



# Modernizing the Joint Use Planning Agreement

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## 1 Project overview

The Joint Use and Planning Agreement (Agreement) was established to provide a coordinated approach to the allocation, use, planning and development, and maintenance of municipal reserve, open space, and school sites. The current Agreement between The City of Calgary (The City), the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD), was signed in 1985. It was amended twice, in 1993 and 2012. In 2012, The City also entered into a separate Agreement with the Francophone school boards, which have since combined into the Conseil Scolaire FrancoSud (FrancoSud).

The scope and authority of the Agreement stems from what is now the Municipal Government Act (MGA), sections 666, 670, and 670.1. Through the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Calgary supports diversity in building form and land use to ensure a range of community retail and services, elementary schools, recreation facilities and community associations are more viable and accessible. The existing Agreement does not reflect Calgary's current MDP and strategic direction for growth.

The members of the Agreement want to modernize it to address outdated issues and new authorities granted through the City Charter. This project will deliver a new Agreement, adopted by all four partners, that is flexible and able to provide the tools and guidance required to achieve complete communities and address the evolving needs of the partners and Calgarians.

## 2 Engagement overview

Phase 1 engagement for this project included the following:

- English and French versions of a City Engage Portal page;
- Targeted engagement with the residential development industry; and
- Targeted surveys of the development industry and recreation groups.

A survey on the Engage Portal pages was open from April 1 – 23, 2021. After receiving feedback that some communities missed the first opportunity to provide feedback, we reopened the survey from May 12 – 16, 2021.

An engagement workshop with representatives from the development industry was held on May 19, 2021.

Targeted surveys for the development industry and recreation groups were re-advertised and remained open due to low initial response rates.

## 3 What we asked

Both public and development industry engagement on the City Engage Portal focussed on the following questions:



- What role do school sites fill in your community? Select all that apply.
  - Gathering place
  - Recreation space
  - Play space
  - Educational space
  - Other
- How do you use school sites in your community today? Select all that apply.
  - Learning
  - Play
  - Recreational sports
  - Before and after care
  - Continuing education
  - Special events
  - Other
- What kinds of uses do you think are most appropriate for multi-use facilities that include schools? Select all that apply.
  - Recreation centres
  - Libraries
  - Housing
  - Commercial
  - Daycare
  - Community Association
  - Worship
  - Culture
  - Private education
  - Health and treatment
  - Protective and emergency services
  - Government offices
  - Other
- The uses identified in the previous question may reduce the available park space on the site of a multi-use school facility. What do you see as issues or opportunities in using park space for these facilities?
- As communities change and grow, and families age, there are not always enough children to support neighbourhood schools. What do you see as appropriate uses for school sites no longer required by school boards?
  - Recreation centres
  - Libraries
  - Housing
  - Commercial
  - Daycare



- Community Association
- Worship
- Culture
- Private education
- Health and treatment
- Protective and emergency services
- Government offices
- Other
- What challenges do you see in the use and design of school sites?
- What do you see as opportunities to improve the use and design of school sites?

Our targeted surveys for the development industry included the following questions:

- What kinds of uses do you think are most appropriate for multi-use facilities that include schools?
  - Recreation centres
  - Libraries
  - Housing
  - Commercial
  - Daycare
  - Community Association
  - Worship
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- Private education
  - Health and treatment
  - Protective and emergency services
  - Government offices
  - Other
- What do you see as opportunities for industry to help shape the role of schools and joint use sites as anchors in creating community hubs?
  - What do you see as challenges for the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?
  - What do you see as opportunities to improve the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?
  - What about the process for determining school sites currently works well?
  - What about the process for determining school sites could be improved?

Our development industry workshop included the following questions:

- What do you see as opportunities for industry to help shape the role of schools and joint use sites as anchors in creating community hubs?
- What do you see as challenges for the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?
- What do you see as opportunities to improve the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?
- What about the process for determining school sites currently works well?
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Our targeted surveys for both French and English recreation groups included the following questions:

- What types of activities do you conduct using school facilities?
- What types of activities would you use school facilities for in the future?
- What about the process for booking school facilities could be improved?
- Do you currently encounter any issues with the facilities you book?

## 4 What we heard

In general, respondents highlighted the importance of green space in communities, as well as space for outdoor recreation opportunities, and wanted to ensure that any joint-use facilities maintained or maximized available green space. Of all the possible uses for joint-use facilities, both with or without schools, respondents were most in favor of including recreation centres, libraries, community association facilities and daycare facilities. Overall support for other uses on joint use sites increased for all uses after a school site is no longer required by the schools.



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Recreation groups felt the future use of school facilities should include sports, free play, non-academic classes and community meeting space. Public use of the spaces should be well advertised and easy to book.

Only a few representatives from the development industry provided input. The few that did were in favour of indoor, multi-use facilities that fit in the community.

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

## 5 Next steps

Responses provided in this phase of engagement will be used to help inform a revised draft Agreement. Engagement on the draft Agreement will take place in early 2022.

## 6 Summary of Input - City Engage Portal

### 6.1 What role do school sites fill in your community?

#### 6.1.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Gathering place	298
Recreation space	395
Play space	416
Educational space	385
Other	42

#### 6.1.2 Other category themes

Theme	Description
Open space	Respondents indicated school sites are used for unstructured play and as natural space.
Government services	Respondents used school sites for City and other government services such as polling stations during elections.
Activity space	Respondents booked or attended school sites for activities such as workshops and performances.
No role	Some respondents felt school sites, especially vacant schools, offer little to the community.

### 6.2 How do you use school sites in your community today?

#### 6.2.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Learning	299
Play	389



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Recreational sports	366
Before and after care	162
Continuing education	57
Special events	196
Other	44

## 6.2.2 Other category themes

Theme	Description
Do not use	Some respondents do not have a school in their community or do not use the school site in their community.
Natural and open space	Respondents indicated school sites are used as a general place to hang out, walk or take dogs.
Government services	Schools in respondents' communities were used as polling stations during elections.

## 6.3 What kinds of uses do you think are most appropriate for multi-use facilities that include schools?

### 6.3.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Recreation centres	288
Libraries	303
Housing	83
Commercial	37
Daycare	231
Community Association	271
Worship	115
Culture	146
Private education	116
Health and treatment	98
Protective and emergency services	102
Government offices	54
Other	86

### 6.3.2 Other category themes

Theme	Description
Parks and open space	Respondents indicated that green space or parks for general use were appropriate for school sites.
Recreation	Respondents indicated interest in school sites accommodating recreational uses, either through open space, or through facilities for specific uses such as tennis courts.
Community groups	Respondents indicated school sites would be appropriate for uses that brought the community together, such as farmers' markets, art space and non-profit organizations such as community associations.



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6.4 The uses identified in the previous question may reduce the available park space on the site of a multi-use school facility. What do you see as issues or opportunities in using park space for these facilities?

Theme	Description
Importance of open space to communities	Respondents indicated that open space and park space is a critical amenity for communities, and that many communities already have less open space than desired. Some respondents felt this was made especially apparent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, as park spaces have been used frequently for outdoor gatherings.
Importance of outdoor space specifically for children	Respondents felt that outdoor spaces around schools are important to the students at those schools, and neighborhood children generally. They indicated that children’s physical and mental wellbeing benefit from access to these spaces.
Need for outdoor recreation space	Respondents indicated that they do not want to see the loss of any recreation amenities such as courts or playgrounds to make way for multi-use facilities. Some respondents expressed an interest in more recreation facilities such a ball courts, indicating that there is too much general open space.
Prioritize maintaining open space	Respondents indicated that multi-use facilities should either be developed within the existing footprint of schools or be designed in a way to minimize the building footprint in the interest of more outdoor space for the community.
Underused spaces	Some respondents felt that school sites were underused and can accommodate more temporary programming such as outdoor markets, or permanent facilities such as ball courts.
Increase green space with density	Respondents felt that the amount of green space in a community should be increased alongside increases in density.
No multi-use facilities	Some respondents did not feel that it was appropriate to have school facilities accommodate any additional uses.
Traffic and parking	Respondents were concerned about the potential for increased traffic in their communities due to multi-use facilities and wanted adequate parking on-site for people using the facilities.
Proximity to facilities	Respondents indicated that community members will benefit from close proximity to different uses that can be accommodated in a multi-use facility.



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6.5 As communities change and grow, and families age, there are not always enough children to support neighbourhood schools. What do you see as appropriate uses for school sites no longer required by school boards?

6.5.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Recreation centres	290
Libraries	242
Housing	63
Commercial	52
Daycare	230
Community Association	247
Worship	75
Culture	158
Private education	141
Health and treatment	118
Protective and emergency services	91
Government offices	76
Other	71

6.5.2 Other category themes

Theme	Description
Parks and open space	Respondents indicated that parks and open spaces were important for communities, and that these should be maintained for multi-use sites that no longer include a school.
Retain for school use	Respondents indicated that communities go through cycles of change, and that multi-use facilities should retain the ability to be converted back to a school if a community sees a future increase in school-aged children.
Community activities	Respondents were interested in space for community activities such as seniors' programs, workshop spaces and continuing education.

6.6 What challenges do you see in the use and design of school sites?

Theme	Description
Parks and open space	Respondents reiterated the importance of parks and open spaces for communities and indicated that they want this prioritized in the design of school sites.
Retain for school use	Respondents indicated that communities go through cycles of change, and that multi-use facilities should retain the ability to be converted back to a school if a community sees a future increase in school-aged children.





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Traffic and parking	Respondents were concerned about the potential for increased traffic in their communities due to multi-use facilities and wanted adequate parking on-site for people using the facilities.
Responsive to change	Respondents expressed interest in facilities that can easily be adapted to new uses as the needs and wants of a community change.
Safety	Respondents wanted to ensure that any non-school uses will not impact the safety of students. Respondents were worried about impacts to safety in their communities either from increased traffic associated with a multi-use facility, or from the use itself.
Costs	Respondents felt one of the biggest challenges was the cost to modernize and maintain existing school sites.

## 6.7 What do you see as opportunities to improve the use and design of school sites?

Theme	Description
Parks and open space	Respondents expressed interest in maintaining and enhancing parks and open spaces with amenities such as picnic tables, more trees, dog parks and playgrounds. Respondents stressed the importance of open space to communities.
Community use	Respondents indicated that multi-use facilities can be an opportunity to bring many different groups together through providing things such as meeting and recreational spaces, multi-generational programming and cultural programming.
Responsive to change	Respondents expressed interest in facilities that can easily be adapted to new uses as the needs and wants of a community change.
Indoor recreation	Respondents expressed an interest in indoor recreation facilities such as gyms and rinks.
Public access to school sites	Some respondents expressed interest in having access to facilities other than the gymnasiums within school sites, after hours. E.g. craft rooms, wood and metal workshops, library, computers, music room and its equipment, washrooms, and etc.
Joint or shared school facilities	Respondents saw an opportunity to combine the facilities of different school boards into one shared facility.

## 7 Summary of Input - Industry

### 7.1 What kinds of uses do you think are most appropriate for multi-use facilities that include schools?

#### 7.1.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Recreation centres	4



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Category	Number of responses
Libraries	3
Housing	0
Commercial	0
Daycare	2
Community Association	2
Worship	1
Culture	0
Private education	1
Health and treatment	0
Protective and emergency services	1
Government offices	0
Other	0

7.2 The uses identified in the previous question may reduce the available park space on the site of a multi-use school facility. What do you see as issues or opportunities in using park space for these facilities?

*There were not enough responses to identify themes. Please the verbatim responses.*

7.3 As communities change and grow, and families age, there are not always enough children to support neighbourhood schools. What do you see as appropriate uses for school sites no longer required by school boards?

*There were not enough responses to identify themes. Please the verbatim responses.*

### 7.3.1 Multiple choice responses

Category	Number of responses
Recreation centres	4
Libraries	1
Housing	3
Commercial	2
Daycare	4
Community Association	3
Worship	1
Culture	0
Private education	3
Health and treatment	1
Protective and emergency services	0
Government offices	0
Other	0



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7.4 What do you see as opportunities for industry to help shape the role of schools and joint use sites as anchors in creating community hubs?

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7.5 What do you see as challenges for the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?

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7.6 What do you see as opportunities to improve the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?

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7.7 What about the process for determining school sites currently works well?

*There were not enough responses to identify themes. Please the verbatim responses.*

7.8 What about the process for determining school sites could be improved?

*There were not enough responses to identify themes. Please the verbatim responses.*

## 8 Summary of Input – Recreation Groups

8.1 What types of activities do you conduct using school facilities?

Theme	Description
Open space	Respondents indicated school sites are used for unstructured play and unprogrammed recreation like frisbee, cross country skiing and walking.
Playgrounds	Respondents indicated playground facilities are one of the most commonly used amenities.
Sports	Organized sports such as soccer are very common uses of the schoolgrounds.

8.2 What types of activities would you use school facilities for in the future?

Theme	Description
Organized sports	Respondents indicated that future use of school facilities should include space for sports such as soccer.
Community activities	Respondents were interested in space for community activities like non-academic and enrichment programs, meetings and special events.

8.3 What about the process for booking school facilities could be improved?

Theme	Description



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Raise awareness of the facilities	Respondents felt that building awareness that the facilities and sports fields can be booked may be beneficial and that more information should be provided.
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## 8.4 Do you currently encounter any issues with the facilities you book?

Theme	Description
No issues	Respondents generally indicated that they had few or no issues with the facilities.
Troubleshooting	Some respondents expressed frustration with instances of inconsistent availability, priority being given to others, unexpected closures, inability to reach someone who can provide assistance.



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## 9 Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and virtually through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to Project Teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

### English and French Verbatim - City Engage Portal

***What role do school sites fill in your community? / Quel rôle les sites scolaires jouent-ils dans votre communauté?***

<b>Other/ Autre</b>
School sites in this area have critical green spaces used by all members of the community after school hours. The school buildings are also used at times for community and city meetings, voting etc.
Keep as a green space
Space for building community
Community connection both visually and physically through interactions and activities.
Green Space, open space
Espaces communautaires
Green space (eco, environment)
Voting
Lieu de socialisation
Voting stations
No school in our community
It sure what's going on at Kingsland school.
Workshop spaces (similar to Fuse 33 Makerspace or Protospace)
Open green space i.e. a space in the community that is not completely covered by buildings. A space where snow melt and rainwater can penetrate and enter the groundwater system
open area for cross country skiing
social time with neighbours
Off leash dog park
Dog walking/exercising
Green space
outside unstructured play



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Abandoned building and yards
Kingsland Elementary (75 Ave & 5 Street SW) not sure what this school is now used for?
creative incubator spaces , safe spaces, continuing education beyond k-12
Elections voting site
Arts space (performances, rehearsals, creation)
eat
Naturalization spaces / beautification
Used as a voting/polling station
My kids attended karate classes at the Rose Sauvage school gymnasium before COVID.
Community events - Canada Day, Summer Solstice, soccer windup party, etc.
Classes like yoga etc worship
Just nice green space to capture carbon, provide habitat for birds etc. soak up water and reducing overland flow....
Facility to enable other temporary civic purposes (ie election polling station)
Park and green space!
Cultural performance and entertainment space
No purpose as a single person (just one perspective)
Church on Sunday's
vacant school building site offers little to community
Schools can be utilized at times as voting stations, in emergencies they can be used as community muster points, if designed properly - public libraries, meeting/conference space, small local concerts, etc.
childcare/out of school care
none
Voting, vaccination

***How do you use school sites in your community today? / Comment utilisez-vous les sites scolaires dans votre communauté?***

<b>Other/ Autre</b>
The playground and green spaces are the safe and accessible and used year round.by the community and city.
Keep as a green space
Connecting with neighbours
Family gatherings
We don't do above at site near us but children play there everyday, families picnic and play games
Réunion de groupes communautaire (scouts, rotary club, etc...)
Enjoy the green view
Rencontre
Voting
Lieu de travail
There are no schools in our community
Children's groups - ie. scouts and guides
No school in our community
Don't use



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Abandoned
Open green space i.e. a space in the community that is not completely covered by buildings. A space where snow melt and rainwater can penetrate and enter the groundwater system
Family day out in the sun. Sleeping or napping in the outdoors in a safe quiet space. Meditation. Walking meditation.
I don't
Don't use sites.
Not using and such a waste of space
Don't use them
Not at all
Our school is closed. Doors are locked. The surrounding green space is being used for casual sports and dog-play. It feels like such a waste that we're not able use it for gardens and outdoor gatherings.
Enjoying green space.
Nothing
outside unstructured play
I don't use school sites at all
One is actively a school, the other is recently given up by CBE (not being used as far as I know)
We have two schools in the community; One active school, with the other 'idle' (I don't think it's currently being used for anything)
Voting. Volunteering
Arts rehearsal space; as a park; as an electoral polling station
Do not use
Election polls
The karate club has hosted tournaments and year-end wind up parties at the Rose Sauvage school. We have voted in various elections - municipal, provincial, and federal at multiple area schools. We have not used before and after school care programs for our kids, but I know they exist in King George school in my neighborhood. We once enrolled our kids in private Spanish classes held at Jack James high school Saturday mornings.
Election Polling Station
Park and green space!
Open houses for our industry (planning and development)
seldom use the site. You should be asking about how much use the site provides and if that represent best use of that resource
Places to hang out, walk a dog.
vote
don't use
Voting
walking
I can't because I keep on getting kicked out of the school property all the time.

