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Olympic Plaza Cultural District Engagement & Design Report

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Executive Summary

The Olympic Plaza Cultural District is Calgary's living room. It represents the city's legacy as an Olympic host yet remains an important place to gather. As the District nears its 30th year, The City of Calgary has initiated a design process to re-envision its future.

In early 2016, Calgary City Council approved the *Civic District Public Realm Strategy*. The document identified Olympic Plaza and its surrounding spaces as an important part of the city and prioritized it for a major review of its design and function.

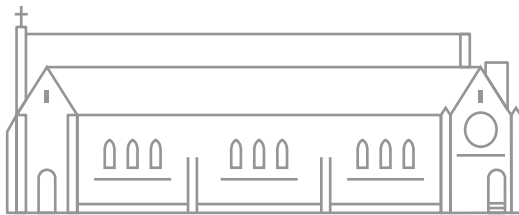
Following these recommendations, The City of Calgary Administration and the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation initiated an engagement and design process that will produce a new vision for the **Olympic Plaza Cultural District (OPCD)**.

In spring 2016, the project team launched an intensive six-week public engagement campaign to gain insight into what is treasured about Olympic Plaza and what could make it more successful in the future. Close to 2,300 Calgarians participated.

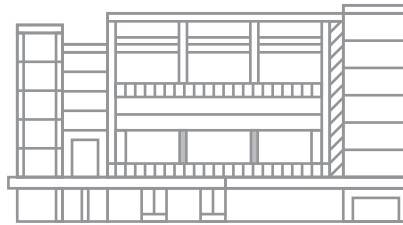
The *Olympic Plaza Cultural District Engagement & Design Report* is the product of this engagement process. The report reintroduces the Olympic Plaza Cultural District concept – first noted in the *Civic District Public Realm Strategy* – and highlights the feedback and subsequent themes received from the public during the engagement process.

These thematic areas, in turn, have been used to create eight complementary and thought-provoking challenge questions that will be used to guide the design team's work. The challenge questions will prompt the design team to consider how urban design and landscape architecture interventions can be used to minimize identified shortcomings and maximize positive outcomes in the Olympic Plaza Cultural District.

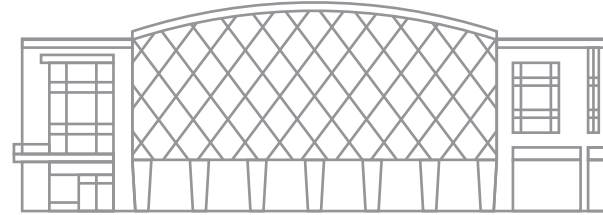
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The Civic District Public Realm Strategy was approved by Calgary City Council in January 2016.

The plan identifies Olympic Plaza and the places around it as an important part of the city's fabric, and a priority for a major review of its design and function.

Olympic Plaza Cultural District



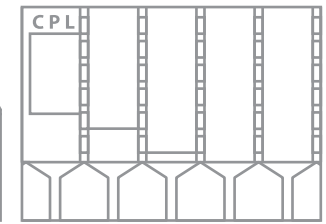
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HISTORIC CITY HALL



CALGARY CENTRAL LIBRARY

City Administration, led by the Urban Strategy Department in partnership with the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC), began an engagement and design process to create a vision for Olympic Plaza and its public spaces, the **Olympic Plaza Cultural District (OPCD)**.

The area immediately surrounding the OPCD comprises several important downtown landmarks: The City of Calgary Municipal Building, Historic City Hall, the Glenbow Museum, the Telus Convention Centre, the Dominion Building, Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Arts Commons and both the current and future Central Libraries.

Olympic Plaza Cultural District Site Map



This report is intended to serve as a guide that highlights what was heard from the public during the initial phase of OPCD engagement. It will be used to help guide designers to develop ideas for a new Olympic Plaza Cultural District.

Why is a strategy for this area important?

Olympic Plaza is our city's living room. It is the economic and social heart for our citizens, businesses and visitors. Like any good business, The City must ensure our public spaces are well-maintained and the best they can be for everyone.

A number of exciting city-building initiatives are already in the works in our Centre City. The restoration of Historic City Hall, for example, has triggered opportunities to make our Municipal Plaza more accessible, programmable and active.

There are emerging ideas for the new Arts Commons theatre and ideas for integrating that space into Olympic Plaza and the adjacent streets. The New Central Library is already under construction.

Coordinating civic infrastructure with the private investment opportunities surrounding these public spaces is essential to ensuring these ideas come together to reinforce the Olympic Plaza Cultural District as a significant public space in Calgary.

How did we get here?

The OPCD engagement and design process builds upon several planning initiatives that have taken place over the past 15 years.

The January 2016 *Civic District Public Realm Strategy* identifies the Cultural Heart as “a legible, transformative, and animated space that unites Olympic Plaza and the Municipal Plaza as the Cultural Heart of the Centre City.”



There are four principles identified:

- A space for an intensity of use within the Centre City.
- A gathering space that embraces the everyday actions of its users.
- A destination with varying scale and density of public space.
- A legible space defined by active edges and a diversity of program.

In addition, the *Public Realm Strategy* identifies six criteria that are meant to guide the physical design of the space. These criteria are:

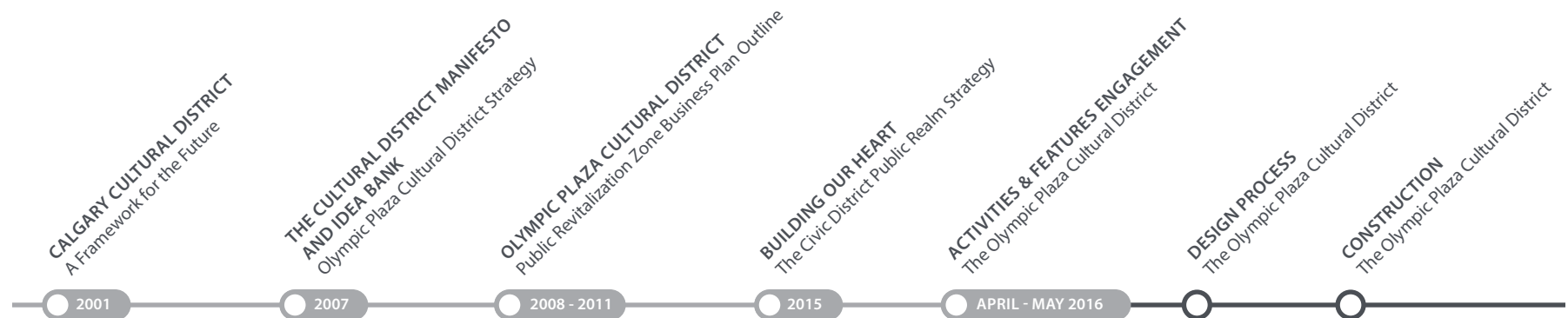
1. Legibility
2. Active edges
3. Programming
4. Activity & amenity
5. Access & linkages
6. Historical resources

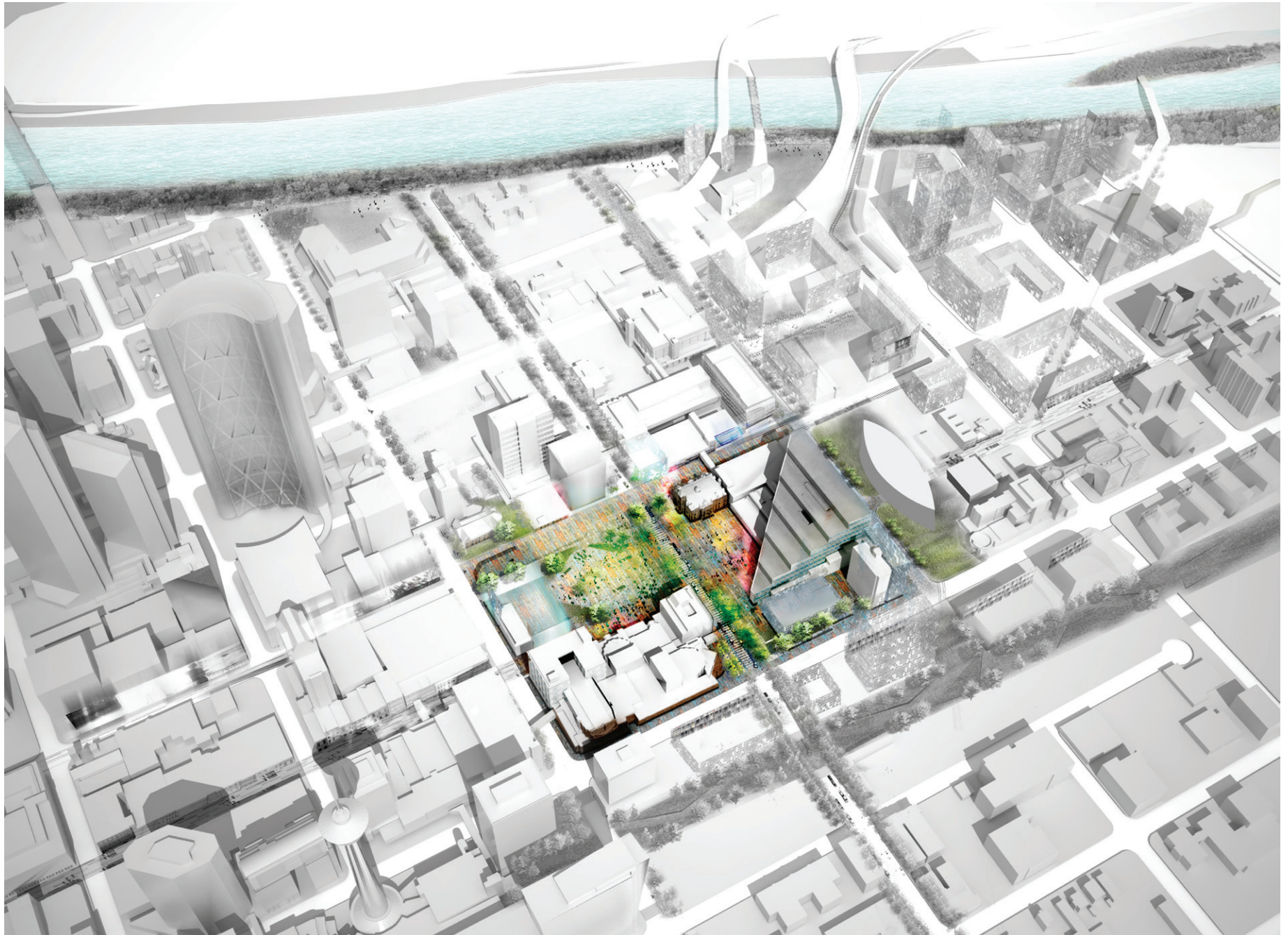
Feedback gathered during the *Civic District Public Realm Strategy* told us that Calgarians want to see an Olympic Plaza Cultural District that is clean, safe, and vibrant and provides a range of programming, events and amenities.

The current Olympic Plaza Cultural District engagement and design process focused on understanding what Calgarians like about the space, what they want to change and what additional amenities and programs they would like to see. Phases two and three will concentrate on design and construction.

Right: The scale of change in Olympic Plaza envisioned by the *Building Our Heart: Civic District Public Realm Strategy* in 2015.

Below: The line of sight from the earliest Olympic Plaza redevelopment efforts in 2001 to today's work.





Community Engagement

In spring 2016, The City of Calgary launched a six-week engagement process to gain insight from the public about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District. Calgarians were able to provide feedback on three key questions that prompted thoughts of what is treasured about the area and what would make it more successful in the future.

WHAT WE ASKED

1. What do you like about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
2. Is there anything that you would like to change about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
3. What activities and features would encourage you to visit more often?

What We Heard

The OPCD public engagement process was designed to reach citizens from across the community in approachable and creative ways. A range of options were developed to allow the community to provide their input, and an extensive promotional campaign ensured that citizens were aware of the project and their opportunities to participate.

During the process, **2,261 participants** shared more than **7,200 ideas**.

Feedback was provided at special events across the community, during stakeholder interviews, during a walking tour and a scavenger hunt, at a mobile office, and at standalone sounding boards and interior feedback displays throughout the Olympic Plaza Cultural District

A project webpage (calgary.ca/myOPCD) provided an opportunity to learn about the project, to respond to the three questions, to complete surveys about the area and to use an interactive map to provide feedback.

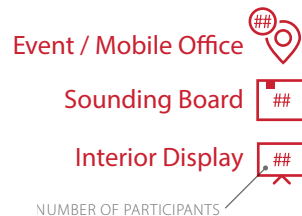
Engagement Activities

+ 7,200 ideas

2,261 participants

42.5 hours

LEGEND



Events

The project team attended a number of planned events in and around the Olympic Plaza Cultural District area including Arts Commons' Happenings, the Downtown Farmer's Market, YYCFoodTrucks' Food Truck Frenzy, and the Calgary Comic Expo's Parade of Wonders.

Workshops and Stakeholder Meetings

The project team consulted with City Councillors, internal City staff, and external stakeholders at three workshops hosted in spring 2016. These workshops summarized the process to date, highlighted emerging themes and asked participants to consider the design potential of the OPCD. 24 interviews were conducted with stakeholders drawn from Calgary's arts and culture, economic, institutional, tourism, social and heritage sectors.

Mobile Office

The Mobile Office was a central part of the OPCD public engagement process. During lunch hours, the team traveled to different locations around downtown to host conversations in a temporary, inviting office space.

Digital Platform, Social Media, and Texting Service

The project used a variety of online tools to reach out the public. The Hive, a digital engagement platform, encouraged participants to respond to the engagement questions through geo-tagged text responses. Participants could also post feedback to the engagement questions via the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts using the hashtag #myOPCD and through a mobile phone texting service.

Sounding Boards and Interior Feedback Displays

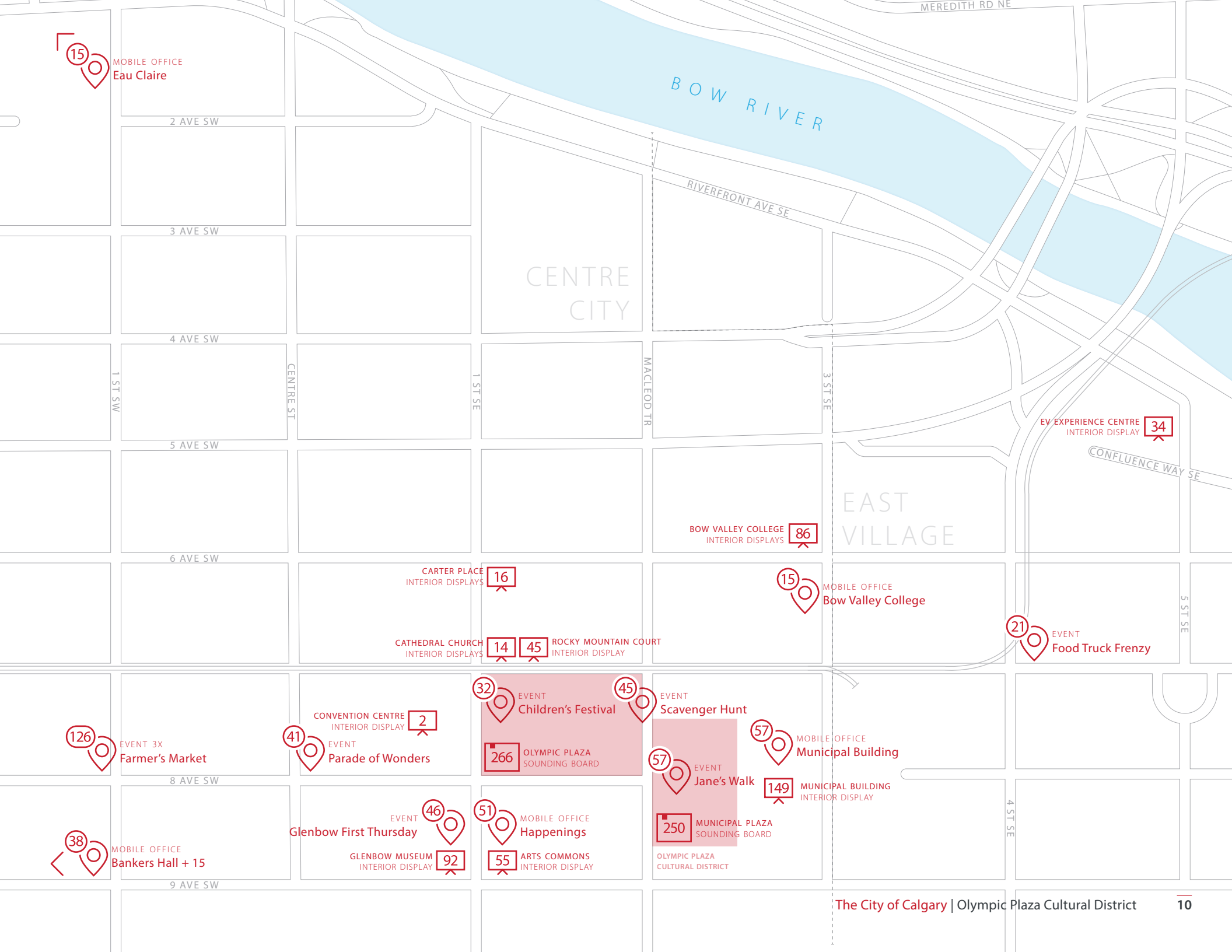
To encourage feedback, a series of conveniently located information and feedback panels were set up throughout the OPCD. Large sounding boards, featuring project information, engagement questions and feedback ballots, were located in Municipal Plaza and Olympic Plaza. Poster-sized interior feedback displays with the same information were placed in building atriums within or near the OPCD. Interior displays were available during operating hours, while the exterior sounding boards were accessible 24/7

Jane's Walk walking tour

On Saturday, May 7, a 'Jane's Walk' was led by the project team through Olympic Plaza. The tour guides – Councillor Druh Farrell; Rollin Stanley, general manager of Urban Strategy with The City of Calgary; Richard Parker, former director of Planning and Building with The City of Calgary; Harry Sanders, a Calgary-based historian and writer; and John Lewis, president and founder of Intelligent Futures – took participants on a tour of Olympic Plaza, focusing on the evolution of the site, personal memories, and the site's potential.

Scavenger Hunt

On Tuesday, May 17, the project team held a scavenger hunt in Olympic Plaza. Participants solved riddles designed to encourage them exploration and education of the OPCD's defining features and interesting facts. Once the scavenger hunt was completed, participants were asked to respond to the engagement questions and were entered into a prize draw.



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INTERIOR DISPLAYS



CATHEDRAL CHURCH
INTERIOR DISPLAYS



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COURT
INTERIOR DISPLAY

CONVENTION CENTRE
INTERIOR DISPLAY



EVENT
Parade of Wonders



EVENT 3X
Farmer's Market

8 AVE SW



MOBILE OFFICE
Bankers Hall + 15

9 AVE SW

EVENT
Glenbow First Thursday



GLENBOW MUSEUM
INTERIOR DISPLAY



MOBILE OFFICE
Happenings



ARTS COMMONS
INTERIOR DISPLAY



EVENT
Children's Festival



OLYMPIC PLAZA
SOUNDING BOARD



EVENT
Scavenger Hunt



EVENT
Jane's Walk



MUNICIPAL PLAZA
SOUNDING BOARD
OLYMPIC PLAZA
CULTURAL DISTRICT



MOBILE OFFICE
Municipal Building



MUNICIPAL BUILDING
INTERIOR DISPLAY



EVENT
Food Truck Frenzy

EV EXPERIENCE CENTRE
INTERIOR DISPLAY



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BOW VALLEY COLLEGE
INTERIOR DISPLAYS



MOBILE OFFICE
Bow Valley College



MOBILE OFFICE
Municipal Building



MUNICIPAL BUILDING
INTERIOR DISPLAY

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Key Themes

Responses from the community were analyzed to establish key themes. The following section highlights the most frequently heard themes to provide an overview of the responses from the community. A more detailed overview of the engagement feedback, including verbatim comments, can be found in the Appendices.

What do you like about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

1. Greenery

People liked the ability to escape from the concrete of downtown to be surrounded by all forms of vegetation. The most common sub-theme mentioned in the greenery theme was flowers. This included the ones in the gardens as well as the hanging baskets along the pergola.

Following this was the appreciation for the trees. They were often talked about in relation to the shade they created and how they helped make Olympic Plaza feel like a small escape from the concrete and bustle of downtown. Grass was mentioned most frequently in the context of providing a place for sitting or picnics.

2. Skating

The chance to go skating is a common reason people visit the Olympic Plaza Cultural District. Having skating is the biggest draw to bring people to the area during the winter. Many people mentioned going skating during their lunch break or making it into a family outing. People appreciated that it was for skating only and that they didn't have to worry about hockey taking it over.

There were also multiple mentions of High Performance Rodeo's Snowblower event and how they wanted more events/concerts that correspond with the rink.

3. Special Events

The variety of special events – from Stampede events and concerts to festivals and food trucks – help to draw people to the area. Festival and special events are often the busiest times in Olympic Plaza. Some commonly mentioned events included Sled Island, Stampede Breakfast, and the Calgary International Children's Festival. These events were viewed even more favorably when they could be combined with other regular activities like skating or the wading pool.

4. Central Location

The location and close proximity of the Olympic Plaza Cultural District is central to its appeal. People appreciated the large-scale public space in downtown. It is valued as a change of scenery, a lunch spot, or a relaxing escape. It serves as a public space for much of the eastern half of the downtown core. It is also appreciated for its location being so close to cultural institutions.

Is there anything that you would like to change about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

1. Greener

There is a desire for more softscaping and vegetation throughout the District. The greenery there is enjoyed, but there is a desire to expand this space so more people can use it. This includes adding trees to increase shade as well as reducing the amount of concrete in the area. The latter was often mentioned with regards to Municipal Plaza.

2. Police/Security Presence

There are concerns about the amount of crime and drug use in the area. Concerns about illegal activities occurring in the space make people uncomfortable about visiting the area. Having a regular police or security presence could help deter these activities and increase the feeling of safety.

3. Safety

People currently don't always feel safe when in the area. While similar to the request for an increased police presence, this refers to a more general view of safety and includes more than just police as a solution. It includes concerns about dimly-lit spaces and lack of pedestrian traffic. A lack of sightlines was the most common safety concern mentioned, with the different 'tiers' and the trees on the north edge were often cited as cause for this feeling of insecurity.

4. More Food

The limited food options for food is a deterrent to people visiting more often. This feeling is accentuated in the evening; Teatro is the only restaurant open. Responses also noted both a lack of variety and affordability.



What activities and features would encourage you to visit more often?

1. Emphasis on Arts and Culture

People want more events – passive and active – that focus on visual art, music, plays, and other parts of arts and culture. People want The City of Calgary to start using the space as a way to celebrate arts and culture in the city. Suggestions included art shows (temporary and permanent), music (festivals and more buskers) and plays (connection with the theatre and outdoor plays). There was also a desire for more diversity and multiculturalism in the space.

2. More Food

Having more options for places to eat and drink at a variety of prices would help bring people to the area. A diversity of food options would encourage more people to visit the space at all times of day. Ideas included the temporary (food truck festivals) and permanent (more brick and mortar options). Common sub-themes here included having more affordable options, more quick options, being open evenings and weekends, and having patios that spill into the plaza.

3. More Programming

There should be regular attractions or activities occurring to draw people in at all times. More frequent activities or attractions would help activate the space and make people feel welcome and safe. Ideas mentioned were as ambitious as music or theatre festivals and as simple as busking stations and bocce sets. Promotion of these events was also desired so that people can easily find out about them.

4. More Special Events

Bigger events like festivals or concerts should occur more frequently. While similar to the programming, this theme referred more specifically to large-scale events like Sled Island or New Year's Eve celebrations. The majority of the requests referred to music-based events, but many did not provide specific details beyond large events to help attract people.



Olympic Plaza Cultural District Challenge Questions

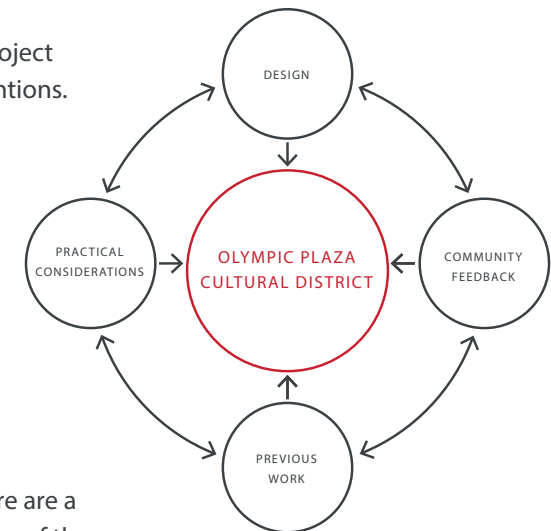
At the conclusion of the community engagement process, an internal staff review took place in order to identify the ideas seen as unfeasible. This was done to focus on the ideas that are viable as the design community considers the best way to evolve the Olympic Plaza Cultural District.

Of the 7,200 idea shared, the only identified as unfeasible were:

- **Burying Macleod Trail.** While technically feasible, the costs of this would consume the majority of the project budget, leaving little left to create meaningful interventions.
- **Keeping the Olympic bricks.** These are in tenuous condition and cannot viably be integrated into a new design in their current form.
- **Doing everything.** Some participants said that they wanted “everything” in the OPCD. The eventual redesign – like all design processes – will be an exercise in prioritizing certain areas over others.

As illustrated by the highlights from the community, there are a number of areas to consider when looking to the redesign of the OPCD. Rather than creating a laundry list of ideas for designers to consider and somehow integrate into concepts, it was decided that a set of challenge questions would most effectively highlight the desires of the community.

These address some of the tensions inherent in the community feedback and leave it to the creativity of the design community to propose solutions to these questions.



