



Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan Amendments

Stakeholder Report Back – Engagement Summary
What We Heard Report – Fall 2018

Project overview

The City of Calgary is amending the Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) to create policies that will guide future development of East Victoria Park – a 286 acre portion of land in downtown Calgary’s east end. The Beltline ARP was adopted by City Council on May 15, 2006. Over the last 12 years, the area has experienced significant growth, transforming into a vibrant diverse community. A number of projects are contributing to the need for ARP amendments, including a new Rivers District Master Plan being created by Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC), the 17 Avenue S.W. extension project and the arrival of the Green Line.

This area is envisioned to become the cultural and entertainment district of Calgary. The goal of the Beltline ARP amendments are to realize the vision described by CMLC’s Rivers District Master Plan, and to put in place the policies and framework to help guide the development of this cultural and entertainment district.

Communications and engagement program overview

East Victoria Park is envisioned to be a cultural and entertainment district for the City of Calgary. This means, that all Calgarians may have a vested interest in the proposed changes and future direction for the area. The strategy developed ensured people from across Calgary, as well as special interest groups, have had the opportunity to learn about the project and provide meaningful input. Our approach has included a variety of in-person and online engagement opportunities that facilitate multiple touch points and ensure inclusivity for all who want to provide input and learn about the project.

For an overview of phase one engagement please click [here](#).

Engagement spectrum of participation

The Engage Spectrum level for the first phase of engagement was ‘Listen & Learn’ which is defined as “We will listen to stakeholders and learn about their plans, views, issues, concerns, expectations and ideas.”

Phase two engagement objectives

The objective for phase two engagement were:

- Inform the public about The City’s planning process, and the ARP amendment process
- Share the draft plan and collect feedback on proposed concepts

- Provide an overview of phase one engagement what we heard and respond to how feedback has been incorporated into the plan or why it can't be incorporated into the plan.

In-person public engagement

An in-person open house was held on Wednesday, October 3 at St. Louis Hotel. At this sessions, we had project information and City and CMLC staff on hand to share proposed concepts and answer questions about the project. We also shared a summary of what we heard in phase one accompanied by responses in how we were able to include or not include feedback in the draft concepts.

Citizens were given an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed concepts by filling out a comment form and placing comments on various panels around the room. We had 39 people attend this session.

Online public engagement

An online survey was made available from October 1 – 21, 2018 on the project website, calgary.ca/beltlinearp. Citizens were provided with the information shared at the in-person open houses and were able to provide feedback. We had 2,115 unique visitors to the webpage

In phase two, we received 273 comments and ideas from the public engagement in-person and online opportunities.

Landowners engagement

An in-person open house was held on Thursday, October 4, at St. Louis Hotel for landowners in the plan area. At this session, the project team conducted a presentation providing an overview of the proposed plan and City and CMLC staff were on hand to share proposed concepts and answer questions about the project. We also shared a summary of what we heard in phase one accompanied by responses in how we were able to include or not include feedback in the draft concepts. Landowners were also provided the opportunity to provide feedback.

Indigenous engagement

In the spirit of truth and reconciliation and with east Victoria Park being an important location at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers, our engagement strategy includes engaging with Indigenous peoples. The purpose of this engagement is to recognize Indigenous historical and cultural places, learn about the areas significance and learn about how we might recognize its importance to Indigenous people through recommendations in the area redevelopment plan. This engagement process is guided by The City's Indigenous Policy. At the time of writing this report, we are still in the process of engaging with elders and traditional knowledge keepers from the Treat 7 nations Blackfoot Confederacy, the Iyârhe Nakoda, the Metis Nation, the Tsuu T'inna and the Urban Indigenous community through the Indigenous Gathering Place. In total there have been six meetings with indigenous elder's from the Treaty 7 nations. The themes touched on in these meetings include:

- Understanding the importance of Mohkinstiss
- Hearing stories from the oral histories
- Residential schools
- Intergenerational trauma
- Ceremony

- Desire for a place of healing
- Sharing indigenous culture with society

Community Association engagement

During phase two engagement we met with the Beltline Neighbourhood Association and the Victoria Park Business Improvement Association to share the draft plan and give an opportunity to provide feedback.

How did people hear about engagement?

A comprehensive communications plan was developed to inform the community about the project and all of our engagement opportunities. The following is an overview of all the channels The City employed over the course of our first phase of engagement. Note that CMLC also employed a separate communications campaign.

- Project specific website and engage portal page (calgary.ca/beltline)
- A project email newsletter, where interested parties could subscribe for project updates. There are 283 subscribers.
- Communication with the local area Councillor and Community Associations
- City-wide social media campaign (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter)
- Letters mailed to area residents, businesses and landowners
- Posters distributed in nearby residential buildings in East Victoria Park

What did we ask?

We asked people to answer the following questions to gain a high-level understanding of how people use the area today and what they would like to see in the area for the future.

1. Based on the vision shared for East Victoria Park, do you feel there is anything missing from the proposed plan ideas shown here today, to help make this vision achievable?
2. Based on the road network shown in the information panels provided, which connections would you use in this area?
3. What do you think is important for The City to consider when illuminated buildings are proposed in East Victoria Park?
4. Think about how you currently use transit to access the area. Do the new proposed connections shown in the information panels, improve your ability to get to and through the area?
5. The proposed plan outlines a number of new open spaces, parks and plazas. What does The City need to consider in the development and amenities available for these new spaces?
6. Is there anything you want to share with The City about the proposed plan ideas shared here, or anything you feel is missing from the plan?

What did we hear?

Overall, there was a high level of interest in the project and a wide range of input was received from the community.