**What kinds of uses do you think are most appropriate for multi-use facilities that include schools?  
(not asked in French)**



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<b>Other/ Autre</b>
sports outdoors and indoors
None
Parkspace
This should remain as a greenspace and park for kids and residents around the area.
I do not want to see green spaces taken away from schools for any of the above facilities.
play areas
Green spaces
I feel these green spaces should be maintained for recreational activities
None
Keep as a green space
Keep open field
Open park spaces - there are too few spaces already in the community. COVID has highlighted more than ever the need to protect open spaces.
Green space, recreation, children to play and open air. With covid a new rarely we need more open space not less
This is a leading question. I don't support any use for these sites other than greenspace / parks.
Maintain green spaces, we have so few
Communities need schools
Leave as green space
LEAVE IT AS A GREEN OPEN SPACE
Kingsland lacks green space and has less green space than most other communities in Calgary
green space or sports
schools are schools, not multi-use.
Need to maintain the green space for the community and not have it developed.
Seniors resource centre, or work space for non-profit groups or co-working
Education. Not necessarily private. No night school.
Open spaces for children to play
Outdoor field/recreation areas and green space
Rollerskating events
Year round roller skating facilities And fenced in off leash dog parks
Fuse 33 Makerspace of Protospace, or simpler shop available to local residents, tennis court, badminton courts, park c/w trees
Park green space. A place for children to play, pet owners to walk their dogs, sports and recreation
Community gathering space. Art space. Graffiti space. Boys and girls clubs. Mentorship programs.
Continuing education, community garden
Outdoor recreation space for Kingsland is needed more than ANY other uses.
See below. Use for festivals, farmers Markets, Night markets. Shared spaces with post secondary, healthcare, 1st responders. Seniors Care. Private and City run recreational uses. Not condo development.
Seniors housing specifically
Anything that brings people together, whether it's government or municipal offices or a coffee shop run by seniors or people w/disabilities.
The green space surrounding a school is vital to the community even if the building were to become temporarily underused





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Parkland
Park, picnic areas, Community shop (woodworking, metal working, arts, etc), Meeting areas, perhaps a coffee shop.
Continuing Ed, community shop (tools, space for people to work on projects), Tennis / Pickle Ball courts, gym
Our school has been designated "Surplus" We do not want to loose this green space from our under 10%
vetted not for profit agencies including heritage language schools
Learning
Co-work/meeting space, tech/startup accelerator/innovation, workshop/tool library, CAs + other non-profits, arts/theatre/performance/movie space, meditation/quiet room, research, dog therapy/puppy training/offleash greenspace, all ages accessible playground (incl kids, adults, seniors, PWD), urban ag/vertical farming/community garden/ag tech
Community Worship and Culture that does not generate traffic.
not-for-profit space, space for sport organizations, space for other learning organizations (tutoring), space for community groups (guides, scouts, etc), art centres, city run fitness/recreation
Community amenities like gardens and ice rinks in partnership.
Where for-profit private education is contemplated, ensure that cost recovery is pursued and that these ventures are treated as a business.
Use them for what they are intended
retil
Playground or park ONLY!!!! Why do you think it would be appropriate to include ANY of the above?
I am not comfortable of mixing school with any other facility where adults also access resources.
Schools
None. Keep parks as they are. Open green spaces.
Schools do not need to have multi-use.
Need to leave school green space for recreational sports. Enough with city trying to take all green space away.
Schools in many US states share space with after school providers so that community children can learn art, dance, programming and robotics. This is not the case in Calgary where the school boards and principals of individual schools do everything in their power to control the space to their own ends. The schools should open up and share classroom space for after school activities that enrich and motivate our children.
Poll places
NONE. KEEP SCHOOLS AS SCHOOLS.
Continue use as a public or separate school. As older neighbourhood go through the process of revitalization- young families will populate those areas and will need the schools. So it's important to keep the green space even if a school building is temporarily used for another purpose.
Open and developed park/green space.
Performances & entertainment spaces
Election polling stations
Fine arts - theatre
you should build on vacant school sites that sit idle for too long
community hall, skate park, dropin centre/youth services, running track, performing arts centre
community and private events and programs



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Boys and Girls Club, other community groups/clubs
Social services, feeding kids

***The uses identified in the previous question may reduce the available park space on the site of a multi-use school facility. What do you see as issues or opportunities in using park space for these facilities/ les utilisations identifiées à la question précédente peuvent réduire l'espace disponible pour un parc sur le terrain d'une école. Selon vous, quels sont les problèmes ou les opportunités liés à l'utilisation de l'espace du parc pour ces installations?***

<b>Other/ Autre</b>
Multi use in existing areas should not reduce green space. It is more critical to a safe healthy neighbourhood and city than buildings.
Issue - reduce open green space. Any use must be compatible with the nature and character of the neighbourhood in which the sit is located. Any new use must be approved by the local neighbourhood.
Outdoor space for sports associations are affected.
The focus of every city in the future should be going green/economic/organic. There should be public transport as well as bike paths to new created multi-use school facilities. Available park space should be underground/ using quiet streets in the neighbourhood and avoiding people even to drive their cars more than they already do.
Please do not remove green spaces for roads and commercial buildings. They are the most precious asset we can preserve for future generations. To remove a green space attached to a school, is to take away an opportunity for a child to thrive and grow learning about the natural environment they live in.
Increased traffic. Less green space for kids. Less green space for broader area recreational activities (e.g. community soccer, outdoor boot camps/yoga, etc).
I see downsides only to using the site as a multi-use facility but if the city MUST develop the space, I believe it should focus on a site for other children.
I am totally against building facilities in park spaces ( especially next to schools) kids need outdoor space for sports, playgrounds ect. Please keep our school outdoor space!
This is a large green space with ample room for school children (I have two children attending William Reid School). If there is a way to integrate additional housing or appropriate businesses in the area (as selected above in the previous question), I think that makes sense.
More traffic, higher population
Devalues the space and may directly impact the health and safety of kids using the park space.
I am supportive of creating an association or building a rec centre to encourage and build a sense of community. I am against building multi-million dollar homes that only a minute percentage of the population can afford. Consider building a nature park to encourage outdoor activities. The idea of creating more private schools is absurd.
It's important to have green spaces in the inner city. For example, the space beside William Reid is heavily used by the school children.
I would prefer to see green spaces near schools left as green space. There are other locations for the facilities mentioned above. Green spaces should be highly valued, especially near schools.
This park space is well used by school and community. It would be devastating to lose it.
We need more green spaces in the inner city and surrounding communities, but thoughtfully designed to allow people to enjoy the outdoors and nature. I think the available park space should be reserved as a



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community building and gathering space that encourages people to be together and build community, rather than more offices or residences.
We NEED green spaces- do not get rid of green spaces in the city. They are necessary places to commune with nature and with each other and to maintain physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. More health will be promoted with a greenspace than an office building...
I do not want park spaces used for anything but parks.
The issues are the community strongly prefers to maintain the current green space. This space facilitates multiple sporting activities for children across many neighborhoods.
Increased traffic. No value add to the children.
It is important to keep these spaces as park spaces. In our neighborhood, such spaces are used for recreational sports for kids from toddlers to teens. When not used for more formal recreational activities, they are areas where kids and families meet to throw a ball or disc, connect with nature or go for a walk. This keeps our community connected.
A road right through the middle of the school yard or commercial/residential area being implemented will take away from the safe And open feel this area currently has. Rare in inner city but so appreciated by children and parents/families.
There is so little green space inner city it would be a shame to lose it. This is a well used green space that serves as a community hub and it would be terrible to make any changes.
"Opportunities involved facilities that can work in conjunction with the school and children, such as daycare, community association that offers programs for children.
Issues with additional facilities involved having higher traffic both car and people around the school, creating potential greater risk to the schoolchildren."
Loss of green space. Please keep as much green space as possible.
there should be more green spaces and natural areas. there are more unused bridling sources and other office spaces nearby.
Park space is very important and changes introduced must be mindful of maintaining adequate amounts both for outdoor recreational and as well as ambience purposes.
<b>NO NOT REDUCE GREEN SPACE.</b>
I think the available park space should serve the community as green space or of recreation space that encourages outdoor recreation (i.e skating rink or soccer field)
I would prefer to see it remain as green space.
This space is currently used for recreation activities for the community and the school. Unless this is kept for the community there will be no place for it.
CAs, and Rec centers are things I view as enhancing parks - sort of an indoor park space, so the loss of grass isn't as detrimental. I am glad the city is finally being honest in this survey about its intention to sell off parks for condos - the last survey was missing that. Since your intention is to actually sell off to developers.
Don't take away Parks just to put up a building. Think about adding a second level to an existing building or pre-planning to build up not out.
Takes away essential green space for children to run and play on. These spaces are already so limited in the more inner city communities with housing density continuously growing. Given rising struggles with childhood obesity and overall regulation for mental health and functioning these spaces to run are essential to children and families.
"Creates opportunities for students to engage in other recreational and learning activities that they may not otherwise.



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Would make it more difficult for families without financial means to access recreation spaces, instead of utilizing free park/playground space"
There would be less field and less space for the people of the neighbourhood to play. It would also take away from the fun innocence of the school and field in a cozy neighbourhood
Keep open field. If you put in facilities it will ruin the neighborhood/community and all the houses views.
Keep it green space.
We shouldn't be using park spaces for these facilities.
It should be a priority to keep park space.
Kids have far too much screen time now. Kids need to be outside. These areas provide opportunities for that.
Looks to me like you're looking to collect more tax dollars are have less green space. Again.
Things that contribute to community connections, wellbeing and mental health. These spaces are best left as open space! Do not build homes and take this away.
Most of the use is people that b live in the area. They can walk there. We need it to remain that way. For every community.
Park space is a critical component of residential areas. There are multiple sports that demand large open outdoor space (baseball, softball, soccer, football etc etc). The health implications of reduced exercise in children is significant, and open space is critically important.
The infringement of higher traffic around our children and less available space for children and future generations to play. Schools are the hub for socialization of our future generations, In large cities such as calgary children are to displaced from each other to reconnect away from these school areas typically. Adjacent Park space is required.
I believe strongly they should be left as green spaces. No additional parking would be necessary
It is very important for students to have room to play, for community sports and activities to provide a place for community connections and meeting people outside your usual goings on and to have a place to congregate and enjoy fresh air. Reducing these spaces would greatly reduce these opportunities and interactions.
Maximize the outdoor recreation space available for children. The health, social, education and physical benefits of outdoor activity is well studied and concluded and should be encouraged. Education sites in neighbourhoods should not be developed into commercial buildings, housing or development that erodes the opportunity to be active outdoors.
Don't allow any use other than parkspace / greenspace. Then there is not a conflict.
Park space should remain JUST park space. Existing structures or schools adjoining park space can be used for the above purposes when needed and only when needed. Existing green spaces should be left available for community sports and other recreational activities.
Traffic
Less is better. Keep the green spaces for outdoor activities.
Keep green spaces green, bus kids. Stop building new and shiny infrastructure for new communities. Maintain and upkeep the existing park spaces. Stop pandering to communities that are new.
We hate cement parks designed by planners. We need multi use green space and schools.
I feel that leaving the spaces open encourages use and community engagement - the open space at 34th ave 10-12st is use by kids daily for a range of activities, soccer, biking, frizbee etc etc, it is a valuable amenity
The open green spaces are more important than buildings in communities but if they are to be developed then they should be for recreation space to increase activities and offer indoor sporting options in Calgary during he winter months.



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<p>Especially seen with covid the need for more green space around neighbourhoods is so important to maintain. The green space can be used for play, organized outdoor sport like soccer in the summer and cross country skiing in the winter.</p>
<p>Loss of green space play/recreation area</p>
<p>Public are or a more robust playground area could help make a smaller space more inviting and enjoyable.</p>
<p>Increased housing density adds congestion and stresses infrastructure. It also decreases current land values. The City expects to generate more tax revenue from the same land size. The problem is that it is effectively a tax on the existing landowners. NO MORE TAX GRABS!</p>
<p>"A school site should be limited to a similar nature. These are safe spaces for children and should not be open adult facilities. Adult facilities do not require green space. additional traffic &amp; density which many communities cannot support.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood like Altadore where schools can't even support their community children who are shipped out."</p>
<p>The multi-use school sites should remain open green spaces to allow for nature, beauty and a safe place for children and families to play and visit. The open green spaces keep children off streets and gives them more opportunities to be outside enjoying their lives.</p>
<p>Green space in communities should always be maintained.</p>
<p>I think we are seeing less and less green space in neighbourhoods due to development and believe it is crucial to leave green space undeveloped. There are numerous studies which cite the positive impact of nature/green space on citizens. Leave the neighbourhood as is and keep your citizens healthy!</p>
<p>Calgary needs all the green space it can get. We're amazed the question is being asked and that reducing green space is being considered</p>
<p>L'espace de parc pourrait être aménagé de façon a ce que les utilisations si dessus peuvent aussi en profiter. Par exemple, des tables de pique-nique qui pourraient être utilisée par les groupes communautaires pendant les saisons clémentes.</p>
<p>Faire bénéficier l'espace à plus de gens.</p>
<p>Je pense qu'il est tres important de maximiser l'espace intérieur sans enlever lespace d'un parc. Les enfants (de tout les ages) utilisent les parcs comme site de rencontre, rassemblement et jeux.</p>
<p>Les parcs ajoutent une place pour les enfants et contribue bien à la communauté.</p>
<p>Beaucoup de gens les utilisent pour pratiquer leur sport dequipe afin deviter de payer des frais pour la location du local. Ils enlvent lespace aux autres pour jouer librement</p>
<p>les enfants n auront pas beaucoup d espace pour jouer ainsi de liberté pour pouvoir jouer a des jeux traditionnels</p>
<p>Mon école n'a pas besoin un parc, on a besoin de l'espace pour des équipes sportives</p>
<p>Lorsque le parc est désuet. Certains parcs de notre communauté sont très vieux.</p>
<p>School parks are the most important space on the school grounds. I do not agree with reducing that green space in my community.</p>
<p>Le parc principal est en fin de vie, il devra être remplacé dans les prochaines années.</p>
<p>Les terrains de soccer pourraient être mieux entretenus. Présentement, aux écoles Chlidren's Village et St-Alphonsus, les terrains sont inutilisables pour du soccer organisé. Aussi, le terrain de l'école St-Aphonsus pourrait être mieux aménagé: il y a de place pour plus qu'un simple terrain de soccer.</p>
<p>Je pense qu'il est important pour des communautés minoritaires d'avoir des espaces de rassemblements. Les écoles sont des lieux clés pour les francophones.</p>
<p>Need to consider green spaces in the neighbourhood as a positive to mental health. Lack of such park space can be discouraging to long term residents.</p>



Il y a moyen d'organiser l'espace pour que tous puissent cohabiter et se partager l'espace. L'école a besoin d'un parc mais bénéficie également de terrains de soccer, basketball, classe verte ou espace "free nature play". La communauté bénéficie du parc de l'école mais peut aussi bien utiliser le bâtiment pour rassemblement ou autre.
S'assurer que les élèves et les jeunes enfants de la communauté ne jouent en même temps lors des jours d'école.
Opportunité d'utiliser les espaces verts au maximum en bâtissant une classe extérieure ou un circuit d'entraînement plutôt que d'avoir un espace inutilisé ou inadéquat.
Lieu d'apprentissage extérieur et de rassemblement communautaire
Avoir un parc est très important pour le développement des enfants
Je ne sais pas.
garderie = opportunité pour les parents, moins de déplacements
Des problèmes de congestion et de compétitions entre usages peuvent survenir. Toutefois, en priorisant l'utilisation de l'espace pour les activités liées à l'école et avec une bonne coordination, le terrain peut devenir un centre important pour la communauté toute l'année durant.
"Il n'y a aucun problème. Mais pourquoi selon vous cela réduirait l'espace?"
Je ne comprends pas votre question."
Le défi est de s'assurer de garder suffisamment d'espace de parc tout en respectant l'espace requis pour un école.
Parks bring life to a community. They're a gathering place, and they're important for physical and mental health.
"Ces espaces me servent d'espace de promenades pour mes enfants, leur proximité les rends plus accessible.
Certains sites manquent de propreté, probablement lié à la surutilisation, des pancartes incitant les usagers à ramasser leurs déchets seraient les bienvenus, afin de sensibiliser les gens à la propreté."
La plupart du temps, l'utilisation des espaces prévues pour des parcs augmente après les installations sur les terrains d'école.
espaces pour garderies ; apporte plus de familles vers nos écoles
Pour la plupart l'espace extérieur est trop grand.
a park could attract more people during non-school times and increase community engagement with the property.
Not at all, parks and green space should be multi-use! This is an opportunity to be more community minded. For example elderly activities on school grounds could facilitate multi-generational learning and involve older people in education.
Un parc est important dans une cour d'école, pour donner du divertissement aux élèves et à la communauté.
Opportunité de jouer dehors apprendre éducation physique
La priorité revient aux écoles et ensuite à la communauté. Les enfants et les jeunes doivent être privilégiés.
Je ne vois pas de problème. Peu importe, ça demeure une bonne utilisation.
l'espace de jeu est très important non seulement pour l'école associé pour cet espace mais aussi pour la communauté en général.
There needs to be enough space left over for soccer fields, baseball diamonds and play structures
Park space around schools is critical and shouldn't be lost
The lack of park space combined with the increase in density in Kingsland is a big issue. I believe that no more park space should be sacrificed for development. The last year has magnified the issue of a lack of



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park space in our community where it was difficult to play, exercise and/or relax outside while maintaining social distancing.
There is already minimal green space in Kingsland. Lots of young people and families are starting to move into Kingsland so there needs to be more recreational space for these people
I don't agree with limiting green space or outdoor space for buildings. I think the building should be modernized to accommodate facilities. This may help with the under-utilization of facilities.
we don't want development on school property leave as green space
No they do not. The available park space will always be fully accessible to the public without hindrance. You psychopaths need to stop your incessant hyper planning in accordance with your un-elected committees and board who are destroying our city.
The park / green space should NEVER BE REDUCED or repurposed for any building or redevelopment. It must remain as park / green space for the community.
Inner city green space should be preserved.
The more exposure children have to the natural environment, the better. I think smaller facilities (libraries, daycares, community associations, etc.) are more conducive to maintaining a healthy green space and a safe, controlled environment for schoolchildren than larger facilities (I.e. recreation centres).
With increasing densities people will need more open natural spaces for their physical and mental well being.
More use for less space.
Shortage of parking space in vicinity
None, I agree with none
I feel it is important to bring people together in communal spaces and feel a multi use space, with social focused services would be most beneficial. Spaces could also be beautified into naturalization spaces and this could also lead to promoting art walks, music and cultural events in such spaces.
so many overcrowded schools, and you want to reduce the size of new schools by making them multi-use? Such a disfunctional city...
We have a lack of green space in so many communities as it is. People need a place to relax, walk their dogs, play with their children. In some communities it will increase traffic in an otherwise residential neighbourhood, potential lack of parking etc. With the amount of vacant commercial space in this city, why not utilize that?
Schools should have priority during school time.
need to balance the need of park space- and recognize that park spaces provide mental and physical health benefits. Research supports increasing park space in cities. Consideration can be given to the design of the multi use buildings in order to maximize park space.
Distorting green space and losing playing fields and playgrounds. There is also limited parking and this will fill the Neighbourhood with parked cars
Keep the park space. Buildings can be shared if underutilized and renovated.
Personally, I think the plain field area is often too big anyway, at least for community use. Also, there is never any shade.
Loss of green space and trees
Our children need these green spaces for recreation and free play. Not enough open space as it currently stands in the city.
Limited parking options in the community, change in traffic patterns
It's a school field, so isn't used as park space.
Children and families don't need more buildings. They need open spaces to play and be outside with friends and other families. Adding buildings to open park spaces is nonsensical. Our environment is