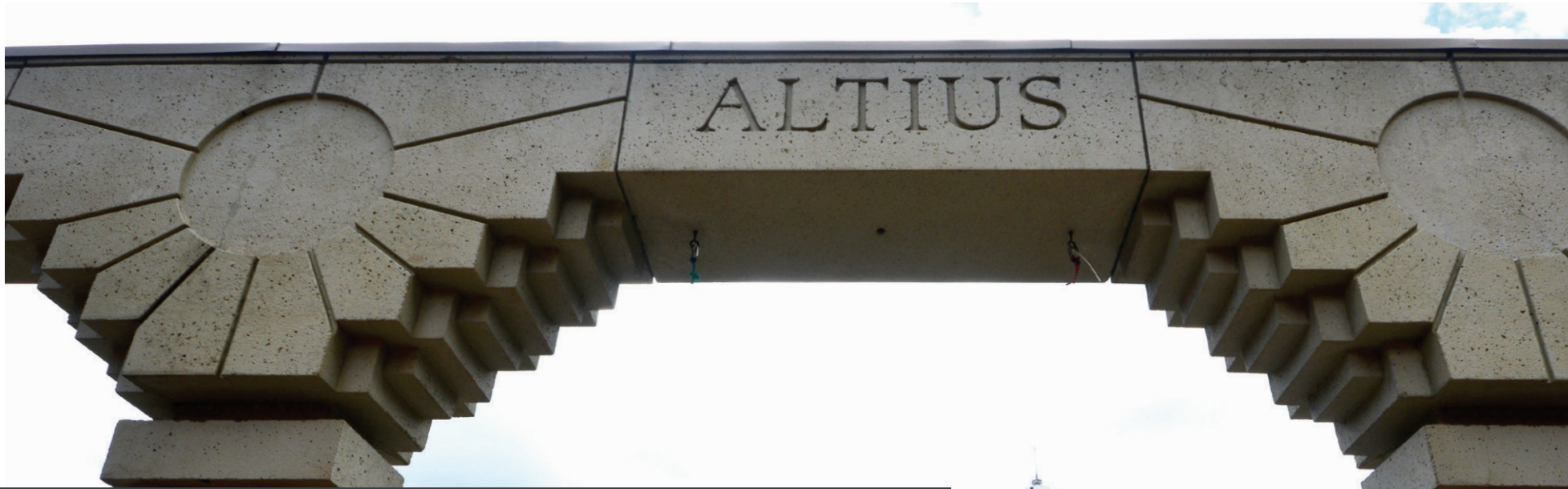
Above: Influencing factors for a new Olympic Plaza Cultural District.

THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGE QUESTIONS ARE PRESENTED FOR THE FUTURE OF THE OPCD

1. How might we honour the Olympic legacy and heritage of the space while recognizing the current (and future) reality of Calgary?
2. How might we activate the Olympic Plaza Cultural District in a way that facilitates both structured and organic happenings?
3. How might we balance the green and grey elements of the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
4. How might we activate the space in all seasons?
5. How might we celebrate local food and commerce in the space?
6. How might we fully integrate arts and culture into the life of the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
7. How might we make the Olympic Plaza Cultural District safe and welcoming for all?
8. How might we ensure all Calgarians have access to the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

While each question represents a challenge in and of itself, the overall challenge is to find solutions to all of the above in a way that balances these very diverse needs for the space.

The following section provides more depth on each question, including highlights of related feedback from the community, additional information on Calgary, practical considerations that were heard from City staff and key stakeholders, as well as best practices and leading thinking in these areas.



THE CHALLENGE

How might we honour the Olympic legacy and heritage of the space while recognizing the current (and future) reality of Calgary?





The Olympic legacy is important to the city as a whole, but it is perhaps most visibly celebrated in the Olympic Plaza. However, the city has changed dramatically since 1988. As an example, in the Olympic year, the population of the city was 657,118; today it is over 1.2 million. The area has other historical significance as well, dating back to the earliest days of Calgary. Drawing a connection to that important legacy, while building a new gathering space for the kind of city Calgary is today, will be a key challenge for the new design of the OPCD.

What we heard from the community

The Olympic legacy is important to the community. This is reflected in a number of ways, but one of the most tangible and personal reflections of that legacy are seen in the bricks surrounding the perimeter of Olympic Plaza. There is considerable connection to this element of the Olympic Plaza from community members.

Practical considerations and context

The intent of the brick program was “to establish real ownership of the space, which was very much neglected at the time we were designing Olympic Plaza,” says Richard Parker, the former director of Planning and Building at The City of Calgary. Participants in the program were told the bricks would remain in place for three years.

Review by The City of Calgary Parks Department has shown the bricks cannot be retrieved whole as, given their age, they are crumbling in place. This makes incorporating the existing bricks in a future design impossible. Designers of the new space should think creatively about how to integrate the idea of these bricks into a new design.

A Historical Statement of Significance has been developed for Olympic Plaza. It lists the character-defining elements as:

- Olympic stage complex
- Amphitheatre, Odeon stage and pool
- Pergola/arcade and kosk feature
- Entrances
- Lighting, planting, retaining walls, and paving
- Legacy wall

In 1999, City Council approved the use of the southwest corner of the site as the location for the “Famous Five” monument to the 1929 Person’s Case. The sculptor was Barbara Paterson.

The Calgary International Children’s Festival buried a time capsule in 1996 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the festival. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 2036 on the 50th anniversary of the festival.

Thoughts from the field

The American Planning Association (APA) runs an annual program entitled Great Public Spaces. As part of the criteria to acknowledge a place in this program, an identified characteristic is that it “reflects the local culture or history,” and asks the question “what is the history of the space, and how is it remembered or passed on from one generation to the next?”





Above: Olympic Plaza under construction c. 1986.

CITY OF CALGARY ARCHIVES

Left: Olympic Plaza during the 1988 Winter Olympics celebrations.

CITY OF CALGARY ARCHIVES

“The Olympics 88 Heritage needs to be retained.”

“Please keep the bricks and the Olympic feel.”

“Keep Olympic arches and podium.”

“Retain our Olympic legacy and stop trying to destroy the story of Calgary.”

“Keep Olympic as is, with the wading pool during summer and ice skating in the winter. This is still an Olympic venue.”

“Keep the Olympic arches and Olympic spirit alive. Memories are important.”

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS

THE CHALLENGE

How might we activate the Olympic Plaza Cultural District in a way that facilitates both structured and organic happenings?





Olympic Plaza is a space for entertainment, gathering and recreation. At just 1.2 hectares in total area there's a lot of pressure on this space to deliver ongoing activities. It is key to understand how the entirety of the OPCD, including both Olympic and Municipal Plazas, can be equipped to handle large groups who enjoy the many programs, concerts, and events offered, as well as the small pockets of informal and organic activity valued by citizens.

What we heard from the community

Having a space in the Olympic Plaza for programs and events, and impromptu activities, is important for community connection. Whether it be Stampede breakfasts, the Children's Festival, or simply meeting a friend for coffee, the Olympic Plaza regularly accommodates people who come to join in activities big and small. Olympic Plaza currently hosts 52 festivals each year.

Practical considerations and context

Key stakeholders described the importance of having the well designed, functional and safe components necessary for any space hosting large events. These included washroom facilities, power supply, seating, lighting and loading areas. For example, the Children's Festival uses portable toilets as their primary washroom facilities.

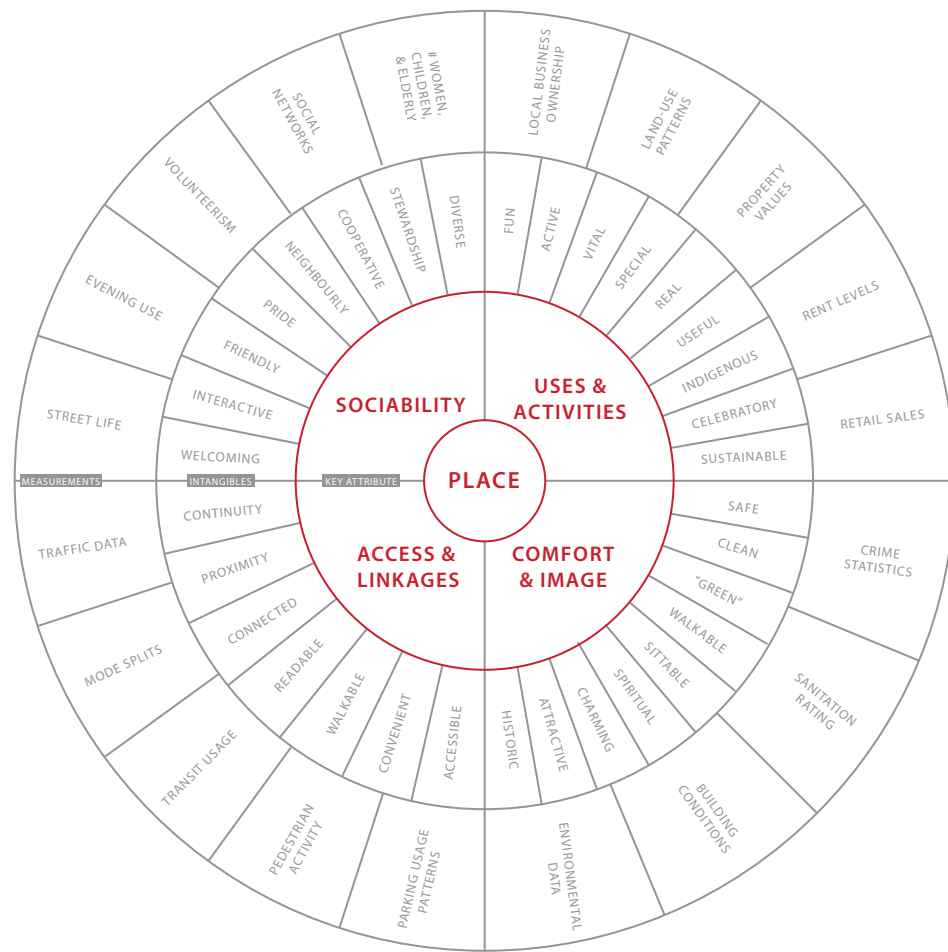
Among stakeholder discussions, there was an acknowledged difficulty in right-sizing a performance stage: too big and it creates significant dead space; too small and the capacity for larger events is limited.

There is potential to consider the integration of Macleod Trail as part of the design, closing it for special events. This would connect Olympic Plaza and Municipal Plaza, creating a much larger, continuous space.

There are residential neighbours to the north in Rocky Mountain Court and Carter Place, and there is the potential for additional neighbours (residential or hotel) in the future if the northwest corner of the OPCD is developed. This could lead to potential conflicts during larger events. Addressing amplification and sound direction will be important considerations.

Thoughts from the field

The Projects for Public Space organization has developed an evaluation diagram for creating a successful place. The ability to have structured and organic activity links to many of these identified qualities of a space.



Above: The Place Diagram

ADAPTED FROM PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES

pps.org/reference/grplacefeat/



"I don't come down to Olympic Plaza because there are no surprises there. Well, at least no good surprises."

"Public events like games, dancing etc...places for people to sit rest, play chess etc.."

"More scavenger hunts and fun summer challenges."

"Public space that hosts a variety of activities (ice skating!) and festivals (Sled Island!)"

"I would love to have more free indoor activities in place of retail shops. Example: farmers market, bowling, skee ball, table tennis."

"Programing, concerts and more family focus. Maybe link the library and theatre to outdoor activities. Get rid of the cars and diesel bus idling!"

"Lego competition."

"Free programming in the summer - yoga or tai chi."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS

THE CHALLENGE

How might we balance
the green and grey elements
of the Olympic Plaza
Cultural District?





The existing combination of surface materials in the Olympic Plaza Cultural District are more grey (concrete) than green. This is indicative of the urban nature of the space. People today appreciate the vegetation that is found in Olympic Plaza and the reprieve that it provides. A redesign will need to find a balance that addresses the area's reality as an urban space that can also provide people with the comfort and relaxation of greenery.

What we heard from the community

Many participants believe the built form of Olympic Plaza works well, but most are keen to see more green. Despite the majority of preferences being for enhanced greenery, participants also like the concrete and are happy to see the new space maintain a mix of types.

The desire for green space does not necessarily translate to grass or lawns. There were many sub-categories of green including more trees, flowers and grass. Comments relating to concrete or hardscaping often referred to the stage, reflecting pond and ice rink as must-haves.

Practical considerations and context

There are many financial and practical considerations involved in the management of the Olympic Plaza space. City staff highlighted the possible tension between increased lawns and increased events leading to considerable maintenance issues.

High water levels from rain events can pose a problem for the neighbouring parkade in Arts Commons. Water management will be important in a new redesign of the area.

The *Civic District Public Realm Strategy* identifies the need to “renovate the Municipal Building atrium so that it acts as an extension of the plaza and as a major connector into the East Village.”

The Olympic Plaza Cultural District is home to almost 20,000 bedding plants each year.

Thoughts from the field

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) central mantra is: achieving a balance between the built and natural environments. The field of landscape architecture summarizes their entire spectrum of work within the balancing of these two components. They have realized that a space that has an imbalance of these two components cannot be as successful or high-quality as one would wish.

Right Chicago's Millenium Park.
Millenium Park is often referred to as an
example of an urban park that successfully
balances hardscaping with greenery
HOWARD LIFSHITZ, 2012. CREATIVE COMMONS.





"I really enjoy public napping on the grassy steps of Olympic Plaza. Good shade and steps feel comfortable."

"A greenhouse, green space, art."

"Great space needs upgrade for more trees."

"It's a quiet oasis where you can escape the hustle and bustle of downtown, vegetation is awesome."

"More greenery, less concrete."

"Redo the trees along 7th ave where the old Olympic plaza train station used to be. You can't even see inside the plaza from 7th avenue."

"Outdoor venue."

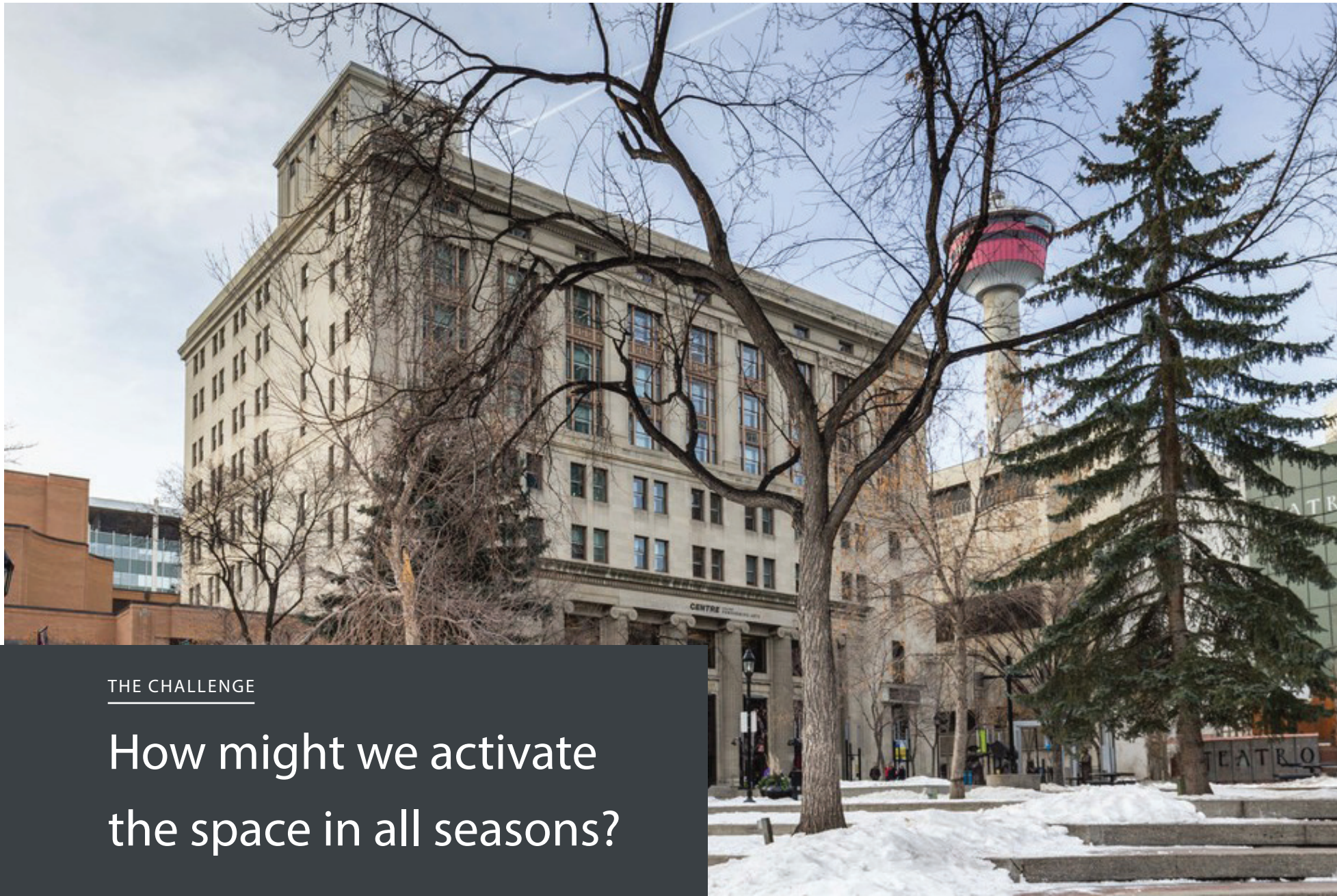
"Bigger stage amphitheater style for performances."

"Benches, seating areas and new trees within Municipal Plaza for lunches. Walkway through Municipal Building connecting to new library and East Village."

"There are four things I think need to change for it to realize its potential 1) no more evergreens at north end 2) Stephen Ave badly needs to go through city hall to EV 3) the plaza has too many themes. 4) needs a restaurant or food truck access."

"Accessible open space for a variety of events. I love the terraced area for sitting to watch."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS



THE CHALLENGE

How might we activate
the space in all seasons?



The reality of the Calgary climate means that the eventual solutions for OPCD need to accommodate winter as well as summer and shoulder seasons. The changing seasons mean changing temperatures, climate and light conditions. Making the space both interesting and comfortable for users in all seasons will be a key to its success.

What we heard from the community

The existing skating rink and reflecting pond were two of the most referenced elements of the area during the engagement process. Participants were especially keen to maintain the rink and see the pond area become a more formal splash pad or swimming pool. People frequently referenced the desire for all-season use of the space, which often came back to the importance of the rink specifically as a winter draw. A redesign of the area will need to address this desire for multi-season use.

Practical considerations and context

The current reflecting pond/ice surface is past its current lifecycle and its operating costs are increasing each year. Future design solutions will need to focus on minimizing lifecycle costs and maximizing water conservation.

Currently, Olympic Plaza is the only fully maintained outdoor ice surface in the city. City staff expressed concern over the cost of maintenance of ice surfaces over time. Covering the ice safely for other kinds of activities is challenging and costly. This limits the kind and number of other activities in winter.

A wading pool requires additional infrastructure to comply with Alberta Health Services public health regulations.

Thoughts from the field

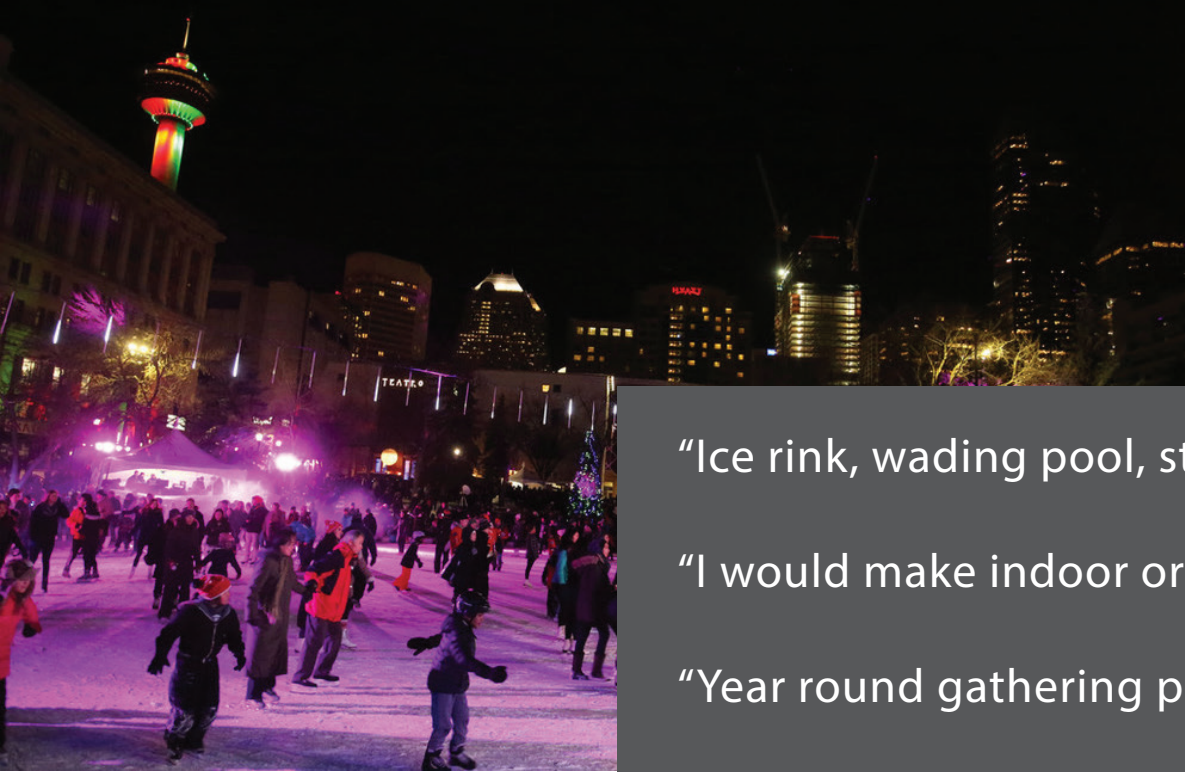
The Winter City Institute strives to promote northern cities and the value of being outdoors during all the seasons. They suggest that the following techniques can be incorporated into the design of civic spaces to facilitate outdoor activities in winter:

- **Wind:** use buildings and landscaping to protect parks and outdoor spaces from wind. A three-metre high planting can for instance reduce a near gale to a moderate breeze from the windshield (the planting) and to a distance of 60 meters, at the same time as the measured temperature will increase with 1-5 degrees Celsius.
- **Sunlight:** the use of dense coniferous vegetation on the parks north-west side help block wind, while the spaces southern exposure will maximize heat from solar radiation.
- **Darkness:** incorporate public art to reduce muted tones of winter.
- **Activities:** festivals and winter activities can encourage people to get out in the winter weather. Park City, Utah's most successful festival – the Sundance Film Festival – occurs in winter, and there are many elements of Smart Growth in the municipality's design.

>> [wintercities.com/Resources/articles/](http://wintercities.com/Resources/articles/Smart%20Growth%20and%20winter%20city%20design.pdf)

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"Ice rink, wading pool, stage."

"I would make indoor or semi-indoor space for use all year round."

"Year round gathering place for all types of events."

"Don't take away the skating rink."

"That there is a big open area for pedestrians, seating area, that it is multi season."

"Year round programming (ie. Food trucks, regular events)."

"I like that it's a pretty plaza in both summer and winter because of the water feature (fountain in summer, ice rink in winter)."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS

THE CHALLENGE

How might we celebrate
local food and commerce
in the space?





There is often a tension between the public amenity provided by parks and plazas, and the provisioning of commercial amenities and the potential for over-commercialization. The eventual design solution for the OPCD will need to thoughtfully address the ability of food and commerce to animate a space while also recognizing the need for a truly public space.

What we heard from the community

The desire to have food available in the area was one of the most prominent themes that the community identified as something that would draw them to the OPCD. Participants mentioned everything from quick and affordable food options to integration of restaurant and cafe patios into the space. Some other commerce types was also mentioned, with reference to artist and farmer's markets.

Practical considerations and context

Examples of commercial activity in Calgary park spaces include the former Boxwood Café in Central Memorial Park and the River Café in Prince's Island Park.

There is an overall lack of winterized infrastructure in the area. As an example, the independent food kiosk currently occupied by Teatro in the space, has a small interior (prep) space but is not winterized or connected to municipal servicing.

Some stakeholders were concerned about the incursion of commercial activity into park space, stating that the area is surrounded by commercial opportunities. Balancing the number and scale of vendors will be important to reduce this sense of incursion.

The existing commercial opportunities are not being used to their full potential to activate the space. Enhancing what already exists will be an important strategy to consider.

Commercial activity was in evidence in the origins of this space in the early days of Calgary. In the early 1900's, the City Hall Market was located on the west side of Macleod Trail and served the local area for decades.

Thoughts from the field

The City Observatory, a Knight Foundation-sponsored think-tank that uses econometrics to uncover urban trends, examined the role of storefront commerce in promoting walkability and public space use. They found a positive influence:

"Great streets, squares, and public spaces attract people, and the flow of people stimulates commerce. And the nearby presence of businesses—shops, bars, cafes, restaurants—reinforces the activity in the public realm. As we showed with our recent Storefront Index (which measures the number and concentration of customer-facing retail and service businesses in cities), the difference between an under-utilized park and an activated one is substantially explained by the presence and density of adjacent storefronts."

>> cityobservatory.org/three-challenges-for-the-civic-commons/





“More food vendors all year round.”

“It would be great to have “happy hour” events to encourage people who work downtown to stay in the core. Showcase local musicians, have the events sponsored by local food/beverage providers as well.”

“Live music, concessions / food carts / food trucks. Perhaps a little more retail to draw pedestrians from further up 8th Ave.”

“More patios.”

“More restaurants and cafes that open up onto the park.”

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS

THE CHALLENGE

How might we fully integrate arts and culture into the life of the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?





Arts Commons has a significant presence, providing a “frame” for the southern edge of the OPCD. Its location represents a tremendous opportunity to create a dynamic and fluid relationship between the organizations and activities of Arts Commons and the life of the OPCD. An optimal design will bring this together in ways that we do not see today.

