

The following 13 comments were received online between May 12-31, 2016 for distribution at the June 8 CAG meeting.

What community do you live in?	What do you want to share with the Flood Mitigation Option Assessment’s Community Advisory Group?
Sunnyside	<p>The City of Calgary hired Associated Engineering to complete an updated Northwest Inner City Drainage study after the 2013 floods. This study emphasizes many storm water drainage improvements that are required to prevent repeated storm water flooding in Sunnyside when the storm gates to the Bow River are closed due to high river level. The most significant of these "no regrets", shovel ready projects is the SEPARATION OF THE UPPER PLATEAU which eliminates a large volume of rain water from the North Hill from draining into and flooding Sunnyside. Please proceed to obtain funding for this very important flood mitigation project as soon as possible.</p>
Banff Trail	<p>I do not support flood mitigation to protect private properties for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living and working on the flood plain is a choice (and a privilege), and the inherent risk should be borne by those who choose to do so (not by all Albertan taxpayers); 2. Flood insurance is available for private landowners (now including private homes); 3. We cannot protect all private homes and properties in Calgary for flooding, so it is not fair to protect a few. <p>I encourage the province to buy out those private property owners who do not want to live on the floodplain, and make ROOM FOR THE RIVER.</p> <p>I do believe Albertan taxpayers should pay for RESILIENT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.</p>
<i>(blank)</i>	<p>The flooding in Sunnyside was as a result of dated infrastructure that failed (antiquated storm pump stations, sanitary lift stations, and storm sewer systems). This infrastructure continually allows the community to be subjected to unnecessary risks and resulting damage. The Northwest Inner City Drainage Study commissioned by the city after the 2013 floods emphasizes many storm water drainage improvements that are required to prevent repeated storm water flooding in Sunnyside. When the Bow River is high the storm sewer outfall gates to the river are closed, allowing rainfall to backup in Sunnyside (sometimes referred to the holding pond for Crescent Heights).</p> <p>The most significant of these shovel ready projects is the SEPARATION OF THE UPPER PLATEAU, which will, eliminate the incredibly large volume of rainwater from North Hill, SAIT and crescent Heights from draining into the small Sunnyside storm water system and the flooding in the community.</p> <p>This would provide Sunnyside, the same level of protection that other parts of the City currently enjoy. City has been aware of theses problems for years, and yet they keep touting our community as one of the best examples of inner city living, even though it is drastically under served for basic storm water.</p> <p>Please work to secure the funding for this very important flood mitigation project.</p>

Sunnyside	<p>In June and July 2013 homes in Sunnyside were flooded by stormwater which had no escape route when the outlet gates were closed because of the high level of the Bow river. Much of the water came not from Sunnyside but rather from storm drains on the Upper Plateau of McHugh Bluff. There is a shovel-ready project, designed by Associated Engineering, to disconnect the storm drains on the Upper Plateau from the Sunnyside system, so that Sunnyside would never be flooded again by storm water collected on the Upper Plateau. All that is required now for this project is the funding. Please could CAG help the City to find the funding. There is the possibility of funding through federal infrastructure programs. The Province could apply for the federal funding on behalf of the City.</p>
Inglewood	<p>The city hired an engineering firm who proposed the wall around the zoo saying it wouldn't effect Inglewood. Can we see how this has been determined? If the force of a surging river is now hitting a wall it will have more impact on our community. The berm was only sufficient for the last flood when the water inundated the zoo. To think it will suffice again with this wall has to be proven. Can we see proof?</p>
Inglewood	<p>Nothing says I could care less about people, animals, trees, fish etc quite like the zoo berm project. The noise, destruction of habitat is just the start. Wait and see the future consequences. Think these projects through please.</p>
<i>(blank)</i>	<p>Hello CAG: Citizen buy-in is crucial. If you could make an announcement soon that you have acquired funding so that work can begin immediately on a big, shovel-ready project, that would give a big boost to citizen engagement. Please try and get federal funding now for Sunnyside's Upper Plateau disconnection project. Thank you.</p>
rosscarrock	<p>Please spend as little as possible. Spending billions to prevent the basements of millionaires who own homes along the river from flooding once a century makes no sense at all.</p>
Lower Elboya	<p>May 20, 2016 IBI reports damages to Elbow River residential communities for a 1:100 event as \$344,673,000. The damages to commercial, infrastructure and stampede were each considerably less. The total damages on the Elbow River according to IBI is \$741,005,000 of which almost HALF is on the shoulders of residential communities. The City of Calgary has taken no steps to protect these communities from this loss occurring again. How is Calgary fulfilling its statutory obligation to create safe communities to prevent such significant losses? Calgary protected the Stampede which represents a fraction of the overall losses, how was that decision made and why?</p>
Elbow Park	<p>I am concerned about the amount of loose, natural debris, such as large branches, logs, dead brush, etc which has been strewn & deposited along the banks of the Elbow River, preventing new growth from flourishing and presenting a potential blockade if another high water flow pushes them towards bridge abutments. It has also destroyed the pristine nature & beauty of our river banks. I also object to the fact city owned banks have been protected with riprap (large rocks) to protect it's banks but we as home</p>

	owners are not allowed to do so!!
Sunnyside	<p>My concern is the drainage in and around the corner of 9th avenue and 2nd street NW. The drain on the NW corner there continually backs up, even in heavy rain and floods the street. The drain on 8th street between 2nd and 3rd avenue overflowed quite badly during the flood and flooded the surrounding area, along with the drain in the alleyway between 2nd ave and 3rd ave. This is a problematic area and it seems that upgrades need to be put in place to the storm water system.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
Hillhurst	<p>We need to invest in our headwaters and in natural flood resiliency options. Restoring the river and buying out homes in the floodway is the natural solution. Lethbridge is a great example of what Calgary could do, Calgarians love riverside parks so these new urban parks would be enjoyed by our increasing populations. Filling up our rivers and their banks with riprap only makes the river water flow faster.</p> <p>I agree that Calgary needs to grow up, not out, but we need to do so in a way that doesn't put human lives at risk and is done in a responsible way that won't destroy future infrastructure investments.</p>
Sunnyside	<p>The following "shovel ready" projects and "no regrets" measures are required to protect Sunnyside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Implement Upper Plateau Storm Drainage Separation Project to keep large volumes of rain water off Sunnyside streets when the river is high (per study done for the City by Associated Engineering). · Fully implement Hillhurst-Sunnyside Pump Station Project to lift water over the berm when the river is high and the outfall gates are closed (also per study done for the City by Associated Engineering) · Increase Sunnyside berm height to protection standard plus 0.5m freeboard · Remove obstructions to flow in the river channel <p>PLEASE FIND FUNDING TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THIS HISTORIC COMMUNITY! THANK YOU.</p>