Some of the main themes that emerged through all of the comments were:

- People overall shared excitement about the potential of a revitalized arts and entertainment district.
- People shared a desire for unique parks, plazas and open spaces in the area.
- People shared mixed opinions about the potential of a new arena site.
- People shared the importance of this area being well-connected for all modes of transportation. They would like good transit connections (Bus and LRT), pathways and bikeways, improved road connections and adequate parking available.
- People shared that building illumination could create a more vibrant space and could add to the overall sense of safety with additional lighting. However, concerns were shared related to the impact on residents with a desire of minimal light pollution into nearby homes.
- People shared concerns with the information presented through engagement and desire more detail to be shared.
- People shared concerns with current safety issues that exist in the area.

For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see the [Verbatim Responses section](#).

Summary of input

Below is a summary of the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for each question. Each theme includes summary examples of verbatim comments. These are the exact words used. To ensure we capture all responses accurately, verbatim comments have not been altered. In some cases, we utilized only a portion of your comment that spoke to a particular theme.

1. Based on the vision shared for East Victoria Park, do you feel there is anything missing from the proposed plan ideas shown here today, to help make this vision achievable?	
<i>Theme:</i>	<i>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</i>
<p>Shared excitement for the vision and desire for area to be a vibrant multi-use area.</p>	<p>People shared excitement for an entertainment and culture district and shared ideas that would contribute to a vibrant multi-use area.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“Unique and interesting architecture (whether modern or otherwise) should be an integral part of the plan.”</i></p> <p><i>“Probably open some areas in Stampede Grounds to the public when it is not Stampede season. That place seems like a</i></p>

	<p><i>ghost town when it is not the time for Calgary Stampede.”</i></p> <p><i>“No. I’m ecstatic to see that we have a chance to build an entertainment centre here for us in Calgary”</i></p> <p><i>“A vibrant Europeans style festive street. I like that we're avoiding boxy retailers but we need mass/niche appealing shops to attract people ... There should be the finest bars and clubs along the festive/high street with 5 star and general dining all clogged down this street(s).”</i></p>
<p>The potential of a new arena.</p>	<p>People shared comments on the potential of a new arena or sporting venue in the area. This included mixed opinions about the potential of a new arena</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“Yes, the arena, The entire space needs to be planned around the arena, its parking and access. The Stampede will never integrate to the city past its gates so you are left with and area that needs an anchor.”</i></p> <p><i>“Multi-purpose field house football stadium close to hockey arena would create a one stop shop and gather area for those going to games and those interested in socializing.”</i></p> <p><i>“Entertainment area must have a new hockey venue that can also be used for music concerts, etc.”</i></p> <p><i>“No Taxpayer Money For A New Arena!”</i></p> <p><i>“I like the idea of a new arena but do not believe this should be at the expense of taxpayers. The Flames ownership is the richest group of the NHL they surely can afford to pay more.”</i></p>
<p>2. Based on the road network shown in the information panels provided, which connections would you use in this area?</p>	
<p>Theme:</p>	<p>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</p>

<p>Desire for well-connected transportation network.</p>	<p>People shared desire for a well-connected transportation network and included comments about transit, roads, pathways and bikeways.</p> <p><i>Sample comments:</i></p> <p><i>“The extension of 17 Avenue is a logical extension which would make accessing the area for beltliners like myself.”</i></p> <p><i>“Why isn’t the pathway connection continued on the west side of the river through the Stampede grounds. This needs to be considered!”</i></p> <p><i>“More cycling infrastructure, extending the protected cycle path along 12 Ave all the way to the Elbow River”</i></p> <p><i>“I work in the area so I use most of them. Parking is a huge consideration in the area as many people park here and walk into the core.”</i></p> <p><i>“For biking I would use the river path on the east side of Stampede. The East-to-west bike route is inefficient, as bikers are constantly stopped by red lights. Move the bike lane to the either 10 or 11 ave.”</i></p>
<p>3. What do you think is important for The City to consider when illuminated buildings are proposed in East Victoria Park?</p>	
<p><i>Theme:</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</i></p>
<p>Building illumination presents some concern</p>	<p>People shared concerns about building illumination, primarily the impact on nearby residents.</p> <p><i>Sample comments:</i></p> <p><i>“Consider the light levels at night so this doesn’t impact residents.”</i></p> <p><i>“Light pollution for nearby residents.”</i></p> <p><i>“Light should be directed downwards to ground level to illuminate the ground plane. Residential uses must not be disturbed by</i></p>

	<p><i>excessive illumination for the sake of (feature) building identity.”</i></p> <p><i>“Make sure the illuminated buildings are not affecting people living in the area. Having a "daylight" effect at night can be very disturbing.”</i></p>
<p>Building illumination could enhance character and contribute to safety</p>	<p>People shared comments that building illumination could contribute to the character of the area and additional lighting could enhance safety.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“I think illuminated buildings are a great idea but I hope the city allows for a collage of neon lit Ads and billboards sort of like Yonge street, Times Square or what edmonton is doing with their plaza. These lit up billboards should showcase ads for global/nationwide brands like Nike, H&M, Rolex, CBC etc. (not real estate ads!). Also building retail signs should be lit up like Granville St. Lighting will truly make or break this entertainment district, the more the better!”</i></p> <p><i>“I think is great, modern architecture and city lights are definitely a great attraction, especially for the summer.”</i></p> <p><i>“Environmentally friendly, illuminated for safety late at night.”</i></p> <p><i>“A proper mix of color. Less flashing light and more solid illumination. It would be great to appear classy and vibrant without appearing like a circus theme.”</i></p>
<p>4. Think about how you currently use transit to access the area. Do the new proposed connections shown in the information panels, improve your ability to get to and through the area?</p>	
<p><i>Theme:</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</i></p>
<p>Support for the transit connections proposed.</p>	<p>People shared comments in support of the proposed transit connections presented.</p> <p>Sample comments</p>