What we heard from the community

The most suggested idea related to arts and culture was around music. Whether large or small format activity, the presence of music and musicians is one people enjoy and seek more of in Olympic Plaza. In addition to music, participants also expressed a desire to see a variety of arts and culture activities, including plays, talks, movies, public art, and exhibits.

Practical considerations and context

Arts Commons has been working on plans to renovate their existing facility. The most recent concept makes the building much more transparent and connected to the public space of Olympic Plaza to the north. Consideration of this project will be important for the design process for the OPCD.

There is a tremendous opportunity to capitalize on the level of activity that occurs in the areas surrounding the OPCD:

- Arts Commons hosts more than 1,800 performances and events annually, including live theatre, concerts, dance productions, readings, public forums, and art exhibits. Youth programming is a major part of Arts Commons’ mandate; they welcome 20,000 students annually. Arts Commons is also home to seven resident companies, including Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, Calgary International Children’s Festival, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit and Theatre Calgary.

- The nearby Glenbow Museum hosts 125,000 visitors annually, including more than 65,000 school children. The Glenbow also hosts the free event “First Thursday” each month, which draws 3,000 to 3,500 visitors per event.
- In addition, there are more than 200 event-filled days in the East Village per year.

Thoughts from the field

The Canada Council for the Arts has identified a variety of benefits of participation in the arts. These include:

- Develop pride in local traditions and cultures
- Help people feel a sense of belonging and involvement
- Create community traditions in new towns or neighbourhoods
- Involve residents in environmental improvements
- Provide reasons for people to develop community activities
- Improve perceptions of marginalized groups
- Help transform the image of public bodies
- Make people feel better about where they live
- Arts and culture can be used to brand a community and set it apart from others.
- The arts can help foster a sense of ownership, belonging and pride within a community.
- The arts help to preserve a collective memory and foster a continuing dialogue about the past.

>> canadacouncil.ca/council/resources/arts-promotion/arts-promo-kit/part2





"Centrally located, close to cultural buildings, ice rink in winter. Cultural events happening at the plaza."

"Local music and artist showcases; flower festivals and other seasonal activities."

"Bigger stage amphitheater style for performances."

"More musical/food festivals with better advertising."

"Large format public art!!! live music, speakers corners, low key performance platforms."

"Lunch hour mini-concerts and plays."

"Interactive art exhibits and music."

"Retain historic significance as a design priority."

"Entertainment. Talks. Book launches. Improv... A farmers market perhaps."

"Sheltered space for outdoor arts functions."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS

THE CHALLENGE

How might we make the
Olympic Plaza Cultural District
safe and welcoming for all?





At its core, the purpose of a public space is to provide a gathering place for everyone in a community.

This includes children, people experiencing homelessness, tourists, protesters and those with disabilities. The design of the new OPCD should allow everyone to feel welcome and safe while enabling a diversity of users and visitors to comfortably coexist.

What we heard from the community

Safety was often referenced; people expressed feeling vulnerable due to unwanted activities or the presence of particular groups at certain times of day. Crime and drug use were cited multiple times, along with the homeless population in general and their influence on making visitors to the space feel uneasy.

Practical considerations and context

Staff and stakeholder discussions revealed an opportunity to increase the density and activity in the area. Drawing more people into the area would create a self-enforcing approach to safety.

According to the Centre City Citizen Perception Survey, the perception of safety while visiting parks alone has decreased slightly since 2013. Across all activities, reasons for feeling unsafe included:

- perception that there is a high incidence of crime, violence or assaults (26%);
- poor lighting or too dark (22%);
- a high population of people who appear to be homeless (21%);
- walking or traveling alone (20%);
- fear of encountering suspicious or dangerous people at that time (20%) or people who are intoxicated or high (17%).

The Calgary Police Service have conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analysis of Olympic Plaza.

The new design should allow for a barrier free/universal design for entrances, seating, etc.

Thoughts from the field

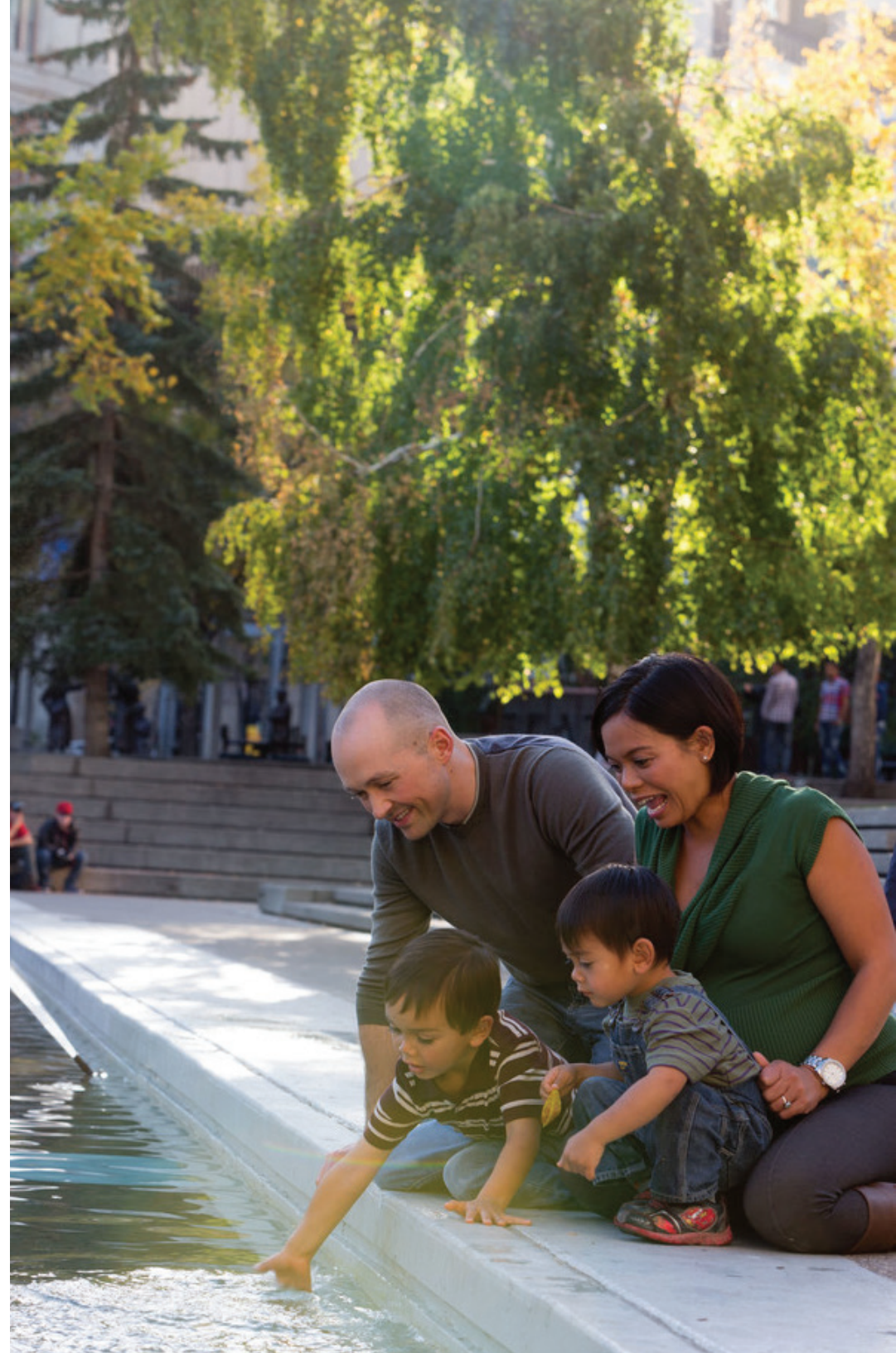
In an article on safety and security in public space, the Project for Public Spaces said:

“These spaces need to be designed with flexible uses in mind, always taking into account that a mixture of sun and shade, food, water, and a good view of the passing scene are essentials.

We have found that a good place provides a range of things to do (“uses and activities”); is easy to get to and connected to the surrounding community (“access”); is safe, clean, and attractive (“comfort and image”); and, perhaps, most important, is a place to meet other people (“sociability”).

Security officials we have worked with on federal buildings across the [United States] agree with us that an actively used, thriving public plaza is much safer, and easier to police in the long run, than an empty one.”

>> pps.org/reference/safetysecurity/





"Preconceived nighttime safety issues."

"City ambassadors looking out for needs, not police but be friendly."

"More lighting and other methods to encourage traffic and discourage negative behaviour."

"Maintain current periodic festivals. Ensure no panhandling, and that loud / drunken behaviour is deterred by security."

"Tidy it up, monitor loitering so that area is safe and comfortable for all users at all times. Upgrade washrooms."

"More police presence."

"It's visibility leaves something to be desired in terms of drawing you in. It appears unsafe, being hidden behind a huge barrier of trees pretty much from every side. It's unsafe. Also, currently, it's essentially abandoned and under-utilized, boring."

"Perhaps solar lighting that comes alive at night time."

"Design seating for better sight lines for people in mobility devices."

"Landscape that allows safety, shade, comfort, more flat, free space for easier movement."

"It has the potential to be a great place for families to congregate if The City would do something about the dealers, criminals and drunks that have taken over the area. My family does not feel safe at all down there even during the day."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS



THE CHALLENGE

How might we ensure all
Calgarians have access to the
Olympic Plaza Cultural District?



With the important role that the OPCD plays in the city, accessibility is essential. Providing multi-modal options for Calgarians and visitors to get to and from the area is an important design consideration moving forward.

What we heard from the community

Issues around mobility access were relatively limited from the community. There was some desire for more reliable transit service and increased parking availability; overall, the feedback was limited in this area, suggesting a relatively high level of satisfaction today. There was feedback on making the area more comfortable and safe for pedestrians. Finally, accessibility for those with mobility challenges was a point of focus for some stakeholder groups.

Practical considerations and context

There is consideration of placing a parkade underneath Olympic Plaza as part of this redevelopment. Establishing the viability of this from a cost and access perspective will be an important part of the design process.

The proximity of the City Hall LRT station was seen as a key asset for stakeholders, providing mobility choices and offering a “release valve” for access demand, should Macleod Trail be closed for certain events.

Macleod Trail is a major corridor and there may be complications closing it for construction. There was also discussion of the utilities under Macleod Trail that will need to be moved.

The vehicular access on Stephen Avenue is the only loading zone for all the businesses along the road. There is no alleyway that can be used as an alternative.

The 8 Avenue subway is important to consider, as it is identified in *Route Ahead* – the 2013 strategic plan for transit in Calgary.

Thoughts from the field

The Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) developed Vision 2040: a vision for transit in Canada. One of the strategic directions is to fully integrate transit with community design. This strategic direction states:

“Land use, the quality of the urban environment and the development of culture are key determinants of how successful transit can be. Likewise, the quality of planning and design of transit infrastructure can shape our communities and can make an important contribution to creating civilized places and spaces.

Transit infrastructure plays an important role in defining the quality of our urban places and spaces. Transit’s advantage over the automobile is that it is inherently more people-oriented, and creating good places for people is good for transit. Transit facilities can be exciting, even iconic, and there is increasing recognition that they can serve a mobility function while also contributing to the urban environment. This aspiration must be reflected in design policies, so that we create the kind of cities that we aspire to.”

>> cutaactu.ca/sites/default/files/1.4fully_integrate_transit_with_community_design.pdf





"We used to come to Olympic Plaza all the time. We don't go near downtown anymore due to ridiculous parking rates!!"

"Make Stephen Ave more pedestrian focus with no cars ever; draw people into Stephen Ave."

"Either convenient parking or less hostile transit."

"I like the cluster of cultural amenities and organizations, the accessibility by public transit, Calgarians' use of Olympic Plaza for big celebrations."

QUOTES FROM THE PROCESS



Next Steps

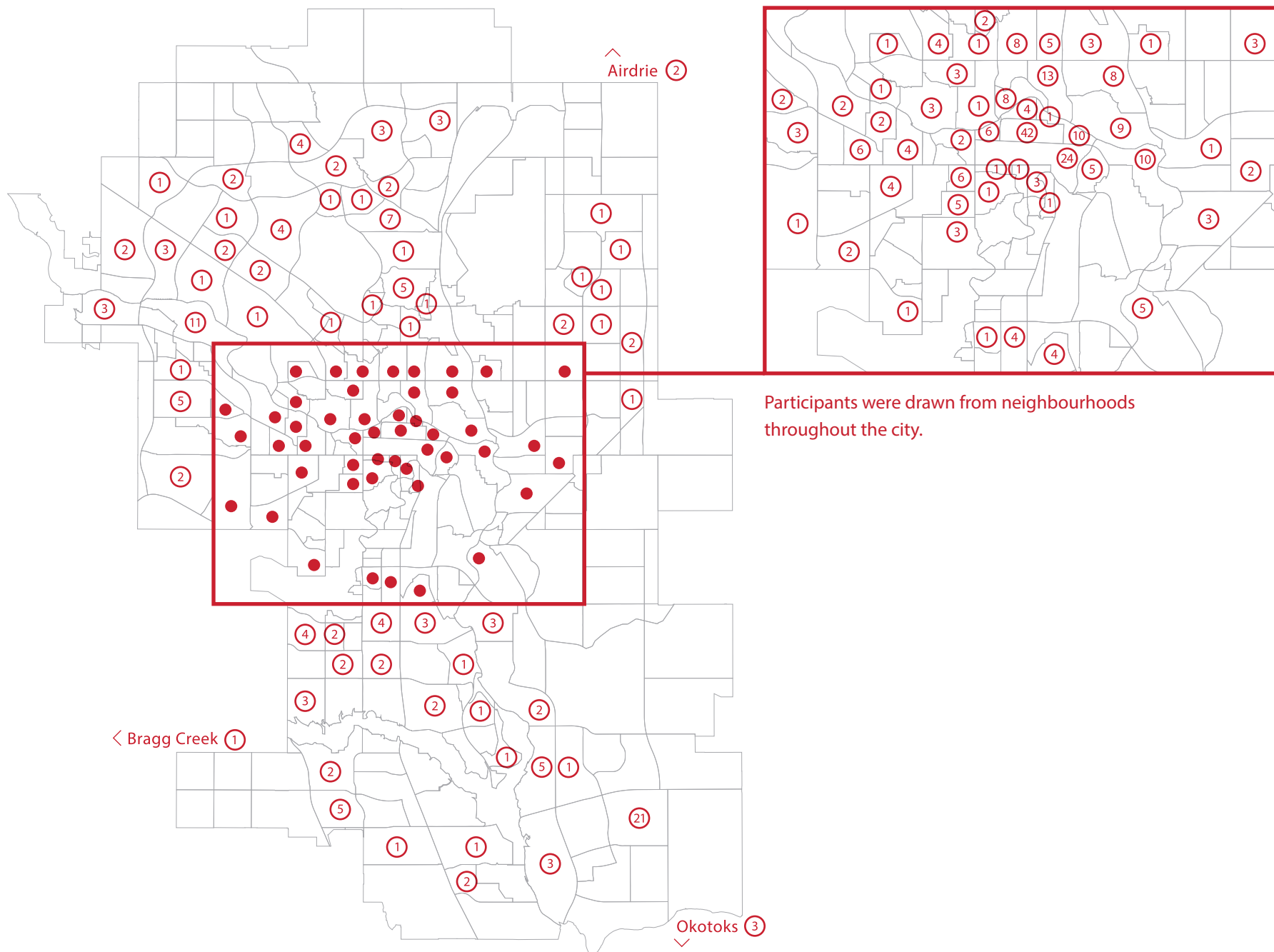
The next steps in the Olympic Plaza Cultural District revitalization process will focus on creating a roadmap for delivery of the project. This strategy will be created by The City of Calgary and Calgary Municipal Land Corporation working together to answer many questions about the project:

1. How much money should be spent revitalizing Olympic Plaza?
2. How long will the design and construction phases take?
3. What experience and talents should the ideal design and construction teams have?
4. How can we continue to invite and initiate conversations with Calgarians about the design of the Plaza?
5. What lessons have been learned on similar projects in other cities and how can we benefit from that experience?
6. How should the landscape design connect to the buildings that border Olympic Plaza?
7. What risks are there to the success of the revitalization of the Plaza and what can be done to minimize them?

As these questions are answered, project planning documents such as the budget, schedule, risk management plan, communications plan and procurement plan will be developed and approved, followed by the request for proposals for design and construction services.

Appendix A

Detailed What We Heard Results



Participants were drawn from neighbourhoods throughout the city.

Summary

The nearly two-month Olympic Plaza Cultural District (OPCD) engagement process has now been completed. The following report highlights what the community has had to say in response to our questions regarding the possible redevelopment of this cherished public space.

Using a variety of engagement approaches, feedback was obtained on how the OPCD is viewed today and how it could be improved for the future. This feedback will inform a programming guide that will be used to reimagine the area through a design competition in the near future.

FEEDBACK CHANNEL	PARTICIPANTS	DISTRIBUTION	
Event Attendance	439	Arts Commons	51
		Children's Festival	32
		Downtown Farmers' Market 1	36
		Downtown Farmers' Market 2	51
		Downtown Farmers' Market 3	39
		External Workshop	24
		Food Truck Frenzy	21
		Internal Workshop	36
		Jane's Walk	57
		Parade of Wonders	41
		Scavenger Hunt	45
Internal Displays	493	Arts Commons	55
		Bow Valley College North	15
		Bow Valley College South	71
		Carter Place	16
		Cathedral Church	14
		East Village Experience Centre	34
		Glenbow Museum	92
		Municipal Building	149
		Rocky Mountain Court	45
Mobile Office	125	Telus Convention Centre	2
		Banker's Hall	38
		Bow Valley College	15
		Eau Claire	15
Online	636	Municipal Building	57
		Maps	131
Sounding Board	516	Questions	505
		Municipal Plaza	250
Workshops	52	Olympic Plaza	266
		City Staff Workshop	29
Total	2,261	Community Stakeholder Workshop	23

Community Feedback

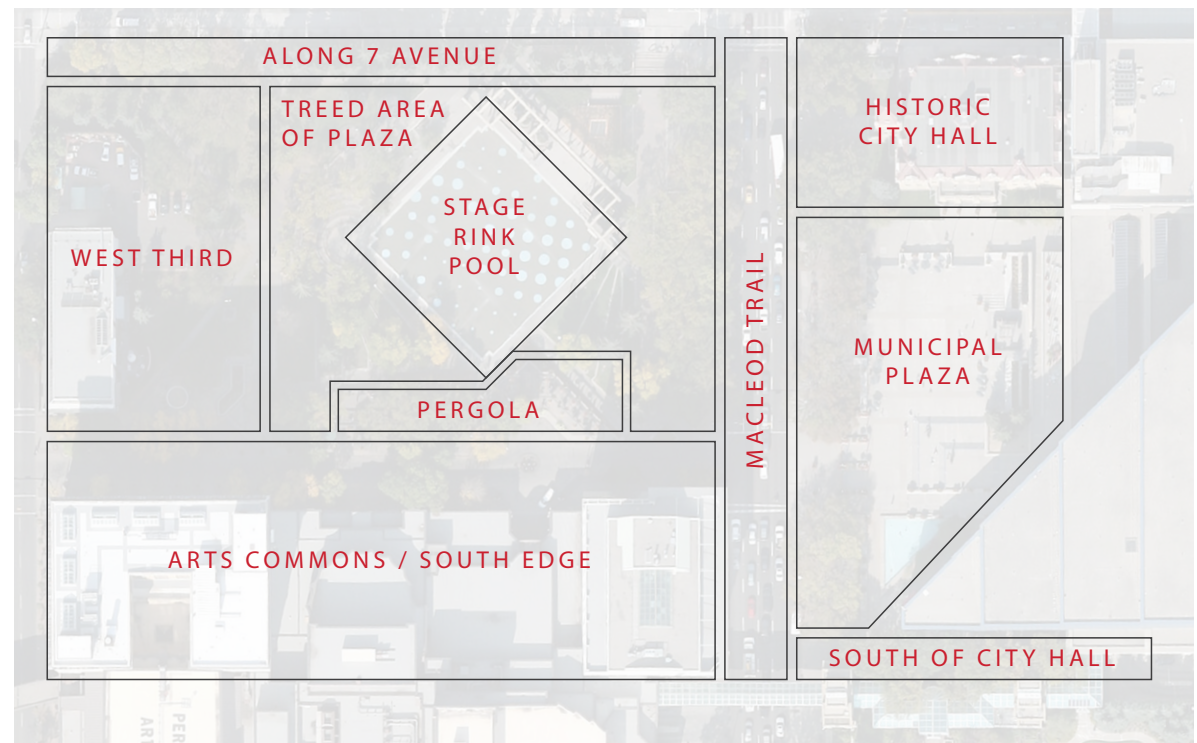
There have been three questions posed to the public in this process:

1. What do you like about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
2. Is there anything that you would like to change about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?
3. What activities and features would encourage you to visit more often?

From the **2,261 people** engaged there were over **7,200 ideas** coded, analyzed and divided into top themes.

The primary themes across all questions related to programming, events and activities people like or want to see improved for the Plaza. Participants were also quite vocal about green space, open space, access to food, art and history.

A great deal of participants spoke about making the area more safe and welcoming than it is today.



Interactive Map Codes, Explained

1. What do you like about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

NOTABLE TRENDS & INSIGHTS

THEMES	FREQUENCY	COMMON SUB-THEMES	VERBATIM COMMENTS
Greenery	208	Flowers, trees, grass	"The mature trees and grass areas." "It's an oasis of greenery and water which contrasts with the concrete and hard surfaces of downtown."
Skating Rink	202		"That it is usable in the Winter and Summer -- either as rink or as a pool"
Special Events	157	Festivals, diversity of events	"The activities like the Stampede Breakfast and family skating" "Great venue for skating and childrens festival." "Free events. Cultural events" "Charity events such as a tented dinner"
Central Location	113		"Central location. Encouraging atmosphere." "I like the fact that it provides Calgary with a "town square" and its proximity to major cultural institutions."
Public Art	96	Fountain, water feature	"Municipal Plaza art installations, great horses memorial."
Connection to Olympics	94		"I appreciate the fact that the Olympic Plaza was a proud venue for Calgary during the '88 Olympics, keep it as is." "The historic buildings around it and also the 1988 winter olympic history"
Splash Pad	85		"Not much it's pretty barren. I like the water when it's in." "Water feature and sunken amphitheatre design." "The amphitheatre, the reflecting pool, the skating rink."
Arts & Culture	82	Musicians, concerts	"inner city park / cultural space" "I like that there are a lot of performing arts facilities there." "Live theatre plays performing arts (concerts or dance) held outdoors such as Shakespeare in the Park" "the historic culture behind it."
Open Space	82		"I love the open space and the statues." "Openness and easy pedestrian accessibility."
Meeting / Gathering Space	72		"It has vibrancy. It is a gathering place that resonates with all Calgarians." "Great gathering space - walkable and love the pedestrian street on Stephen Ave."
Seating	67	With tables	"Lots of places to sit and enjoy the fresh air and feel like community." "Nature, place to sit, eat, read or chat."
True Public Space	49		"I like the gathering/recreational space it supplies in the heart of downtown Calgary." "Public space, skating, outdoor concerts, flowers/trees/grass, sitting areas" "Lots of open area, public land that is multi-use and versatile, next door to all the theatre spaces."