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<p>subject to so much risk, and putting up more concrete and walls flies in the face of how we should be engaging with our environment.</p>
<p>There are very few park spaces in existence today. In particular, during times of a pandemic, these green spaces have been extremely beneficial to the surrounding communities at large. I am vehemently opposed to increased development (per capita) without an appropriate increase to the corresponding surrounding green spaces.</p>
<p>the park at University Elementary is already small, reducing the size of it is not a good idea. there is already plenty of commercial and housing around the community. This community lack play ground space.</p>
<p>During school breaks (such as Winter and Spring and Summer breaks) community/shared spaces could be used for events and local markets. What springs to mind are Christmas markets (such as in Europe) and other local events (Stampede breakfasts, community gardens, community garage sales, etc.).</p>
<p>I think it's important for kids to be included in the community and be confident interacting with others. This would be an opportunity for kids to see community services operate on a daily basis</p>
<p>I assume parking spots would also be necessary thus also reducing park space.</p>
<p>Lack of green space. If it becomes housing, we have additional strain on infrastructure like parking issues, more people with no green space to enjoy</p>
<p>A year round roller skating facility can double as a community kitchen, yoga and dance studio, event centre for live music. A fully fenced in off leash dog park would give the families with dogs the ability to bring their dogs to pick up kids from school without putting any kids at risk of an unwanted dog interaction</p>
<p>In a community that has minimal open green space we need to protect all existing green space from development. Open space, available for use by the community for outdoor activities is essential, a need that the past year has made even more obvious than ever before.</p>
<p>Pressure from commercial and residential to develop. These should be resisted despite the City's drive to increase residential density.</p>
<p>If the pandemic taught us anything it is that people need and want more space. This includes open park like areas. The population of Calgary has grown but the amount of parkland has not kept up. Parkland 30 minutes away by car doesn't count. Denisification of the city has eroded the per capita amount of park and open space available to people</p>
<p>I don't see that. The opportunities that I have proposed are small footprint.</p>
<p>Do not take away school green space. It's needed for the kids and the community as recreational space.</p>
<p>no real issues</p>
<p>Park spaces could and should be developed to include quiet settings, pathways, garden borders, not just empty fields.</p>
<p>Find new ways to serve densifying inner city neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>In Kingsland there has been quite a few apartment building go up very recently and I believe now more than ever we need green space for recreation.</p>
<p>The two schools in my area do have limited parking. As for recreation, our community is close to transit lines, C-train, and within walking distance for people who live in the area.</p>
<p>The more that the multi-use school facility builds the less green space there will be for residents to use. with the number of young families moving into the community and the amount of density housing green space is more important than ever. we have already lost green space to a complex of dense apartments, if this keeps going there will be none</p>
<p>Currently, the park space is under utilized.</p>





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Incorporate the programs into the current school building. Don't add buildings, or if necessary keep small and close to the main school. Keep as much green space as possible. Keep playgrounds, basketball courts, add tennis courts too. These can all be used by the school and community.
Our neighborhood does not have enough green space and the current amount of green space is below city guidelines and the current green space is mostly grassy lots from schools. Kingsland desperately needs more quality green space our quality of life is impacted by inadequate green space.
There are a number of schools in my community and one that is closing here in Rosscarrock there is so much wasted land space. What we don't have in Rosscarrock is any outside Pickleball courts so to play we have to travel to other communities, it would be a great location for Pickleball and the fencing is already up.
Support biking, and public transit, and shuttles to these locations
Do not remove these spaces from schools. They are intended to be used by the children who learn there. You invite a security risk by opening them for any public domain from outside registered families in the community. I am strongly against any repurposing of these lands. We need to find other ways to house programs. Completely inappropriate.
Park space allow for recreational gathering but reduces indoor space required for indoor gathering . Both are important
Opportunities - our community would be able to access the facilities as well, increase our community connection. Issues - more traffic, parking, people not respecting our community.
Children, and people in general, need open spaces to play. Flat open spaces are harder to come by especially in older communities.
If your smart...this isn't a problem. You need to ensure adequate outdoor space remains for school use and expansion. Eg: xx meters per school student population. Shared spaces can be leased not SOLD and therefore return to public school use as required.
Integrate a public naturalization area into the uses proposed above, for e.g. an outdoor meditation or yoga studio, be used as a nature education combined with existing school curriculum.
Less green space means fewer opportunities for unstructured outdoor activities, whether passive (picnics, reading books) or active. This also reduces biodiversity that might help to support urban wildlife and flora.
We need more green space in Kingsland!! A place where the residents can enjoy nature.
Decreased green space, environmental impact and decreased learning outcomes due to lack of access to green/nature.
Most of the areas are actually quite large and could use densification
It could provide access to a different demographic that would have otherwise not used the space. Including a recreational center could provide a diverse age group a safe space to participate in physical activity.
Better use of valuable space for all stakeholders.
Use the green space as park! Park space is becoming more and more important as our city becomes more densely populated. Use the school building for the mentioned facilities.
It could make less space for school parking, but really shouldn't cause a lot of issues.
Multi use (retail/public libraries/public gyms) will increase the number of people who use the space, improving community and public safety.
Issues: -Reductions based on economic factors only (i.e. sold to developers) -Reduction to overall green space in a community Opportunities-



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-Strategic use of space to contribute to long-term community vibrancy and resiliency
-Investment from partners to create community hub scenarios
Calgary is losing a lot of green space, baseball diamonds etc. Everyone in Calgary deserves access to park, playgrounds etc. Stop taking them away or making them small.
Safety of children, conflicts of interest, space taking away from educational purposes.
In some areas the only open space for outside recreation and family play time is in school parks. Especially inner city where yard space is limited. Limiting this would be a hindrance. Our school park is heavy utilized by groups and families.
Create natural play spaces that combine trees, rocks, etc with climbable areas or seating.
community short of park space today -met ratio in 2012 only with CSB lands included as park. Park mtn \$ been reduced, water removed , sites showing wear with current foot traffic. Park space ratio needs to align to meet the MDP 50%+ growth and projected ^. Pop. health direction outside unstructured play & replace trees removed w dense housing
a small part of the schools outdoor used for parking is ok
The park space should not be reduced. All communities need walking spaces, seating spaces, play ground spaces. And as a community continues to evolve it may need a school again.
Multi-family housing is not a desirable replacement for parkland in the inner city. Green space is good use of land, if maintained as public parkland.
Maintenance (cost and responsibility for), some need for supervision. Great central space for community gathering
Picnic facilities, frisbee golf, plant some more trees, definitely maintain as a park/green space (Strongly resist commercializing or more residential as this can NEVER be reversed!). Put commercial/residential around the LRT stops (lots of opportunities for that development)
Anything that gives all residents an outdoor space with green space, Indoor space for recreation for all ages and a community center for multi purpose use
Park space is important- surely the pandemic has taught us that, at least?! Decreasing green space isn't good for the community because it allows people to be out and about, safely distanced but visible to each other as neighbours
In many cases these green spaces are the primary green space of small communities - and covid has taught us are needed. The old school buildings should come down, and design better designed green space. Should always be improvements to the green space rather than reduction. Could build combined space ie ice cream stand with water park.
Our school has been declared "surplus" but the land is part of our 10% green space. We have much less than 10%. Would this plan retain the required 10% green space, if not I would like to see us retain what we have so park, playgrounds, open green area.
Park Space needs to be a priority in the inner city. You asked about most appropriate not best use. I don't trust the city to do anything right for this as it only cares about private developers. Like many citizens, I have lost faith in the city to create anything citizen focussed or to guard the public realm.
Examples of private education, health & treatment, emergency services, government offices? On first glance, I'd say "no". I don't like the idea of reducing park space available for these facilities. They are an integral part of a community and often why residents choose an area...so their children can play.
Need to ask if enough park space still remains.
I am very worried that park space will be reduced. Any of the uses I identified above as appropriate should only be within the existing school/multi-use buildings. Any activities that can be held in the



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<p>schoolyard/reserve area are ok. We definitely don't want to reduce available green space, especially if the City wants more density.</p>
<p>Develop future schools. Do not reduce current park spaces. Develop outdoor spaces for more outdoor gathering opportunities. Outside exercise and classroom spaces.</p>
<p>As long as it is efficiently shared, that would be good. Lots of opportunity for after school care and private sports clubs to rent</p>
<p>Park spaces are critical. You should leverage the buildings as multiple purpose not take away green spaces which are important to community</p>
<p>Schools need to remain secure and student centered. They should not be public spaces. Private rentals/shared daycare space and after hours sports would be fine.</p>
<p>I see so much unused space at the school near us. Having a small field is necessary but for 90% of the time the additional field space is not used. I only ever see children playing and using the 10 metres of field space closest to the school and playground.</p>
<p>Multi use buildings bringing sick or stranger adults into children's learning spaces = consequences in duty of care issues related to wellness and security of children. Parking and traffic are already an issue near schools; intro of even higher traffic needs or ambulances could impose further strain when children are coming and going from school.</p>
<p>City is densifying aggressively, private green spaces are disappearing-new developments are often max lot coverage, mature trees cut down, large decks/ patios and garages/laneway houses built. Reduced space for kids, adults to run, play, walk, exercise. Public green spaces are CRITICAL. Should not be built on-needed for mental health/environment.</p>
<p>Better use of space, multi use space in the heart of the community.</p>
<p>Scheduling of park space for public use might become an issue if the park space is reduced Opportunity exists to designate other park space in community</p>
<p>Maintain some green space for multi-use including all ages accessible playground. Build up not out to maximize mixed use design using best practice. Some sheltered space, other uses indoors for all day/year round use. Rooftop garden/greenroof/bees (plus indoor vertical farming &amp; ag tech). Less grassy field needing high maint/water use, more natural</p>
<p>The opportunity is in leveraging community needs (which change over time) to make the facility active night and day. For example, in older communities with lower school attendance, programs for seniors are a good way to leverage extra space and connect the community. You do not need to sacrifice park space for those opportunities.</p>
<p>We don't do enough to design good parks</p>
<p>Communities should not lose outdoor recreation space based on this change. They should remain at 10%. Some older communities are already lacking park space. One way of doing this is to have buildings go up rather than out.</p>
<p>Do NOT use ANY green space for any multi use building. Keep free space green.</p>
<p>I see opportunities for multi-generational connection and for children to get to know familiar-strangers. I think scheduling is key to a good outcome of shared space.</p>
<p>Would like to see enough parks space on the site for school purposes (fields, playgrounds, etc.) but also room for other amenities identified above that can be shared between schools and community.</p>
<p>The park space was provided for recreation and school purposes - if its not used for schools it should be used for parks/rec</p>
<p>It is essential that park and open spaces be retained in communities, particularly with Council's plan to increase density/population in each community. Old school sites should not be redeveloped with high intensity uses. Open spaces must be retained.</p>



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<p>The existing park space hardly gets used so reducing that to some extent is not much of an issue. Joint uses will make far better use of both the facilities and the remaining park space. I think this idea is long past due. It will also help with the financial aspect of our schools.</p>
<p>We need to maintain schools and park green space as it is. The issue will become lack of community green space, parks, rinks and the many outdoor uses it already provides. We do not need more concrete or multi family residences.</p>
<p>These uses can be accommodated while still leaving park space. It requires reducing the auto-orientation of sites and building multi-use buildings.</p>
<p>Just what you said ... reduced park space. Increased traffic. Increased need for access and parking.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- loss of green space</li> <li>- better use of overall land reducing "green sprawl"</li> <li>- synergies between uses to reduce overall cost to taxpayers</li> </ul>
<p>Using the spaces and facilities for endeavors other than education, naturalization or recreation will change the culture in the neighbourhood and reduce community access. Communities need their space for gathering - identification as a community. Volunteerism make their spaces unique and beautiful. <b>ABSOLUTELY NO COMMERCIAL USE SHOULD BE PERMITTED</b></p>
<p>Schools use the outdoor spaces during specific times. Child care and recreational events are around those times. This allows a variety of groups to use the spaces during thier most needed schedules.</p>
<p>Need to leave enough space for children to play and for organized sports</p>
<p>We need all the park space you can get not less.</p>
<p>Ample park space is very important to children's health and wellness.</p>
<p>We need park apace</p>
<p>Maintaining sufficient green space for a community is imperative. Especially for places where the existing unused land is being counted as green space.</p>
<p>The park space around schools is essential for outdoor play to build physical literacy, and maintain health and wellness.</p>
<p>I would not want park space further limited but think if we stacked uses on schools (two-storeys etc) then we could enrich the play spaces and make the schools field better maintained for play and after-school sports and community use</p>
<p>I think the buildings need to be built up to keep some park space &amp; make better use of land.</p>
<p>I think the school gym could be shared with CA, residents association etc so after hours it's used more than for just for tournaments.</p>
<p>Park spaces should not be reduced. Housing and commercial sites should not be any near where children attend school</p>
<p>Issue would be that the school would not be able to access the park space during school hours. Opportunity - the space would be used more than just during school hours; would help to keep the site active</p>
<p>Priority should remain to ensure adequate outdoor and indoor recreation and play areas are available that are age appropriate.</p>
<p>wear and tear,</p>
<p>to me, the uses above can be integrated into existing spaces and co-exist with schools</p>
<p>A recreation facility would presumably incorporate some outdoor space to provide the widest range of fitness related activities. Retaining open green space is vital to the health &amp; wellbeing of communities.</p>
<p>This would reduce the available park space in the neighborhood, upgrading and maintaining park space is essential to a thriving community. Reducing community park space is not the answer.</p>



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Should be kept as green recreation space but use the building for other purposes if no longer school.
I'm shocked that you're considering all these uses in the list above. Most just don't fit. Your drive for densification can not reduce greenspace (we're going to need every bit of it as our populations grow). If parking is a concern, then underground parkades are the only logical solution. These sites are revered as park space, don't shrink them.
Our green space continues to Shrink in this city; I feel strongly that these open spaces should remain as they are for free play, contact with nature and a safe spot for communities to gather
I would not add additional services to a site if it reduced the available park space.
It is NOT acceptable to significantly reduce green space in the name of density or making the school sites multi-use. It is much better to renovate facilities to use them for more uses at different times (e.g. weekdays vs. weekends).
Kids need spaces to play! Please leave green spaces as green spaces! They serve as community gathering spaces, places to kick a ball and run around, a safe place for children to play extended imaginary games, etc. These spaces are so vital in our community.
Disagree, do not reduce green space.
Loss of green space for exercise, play and enjoying the outdoors! Inappropriate facilities being located in proximity to schools. Just LEAVE the schools alone!!!!
Our neighbourhood has limited green space now. No room or want for multi use facilities
Recreational space and parks and open space are already under pressure. No space should be taken
Park space around the schools is used for recreation and meeting place for the people of the neighborhood.
Lack of other green space & playground in communities means should keep existing building footprint
I don't agree with multi use school facility.
Only use them as schools
Why would the city be building on open park spaces?? Keep park space open for community use and recreation!
Do not take away green space
Priority must be given to green space that allows for sports such as soccer or baseball. Buildings could be jointed and multi use
I don't believe the park space associated with a school should be or needs to be compromised to facilitate multi-use. The items i checked off could and should all be housed within the school building.
There is even less green space for children to play on during the weekends and holidays. These are safe space that lots of us parents feel comfortable allowing our kids to play on. Often they are enclosed and well set back from the road. Fact is the city can't pay for any further recreational facilities. Let's keep school grounds what they are.
School sites area already small or in bad locations (especially in newer communities), space should not be taken from these sites for other purposes.
The amount of green space should stay the same no matter what is done. People in the community use these spaces to walk to if they live in apartments or condos or have small children.
School playground/park is for students and should not be shared. If other facilities need space then create more park space in communities rather than "multi-using" school facilities. Multi-use runs the risk of taking the focus away from students' best interest.
Need to leave school green space for recreational sports. We want kids "participation" not huge unhealthy like our mayor. Kids young people & adults need green space for recreational & sports. Enough with city trying to take all green space away.



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<p>The park and field need to be available to the students during school hours. Public use should not be permitted during school. Also dogs should still be prohibited from school ground due to waste issues.</p>
<p>It's for the community, people can walk, bike, or take public transit</p>
<p>Keep park spaces and green spaces!</p>
<p>Stay as open green spaces.</p>
<p>Programming and investment would be a great way to leverage these underutilizes public spaces</p>
<p>Getting rid of green space means we continue ignoring our environmental impact. Instead, increase density by requiring all new Calgary suburb developments to plan for at least one 5-6 story building and most homes to be duplex/fourplex(or more) to match the housing types currently being built in the revitalization of inner city neighborhoods.</p>
<p>These spaces should be kept as green as possible for play and recreation space plus schools ...we do not want more development in these spaces</p>
<p>Park space needs to be more creative than it is today. A field with some trees is not enough. Gardening, living walls, art, community markets all should be incorporated to reduce the carbon foot print and create rewarding places for everyone.</p>
<p>Lots - it is more important to ever to see park and open space in our communities maintained and enhanced. It should not be reduced under any circumstances because once it is gone we can never get it back.</p>
<p>Do NOT reduce park/green space!</p>
<p>The green space for schools are counted into our community open space statistics. You cannot keep adding density and taking away green space!!! The pandemic has shown us that we need more green space, not less!</p>
<p>I don't think you should limit park space if you can help it, the kids need that room to run and play, if you cram all the school kids into one area for their recesses they aren't going to have that much fun and there is less opportunity for diverse play.</p>
<p>Can the buildings not be taller to accommodate additional uses? Communities have other park spaces to ensure no loss. Need to think about how to plan for and create these spaces differently. I would argue you are talking about loss of weeds which we can afford some of that redistribution of loss.</p>
<p>If you reduce the available park space to accommodate a multiuse site, there should be available park space within 10 minutes walking distance. Physical education is part of the curriculum and many sports are done in the green spaces of the school. There should be a standard size of green space for any school for that reason.</p>
<p>N/a</p>
<p>I think they are only limited if the building size is kept horizontally focused vs. vertical. Integration of uses such as school site on ground floor, public library on second floor, etc. should be considered for a reduction in the building footprint of a school (where possible).</p>
<p>Pay parking at busy space outside of school hours.</p>
<p>issues with parents, other people double parking like they already do on the main roadways.</p>
<p>It's a trade off, both are beneficial.</p>
<p>the park space is under utilized. Does City measure how well park space is used by people to inform decisions on how to use land?</p>
<p>Having amenities inside of communities are always a benefit for that community. Currently having a green space that is used for adhoc programming and events would be considered a waste of space in my mind. Park space can still be allocated in a meaningful way so that the best of both worlds can be achieved.</p>



