Multi-use space is a priority.
143. North -- washroom at river questionable? Problematic - floodplain, too close to Bow Passage Overlook, high point view/lookout from washroom
144. Mobility Corridor - should recognize that pathway use can differ between commuter cyclists (active) and recreational usage (passive). Parks has committed to separate and segregate where possible to do so and where usage warrants separation
145. Use the pathway as a comic style history story strip; "Paint" on the pathway
146. Walking/cycling along tells a story of where you are and marks the changes in area
147. Remove the baseball diamonds + build a proper disc golf course
148. Having the proposed changeroom/washrooms monitored for legitimate use
149. The cul-de-sac within park could be utilized as an off-leash "fenced in" area because it is continually used as this use within this area
150. Gender-neutral washrooms to be included - universal design washroom
151. Access for everyone to all amenities
152. Great educational opportunities
153. Bicycle racks to allow destination cyclists to be able to lock up bikes while using water park
154. Added washroom - river use + cyclists -- water station fill up?
155. Add more "play" elements - recreation opportunities
156. Gravel beach - seating (natural) parents watch kids encourage more use - more eyes discourage bad behaviour
157. Boat launch although "closed" is still being used regularly
158. Seems like a good start. Must do bird sweeps/surveys to determine bird/wildlife use areas + ideal habitat. Beware "overengineering" which can decrease habitat for sensitive species.
159. Like enhancements to the Grand Trunk railway bed.
160. Disc golf course is not appropriate through cold stream, or in green space behind Bow Habitat station. Might be suitable in the SoBow MR area.
161. There is lots of concern from boaters who want direct vehicle access to Harvie Passage. This is not appropriate and not supported by the residents of Inglewood. Boat launch under bridge @ SoBow is right spot for direct access.
162. Formal entry and more distinct designations/boundaries between different usage zones is great
163. Formal entry for vehicle access to Pearce Estate would also be fantastic!
164. Lighting the underpass
165. Remove some disc golf course areas (north + south) because they are important wildlife areas. Keep "bird corridors" open, areas with trees (including dead ones with cavities) that are not influenced by people
166. Not sure washroom on/in riverbank is appropriate. Maybe a shelter or dry boat storage would suit boating needs better?
167. Locations of the washrooms..... Especially the one adjacent to the river is cause for concern... Hard to police, not enough eyes and harder to access, especially with the amount of illegal activity that we already see in the existing washrooms.

168. Creek crossings need to be upgraded as widths have to be increased to accommodate wider pathways that connect.
169. Increasing amenities
170. I really like the pedestrian promenade next to the river, separate from the pathway
171. Improved connectivity through areas for both people and wildlife
172. Natural
173. Mix use throughout - i.e. bathrooms for kayak + cyclists
174. Idea about bins and more log "seating" on gravel beach is great!
175. Old boat launch road could still be used as vehicle access for emergencies; runs parallel to Blackfoot Trail SE (Bow Bend Shack Trail)
176. Parking allotment for proposed concept: South for baseball diamonds
177. Move the playground closer to Harvie Passage
178. Art everywhere
179. Combining with a Christmas tree mulch program to establish natural + joint friendly trails
180. History + habitat education
181. Spaces to connect in small + large groups
182. Manage commuter parking - would the increase of the parking/amenities result in negative impact through commuters parking + cycling?
183. Trying to do too much - can't be everything to everybody
184. Comment about washrooms re: extended hours + change rooms; needs to be consistent with park hours; makes usage much harder to "police" and ensure legitimate usage
185. Furniture/accessories: may encourage illegitimate users; would BBQ sites have similar "booking procedures" to Bowness Park?
186. Risk Assessment -- what if these enhancements are uber popular? Can the space handle large crowds? Is there parking? Transit access?
187. Find someone to do a forest school
188. Lack of communication with community -- not in newsletter!