	<p><i>“Yes, the new proposed connections are convenient and they will provide quicker, safer and warmer commute”.</i></p> <p><i>“Excited for Green Line”</i></p> <p><i>“LRT connections are the way to go. this is sufficient”</i></p> <p><i>“Yes, Green Line will help. I will use the Green Line to get here.”</i></p>
<p>Alternate transit routes and services proposed</p>	<p>People shared ideas about alternate routes and services that should be considered.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“Make brt come through the area”</i></p> <p><i>“Not enough transit going into the 17th ave area west of Centre st. This is not addressed by the green line. Would not use.”</i></p> <p><i>“My current transit accesses with the existing LRT line. For the area to be "transit SMART" the crossing of the existing LRT line and the proposed Green Line should be a transfer station, linked into the site by a continuously-operating people mover system. The technology is simple, the precedents are many.”</i></p> <p><i>“I think that there is easy access to the area, maybe one or two more buses to connect the area would be ideal.”</i></p>
<p>5. The proposed plan outlines a number of new open spaces, parks and plazas. What does The City need to consider in the development and amenities available for these new spaces?</p>	
<p><i>Theme:</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</i></p>
<p>Importance of safety</p>	<p>People share concerns about safety in parks and stressed the importance of safety to be top of mind.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p>

	<p><i>“That area is known for vagrants, ensuring safety, especially in the evening and during night hours are important.”</i></p> <p><i>“Public safety. Police need to do regular sweeps of parks to limit impact of drugs and violence. Homeless camps in Lindsay Park are a huge eye sore.”</i></p> <p><i>“More security for sure, as a beltline resident and former Victoria Park resident, the area besides the LRT can get quite frightening during all time all the day, maybe relocating certain places or police presence would be beneficial.”</i></p>
<p>Proposed amenities The City should consider.</p>	<p>People shared ideas for amenities and uses that should be considered in future open space.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“In general, nice landscaping, meaningful and happy vibe art installations, a few cafes/eataries, kids' playgrounds, seating, tables, picnic areas.”</i></p> <p><i>“Honour the indigenous peoples through plaza and park design”</i></p> <p><i>“Making the area as friendly as possible for those who are out and about. Consideration to outdoor toilet facilities should be given as well.”</i></p> <p><i>“Connecting parks to the neighbourhood, and to one another in various ways should be considered. Too often parks become uninspired islands in a neighbourhood.”</i></p> <p><i>“Performance spaces like amphitheatres, plenty of seating like picnic tables, benches. A park would help drive pedestrian traffic and slow down cars.”</i></p>
<p>6. Is there anything you want to share with The City about the proposed plan ideas shared here, or anything you feel is missing from the plan?</p>	
<p><i>Theme:</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation and supporting sample comments:</i></p>

<p>Desire for more detailed plans to be shared</p>	<p>People shared comments that they feel a lack of detail is being shared with the plans.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“show us some concepts there are no details shown on the info panels”</i></p> <p><i>“I am disappointed with the lack of a bold, structured vision after all the discussions and anticipation. All the buzzwords are there, and in trying to keep everyone happy, every possible land use is found, scattered about. Too much, and yet not enough. As Gertrude Stein said, about a century ago, “there is no there, there”.</i></p> <p><i>“You shared nothing in this plan... could you please put some time and effort if you're calling something a plan.”</i></p>
<p>Preservation of heritage and consideration to current character</p>	<p>People shared comments about the importance of heritage and consideration needs to be made to current character of area.</p> <p>Sample comments:</p> <p><i>“It is absolutely VITAL to keep and maintain existing built heritage – a building demolished is lost forever and with it, the stories and the memories of its inhabitants, the interactions that went on there and the emotional attachments made. These cannot be manufactured anew. Are these revitalization efforts based in the well-being of ALL citizens, not just the ones with the most capital and the most visibility, privilege and power? And will this plan respect the equilibrium of natural systems?”</i></p> <p><i>“Consider the next building adjacent and decide if it fits into the scheme. You don’t want the movie Up happening like in other parts of Calgary.”</i></p> <p><i>“Please do not loose the Victoria Park name or history of the area there should be some way to preserve it.”</i></p>

What are the next steps?

Feedback collected during the in-person and online engagement for phase two will be shared with the project team as they refine the final draft plan.

We will be sharing the final draft plan in the coming months, in addition to the final engagement summary which will include a summary of how feedback was used to inform the final plan or a response in why certain feedback could not be addressed. All feedback collected through the project engagement program will be summarized in reporting to Committee and Council/

Verbatim comments

Content is captured as it was provided by citizens. No edits have been made unless there was personal information or offensive language which is removed with an indication that this has happened.

Based on the vision shared for East Victoria Park, do you feel there is anything missing from the proposed plan ideas shown here today, to help make this vision achievable?
I feel like having a Fieldhouse in that area and plus Stampeders stadium instead of traveling a long way
There is literally nothing in this plan except suggestions. This is truly disappointing
a new arena
Tennis courts and back boards
More parking.
Connectivity to the rest of the city, the area is a dead end. Significant park space that brings the area people to park space closer to the city standard
A vibrant Europeans style festive street. I like that we're avoiding boxy retailers but we need mass/niche appealing shops to attract people e.g Louis Vuitton, Zara, Nordstrom rack etc. Local shops won't drive massive footfalls. Oxford Street in London is a great example of how to drive traffic. There should be the finest bars and clubs along the festive/high street with 5 star and general dining all clogged down this street(s). Population should be more than 8k, way to low in my opinion.
Solution to dealing with crime and drug addiction. The area is crime ridden and many residents don't leave their homes at night due to fear. Many people wander around all hours of the day and night fighting, abusig substances and destroying property. There needs to be a large focus on public health to help people stay sober.
Create a tram car system. Ie: melborne. That follows a single direction around a loop from stampede grounds > 17th main street > downtown core. Only one small track down the middle of a roadway wont take up much space and a couple trams that follow a single clockwise loop. But can provide a method of efficient travel between areas in our large core. And will help tourists staying in the hotel area along 4th, have an alternate to cabs to get to the new victoria park district.
No. Perfect place to build new arena
Who are these 8,000 new residents? and for whom are these four million square feet of development over the next 20 years planned for? What exactly is being understood by affordable housing and cultural spaces? Gentrification creates racial and social homogeneity and kills vibrancy and cultural and civic engagement. What are you planning and are you planning for citizens that are not white, hetero-patriarchal, middle class males?
financial feasibility.... where is the money coming from
No. I'm ecstatic to see that we have a chance to build an entertainment centre here for us in Calgary
New hockey arena
I think most of the ideas for the Beltline are very striking and it is something that the inner-city needs.