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A single space can't be all things to all people. Religious, solely commercial and housing shouldn't be connected to a school (public funded maintained) space.
Silver Springs has a substantial amount of park space that we could take some of that green space to provide seniors housing opportunities in our community. Namely the former Francophone School property.
Parking, transportation management, snow and ice removal from the streets and sidewalks that lead to and from the schools. Roads plows the snow into massive ice piles on the sidewalks that schools have to clear onto roads. Both should have to completely remove the snow and ice for safety and accessibility reasons.
Opportunities to maximize the use of space by repurposing green space to multi use areas will add more to school sites. Most need more gyms, rinks, fields and multi purpose Gathering spaces.
only add buildings when there will be no appreciable impact on the space. generally only supportive for large spaces or where it can be demonstrated that the space being appropriated is generally not used by the public.
Many school fields currently have large amounts of unusable/underutilized spaces. Although green space is vital, solutions like green roofs and courtyards can be included. The mixed-use facility approach has the ability to create a true community centre out of school lands, and also provide an opportunity for students to build community connections
School yards should be designed for safe sight line all year round use. Combining yard management with municipal parks department will give better big picture for value to the total community which includes students on school days. Grass cutting, litter and especially snow removal is not consistent, not always good community members.
Kids need lots of space to burn off steam at recess. Don't get rid of soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and other sporting fields.
With covid people needed outdoor spaces and space to walk and meet with friends. I think this could pose an issue but it depends on the neighbourhood and the amount of space available.
There are limited opportunities on existing small sites. Multiuse should enhance both the school and community facilities. For example, a running track would not reduce the outdoor space, but would be an asset to both school and community.
If multi-use facilities are used for a broader variety of uses than current facilities could potentially be consolidated, making available more green spaces. I am not supportive of reducing park spaces as they provide options for well being (fellowship, fitness, outside sports and programs).
There is already a shortage of park spaces. These are critical for mental health. More green spaces not less are needed!!! Do NOT reduce park spaces under any circumstances.
A more important question might be that by adding services to a single site makes it a more important meeting place in the community? Walking accessible services at one location lead to more community engagement.
Park play is important for K-6, but with Rec facilities attached perhaps this is less of SB issues since they can play in these facilities.
I think it would be interesting to see how park space can be activated and used as park of programming, activities offered.
lack of washrooms
Park spaces should include infrastructure for community sports such as baseball and soccer.
Moving daycare close to schools is great for families



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Schools have a vast land that is currently underutilized so I see an opportunity to add more amenities for public use and plant trees and rain gardens.
Anything that may reduce the available park space is a bad idea. We need more park space, more nature space, trees especially. Instead of spending hundreds of thousands on play parks for the ages of 5-12yr olds - lets spend that money creating natural green spaces and park space. Space to move and explore. Space that works for every age.
Park space should be left as is. Christine Meikle School was built on community park space and could have been built elsewhere. Green space should be the priority. Naturalization should be done if excess space. Schools affect the whole community and should be about quality of life over profitability. Small renewable energy projects on roofs is ok.
Schools should have priority over the grounds during school hours but there's lots of ways to share.
As a local grassroots sport organization owner, I would love the opportunity to use gymnasium space for our programs. We don't qualify as non-profit, so we look to private facilities to host our programs. But as you are aware of, recreational facility space is a major barrier to offering youth programs which limits accessibility to the community.
When I answered the previous question I was thinking of out door uses only: Eg, outdoor pop up markets, using the school for worship or recreation or weekend private education like adult continuing Ed, or language lessons things like that.
I assume this use is after school hours and therefore the parking issue will be minimal. Street parking in school bus zones can also alleviate parking space issues.
Less people may be able to use the park; outdoor education opportunities could be provided
Park space is vital for a healthy community
None. Shared enhanced park space is beneficial.
I object to reduction in our vital public park spaces. Throwing the kitchen sink list at these spaces could be a huge and costly mistake. Residents value our public park spaces which have become an invaluable lifeline during the pandemic. Reduction of space is incompatible with climate change & sustainability principles.
When they are on school days and we can't play or enjoy our space, again because of teachers kicking us off there yard, or it's closed to the public.

***As communities change and grow, and families age, there are not always enough children to support neighbourhood schools. What do you see as appropriate uses for school sites no longer required by school boards? / À mesure que les communautés changent et grandissent, et que les familles vieillissent, il n'y a pas toujours assez d'enfants pour soutenir les écoles du quartier. Selon vous, quelles sont les utilisations appropriées des sites scolaires dont les conseils scolaires n'ont plus besoin?***

<b>Other/ Autre</b>
Park space or playground
While it is true that communities change, these changes can be in both directions, ie increasing or decreasing need for school sites over decades. If a site is not used then filled with other things then reversing this for the next generation becomes extremely difficult (for example if the space gets filled by houses good luck ever buying this space back). Better to maintain some open space to allow future flexibility





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Leave them as park space
Fields for children to play and enjoy.
None of the above. As stated, these areas should remain parks / greenspace
Schools and sport space only.
Create green space
There is no shortage of children near us. With densification nearby we will need more space for the additional children to play.
Offrir ces écoles au conseil scolaire FrancoSud. Les francophones ont besoin de plus d'écoles, et ce, pour plusieurs années à venir.
Pourquoi pas recréer un parc à la place de l'école.
retirement, 60+ leisure centres
Make it a green space that can be used by the community. As stated above Kingsland lacks its fair share or target of what it should have for green space especially considering the density in the area.
with time the area will become active with kids once again . in the meantime leave as green space.
We will be having enough children. Go [removed] yourselves if you think Calgarians will be abstaining from procreating human life.
Don't you dare decommission schools. That represents a failure of broader urban design and is insulting to sound principles.
Maintain green space in the community where you can. As seen with Covid it is being used more than ever and that needs to be kept as green space in the community.
Open spaces for children to play. If communities age, one way to attract younger families to an area is to have an appealing area for children to go about their business of having fun.
Outdoor field/recreation areas and green space
Rollerskating
it should be maintained as a public school. I think it is short sighted to give up on public education. Parkdale is a perfect example. Neighbourhood residents change. there is a lot of merit to inner city schools that should not be lost.
Year round roller skating facilities
The school buildings can be used for a wide range of functions. However, the school grounds have become essential open spaces in the community and should be protected. Not just protected, but enhanced with landscaping, tree planting and outdoor furnishings, such as picnic tables and benches.
Facilities for local residents above
Parks and public green space
I think this is short sighted thinking. I have seen neighbourhoods (such as Haysboro) go from 20-something year old children, back to being a community with young families... If you wait long enough (every 25-30 years) then new families with children will arrive in the community. If the school cannot be sustained, then the green space should be kept for people to get activity in. If nothing else, this pandemic has shown how much we need to have green space. Especially given the density of this neighbourhood is drastically increasing... Keep GREEN SPACE! No more buildings!
Continuing ed, adult education
Kingsland Desperately needs Outdoor Green Space than ANY other use. Also young families ARE moving into Kingsland.
Keep available to be reopened/reconverted as a school. If you open up catchments to the entire city, then overcrowding in outlying neighbourhoods can be redirected. The issue isn't enough children, the issue is forcing them to School where the reside. There is ample school space to safely send kids to schools that are NOT overcrowded, reducing risk of covid for instance. Would have been smart to have



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done before, but here we are. Spread is rampant, intermittent homeschooling pursues. Parents can easily and willingly welcome a chance to drop off kids to another school outside their 'catchment and closer to work if the school boards would only see the value in that. But, they see \$\$\$ not healthy minds. Farmers Markets, Night markets, festivals, music, adult and cont education, shared spaces with private educators & colleges/universities. Com. hubs c heathcare clinics, seniors care, daycare, EMS and first responders
Commercial gardens, small town style grocery or hardware store (thinking inglewood)
Community gardens
Green space
See my answer to the previous question.
Uses should be time defined. Within a twenty year period a school may be needed on this site again. Developing housing and commercial spaces would prevent future use for school grounds even as the population would justify a school being located there.
Continuing ed, community workshop, senior centre, picnic areas, plant more trees. Resist pressure to develop as commercial & residential (once developed they will never return to being a green space).
A shop (ie. woodworking , metal, art, etc) for community area residents to work on projects.
Value of these schools is questionable. Consider demo and redesign
As previous question, park, recreation use, ball diamonds etc., Children's playgroundT
More Bull. Calgary has allowed suburbs to sprawl pulling kids from inner city schools...and there's so much choice that many kids go to private schools. I have no hope any green space will be retained. I have lost any hope that the city of Calgary will do nothing more than put money in the hands of developers
meet the needs of the community. Make sure it makes sense to what the community would want. Engage the community.
All of the above. Although I would like to find a way to keep small schools in communities or flex space that could be converted back.
See above answer
Programs for seniors; arts hubs (much like cSpace King Edward, but on a partial school basis)
Leave it as a school and rent it to private school or to daycare only and when demographics change use it again for school. Don't be shortsighted.
not-for-profit space, space for sport organizations, space for other learning organizations (tutoring), space for community groups (guides, scouts, etc), art centres, city run fitness/recreation
Green spaces for beautification and growing local produce. Use the areas for sports teams and recreation activities.
Find ways to keep the school and support redevelopment and densification of the neighbourhood.
The preservation of outdoor space is most likely to occur if a recreation facility occupies former school site. If a site is deemed too small to support such a facility it should be retained as a public park.
Only use schools as schools
We have just been told by our city council that the guidebook for great communities will lead to increased density in our inner city neighborhoods and all this redevelopment will be filled with families. So where are all the kids going to go to school. This is just another step to descimate our community and find land to turn over to developers. Very sad! School sites form part of the green space in communities and should stay largely as green spaces for the community.
Outdoor work out/fitness training
Bus kids in
Green/park space!



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I think you need to look farther in the future and see what the demographics might be and any other use should be temporary until it needs to be a school again.
Heritage Language programs
Cultural Performance & Entertainment Centres
anybody who wants to pay money for the site.
Fine arts facilities - theaters, break out rooms, storage for equipment (maybe CBE storage)
build housing on vacant school buildings sites to revitalize neighbourhood and raise taxes
Specifically seniors housing, for middle income seniors. The grey tsunami is upon us!!!
seniors and care facilities
coffee and other service shops or flea/farmer markets that will create a community hub
Community gentrification should be the focus. Rather than approve new communities, create affordable and desirable homes in established communities.
Anything that supports the ability to reopen the school and the next wave of kids come.

***What challenges do you see in the use and design of school sites?/Quels défis voyez-vous dans l'utilisation et la conception des sites scolaires?***

flexibility ...again the planning for green space is the most important for a community
It is imperative that any development or use be compatible with the nature and character neighbourhood in which the site is located. Any new use must be approved by the local neighbourhood
We need green spaces where families can gather and kids can play and enjoy being outside during all seasons . The pandemic has shown us this more than ever.
The neighbouring public non catholic school to this green space is overflowing. Keeping green space is important for non community and community events including sports (eg. Soccer).
Old buildings. Need lots of expensive renovation/re-use of space/rooms. need more light/old sanitation systems.
Preserving green space in the face of governments wanting tax income from high density and commercial properties.
Increased traffic. Less green space for kids. Less green space for broader area recreational activities (e.g. community soccer, outdoor boot camps/yoga, etc). Also, loss of a future school, when the older people move out and young families start to move back in again. Many people want short commutes to work and choose to live in the inner city.
What I mentioned before. Please keep the field that had St. Patrick's catholic school on it previously, a field. It's a great recreation area for the kids. Putting more houses or retail there just puts the kids more at risk for accidents, be it as pedestrians or bikers, or just parents dropping their kids off for school.
Increased density will cause additional traffic issues, which could threaten the safety of kids around.
In the Marda Loop/Elbow Park areas it would be great to have more school spaces available as the local schools are quite full.
I think neighbours and community enjoy the open park space even if they are not attending the school.
Anytime we try to repurpose sites if any type there will be challenges. Community buy-in will certainly be one of them in this case.
The area is used by so many in the community - it would be a shame to see the land developed taking away from so many of the current uses.
Traffic, safety of young children playing,



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Neighbourhood schools are an integral part of a community, and development must factor potential traffic and congestion. A school site should still serve community residents' needs, which may change, but are also cyclical. It is short-sighted and costly to permanently close or drastically alter school sites, as school demands fluctuate over time.
I think the real challenge will be preventing the city from paving over green spaces in communities.
I do not see significant challenges to use and design. School sites should be a welcoming green space for all ages.
Increase in traffic.
I think these spaces should remain park spaces. I feel that redesignation to anything other a site or facility for community connection would be a mistake. Outdoor spaces that are open and not designated to one sport or another allow for many different activities that keep communities connected and cohesive.
If we give up green spaces we can never get them back. Most cities in the world want MORE green spaces - why would we get rid of ours?
Currently this playground and outdoor space is safe and leaves plenty of space for children to be outdoors and be safe.
Ensuring there is sufficient green space and community gathering spots.
Minimizing impact to the surrounding residential neighborhoods with respect to car/people traffic, additional roads, parking issues and safety concerns.
I think we shouldn't develop these spaces at all and keep them as fields and parks for kids to have green space.
there should be more effort to lower the cost living in high density areas to allow families to enjoy the schools that are within walking distance.
Optimizing the sizing and location ... core size with portables that can be added and / subtracted; look at K - 9 and 10 - 12 configurations in some locations where populations warrant. Communities ebb and flow ... older does attract younger families at some point. Green / recreation space with a core school set will attract families
<b>PLEASE KEEP THE GREEN SPACES AROUND SCHOOLS</b>
I don't see a challenge of keeping a historic school site a green space for the city to build houses or god-forbid government offices. Everyone likes green space to retreat to, take a dog for a walk, play with kids etc.
Safe environment for students, outdoor space for students, traffic in neighbourhood
Parks and green space - the city does not have enough and seems intent on destroying what we have
What's wrong with leaving a field, a field? Just because grass doesn't pay taxes doesn't mean that it doesn't have inherent value.
possible loss of open space in established communities. loss of community playground facilities.
As we have seen in the past school attendance numbers ebb and flow with time. As families age in a neighborhood school demand decreases ultimately those families will move away in new families will move in requiring those schools that are in place. School should not be destroyed ever or removed. They should be built with a hundred years life span.
They often don't have multifunctional spaces for use outside of school hours.
Keep as a green space
Keep green space
Keep them green spaces
These sites should remain as green areas.
Keeping as much green space as possible.



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Your survey is tainted to building new schools. Use what you have. Don't waste TAXPAYER money on building new schools.
You're making the inner city sense leave schools alone. You will need them. Can't have it both ways. Idiots!
Building for the future and building to protect our green spaces. This requires forward thinking which is often absent.
Open green space for mental well being and health. We need to ensure that drive for profit doesn't take over from enabling space for to recreate. Especially if there is no building's today. We don't need more buildings...
Challenges are that once land is sold and developed this becomes essentially irreversible. When needs for school space then increase (especially if increased densification is occurring in neighborhoods) then these sites for local schools are gone essentially forever.
Community needs to be fostered to adapt to the demographic. Green space / Socialization sites will never come back and will constantly be under pressure from developers. It is our responsibility to ensure the city remains liveable for future generations. Green space to socialize is paramount.
Open green spaces
These spaces were designed for open playgrounds and parks.
Making enough room for children. More often the problem seems to be schools being at capacity.
Decisions have to be contextual, what works in one area e.g. school on a main thoroughfare- commercial use okay or condo development okay may not work in a quiet R1 Community where it may be a the neighbourhood's only greenspace
The city ignoring the wishes of nearby residents
The site must be controlled & maintained by the school boards and not the city. If the school closes due to low enrollment, the community must be notified as to how the green space is to be utilized and asked for its input.
Parking space
Stop pandering to new communities and constantly pushing Calgary boundaries out. It was never sustainable. It is pathetic that new shiny suburbs pay the lowest tax, have the most services and communities that age are being forced to "figure it out".
City doesn't have a say. It's a provincial service. Sustainable communities must include schools and multi use recreational space. City hubris. Communities know best. Real life not planner life.
The sites should be left as green space, and we can landscape to encourage appropriate use as green space, green spaces were never more important to foster and use in our local communities, and surely we have learned that in the past year.
Retaining the character of the community
School sites in neighbourhoods are harder to find as more buildings come up. If there is green space in a neighbourhood it should be left as green space in case a school is needed to be built in the future and this will provide a building site. There should be no other development allowed.
If they are for younger students, things are scaled. Sites would need to be upgraded for older population.
If the kids are grown it means the parents are aging. The demographics today suggest increasing need for healthcare.
Encroachment in school grounds. Safety of students. Increased traffic. Density and facilities to support the new congestion.
Open school sites should remain open green spaces. These spaces, for example next to William Reid park, are important areas in communities for children, families, and adults to do a variety of activities that



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are healthy and off the streets. Many adults use these open spaces to exercise, children play, families visit.
outdated buildings may need to be modified/updated
See above comment.
Les considérations psychologiques des utilisateurs des sites. Par exemple, l'ajout de fenêtres ou puits de lumière qui améliorons les sentiments positifs des occupants.
On passe tranquillement vers l'enseignement en ligne. Il faudra s'assurer de concevoir des sites scolaires en fonction des nouvelles réalités et des besoins présents et futurs.
La démographie augmente très vite
Les changements démographiques fréquents et non prévisibles.
Le partage
je ne trouve pas de défis à citer
Je vois aucun défis tout ce passe bien
Having "day nursery" or "private education" as alternative uses contradicts the assumption that those "aging" communities no longer need space for education. I disagree with repurposing school sites, and cutting such fundamental service just to cut cost!
Je pense que les établissements scolaires sont habituellement localisés dans des lieux centraux des communautés. Je pense qu'en l'absence d'élèves pour remplir les écoles, ils devraient être utilisés pour les communautés.
Not incorporating enough nature into the design. Most schools are built within a huge plot of land in a housing area, but are boring and lack character. We need to consider nature as a learning tool and adds to the learning experience when designing schools.
L'entretien de ces bâtiments est très dispendieux
Les coûts de transformation. Transfert des étudiants dans une école sans dépasser la capacité maximale tout en gardant les classes d'une grosseur acceptable.
Accessibilité
Évolution des besoins de la communauté,
J' imagine que se serait difficile de trouver des façons de gagner l'argent quand les écoles sont en congé comme dans l'été? Peut-être ça serait bon de louer des espaces dans l'école comme le gymnase pendant l'été à des programmes comme des camps d'été ou des classes de danse ou de yoga pour la communauté?
Je ne sais pas.
de savoir combien de temps l'école demeurera ouverte avant de se faire transformer pour un autre vocation.
Les sites scolaires sont souvent au cœur de quartier résidentiels et des usages qui peuvent augmenter la densité des résidents ou augmenter de beaucoup le trafic pourrait avoir un impact négatif sur la valeur des propriétés environnantes.
Accessible à tous et en tout temps
S'assurer que les écoles restent l'utilisation première.
Often school sites don't have a lot of parking as it's usually only staff that need it (especially at an elementary school), so in converting the site to something else, you need to think about how the parking (and possible overflow) will affect the neighbourhood.
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Encore une fois, depuis mon arrivée à Calgary en 2005, je n'ai encore pas vu d'écoles sous-utilisées. La plupart des écoles ont portable par dessus portable, sans prendre compte du tout des espaces communes pour les élèves - gymnase, cafétéria, bibliothèque, classes spécialisées, etc.
Estimation correcte du nombre d'élèves qui vont utiliser ce site -> créer un bâtiment qui pourra être agrandi au besoin.
Long term usage as communities change
Not to increase commercial density near school sites but rather to make them culturally inclusive and diverse and multi-generational.
Je ne voudrais pas que les élèves et les profs en souffrent car les élèves de ces écoles moins peuplés doivent aller quelque part et il y a beaucoup d'écoles sont déjà pleine à craquer. Il ne faudrait pas que le nombre d'élèves par classe augmente sans augmenter le nombre de profs et d'aide-enseignants.
Rien
Il faut qu'ils soient écologiques, que l'esthétique ne ressemble pas à celle d'une prison.
Pas a dire
Minimiser la bureaucratie et assurer la participation / engagement des membres de la communauté.
L'importance de ne pas mélanger les sites (rapport à l'éducation vs les services (pompiers, policiers, etc..)
Loss of the vibrant community that schools build in neighborhoods
There are already lots of senior homes (Trinity building and the assisted living building being built on 7th street) that we dont need more, and young people now need to spaces as they are moving into the community. The problem I see with use of school sites is that they are outdated building that dont tend to attract young people to gather
The building are not currently well maintained - they'll take a lot to modernize.
keeping playgrounds safe for kids
I see the city overstepping every single boundary at every opportunity as sychophants to usher in a fantasy of dystopian futurism.
The sites are often overlooked as to the importance they have in anchoring a community and accounting for park / green space. They often provide recreational areas for sports activities inside and outside of the community.
Appropriate non vehicular transportation options are not currently emphasized in school areas like they are elsewhere in the world to encourage active transportation. The fact that the question above around closing schools is being contemplated is preposterous.
Many rooms of a single size may not be very conducive to something like a recreation centre. Large footprint, but low density. Expensive / carbon intensive to heat.
Could be used as Healthcare sites
No challenges, as long as they keep the green space and parking as is
I feel Charter schools should be allowed to use old schools and this option has not been provided in your survey. Private schools have private funds to build a site. I do not agree with private schools using old school sites. The biggest challenge in using schools is the modernization costs associated with it and then maintaining them.
Retaining green space as a park with/without playground needs to be a high priority. Instead of closing schools, combine grade levels into one building, like rural areas do.
nimby
Push back from the communities if they aren't included in the use and design. People want to be involved in what might change the dynamics of their community. Open forums in the school space for people to come and attend, open discussions and active listening by the city.



