

Inglewood/Ramsay Survey Results - March 2017

When The City hosted two public information sessions in March of 2017, we asked members of the community to let us know how they like to receive information from, and provide input to, The City of Calgary. We also asked what residents like best about their communities, what causes the most frustration, how they get around their neighbourhoods, and which destinations and amenities they visit most often. Where applicable, top answers are highlighted in red.

1. Which community do you live in:

	In Person	Online	Total
Inglewood	12	16	28
Ramsay	14	16	30

Other Parkhill / East Village / NW / Evanston / Sunridge / Beddinton / Bowness / East Village

	In Person	Online	Total
In Person Information Session	14	11	25
Pop Up - Event within the community	1	1	1
Attendance at existing event within the community	6	7	13
Community Association Newsletter	10	10	20
Social Media - Twitter	4	7	11
Social Media - Facebook	10	22	32
Website - Calgary.ca	10	8	18
Website - Community Association	7	5	12
Project Emails - City of Calgary	16	4	20
Project Emails - Community Association	3	5	8
Other: Email from Councillor	2		2
Other: Postcard	1		1
Other: Mainstreets Calgary	1		1

2. Where do you currently get informed about the City of Calgary Initiatives:

3. When the City of Calgary is gathering feedback for projects which format(s) work best for you?

	In Person	Online	Total
In-person public engagement session (drop in format)	20	11	31
In-person public engagement session (workshop format)	13	9	22
Pop up public engagement event (within the community)	6	18	24
Attendance at existing events within the community	4	6	10
Online through The City's Engage website	10	28	38
Other: Direct engagement with person directly affected	1		1



4. Which three words do you feel best describe the kind of community you want Inglewood and Ramsay to be?

	In Person	Online	Total
Eclectic	11	13	24
Natural	10	10	20
Walkable	18	23	41
Historic	17	26	43
Familiar	1	0	1
Collaborative	4	8	12
Artsy	5	3	8
Destination	2	0	2
Safe	6	11	17
Family	5	7	12
Growing	1	4	5

Other: Accessible, Gritty

5. What do you like best/what makes you the most proud of living in Inglewood and Ramsay?

Would like to see a buffer of trees planted along the Pearce Estate Park side of the Sobo wire mesh
fence
The History is amazing and the people are connected
The sense of community in Inglewood, the tie to Calgary's history and the forsight to create walkable
sustainable communities
Historical character. Friendly neighbours. River and pathway access. Close to downtown (commute)
Character of the people and businesses parallel that of the esthetic
The history and connectedness of this community and the Main Street (9 Ave)
Sense of community
The live and let live attitude. The opposition to major development
Diverse community - neighbours - neighbourhood. Historical lanes and history - unspoiled landscape
Walkable and diverse
Not gentrified
Small town feel
It feels old, not like a new suburban neighbourhood. I love walking downtown and to East Village and
the strange characters

Friendly Community



Long-term neighbours - expanded family

Close proximity to downtown. Great and easy connection to bike paths

Small town feel of community with proximity to downtown

East village is similar, river, character, convenience

The historic character

Historic and access to river

Sense of community, neighbours, close to everywhere, pathways

Clash of Design

Small town feel within the big city, I love all the dog walkers and people on bikes, festivals and streetlife

There is a synergy possible amonst the communities of EV / Ramsay - Inglewood / Bridgeland / Victoria Park

A broad and inclusive sense of community

The history and the fact that people of all economic levels live here, some inherited homes lived here generation after generation,

others move and embrace the eclectic artsy and community centred vibe

neighbourhood feel, friendly people, historic homes, close to downtown

I am most satisfied with the historical nature of the community and its mixture of residential and lower end commercial and light industrial.

We are engaged, opinionated, care about eachother, volunteer, spend time with people in our community.

History, Community, Development

How close everyone is, small town atmosphere

The diversity of people & areas (such as parks/types of housing/shopping/etc).

The walkability and sense of community.

The history and great shops

The people. The passion people have for the community and for each other.

I like the smaller size of the community as well. It's a small town feel.

The fact that it was a saved inner city community

Walkable, historic, Safe and collaborative.

Safety

Diversity

The history and the wonderful people.

The history.

History and proximity to downtown while being a residential area

Shops, restaurants, beauty, History

It is like a big family. Very diverse, all ages, eclectic being part of a history of Calgary which is in the throws of being changed beyond repair.