Yes,, the arena,, The entire space needs to be planned around the arena, its parking and access. The Stampede will never integrate to the city past its gates so you are left with and area that needs an anchor.
Multi purpose field house football stadium close to hockey arena would create a one stop shop and gather area for those going to games and those interested in socializing.
Integration of 17th Ave into the entertainment grounds. Revamp of LRT stations at stampede ground
I like the idea of a new arena but do not believe this should be at the expense of taxpayers. The Flames ownership is the richest group of the NHL they surely can afford to pay more.
The so called plan is lacking all details. it looks like a bunch of policies ideas slapped together but nothing concrete no what is actually planned? new arena? is there still an opera centre or is tehre demand for this? maybe there should be a football stadium as well
Unique and interesting architecture (whether modern or otherwise) should be an integral part of the plan.
Yes, you are DEFINITELY missing a new arena. Great concerts are going to Edmonton - Calgary city counselors are trying to deceive Calgarians with the Olympics which is a total WASTE OF MONEY. ARENA ARENA ARENA
CFL soccer stadium belongs with the rest of the district.
17th Avenue extension would make a lot of sense to help make this area less isolated from the rest of the Beltline.
Entertainment area must have a new hockey venue that can also be used for music concerts, etc.
I don't know
Probably open some areas in Stampede Grounds to the public when it is not Stampede season. That place seems like a ghost town when it is not the time for Calgary Stampede.
No Taxpayer Money For A New Arena!
Without a clear direction on an Olympic bid or a new arena, it's hard to see how a vision for East Victoria Park can truly move forward. A bid would extend the lifespan of the Big 4 which needs to come down to accommodate planning, and whether or not a new arena sits on top of the two existing parking lots will be a big factor in determining just how appealing the area might be.
City hall is totally dysfunctional and couldn't run a hot dog stand. We're broke, 30% of office space downtown is vacant. We can't afford these grandiose plans put forth by the numbskulls at city hall. I have absolutely no interest in making your vision achievable it's not a vision shared. It's most likely visions of grandeur because it's funded with somebody else's money, the overtaxed citizens of Calgary. What's missing from this plan is any modicum of respect for the people picking up tab.
The train tracks, the existing LRT line, and presumably the Green Line leave much to be desired with respect to providing connections between the Phase 1 study area and both the East Village and the central Beltline. The Vision should include a framework for allowing this hard edge to be dissolved.
The only thing I can see from looking in detail at the plan and the FAR of the area that there is a focus on create this vibrant illuminated vision, however, the FAR of the CPRail lots is 12.0 which would block out anything that is being done on 11&12 avenue all things being equal. It would be great if the FAR of those areas could compete for height to showcase a tiered illumination effect
More parks, more space for people, do not make this an area for cars
Parking and traffic plans should be included. During high peak times, it is so difficult to get in and out of the area... If you plan on getting more people, look at what happens before and after a flames game. The existing roadways can't handle a high number of people
Clean up the mess at Westbrook LRT before you do anything else please.
More cycling infrastructure, extending the protected cycle path along 12 Ave all the way to the Elbow River
I like everything proposed, I just hope to see the businesses being opened in the area come mostly from local entrepreneurs
There is a lack of vision for encouraging people not to use personal automobiles in this area. Only approve multi-tenant developments that include limited parking to drive residents toward transit use

instead. Car ownership is a privilege that people should need to pay for, not expect as a given. What people should expect as a given in a progressive society is collective options accessible to all.
I think a new hockey arena in that area would help
I don't see any reference to addressing the issue of street people and homelessness. That should be a priority included in the ARP. It would be great to see a plan based on the Medicine Hat model.
A new arena
The "vision" shared is not visionary ... it's a collection of land uses, scattered about, without clear and evident organizing principles. There is no structure to the plan. A memorable place needs a memorable, intuitive, structure that hold the pieces together. This plan does not have the fundamental and necessary boldness of vision, and should be substantially revised.
reduction in the homeless problem there to make the area safer/reduce crime
Parks and green space were mentioned, but downtown could use a great multi-purpose park that includes a lot of green space. The 25-34 age demographic in the area likes to be outside (hence the rise in popularity & size of condo balconies).
2. Based on the road network shown in the information panels provided, which connections would you use in this area?
For biking I would use the river path on the east side of Stampede. The East-to-west bike route is inefficient, as bikers are constantly stopped by red lights. Move the bike lane to the either 10 or 11 ave. Poorly shown road network... who prepared these plans??
Transit
Where are the routes?
11ave
The obvious ones.
Very few as they go no where. The decision not to improve the road infrastructure in the beltline will just put more pressure on an overburdened system. The addition of the blue line will not be sufficient verse the people density planned.
Since I don't drive, I will be using the proposed +15 Entry Square at 3rd Str. SE and 10th Ave, and the new Green Line C-Train stops. I am very excited about the proposed +15 connection at 3rd Str. SE and 10th Ave and I hope it will be built next year together with the new 9th Ave SE Parkade and Innovation Centre.
Most likely Olympic way street or 17th ave. I would like to add, I hope the main street avoid street numbers. 17th ave should be renamed instead of just a numbered street.
Yes.
From my suburb car. But hopefully if i move closer like killarney bicycle. Please separate pedestrian and cyclist paths. And mention to the public that on mixed use paths, walking against cyclist traffic along the edge is actually better, as we can make eye contact and visual communication. Ive been swiped by fast cyclists from behind and i dont feel like putting all my trust into something i cannot see. Especially for people with balance issues a little eye contact could go a long way.
No different than it already is.
Walking and biking. What exactly is your concrete plan to break once and for all from ongoing dependence on cars and the infrastructure that they necessitate and that break up human flow and sociability patterns?
all
C train
McLeod 12th 25th
Mostly 14th and 17th ave; the green line is also a great addition to the transit system.
Allow stampede to be more integrated. Currently its behind the "gates" at the south and north entrance. It makes it much harder to access the new proposed area.
Road needs to work without interference from trains in this area