INTERACTIVE MAP CODES

THEME	CODES
Arts Commons / South Edge	Performing arts
	Fountain
	Historic buildings
West third	'Famous Five' sculpture
Treed area of plaza	Lunch space
	Relaxing space
	Greenery (trees, flowers, grass)
Stephen Avenue	Integration and access between the two
Macleod Trail	Trees and lights
	Look of +15
Stage / Rink / Pool	Skating
	Pool
	Stage
	Concerts / festivals
	Architecture
	Fountains
Pergola	Carne
	Relaxing space
	Seating and tables
	Openness
	Architecture / design
	Pedestrian feel
	Trees

2. Is there anything that you would like to change about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

NOTABLE TRENDS & INSIGHTS











THEMES	FREQUENCY	COMMON SUB-THEMES	VERBATIM COMMENTS
Greener	113	Less concrete, more green, less trees, flowers	"More grass & greenery, softer, too much concrete." "More greenery; way too much cement." "More gardens." "More hanging baskets"
Security / police presence	82		"Better policing." "Better security to keep it a more desirable place at all hours." "Less crime." "Fewer used needles tossed in the bushes."
Safer	68		"safety - or lack of, at certain times of day and times of year, homeless bathing in the wading pool."
More food	59	Food trucks, more vendors	"There should be some dedicated food truck spots so people will come to Olympic Plaza at lunch for street food. I see food trucks there sometimes but I don't know if they are dedicated spaces." "allow for food vendors/food trucks to buy food from." "More outdoor cafes and restaurants."
Seating	51	More seating, comfort	"More seating as it is very limited right now." "The seating options. I wish there were more comfortable benches and tables" "More warming stations with more seating around them too in the winter.it can be cold with the little kids"
Nothing	49		"No change." "Nope. Good as is" "No. Please don't change it, dig it up, and put it out of commission for months. It's important as a beautiful usable space; not out of bounds, under-construction space."
Remove drunk / homeless / transient activity	49		"Yes. Get the drunks, drug dealers and bums out to make it more inviting to other people." "The homeless people and drug deals that occur in the open." "Clean it up, add more incentives for people to use it, discourage it as place for homeless people to hangout, ensure excellent lighting at night."
More inviting	42	Macleod edge, 7 Ave edge	"The plaza needs to be much more permeable on the north side as the coniferous trees create a barrier between 7th Avenue and the plaza." "Open up north side along LRT tracks, remove the stage/backstage area on NE corner. More restaurant/retail space."
More programming	42	Informal activity, live music, event promotion	"It should be more active. More food trucks, food markets, vendors, pop-ups, events, festivals." "Encourage more activity, better visibility from 7th Avenue." "Live cast the First 15 minutes of every show from Arts Commons and other culture-centres; kind of like a hub to know about what is happening around the city."
More public art	42		

INTERACTIVE MAP CODES

THEME	CODES
Treed area of plaza	Remove drunks
Stephen Avenue	Convention Centre's lack of interaction with the street z & pedestrians
Macleod Trail	Feels unsafe
	Drunks and drug dealers
Stage / Rink / Pool	The road
	+15 bypassing plaza
Pergola	Concrete
Municipal Plaza	Too much concrete

3. What activities and features would encourage you to visit more often?

NOTABLE TRENDS & INSIGHTS

THEMES	FREQUENCY	COMMON SUB-THEMES	VERBATIM COMMENTS
Emphasis on arts & culture	264 	More musicians/concerts, outdoor plays, buskers	"Music, art displays, crafts etc." "You'd think a Cultural district would have free concerts, outdoor activities, better green space and facilities." "Well organized cultural events, festivals , outdoor concerts, group picnics, street performance , buskers, outdoor cinema."
More food	216 	Food trucks, more vendors, outdoors, open later, affordable	"A food establishment similar to Boxwood in Central Memorial Park or River Cafe should be strongly considered." "More food vendors all year round." "More food trucks (perhaps in the water area when there is no water)."
More programming	136 	Live music, non-formal	"More events, perhaps have the ability to provide some cover or protection against weather, more food/drink options" "I would love it if we could use Olympic Plaza as more of a constantly-used cultural space - more like Central Park's Summer stage" "More programming will help with safety, not a redesign."
Special events	130 	Festivals	"food festival or music festival" "More frequent festivals and other cultural events." "More public art, food trucks, more festivals, concerts, etc. Different band every Sunday afternoon, artist market, street performers."
Market space	85 	Farmer's market, art market	"a mini fair." "A market place where people could sell their crafts and art. Similar to the Lilac Festival." "Night market"
More public art	76 	Interactive	"LARGE FORMAT PUBLIC ART!!! live music, speakers corners, low key performance platforms." "I would like to see more public artwork (sculptures) in the plaza and also a public piano added in."
Greener	73 	More, grass	"Added green space, flowers, trees, water features."
Family friendly	49 	Fitness park, Tai Chi	"Skate Park" "Exercise bikes capable of generating renewable, green electricity. Family friendly activities (exercise park)."
More development	45 	More stores, kiosks	"More residential" "Activity to encourage retail" "More space for small businesses"
Better seating	42 	More	"Better seating throughout park." "Room for people to sit and relax"

INTERACTIVE MAP CODES

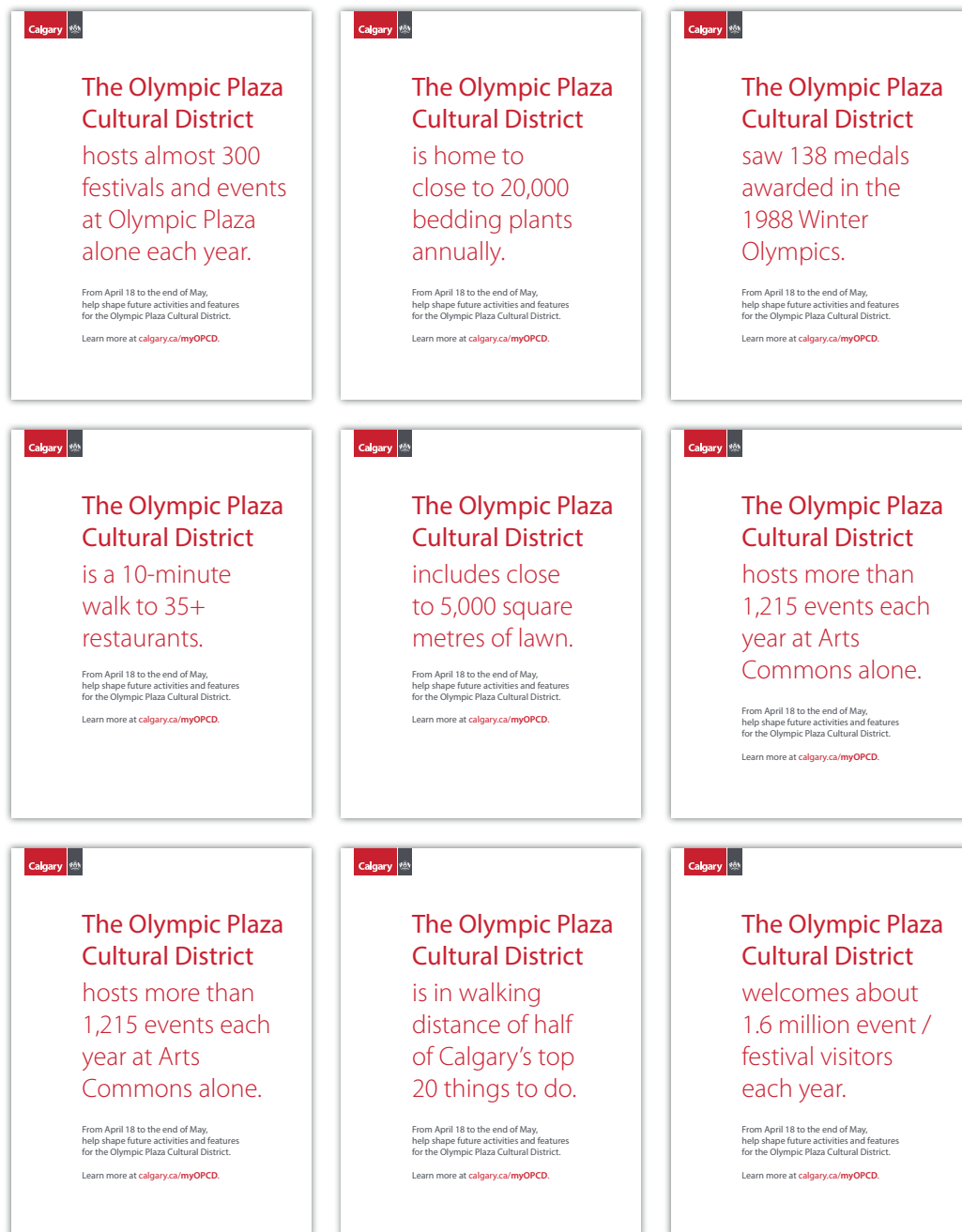
THEME	CODES
Arts Commons / South Edge	Burns Building always vacant and feels derelict
	Interaction between Arts Commons and plaza
	Colourful lights
West third	Better connection to Calgary tower
	More art and music
	Keep Teatro building
	Less Trees, more openness
	Watch 'The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces'
Treed area of plaza	More open around/behind the stage
	More grass seating
Along 7 Avenue	Wave pool
	Improve sightlines and make more inviting/accessible
	Add retail
	Colourful lights
Macleod Trail	Pedestrian improvement and connected/continuous plaza (i.e. underpass for cars)
	Line with lights/banners
	Cars allowed but pedestrian priority (like Stephen Avenue)
Municipal Plaza	Fountain
	Greenery
	Seating
	Public art
	'Punch through' City Hall

INTERACTIVE MAP CODES

THEME	CODES
Stage / Rink / Pool	Repurpose bricks
	Make safer
	Keep water feature
	Mix of modern and traditional design
	Better sound system
	Giant Christmas Tree
	Keep as is
	Colourful lights
	More facilities that are open regardless of events
	Good maintenance
Pergola	Washrooms
	Food
Pergola	Food trucks
Historic City Hall	Colourful lights
	Preserve more historic buildings
South of City Hall	Try and connect it with the plazas and East Village

Appendix B

Public Engagement Materials




Olympic Plaza Fact Signage

A poster series of fun facts about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District were arranged throughout Olympic Plaza for the duration of the engagement process.

Olympic Plaza Sounding Boards

Two sounding boards were located in Olympic Plaza and Municipal Plaza, allowing passersby to learn more about the project and contribute their answers to the three engagement questions.



Have your say!

Olympic Plaza Cultural District

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PROJECT TIMELINE

APRIL 18 - 2016 Public awareness campaign	APRIL 18 - END OF MAY 2016 Community engagement	MAY 2016 Report back to community	END OF MAY 2016 Sign turned
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Your priorities. Our goals.

Meaningful art • Great design • Connections • Easy access • Preservation • Unique • Transportation options • Welcoming • Events • Programming • Clean • Safe • Green spaces • Reuse public buildings • Amenities




I live in: _____ (neighbourhood)

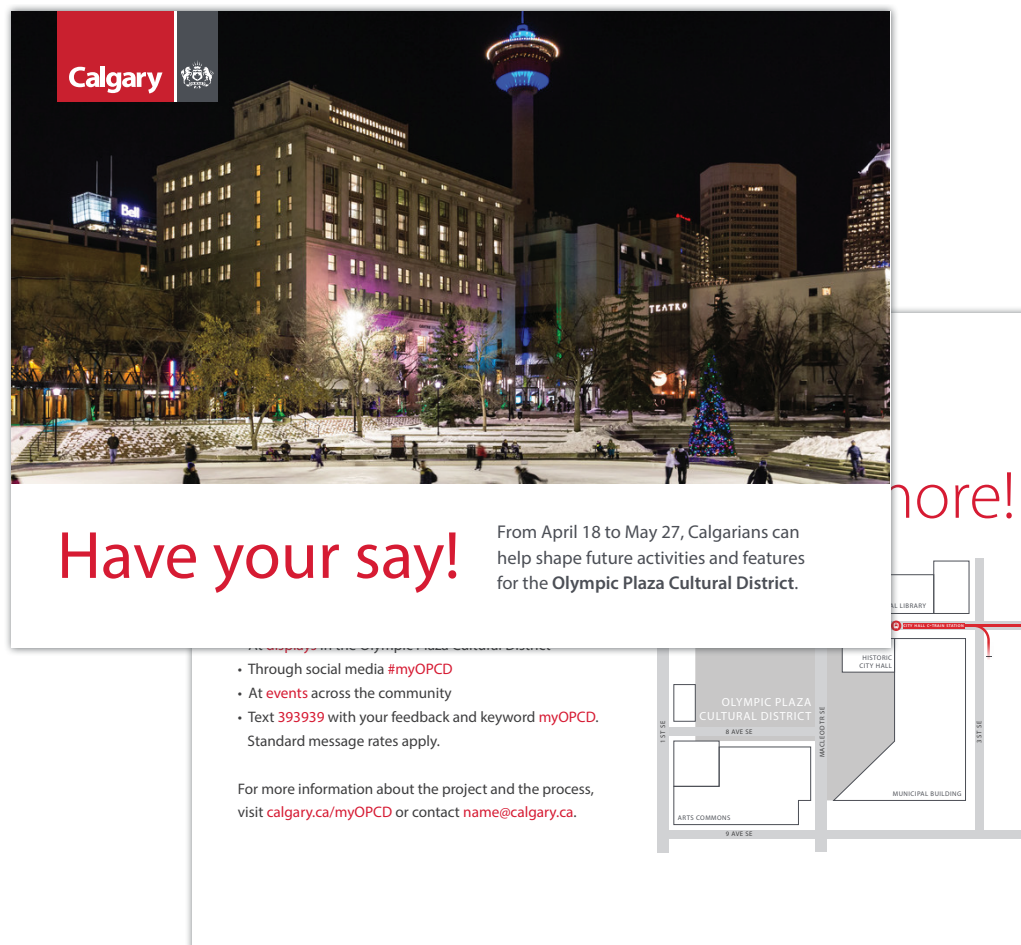
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Engagement Postcard

Postcards, containing project information, engagement opportunities, and contact information, were given out at events and engagements throughout the Downtown Centre City.





FREE Olympic Plaza Cultural District Scavenger Hunt Tues, May 17 12 P.M.

Explore the Olympic Plaza Cultural District and help plan its future. Riddles, puzzles, skill-testing questions, prizes and MORE.

#myOPCD

Learn more at calgary.ca/myOPCD.

Olympic Plaza Cultural District Scavenger Hunt

There are six stations in your mission. Once completed, you will receive your prize.

Your Answer

Station 1: _____

Station 2: _____

Station 3: _____

Station 4: _____

Station 5: _____

Station 6: _____

Help us respond

What do you think? _____

Is there anything else? _____

What activities? _____

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Your name _____

Your email _____

Olympic Plaza Cultural District Scavenger Hunt Station Map

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YOUR NOTES

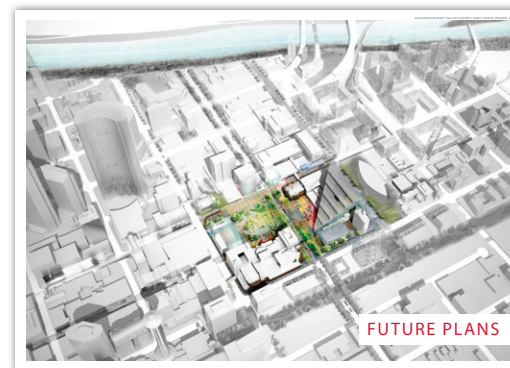
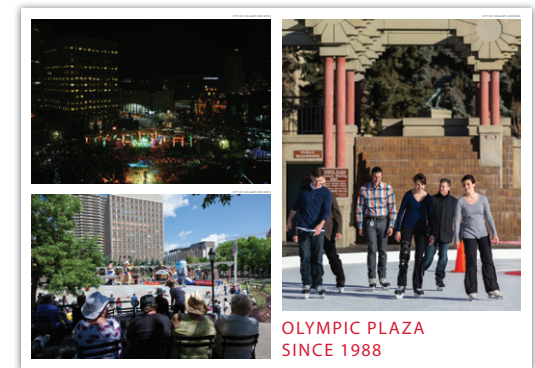
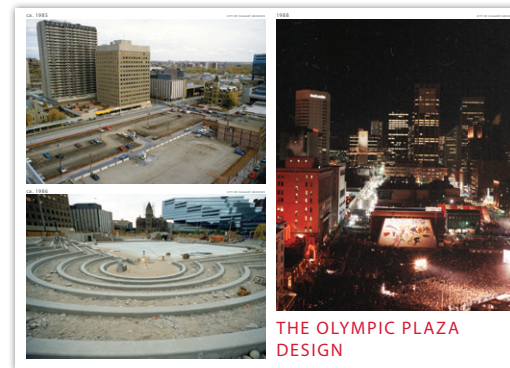
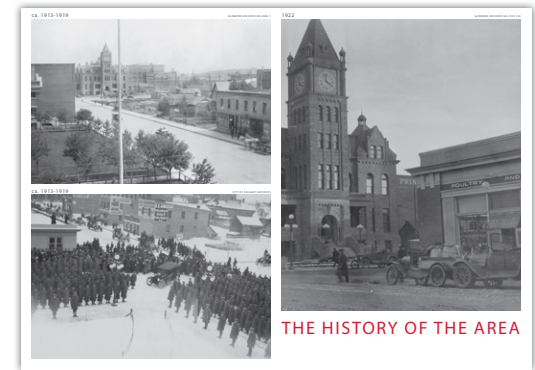
Scavenger Hunt Materials

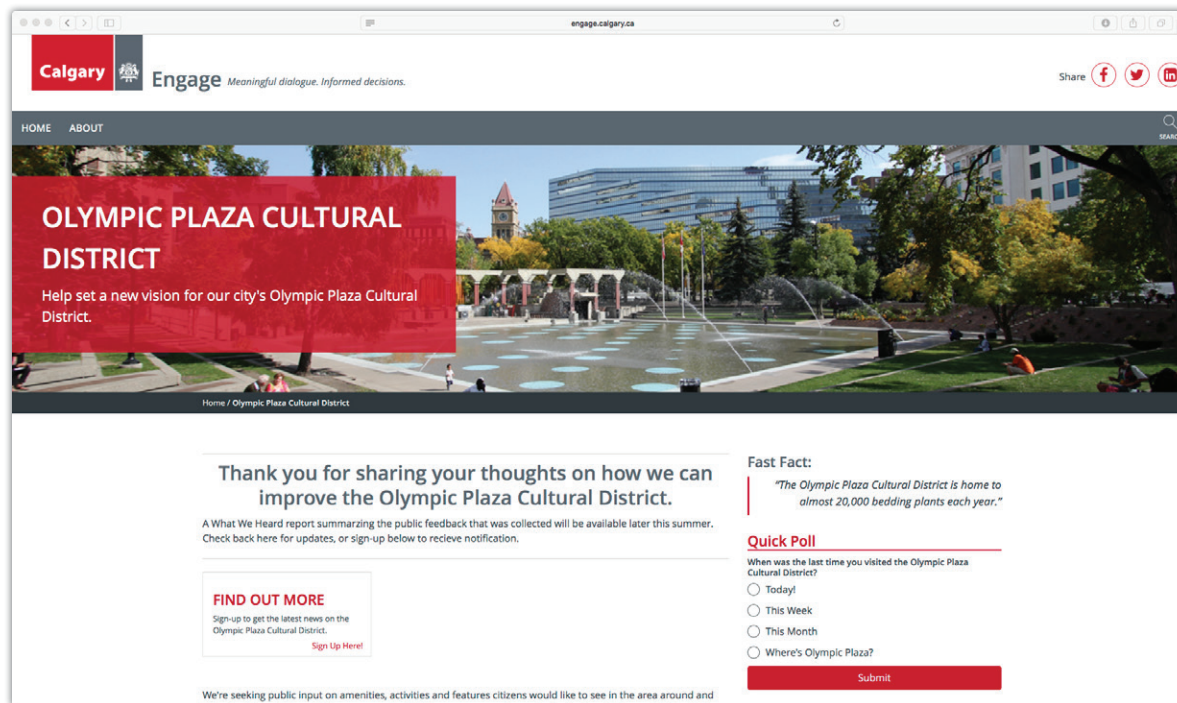
On May 17, 2016, visitors to Olympic Plaza were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt organized by the engagement team. Participants answered six questions about the space at sites throughout Olympic Plaza, and provided their feedback on the engagement questions.

Each ballot sheet was entered into a draw to win a prize from nearby merchants.

Jane's Walk Boards

On May 7, 2016, the engagement team and special guests took participants on a guided walking tour of the Olympic Plaza Cultural District, providing an opportunity to learn about the space, its history, and plans for the future. These poster boards supported the storytelling that took place during the walking tour.





Engagement Website and Social Media

The City of Calgary hosted an online engagement website for the duration of the project, allowing site visitors to participate in the OPCD process in a convenient and quick manner. Visitors could learn more about the project aims and answer the engagement questions. Users were also encouraged to participate through the City's social media channels.

Appendix C

Verbatim Comments

Q1: What do you like about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

Sounding Board Olympic Plaza

Green landscaping	Water, meeting place, no tall shadows	Hanging pots of flowers, flower arrangements, events, music, and culture. Rink in winter; fountain/water filled in summer.
Clean place; it's lovely, flower arrangements; like it a lot	No cars, historical buildings, trees, grass, annual flowers; it's a beautiful space	Lunch in the sun sitting on the terraced grass or at the black tables.
Nice large trees, flowers, birds; outdoor café; ice rink is great	I kind of like it the way it is	Everything. It's peaceful.
More trees	Cafe tables, landscaping, flowers, skating	I love my county. I love this city. This is a happy environment. I have a lot of family history and back home in Ontario. People are friendly here.
Public art and live music	The relaxing environment	Very good to take a date.
Famous Five	Natural environment, trees, flowers, grass, limited cars	Common place to meet up with everyone.
An oasis in a concrete jungle; life, sunshine, nature!	Stampede week is awesome; flowers	Skating in the winter, it's like Calgary's Rockefellers' Plaza. Don't lose this.
It's a wonderful place to just go and relax and a great place to hold events	Leave as is-no new development	Skating
Open area flowers	I like the sun exposure	More local amateur theatre performance, great gathering place, nice to have a park downtown, skating is a definite draw.
The Olympics 88 Heritage needs to be retained.	Olympic Plaza is great as is	Keep the maintenance up, leave the legacy as is
Greenspace that isn't too loud	Skating rink in winter, swimming pool for kids in summer, green space to eat lunch in the sun	The skating rink, please keep it.
Stadium	Please keep the water fountains.	I love it when it's a gathering place
Keep the bricks	Please keep the bricks and the Olympic "feel".	I love it when it's a gathering place
Free skating during most of winter	The fountain.	Restore & keep the Olympic legacy, stop destroying our history.
Keep the grass	Keep it as it is.	The water feature. How open and inviting it is.
It's inspiring	The architectural features from the 1988 Olympics. Historic; good representation of po-mo style	The water features, trees and flowers also.
Open space, greenery	Do not change this, everyone uses it	Seating
Love the trees!	I do like looking at different events here.	

I enjoy the trees and the flowers, the water, ice rink is awesome. I enjoy the cultural events held here.

Beautiful city

Tables are great, water feature great

I love the flowers and tables and chairs. Thanks.

Do not cut any trees down.

Green space park

All of it. Please do not change it.

Everything. Trees, lawn, events, moveable seating, choices between sunny areas and shady areas, peoples names on the bricks including 2 relatives an 1 friend of mine who have no other memorials. Highly value connection to 88 Olympics. Sorry Nenshi isn't old enough to appreciate that. Please do not build on green space. The money spent on a temporary Panda house at the Zoo is way more than enough to fix the pool drainage problem here. The Olympic Plaza space is wonderfully flexible and works very well as it is. The City needs to acquire more centrally located land for events such as Beakerhead that are relegated to temporarily vacant lots. It is wonderful to watch skaters here in winter during intermissions from the Symphony or the theatre. Why mess with success? We have so little of it. Like the take out restaurant in summer and skate rental in winter. Love the flowers in season; Parks does a super job on that!

That there is a restaurant near by

The skating is awesome!

Enjoy the lights and plants; a people place; can't wait for the planting; it's a noon time respite

Countless events held

We like seating areas, trees & green spaces & flowers , good size space

Renovate & repair but keep the original plaza-Its Calgary history. Add around it-to green space.

I agree-Renovate & repair but keep the original plaza-its Calgary history. Add around it-to green space.

Enjoy wading pool. Beautiful area. Love the flowers. Add more statues/art

It's nice. Good water.

Urban views

Water is good

Please keep the Pillars

Keep skating rink in winter

Great space

Keep skating rink/rentals. Generally it doesn't need a lot. Know there is concern of Olympic history

We enjoyed the place!!

We enjoyed the place!!

Sunny and open to the sky all year. Great for people watching too! Outdoor skating right downtown! (When we have a winter)

Great people space for festivals and celebrations.

The water fountains. The meet ups.

Keep the trees

Skating in the winter.

I like all the cool stuff and things to do and the pool thing.

The statues for cool pictures!

The green.

Vibrant!

Music, shows and entertainment

Skating

I like the water park and the Calgary Stampede.

I just saw a squirrel.

I love to come here to feed bunny and birds. I'm Iranian and I love Canada and Calgary.

It is really pretty and relaxing.

Just a really fun, interesting place in general! Keep up the good work.

The water fountain because it runs all day.

Beautiful gardens and water. Quiet. Lovely meeting places.

Beautiful landscaping and gardening. Soothing water fountains.

A great place to hang out.

I love it!

The green

Love the idea of the benches-name engraved.

Sounding Board Municipal Plaza

Skating in the winter!

Flowers & public outdoor spaces to eat my homemade lunch

Skating in the winter!