I love the history and that big box stores are discouraged from starting up in my community.



Close to the water and accessible by transit. Close proximity to downtown. Heritage features. Tressel bridge. Character homes and storefronts. Old froth trees

The way our community comes together to support each other.

The community spirit

It's different. Local business options. Lots of natural outdoor space.

It's a unique neighborhood, and it's very close to downtown. It quiet at night but fairly activity during the day. I like that I can walk or ride my bike to downtown and have lots of route options in my car. In ramsay I never feel funneled in my car.

Easy to get to downtown

Close to river

Lots of ongoing events

Sense of connection amongst neighbours.

Access to green spaces and the river

Abundance of nature. River nearby, bird sanctuary etc.

It is a small town within a large city with a lot of interchange with neighbours at street level. We can talk from front porches or over fences. It is a great place to enjoy the historic and natural surroundings of one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods while still being able to enjoy pursuits not possible elsewhere close to the center (gardening, having places for children to enjoy the outdoors, larger pets (e.g.a neighbour has two rough collies that really need yard space and a lot of green space to walk.)).

It is a diverse patchwork of different people, ethnicities, perspectives, backgrounds, and a blend of different architectural eras.

6. What causes you the most stress or frustration living in Inglewood and Ramsay?

Cutting Ramsay and Inglewood off from one another sucks

Accessibility

Why are you fixing the 25th Ave and MacLeod crossing while simultaneously planning to make the same error of putting the Greenline at grade

on 12 Ave? Plan for success and put it underground.

Lack of functional shopping (e.g. grocery stores)

At times it feels like a commuter lane

The City destroying the things that brought us to this neighbourhood

Potential changes that may sever Ramsay from Inglewood

Getting stuck behind trains, LRT, Trains, lack of access / egress / ingress

The impending C Train gree line ripping the community in two

Developer - new land development regulations

City planning dept / Councillor



25 Ave Bridge Entry

We are currently isolated with the closure of 12st bridge. I can't imagine what it will be like with more closures. Also not sure if our home will be demo'ed in the next 5 years

Commercial development

Lack of affordable grocery shops

Constant changes with out clear communication about timelines

Waiting on Greenline

Traffic and parking

Train restrictions

Traffic on 9 Ave, unsafe for pedestrians

Feeling like an Island

Losing heritage - I loved the old bridges. Losing connectivity - I hate that we are closing connections we need to create new ones to make

up for the losses

Sidewalks are to narrow and hard to walk on

We are paying the price for the City policies that promote low density suburbs

Currently the proposed McDonald bridge alignment for Greenline

Knocking down of buildings and residential to build mega structure that don't aesthetically fit the neighbourhood. I do like modern and

historic however some infills are gregarious

limited access in and out of the community.

Developers, city planners, unrepresentative government (city bureaucracy, councillor in particular), city forcing it desires on us, treatment as a transportation corridor - both vehicles and bicycles (no respect for community), bicyclists - majority are arrogant (and I ride a bicycle) and unfortunately seem to enjoy some sort of privileged position in the city.

Homeless camps. Zoo wall. CP Rail. Amount of plastic collecting in the river from the street gutters. Herbacide spraying along river and in Wildlands: Sub-subcontractors don't care about how much chemical they spray next to river.

When city overrides community's feedback such as allowing Domino's. Or allowing that Turd of a new apartment block to constantly amend their drawings until what was built looked nothing like what was approved.

CPR rail cuts the area in half and it's hard to drive and walk around the train to get places effectively. 9th Ave is beautiful and small but it is used as a major thorough-way to Blackfoot from downtown and can be very congested, not to mention when the train runs through it.

Constant external threats, Stampede, Saddledome impacts, developments planned by City of Calgary framed as being a benefit to the community when actually will benefit the city infrastructure as a whole and may be negative impacts on the residents.



The 12 St bridge closure hehe ;)

Traffic. 9th Avenue bus lanes are not working. People speed down them constantly and ignore pedestrian signs altogether in their rush to get in and out of downtown. People speed down the residential streets adjacent too. We need MORE RESIDENTIAL MINDED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES. Please!! I feel like, since we aren't a large community our complaints go largely ignored because the traffic studies don't indicate the kind of volume and irratic driving we see on a daily basis.