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<p>Multiples wants, limited means.          May be problems with student security with multi-use of the site.</p>
<p>People will want to protect their park space. Fear of change. The ability to creatively build multi-purpose buildings that have public access and can transition over time to other uses.</p>
<p>Turning school areas into condo and multi use buildings in the heart of communities</p>
<p>I don't want to lose parks &amp; playground spaces to parking lots. That's not good for the neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Foot traffic, safety. Long term planning for demographics</p>
<p>Crowding, trying to put too many uses on one site</p>
<p>Over use on non community members causing more traffic where it is not needed</p>
<p>Current home owners may not want a school in their area used for something that may cause additional traffic or safety concerns.</p>
<p>Aging infrastructure; community needs (short and long-term alignment);</p>
<p>No idea. Old building? Would require upgrading to whatever it would become.</p>
<p>If you do not keep the space open for schools then as family cycles in a neighbourhood change there will be a deficit. Short term thinking to sell off school sites</p>
<p>Government intervention. Municipal governments can't leave well enough alone, and have some urge and need to destroy the status quo to meet theoretical ideas that have no basis in reality. Even considering putting buildings up on green spaces, which we generally are so short on already, is ludicrous.</p>
<p>The loss of community green spaces would diminish the quality of life for the neighbourhood and surrounding communities.</p>
<p>They should be left as they are.</p>
<p>Maintenance and cleaning services</p>
<p>funding to support and renew the spaces.</p>
<p>Designing them to be multi-use (plug-ins, water/sewage volume, parking, etc.) for more users outside of the regular school hours/times.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>If it is changed to housing the city needs to ensure developers include enough parking and green space in their designs which they currently have not done a good job on this</p>
<p>The city of Calgary has made it impossible to rent school gym space for any kind of roller skating activities. It is unfair because roller skates do not damage the floors.</p>
<p>I am afraid they may be developed for residential use, or turned into parking lots serving whatever use the school buildings are put to. In a community like ours, that is already short on open green space this is a backward step.</p>
<p>As above. Pressure from residential and commercial interests including the City to increase their tax base and increase density</p>
<p>Most schools are designed to look like jails. There is no natural light inside and the buildings are ugly. Parents cause traffic jams both dropping off and picking up kids and in the process put pedestrians at risk</p>
<p>Very single use. The 'joint' use is lacking. There is an Impression that school field is out of bounds to the community. Impression that school field is out of bounds to the community. Culturally, kids are not encouraged to participate in the lives of adults; it shows in the way we build schools in our communities. They even look like bunkers.</p>
<p>Communities typically rely on the school playground and green spaces for recreational purposes. To remove the green spaces and playgrounds is detrimental to communities. People don't want to live where there isn't space to relax or throw a ball.</p>





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lack of provincial funding makes having them everywhere unrealistic. We need fewer school sites. They are promised to residents of new communities, without explaining they are likely 15-20 years out
The landscape needs to change in order to feel sheltered and welcoming. Perhaps tables and conversation areas with trees could replace corporate coffee shops.
NIMBYism. Residential neighbourhoods can be resistant to change and feel an attachment to "how things have always been". This strikes me as a communication and educational opportunity to be considered by those leading these efforts.
Kingsland has plenty of business and new housing developments; we need space for people to be outside and stay active.
These sites being sold to developers for 4-plexes or apartment/condo buildings.
Loss of useable greenspace and open areas if development is prioritized.
Misinformation and fearmongering of what changes, particularly what businesses are allowed to operate out of the buildings.
Aging infrastructure may be costly to repair/upgrade.
They are unused most evenings and weekends. Dill them with programs. Plus, add as much recreation as possible to keep people active - tennis, basketball, other activities
The decommissioned Kingsland school site needs to be turned into a green space. There is No public greenspace in the north part of Kingsland and it's vital to the health and walkability of Kingsland to have accessible greenspace. Kingsland residents drive elsewhere to access greenspace, it's inequitable that we lost green space to the Trico apartments
This uncovers other challenges, continuous expansion to the outer city limits, building new schools and infrastructure, housing prices in the inner city... and on and on.
There is a need for more after school programs. Each community should have accessible local resources. Education elements need to continue in these designated spaces, not land grabs for private development.
Making it suitable for purposes
Older school sites were not designed for multi use. Older buildings that need repair and high maintenance.
Longevity and maintenance
The sites should never be sold off to developers, especially older heritage/character school buildings. There should be a moratorium (15 -20yrs) and a community / district referendum on selling ANY school land to developers. The risk is, a generation later the need for a school comes back into play. City core Vancouver is a prime example.
Resistance from the community, perception that crime and homelessness will increase.
Likely the costs of retrofitting spaces that were designed for different purposes.
That they will be torn down and developed into more condos, apartments. We already have enough densely packed dwellings.
Roads need to be designed to target speed of 30 km/h So people actually go that speed.
Challenge would be the re-purposing the classroom space.
Where will the teachers go
Not a lot of challenges. They invite multiuse.
Parking
-For sites where a school was never built, managing resident expectations -Finding alternate uses that respond to the current and future needs of the community and maintain resiliency and vibrancy -Use and design focused on economic considerations only



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Care costs of the buildings. Turn these sites into housing with daycares and community programs.
Making them multi-generational and ensuring they can be active on weekends, evenings and summer.
Main buildings include infrastructures like sinks in classrooms helping hygiene and classroom project capabilities. Portables do not include plumbing in classrooms. Including plumbing in more areas of schools provides better opportunities for multi-purpose use. It would be challenging to convert schools into housing with appropriate amenities.
hire landscape architects, why no trees School sites are not designed to receive the vehicle drop of traffic , school bus traffic, or the traffic from outside community - its not just about the site its how are people arriving there. Site maintenance is dismal especially the outside areas. MDP density of res sites > park space growth
changing schools to shelters ,treatment centers ect only brings more crime and violence to the community i Removing schools is only creating a problem that exists in the newer outlying communities ( not enough class rooms).Bus student to existing schools . Keep them open and the community will attract young families
There is a cycle to neighbourhoods. Families with children need schools. Children age out, eventually need for school space declines. New families move in with school age children. Where will these children go to school if the school has been closed?
They should be flexible in use in case there is renewed demand for schools.
So much infrastructure sitting idle for so much of the year (summer months, off-school hours, weekends).
To resist commercial, residential pressures to develop these areas as commercial and residential areas!
Ageing buildings may cost more to run and maintain. With the need for additional parking it may be best to build something new with below grade parking, this would save as much green space as possible
The people who get to make the decisions don't live in the community. With the move away from smaller community schools there are issues with parking and drop- off, and staff and students have no ties or responsibility to the community in which they spend their days.
Updating and repurposing buildings, sufficiently upscaping the grounds to meet mulitple needs in one green space.
The school are in poor shape and not fit for purpose. Dollars for Renos will be higher than reconceptualize green spaces. Keeping old structures doesn't bring vibrancy to the community. Salvage what can be, but consider all opportunities outside of densification of housing or private schools - which would be detrimental to communities.
INCREASED traffic impedeS use of area by pedestrians and families looking for greenspace. Covid has shown the increased use in green spacesand the demise of strip malls.
The Cities need for density and the overrun of our 10% green space requirement.
Greed. Capitalism, Lack of concern for seniors, mobility impaired, the importance of green space, our status as a winter city ignored.
Housing? As in demolishing current schools and building housing? This could destroy all the beautiful fields associated with schools for recreation use.
Many have not been well maintained.
These sites should strictly be for community use and stay within the school footprint so that open space won't be decreased! You can't add housing, commercial etc uses while decreasing green space when you should increase green space with higher density. These schools may be needed again in the future when demographics change again.
Safety of students and staff. Ease of access for deliveries, ease of access to clear snow and maintain the facilities inside and out. Wear and tear on buildings outside of student use should not impact student



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learning. There should be funding to maintain the facilities outside of the school boards, when resources are shared.
Revitalizing and maintenance
Invest in building
They were built with Community in mind, so turning into corporate space is terrible and promotes more business away from downtown. Every old school has community using its green space, for play, sledding, whatever.
Repurpose of old buildings can be great but a lot of times when you repurpose an old space they become awkward. I hope that multiple people who work the front lines would have input on space redesign.
Schools current capital funding is project approved provincially. Timelines with additional partners difficult. Bus access and traffic calming need funding and coordination with the city. Student learning needs 1st consideration in design. Sites require landscape remediation 4 drainage and building. Public \$ should be retained 4 public benefit.
The risk that the city and school boards will be short-sighted and eliminate them when they are underutilized.
Single use, large field rarely used, unused a sites in new communities. Little use evenings and weekends.
People's expectations of green space
Our willingness to change, managing stakeholder engagements through a formal design process. Using best practices in mixed use, evidenced-based decision-making. Building for the future needs not just today. Being willing to have swing space to pilot new uses.
The fact that we have both a Catholic and non-Catholic public school system for non-Francophone students. Sharing school facilities between the two major public systems (or even eliminating the dual system as much of the rest of Canada has already done) would allow for more optimal use of existing schools and construction of new ones.
Ugly schools, sprawling buildings that could be more compact, better use of space, integration of more used
At one point in time, a community will shift back and densify. Calgary has policies in place that see established communities densifying, which means over time more children (most likely more than before) may live in a community. If school sites are given up and changed to other uses future families may have to bus the kids to outer communities.
Once a property is developed and green space is gone there is no turning back. The City should make it a priority to maintain every green space in the City.
Schools are built w/ age brackets in mind so their interior spaces (washrooms for example) aren't necessarily right size for certain populations. Working to identify any retrofit costs should be considered.
If there are other uses allowed on the site, there may not be enough space on the site for everything.
You can't take recreation space that was legally given for schools and recreation and use it for other private or public uses. The above uses I've checked are OK with a 20 year limited term DP
Open spaces must be retained in communities. As communities go through various life cycles it is possible there will be enough children to support a school in the future. These schools should not be torn down. They can be repurposed until such time as a school use is viable.
Challenge is that existing layout may not have been done with efficiency in mind and so there may be costs in rearranging playing fields, playgrounds, buildings, and parking to allow for higher quality site design and more intensive use. That said, big upside opportunities, so likely worth it.
None. I think there is only upside. It is an absolute shame that so many sites just sit there without use when perhaps long members of a community would benefit from seniors housing so they don't have to



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leave their community. School sites will solve that as well as bringing in money for the schools. Do a land lease if you have to but just do it
Do not just start selling off land to developers. Do not try to hide your inability to cut spending at city hall by selling off public lands.
They are very auto-oriented which decreases safety, increases GHG emissions, and reduces permeable surfaces.
Adaptability in changing enrollment sizes.
Is there a cycle in that under used sites will one day be needed again as the older generations move into care homes or die, and young families with children move into those spaces?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school boards over reaching requirements for land and design specifications.</li> <li>- design is responding to complaints over a small period of time (drop off and pick up) for 10 months of the year, and not the best integration into the larger community. School boards are focused on their won interests not the larger community.</li> <li>- Maintenance and beautification. These needs could be passed onto the community association or volunteer members of the community. These types of school locations are primarily inner-city issues. The green spaces need to be perserved because of the intense DENSIFICATION in these areas. PLEASE DO TAKE OUR GREEN SPACES AWAY !</li> </ul>
Keeping it safe for the families in the community
Many neighbourhood schools are not on major roads and are surrounded by housing. Adding housing and commercial zones to already potential dense areas is not creating a community feel. Adding services that are needed in the changing community would keep people in thier homes longer.
Older school building may be expensive to retrofit for any purposes other than learning or gathering.
Surprise asbestos remediation
Too many school districts are trigger happy to build new schools in newer communities, at the expense of existing schools in established communities. So changes in the Joint Use Agreement is so important to provide more opportunities and possibilities to use the existing structures.
Complete lack of context with neighbourhood redevelopment. Inability of various governments to work together.
Sometimes design for appearance seems to take precedence over functionality.
Overly open entrance spaces are difficult to secure for evening and weekend use of schools.
The schools have rarely been maintained adequately, they were build almost single use, it is a shame for the community that we cannot have the schools designed to be more multi-use and include multiple stories and stack uses. Can we find a way to modernize established area schools and make them more sustainable?
If a junior high or senior high is changing to a middle school or elementary school, it needs a playground.
Those living by a school may have concerns in a change of use. Depending on how the building is built repurposing makes sense. That said the land was gifted to the municipality as part of a 10% MR dedication so the use should be for community benefit/open space/rec
Everything comes in cycles. There might not be enough children today to support the neighbourhood school but when that cycle returns then what? Force young children to bus long distances? Build a new school?
More interactions with non-school related visitors could cause safety concerns for school children.
Demographics and community profiles change, the challenge would be to ensure that use of school sites remains flexible and frequent analysis of community requirements occur.
maintenance



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being flexible in how spaces are designed to allow multiple use within a site but still maintain safety and security for children in the school
I am concerned that the current push towards densification will result in the loss of open green spaces that are vital to communities. If we are going to be jammed together like sardines we need that green space more than ever.
Removing a school means fewer schools in the future as a neighborhood changes again and younger families buy property from the aging residents. Any use of a school property should keep the idea in mind that a school will be required again as the neighborhood continues to develop.
They seem to have limited funding for maintenance and upgrades to the play areas. Our roads are kept in better condition than our school playground/ recreation areas
Should be primarily green space and outdoor recreation.
Life cycles exist. That said, you can't permanently close, convert, or demolish underutilized schools. They could be temporarily repurposed until needed as schools again. Ideally, multiple schools (english, immersion, franco, science charter, etc.) would be co-located and share playground, gymnasium, libraries. Cost and travel time savings.
Cost for upkeep
When school sites become too diverse, priorities between users can conflict and the site becomes the best of nothing. I advise a more focussed approach.
Private education is an excellent use. Turning school sites into dense housing or commercial is NOT, repeat NOT, acceptable - that turns green space into extra densely occupied space - that would be totally unfair to those adjacent to the school green space, and would take significant green space from the community.
Short-sightedness of public officials to assume they will not be school spaces again in the future. Our community aged and enrolments dropped and now this is a popular space for young families with a great deal now residing in the community. Community age demographics cycle. Please don't rip down schools.
They lessen green space.
Is this for a tax grab so that the city can get more taxes from this space? There are some things that cannot be calculated in terms of dollars. Leave the schools as EDUCATION sites whether it be public or private education.
Same comment as above. Keep it green and available for unstructured and unscheduled play
Use as art and culture centres. These sites are the hubs of community and should not be lost
Keeping green space and play area accessible to all in community
I wouldn't want any unauthorized person near my children
The City of Calgary trying to gain control of them for densification Purposes.
If the city would encourage family housing to stay as such instead of approving building concrete jungle high rise buildings there wouldn't be a problem with communities aging out.
Make sure it fits with the surrounding community. Do not take away green space.
If use becomes commercial then the community loses control of the community environment and cultural nuances. School sites must remain in the public realm.
Increasingly the city wants to close schools but in some areas, like Currie barracks, there are loads more families moving in due to extensive development but there aren't enough schools unless you can afford private schools.
Have to be careful about the amount of traffic and parking in those areas as it can become too congested.
If communities change then future planning should be done accordingly. The city is building denser communities. This contradicts the idea that student numbers will get smaller. However, if the city aims to