12 Ave between Macleod and 4th st, access to parkade from 11 Ave SE and 3rd st se
Why isn't the pathway connection continued on the west side of the river through the Stampede grounds. This needs to be considered!
None
Currently use transit (I work in the area) for the most part.
Car - that's the only way to get there from my community NW.
Macleod Tr, 9th Ave, 17th Ave, 25th Ave.
Most of them.
12th Ave
I work in the area so I use most of them. Parking is a huge consideration in the area as many people park here and walk into the core.
Transit
I don't know
11 Ave SE heading towards downtown, 2nd St SE and 12 Ave SE seem to be a good spot for the intersection.
No Taxpayer Money For A New Arena!
The extension of 17 Avenue is a logical extension which would make accessing the area for beltliners like myself.
I'm a suburban housewife what the heck do I care unless I'm going to Stampede. What a joke the traffic was around there last year. Terrible traffic planning. Besides scary people are around there. If you gentrify this area, where will they go next? I suppose a bunch of useless bike paths, narrow one lane roads and cement blocks will impede vehicle traffic till the cows come home. There won't be enough parking for big events. There will be hefty parking fines for everyone trying to have some fun
My guess is I would use all of the connections available - currently there are very few networks available to the public to access the area.
11 & 12 avenue se
Put traffic calming on 15th Ave, bike Lanes on 12th Ave to the river, expand river walk under 9th Ave
Cycling dominantly, 12th Ave as well, the high street
i wouldn't use public transport, its horrendous in calgary and i have the ability to walk to the area, so i'd rather do so than take the terrible transit
Riverside foot and bike paths, public transit. Roadways are obstacles, not necessities.
Probably none. Not enough transit going into the 17th ave area west of centre st. This is not addressed by the green line.
I didn't understand this question.
Ctrain
11th and 12th Avenues, 4th Street E. I am not in favour of the 17th Avenue extension through Stampede Park ... the case for this proposal has not been convincingly made.
Connection to the saddledome for sporting, plaza for events (potentially a new venue for lilac festival?).
Most of them. Live and work in the area.
3. What do you think is important for The City to consider when illuminated buildings are proposed in East Victoria Park?
Illumination should not contain any flashing lighting. Lighting should be focused downward as much as possible to reduce light pollution and to not shine in to residential dwellings.
consider the environment
roads
Make sure the illuminated buildings are not affecting people living in the area. Having a "daylight" effect at night can be very disturbing.

Bird migrations!
When you turn off the lights in your condo you should need a night light, not the glow from the city.
I think illuminated buildings are a great idea but I hope the city allows for a collage of neon lit Ads and billboards sort of like Yonge street, Times Square or what edmonton is doing with their plaza. These lit up billboards should showcase ads for global/nationwide brands like Nike, H&M, Rolex, CBC etc. (not real estate ads!). Also building retail signs should be lit up like Granville St. Lighting will truly make or break this entertainment district, the more the better!
That they aren't so bright that there is artificial day for people after the sun has set. Maybe lower the level of illumination during the late night/early morning?
The more illuminated the better, lets turn it into japan!
Logos. Sponsorship
Are these detrimental to the built heritage? Are these detrimental to the well-being of flora and fauna and the human circadian rhythms? Do they correspond to best practice? Are the streets and buildings and their illumination being planned and thought out for citizens that are not white, not male, not able-bodied?
illumination density
The cost for sure, but illuminating these buildings would be beautiful to see.
Car parking, residential traffic and noise
I think is great, modern architecture and city lights are definitely a great attraction, especially for the summer.
Yes.. East vic park is down right creepy at night, even if you take all the old buildings down. Then your left with sterile high rises. Over light scenarios will give one a much safer feeling.
That they make sense to the Average individual and not just the abstract thinker
Great idea
Consider the light levels at night so this doesn't impact residents.
Walkway safety for all demographics. Energy efficiency. And, for lack of a better way of putting it, something that looks cool.
Safety from drug dealers & homeless & pick pockets.
Environmentally friendly, illuminated for safety late at night.
No comment, I like illuminated buildings in vibrant areas.
Not sure, I think illumination is a good idea though.
I don't live here but I would be annoyed if a lot of facilities had lights that changed or flashed in the night especially during sleeping hours.
Be sure public walkways are also well lit
I don't know
To use energy efficient lights.
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There needs to be curb appeal to whatever designs go into place.
Don't waste money on this nonsense. Please stop with this charade that you care about the taxpayers opinion. You'll do what you want regardless. Who the heck cares about illuminated buildings anyway? What is this Las Vegas north. Give me a break! Next thing you will be proposing is that we illuminate and project a photo of our *personal information removed* on the largest building in Vic park to honour his worship.
Avoiding light pollution and its degradation to nature. Are constantly illuminated buildings important here? Its been known to cause bird death and confuse animals in general.
A proper mix of color. Less flashing light and more solid illumination. It would be great to appear classy and vibrant without appearing like a circus theme.
No digital billboards