Being able to eat lunch and people watch

The sun, the seasonal planters and lights along Stephen Ave

The art	Awesome	I think it's nice the way it is.
Remembering the Olympics	Sense of place; A large gathering spot in the heart of YYC is something special	Fountains in the skating rink are great in summer
Keep the water features, ice rink, fountains & wading pool!!	A green space among all the high rises; wish it could be bigger; more music of all kinds all the time.	Trees/flowers
Spray park; place for young children	Year round space, water park/wading pool in summer, skating in winter	The views!
Sitting down and working some art in the fresh air	Has character and life, trees, flowers, low buildings equals sunshine-hard to find downtown	Don't take all the trees down! Look at Place des Arts in Montreal for neat programming ideas
Variety of seating choices	Not much that I like	Trees, relaxing open space, exposure to sun while downtown
Splash pad	Summer/winter is a problem	The tree area outside City Hall
The activities that take place in the park; both the informal & formal events	I really enjoy public napping on the grassy steps of Olympic Plaza. Good shade and steps feel comfortable.	Arts Commons!
Stairs to sit on	The skating rink and water park for the children	It's very welcoming and peaceful! Very beautiful!
Concrete is beautiful	All the flowers everywhere	<i>Interior Display Arts Commons</i>
Skating event during Chinooks	The Municipal Plaza needs the most work.	Free events. Cultural Events.
Use in winter too!	Save the trees	Like it as it is!!
Beautiful flower baskets hanging from the pergola	Ice skating in winter, wading in water in summer and festivals.	Like the skating rink and summer concerts
Love the kids splashing and skating	Trees, events, community and nice place already	Food trucks and family friendly events
Save the bricks!	Park spaces	I like the skating rink
Olympic Plaza is beautiful but, maybe a bit bigger.	Love the flowers	I like the rink at winter and free animation movie
I like National Kids Festival.	Nature	Atmosphere/flowers. Olympic plaza, summer festivals, busking
The thing I liked about the Olympic Plaza is that it has a lot of activities located there.	Like the green space and tributes to the Olympics; enjoy seeing events happen.	I like the festivals (sled island, kids fest, snowblower)
Love the horses-dress them up for special events.	Fountains, green space, frequent events	Leave the bricks
The wading pool/skating rink.		The skating rink
My best time here and I like it!		I like the wading pool during summer and festival Calgary

It is the centre of the city	Splash pool	Keep a water feature but ensure it is designed in an environmentally friendly manner
Nuit Blanche. Stampede events. Cultural Events. Wading pool. Buskers.	Skating	Respect the historical purpose as a celebration space.
Free concerts/festivals. Skating. Carne for great food. People watching.	Summer festivals	Like the trees, please keep them.
Green! Keep the grass and the trees	Flowers	Like the lighting.
Everything! Mayor Nenshi guest appearances	Places like this make Calgary special	Keep the trees and greenery
Stop wasting money. This is not a priority.	Flowers in the summer, lighting in the winter	Skating rink
Keep the bricks.	Flowers, landscaping, performances and festivals	Keep the bricks
Accessible to LRT; heritage buildings are gorgeous; space in plaza is flexible.	Watching families, skate in winter, play in the water in summer	Keep a water feature but ensure it is designed in an environmentally friendly manner
A beautiful neighbourhood that preserves the architecture and history of Calgary.	Skating, fountain park	This place is great
Keep the historical feel.	Keep it the same. There's no reason to blow this money. Spend it on the homeless.	The brick with all the family and individual names
So blissful in the summer; love it.	<i>Interior Display</i> Carter Place	The trees and seating
Love the Plaza chairs, water, flowers, trees, lawn. Love Jack Singer and all the theatres. City Hall outdoor plaza seems poorly utilized. Too much concrete? Looks best with flowers and trees in leaf. Loved the connection with library.	Please just leave it just the way it is now.	Location. Best area downtown.
Retain our Olympic legacy and stop trying to destroy the story of Calgary.	<i>Interior Display</i> Municipal Building	Sled Island stage
Leave as is	Do nothing it's fine.	Water feature and skating rink
Leave everything as is; this is a historical site	+15 connection to the library	Skating rink and fountain, nice park and events
Love that you can walk around on a beautiful evening before enjoying a performance at the theatre.	Public space across from theatres and nice walk along 8th Ave	Greenery, trees
Love the flowers.	Skating, posting of cultural events, flowers in summer, tables & chairs	Water works in the summer, skating in the winter
People	Skating, live music & arts	The fountains
	All the greenery of the plaza, winter skating, summer park/water	Skating, events, activities, flowers, people
	Skating	It's a lovely oasis in the heart of a beautiful city!
		It's a lovely gathering space

Lots of events there, green space, ice skating	Keep Olympic as is, with the wading pool during summer & ice skating in the winter. This is still an Olympic venue.	Skating, water fountain
Gardens, skating rink, orange park commemoration feature		Bricks
What will happen to the bricks with names?	<i>Interior Display</i> Bow Valley College South	Events; views from all around; flowers are fantastic; stage
I love public plazas	The amazing people	Light at Teatros
No way –no change	Live theatre plays performing arts (concerts or dance) held outdoors such as Shakespeare in the Park	Keep the trees
Blue tooth speakerz with queue	The park and skating	Skating
Like open areas to sit	I like to sit in the sun and people watch.	Please leave it as it is.
Include culture in!	I like that it's open to the public, the ice rink is great, as well as the water in the summer	Don't change anything ever.
I love the Famous 5 statue	Diversity is valued there	Like the bricks.
Please don't do any major renovations	It's an important cultural heritage site leave it alone.	Corporate events
Location. By transit and like Calgary's version of Toronto's City Hall.	The open seating area; the skating rink	I love Olympic-skating, pool & water, shows & concerts
The ideas of more cafes, names in bricks and people purchase a brick. Great for grandchildren to find. Planting lovely. Also recognition of Olympians- great idea and a way of saying "Thank you".	Beautiful trees-green space breaks monotony of concrete	Bricks
Love the flowers. So pretty!	Music, art, nature fun	Olympic Plaza is not that bad
I love the trees and the opportunity to enjoy green space right in the middle of downtown!	Green space, trees, flowers, please	Bricks
I like skating in Olympic Plaza in the winter.	Keep the seating just add more	Olympic bricks!
Pond in summer. Rink in winter. Trees!!	<i>Interior Display</i> Glenbow	Events
Water park	Central location, sun, beautiful plants, Olympic bricks, sunken stage	Skating rink
Trees!	I love it.	Nice contrast to rest of city; social spot; cosmetic changes only
Interior Display Bow Valley College North	So many weird statues	Landscaping, flowers, art installations, café area peaceful, mature trees, landscaping connection to Olympics
	Bricks	Skating, kinds in the water in summer
		Bricks

Planters are well done and beautiful	Things to watch – skating	Keep skating rink; preserve lunch spot
Municipal Plaza art installations, great horses memorial	Children's Festival	Beautiful as is. Keep it as is.
<i>Interior Display</i> Rocky Mountain Court	Flowers	Like skating; water to dip feet in; tiered seating
Keep a concert stage	Open and inviting downtown space	Like the skating and splash park/pool
It's beautiful as is. Doesn't need to change, would be a poor use of money. Use funds wisely on building more support for disadvantaged people. Might reduce hatred and anger! See other suggestions.	Workday lunch spot	Love the gathering place feel of it. Like plaza's in Europe/ Mexico. Skating is nice in winter and so is water in summer. More green would be lovely, gardens with food can help our homeless (apple trees, raspberries some-edible gardens)
I like the decor and lights	Skating rink	Keep the Olympic arches and Olympic spirit alive. Memories are important. Love the flowers.
Water feature, ice rink, trees	Don't take away the skating rink	
Flowers, trees, fountains, grass and vegetation	I think it's a great public space already	<i>Mobile Office</i> Eau Claire
The ice rink is a social positive reality and it's FREE. We use it all the time	Places to sit and socialize	Like the trees. Don't want to see them all cut down.
<i>Interior Display</i> Cathedral Church	Keep the Olympic bricks	Good as is.
Keep the trees	<i>Interior Display</i> Councillor Display	Like the skating rink
I like the skating rink in the winter. I like the trees. Please do not cut down the trees. We need shade and greenery in the Plaza.	Concerned about cost and priority, keep skating and water feature	Like the skating rink
<i>Interior Display</i> Telus Convention Centre	Skating, keep a water feature/wading pool.	<i>Event</i> Children's Festival
Save the bricks	Summers are only getting hotter.	Skating rink
<i>Interior Display</i> East Village Experience Centre	<i>Mobile Office</i> Bow Valley College	Festivals, pool, rink, time capsule for kid's festival
Steps to sit on	Like the ice rink	Like the general intention and idea of the space
Famous 5 statue	Protect Cultural District as a resource	Trees, plants, open no vehicles
	<i>Mobile Office</i> Bankers Hall	I love the wading pool. It's a great space for kids, a picnic or even a date!!
	I like the bricks	We enjoy the cultural activities
	I like it as is	I hope they keep the Famous 5 statues.

The skating rink.	Free concerts during Stampede or after (more of)	Many possibilities to do activities
Sun, trees, levels, gardens, water, away from most tall buildings	Like the whole space, especially Olympics	Summer and winter activities – Canada day, skating and kids day
Event Farmers' Market	Ice rink, wading pool, stage	think it is great for family
Like I the way it is, especially during Stampede.	Event Food Truck Frenzy	cultural events
Location and heritage	Trees, benches and close cafés	water spring
Like it as is-don't change it. Keep ice rink	Events, food trucks and skating	nice urban green space with promise of exciting redevelopment
I like it the way it is; safety; community garden with bee hives	Respect history rebuild	the events and cleanliness
Skating rink and festivals	It's simplicity and openness	I love the many events held down here. Stampede, sled island, other cultural festivals
Street church	Event Parade of Wonders	leave as is
Skating rink and flowers	Like skating rink	open space
Keep walking routes through Plaza; skating should be preserved; water feature should stay.	Keep the flowers	seating
Preserve the bricks; Ice rink seating on steps.	Fine as is	water
Keep Stephan Ave. pedestrian.	Like Capuccini and would like to see more of that	food
Children's festival	Looks good	nice place to relax on summer days
Like the plaza to be passive, doesn't need to always be activated.	It's a fun space	Great gathering place for special occasions
Lunch hour-place to have lunch for people to lunch	Don't change it	I love that it is so close to so much.
Update washrooms	Event Scavenger Hunt	I love having lunch in the park
Love –skating, hot chocolate, wading pool, decorations, cultural events, free	Love events, shade, and water. Great space.	It's so clean too with so much nature
Stampede, flowers, regular patrols, water to cool off, transit great	Like quiet time to enjoy coffee before homeless folks come. Value greenery.	trees
Like amphitheatre-free music & entertainment, spot to eat	Keep Olympic arches and podium	water
		Olympic history

I like the plaza because it is a cool place to relax during break or throughout the day.	events	Winter/summer potential -> ice rink
I like the layout of Olympic plaza	Flowers, tree	Public gathering space vs civic participation space (political or social services, public displays or protests)
It is nice to relax during summer days	fountain	Mature trees
Has many historic facts	flowers and fountain	Versatile- skating/concerts
that it is open to new ideas of the plaza	it provides a focus area for people to meet, however there really isn't any particular draw during the day to bring people in. More patios in the summer would draw way more people.	Integration of new and old properties
how it's built	lovely flora and fauna with proximity to the arts and bie section	8 Ave too road like aggressive driving
the art	our Olympic ceremonies were held here. Part of our story.	Famous 5
the history	Water feature.	Chairs/tables
it is very artistic	Active space	Steps have a good vantage points
the fountains	Good the way it is	Love skating with family
skating run	The fountain/rink	Some memorabilia
the trees	great festival/ concert venue	Warning signs should
the walking	<i>Workshop</i> External	Muni plaza
the greenery, natural accents.	Great job w/ planting	Old city hall
the historic culture behind it	Sand and the water	Trees
skating in winter	Ice rink- best skating outdoors	Sculpture lion
open to all	The levels are nice	Arcade
water for kids	Circle stage can work for an intimate setting	Location
place to eat lunch	Using the space in different ways	Vibrant when programmed
trees	Formal seating (tables and chairs) and causal seating on grass	Greenery
greenspace		Public art

Holiday decorations	Events – multiple uses	Amphitheatre seating
Kid friendly area	Flowers/aesthetics	Gathering Space
Blend of architecture	Lighting	Concerts and New Years Eve events
Skating rink	Lighting around Christmas	Green space elements with buildings around
Historical aspects of the plaza	Large tree line and canopy	Olympic historical aspect. Keep some kind of tribute. But bricks can go
Water feature in the summer	Healthy mature trees	Informality of space
Community gathering place	Water feature	Welcoming people of all walks of life.
Public art (famous 5) light	Music	Focal civic point
Flowers on municipal plaza side	Food Vendor within square	Historical connection to Olympics
<i>Workshop Internal</i>	Flowers, landscape features	Host for multiple events throughout the year
Good festival location	The bricks	Gathering Space
Year round use (water and ice)	Movable chairs and tables	Flowers, gophers, water, ice accomating to artsy feel
Views of surrounding City Landscape	Lots of seating available	Physicality – mature trees and greenery. Architectural features of post modern design
Tied to Stephen ave and arts commons	Great meeting place	Green space
People watching	Park space	Pergola/columns
Close to LRT	Water feature	Location
Physical manifestation of emotional connection	Restaurants nearby	Heart of city/downtown
That it has a potential to grow	Concerts. Main stage and smaller area	Close to transportation and arts commons
Physical connection to history (Olympics, etc.)	Skating	Ties into Stephen ave walk
Café seating / Passive use	Human curling	Park setting, grass
Skating / water. Needs Change	Family activities (i.e. children's festival)	Skating

Multi-use space, bringing people together in a time square event	Accessibility	Municipal bldg., flowers, grassy areas and trees.
Fond memory of a late night game of shinney at the plaza	Transit parking availability	there is alway something happening!!
Gathering place	Connection to City Hall	summer festivals
Pond	Proximity to density	I like that it was built for the special event of the Olympics and has continued to be a meeting place for Calgary events with the Flames as well as the various festivals we have.
Skating	Some flexibilit to use it	
Programmed light. Multi-use	People feel connected	Is a significant element in Calgary that should be left as it is, no good reasons to change anything.
NYE programmed well	Connection to arts and culture, festivals and events	The public art, events, skating, greenery
Skyline view	Walkability	It is fine the way it is right now. Times are not good right now and our taxes are already too high!!!
Sitting in sun having lunch	Carne food kiosk and patio tables	
Lunchtime vibe (especially in good weather	Landscaping baskets	Close to LRT
Water feature – interactive (kids playing) and sound (blocks out traffic noise)	Stairs into water feature/skating rink	It's a Great Meeting Place for not only Calgarians but visitors from all over the world it's also part of our history; our Olympic History WE NEED TO KEEP IT !!
A place we go to celebrate (sports wins, comicon parade)	Attraction. Nice space to have lunch	The architecture of the buildings and the gatherings that take place year round.
Mature Trees	History of Calgary	
Olympic Legacy	LRT access	I love the fact it's so central to Downtown, adjacent to Arts Commons, City Hall, Museums, and transport. It's quaint and beautiful.
Mature vegetation (in OP and on Macleod)	Nice place to have lunch	
Olympic legacy (shift the brick legacy)	People attractions	I like it all - it doesn't need redesign - what a waste of money!!
Existing vegetation	History of Calgary	not much
Flexible space	LRT access	The neo-classical architecture and the skating.
Informal seating areas around the edge of the square	Central, LRT, Capacity, History	Skating
Fountains and seating	<i>Online Survey</i>	Green space, skating, and festivals.
Connectivity to areas around	5 feminist scultpures, night lighting around	i like the downtown green space, and being able to sit and soak up the sun at lunch

Right on the train line, open space, place for unexpected events and festivals	I like the fact that its public space use for public enjoyment	Being in the busy, urban space surrounded by unique architecture
Skating in the winter! Would be heartbroken if there was no longer skating rink here in the winter.	Great meeting place	Things/events that bring large people into an area where I work every day (food trucks that have replaced the tables we used to have in Olympic Plaza, concerts, Art Market in the Convention Centre, authors at the Dutton Theatre in the Library.)
the 1988 Olympic bricks	The architecture.	
The diversity of events	the cultural events	Great venue for skating and childrens festival.
How peaceful and pretty it is, easy access from transit, the historical parts(Olympic info, the statues)	Diversity of people, events and spaces.	Centralized to other cultural performance and visual arts hubs
It's accessibility. You can just hop the C-Train and go enjoy yourself.	The openness and greenery of the area.	I like that it's a pretty plaza in both summer and winter because of the water feature (fountain in summer, ice rink in winter).
It's one of Calgary's true public spaces/plazas.	It's the heart of the city, a place that brings people together. It's surrounded by many of the cities most iconic buildings, great views of the Bow, future Brookfield place and eventually Telus Sky.	It was NOT built as a temporary facility for the olympic games .Check your facts.
Olympic Plaza is our living legacy of 1988 Olympics and a world-renowned facility. There is nowhere else in downtown Calgary that can replace.	I like its central location and ample greenery.	I would like city council to show some fiscal restraint with my money. Really making something pretty !!! Is that our highest priority people??
It's a public place. Planters. Teatro x2. Few +15s (and little development at +15 level) so businesses should be able to thrive at street level. Memories of many celebrations, from the Olympics to 2005's Brilliant City, 2012 Sweet City Woman filming etc.	Winter Skating	the amphitheatre, the reflecting pool, the skating rink.
I like the cluster of cultural amenities and organizations, the accessibility by public transit, Calgarians' use of Olympic Plaza for big celebrations,	Great gathering space - walkable and love the pedestrian street on Stephen Ave.	Great space to sit in the summer months! Like the occasional things that happen there during lunch. I love the bricks with the names - my grandparents have one there and they have both passed away so its really important to me that you keep those!
Its the only real urban city square the City has. Large art / cultural aspect	The multi purpose use of the fountain as it also works for ice skating in winter and hard surface for concerts.	I like the location
How open and accessible it is, the skating rink in the winter, and using it as a venue for events	easy access via transit, that the area is still open and sunny but small so it doesn't get crazy busy, ice skating, general layout of the tier steps.	The sense of community.
Everything, so many childhood memories, please do not change it drastically, i love it	That is is usable in the Winter and Summer -- either as rink or as a pool	the theatres and the buzz when they all have shows happening
Open green sunny space in the centre city, splash pools for kids, seating available for the lunch crowd	The variety of people who use it, the green space and water and skating park.	The space that could be converted into a fountain and a skating rink, the stage, and the engraved bricks for memory.
spontaneaity openness colourful activities	It is Central. It is safe (most of the time). It is family friendly.	I like the fact that it provides Calgary with a "town square" and its proximity to major cultural institutions.
	That it's an open space	Its central location. Its mixed uses. Overall, I think the biggest thing is that it's Calgary's central gathering place (or should be).
	Its gives families a place to spend time outside downtown.	Ice skating is awesome!
	Everything but this project.	

it's a place to hang out	Right now I think it's good that we have a plaza in that part of the city, even if it's underutilized in my opinion	the ability to sit outside during lunch and break periods, to skate and take the kids to wade in the pool.
I like how open it is and the location from the c-train		
Nothing	I enjoy the various activities that occur, but usually don't know they are happening until someone tells me. We need a website "What's happening in the Plaza" so we can see if we want to attend.	I like the park, the concentration of high culture, the open space to host civic gatherings, the proximity of the LRT.
The potential.		Testament to the 88 games and one thing that hasn't changed in the last ten years.
All the ledges to jump and play on for kids and fitness fanatics	It's a beautiful downtown hub; a place to take a break for a few minutes in a natural setting; a refreshing location to walk through when leaving City Hall area. The festivals are lovely. It's a fun place to come with children anytime of the year.	While the postmodern aesthetic of the plaza has fallen out of style, it should be largely retained in order to maintain a sense of place and a connection to the park's origins in the late 1980s.
location but it is dead...no vitality		
Skating in winter and water in summer. Great place for community events/gatherings.	I like that we have central place to meet. I like the grass, flowers and that there is a place to sit and eat. could use more vendors.	The green space.
Open sightlines	Skating in the winter	It's a great gem to the city in the winter and summer
Water feature and sunken amphitheatre design.	It's the epicenter for political demonstrations and rallies; a stage for those who are loud and proud with their opinions. From a single person with a sandwich board who needs an hour on a soapbox, to events as large as the Occupy Movement -- it's great.	The historic buildings around it and also the 1988 winter olympic history
A green area in the asphalt jungle		The wide open spaces
Nature, place to sit, eat, read or chat	Memories of a great event held in Calgary	Olympic heritage
Greenery, nice place to relax in the middle of downtown, festivals, skating in the winter etc.	How it can be used in so many ways (from ice skating to concerts to wading pool, etc)	I like that it is universal with people from all parts of the city coming together to share in an activities like skating or a concert.
nothing, i never ever go downtown.	CLOSE TO ARTS COMMONS	Space for the stage and public skating during winter.
I like the history of the site and the olympic legacy. I also like the mature trees in the park, something Calgary dearly lacks. The water feature is also great. Calgary lacks good fountains and water features.	It is a nice area next to city hall	The green space, continuation of Stephen ave, and the current programmable urban plaza.
	Lots of places to sit and enjoy the fresh air and feel like community.	music and
Location, Skating, Festival Use,	The water feature	Skating Rink
Great looking space	Architecture, spacious, flexible, adaptable.	I like that Calgarians have a central meeting place.
Openness and easy pedestrian accessibility.	Enough to leave it alone.	it's fine the way it is
reflective pool / ice rink, names on brick pavers, mass plantings of tulips, cafe/take out food closeby	It is pretty good so far I do enjoy it	Arts commons and all the companies performing within it.
I love that its a gathering space with a lot of potential, programming could be great.	Green areas	The history of the 1988 olympics

Lots of open area, public land that is multi-use and versatile, next door to all the theatre spaces.	The location.	history, but history nonetheless). This is unique, with the constant build-demolish-rebuild cycle so prevalent here.
Love where it is situated and that it can offer many things.	inner city park / cultural space	The size, scale and flexibility.
It is an engaging area and brings Calgarians together whether formally or informally. It has history (1988 Winter Olympics) and is perfect that it is situated in front of our municipal building and is somewhat central in our downtown area.	I like that there are a lot of performing arts facilities there.	Great space for outdoor festivals
It's massive potential for increasing parking for personal cars.	great gathering place, lovely flowers	it's a nice walk in the summer
Not much it's pretty barren. I like the water when it's in.	Open plaza feel	It is perfectly fine the way it is
It's open and inviting	I like the few green space that downtown provides. I like sitting and lounging there on a nice, lazy summer day and nice skating in the winter.	Open public space
Central down town location	Public space, skating, outdoor concerts, flowers/trees/grass, sitting areas	Its a great place in the summer to enjoy a lunch
green space, variety of activities,	My kids love running on the dots during the summer & skate in winter. Showing my daughter the famous 5 statue, as well as the lion and horses at City Hall. Seeing my kids captivated by the Christmas light display - also the summer flowers&fountain.	The plants!
Location	It has the potential to be a great place for families to congregate if The City would do something about the dealers, criminals and drunks that have taken over the area. My family does not feel safe at all down there even during the day.	Admittedly, I don't think of it as a 'cultural district' moreso, a place for some downtown events and the 'theatre district' of 'down by city hall'. I do like that there is a place for winter activity and engagement with the excellent ice surface.
It includes Arts Commons!!!!!!!	Tees	
The location	It's an oasis of greenery and water which contrasts with the concrete and hard surfaces of downtown.	
It's a quiet oasis where you can escape the hustle and bustle of downtown, vegetation is awesome	An open space downtown that can host various events and allows for skating in the winter!	It's calming, serene, and relaxing. I really love the trees!
The skating rink and the greenery.	It is an open space in between all the tall buildings	There are things to like about it but its just too small and honestly, I don't feel safe there at night.
It's well-located in a central area and despite its design limitations, it still attracts people.	Unique DT area. Skating.	All the different events taking place there.
I like the location and it's possibilities	The fact we have one. Very limited open space in that area of downtown	I like the water and wide open space. It brings an amenity that no where else has. aka the water.
I like it as an open space for congregation, and an amphitheatre for public events.	It's a focal point.	I like that its a place downtown to go skating outside in the winter, and enjoy during lunches in the summer.
The notion that it' can become a place for Calgarians and visitors can come together to share in a special experience.	all of it	Right across the street from City Hall where the focus can be what's unique about Calgary's culture
It's a central location where Calgarians gather for major events	It's an interesting flexible space that has lots of potential.	
	It's a visible / tangible link to the city's history (recent	It is fine the way it is

“natural” area to visit, particularly during summer; “historical” importance to Calgary, feel that history just being where the olympics was, think it’s important to maintain that connection to the Calgary Olympics	One of few places in the city dedicated to supporting arts and culture activities	An open public space close to transit, arts, shopping, library etc
memorial to the 1988 Winter Olympic Games	When it is used for events, concerts, festivals. It’s a central meeting place for those sorts of events	I don’t have to go there.
The mature trees and grass areas.	which is nice.	Nothing at all.
trees, green space, water feature (rink) patio area to sit or have lunch	The bricks, blue circles in the bowl and the wonderful flower pots	The ctrain stations and theatre calgary
Nice place to relax & eat lunch in the summer, skate in the winter, good for activities (i.e. human curling, Stamps rallies, etc.)	The activities like the Stampede Breakfast and family skating	The ties to site’s history; including Olympics. That it features water, refreshing summer, skating winter.
Venue/meeting place for events; its Olympic heritage; the donor bricks (PLEASE don’t remove them!!!!!!).	I like the gathering/recreational space it supplies in the heart of downtown Calgary.	Seating for picnic lunches
The openness, light, seating.	I love the open space and the statues	The rich history and the location is very good and convent I love the skating rink in the winter
Open space, performances, cultural events, skating in winter!	Central location. Encouraging atmosphere.	It is the place for civic celebrations. It has flexible spaces for multiple uses.
It has vibrancy. It is a gathering place that resonates with all Calgarians.	The beautiful flowers and displays, events happening all the time, seeing kids enjoying skating or splashing around	That it is multi-functional. I like that it can be a passive recreation area but also serve as a gathering space when needed. I like the water and the informal seating opportunities.
love skating in winter. can be a great gateway to stephen ave from East Village	Public Skating Rink. Theatres and concert halls	I like the skating rink and the uses surrounding the site
Its right at centre and good view	Green space, history, trees	The proximity to cycling routes and the c-train
the lounging on grass and hardscapes areas. The soft contours (angles, not edges), and the multiple levels make it easier to be nearby strangers without actually being “in their apace”	The ice rink and the concerts	Good place to get outdoors on the lunch hour, especially when there is live entertainment.
I like the skating rink in the winter and water in summer; the bricks on the ground (with the names that were purchased); the amount of flowers in the spring/summer; the arches on the south/east side; the pavillion spot on the south side with black tables	Ice skating ring, the tables under the pergola and the sculpture of the 5 suffragettes	The original family bricks and history
I appreciate the fact that the Olympic Plaza was a proud venue for Calgary during the ‘88 Olympics, keep it as is.	The openness of the space	All the festivals that are held there around the year. Nicer walk than along 7th Ave into the City Centre.
Public space, skating rink, fountain, theatres, space for events, trees, moveable tables & chairs (have some year round seating)	I like that it has the potential to be a focus and provide an identity for Calgary. In other major cities I have vistied there is a sense of “center” in them. The heart if you will. The current district needs something super world class to anchor that	creates an “iconic destination” (centrally located, rare open space in the centre city. Open space is scarce downtown. We need every square inch we can get. No random buildings/permanent stages or picnic areas that will disrupt the main open space please.
	It’s in the most vibrant part of Calgary - the downtown core. I love the architecture of the buildings, the human activity, the green spaces where we can sit and enjoy the weather and the view. It’s easily accessible to transit and it hosts free events.	The biggest thing is the flowers
	It is central and easy to access	It’s a beautiful meeting place, functional and accessible

for all kinds of public meetings and events.	Boring, not special enough to carry the name Olympic plaza	and that it is a community space
Open places for people to be and gather. Interesting places to visit.	Lots of trees, art statues and places to sit for lunch	The location. The brightness. A centre for concerts, skating in winter. A place for buzz.
Duh? Cultural District? What the heck does that mean? Why are you folks so intent on putting such defining labels on everything? Not much anymore. I USED to like O.P. because it was a quiet, beautiful oasis to stop and sit when I was D.T.	I like all the events that take place there throughout the year. That it's a good central hub for the city	I like the water feature that is also an ice rink in the winter. Its open and I love that you can openly walk around it. and stay awhile if you want
The historical statue and overall ambience of the area	The 8th avenue portion	The occasional time that free hot dog guy appears and all the homeless people crack open the alcohol and party like it's 1999.
Greenery, and Water fountains.	Skating rink and pedestrian ave	Civic hub for not only Stampede, but a variety of year round activities and cultural events. Great access via Transit and easily accessible by downtown workers.
Everyone can attend events so it pulls people together.	I like the multi-use, multi-season plaza space.	Year round gathering place for all types of events
The GREEN SPACE & the fact the outdoor skating rink is refrigerated - often it is one of the only outdoor skating rinks open in Calgary. Turning the rink into a water feature with fountains in the summer is also a big draw. Please keep these elements.	One of my favourite parts of downtown. Cultural hub, lots of fun activities all season. East village area is so nice with Simmons building and great to walk riverwalk and gateway to St Patrick's. Olympic plaza is walkable and nice water feature.	The access to Stephan avenue
A great central location with easy access by transit. Close proximity to existing theatres and a concert hall.	Great things in a walkable area	Great central location for events. Ice skating and the pool are great as well.
Skating and week day activities	It's central and accessible via transit, cycling and parking.	It's open
The flower beds and baskets, skating, food kiosks/trucks, music, water feature	The vegetation and the many events it hosts	location, fountains in the summer, ice skating in winter, concerts, music, trees, lights
Ice rinks and fountains	Close to cultural centres, good restaraunt, and bars	Summer festivals
Interesting sculptures, lots of green space	Skating rink, Reference to 88 Olympics including the named bricks, famous 5 statues, wrought iron gate, a convenient place for city boosting presentations (ie if the stamps win the grey cup, etc)	The family events and celebrating fun in Calgary.a reviewed
That's its in the heart of downtown. The open space and lots of opportunities for families, couples, teenagers, kids, etc	The trees are nice in the Fall.	History of the square
It is the only real recognized gathering place for the citizens of Calgary.	Skating	open to air, central location, historical value
An open place for all to gather and celebrate!	It could be expanded to accommodate more citizens of Calgary! Perhaps there could be a dome or some protection against weather conditions, that at times cancel events due to safety issues? Some of the history of Calgary is on display in the plaza!	central location, open to the air, has had an imoortant role in the city throughout history
Great area to enjoy civic gatherings , in summer enjoy the sun and the water , winter the ice skating	It is a public venue that will accommodate the citizens of Calgary!	The amount of activities that take place there, it is nice to have a central place for Calgarians to gather and celebrate various things.
	I like that lots of events are hosted there	The space is great, feels like an oasis in the city.