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build denser communities, then it should also create space for growing needs, or the new communities would be less desirable.
Public against city plans to take our school green spaces. Like everything else, the city asks people for their opinion and then disregards it for their own agenda
Shared responsibility for the care and maintenance needs to be a priority. It's not up the school staff to pick up garbage and dog waste.
We need the green space within the community. Getting people to agree to any development will be difficult - simpler if the process is inclusive
Idk
Communities change and the schools will be needed again.
Finding funds to utilize the space adequately
Stop building new schools if there are unused schools and find ways to get kids to/from the schools. That's the more economically option. Why do we need schools in every neighborhood? Are longer bus rides to school not acceptable anymore?
These schools should be repurposed and not torn down like the city has been doing with all old buildings. What a waste. Keep them and use them fir other educational purposes or recreational.
Some schools are better designed for various activities. Cost to upgrade would be prohibitive.
That the City will attempt to usurp them in its misguided yet seemingly never ending and single minded pursuit of "density anywhere, anytime, at any cost"
There are MANY MANY more young families moving into Rutland Park and Sir James Loughheed will be thriving once again in very short order.
None, great value to communities.
They are typically in the heart of a community. The community counts on them for outdoor space. Any development needs to be INCREDIBLY sensitive to the houses around the site. If the area is low density, then it needs to stay low density!
parking, parent drop off, all need to be improved at all schools. You could probably share with something that would use the school site on the weekends without issues
Standards - like single story, single purpose buildings limit ability to be creative. Concerns with parents around safety. Liability. Complexity around partnerships to get something like this done. Community resistance. Change in established areas is the hardest.
Issues that would need to be considered: Safety, Security, Operational requirements, Custodial Services, Maintenance, Upgrades. I would suggest a legally binding Public, Private Partnership Agreement similar to the P3 agreements. Ample parking, Transit access, Field access for school athletics.
n/a
The architecture of schools should be built to adapt to evolving circumstances for this exact scenario. Existing standards should be modified in favour of new, innovative ideas that look to the future for adaptive reuse and potential add-ons to better maximize the use of land.
that schools are far away from a lot of families, and the schools that are built have dwindling populations as families want space and cheaper housing alternatives which can be found further out where no schools or gathering places are.
They are not built, and maybe can't be built easily as multi-purpose spaces.
Although it would be costly initially the cost could be re Cooperated.
The reserve designation on sites limits the use of sites and is onerous to remove. The City holds vacant school sites too long and the public confuses them with planned open space.
The challenges with the use can be ensuring that the space is used once built. It needs to fill a demand or need of some type. It can sit vacant and under-utilized if there isn't a need for it. The challenges for



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design includes parking, traffic and flow, integration into the overall appearance and theme of a community.
parking & garbage can be problem for those live near the school...
Densification and urban sprawl are working at odds with adequate planning. Approval of so many additional communities doesn't bode well for pragmatic planning of potential school sites or re-use for underutilized sites.
I have heard the land has to be sold at market value (so that the three school boards as well as the city gets their share of profits). This makes housing for medium income seniors difficult. That particular demographic does not qualify for affordable housing, but palatial seniors housing is out of their affordability.
Parking, transportation management, snow and ice removal from the streets and sidewalks that lead to and from the schools. Managing traffic flow at schools and roads around schools, at start and end times needs improvement city-wide. In the age of lockdowns and mass shootings - security and safety are extremely important.
Balancing the needs of the community with funding and sustainability. Ensure what is being put in place has long term support and resources
no limit to change of use for the building but would like to see reasonable consideration of continued saving of the green space for continued community use
None
School sites are a huge asset value underutilized due to historic political separation of school boards and municipal jurisdictions. There are modern configuration formats to address security - safety issues, new buildings should be built with more fulsome multi-use consideration and all old buildings should be reviewed for more fulsome use.
Suitability of the use to the dynamic of the neighbourhood
A publically funded catholic school district means that tax dollars are wasted on having two parrallel school systems with two sets of administration and two sets of designated sites.
Depending on construction, new development could have a significant impact on affected neighbours and existing community infrastructure.
Communities go through cycles. It seems short-sighted to eliminate schools when they might be needed again in a few years.
We have a site that will most likely never be used as a school and it's a prime land area in our community. Currently we can do very little with this land to provide amenities to our community.
security
None
Competing priorities among those using the site. MOU between all and collaboration would be needed.
vehicle traffic dropping off and picking up students, land space requirements, balance of indoor and outdoor space
The city is expanding at a rate where every few years new schools need to be built. Stop the sprawl and schools will last forever because new families will always be moving into neighborhoods.
Bring back programs such as Spanish, create schools with great reputations and families will move back into those areas. Creating Comm Assoc buildings when there is already a comm assoc blding does not make sense. There needs to be an effort to combine Catholic & Public -- an end to the barbaric segregation of children based on parents religion.
Old buildings are used for French Immersion/"alternate" programs and may have issues such as lack of windows, asbestos, poor ventilation. Some school sites should be improved to attract families. Expensive to power schools. Intro on-site power generation (solar etc) to offset costs.



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Overall design of a school may not fit the needs of these new ideas (water needs, HVAC etc)
I can't imagine the cost of maintaining these empty schools for any use in reality. It appears many of these buildings are very very old & the cost of deferred maintenance must be growing. Given the fact the government will not build new schools bussing from outlying districts to these existing schools will be needed for the foreseeable future.
Limited privacy; limited kitchen spaces; high use of water and electricity; not everything may be energy efficient and ventilation and pipes may need upgrading;
Each school site must fit the needs of the community, without catering to special interest groups (e.g. NIMBY against public housing, etc.)
Transportation and parking.
Loss of green space and tree canopy should be avoided at all costs. Do not bring massive traffic into these locations. Communities ebb & flow in demographic. New families come along. Encourage walking and wheeling to these sites.
I see a problem of the people who are against it and want to not have that in our spaces, and also teachers as well.

**What do you see as opportunities to improve the use and design of school sites?/ Selon vous, quelles sont les opportunités d'améliorer l'utilisation et la conception des sites scolaires?**

The plan must be clear with discernible parameters and be supported by the communities and the city and the city should not have discretion to make changes without community involvement in the decision making. Have community members on the decision making bodies.
Improve them to enhance community building in the local neighbourhood - play grounds, soccer fields, skating rinks.
More playgrounds, sporting areas and naturalization areas.
Parent/visitor parking and easier in/out flow of cars so not everyone is on the street. Plant CONIFEROUS trees.
to avoid more building and using space/nature in the suburbs. The focus should be to bring back living space/affordable housing/work space/recreation back to the city/to areas close to downtown. To avoid further traffic/highways/suburbs/unnecessary use of landscape and nature.
A large reason for choosing a place of education is the outdoor enrichment gained from an untouched greenspace where children can thrive and grow learning about nature and being stewards of our planet.
More outdoor recreational activities please! I want places to take my kids to learn to ride bikes that don't involve driving to get there. How about an outdoor pump track and bike park or skate park? A clubhouse for a soccer or rugby club that targets kids that works on developing the skills of kids under the age of 15?
Keep green spaces for our children
make it easier to use school facilities (and optimize their use) during non-school hours
Keep it as a recreation site, encourage kids to play outside so make fields/green spaces user friendly and appealing.
Leave as is.
Build daycare facilities and community centres near schools.
More playgrounds and naturalized areas.
Spray parks, skate parks, outdoor exercise facilities
Leave then as natural as possible where possible.





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If the needs of the community are taken into account then these changes can be positive. However, taking away green space - especially inner city green space - should not be excersised lightly and I personally apposed such decisions and actions!
Outdoor track, pump track, ball diamond, etc.
Designate it a city park for all to use
There are many thoughtful ways to utilise green spaces and parks to be community hubs that promote involvement and well being. Arts centres, pump tracks, sports courts, skateboard parks, and naturalisation areas are all wonderful ways to improve a community and life for its residents. Community feedback is vital. Thanks for keeping the survey open.
Amazing ways to maintain green spaces in the city.
I think the best use of these spaces would be for them to remain schools or green spaces.
The school site in Elbow Park has tremendous potential for green space development. It is a superb opportunity to continue its use for children's sports and also for park enjoyment for all ages. Walking paths, a wellness garden, trees shrubs and flowers also could be developed. Above all commercial development should NOT be entertained.
More recreational facilities.
Keep as open spaces, use as community gardens or walking spaces. Keep as recreational spaces.
Opportunities would include improvements that enrich and support the community, and offer the greater community additional resources such as a library, community activities (skating rink, playground, nature area, bike track), and/or filling a gap within that greater community (whether for a daycare, Montessori school, skating rink etc).
More trees. Opportunity for more city-led recreation.
Only if you increase the green space that currently exists.
the opportunity to provide more child care and affordable recreation areas for families
Higher utilization rates of the schools themselves ... after hours; weekends; during the summer; etc. Enhance the green space attached to the schools to be basic but functional and attractive recreational spaces as well as adult gathering places where practical.
<b>JUST KEEP GREEN SPACES</b>
School sites should have as much space and greenery surrounding them as possible to encourage imagination, recreation and freedom of play during all seasons (soccer, skating, trees climbing, etc...)
Leave it as is or make more formal recreation facilities that can be utilized by the school
More greenspace and parks!
"More maintenance on soccer fields baseball diamonds. Green spaces can't be sacrificed. Every blade of grass is precious we're so lucky in Calgary to have green spaces. Urbanizing or destroying those green spaces will turn c
Calgary into more of a concrete jungle than it already is. Having lived all over the world greenness of Calgary is breathtaking"
Having park space, bball courts, outdoor rinks, bike parks would bring more ppl to the areas to increase usage all day all year round
Keep as a green space
Keep open field
More green space
Looking at different use and design of school sites that preserve green space and provide shade for play through the use of tree canopies.
Leverage EXISTING school sites for recreational activities or private education.
They are fine. Back off you greedy tax grabbers! Pathetic.



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More green space, ensure separation from traffic.
Green space and areas for people to recreate
Leave space open to keep options open when school space is then needed again. If developed, short term gain may be replaced with long term pain. Summary of open space advantages: more exercise for kids (combating obesity epidemic), maintaining future options for potentially increased pupil volume if densification is achieved. Thanks.
Community resources. Basketball courts, fire pits, picnic tables, community garden, trees, gathering points for our communities to socialize and connect. Outdoor spaces to connect should be appreciated alot more these days as well.
please leave green spaces as green spaces.. we need open areas to recreate especially in our new normal.
Leave them as parks and green spaces for the community to enjoy
Enable more community gathering - improve playgrounds, picnic areas etc. A destination outside school hours.
Show great examples of what is already happening e.g. famers market, art space at old King Ed School. Learn from our mistakes, once we develop we can't get that greenspace back. Think carefully about keeping greenspace, or developing recreation, beautification
Increasing greenspace
As stated in the comments above, the community association can take over control of these sites, if approved by its residents, maintain them, and get input from the community as to how they want to use the site. IE: community gardens, sports fields, parks, outdoor fitness. etc. Property must remain non-taxable by the city.
Make sure they stay as open community spaces as much as reasonable.
Let community sport and groups use them more easily. Model Calgary on other successful, most desirable cities, and stop the sprawl. Focus on keeping existing communities vibrant and enjoyable. Rezone on the edges of communities that are the feeder streets easily accessible by transit.
There are great examples if anyone cares. Desirable communities have...and pay higher taxes for...why was this survey closed anyway? And then only opened for a few days? Not like real opinions matter....
Gentle simple landscaping, placement of simple benching and seating to encourage outdoor spaces for adult to chat and open general areas for kids to play should be retained and encouraged
Enhance community thru development of parks and recreation space
The opportunity is to allow for green space that gives a place for people to gather, children to play, organized sports to use that is ultimately available if and when a school site is needed. If this is developed for wither housing or commercial there will be no building site for a future school and will result in kids needed to be bused far away.
It be nice to see some of the lovely heritage buildings adapted to a more modern use, instead of torn down. Calgary needs to keep more heritage buildings.
If the kids are grown it means the parents are aging. The demographics today suggest increasing need for healthcare.
communities require expanded schools, classes are at maximum. Many areas aren't able to support school age population, siblings can't attend. Space should remain age appropriate. education/recreation. Health/treatment facilitie can locate anywhere within the city. Occupy the empty space with downturn. Green space not required, locate elsewhere
School sites do not need improvement, they should remain open green spaces. Neighborhoods should not only be about how many homes and buildings can be put on a land, any opportunity to keep open



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green spaces should be taken. Do not develop these sites, they are too important to the fabric of communities.
Do NOT develop PARK/ GREEN space! Let's keep green space as is! We don't need to develop everything. Green space equals healthier, more cohesive communities. That is a POSITIVE thing!
PLEASE JUST LEAVE THESE SPACES OPEN AND GREEN
Je crois que l'environnement devrait être pris en compte dans la conception et l'utilisation de sites scolaires, et que l'impact des mesures de protection de l'environnement serait ainsi mieux ressenti au sein de la communauté.
Utiliser les terrains sportifs après les heures de classe au niveau communautaire. Encourager les jeunes à utiliser les terrains.
Toujours penser a la communaute qui s'y rattache. S.V.P, vous devriez utiliser les services d'un traducteur francophone. Les questions et le textes sont clairement traduits du francais. C'est pitoyable.
Tenir compte de l'augmentation de la démographie
Difficile à évaluer.
Des espace dedier seulement au air de jeu et terrain pour jouer pour les familles et enfants. Endroit separer pour pratiquer des sports dequipes.
I like how schools sites are currently used. I agree however with adding more uses when the school premises are not in use (e.g. in the evenings, weekends, holidays, etc.). Those uses can still be educational, social, cultural, etc.
They are architecturally boring. We need to be bold in our vision for creating buildings that last only 20+, and instead aim for buildings that last 500 years!
En pensant à long terme on peut construire les bâtiments en ayant en tête que l'école n'en sera peut-être pas toujours une. Elle pourrait devenir un centre de loisir pour les adultes et offrir des activités appropriées.
Vendre ces établissements à des organisations privées ou les donner à des organisations à but non lucratif
Combiner des services / utilisation pour les site scolaire (exemple: éducation continue, bibliothèque, salle communautaire)
Système de réservation
Créer des espaces polyvalents pouvant être utilisés pour des activités complémentaires à l'école. Exemple : centre culturel, centre de loisirs en été, camp de vacances, espace sportif,...
Ça serait bon d'utiliser les espaces comme le gymnase de l'école pour louer pour des programmes comme les scouts ou la danse pour que nos enfants peuvent faire partie de ces sortent de programmes dans un milieu français qui est proche de chez nous.
Je ne sais pas.
prévoir la 'deuxième vie' des écoles et les construire en conséquence: conversion à coûts minimes.
Continuer à valoriser les sites pour usages communautaires avec des installations qui peuvent être utilisées par les groupes scolaires (jeux d'eau, court de tennis ou basketball, locaux a doubles usages (ex: salles communautaire et gymnase pour l'école) pour s'assurer que ces lieux demeurent important pour la communauté dans le temps.
Plus de sécurité pour les parcs par exemple, plus de contrôle dans les budgets pour eviter des dépenses inutiles, creation de plus d activités pour les adolescents, accessibles en bus ou train.
S'assurer que les champs d'écoles soient aussi conçus pour l'utilisation par la communauté.
" - Mettre plus de végétation (arbres - Sensibiliser les usagers quant la propreté) - Utilisation de matières respectant les animaux et l'environnement



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- Faire des campagnes participatives avec les habitants afin de nettoyer les espaces de jeux des déchets."
"Demander les suggestions aux enseignants qui vont l'utiliser / utiliser un site semblable.
Ne pas se fier essentiellement à un architecte mais se demander comment le site sera utilisé dans les faits au jour le jour."
Having multi use space
make them more friendly for use by families on weekends and summer. Playgrounds, picnic tables, etc
More natural play areas and outdoors classrooms space. Garden to learn where food comes from that can be community shared. Incorporate cultural element like sculpture, totems, etc Many school sites are just a big green soccer field, lacks interactive and engaging areas.
C'est une bonne idée de réimaginer les emplacement non-utiliser mais nous devons toujours priorisé les élèves et les enseignants.
Il faut qu'ils soient écologiques, que l'esthétique ne ressemble pas à celle d'une prison et que les espaces soient pensés par rapport aux besoins de la société actuelle (non plus uniquement blanche, hétéro, cisnormative et americano-centrée).
More security pour Les enfants
Permettre aux gens de participer à l'élaboration de projets qu'ils ont à coeur et bon pour la communauté où ils vivent.
D'avoir la collaboration de la ville pour les projets reliés à l'éducation
This would be a great opportunity to improve the lives of those who live and raise families in Kingsland. The community is experiencing a turnover of residents. All new buyers I've met (10+ in last 2 years) are young families. The mix of senior citizens to young families is a nice balance and more green space would attract more young families.
Flexibility and ease of access for the population as needed.
Perhaps reform the boards of education so these institutions become useful and relevant again so we do not necessitate this ridiculous dialogue of re-purposing our children's futures. Your plans of "modernization" will be met with resistance at all fronts.
Designing a huge school building initially is not always better when it comes to repurposing it later in life. Separate from the building, the park / green space must always remain. There is to little of it in Calgary already
More active transportation options should be embraced and emphasized.
In British Columbia there's a common design where you a community theatre or Arts Centre shares a site. This provides cultural learning opportunities for students, and also optimizes things like parking (schools typically need parking 8-ish - 3:30-ish, theatres from 7-ish - 10-ish). École de la Source shares grounds with Acadia Community Gardens.
Make it multi-use. Rink, homework, gym, etc
To have more communal space in our community
The biggest opportunities are to use these sites to build and promote a greater sense of community, to foster education and the arts (eg. Libraries, art, music etc) and to also bring these areas "to life" beyond the school day.
keep government out of it. that includes municipal since our local gov can't plan their way out of a wet paper bag.
incorporate features found in parks, trees, picnic tables, etc.
Better use of land space, opportunity for more green space, playgrounds, dog parks, community gardens, outdoor meeting spaces etc.
More than one school per site if possible.



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challenges are opportunities- we can improve how we live as a community with services that we need being close by.
Using them as part of the community, green spaces and playgrounds, dog parks. Retaining parks in our communities
Being creative & flexible with underutilized buildings.
Recommissioning schools for community use
Should be used for members of that community as free green space
Allow more use of outdoor activities such as ice and roller skating with additional tarmac or ramps/benches
A more integrated design that speaks to the needs of a community and it's demographic (now and in the future)
Our neighborhood is changing again I think. Lots of families are buying old houses and renovating. Kingsland school would probably be able to be used as an elementary school again in a few years .
Community engagement
Add playgrounds. Make soccer fields. Provide children with a place to have fun outside.
School sites are fabulous locations to increase green space use for outdoor recreation.
These spaces offer a place for kids to run around and play tag, fly kites, bike...and for residents to gather on weekends. My view is that these spaces should be left as they are. They are valuable for our City's beauty and the health of kids and families. So much is being said these days about mental health, and these open spaces really help!
Maintenance and cleaning services
more funding, more events, they should be seen and supported as green spaces for everyone.
More natural play and grow areas (tree stumps for climbing and playing on, community/school grow plots) in all levels of schools (don't forget about high schools!!!)
None
Communities need recreation for all ages including seniors. Indoor and outdoor
Allow the rental of school gymnasiums for roller skating activities and add a kitchen to the gymnasiums of future School builds to allow for more multi uses
They can be protected and enhanced as open spaces for the use of all residents. Enhancement can include trees, open space, benches and tables.
Enrich and develop community.
Opportunity to create more park like conditions with trees and gardens than the barren field that is typical. Playgrounds and sports fields for use outside of school hours
Some urban planning within the school site itself! We need to encourage cross-programming an this will B d an urban planner could bring the present need (kids and learning), the future need ( senior programming, adult education) together in a planful manner.
I want to see the green space preserved as much as possible. Plant more trees! No more condos please. We need to preserve outdoor spaces for exercise and to get help restore some balance to nature, give places for small birds and insects to thrive and for people to get outside for walks or outside time.
The buildings could be reused as housing or rec centres. I don't think the locations would support commercial zoning.
Green spaces and playgrounds should be turned into parks.
make them actual park space until they are used
A place for both the elderly and the young to mix. Bring the community together in a place of common enjoyment. We need to embrace the community concept if were going to improve of way of life.