I think it will be nice, but it will not be busy until people have a greater reason to walk around... Instead of illuminated buildings what about better public art, sculptures, something that will draw tourists in that is better than just illuminated buildings
Safety of users, energy efficiency, relationship of illumination to neighbouring residences.
Light pollution for nearby residents.
Not too bright - looks OK in the picture
Yes! It adds interest and safety, and makes the area more inviting.
The design
Light should be directed downwards to ground level to illuminate the ground plane. Residential uses must not be disturbed by excessive illumination for the sake of (feature) building identity.
Preserve the historic area and emphasize historic architecture that exists in the area.
No flashing external bulbs. I enjoy buildings that have character, and downtown has a lot of buildings with great lighting that are non-invasive at night.
4. Think about how you currently use transit to access the area. Do the new proposed connections shown in the information panels, improve your ability to get to and through the area?
Better access to and from and some places I have been to which the facility doesn't take long to get out from an event
Somewhat, as long as the Greenline is free up to the 5th street station east of Inglewood.
no...
Yes
yes
I currently do not use transit as it is an inefficient mode of transport. After any kind of sporting event the trains are packed and it takes an unreasonable amount of time to return home. I drive and park within walking distance of the Saddledome but not on the Stampede grounds. The new 9th Avenue parkade will not address parking issues for people attending events on the Stampede grounds.
Same.
I drive into and thru the area as there are no good transit connections from where I live and I am not going where they go. The blue line will just be a feeder from the nether regions of the city to downtown. The passage through the east village is a small bonus for ridership.
Yes, the new proposed connections are convinient and they will provide quicker, safer and warmer comute.
I think its a descent attempt to help connect and arrive to the entertainment district. I would prefer underground heated stations but thats out of the question with the green line finalized. I just think to increase transit usage to the area, the transit needs to be an appealing option with well sheltered heated areas for all year use.
Yes.
For me in coach hill not so much. Bus to train @ 69th to downtown is like a 1 hour connection that i can drive in 20 minutes. But then i can drink or smoke weed. So the proposed plan is fine, but the larger issue of deadzones and inefficient transit to the core still exist.
Direct entrance from victoria/stampede station
Added public transport, bike lanes and pathways to the area can only provide a plus. As is, access relies heavily on private car ownership.
yes
Yes
Not sure
Stadium/arena

I think that there is easy access to the area, maybe one or two more buses to connect the area would be ideal.
Not really,, this is Calgary, most people arrive from out side the lot area or simple do not take public transport other than for work. You need to think like the Calgary zoo. For cultural events people will arrive by car.. You need a "staging area" then a method (little driverless 6 seaters) to get into the more dense areas. Think seniors, families with toddlers.
Transit ideas look good but need new stations. Incorporate station into rink
Excited for Green Line
LRT connections are the way to go. this is sufficient
No improvement for myself, personally. But I don't see my commute being diminished and I could see how it would improve for others.
Transit is ONLY useful when a direct bus from NW goes to Stampede grounds - that's it!
Yes, Green Line will help. I will use the Green Line to get here.
No, I ride the 1 bus, and I assume no changes to the route along 9ths avenue
Yes, I live just a few blocks from the 12th Ave Green line station. The Green line will help me access East Village, Inglewood, and the downtown core.
I would take the train into the core and then walk. Generally I don't take transit south of the core.
Maybe, but often find C train is down for maintenance when I would like to use it on the weekend.
I don't know
Yes
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No. Being in west Beltline, it is still an effort to get to the grounds without some sort of continuous service from the west.
No, I drive a car just like damn near everybody else. If have to torture myself driving down to this area with the endless construction and other nonsense well I just endure it. I will never take transit down here everrrrr. The best way to get through the area would be to have proper traffic flow which makes it easier for motor vehicles to get through the area or the ability to stop and drop off passsengers. Or to park easy without worry of having your car towed or creepy people scaring you.
Yes
Yes it does, however, there is always a worry that the station at 4th st S.E. Will become an eye sore or a "hangout" for an undesired crowd.
Make brt come through the area
It is faster for me to walk to Inglewood from Victoria Park at the moment. More direct transit access would be welcome.
A little better, but still pretty terrible for a city our size. We should have had a line to the airport already and when stony trail was developed, there should have been room for tracks to build a circle line, cause no one living in the NE and traveling to the NW would want to take the c train downtown to get to the NW, they'll just drive.
Yes, absolutely.
Not enough transit going into the 17th ave area west of centre st. This is not addressed by the green line. WOULD not use.
Yes
I didn't understand the new routes.
Yes
My current transit accesses with the existing LRT line. For the area to be "transit SMART" the crossing of the existing LRT line and the proposed Green Line should be a transfer station, linked into the site by a continuously-operating people mover system. The technology is simple, the precedents are many.
I believe 17th ave between 1 st SE and macleod feels unsafe to bike on. Traffic tends to speed up in this area due to lack of pedestrian traffic and approaching macleod trail.