The music at the Jack Singer	would be a great location for a week-end farmer's market. But it needs to be GENUINELY local, like the one the HSCA has on Wednesday nights.	No cars Can sit outside eat lunch and crowd watch
Location and multi use aspect		Free and open to all. A central gathering place. Engenders sense of civic pride and community.
Close to river and trees	The variety of events, how it gets adapted to both winter and summer.	
Skating rink/wading pool. Olympic bricks and Olympic signs and memories. Famous 5. Trees and gardens. Concerts. Benches and stairs for sitting	Wide open green space in the midst of downtown. Hub for cultural activities. People space	Having the theatre and arts centre right next to it; open public space is great; a people place
The different functions and events held there. Also the ice rink in the winter.	The skating rink	Nice open area anchoring the east end of 8th avenue mall - very pleasant for a lunch time stroll
The many rallies and events - also the skating in the winter.	Openness. Olympic theme.	There's always people around, it's lively
It's architecturally interesting and a multifunctional space	It's a place for everyone to gather. There are events and the skating and the wading pool in the summer. It's a place for everyone. Keep the Olympic motto. Would be interesting to be able to keep it use the bricks with family names on them in some way.	I like the open space, the big trees and the close proximity to the train, Stephen Ave, and various restaurants.
That there is a big open area for pedestrians, seating area, that it is multi season.		Having a large open public space downtown, close to mass transit.
Gathering spot / green space in the downtown core.	The green space & trees, easy access, occasional events.	It is the heart of our downtown core!
The water feature and steps to sit on, also the proximity to the central library, children's fest	the ice skating rink is nice. during Summer, the pool with water jets is nice. the chairs and tables to sit and enjoy is nice. the flowers are gorgeous. having entertainment is nice. need more of it!! .	Variety!
The rink and reflection pools		flowers, skating rink, fountains, Children's Festival, Rope Square, tables & chairs, live music
It's a place where people gather, celebratory place.	I like that it still feels like it did in 88!	It's a nice area. I like the fountain/skating rink.
Heritage of the Olympics	The trees	Home of the Olympics, easy access for winter and some events
The pool and winter ice	Walkability, skating, seating, theatre	Wide open space, with water features through the seasons. Laying back on the lawn with many opportunities to see hosted events.
Location	Beautiful place to be, open to public, easy access, wading pool/skating rink, close to Arts Commons, library, C-Train	Easy access; free, outdoor activities are hosted in the Plaza; comfortable walking and sitting space
The skating rink, the outdoor food hut, the 5 women statue	Easy to get to.	Pedestrian friendly
the openness and opportunity for the community to gather without being impacted by a specific "purpose" (e.g., it does not cater to a specific age group or activity like skate boarders)	Close to train. Multicultural. Urban.	This is where the action is in the mornings during Stampede.
The location	The rink.	Farmers market. The skating rink/pond with fountains. Proximity to Stephen Ave and the LRT.
I like the skating in the winter. I think the plaza	Easy to get to, water features, trees, Calgary icon, public area	

The chairs and tables out for use in the summer	openness, central, green space in downtown	The openness and focal point nature...in the middle of both arts focussed and city buildings...encouraging gathering of people.
Nothing ... most days it appears to be a gathering/ meeting place for the homeless and drug users/dealers	the water park	Open green spaces in the downtown.
It's a nice outdoor space when the weather is good.	Easy to get to for most Calgarians.	It is a great place to host music festivals and other events throughout the year and conveniently situation for everyone commuting from the 4 corners of Calgary.
I like that the heart of downtown has an oasis for both solitary R&R and large group events and R&R.	Park-like setting	It has multi-use availability throughout the year; open area easily accessible from most angles; cultural highlight area for the city
I like that the space can host many events, celebrations and activities that occur in the downtown core. A major occurrence is during Stampede. It brings Calgarians and visitors to a central location	Skating Rink	that we have this area.
It's a destination for special events, and it's downtown (central access)	Great meeting place and celebration areaenterta	How easy it is to access it. Also the historical significance of it all.
It is a public place where all people can collect.	I used to work @ Cathedral and started the music @ noon enhancement idea	The trees and lights
Great place to meet especially during Stampede	the atmosphere	Too quiet but great concept
It is a central gathering place, with easy access for all!	cleanliness and beautification esp around the .plaza, East Village development	The color, the activities, the liveliness. The theatres!
That it's an open air venue nestled amongst arts and politics	places to sit, in shade, watch children playing, fountain/ice skating	good for music, multiuse, central, parking and transit is ok (though parking isn't terrific)
A great venue in downtown Calgary! Love that the ctrain makes it accessible to all	I enjoy reading the bricks,plaques,and looking atr the sculptures that represent a great time in Calgary history The Olympics	The library, the plaza, city hall station
The bricks with names - neat personal touch	centrally located and easily accessible from LRT, great meeting spot and wonderful for special events	I love that it's so close to transit
nice place to relax in the sun or go skating in the winter.	Openness, events in the area.	Never been there
centrally located, close to cultural buildings, ice rink in winter. Cultural events happening at the plaza	The activities during Stampede. Good to see something that is free and family friendly.	Interesting to all generations. (Don't ruin it like the Devonian Gardens)
Near theatre and the arts. Outdoor space that welcomes all. Skating, splash pool, outdoor events area.Theatre and the arts - all the arts. A gathering space for all people. Skating - yes! A splash pool - yes! Outdoor events - yes!	I love the riser seating around a focal point of activity in the summer and winter.	The open space you do not feel crowded even when there are big crowds of people very relaxed atmosphere
Openness. Urban recreational space.	The ice rink during the winter months	the trees, lawns and fountains. very nice atmosphere
C-train accessible, vehicle drop off, parkade.	Great meeting place and small concert area in the inner city. Nice green space generally well maintained	It is a welcoming island of greenery and vitality in a sea of unwelcoming corporate spaces and concrete.
	The cafe chairs, pergola, view and hanging flower baskets, in winter, the skating.	the ice skating, and the benches.

It is an oasis in the sea of concrete, it was built for the Olympics as a keepsake if you will	Skating in the winter and the splash park in the summer	Olympic plaza when its warm, flowers, etc
Great location! Make use of it. Get people to come to the downtown core instead of sticking to the suburbs	Open public space. No socio-economic barriers, everyone welcome. Ice rink/ wading pool.	architecture & landscape design
Everything	the bricks!	Open space, small events, the water/ice/ Night-time lighting, esp in winter.
I like the water pond and plants	Sprays and "wading pool" in summer, skating in winter; events	Water feature, stage for music festivals
how it acts as a skating rink in wintertime and can be used for outdoor concerts or fireworks in the summer	Ice rink, green spaces and tiered seating	Central location for all calgarians
The way it is now is fine.	when events are held there	I like it just the way it is
I like that it has a center stage to be able to hold events and speak to crowds. I also like that it still has natural elements (grass, trees etc.)	The natural heritage and proud spirit of our winter games that continues to live on	Accessible open space for a variety of events. I love the terraced area for sitting to watch entertainment
Openess and that its a long Stephen Ave	It has a direct connection to an important part of our city's history (i.e., the Olympics).	It has the potential to be an interesting public space like Union Square in San Francisco or the City Hall park in Toronto
Skating rink.	Central location for people to gather	Central location
It is a good gathering Centre for people of all walks of life and for many reasons.	The fact that it is a land mark	Nature, reminder of the 1988 olympics
The ice and the wading pool.	The openness, the plants in the summer, skating in the winter. The different levels and spaces.	It is fun
It's family oriented and on the LRT line	People watching. Places to sit	I like the space to sit around when the weather is nice and eat lunch.
The visible memories of the Olympic Games and medal ceremonies - something that people new to the city will never understand. I like the different activities that anyone can take part in...	Skating rink, water fountains and special events	That it has a built in space for gatherings and events outdoors (the plaza itself), and that there's built in cultural event spaces in the surrounding buildings (Arts Commons, etc). It's also got natural elements in the design (green spaces and water).
Outdoor venue	The occasional ballpits.	the water feature (skating rink/splash area), mature vegetation, beautiful flowers, lots of sunlight, nearby food, abundant seating, great area for lunch, a number of activities held there, lots of people use the space, enjoyable space to be!
outdoor venue	I like the mature tree canopy. I like the water feature. I miss the fountains that used to come with water over the bricks. I like the stepped levels.	i like the history and that it's been a special gathering place for the city since the olympics. i like the wading pool and skating rink combo. i like the mix of green landscaping and hardscape materials.
Special events held there	Central - represents the heart of the city through the Muni building and the theme of Olympic Park	
Location	Skating rink	
the fountains, ice rink	Open space	the open area and the trees
	A place for transient people to hang	

Central gathering place, love the festivals and events that are there, and love the skating rink also.	Heart of downtown	Nicely executed souvenir of the 1988 Olympic games experience
Green grass, water features, open space and lots of seating.	Water fountain/ trees/ seating	I think the history around the Plaza itself is very important and the architecture around the medal ceremonies should be kept. It's great that it becomes a skating rink in the winter.
relaxing space; hard and soft landscaping the way it is now; lots of grass; water / ice	It's central location	Historic
The location	I like the festivals, the open green spaces, skating in the winter. I love the Stampede activities down there as well.	The park like atmosphere, in the middle of all that concrete.
The steps are great, anyone can sit and enjoy	Public space that hosts a variety of activities (ice skating!) and festivals (sled island!)	the water park
Sunny green space, a place to eat like lunch, convenient to walk and bike there, close to theatres	Open space, sunshine and green space	Location, that it's circular, events, NYE
When working downtown, it is a nice place to take your lunch in the summer and eat outside. There is sun and shade.	It's an inviting space and brings people together	It is a green area in the center of downtown.
I love that there is green sapce right in the heart of downtown where a wide variety of users get to mix: school groups, families, office workers on lunch breaks, downtown population. I also appreciate the ties to history (olymoic legacy and historic bldg	Famous 5 statues	The trees and plants
Central location, green space. Gathering space.	The public plaza & events location. The Olympic heritage and structures. 8-year old me helped paint scaffolding while the OP was being built in '87. Donor stones. The '88 Olympics were an important part of Calgary history. Please honour this!	their are cool events there
Skating rink, trees, fountains	It is an all seasons GREEN gathering place to meet and participate in events or enjoy the green park	It is kind of magical.
The festivals and arts spaces it provides.	trees/green are/ skating rink	I really like the festivals and special events
Sense of pride from 88 olympics, its located in the heart of downtown Calgary, where we take all of our friends that visit from other country's, a fun meeting place for stampede and outdoor events.	I enjoy wading in the splash park on hot days.	The plaza is a great open space that should be protected
Great space for kids.	Winter skating.	Shopping , restaurants, location
The events that happen there, the skating rink and associated music, the wading pool in the summer, and the green space.	open spaces and plants and flowers in summer. gathering place.	the presence of the theatre district, the open air stage surrounded by skyscrapers, the flowers, the light fixtures, the presence of the derelict homeless that give it flavour and edge. It is my favourite place in the entire city.
I like how all the shops are close by and it seems that there is one of everything in the district.	Lots of informal seating. Can find a spot easily on sunny days to sit and eat lunch. The skating rink. It truly is a place that can be used year round! I also like that the plaza reminds people that we hosted the olympics	wide open areas for events and gathering
I love the ability to transform and accommodate almost any event.	Water feature	I like the openness of the area; the accessibility; I like the fact that events can take place there year round
	It's centrally located, easily accessible by transit.	Accessibility and Openness
	Seating. Green space. Waterpark in the summer.	proximity to Arts Commons, outdoor spaces

Question 2 – Is there anything that you would like to change about the Olympic Plaza Cultural District?

Sounding Board Olympic Plaza

Feed birds and little animals		
More plants	It's sketchy	Turn on al the water fall features in the park
More green space	More stand alone benches so people sit by themselves if they want	Feeling safer at night; more lighting
Lights at Christmas time are gorgeous; need something similar in summer time; permanent stage- they're always setting up stages and tents	Seating that isn't metal-really uncomfortable & cold 8-10 months of year. (Love St. Patrick's Island seating!)	No real connection to Olympic history (not clear); no real connection to culture and no connection of community
Live cast the First 15 minutes of every show from Arts Commons and other culture-centres; kind of like a hub to know about what is happening around the city	Get rid of the out-dated design, too much cement and the stage arches is hideous. More green space, modern design and art	Get rid of those blue dots
More activities for citizens	The orange posts the represents all the City's parks	I visit or pass through frequently. The CPO might consider occasionally using the outdoor space. Could be better connection with theatre groups also. Many years ago outdoor model boat shows used the pond to the enjoyment of many people. The programming seems lame these days.
Less homeless	Plant perennials instead of annuals. The annuals waste of money & it's not sustainable	Stop arresting the homeless.
No loud music	More trees, shade, seats and tables	Stop arresting the homeless.
Don't call it a "Cultural District" its kinda, ya know Nazi-ist, aint it?	More artwork or more bright colours	More soft landscape area (sod, flower beds, trees) less concrete.
What can I say? Downtown is the best place for the J,R, T and another	Please remove the drug dealer pay phone	The black posts that are not sturdy
The Olympic Rings and more flowers and trees	More modular seating vs. semi circle chair configuration on edges (awkward to look at strangers)	Rebuild the fountains and the waterfalls that haven't worked in years! Seriously now!
Food vendors outside at lunch	Less cement	Plant more variety of sustainable flowering trees! Get more perennial colours here!!
Orange pipes need to be changed	Stop spending money we don't have	All of it looking gross.
Get rid of the riff raff that hang around the park; PS and the drunks	Fix the water falls, etc.	Lots of seating areas.
More public-to clear out the drug dealers!!	Restore to former working conditions i.e. water falls	More nature.
Get rid of the scumbags	Its lovely; some more trash cans to keep it clean; I love it.	More police presence
The 80's colour scheme	Better accessibility and lunches to have lunch and hang out	

Washroom	Stuck in the '80s	Really love the fence look, Keep riff raff out LOL, protect green space
Start the fountain already!	Needs more assistance for homeless	
Seating surfaces should be wood.	More greenery, less concrete	Great space needs upgrade for more trees.
Regular police patrols/too many transients	More flowers	More surveillance and security!!!!
Music, ponds, waterfalls	I don't like the gun show @ Stampede-noisy, violent	No more surveillance and security!
Too many drugs and violence	More food trucks	Music .. music and more music festivities!
Take down the trees on the north end of the Plaza. Make it more open that way and less places for people to hide.	More festivals and arts	<i>Sounding Board</i> Municipal Plaza
The seating, lots of homeless scares the visitors that come	But could take out east end arches	More comfortable seating please
More trees	Too much drugs/ alcohol/violence and public use of drugs	More green; less cement
Keep the pool full of cold water. Love soaking my feet!	Return public spaces to the public. Liars and deceivers should not make regulations. Too many rules.	More green; changes to the artwork; shade
Bigger terrace to enjoy a coffee	The public park should be more public. There are too many rules. The place feels like a Nazi camp.	That Hockey City in Canada event; Don't host stuff like that at the plaza go to Fort Calgary
More music at noon	Better connection with Municipal Plaza	Infrastructure to hold markets & events (Power, Water, tour anchors, etc.)
Too much concrete. Should be more "lush" for picnics, etc.	Take care of the place.	It's ugly make it prettier less nasty concrete
I agree- Too much concrete. Should be more "lush" for picnics, etc.	Expansion to the pool or more pathways and structures	More greenery; way too much cement
Double size	Less thug dealers!	More greenery; way too much cement
Boring.	More green spaces for the downtown area	More plants & greenery, less harsh concrete
I disagree it's not boring	I don't understand the fences? So we cannot sit on the grass and eat lunch? Concrete and glass	Too many steps-hard to get around
Came for bowling tourney! Very friendly. Streets need to smell better. They smell like my @#!.	The south part (8th Ave) has always been kind of unappealing maybe more trees, end car access.	Remove the orange poles
More grocery stores needed, higher security	Nada! (nothing)	Get out of the 80's
Hot statues. Where are the washrooms?	How CLEAN and CLASSY the fences look in the park.	Add more art

More art street vendors meet & greet, fun people, animals; more seating; more water	Upgrade the bricks in the Olympic Plaza	Less Nazis (police, Peace Officers, C-Train cops)
When it use to be a huge water fountain. Why did they turn it off?	I love the events too bad they aren't inclusive for the homeless population. (i.e. Stop kicking homeless people out)	More concrete, 6 sapling, 3 benches. Remove bathroom. Close at 6 PM
Nothing in the evenings?!	Iconic, public art	Yes there's too much concrete and hard surface in the Municipal Plaza. More greenery would help; such as trees lining the north side. This would also help make it more intimate too-by scaling it down.
Use more in winter-tables, sitting area-heaters	Needs more police presence at times especially in the evenings.	More benches for taking a rest.
More live music	Ban smoking	The floor of the plaza
Upgrade the washrooms	Remove fountain /huge drain in road-it's just a safety hazard.	Work on your idea of "culture"
Too many low life druggies; more police supervision; NOT SAFE	Don't agree it's a safety hazard	More colour
More music, less crazies	Fewer sketchy people in off -hours-not a safe place	More love
Too much traffic on Macleod Trail, it's like a highway	Get rid of the fountain in the roadway-it never works	<i>Interior Display</i> Arts Commons
Pedestrian movement and interactions with space	More open to street	Ca'Puccini and other eateries open later then 5pm. So many events in the evenings, but nowhere close to have dinner!
NO bicycle traffic please	More police	No!
More places to lock up more bikes please	Nicer seating	Stop all cars on 8th during the day, especially when it's warm and there's events happening
Less buses; free food	Cops	7 PM Thursday April 27th everything is closed
There are dodgy spaces by the trees along 7th Ave	Cut down the trees, Level it and fill with concrete. Do what the City does best -ruin it with 15 ft. trees	Agree. Why is everything closed by 7 PM
Tighter rein on crime in the treed areas	Deal with the criminal element!!	More athletes
Diversity	Please make it safer	Bye-bye Olympic Plaza! Build a new, modern public space that's more useful year round. Keep it a public space though perhaps better theatres?
More trees and open spaces	"Enforce" Ban smoking and butts.	More skating rink to be in front of Muni Building
Get rid of the Street Church; they make the Plaza uncomfortable for my family	Less permits for people to bring cars on to 8th Avenue between Macleod and 1 ST SE.	
Pedestrian oriented	Orange pipes gone, open to 7th Avenue, more grass	
Leave it! No more 80's	Less police harassment for sitting. I live in an over policed city.	
More space to lounge		

Needs some upgrades. The old arches are very dated-blue spots etc. Still stuck in the 80's-new modern seating /architecture

Get rid of trees along north or upgrade that area

More public art. Really? Save homeless people instead!

The Olympics' memorial component feels quite dated. (And is also not up-to-date in terms of documenting medalists).

Disgusting waste of money.

Interior Display **Municipal Building**

More illustrations

No change

Better security

Modernize the look

More music

More grass & greenery, softer, too much concrete

Festival, market area

More human activity! Patios, markets, music

Make skating rink rentals available during night time

Keep as is and improve bathrooms.

Update it. Looks very dated now.

The constant Jesus Saves stuff

Tiered design is awkward and hurts flow

Remove pergola

Clear views; open space

A greater variety of trees

More affordable food venues

Design of the actual Plaza: make it more inviting, change stairs

Too many drunk and addition on drogue

There are too many drunks, can't take my kids there

Bring back the pink gophers!

I agree-Bring back the pink gophers!

Keep it clean and neat and well supervised

The drug use that occurs on every corner.

Interior Display **Bow Valley College North**

Change the elevation of OP so it does not seat "enclosed"

Less jaywalking

Interior Display **Bow Valley College South**

Stop targeting the homeless/aboriginal population

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Greater police presence

Add more busking stops for music

Turn on all the water features

Turn on all the water features

Live bands/music

Stop homeless

Stop homeless

Needles in the trees

More cultural stuff especially at lunch

No more abstract gopher please or neon!

Clean it up from some misbehaving people

They should renovate bathrooms for more clean environment. Lots of drug users there and bad for kids (monitor and clean up)

More green space. Too much concrete

Incorporate better lighting at night

More police presence

Open area feel safe, can see in all directions

More water fun

More trees and flowers

Eliminate the problem of professional beggars harassing C-Train passengers.

More places for sitting; more trees please.

Interior Display **Glenbow**

Parking is way too expansive

More seating, more green, park spaces

Fix water fountain outside women's washroom

Seating that is softer than cement!	to be improved, liven up	More security, a mini police station needed, patrolling not enough
Skating needs to always be open, don't close for special events	Northwest corner is dead	More security, a mini police station needed, patrolling not enough
The trees on the north boundary be replanted but you need sightlines	Pool area is too single use	Heavy police presence will be required to handle all of the aggressive panhandlers, drug addicts, alcoholics and mentally unstable people that congregate here because some idiot thought a drop-in centre 100m from City Hall was a good idea.
Need a new facelift, so change the whole thing!	<i>Interior Display</i> Rocky Mountain Court	Move the drunks and natives out here. These drunks, street people making an absolute mess and constant nose with their damn rap garbage smoking weed, blocking doorways and turning our block into some seedy L.A. ghetto is unacceptable!
Municipal Plaza has to change, no use for it, too much concrete	Move engraved paving stones to the River walk. Sell more pavers to public to fund project	Getting rid of drunks and passed out natives everywhere. Better security
Contact Robert Graham Stephan Avenue renovation	@\$#! these @\$#! Bums	Get rid of numerous bums and vagrants, please!! Security
Power wash area	Move that @\$#! Homeless shelter to the NE. All these vagrants and the mess and problems they make, destroy our property value	Police stationed 24/7/365
Thought permanent structures for cleaning, security garbage	More Bylaw officers needed	Move the Street Church away from the area. Push out the bums!
Municipal Plaza waste of space-not much there	More security guards on this block 6th & 7th Avenue & Macleod	Upgrade the area completely. This space is city center and should be vibrant, arts and culture. Not a magnet for LOW LIFE, which this end of town has fast become. Street Church attracts too many crazy folks.
Better stage	Gangs hanging around Tim Horton's-endanger and downgrade the neighborhood	Discourage vagrants in the area from hanging around.
More life in the Municipal Building like more fountains	Get rid of all these drunks and intoxicated natives and bums. This is not Vancouver!!!	Move Tim's put in a Starbucks.
Blow a hole through the Municipal Building to connect with East Village. This is the most pressing project.	More security. Perhaps more video surveillance with signs indicating cameras awareness. More CPS perhaps on bike on this block. Perhaps more lights in dark areas. Remove intoxicated individuals especially more CPS on streets.	The area in and around 6th and 7th Ave & Macleod Trail has really degraded street life! Bums, drunks, crack heads, dealers criminals, prostitutes...lowlife...you name it...
Look to China for interesting building cut through-digital screen-scenes pictures above with businesses below	Export all bums to industrial southwest Calgary. Not wanted near our building!!!	How can we attract more positive, healthy people into the area? 300+ people live in Rocky Mountain Court yet in front of our HOME resides some of Calgary's scummiest people. These people love depressed, abandoned, neglected architecture to hang around... (i.e. CBE, CPL. RMC vacated business fronts etc.) Olympic Plaza park and trees is also host to some of the shadiest characters...this is our HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD – make it safe and fun!!
The Municipal Building is a big wall demo the whole thing	Vagrants, bums go away	
Need better access to East Village	Bum control	
Cut an opening in the Municipal Building to lead to East Village	Incorporate a splash pad, fountain for the children with winter ice skating capability	
The Municipal Building cut through can be livened up with LED lights, coffee shops and other small business		
Renovate the Calgary Tower it has lost its relevance		
Tear down the Municipal Building		
The back of the Municipal Building needs		

Interior Display Councilor Display

Dynamite, would like to see the pergola gone, reduce visual barriers around space

Like the double-lined trees along Macleod-would like to see that idea incorporated somehow.