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Close populations already exist in close proximity to these sites therefore there is already an audience in place for modified or new purpose.
Green space for activities and sports is the best way to use these areas. Recreational facilities can help people stay active and healthy.
We absolutely do not need any more housing density in Kingsland, we have done our part.
Force the CBE and CSSD to give the land back to the city so the spaces become usable. Demolish existing buildings that do nothing (or will never be used) in order to develop functional sites, not shoehorning into existing, dated buildings
Engagement with surrounding communities.
Please do the right thing and develop the FULL Kingsland school site into green space. If you want to address Health, Equity, Climate, Accessibility Issues in Kingsland please develop the Entire Kingsland school lots into OUTDOOR recreation GREEN space.
Make it useful to the rest of the community such as Pickleball with Covid we should be outside and getting exercise. Much better use for out tax dollars instead of just sitting there not used, school even when in class is only for 9 months of the year. Please put in Pickleball courts at Rosscarrock school site.
Forward mapping the sites, look at all possibilities and try to have multiple plans forward rather than locking yourselves into one track while the world changes around us.
Schools are overcrowded. 15-20 students per class maximums. If there are available educational spaces to get class sizes down that remains a need and a priority. I removed my son from public school for that reason. He was sick all the time. He was not progressing because there is no one on one time with teachers. And bullying from overcrowding.
Making it appropriate for more than just educating children
Add trees and interesting walking paths to encourage people to use them
Use them as parks with walking paths.
New school sites have huge opportunities. Children are only in school for part of the day leaving the facility empty for long periods and over holidays. Schools should be designed so that the public can share parts of the school site such as incorporating recreational facilities, churches, community centres etc into one site.
Keeping off-leash dogs away from children in the playground areas with appropriate areas for both parties.
Sidewalks on all 4 quadrants. So many lack this fundamental basic. More Trees for shade. Outdoor seating & tables for eating. (Why isn't their any?) should be more than a dozen tables at each school. benches and seating) Covered entries. Secured Bike storage lockers. Rename to fit the community rather than some long dead Coronel. Paint fun colours.
Build a better community, Kingsland is divided not only physically by major roads but by income, it would be great to start having the people on the north end be able to easily access community services and events that are typically located in the south end of the neighborhood. Decentralized the community hall so all can enjoy the amenities.
If the infrastructure is underutilized, then it ought to be put to use.
Make this area a beautiful green space that engages the community to get outdoors. Make walkways around the site. It could be an area for outdoor events.
Inclusion of nature and access to cultural centres like indefinite arts
Do not let them continue to sit vacant and rundown
Designing new schools in a way that walls can be re-arranged or removed to allow for quick access or to be used for other uses such as after school recreation.



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Invite the public in and get us involved. Let city planning student loose on us: workshops, committees...It works!
Turn empty schools into public meeting places (libraries, gyms, sports, childcare, retail shops, farmers markets)
-Consider an optimal blend that meets the needs of residents now and into the future -Create green space within a community -Explore opportunities to partner with other organizations to create community hub scenarios.
Make them gathering spaces instead of deteriorating, creepy buildings! All the possibilities listed above would be fabulous for our community.
More affordable housing and treatment for substance abuse.
Making them multi-generational and ensuring they can be active on weekends, evenings and summer
plant trees to replace the canopy that is being removed with residential infill construction. Improve the public realm for mobile users to get to these sites. The gym areas and craft rooms could be better used off school hours. Reclassify as parks to meet park needs of MDP 50% ^ population growth in area URBAN FORREST sites
maintain older schools.this would encourage younger people to move into older areas.Kingsland s population is growing and we will need schools and recreation facilities to keep our community attractive
Make them flexible. As school needs decline they can be used for other community purposes with the intention of leaving the site available for school needs in the future.
Use part of or all to provide services specific to the community and area. Maintain facilities (or at least the land) for potential renewal when more kids in the community. Build community shop/gathering place (not everyone has access to a shop), nice coffee shop (windows/view)
A shop (ie. woodworking , metal, art, etc) for community area residents to work on projects. These facilities could be operated by Community Associations, maintained through City grant structures. Develop them as 'Gathering Centres' for community area residents...community building.
Add a pickleball court, landscaping, benches, picnic tables, playground equipment, small covered stage, dog run.....to name a few. Using this space so Kingsland could be included in city festivals
Make the schools open and welcoming to community associations and the community at large for recreational and cultural programming.
Bring cultural services from the centre of the city into neighbourhoods. Artist studios, office space, incubation space, performance space for varied cultural groups and practices. Opportunities for innovative small business and culture to mix. C Space is a great example!
Leverage community associations and empower communities to direct the plan, seek landscape design and landscape design competitions, outdoor education spaces for ALL, truly accessible play grounds, reinvesting where struggling with crime, combine environ performance (storm water, bee gardens, solar, reduced hardscape, indigenous input) with design.
Increased green spaces
As long as density is not the overriding requirement our location would make a beautiful gathering area for community residents with park facilities, recreation and playground, picnic tables all in the middle of our community
School sites should be school sites. Greed will make sure that doesn't happen in Calgary. We have a city designed for roads, and run by greedy developers. Evidence is there. Or we have rec centres and housing no one can afford. No wonder so many people are leaving the cit



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<p>All new neighborhoods in Calgary should have designated school sites built into the plans. I strongly believe the developers of these neighborhoods should contribute the cost of building those schools as well as setting aside land.</p>
<p>Mostly, more community engagement and programming.</p>
<p>Park space, natural playgrounds, interactive playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, community gardens, outdoor educational space, interesting park with benches for seniors to enjoy and gather, outdoor games i.e. chess. Definitely NOT to be used for buildings!</p>
<p>ensure drainage is good, snow clearing can be done with easy access and somewhere to put snow, ease of access to deliver gym and music equipment etc.</p>
<p>Working with other stakeholders. Planning for transitions into other facilities when enrollment drops, so that it could be transitioned back to a school again if needed</p>
<p>Help the schools build and replace playgrounds</p>
<p>More places for community to gather. Re purpose instead of always knocking down</p>
<p>An opportunity for these sites to be used to their full potential for longer periods of the day and more time throughout the year. (ie: more use in the evenings and summer months)</p>
<p>Opportunities to coordinate preschool childcare and before and after school care in the same building. Libraries that could share dollars for reading materials and computer usage with schools. Recreation space that meets the needs of student sports as well as community sports.</p>
<p>These spaces are important resources and can be re-purposed for periods when population shifts require it.</p>
<p>Mixed use, flexible, multi story. Better traffic calming, good ped and bike connections.</p>
<p>Build a multi use building at the beginning of a new community</p>
<p>Better amenities, services, density/sustainability. Convenience. Casual conversations with neighbours/social. Gathering spaces. Innovation. A sense of activity and connection to community. More public benefit for more people with this public space. More futureproofed design.</p>
<p>Booking school sites for community use must be improved. Schools do not directly benefit from Parks &amp; Rec bookings of their facilities. When booking school Music rooms, where community groups get much needed access to specialized equipment, the school music pgm. gets wear &amp; tear but no compensation, discouraging community use. This needs to change.</p>
<p>Take buildings up rather than out and incorporate appropriate uses that serve a community and are not for profit. So not commercial, residential, or private for-profit schools. Keep the green space available for parks and outdoor community use.</p>
<p>Outdoor classrooms and community garden would be appropriate. But do not take away green space.</p>
<p>There are so many boarded up school sites across the city. Adaptive re-use, joint use, and new partnerships mean communities are safe and connected. These make them more attractive to families with the potential to ideally re-open some closed schools.</p>
<p>I would like to see JUCC sites that have nothing on them usable for the community. Some communities have these sites sitting empty and the demographics point to not having enough kids to support a school in the future so would be good to see the site used by the community for allowed purposes (gardens and other amenities).</p>
<p>Two storey elementary schools.</p>
<p>Maintain the building and use it for private or charter schools, community centres, etc. There should be no new buildings constructed on these sites.</p>
<p>Most school sites are vast wastelands of featureless turf. Think quality not quantity; additional uses and structures might present an opportunity to provide better sense of enclosure and place, serve as a</p>





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windbreak, or create other opportunities. Obviously there are some minimum needs for certain activities (eg soccer pitch dimensions).
I would see them becoming community hubs - live work play if you will.
I could see a developer being willing to fund a good portion of the cost of a school if they could keep the air rights over the school to creating housing. I appreciate some control is required but that is easily solvable.
Please take note of the very short timing on responses for this survey during a vaccine roll out. Do not sell off our public spaces with new nomenclature jargon to try and disguise your desire to sell more land, get whatever payoff council gets from developers and walk away. We have had enough.
They can be more integrated into communities, rather than standalone auto-oriented sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reduce the school boards power in the discussions. They get free land so they don't worry about how to make it efficient.</li> <li>- make them pay for the land and we will see innovation to reduce costs. 2 story schools.</li> <li>- make the school board recognize that these are community joint use facilities needed beyond just their needs.</li> </ul>
Sell or lease the buildings to private or charter schools as the CBE does. Possibly lease the land for private gardens or restaurant use for growing vegetables and local produce. Encourage schools to build naturalization spaces and maintain (eg. WO Mitchell School in Silver Springs) Keep it GREEN. Teaching children to be a part of the care.
Better lighting and playgrounds would attract more families. Improved services such as mini CPS/EMS stations, medical, child care would attract and keep people in the neighbourhoods. Adapting schools as the community changes (ie K-3 now but K-8 later....).
Ensure the site retains trees and open spaces to allow for play and organized sports.
Daycare! Tons of established communities are teaming with little kids with insufficient options for daycare.
More common space
The ability to coordinate and share resources between boards and the City.
Keep working towards building all new schools with accessibility in mind. Keep finding opportunities for school spaces (gyms etc) to be used by the community when students are not there.
I love the idea of daycare -through education spaces where parents and communities can have one central care and education space. Libraries and rec facilities are perfect complementary uses, as are culture and art spaces. Even Seniors day-programming mixing with the kids and daycare uses is a fantastic opportunity.
Shrink the school footprint, build up, combine playgrounds/sports fields with other schools/CA/HOA/RA
You don't need 23 ac for a high school & the like.
More opportunities/programs/school trips for the school children to participate in that may not have been provided when the opportunity was off site.
Incorporating more onsite childcare and community after school and weekend programming are the biggest opportunities I see.
for new spaces, using knowledge of spaces that can be fluid and changing
If a school site is no longer required it should be repurposed as a park, sports site, community garden or other outdoor space. If a school building is already on site it should continue to be used for the purpose for which it was built unless it is deemed unfit for use.



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More focus on the multi use outdoor space for the use of the community. Such as gardens, play areas, basketball, soccer, baseball etc
Make them community friendly and useful for outdoor activities.
It would be great if the school's gymnasiums could be available to non-school users. Similarly, it would be nice if the libraries were also available to the public - although perhaps not as practical given the books are targeted to the age/language of kids. The soccer fields are shared which is great but should allow sheds for equipment storage.
Incorporating more green space, planting trees, developing pathways and community gardens, creating a beautiful space where people want to gather - whether there is a school there or not. Income can be generated by the community if needed by renting the facilities for weddings, garden plots, etc.
More flexibility for parents to choose where they send their children would help keep older schools more utilized. Specialty schools (e.g. arts, science emphasis) are something that can be done to make better use of sites. Combining schools with pre-school / daycare is efficient and meets modern needs.
Unless you're turning it into a park, nothing.
More attention to green space. Build them taller instead of wider to maintain green space.
No. No. No. it is a terrible idea to go down this path. LEAVE THE GREEN SPACES AND THE SCHOOLS ALONE!!!
Used by community on evenings and weekends
The complete life cycle of the buildings should be included during the design stage, so that the site can change over the years with the community. School sites are important green spaces in communities.
Make accessible after hours for technology use by community members
For the city of Calgary to stop eyeing them up and have them remain under the purview and control of the Provincial government.
Encourage family housing instead of destroying communities by building condo buildings. Have community activities at school sites, playgrounds and open green spaces to enjoy the outdoors
Playgrounds and fields can be used after school hours by the public.
Buildings could be updated and be more architecturally pleasing.
school sites can and should be incorporated with community association or community buildings... this is a great way to share resources and make the buildings useful for more than just the school day
Combine it with a community Centre and maybe a library but please leave the outdoor space for the kids!
If they became artists sites giving a space for artists to do their crafts and sell them, making it a coop so they are paying for the space and giving back. There could be festivals in the area and allowing people in the community to meet each other. Maybe indoor gardens for year round vegetables for the community.
School sites should be prioritized to meet the needs of the students and children, not others. This does not truly improve the community, even though it appears to be an efficient and effective use of space, it's a quick, cheap fix. The city should have a solid, proper plan to meet the needs of the communities as they arise.
start having the city look after maintain the green space, the outside of schools need painting. Instead of the city employees getting 12% increase in salary, perhaps the city is better to use the finances on school buildings & green space
Bringing community agencies together for the betterment of the community.
As communities become denser, green spaces would be used more frequently both informally and for organized sports. We need to have these things available within our communities so that it isn't necessary to drive somewhere for contact with nature
Idk
Leave as open free play green space



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Create co-use spaces. For example, every new school should have a public library attached to it, and gymnasiums bookable for evening use.
Spend less on building new schools and more on renovating existing schools with thought to providing adequate transportation to/from schools.
Opportunities are education and especially language courses for newcomers. A place for them to learn the language and city regulations and opportunities for the community to embrace newcomers. Also a place for recreational purposes and okay spaces for the community. Not more and more development..taking green spaces away!
Living walls, roof gardens, green buildings need to be incorporated.
Enhancing them exclusively as community amenity spaces that can be now be used for the benefit of all Calgarians not just primarily school aged ones as was the case when the schools were still operating
Change Sir James Lougheed into a community school again - not just a boy's school but a school that serves ALL the children in the neighborhood.
More trees, landscape care, sports fields, etc.
Minimize any development. Upgrade the park space if the funds are available.
I do think you could make them multi-use but the kids quality of education and recess and outdoor free time should not be compromised.
Opportunity to showcase how you can really do something different. start small and pilot. bring in an amenity the community really is asking for to buy their support. Get the community involved early on. All new schools should be done this way from the get go so you don't get the resistance to change once people are used to it being one way.
Other uses should benefit the existing school, the students, and community so they can co-exist in harmony. Shared use of Gyms and Gathering spaces should be encouraged. Design should include multiple use spaces. Schools can also be used for Elections, meaning alot of people and traffic descending a school all at once.
Inclusion of outdoor stages, electricity on the fields and seating stands.
I think overall site efficiencies should be explored. Significant land is required for these school sites and not always used as effectively as possible. Some joint use sites are terrific right now and do a great job; we should look at what makes some successful and find ways to adapt others to be more successful (i.e. building design, reuse, etc.)
more schools, that are smaller with a mixed use design such as daycare, recreation space, community hall. all sharing costs.
Equity amongst facilities in the 4 quadrants of the city is important. Have recreation (gyms), training (weight rooms), fine arts facilities (theatres) and access to before/after school care would be wonderful!
build on vacant school sites once neighborhood are complete or sites are vacant for more than 20 years
Developing schools is always an opportunity. Class sizes are too big as it is. Investing in schools will pay for itself. Perhaps developing schools that are comprised of classrooms from all school boards would be beneficial to eliminate the need to have two different schools for two different faiths or organizations. It may lead to synergies.
Use the school facilities for evening & weekend drop in sport recreation - when I was living in BC, our middle & high school gyms were open for families drop in sport, we paid a family drop in fee or individual fee.
Create a process that allows for new user groups or emerging sports to be able to access prime booking times. An easy to navigate booking site with visibility of multiple sites would help in utilization and awareness of availability. accessible indoor spaces when no regular scheduled group is using it for community and citizens to gather.



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<p>Not making it so difficult and complicated to repurpose school sites for seniors housing. I understand 2 Calgary schools are closing in June related to low attendance (in Haysboro and Bridgeland). This is the perfect opportunity to provide seniors housing for medium income seniors.</p>
<p>School sites can be utilized to a much higher extent for after school activities and activities during the days, weeks and months when classes are not in. This massively expensive infrastructure is operating at an extremely inefficient level. That includes from a financial, environmental perspective, and a whole-life-cycle community perspective.</p>
<p>Create more community social and recreational spaces. Schools are natural community hubs and we have not been maximizing the potential of these spaces. We need school boards to allow the community to use these facilities and resources. More access and inclusion models.</p>
<p>public/catholic shared facilities along with community services such as pools, gyms, libraries. green space at schools should be community space as well and developed as such to be compatible with school use.</p>
<p>School sites as well as the existing buildings have the ability to be easily transformed into community hubs. There is an amazing opportunity to revitalize these spaces and create vibrant community spots that are active, welcoming, and community focussed. Keeping these site as local/community-oriented as possible should be a key consideration</p>
<p>Not just election day voting, minor evg use for Girl Guides, but fulltime community use such as childcare for pre-schoolers, public health clinics, increased recreation multi-users.</p>
<p>Change unused school grounds to small, high density housing projects, but not “ affordable housing”. Something suitable to the neighbourhood. Keeping a good portion of the park space is a must.</p>
<p>The main thing is that I would like to see the school site stay in the public realm considering it was paid for with public dollars.</p>
<p>Schools should be designed to be more modular to adapt to community life cycle; decreasing in building size as population decreases but also visa versa as well. Leveraging school facilities after hours and summer periods for other groups; removing barriers that exist today.</p>
<p>Education should be our priority. Let's find ways to keep as many neighbourhood schools open by sharing the space when numbers decrease. The school boards need to collaborate with community groups.</p>
<p>Have an actual roadmap of when the site could become a school. I've lived in my community for 10 years with a school site that is not coming. If it's not coming for another 10 that's 20 years of an empty field that could've been used in our community.</p>
<p>mixed used to start</p>
<p>Better parks, more than just basic soccer fields. There is an opportunity to incorporate natural spaces, different sports, cultural artifacts, etc</p>
<p>Holistic supports and services in the local community. Active spaces to be used by community members.</p>
<p>Regular evening and weekend hours - include amenities that are open set hours after school to create vibrant community hubs</p>
<p>The school itself needs to be accessible after hours for community leagues and sports. EG: Lions club, Cubs, girl guides, dance groups, etc.</p>
<p>More gym spaces that can be rented out, recreation options like tennis courts basket ball courts</p>
<p>Create modular buildings that can be taken apart &amp; moved where needed</p>
<p>Eliminate Catholic/Public segregation of children based on parents religion and all the waste that is created with dual systems</p>
<p>Put the cost of play parks used by 5-12yr olds into a park that can be used by every age</p>
<p>Create schools w great reputations and families will move back</p>



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Lack of access to natural areas which is key to curriculum. Budgets for schools should include playgrounds and landscaping. Developers should leave natural areas on site
Using the buildings on the weekends seems like a natural fit - legal and liability reasons may make this difficult, but it seems like it would be a good fit?
I believe the province designs school sites so this question is irrelevant.
School sites can be transformed into many different uses with a little imagination and ingenuity and wise use of resources
School sites can be utilized to enhance communities. While it may be inappropriate to commercialize them, I believe that housing, daycares, and community facilities can be built on these sites.
Shared spaces between the community and school. Combine our efforts, not divide.
Focus on uses that would be of benefit to the community and area residents. Offer support for new immigrants with language training and practical assistance (for example). Offer childcare to attract people working nearby.
I think that this is a great idea because not only are you interacting with the school community, but your also having fun as well, right now we have a lacking in that need in our city and it should be changed for public purposes and access.