Yea.
5. The proposed plan outlines a number of new open spaces, parks and plazas. What does The City need to consider in the development and amenities available for these new spaces?
That way people could enjoy being outside and more security
sufficient bike locking areas, possible monitored by cameras to discourage theft. Outdoor water fountains that can refill water bottle, washrooms like East Village and 17th ave and 7th street. Some time you need to pee and business do not let you use their facilities for free.
I thought that's what this plan was supposed to outline... or at least several options...
That area is known for vagrants, ensuring safety, especially in the evening and during night hours are important.
nearby parking
Parking. If events are hosted here, you have to expect people are coming in via car.
Space to play, kick a ball. Don't just make it into a concrete park.
1. In general, nice landscaping, meaningful and happy vibe art installations, a few cafes/eateries, kids' playgrounds, seating, tables, picnic areas. 2. Since the spaces can be used for gatherings & celebrations (Canada Day, Stampede events, Christmas, etc.): drinking water, washrooms, space for a stage and equipment, firepits, cold or rainy weather tents/shelters, heaters, a tall Christmas tree, ready to be decorated :), parking and transportation organization for any special events.
I personally think we don't need a park, a big open plaza is sufficient, theres already too many parks in the city. One big Plaza like Piccadilly in London would be amazing (minus the road traffic). Plaza should be surrounded by lit up buildings and benches and things to do like shopping. Personally, most of the American concepts of plazas aren't that great, Europe seems to nail it with vibrant plazas. Plaza should have use year around. Another good example is Dundas square which vibrant.
Dog friendly. There is a dog park in Conought and East Village, but not one in Victoria Park. It would be nice to have a fenced off leash park similar to the ones to the west and north.
Public safety. Police need to do regular sweeps of parks to limit impact of drugs and violence. Homeless camps in Lindsay Park are a huge eye sore.
Seperate cyclist and pedestrian paths
More than 1 road entrance
Are these being planned and thought out for citizens that are not white, not male, not able-bodied, not middle class? Are these spaces guaranteed to be open to the public? Will people from all walks of life be able to enjoy the amenities?
security & safety
Ease access for senior citizens and the handicapped.
Arena, and stampede
Stadium/arena
More security for sure, as a beltline resident and former Victoria Park resident, the area besides the LRT can get quite frightening during all time all the day, maybe relocating certain places or police presence would be beneficial. I also support the idea of having a new Arena, it would give us the chance to see more artists and cultural events be brought to the City, I think we could really use one and that would take Calgary to a new level.
The wind and the open spaces' exposure to the wind. No one goes to a wind blown plaza, Is the place by the river or open area? The amenities need to be developed organically so there is a meaningful competition to occupy the spot. Artificially created amenities need to be supported and are subject to budget cuts.
That these areas do not turn into the homeless & drug dealing area that the Olympic plaza and 15th street 1st are is currently
Honour the indigenous peoples through plaza and park design.

there are really no details on what these spaces would look like. get some concepts together. The study seems like a huge waste of money if we don't even have a concept
Consider green rooftop spaces, in particular for the proposed new arena. Lots of square footage there that could have public use benefit.
Plenty of benches.
No comment
Put shops and residential close by so there's people around.
I enjoy the green space already installed on Macleod.
Decent affordable restaurants
I don't know
There has to be parking for vehicles close to this area.
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Making the area as friendly as possible for those who are out and about. Consideration to outdoor toilet facilities should be given as well.
Burdening the taxpayer once again, we are broke here. Obviously you have forgotten its winter here 9 months of the year. Maybe the Feds will sell you their multi million dollar ice skating rink. I hear it's sitting in storage somewhere. Could get a good deal on it. Maybe we could get a unicorn petting zoo included in this plan too. Please don't build any more of those expensive toilets that the junkies ended up using as shooting galleries in the east village Don't build wading pools either.
Connecting parks to the neighbourhood, and to one another in various ways should be considered. Too often parks become uninspired islands in a neighbourhood.
I love the idea of plazas leading mid block from 4th st S.E. That I saw in one design. This would really encourage people to participate in the restaurant retail sectors instead of just walking down 4th or 5th to the arenas.
Public art, places to sit and public washrooms
Downtown is tough... if you look at existing open spaces in the downtown areas, they aren't really utilized... The only busy one is Prince's island park and the east village, but only really during the summertime. I think the focus should be more on a higher density of mixed use buildings, shops, restaurants, cool artwork that attracts people, a BIG monument (like the structure outside the Bow and the Peace Bridge). If you can get something big there, people will get excited
I believe the CPR right of way could be made more attractive by building a covered platform, something like the high line in Manhattan, and covering that with a green space and walking/cycling trails. It could run the width of downtown, provide a useful transport option, and cover some of the unsightly CPR tracks.
Multi use, functional, and inviting
Access to trash/recycling, safety of users, access to restrooms, density of businesses to attract users at all hours.
Parking. This is a very sparse city where everyone drives due to poor transit. A lot of the traffic in the core area is due to cars spending time searching for on street parking. Mandating underground parking availability would reduce a lot of the traffic, increasing pedestrian safety.
Public bathrooms or even permanent out houses. as a long distance runner using the pathways around the city, its hard when running a 20mile training run and nature calls on a pathway.
Good transit access and giving over more green space that will help with drainage rather than paved parking lots.
New arena! Outdoor rink?
That they be in practical locations, suitable for every age group.
Consider how it cleanliness will be preserved
All need to be simple in design, robust in the use of materials, and not requiring programming to ensure their use. Let the users 'animate' the spaces, and not the cultural planners. The Olympic Plaza and City Hall's forecourt are two examples of what not to do.