East Village Experience Centre

Put steps/seating on south side so there are more seats and it is not so steep

Fewer 'levels' and steps, unless it is a coherent, integrated design

Less concrete

Mobile Office Bow Valley College

Clean up the space to make more inviting

Added security in plaza and C-train Platform

Mobile Office Bankers Hall

Better housekeeping especially the benches

Clean up puke in 1st street underpass

Clean it up a bit

Mobility/accessibility difficult for some people

Improve accessibility and safety issues

Improve lighting, simplify design

Improve seating for comfort and function, the audience is too far from the stage which is ineffective because they can't see, make more people friendly

Mobile Office Eau Claire

Less concrete

Event Children's Festival

No more homeless

Asshole thing to say-No more homeless

Sound stage-something permanent, "putting sand equipment in a body of water isn't the smartest thing to do."

More festivals, wondering musicians, art displays

Not family friendly, not safe feeling

Evening safety? Still a problem when leaving a play.

Don't love the sea of orange poles on the corner of Macleod & 7th

Natural green space, winter skating, summer cool, H2O, gardens –foot traffic & bikes only

Event Farmer's Market

Buildings around plaza are not integrated into the public space; buildings are lacking retail and hospitality space accessible from outside- cafes, bars, shops etc.

Connect, make more clear the connection to the east/East Village through City Hall

Less homeless people or more security; everything safe

More green space seating

More sightlines and openness

Keep booth open more in summer

Feel like the space is hard to navigate. Can't just walk through and aren't sure where to go

New to Calgary surprised to see the water. Concerned about water management would like to see innovative, green solution to water feature

Bigger stage

Gardening A-1

Olympic Plaza specific organization/department

Bigger stage

No change

Farmers market more often

Easier places to sit especially for Seniors (higher off the ground)

Arm rests on chairs for leverage

Think about ways to be comfortable in winter

A showcase for the uses. Promote Arts Commons, surrounding area info on plays outside, free programming

More food trucks with their own space, local business

Gazebo can change to get more use-more shading.

How can you add parking when we are encouraging transit and bikes?

Privatize the space

Event Food Truck Frenzy

More greenery , less concrete

No parking not even underground

No sight lines, can't walk through it at night/off hours

Event Parade of Wonders

Don't change. Maybe more lighting at night

It needs to be fixed up.

The park closes and you can get fine; signs ca say different closing times; better and bigger signs

Benches

Feels abandoned, need to have some active frontages

Less concrete

Safety –take care of drugs

Too many barriers ex: trees; too many barriers at festivals-why always have gates around the space

Event Scavenger Hunt

More open

More police presence. Security

No cars on 8 Avenue

The fact that it's a hangout for unsavory people

More food options

increase "walkability" with more events

restaurants, outdoor patios, venues

no

nothing to change

more food vendors would be cool

more events in fall and spring

more community (ethnocultural) offerings

more fountains

nothing

more cafes, bars, restaurants, more draw to the area for the arts building while still keeping green space and extension of Stephen Ave

I would plant more trees that are dual purpose such as sour cherry, apple, crabapple, etc.

more eateries and have them open longer. Into the evenings

weird planting boxes

for special occasions maybe a place to handle crowds

it would be nice if the sidewalks were repaired

I would like for there to be more space and music playing and glow in the dark spinning water. With educational playing video placed in the dots of the fountain floor.

I would like the water to be deeper

More space

Fruit punch in the fountains

more live entertainment

art activities for all ages

More advertising

Seating sections

More flowers

needs a waterfall, a big waterfall

nothing to change – love it here

no, it's great

bring in food trucks

more events

no

the city hall side needs vegetation, shade, seating, activation

Let's rebuild with a vision of a future bid for another Olympics! What a great space and amazing time.

More events in the space (e.g. summer concerts)

nope

Workshop External

Kids fest – planting timing is an issue for us

Lighting is unevenly distributed

Better light – there shouldn't be places to do drug deals here

Levels – could be done better, but redo as it's flexible

Need to level this out

The steps are wasted space, not butt sized, it's

too singular it could be more divers	Boundaries – stairs, elevations, metal stage brutal	Create a reason for people to be in the plaza
You never see teatro – A missed opportunity	Stage as a barrier creates too much shade	Interpretation of the history of the sites
Kids fest – nice to have a great space for a play area	Safety, undesirable elements	Olympic history and are Olympics
Circle stage as it exists is kind of useless	Draining/refilling pool reasonable opex for users	Move the plaques to the south side (move the plaques from the NE side to the south side so they are more accessible as people walk down the mall)
Metal stage is a good stage when the water is out	Angled wall to manage elevation	
The chiller plate for the skating rink needs to be addressed more effectively	Steps ruin space	Wider sidewalks on Macleod trail
Less concrete. Too much of this park is “don’t go there”/“you can’t go there”	Very inward focused	Workshop Internal
More opportunity for spontaneous activities and organic social experiences.	More local history	Provide housing on top of arts commons
Pedestrians vs vehicles .8th are traffic on the mall more contemporary public art, grander scale	Lower elevations	Repurpose old library to mixed-use
Winter/summer café space is currently inconsistent and awkward.	Eliminate cars from 8th avenue	Needs to be programmed in the evening
More services needed information booth	Update bylaws, power, potable water and eliminate legacy bricks	Activate municipal plaza
Smaller water feature	Temporary fencing for events	To many changes in elevation
Better acoustics for performances.	Put Macleod trail underground- not enough flat space	Too much change of grade
Better sightlines- majority of park is currently hidden from view due to tiers surrounding booth,	More presence @ entry	Problems with edges of park. They are barriers (trees, walls, grades, etc.). South edge is okay...
Better sightlines to historical buildings to showcase them	Ice surface limits events	Connection over Mcleod Trail/bridge
Better lighting	Vehicle access, office space	No tiers
Reduce road grade create one space	Green roofs	More events user friendly
More green	Rink is too big	Skating heater
Barriers- different in elevations	Zero tolerance policy for the plaza	Water feature to be more usable (wading)
	Access on the west side of the plaza sidewalk creates a bottleneck	Permanent ice/water cover
	The different levels of plaza creates problems- flatten it out	Make vendors permanent in the space

Fresher face to what we have now	Types of trees and shrubs	Remove legacy bricks from pathways (relocate off the ground)
Stores/vendors	Make the area as maintenance friendly as possible	More safe after office hours
More parking	Plaza distant from the City. Do something to have people flow through and connected to the rest of the city.	Parking
Upgraded or new type of lighting	West third seems dead	Disconnect from DT.
Improve accessibility	People not going through, just around. NE corner is a barrier. Poor arrival	Views are limited
Remove interlocking bricks		Parking
Improve connectedness from all directions	Being able to walk through the plaza, not around it. Open more to Macleod (eg. Close Macleod more often, reduce barriers)	Lack of restaurants
Improve sightlines for people. Especially in mobility devices	More food options (number and variety)	Views are limited
Need accessible stage	Edges (LRT, Muni complex, AC, TCC)	1st street and 7th avenue do not have connections to the plaza
Capacity for screens with captioning	Dislike Telus CC interface with nothing! Poor building interfaces with public realm in general. Glenbow, City Hall , Arts Commons, etc.	Parking
Interactive displays needs to be designed for people with hearing and vision loss		Lack of restaurants
Too much cement and brick. More green space	Consolidation/Connectivity. OP and MP need to operate as one. Direct connection though City Hall to Library.	
Feels disconnected from the rest of Stephen Ave buildings	More active edges – interface with arts commons	<i>Online Survey</i> Add permanent waterfall sculpture (ie. use low-impact design that reuses rainwater), showcase natural prairie vegetation in landscaping in innovative ways at front of bldg. (Municipal Plaza), have a community garden at front of bldg. (like Vancouver)
Lack of flatness. Too many stairs	Sightlines. Not visible from the walking areas	
Edge conditions make it less accessible	Keep the area safer	extend noise bylaw to permit later events (yes, I am young)
Separate from municipal plaza. Needs to be cohesive	Getting rid of the road (8th ave) and macleod trail around site	nothing
Lack of activity because of no coffee spaces	Disconnect between Olympic plaza and municipal plaza	It does seem to get crowded very fast for the larger festivals, but I don't know if there is a better layout!
Grater opportunities for use of area by employees	Challenges for large productions to program the space. Leveling it out would increase capacity and flexibility	NO - how does the city plan on paying for the change to the Olympic Plaza ?
Interface with dead block of Stephen ave	Need to have flexibility to remove water feature	
Remove bowl and trees which impact sight lines	Better safety between LRT tracks	I would have changed the initial design (ie. not have it next to a busy road and have the pedestrian
Poor CPTED (trees, lighting, grade, call boxes, graffiti resistance, benches for skateboarding)	Smarter landscaping to accommodate active and passive use	

mall on 8th stretch to Municipal Plaza)	Get rid of those ugly orange polees. What is their purpose? Otherwise, LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS!!!	Make it more open and expansive. It would be interesting to city hall and olympic plaza physically connected with a tunnel running under this for the road.
No	Yes - it's dated. It needs an update and re-design.	
More open spaces where people can get together. The pool/fountain takes up too much space.	Keep City Council away from any plans to change this wonderful venue. Just because it is more than 5 years old and you are salivating over the \$5,000,000,000,000 in property tax you think you will get, leave it alone.	Better interface with Arts commons and 7th avenue. The Plaza is very inward focused and doesn't do much to connect with the neighbourhood.
More Greenery		No-smoking needs to be enforced more consistently
When appropriate more food vendors on the street like other cities I have visited.	(1) More lively interactive edges around Olympic Plaza. (2) better interface between Arts Commons and the plaza, (3) more reasons to be there and stay awhile 24/7/365, (4) the Mun Bldg blocks 8th Ave, makes the Plaza etc feel like the end not the middle	None
Remove the homelessness and the criminal activity that happens in the day and late night, I want to see OPCD be utilised from the early morning till late night. I see so much potential of making it like Vancouver's Robson's Square.	The issues I think need to be addressed are: the Municipal Building completely blocks off 8th Ave. Should run McLeod trail and 1st Street underneath the Plaza and unify the space into single and fully pedestrian district.	the northwest corner needs re- working and/or a building there. The berm - planters on both OP and the city hall plaza edges against macloed trail that visually and mentally splits the two spaces.
Get rid of the vagrants, but ther than that, leave it alone!		An upgrade to the public washrooms and possibly more space for ice in the winter.
everything	Drainage in the pond when it rains and it's been drained for it, more policing for the drugged out people	The seating options. I wish there were more comfortable benches and tables
Fewer used needles tossed in the bushes.	not really, maybe better public washrooms?	No
Yes, more green spaces and fountains, outdoor musical instrument (piano, xylophone) space for interactive art exhibitions, having exhibitions from Montreal and other great cultural cities, space more friendly for festival, fence from the noise of McLeod	Aesthetic updates, better integration with 7th Ave	More protected areas for changing skates etc. , washrooms. More family events. More information about available parking for events.
Nothing! DO NOT BUILD ON THE GREEN SPACE!	--native hangout ----creeps	Less "public art" and more trees.
better facilities that are maintained and open	the City should protect the bricks that have our names on them! Citizens paid for these bricks and they should not be destroyed during any redevelopment phase.	This is not a priority.Put money into utilities, police, and transportation
Get rid of trees and any other books and crannies that create hiding spaces. More seating, more grass and less concrete	More outdoor cafes and restaurants	I don't feel comfortable being there, especially with my daughter. Too many creepy people, drug dealing, etc
Safety of area.	Clean it up, add more incentives for people to use it, discourage it as place for homeless people to hangout, ensure excellent lighting at night.	Find a way to stop people congregating on the C-Train platform and outside the front of the Library (which will happen when it moves).
safety - or lack of, at certain times of day and times of year, homeless bathing in the wading pool	The steps are not senior friendly. It is to too easy to fall as there is a lack of railings. Seating could be improved.	More warming stations with more seating around them too in the winter.it can be cold with the little kids..
Less trees and a bigger open area that would hold Moe people -	less concrete. modernise space	
More washrooms easily available		Although "Olympic" is historical - it is time to change

the name of the area without word Olympic	I feel unsafe due to the large homeless population surrounding the plaza	curved bench seating areas don't seem to be well used by general population
There is so much I would like to change. I would like it to feel safer. The homeless population tends to just hang out in this plaza and no one seems to even be monitoring their actions. It could also use more retail shops/restaraunts	make it a little bit bigger	Crime and vagrancy. The awful orange parks anniversary poles on the NE corner need to go. The signed bricks though culturally valuable are dated and worn.
City has much higher priorities-utilities,transit. Postpone this project to Calgary's next olympic bid.	I would like to change the scary element that hangs out there after dark	There are four things I think need to change for it to realize its potential 1) no more evergreens at north end 2) Stephen Ave badly needs to go through city hall to EV 3) the plaza has too many themes. 4) needs a restaurant or food truck access
Nope - good as is	Sell it	
More attention paid to criminal elements around the plaza and homeless people.	Get people out of their cars. Reduce by dilution, the number of homeless in the area.	No. Please don't change it, dig it up, and put it out of commission for months. It's important as a beautiful usable space; not out of bounds, under-construction space.
Make it safer - it doesn't always feels safe unless it's a fenced event or unless you're there 12-1.	Yes, more tall concrete art and structures	Extend the pedestrian area of the plaza to include MacLeod Trail in front of City Hall, use the same paving.
Updated architecture. The whole area looks dated	bright lights needed.....LED does not work.....LED =dim/grimm	I'd like to keep a lot of the events family oriented, keep a feeling of safety. It needs a more modern/celebrational look.
Open this area up, get rid of the orange poles, landscape to make it more citizen-friendly. Add picnic tables / public seating areas to enjoy observation of activities in the area. Keep a few 'shade' trees, invite street vendors to provide lunches.	Bathrooms are not clean.	The orange pole things...
a restaurant that actually succeeds in the Burns Building;	9 Ave betwwn MacLeod & 1 Street E is dead zone, space on the bottom floor of building accross from city hall plaza can't keep a tenant	I'm unhappy whenever I see the space wrapped up in security fencing and barriers. Possibly it could be a guideline for usage that the site is not really suitable for events that require this level of control.
At this time, with the economy so bad, STOP spending needless tax dollars	Open up north side along LRT tracks, remove the stage/backstage area on NE corner. More restaurant/retail space	Not a thing, its fine the way it is, spend the money elsewhere. This, it seems to me, is a "Make work" project!!
Make it much larger and dramatic, with more event space that could cooperate with the greenspace, more inviting(create a defined entrance or 'gateway'), add interactive public art and digital look, add shop space, and add more happenings to the district.	No	No, why would you want to change it? It's a great legacy for our city. I would hate to see all those bricks that Calgarians paid for lost.
The architecture is horrible. Too much concrete and too many levels. Something more like Bryant Park in New York would better serve Calgarians.	Encourage more activity, better visibility from 7th Avenue	ADD AN ENCLOSED STAGE
It's visibility leaves something to be desired in terms of drawing you in. It appears unsafe, being hidden behind a huge barrier of trees pretty much from every side. It's unsafe. Also, currently, it's essentially abandoned and under-utilized, boring.	do not change a thing, don't waste my taxes.	I would like to see police actively discouraging homeless people from loitering there, as it discourages others from using the plaza. Also, that street church whack-job Artur Pawlowski has got to go.
	Needs a modern revamp, fix broken and cracked bricks/concrete, perhaps add a cafe	
	Refrurb/update, "fix" the blackhole of nothing that is the NW corner of the area, find ways to encourage more use.	
	It should be more active. More food trucks, food markets, vendors, pop-ups, events, festivals.	
	Better accessibility for thjose mobility impaired, hearing impaired and vision impaired	

Yes, I would like to see it made into the man LRT station that is the point where the two lines come together. There is no place planned where you can transfer between lines. Put the park on the roof.	No renaming or commercial tie-ups /naming rights	A brand-new high capacity parkade should be built beneath Olympic Plaza - it should be the largest parkade for personal cars in the world, and parking should be free to all Albertans, 24/7, 365 days a year.
It can get very dirty and unfortunately, there can be too many homeless people congregating.	The drunks, addicts and homeless that hang out there	Everything, washrooms, seating, green space etc.
Make it level with the surrounding streets, remove trees.	Make it feel safer and easier to see and visit. Don't like political or other protests in this area. Seems inappropriate to a family friendly environment.	An amphitheatre where artists can perform
Have website polls; surveys, instant voting on the most prominent Calgary sites. (solicit feedback, opinions)	More shrubbery, please.	The homeless people and drug deals that occur in the open
Those ugly orange poles	Better 7th ave street edge. More seating/ tables. Maybe more vegetation	Not enough of a destination curently to draw people in regularly (outside of special events). creating more dead-space by allowing Arts Central to expand was a horrendously ignorant decision.
It could be better like more useful things to do or make it safer for people	heater or a place to warm up / enclosed firepit	Yes. Get the drunks, drug dealers and bums out to make it more inviting to other people.
I would like for the plaza to be more open, with less places for drug transactions to take place.	More Modern, Better Lighting, Less Concrete More Grass	Yes: include Arts Commons!!!!!!!
Macleod Trail is a major headache in this oasis of culture, nature and meeting (put it underground?)	Raise the entire plaza to grade and move the skating rink to the NW corner. Get rid of the useless green metal structures on the south side, they're ugly and since they aren't covered, they serve no purpose. Remove large evergreens along 7th avenue.	More seating areas/tables
Structurally no. Maybe hosting some Shakespeare in the park like was done in the nineties.	not at all	The matrials and design are starting to look a little aged. I know the plaza is a legacy of one of our city's greatest accomplishments, but there has to be a way to pay tribute to the '88 Games while making the space feel more welcoming and modern.
The edges of the square need to be animated with more cafes and retail. The buildings surrounding the square do very little to animate it. If they can't be changed, the square itself needs to incorporate cafes, etc.	The atmosphere is stark and cold. It lacks warmth and vibrancy.	The plaza needs to be much more permeable on the north side as the coniferous trees create a barrier between 7th Avenue and the plaza.
Honestly speaking, I do not feel safe to be there because of trees, retaining walls, stairs and its just to much structure there and very busy. I would like to make it more flat green open space with less coniferous tees.	green space and benches and information on the 1988 oylmics	It doesn't have great sightlines and not enough programming. More food kiosks that are open. It's a beautiful space but underused. maybe it needs food trucks.
With hesitation - chop a few trees down and make it more "open" along 7th Avenue. Somehow incorporate that with the street better	More lighting and other methods to encourage traffic and discourage negative behaviour.	I would like it if the space could be less overtly concrete - it can feel like a broad swath of nothing when it's not actively in use for an event.
nope, loos very good now	Like to see/know about activities/features offered for free/low-cost & year-round. Have features/activities that actually draw me down (year-round!) that aren't formally organized other than skating and wading (ie. plays, performances, low-\$ food/beverage	I believe there needs to be adequate infrastructure on site as well as a robust programming mandate and budget so that the site buzzes with activity.
Remove the vagrants, lock up at night	Where possible/feasible, enhancement of the landscaping (ie. removal/addition of trees & addition of plants/ flowers). Also, more exciting and multi-use structures as the concrete is severely lacking and somewhat boring	underground parking for visits to the plaza. Make it safer to visit.

Far too much of the space is dedicated to bricks and concrete. It's like a Soviet-era monument. If more of the space was reverted to grass and nature, I bet more people would use the space.	Conversion to a splash park in the summer. Security. At times the place can be overrun with drunk people, loud swearing people, and what I can only assume our drug deals going down.	Centre, build an amenity/restaurant for family and kids at the bottom; A lounge/restaurant open at nights on the 2nd storey. This way, you get taxes and lease payments. Denver, Toronto, NYC are good exam
bring the park up to grade level and allow for the plaza to be incorporatd into the front of city hall for some events. Make it possible to close off the road for some large events new years, sled island etc.	Clean it up! Have the police patrol the area on foot, and clear out the homeless. Return the plaza to being a space that normal Calgarians can enjoy (without being harassed by the homeless).	Lower "single" Seniors transit passes (may be \$1.50 or \$2.00 each way).
I would like to see the area become more vibrant and usable for average citizens.	Increase the amount of retail/office/residential opportunities to give an individual a reason to visit the space at all hours.	better lighting or even LED lighting with different colours. Perhaps the ability to have kiosks along 8th
less crime	Permanent outdoor curling rink to help promote the sport and let youth practice	The crowd that hangs out there often makes me feel uncomfortable about being there. Like the selling drugs and yelling etc. I would change something to deter that acitivity a bit more.
Better security to keep it a more desireable place at all hours	better policing	It needs to employ more public art, art displays, music bands, and other cultural venues
No. I like it the way it is. Please don't change anything. There's no need to spend money needlessly.	Nothing - please do not spend any tax dollars on this	No ... quit wasting our money!!!
Please please replace the untasteful orange PVC pipe "artwork" (Centennial grove) with a smaller-sized, more appropriate art piece and	Not a thing - leave it exactly the way it is and stop wasting money	more "structured" spaces/activities, coffee shops, restaurants, "staff" presence; if it feels less like a place you "just" hang out, perhaps unwanted loiterers that discourage visitors will be discouraged; better connection to surrounding spaces
More direct, active connection with adjacent restaurants/ businesses. Less homeless sleeping in the park. (we appreciate the fairly regular police presence)	Sometimes it can feel a little unsafe around this area	No
Have continual police presence to deter the criminals that are always there harassing families and making it an unpleasant experience.	allow for food vendors/food trucks to buy food from	Softer approach to municipal building. Less concrete, more green area.
More cool and unique art/architecture (i.e. sculptures, public art, etc.), improved and good looking night lighting, changing up the materials around olympic plaza to have less concrete (think: wood, metal panels, etc.)	Less clutter. It would be wonderful to walk to abreast and be able to pass another couple without having to walk single file. Make downtown walker friendly. To much stuff in the way here. Simplify! Less Is more.	more green space particularly in front of city hall
The municipal plaza doesn't really feel like it belongs together with the Olympic plaza, probably because of Macleod Trail.	Needs to be more flexible for attracting diverse events into the OP "Park" and the surrounding block(s). Maybe the traffic thoroughfare (mcleod trail) should be moved to 3rd Street SE to allow for more plaza & pedestrian space around the OP.	No, it is great the way it is. Why spend money on something that works well?
Added green space, flowers, trees, water features..	More lights.	Nothing except keeping it vibrant through meticulous maintenance.
flow is choppy. too many ups and downs. almost too small for its purpose as a cultural district	I feel like there's a lot of potential on the structure on the NE corner of the park, but that section of the square goes unused (expect by that crazy religious group on Wednesdays)	On a Sunday afternoon, zero businesses open just to get a coffee. Hard to get a cab in the evenings. Why is this spot such a failure when it comes to lower price points and independent businesses?
no	Get rid of the ugly orange polls. I always think they are part of some construction happening.	More seating as it is very limited right now
	Add a smaller sculpture like they have at Rockefeller	

No. Leave it alone.	more gardens	Site lines not so good with undesirables. Public timepiece.
We need to really spruce up the Burns building and the frontage around it.	Improved police presence. The use and distribution of drugs and visible substance abuse at all hours of the day is a concern for me as someone who travels through the plaza on a daily basis.	More trees
more bike racks. fewer creepy fir trees. more integration with arts commons.	Sometimes there are people in the park who make me feel uncomfortable, drinking, yelling, using the pay phone for shady purposes	I would like to see less drug addicts in the area and less needles in the surrounding parks
Water should be clean clear and appealing.	Leave it alone. Stop wasting my money on unnecessary projects !! If funding came out of city council's payroll we would put an abrupt end to "wouldn't it be neat" projects !!	If Macleod Tr can be buried, it would make a nice contiguous people place with no interruption or traffic.
Add a community garden	Make it bigger, take some car lanes.	Not much. Some of the design elements are a bit dated, but I like the function and layout of the site.
The north/west side has a lots of wasted space--perhaps add more picnic tables; have more open liquor licenses for events; more seating available around the rink/water area (like pull-out bleachers for events that can retract)	One of the planters on the southeast side of the Plaza could be cut back so that the Stampede wagons can turn directly into the plaza and we would not have to stop traffic on Macleod Trail during the event just so the wagons do a u-turn as they do now.	I would like there to be less levels in the future design - make it more flat and flexible
Remove the ugly orange poles that ruin the whole look of the greek arches, etc.	Less space taken up with awkward architectural details	Larger moveable tables and more moveable chairs
Needs better sighlines from the street, but keep some mature trees. More space for events (more flexible). Better connections between Olympic Plaza, Municipal Plaza and through the Municipal Building towards the new library.	all around the pond, the stage, the green areas	More and better seating, more tables for those who eat lunch there.
Clean it up. Olympic Plaza has become synonymous with Street people, which is fine. However, that does not explain the general disrepair and state of the site on a regular basis. I would love to sit and eat my lunch on the grass, but would not do so now	At times, it can feel dangerous and sketchy	No
Yes. It would be great if we could build it into more of an entertainment area - large TV screens for live broadcasting Flames games, concerts from the saddledome, etc. It would be great to be able to have beer gardens out there as well.	First of all the areas in front of the Old City Hall and the existing library are congested, smoky and very unpleasant. Always am on my guard at this area . The arches at the NE side of the plaza seems really out of proportion and visually awkward.	More comfortable (possibly wood) seating vs metal park benches and chairs.
Please do not take away the bricks!! Modernize the technology	More tables to sit at, nicer bathrooms, better lighting for walks when it's dark	Relocate the water feature/skating rink to municipal plaza? This would open up an uninterrupted open space on Olympic Plaza proper for programming.
There should be some dedicated food truck spots so people will come to Olympic Plaza at lunch for street food. I see food trucks there sometimes but I don't know if they are dedicated spaces.	Allowing food trucks into the area	Move the festivals out. The money spent to repair the turf and flowers must be high. Find a bigger area to hold the people and parking. Eg. Fort Calgary, Princess island or even COP. let the park be for the office peopel to enjoy.
The plaza area must be opened up to Macleod Trail and 7th Avenue. Right now it feels to closed off to attract more traffic to it. The ability to integrate the entire plaza block with the municipal building and plaza across Macleod Trail should be planned.	Yes- I think it is ugly and uninviting	More entertainment and reasons to visit there.
	Make it available and hassle free for all the citizens.	Better connected open spaces throughout the area.
	Close it.	Ummmm, make it a quiet oasis to stop and enjoy. A GREEN space in D.T. Cultural Festivals should be held at Princess Island or Fort Calgary
	It is a bit old fashion maybe... but maybe it's what makes its charm	Invite more cultures into the plaza. Have more local bands play, create a venue to bring people out

underground parking, residential component next to teatro, a starbucks, with great outdoor seating, linking the cultural buildings to the south better to the plaza, more open, but with lots of greenery dedicated food truck parking.