## Verbatim - Industry

***The uses identified in the previous question may reduce the available park space on the site of a multi-use school facility. What do you see as issues or opportunities in using park space for these facilities?***

Daycare would include less time between facilities for parents in the mornings, libraries would offer more choice and availability to students, the rest I selected would require park space.
Calgary has a cold climate, people often avoid outdoors in the cold. A new rec facility in a school field is a no brainer for increased utilization.
Build up, not out. right-size playfields to the communities they serve. pathways and passive spaces likely get more utilization year round than ball diamond and soccer fields. Abandoned or vacant school building should retain reserve status mu not municipal school reserve status. If a school was never built is should not retain MSR status. All sites should remain reserve until built. If schools are never built, they should remain community reserve until another use is found with no funds going to the JU Reserve.

***What do you see as opportunities for industry to help shape the role of schools and joint use sites as anchors in creating community hubs?***

Land being leased at low rates to private or P3 groups to build and run niche rec facilities
Only site that have a school should be designated school reserve. Unused sites should be desifnated as community reserve. If schools are never built MR/MSR status is a significant impediment to redevelopment for any future use

***What do you see as challenges for the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?***



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not enough land provided
Neighbours having NIMBYism
Over dedication of MSR is communities takes away from opportunities for public open space for residents to enjoy near their homes

**What do you see as opportunities to improve the design and construction of communities, schools and infrastructure in relation to schools and joint use sites?**

not sure why school boards should have a majority representation on JUCC which is responsible for the review and approval of open other open spaces amenities in communities. Why not more representation from industry?
Increased utilization of sites. School parking lots are empty at night.
Provide larger budgets so we don't have to choose function over extras

**What about the process for determining school sites currently works well?**

na
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**What about the process for determining school sites could be improved?**

na
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**Verbatim – Recreation Groups**

**What types of activities do you conduct using school facilities?**

Playground equipment, gym etc
school ground naturalization and biodiversity conservation and stewardship
Music rehearsals
Cadets Canada
Daughter in school. Family bikes to playground at multiple school sites in the community. Community Association has evening programs in the school gym. I vote at the school during federal, provincial, and municipal elections.
Playground use, outdoor meetings space for Girl Guides, soccer, basketball
Sports, small events
Soccer, playing on playgrounds, ice skating, basketball
outdoor spaces: rec frisbee, walking, picnics
School and recreation
Pickleball
none
Sometimes use the fields to run on
School, elections, daycare, after school care, sports programs



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Playing on playgrounds, soccer on fields, basketball or bike riding on pavement, tobogganing, jumping in muddy puddles
Our school council is looking to do a large grounds project to build more, shared facilities - outdoor classroom, sport court, gardens, tree and outdoor seating. We think it could be great for comm and pathway users. Now, I mostly walk through.
sports, recreational play
Learning at school, using the playground and field, some after school programming.
My kids play on the playground and in our outdoor treed area outside school hours. It's a gathering place for neighbourhood kids for free play and Nerf gun battles.
None, other than my kids going to school.
If cost allowed: we would run community programs, community association AGM, and more.
"Soccer
Family nights
Parent development series "
Scout group meeting
Practices, training, academy, intra club scrimmages - teams and club
Soccer
Would like access to the gymnasiums out of school hours (when not being used by the school) for community members to play volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, yoga, tai chi, etc... need some sort of funding from the city to enable supervision while the site is used for out of school uses.
Youth sports
General play, soccer, cricket, kite flying
The playgrounds for children to play outside school hours, flying a kite in the fields,
I attend school events and teach in a school. Have voted in schools. Attended sports and special school events in school fields.
We use the field for sports and the playground for my children to play on.
Playgrounds, dog walking, playing games like bocce ball and softball
School events (like after hours movie nights, school dances, art exhibits) and recreational activities (karate)
School, soccer and softball.
Walking, running, kids playing soccer, tennis etc.
Volleyball
As the closest city park near me is an off leash dog park I like to use school facilities land as a place to take our grandchildren to play at the park. In the winter I cross country ski or snow shoe on the fields.
basketball, playground, flying kites, cross country skiing, bike riding
Soccer, baseball, schools, playgrounds, jogging,
Soccer training/games
None
High School sports, rugby, football, soccer, field hockey, track & field, basketball, volleyball, badminton.
Education, athletic practices and tournaments, voting stations, citizenship ceremonies, outdoor recreation at parks or in fields.
pickleball
Playground activities and summer events in the nearby green space.
Athletics and fine arts performances
Walking through yard, voting



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Recreation
sports
Playground play, field games (bocci ball, spike ball, softball)
Youth sports activities at community playfields, primarily softball and baseball; also use school gymnasias for indoor sports practice
Attending school, kids and their friends use the fields and playgrounds outside of school hours informally, organized community recreation activities in evenings like soccer, baseball, etc, and lots of outdoor 10-person workouts during Covid.
Playgrounds, soccer, baseball, basketball
Soccer practices and games
Soccer training & games.
Church services
Recreation
Frisbee walking use the playground equipment
none because apparently the school can't let anyone use it for anything - between permitting, CBE risk, cost, etc, it's just unfeasible right now.
These spaces like parks allow many opportunities for individual activities one being exercise in all form including play. These spaces like parks again offer a mental reset and a calming that can only happen with green spaces and a physical departure from the chaos of the city. the larger the city gets the more not less green spaces are needed.
activites scolaires - structure de jeu pour les enfants
I didn't know you could use school facilities!

## What types of activities would you use school facilities for in the future?

activites scolaires - espace de jeu en dehors du temps scolaire
Rec sports
Badminton, basketball, floor hockey, marching bands training etc
more naturalization, community gardens for both. food security and supporting native pollinators and biodiversity
Music rehearsals
Cadets Canada training
Activities mentioned in previous question will continue. Daughter will continue with school. Family bikes to playground at multiple school sites in the community. Community Association has evening programs in the school gym. Election officials continue to have access to schools for vote of the electors.
Outdoor recreation
Larger events, wedding receptions, sporting events
Indoor events
same
School and recreation
Pickleball
Reading classes for newcomers
If I had kids, would use the soccer fields, etc more. Place to throw the ball for the dog.
Daycare/child care, sports program, library, school, summer camps, community programs (like community association), art programs, choir practice, dance class, language classes,





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Same as above. Cross country skiing.
WE need to think of this as public space - less fences and separation of school from community sports, recreational play, meetings, art,
After school programming including sports & art & tech & other enrichment programs .
This would depend on the facilities available. I'd love to see more outdoor recreation facilities that could be used by the community. Where appropriate, it would be great to open schools to evening and weekend use for community groups as well, particularly in areas where there aren't similar community facilities.
Could have meetings, learning opportunities, community interaction.
Community association meetings, events, programs. Examples: AGM, dances, roller skating events, markets, community events.
Sports, kids art programs, parent development meetings, retiree events, art exhibits etc
Scout group meetings
Practices, training, academy, intra club scrimmages - teams and club; younger league games of fields and facilities were better suited
Soccer
Basketball, volleyball floor hockey ... Taichung, yoga, gymnastics for kids on Saturdays... perhaps place for group craft activities or lessons
Gyms: community sports and perhaps as weekend theatre rental, for schools with a stage set up. Other than that schools should be just for the kids
Youth sports
Same
playing in the playground after school hours, flying kites, team sports like soccer, or softball
The same activities but mostly just work related.
sports and playground play
I would like them to be designed for all ages and stages of the community. Not only for school aged parents and children. We need to activate these precious dead spaces and ensure they can be used YEAR Round and by EVeryone
More recreational activities, it gets the space used and puts a little money into the school fund
School, soccer and softball.
Walking, running, kids playing soccer, tennis, picnics
Volleyball
I would use it for evening classes. If the gym was open maybe the city could use it for pickle ball? or any other physical activity. We have no sports complexes near us so this would be nice.
basketball, playground, kite flying, cross country skiing, bike riding, rollerblading, baseball games
I think there is adequate use on the sites.
Soccer training/games
Gym
Same as above.
Mask making
Education, athletic practices and tournaments, voting stations, citizenship ceremonies, outdoor recreation at parks and in fields.
more pickleball
Meetings, events, and outdoor festivals, maybe a bike or skate park.
The same



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Sending kids to school
Recreation
sports
playground play, field activities,
The same as above. In the US I have seen school gym spaces rented out which was great, and also gym spaces used by churches. While I understand the risks of mixing aggressive dogs and kids, and issues with people not picking up after their dogs, I would like to see the green spaces be a place where we could also have our dogs. Calgary segregates every recreational activity into different spaces which seems ridiculous.
As above
Soccer practices and games
Soccer
Church services
Sports
Same as above
community organized sports, private bookings for sports use, community events, private bookings for educational use, community meetings. Most uses would probably be accommodated in the gym, library, or school yard.
See above comment.
Community group meetings, recreational use of gymnasium and/or equipment for kids' after school programming

## ***What about the process for booking school facilities currently works well?***

It is hard to navigate
Unknown
N/A
Generally there are no double bookings. Once the permits are given, things are usually trouble-free. Booking staff are helpful and knowledgeable
Reasonably well,
Very little about booking school facilities work well because it seems to require a connection through the Community Association (CA) to work with Calgary Parks. The issue becomes if the CA does not want to advance your idea.
I'm not sure it works well at all
Nothing
Not sure
n/a
I didn't know you could!
Thornccliffe works good. Basically email or call them. It works fine.
"never used it
"
Don't use
Most people don't know you should book fields - they just use them. Need more of this. Also, gym and building bookings should be more open and shared.
online



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Not sure
I have never booked a school facility.
Didn't know that there is a process and didn't know that school facilities could be booked.
It is online.
I have no idea. Our club does but I feel like it's not as streamlined as it could be
Easy to rebook same times and locations
Having precedent status on a field from the previous season so that we can plan to use the field again is very important.
Not much
The schools in our community are unavailable... the facilities are there and not used all the time but the school board is not willing to make it available
I don't know
Did not know you could book
I don't use inside of schools
I don't know. Our principal books the evenings we use for school events before the new school year.
It's easy to understand and use
N/A - never booked a facility
I have never attempted it
Not much
No need to book - i only use outdoor space
Having rights to book the same time every year.
does not apply
We don't book. Didn't realize there was a process.
Have never booked a site,
Fairly straight forward
N/a
Need a buffer between the end of the school booking and community use. Also there is a great deal of wear and tear on these facilities (gyms and fields), the revenue from rentals needs to go maintaining these facilities.
No. We need Gestapo booking
Not personally experienced in using the booking process
I just attend. i haven't done the booking myself but might in the future.
Not sure as the school hasn't had people borrow the space yet.
Online access to open dates
Central booking for non school group users
Easy to book
n/a
Can see availability online
Don't know, I don't do the booking
N/A
je ne sais pas
Seems smooth and easy to understand
We can access school fields.
It's online
No



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Don't use it.
Nothing. From what I understand, it's impossible. Schools should be available for community members' use (priority for those who reside in the community of the school). I'm ok with paying for it. Generate some revenue.
No idea, although I have tried to get information on booking and like most City resources it's an involved electronic exercise I found it to be a long inefficient process with many failed links.
I am not familiar with the process

## ***What about the process for booking school facilities could be improved?***

Hard to use
Don't know
Free, unreserved access to schoolground naturalization and gardening areas
Our group is bumped if the school decides they need the space even if we have a permit and have paid for usage.
No comment
There needs to be a set procedure or other evaluation criteria that applies to all schools for all types of school use requests. Current practice appears to give too many avenues for the School Principal, Community Association, and/or Calgary Parks to interfere with the after school hours booking process. For example, if the school gym is not being used, the School Principal should have equal access to the facility. Current practice has the School Principal 'losing' access to the gym to the Community Association and/or Calgary Parks on all weeknights except Thursdays. Access should be on a first come, first served basis for the School, CA, and other community members.
Firstly, publicize the fact that this service exists as most people aren't aware. Second, make it affordable. Girl Guides is always looking for rental space!
Everything. Paying when you are done. Etc
Not sure. I never book them, I use the outdoor space when it is not being used by programs
n/a
Better outreach?
Some communities have calendars and booking systems which are good by it nice to chat w the administrators and build community.
do not know
N/a
Make it more accessible, look at shared partnerships so school board isn't responsible for staffing.
more availability, lots of restrictions
I've heard it can be difficult to book/use school facilities
Making people aware that school facilities can be booked.
Hours of availability for community associations.
Streamlined. Cost up front
As groups change in size and need more space, the current system doesn't easily allow for that in high demand areas. And, if groups start to decrease in size they keep booking times they can't use in fear that when they start to grow again they won't be able to get space back.
Everything. It is difficult to get consistent schedules. It is difficult to find fields and facilities. It is expensive. It is very time consuming to book and you cannot do it without assistance most times. It does not typically fit our requirements for scheduling. There is not enough availability. Quality of the facilities -



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can't get access to some of the better gyms or fields. The system for booking is difficult to navigate. There is no advance planning and scheduling tool to assist - we cannot really plug in our requirements - it goes the opposite way - we just see what we can get and then try to figure out how to get other facilities. We often prefer had to go to private schools and community gyms and fields because they are more flexible, better quality, easier to book and schedule, more cost effective (willing to discount bulk booking).
Consistent access for groups
Open our local Langevin School up for community access... for after hours sports
I don't know
Grandfathering
Advertise it more
If schools can be booked making it known.
I don't know. Not familiar with it. Is it online?
nothing, its working great as it is
Obviously something. Never even knew they could be booked
I have never attempted it
Create an app for booking and billing.
Unknown
Groups book and don't show up year after year because the cost to them is small. They prevent other groups from getting better times. There should be a process where the school records no shows. The need to get special permission to use the school every year signed by the principle. After two years the time should go into the regular booking time.
does not apply
n/
Nothing
N/a
N/A
What schools?
Not familiar with using the booking process.
not sure
awareness of what the process is for booking, a price sheet and a scheduler would be helpful.
Real information about what is bookable. Kitchens? Classrooms? Shops? Gyms?
Communication
Be able to book online and able to get the full price
n/a
Should be more automated; more staffing during peak times for quicker response time
N/A
Not sure
My feedback is not regarding the booking of facilities but with the maintenance and development of Calgary facilities. Currently, soccer fields are poorly taken care of by the City. Licensed soccer organizations would not only provide the necessary care, and regular upkeep required to ensure a quality surface. But would like to develop the fields to provide a better experience to the participants. In a typical season fields are left un-cut in May/June, and in-watered in July/august. It's time to outsource the cities green spaces to organizations who truly care about their condition and providing more for the people of Calgary. Provide opportunities to lease out fields with a clear facility/land development plan.
rendre l'information disponible.



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Communication
Lower fees, on line booking, less bureaucracy
Don't know
Schools should be available for community members' use (priority for those who reside in the community of the school). I'm ok with paying for it. Generate some revenue. Get every school to do it. (Maybe I'm only having problems with our local school).
Talking to a person (s) would improve it immensely. 311 was helpful so a system like that should work better
Perhaps the partnering organizations could spread the word that opportunities and a process exists for community members to use school facilities

## ***Do you currently encounter any issues with the facilities you book?***

Phone not answered
Not applicable- no longer involved
No
Sometimes the caretakers are not aware of our bookings. Sometimes the room is in use by school activities even though we have a booking.
Not with the facility we book, sometimes with scheduling conflicts of after school sports. We have issues trying to find intermittent bookings of gyms in high schools
Yes, issues I encounter includes: (1) School Principal unable to sponsor an evening social/dance for students because the Gym has been pledged to Calgary Parks. (2) School Principal blocking afterschool access to a community group that wants to have afterschool programming (sports) in the Gym. (3) Community Association unwilling to sponsor or advocate to their Calgary Neighbourhoods representative for afterschool programming because its not a priority for that CA.
No
No
N/A
n/a
No. Everyone is lovely.
never used
Have had baseball diamonds double booked btw our adult rec team & kids tball
I don't book.
no
Yes. All public infrastructure should be made equally and equitably accessible to the community, especially for the immediately surrounding community.
Does this agreement include Charter schools? It should.
N/A
Cost and hours of availability. \$100s for an hour is too much for a non-profit community association. There needs to be partnerships with school facilities and community associations that do not have facilities.
We've come to schools and doors have been locked. We've been denied bathroom facilities because they are "behind" the barriers
Cos



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Cannot get the entire space. Conflicts with other sports (ie baseball) being operated too close to our fields. Access to gyms is not consistent. Who to call when facility not open or available to get timely action. Poor maintenance of fields, such as gopher holes, no grass, glass and other unsafe objects, grass not cut regularly enough, areas not clearly marked
Yes, the system is very hard to use
Not available . When we already have these facilities available and the city has no money to build more facilities there needs to be an agreement and funding so that community members can access school facilities for fun and exercise...
Not applicable
Yes, sometimes the school is not open like it's supposed to be
Don't book, used outside
Don't use internal facilities
No. Our caretakers are amazing.
no
N/A
Occasionally we have trouble gaining access to the site
Difficult to determine availability
Unknown
Sometimes the gym is still dirty from school use.
does not apply
n/a
N/a
N/A
They're locked down
No. Although it seems extremely affordable.
I can only assume there are not enough courts available
Yes, the school is not available to book right now.
Finding out sizes of bookable spaces .
No but have been using them for awhile now.
No
n/a
No
N/A
No
We only encounter issues with regular maintenance and upkeep.
Can't use based on restrictions
No
No
Yes
I am of the age where participating is in the past but I have been a spectator when I see something interesting going on as that is the only way I can be involved.
N/A
non