Congestion on roads

The uncomfortable feeling about everything being unsettled as far as city planning. Will the green line go through the community? What is the plan for the 8 st sE closure? Will the city listen to my concerns or are there other priorities I'm not aware of?

Poor city planning affecting transportation through my community

The smell from yeast making factory.

Bus only runs till 9pm bus 411

9th ave needs restaurants, cafés, patios and bars, not car shops and clothing stores. It needs a reason for people to want to go out and stick around.

The Lilly dale chicken plant

Lack of shops and restaurants.

Few restaurants in the heart of Ramsay

Parking issues.

Old buildings being destroyed for redevelopment. It's our history

Boring. Quiet. Shops close early. No flagship store to bring people to neighbourhood. No affordable grocery store. Area Broken up by railways and several major commuter roadways. Not family friendly. Not pedestrian friendly. Unsightly industrial buildings next to homes and on main street. Too many automotive sales shops and parking lots.

Connectivity options being closed to our neighbouring communities and the rest of the city as well as emergency access as well with these corridors closing and no new options being brought forward.

Getting in and out of the community. It can be frustrating to get in aND out due to the trains aND the train lines. More specifically when they move backwards and forwards over the crosswalk so I am unable to cross.

I have had surgery so walking around the train is steep which I am.unable to do without help.. especially when the steep decline is covered in ice as it has been for much of this winter

Domino's

Closure of 8 Street to Inglewood. This is a big stress as I travel this route multiple times per day. Additionally the new LRT route option on MacDonald Ave further compounds this stress.

Too much construction at the same time

Currently potential greenline impact on my home with the proposal to run along MacDonald Avenue.

Difficult and unpleasant to get to crossroads market on foot. No affordable grocery stores. Too many shishi boutiques. Not enough for the everyman (vegetable stand, hardware store.



High speed vehicles short cutting through the community. Noisy events nearby running late (1 to 3 AM) into the night. Seniors Club buildings being destroyed

Bad connectivity to all of the good stuff that surrounds us.

7. How do you move into and out of your community?

Walk	
Take transit	
Bike	
Drive personal vehicle	
Carpool	
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Commnents:

transit few times/month; bike daily; car a	few times weekly.
Walk - 5, bike - 5, car 10.	
Transit 4, car 2	
Walk and Bus every day	
Drive out 5-6 times per week walk out 5-6	5 times per week
Walk - 10-15 times/week, Drive 1-2 times	/week. Transit 1x/month. bike only a few times a year.
Drive and walk almost every day. Bike in s	ummer.
10	
Walk 10x, Bike 10x, drive 4x	
Always	
5	
3	
every day	
Bus in winter 10 times or more. Bike in su	mmer. Walk occasionally
Walk-5 drive-2-3 bike-5	
7	
7	
7	
Walk, twice	
Summer I walk daily to work and everywh	ere except to go shopping. Winter I bus everywhere daily.
Work, Groceries, run errands, socialize et	
•	k max, bike 7 days a week in summer, personal vehicle 1 or 2
times per week	
14 times a week minimum	



Unsure of question

Bike - 12 times, walk - 6 times, transit - 1 times.

Walk 10 per week, bike 10 per week, drive 15-20 per week

walk or bike almost daily, drive out two times a week.

Bus downtown to work, sometimes walk home. Drive out when I need to

Walk4 bike6 drive 6

4 to 7 times per week. Limited walking within the neighbourhood. Mobility problems presently (and possibly permanently) prevent me using transit.

Drive : Daily, Walk : Semi-daily, Bike : Semi-daily in the summer.

8. Which destinations in Inglewood and Ramsay do you visit most often?

ramsay rink/rec area, red's in ramsay, 9th ave se in inglewood, friends' houses in each community

Spolumbos, Blues Cafe, retail stores, river park.

School, shops, ICA, pool, Lantern, bike paths

Shops

Esker Gallery, Bite (only out of necessity, we need grocery stores that are affordable in the area), Rosso cafe

Alberta Corner Store, 9 Ave shops & businesses

Parks along the bow River and Pearce Estate. Some of the shops on the Inglewood stretch. The community garden in the summer. Farmers Market in Ramsay.

9th Avenue, playgrounds, zoo.

River pathways, 9th ave

Ramsay school, Inglewood Pool, Bite

A few restaurants along ninth avenue and spiller road

bookshop and farmer market.

Inglewood

9th ave

Without papers. 9 ave inglewood. And reds Diner.