pretty much all open spaces, parks and plazas currently in the beltline are flooded with homeless people and drug/crime activity. by adding more of these open spaces, this is further increasing this problem. ensure there is security or measures in place to make sure this doesnt keep happening and the opens spaces and parks dont turn into sleeping quarters for the homeless.
Performance spaces like amphitheatres, plenty of seating like picnic tables, benches. A park would help drive pedestrian traffic and slow down cars.
Parking. People already avoid downtown just so they don't have to park their car. We shouldn't want people to hesitate about driving to hang out at a great new area in their own city - especially because of parking. Lots of people prefer not to/won't/aren't comfortable with public transit and we shouldn't discourage people from visiting the area due to exorbitantly expensive/lack of parking.
6. Is there anything you want to share with The City about the proposed plan ideas shared here, or anything you feel is missing from the plan?
I have none
The only comment I can give on this proposal is that unless the drop-in center is relocated, this will not be a highly desirable area and not very suitable for families with children.
You shared nothing in this plan... could you please put some time and effort if you're calling something a plan.
blow up the old arena, build a new and bigger one in the same space, then move forward with new development on the north section, the LRT is already close.
The plans lack a lot of details and more information should be available before proceeding with the plans. The city has a habit of proceeding with plans and having to redo the same area a few years later due to non-forward thinking.
Please do not loose the Victoria Park name or history of the area there should be some way to preserve it
Consider the next building adjacent and decide if it fits into the scheme. You don't want the movie Up happening like in other parts of Calgary.
The city need to find away to have the large stores in the beltline. We need a Superstore, the grocery options are all over priced. We need a Canadian Tire we have cars. We need a hardware store...
Taxes should be reduced based on the density of the neighbourhood, Since we get no new infrastructure we have paid for what we have over and over again,
1. I love the idea of winter garden situated at 12 Ave SE and MacLeod. Ideally, it could occupy the space b/n 3 Str SE and Macleod, and 11 and 12 Ave SE. with attractive deisgn (like Cloud Forest in Singapore) but also fitting with the neighbourhood style. 2. The Enoch Sales house could be used as: a) bookstore with cafe on the top floor + kids corner b) indoor and outdoor craft market for local talents. In Nov.& Dec. a German style Christmas market may take place in and around the house.
I feel like the density is very underwhelming, it should be at least over 10k plus. We need local residents to fuel a dense vibrant district year around. I hope a tight knit pedestrian friendly festive street is included like in European cities. I really hope this district is not a poor attempt at a rip off, this district will define Calgary forever like Dundas in Toronto. It should be lively night and day. Calgary needs to remove its "boring" title and this is our chance to retain the youth.
Somekind of indoor or covered walkway for winter. Festival street and shops is a great idea but it needs a vibrant mix of indoor outdoor. And i dont mean indoor as a coffee shop. A public space to walk a bit.
Perfect location. Pefect entrances
It is absolutely VITAL to keep and maintain existing built heritage – a building demolished is lost forever and with it, the stories and the memories of its inhabitants, the interactions that went on there and the emotional attachments made. These cannot be manufactured anew. Are these revitalization efforts based in the well-being of ALL citizens, not just the ones with the most capital and the most visibility, privilege and power? And will this plan respect the equilibrium of natural systems?

As I said I'm ecstatic with this news. Gives me a renewed hope that the City is trying to reach all citizens, not the chosen few
No
We need a(<i>expletive used and deleted</i>) stadium/arena
Since about 1990 or earlier the city has been trying to encourage development to the east of Macleod Trail. The natural progression has been to the west. The current buildout is still not pedestrian or night friendly. It takes people to fix that. IE you need to draw people, but that in not something the city can do, You need to encourage business to competitively establish in the area and then its a domino effect for other activities to follow suite. Start with the Arena.
Areas such as new Vegas Complex and glendale arena area are great areas
show us some concepts there are no details shown on the info panels
With regards to a new arena, either don't spend public moneys at all, or go all in and build something beautiful that would be relevant for (hopefully) centuries to come. Half-measures will only result in having another arena fight yet again in 15-25 years.
NO OLYMPICS - IDIOTIC IDEA FOR MILLIONAIRES ONLY. CALGARIANS DO NOT WANT TO BE SADDLED WITH DEBT FOR 20 YEARS. NO OLYMPICS. NO OLYMPICS. NO OLYMPICS
More of a question... are the plans associated with the music mile considered in any of the designs? Is the east village and the Victoria park plans pedestrian friendly enough to connect the two districts? Can there be a faux "highline walkway" along the track to help the transition between the two neighborhoods.
It would be a great spot for a college or satellite university campus, to kickstart the use of the area.
Please consider traffic as this area just bogged down anytime there is an event near stampede. Getting in and out is very problematic due to the limited routes and one ways.
Could have nearby cheap parking which is good for seniors.
My only comment is this: please change the name of the "Transitional Mixed-Use" area. No one wants to live in an area called Transitional Mixed-Use. All of the other areas have nice enough names but this area does not. Please - at least call it "Mixed Use" and remove the word "Transitional" - the word transitional makes the area sound like it's terrible which is just not cool.
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I feel there needs to be a commitment from a big-name enterprise in order to anchor the district as a tenant. We already have too many "if you build it they will come" projects in the city. There needs to be a reason for people to go to the area.
For the love of Pete stop wasting taxpayer money. Besides you really don't care what Calgarians think, you'll do what you want until we have a taxpayer revolt. The most glaring thing missing of course is how much is this going to cost the taxpayer? Why is every new unrealistic plan called a cultural district? I mean I thought that was what the east village was? Now it's Vic park. We built a music centre a Nenshi library, the east village condos condos condos... it's making this place sterile.
Only what I've commented on above.
Safety and area support considerations. I currently live in the beltline and it has become "less desirable" over the past few years. Less visible police presence than a few years ago as well. It would be great to incorporate a small business tax on this vibrant area where a more localized presence could be felt. Even if this is more like "Calgary Ambassadors" similar to the airport greeting. Some level of presence that says "welcome. Have a fun and safe time"
Enough of this bloody constructions! Why don't you open an area for redevelopment, let's say 3-4 years and then let the neighbourhood alone for 20 while opening another areas? Let us live for a moment.
Get this developed and SCRAP the Olympics
Keep Cannabis Store separation at 300 meters apart to avoid clustering.
Farmers market!
Other than an airport line and circle line connecting neighbouring quadrants and potentially even trams for getting across downtown. also more public toilets on pathways. i think the plan looks great

Only build an arena if the Flames agree to a) pay for covered walkways to the nearest LRT station and b) commit to having parking for a maximum of 50% of stadium capacity, assuming 3 event attendees per private vehicle.
Please see my comments about the issue of homelessness at the start of this survey. Also, what will be the plan for smoking, vaping, alcohol and marijuana consumption?
A new arena/fieldhouse
I am disappointed with the lack of a bold, structured vision after all the discussions and anticipation. All the buzzwords are there, and in trying to keep everyone happy, every possible land use is found, scattered about. Too much, and yet not enough. As Gertrude Stein said, about a century ago, "there is no there, there".
please plant more trees downtown
Really excited about this!
Great work on the planning. It's exciting to see the city grow!