Silk Road spice merchant.

Rosso Ramsay

Silk Road, Rosso

Inglewood

River. Scotsmen hill. School. Inglewood high street. Reds.



Most shops are closed by the time I am off work at 5. I don't shop here really. Too eclectic. You have Art galleries next to Vap shops. Huge let down. No antique shops anymore. :(No grocery store. I have to bus it to coop Forest lawn (dear god).

Summer I enjoy the icecream shop a lot. I see a hair stylist here. Liquor stores. Reds in Ramsay. Blues Can. Without Papers Pizza. Acorn.

Inglewood: the pool, groceries and coffee shops, lawnbowling, restaurants and zoo access. Ramsay: mail box, rink/park, river pathways, hair dresser

I walk everywhere mostly from Ramsay downtown or to Inglewood. The train line at 8th Street causes delays as trains often stop on the tracks at the crosswalk. Walking to Inglewood I will be walking to the grocery store most of the time or to visit a friend on 9th ave

Pathways, Pearce estates, 9th Ave, Bite, Rosso

Willow natural foods, crossroads market, rosso x's 2, gravity

The 1000 and 1200 block of 9 ave for restaurants or basic living needs. Walk there from Ramsay over the tracks on 8 Street.

A restaurant in Ramsay and some shops along 9th

Neighbors, Community Hall, Coffee shops, pool, playgrounds

Restaurants, pubs, music venues and Plant

Crossroads market. Pubs. Willow natural foods, rosso.

Inglewood Aquatic Center

CIBC (bank)

Hairdresser on 9th Avenue

Rouge, Esker Foundation, various shops in Inglewood, Rosso, Farmers Market, 7-11, Riverwalk

9. Which destinations outside of Inglewood and Ramsay do you visit most often?

beltline, heritage/deerfoot meadows, downtown

Homes of offspring,

University

I wish I went into Kensington more often for coffee/brunch/walking by the river

Forest Lawn

St Patrick's Island, East Village, Tom Campbell Hill,

Grocery stores, libraries.

Mall

Deerfoot meadows, downtown

Grocery shopping, other necessary shopping, dr, dentist, bottle depot



chinook center. 17th ave SE My work Princess island park. 17th ave SW. Vietnamese restaurants, beer houses, other restaurants East Village S.E. My doctors...chiro dentist are in Mission and beyond. Grocery stores in fucking forest lawn. Shoppers drug mart downtown and clothes/assesories shopping in Kensington, chinook or the Core. Restaurants downtown, Simmons building and all over. Theatres at Chinook, Eau clair. Costco by PLC. Petsmart at Chinook. Central Library, downtown, zoo, deer foot meadows for groceries, river pathways for walks and bike rides, family visits to the burbs, bridge land for shopping/ appointments and friends. I walk everywhere mostly from Ramsay downtown or to Inglewood. The train line at 8th Street causes delays as trains often stop on the tracks at the crosswalk. I walk downtown or to the central library every day. Work (in North Calgary), Banff Community natural foods, bRidgeland market. Work: Maylands Heights - Cycle in warm months/ car in poor weather Restaurants: Beltline (less frequent than Inglewood) - Car Shopping/Supplies: MacLeod Trail south of Ramsay - Car Family in burbs, downtown, grocery store, professional services.

Superstore and no frills. Italian centre. Some restaurants. Arts venued.

Calgary Midtown Market Coop

Kerby Center

Renfrew Aquatic Center

Sheldon Chumir medical center

Beltline, Victoria Park, East Village, Sunnyside, Hillhurst, Acadia, Woodbine, Beddington

10. How did you hear about the Inglewood/Ramsay in-person session/online engagement?

from the community facebook page E-mail. Fb Facebook, via Inglewood Community association fb page Social Media (facebook) shared by contact



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Facebook link
Through the community association Facebook page.
Facebook
Twitter and email
Through social media
on line adverisement
Never heard or seen anything about it, I stumbled on it through cross-linking from I don't know where.
Newsletter
Wife
Facebook
online
Through the community post online.
Been getting involved with the Greenline Charettes since last summer when I moved here.
Our community facebook page thanks to Erin Joslin, postcard
A friend.
Community facebook
Social media
Facebook
Wife
Facebook
City emailings
Facebook
Always keeping my eye on ongoing issues relating to Ramsay.