Accessibility

Along the northern boundary eliminate the elevation change so the park meets the sidewalk and re-do the landscaping to increase visibility. Rework the eastern edge so it feels like it ties into City Hall better. Improve Olympic history displays & flame.

Once the new library is completed, there needs to be a better physical connection through the City Hall complex leading to the library and East Village

I would like it to be more vibrant in the evening and weekends

Limit the number of huge summer festivals like Latin Fest, Sled Island. Make it a more peaceful, relaxing area for the downtown crowd.

Connect it by bike lane, design it to open up to the perimeter roads

Get rid of the homeless people, espe

It just needs a little update!

do not reduce its size. Make the green space larger if possible.

Needs a bit of updating, that's all! Better landscaping, seating, lighting... Things like that. Would keep some of the old elements -- connection to the 88 Olympics

Bring awareness to the history and development of the city . In summer host a tourist information center . Encourage small business which would not be cheesy and maybe increase traffic flow . Added security features to encourage the general public visit

Make it a better remembrance place for the Olympics

Add some cherry blossom trees around and maybe an artistic water feature and cool lights for night skating in the winter

The large numbers of homeless people there during the day. I know they need

somewhere to hang out but the numbers are so high.

The largely underused giant water feature / skating rink.

Accessibility. Seems to be fenced by buildings or structures.

It needs more really greenery and plantings

Could be safer at city hall station. Always lots of people hanging around smoking, drunk, etc at all times of day. More retail shopping etc. Near east village Would be great to have sign or calendar of upcoming events in the area.

The drug activity that goes on there. It's not safe.

It should host more music acts and maybe give buskers opportunities to play the venue

Open container zone

Integration with Muni building could be better, water features perhaps less important than the rink, although nice.

Some culture. I mean, it's some kind of sports monument, yes? The only "culture" I see is human curling to the accompaniment of loud-mouthed presenters and crappy music. Maybe that's Culture.

Perhaps more parking spaces that offer discounts for citizens attending events in the Olympic Plaza Cultral district!

Perhaps more picnic tables could be added.

I would like to see some sort of arrangement that keeps the space usable during Winter. Coverable boardwalks is an idea.

The public art. I do not like the orange poles and grass. More seating with less space in middle of plaza. Cross walk above Macleod Trail and link to City Hall.

No. I would like it to remain the same but it could be extended around city hall towards the East Village.

You mean besides all the homeless people and criminals?

The area can be a little sketchy after dark and increased police presence after dark would help deter this.

Not sure that the pond during the summer is the best use of the space.

Mostly everything. It is WAY too small for a city our size.

Eliminate areas where people can hide - it doesn't feel safe outside of working hours.

Add a playground/fitness circuit in the area for adults.

Seems like there is nothing to do in the summer, it sits as dead space.

protesters and religious groups deter me from visiting more often

Don't charge over \$500 to event organizers to hook up power! Make it as easy as possible for organizers to plan events. Power should also be on and accessible. Create a permanent place for food trucks daily. Fix sound system. Change rooms needed.

More public bathrooms

Not necessarily... but it attracts an interesting mix of people and groups.

i would like the city to look at what Vienna does during the summertime at thier City Hall - they have a fabulous idea that integrates gre

would be great to see it as a daily hub of activity rther than just during special events. new york has times square, toronto has dundas. calgary lacks a trademark hub, olympic plaza can and should be that hub! to do that it needs its own unique character

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No

Too many drinks and drug dealers	the East Village, we need more access to local produce. A local, low cost farmer's market would be great.	Be sure public transit is best it can be, as parking is always a hassle and expensive.
Year round events every weekend	Clean it up a bit. Strategy to deal with the drug trade?	Get rid of the ugly orange home-depot like plastic poles behind the stage
Parking. I won't visit if I have to pay. Update the look.	Make the space considerably more welcoming. Less concrete. More and varied water treatments (like Central Park). More approachable from 7th Avenue. Look at new seating that is less accommodating to sleepers (like St. Patrick's Island)	The LRT should be moved off of ground elevation, either as a subway or elevated
Feel safer there on non event times. Cleanliness.	Make the buildings more accessible and reduce how the structural elements separate areas of the park from each other.	train, through downtown.
I would like to see it become more of a market plaza with cafes and restaurants surrounding the open area	Not in terms of design No	I'm fine with the people who linger outside the library I just wish they weren't so aggressive sometimes
more amenities, actual use of the booths outside, more events	It looks dated. There's a lot of wasted space that could be better used. The walls that are on a slope yak up space unnecessarily.	I dislike the hoards of shady liking people occupying the area often... It makes the place look uninviting and a place where you can't just lay down and relax because you have to be on the lookout at all times.
I don't think so - it's nice that there are different functions year round.	Fix the water fountain on Stephen Ave Mall	Take the loudspeaker away from the annoying preacher at the corner on 7th Avenue.
Nope	Not really ...	It's very seedy at the moment with a large number of drug users/dealers, drunks, panhandlers and homeless. Not a safe or comfortable location because of this.
Get rid of the trees and olympic stuff. The edges are terrible	More places to sit	Washroom
less concrete, more trees, more inviting for a farmers market and craft sales.	Plus 15 access from the new library to city hall.	Better street food. Those nearby are awful.
Water!	It's kind of dead when nothing is happening at Arts Commons & there are no scheduled events - would love to see more interesting and unique small vendors, buskers, small-scale events in addition to occasional big event	Do something about the homeless/ street people who hang out there, and at the library.
The cheesy Grecian columns	Fewer hassles by the cops	Too many druggies/dunks/weirdos hanging out there
Put more colors in the water... Change from concrete floors to blue ceramic for example	Too much concrete and needs food trucks	Feeling safe - it is a gather place of many people, but have seen more often than not, deals going down
I tend to go there for things that involve children, and there is a limitation on the amount of space that can be used for temporary activities (e.g., bouncy castles). I've enjoyed Shakespeare in the park as well.	More store fronts, more interactivity, on that corner. Less evergreens that block sidelines and make the space seems dark and uncertain.	Please try to enforce a non smoking enviornment.
More places to get iced coffee and more outdoor seating, more cultural and historical information (perhaps better signage and historical info about the 1980 olympics, the Famous Five statue, etc.)	Food truck parking around the plaza throughout the day	No. I like it as it is.
More public art integrated with living plants and greenery using local artists from Calgary only	I dont know what's going on there (other than ads for the program at jack singer) so maybe start by broadly advertising ... On social media, CKUA, etc. Let us know what's happening	Maybe more food trucks.
I think that with the amount of housing coming into		

Better North-South connectivity for bikes and pedestrians.
More opportunity for getting people down to enjoy the space
(but without the rigid structure of all the festivals that occur)

I deeply dislike the words “Cultural District”. They are contrived
and sound silly; like bureaucratic speak. Just say Olympic
Plaza. wWhatever spills over to other nearby venues - which
already have their own names, will benefit from proximity.

Olympic

Make it less assessable to the drug dealers and
homeless. I watched someone shooting up on the
corner across from the library. Two policemen walked
by and did nothing. Calgary has deteriorated.

There's lots of antisocial behaviour in the plaza. There's also
not much to do once you're there, since the nearby business
and restaurants are all closed evenings and weekends.

Change it up, but KEEP it, for sure.

less concrete!

Add more park benches, remove structures
and open up useable space

More hanging baskets.

Not really it has a lot of history from the
Olympics where the medals were

presented. Also a lot of family's have bricks that are memorials.
It would be a great loss to lose them in the name of progress

No, just more of the same. DO NOT destroy
a positive cornerstone of our city!

Larger

No

nothing I think it looks great

better connection to city hall plaza and the triangle gallery,

more amenities like cafes and restaurants, and please put
covers over the seating areas so it can be used when it's raining
so we can enjoy the vital public space for more of the year

Look and feel. 80s look, too much concrete, not
interconnected enough with other district in calgary.

A more permanent and beautiful structure, to
house the same activities, than what is currently
there. It has always had a temporary feel.

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house the same activities, than what is currently
there. It has always had a temporary feel.

Lack of food options in immediate vicinity. Heighten security.
Make more global contemporary in architectural style.
Make it winter friendly(not talking about ice rink.) needs
way more illuminating lighting as night. Kinda scary.

Cheaper plantings ie perennials, walkable ground cover
instead of grass perhaps not on all but on some areas.

It should be even more open. I love what was done with the
park on 4 st and 12 ave. Water for kids to play in, Boxwood
restaurant for takeout, beautiful plants and seating spaces.

more art work and more water park and water features.....
put in fire pits for the winter and hot chocolate stands.

No.

Restrooms

More food vendors

Clean washrooms. More of a feeling of safety

More artist and sales like Victoria's plaza

Yep open up the Glenbow and fit it with a
glass wall Make it easier for people on scooters
and with walkers to access the place

more Canadian content, celebrate the Canadian

Culture, our English Cristian heritage

better lighting at C-train stations; more shops, especially
those geared to sevicees such as hairdresser etc.

can we have historic sculptures/exhibits to make it a
showcase of Calgary's past, present and future

Tennants in the base of the Burns building that don't go
after small amount of food at a huge cost, but a more Family
Friendly Eatery similar to Lion's Den that used to be on 17th

More advertising of what is happening in Olympic Plaza

Weird landscaping choices, lack of proper sidewalks near the site.

Do a better job of controlling drug
trafficking and homeless people.

Get rid of the wall of trees to Mcloud and 7th please!!!

Needs modernizing. Keep the ring and water
fountain concept but update it.

Improved security, lighting and less “homeless” people.
Additional summer food trucks to draw people in.

Needs way more street cafe's and outdoor seating.

No

No

No... Keep it operating.

Needs to be both green and open; more accessibility from all
directions; needs to be “policed” more so that it's not a mid-day
place for people to sleep or pass out; vehicle access to use 8th
Ave as a pass-through (not drop-off) needs to be more limited

More reason to come, free concerts perhaps
after work 4:30-6:00 , stand up comedians

Less homeless people hanging out there.	it's starting to look dated, needs a more urban look	it's a bit difficult to get to Olympic Plaza (e.g. the skating rink) with a bike/stroller when coming from the CPL. To get way down to the ice for example one has to walk almost to the other side.
Add a water mirror walkway. Dozens of small fountains fill a very shallow pool that creates a mirror effect on the ground when the water is still. Bordeaux, France has one as well.	Nothing.	
Add an outdoor market to get more pedestrians	I think it's perfect just the way it is. Just regular maintenance and upkeep. Please don't put large buildings or a market in. We have enough shopping opportunities already in Calgary.	More local art work and greenery
It's a nice area but tend to avoid it due to people preaching through megaphones or drunks yelling st me for change.	Have more Dining choices and picnic areas for people working in near downtown buildings. Also, i feel Olympic plaza has become the homeless's bathroom. I don't like to hang out there. Would be nice if the "undesriables" were gone.	make it feel safer
It's a nice area but tend to avoid it because there are		Organize regular community events that raise people higher, build them stronger, and gets them where they want to go faster.
It needs an easy, consistently open place to get a drink and or a snack.	Get rid of awful orange posts you call art.	The plaza feels old and is clearly in need of maintenance.
It would be nice if it could better handle temporary seating for events. More public washrooms. Would be nice if it were a bigger space for larger events.	It is looking worn due to the amount of use. I'm getting older so it isn't as easy for me to get down to ground level to sit. I would like more raised seats.	Remove the faux-heritage elements; replace high-glare lighting with responsible Dark Sky compliant fixtures that would be safer and more comfortable in the evenings; Connection could be strengthened between Olympic and Municipal Plazas.
Would like to see more interactive public art that is fun to see even in the winter	More places to sit during events	Need small mobile vendors around the plaza
Not that I can think of	Greater feeling of safety. It would be good if homeless people had additional places to go to hang out and have a coffee. Greater connection to city hall so that 1 St could be closed and the whole area would come together .	More plants. Don't be changing the structure of the space, I attended events there during the olympics, it's a great space. don't mess with a significant spot
lots of parking	More activities	It needs to be updated and brought into the new millennium
Modernize. Less Sterile.	More seat	More ballpits.
Not that I can think of	update the Olympic structures	It would be nice to have more random day to day food courts (internal/outside when weather permits)
Perhaps more coffee and music	Clean the Olympic Plaza from homeless people.	More diverse, vibrant, must be made entirely pedestrian
More visual art	redo the trees along 7th ave where the old Olympic plaza train station used to be. you can't even see inside the plaza from 7th avenue	Too many homeless
newer architecture and such		More cafes
Leave it alone.	It can feel unsafe- with the crowd that hangs out there	Find them another home
Make it appealing for families	Update, modernize design. Better washrooms.	Don't powerwash or do maintenance during lunch hours
None	We used to come to Olympic Plaza all the time. We don't go near downtown anymore due to ridiculous parking rates!	to add bench
modernization of the area around the pond.		I'd like the boundary between inside the arts

complex and outside the arts complex to be more blurred--plays and music outside.	& Tim Horton's) is always full of sinister-looking types that make me feel unsafe during non-peak hours.	I would remove the weird space behind the pillars where one can break a foot and make it a sitting space with many vines. Perhaps make it adaptable for sports in the summer as well. Volleyball, skatepark, badminton, bowling...eat.
Better sight lines, direct access to pass through instead of bizarre setup of paths and elevation changes that is there currently. A lot of "dead space" i.e. brick slanted retaining walls, olympic structures are wasted space that create barriers to move	No businesses open on weekends. Nothing that end of Stephen Ave except blank facades, expensive restaurants.	No
Enforce no smoking, enforce ban on public urination, increase security to monitor groups of threatening individuals	Only regular and capital maintenance. It works now as-is. After The City decreases tax increases to cost of living only (hint, hint), there will be other higher priorities for remaining City monies than changing something that works such as OP.	Some people hanging out there that make me feel unsafe and not like staying
No, stop spending taxpayers money, the city is deeply in debt. Property taxes too high already	I would make indoor or semi-indoor space for use all year round	Noise and lack of comfortable pedestrian accessibility resulting from 7th age ctrain and Macleod trail.
love the free music and family events so maybe more of them	More events	I would like to see the washrooms updated. One thing we don't need is another tall building downtown especially at the plaza. I suggest you designate it a heritage site because it is art of our history
It does not feel safe to walk through the park most times as it had been taken over by street people drug dealers mentally unbalanced people and others and never any police or social services outreach visible	Add programming at Olympic Plaza. Also vendors selling food and drinks.	Sometimes it can feel a bit unsafe.
Additional interactive art pieces and games	The significant number of people I don't want to eat my lunch with - eg those begging for money, the appearance of being drunk or high, lack of good personal hygiene, etc	Street vendors
The orange posts in the back	Needs upgrades to support hosting opportunities - washroom and water mainly.	Tidy it up, monitor loitering so that area is safe and comfortable for all users at all times. Upgrade washrooms.
Yes. I would add more activities and events	More artistic lighting	It would be great if the vehicles were not always on the road in front of Arts Common
I think the space on the east side (where there's some olympics stuff and fountains that are never turned on) could be better utilized for active use.	No	LESS CONCRETE !!!!!!!!! the stage needs an update LESS CONCRETE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LESS CONCRETE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The bathrooms are pretty dodgy, unless you're there during a festival. There's also not enough bike parking during big events, unless they bring in their own racks.	I would like to clean up up the district, higher end coffee shops and clothing shops, cool restaurants etc.	Less of a concrete-jungle feel. A safe-feeling evening environment - the area is epitomized by the neighbouring cathedral's request to take valuables with you during communion due to high rates of theft.
no, i think it has aged well and is a very popular destination	Safety. I don't feel safe bringing my toddler here. Too many transients. Spitting, and bad behaviour.	update facilities, constant programming
potentially more lighting, activation on the north side to make it more comfortable at all hours	I don't like the space right outside city hall. It is unfriendly, needs more greenery and life and programming. I also don't like the lack of pedestrian features along 8th ave, and the way the plaza turns in on itself and has minimal entry points.	Free programming in the summer - yoga or tai chi
No please don't change anything and please don't let Nenshi waste my tax dollars putting up over priced public "art" in the plaza.	Adding more nature such as trees and plant life would go nicely in this area.	Drop down Municipal Plaza to sidewalk level and plant more rows of elm trees.
Sadly the plaza (as well as street corner near the Library		Green roof for Municipal Building!

We need encourage more small to medium businesses to open near Olympic Plaza and promote a night time culture.

No more gophers.

There will never be enough convenient parking nearby

Municipal plaza could be more engaging, I'm not sure how.

A meeting place for drug dealers and homeless folk.

Preconceived nighttime safety issues.

No

Modernize the space, make it friendlier for eating lunch for downtown crowd

No

Reno

no, it is a beautiful place

add swimming pool and fast food restaurants

No

I would change the amount of fountains in the area (add more)

It should be retained as a piece of our 1988 Olympic history

Safety

more grassy areas, please don't sanitise it too much, I like the mix of culture and grit that it presently has.

I would take out unnecessary pieces of obstruction so large programs/events can be held. A "grand lawn" is nice

What I wouldn't want are any more tall buildings around the area - keep it open so you can see the sky.

Less Concrete

More live plants! Too much concrete, a very desolate feel that leaves me reluctant to visit.

it needs a playground

What I would NOT like to change is the named bricks that people contributed to when the plaza was built.

Question 3 – What activities and features would encourage you to visit more often?

Sounding Board Olympic Plaza

Festivals	More art	Food stand or concessions-year round
Food trucks	More food vendors at lunch	Interface between the Plaza & 7 Ave SW could be more open & interactive
Dog park	Needs more restaurants& retail space	More live free bans, preferably local bands
Food trucks	Smoke free	A park
Celtic pipes and drums	More live concerts	More restaurants & cafes that open up onto the park
Music and cultural events	Playground	Pizza
Local music and artist showcases; flower festivals & other seasonal activities	Year round programming (ie. Food trucks, regular events)	Cafes
More art installations!!!!	Food & drinks maybe wine beer, coffee & jazz music	Crafts
Food trucks, art, live music	A refreshment stand	More restaurants, a pub
Concerts or similar things to hockey show, Rogers Hometown Show, Flames game on big screen	Allow dogs on leash	Link to East village
Tai Chi	Free family activities	Music festivals
More washrooms. Think about it really total disgrace City this size should be ashamed your worship	Where's the @#\$! bathroom?	More public events e.g. festivals
More music	Playground/spray park, natural playground	A park
Food trucks, coffee booths	Concerts	More increased security presence, parking
More green /grass space; more art sculptures; more enforcement of fining litterers including food waste & cigarette butts	More music concerts	Festivals and musicLunch food trucks available
Bocce	Interactive Arts-similar to jam sessions, musical, graphic art, leather works, arts and crafts	Farmers market or market collective type event
Food truck pod (e.g. Portland)	Open up the side of the plaza by the train station. People would use the space more if it wasn't so closed off	No snow please
	More evening/weekend events, festivals, activities	Rebuild the Plaza so it is level with the sidewalks. This will make it more accessible and better used.

Give the bricks back to the people and replace the patio with new ones	What about a food truck block like Portland? Could give peeps a reason to visit everyday, even in winter.	Free slushies in the summer
Live music, more and more open concerts	A cool park for kids like the new one in East Village.	Open walking through City Hall to East Village 24- 7.
It village	We are pulled in, remain on outside, like to see closer to New Westminster i.e. development of waterfront.	More "skateboard-able spots, promoting the use of skateboards
Wine and cheese with friends	Turn it back to the old school days, herb and sunshine and, agriculture and (rest unreadable)	Like to see more art
Lots of things to look at, lots of plants, trees, flowers	Free beer, pizza/burgers	Farmers Market, fresh food not trucks.
Family place to hang out with family	Gardens	Sled Island concerts!
Very nice lounging area	Better recycling and compost bins	Family events (affordable)!
Live music, food trucks, activities	Longer business hours, especially for restaurants and ground floor of City Hall to get to East Village	More celebrities, cheaper but nice food places that are affordable
Dogs, girls, sunshine	Longer business hours, especially for restaurants and ground floor of City Hall to get to East Village	More pictures!! Not only text information
Dogs	More music	More music. Open air art festival(visual)
Give free food	More music	More statues. Gives people peace
No dogs	Make a free place for pot heads to smoke week please	Incorporate more statues
Puppies	Live music	More food trucks
A place for small musical or theatrical performance. Keep some vestige of the Olympics.	Human sized chess	Live music! All ages events.
New development; send food trucks here-not East Village	More trees, more water	I agree- Live music!! All ages events.
Installations representing things around Calgary-waterways (the rest is unreadable)	More art	Have food trucks, free music/art events-people are struggling with unemployment-need things to do with their family that is free.
Real	More shaded seating and activities should be better advertised	Visibility to street
More strict standards towards public intoxication	City Hall: lock the non-revolving doors from the outside to stop people from using them and save energy in the building.	Baseball diamond
Less naked people	Stadium style seating	Good pool, pizza
We need direct access from East Village to Olympic Plaza. Love our downtown		Live DJ's
		Please play music thru public speakers,

movies in the park, allow buskers	More eating opportunities.	Outdoor theatres for evening activities
Coffee café with tables and chairs spilling out onto the open areas. Herbs, vegetable (tomatoes etc) and fruit trees – helps to feed community and homeless.	More kindness	Green spaces
Classic music, outdoor plays outdoor concerts	More love	Ensure “feel” from Olympics is considered
Live music-all ages performers.	More smiling faces	More tables and green space activities. Don't remove too much lawn
Buskers	Have beehives, bird houses and bat boxes.	More live bands!!!better connectivity through City Hall; water feature in
More cultural events, outdoor classical music, theatre/performing. arts, public website	Us too! Have beehives, bird houses and bat boxes.	Municipal Plaza
Arts and culture events	Complete redesign to modernize.	More concerts/festivals
Classical music, outdoor concerts at the Plaza, Public art installations	Late night café or place to enjoy between intermissions at the theatre.	Sun!
More public social and art events	I second that. Late night café or place to enjoy between intermissions at the theatre.	I bring my family to enjoy. Thanx
Outdoor performances-classical music, theatre; outdoor cafes, beautiful gardens	Accessible washrooms	Have lots of special events
Add murals/artwork to the concrete structures and pathways	More opportunities to float	Please have teen festival and thx
A skate/bike park would be nice.	<i>Sounding Board</i> Municipal Plaza	Make more events after school/work for more time with the family and more time together
More buskers!	Less homeless people please!	We want to see more activities after 6 pm
I would plant trees that were dual purpose. Apple, crabapple, sour cherry etc.	A water fountain or drinking fountain	Please have teen festival from 12- 16
Farmers market in spring and summer. Sell bubble tea and ice cream in the kiosk.	Farmers market twice per week	Can we make something for babies?
Puppy festival please	Music jam, festival	Free events for kids i& families
More peace rallies!!!	Demo physical activity equipment	Please have more festivals. It would mean a lot! Please and thank you!
Free outdoor concerts!	Meeting place for ppe, green space, activities	Can we do something in the evenings and weekends?
I second that! Free outdoor concerts!	Link to both sides of Macleod Trail	Broadcast events e.g. hockey, Olympics. More family things
	Outdoor theatres for evening activities	Movies & concerts other events, concerts!

Lights & music. Make it more appealing	You guys need dogs!	More music!
Please extend the events more days	Lots of dogs	Pop-up food vendors and live music
More stuff for families after work (6-7-8 pm) movie nights	More art work	After work, past 5:00 PM live music
Have more events that are welcomed to all ages just like the Children's Festival!!	Could use a falafel place, badminton nets, tiny cocktail bar, a liquor license, community garden	Allow dogs or dog area
Please make a teen festival for 12-16. Please and thank you.	More beers and ice cream	Agree times a 1000 with pop-up food vendors and live music
Please make a teen festival 12-16. Please. From a fellow teen.	More people to smile! Leave your anger and differences at home. Others feel it when you don't smile or say Hi to them-Seclusion because of negativity	More free events
For kids 3-5 years old play structures	Concerts	Free beer x 3
Musical programming at noon, pair with Arts Commons and local radio, Stampede, more food, trucks, markets, pop ups, etc.	More live music events	Open liquor on Stephen Avenue
Food and drink bar	More shows, musicals, plays things like that	Good quality bike parking
Program the space and let people live around the Plaza. Include residency in new plan.	Exercise bikes that generate power	Local DJ's and talent
More festivals	Downtown entertainment. Quiet in here.	Dedicated bike lanes
More smoking areas away from kids	Halifax donairs	I disagree-no dedicated bike lanes
Food trucks, clothing trucks	Incorporate a police depot into design for example. Parks has office under waterfall, could have police. Maybe bike police based out of Olympic Plaza Station	More free theatre performances and dance ones too.
Lunch time music	Have a take one/leave one library	A fountain?
More concerts on weekends	Great design, innovative design. No breaking design please.	There should be more greenery and natural elements. Perhaps solar lighting that comes alive at night time.
Art shows	Lights for night time (Christmas lights)	A greenhouse, green space, art
Food, music	Post office market was a massive site: under represented currently, incorporate historical features into design	Stage
More seasonal programs. Festivities in mid-winter would help either Plaza be more lively	Water fountain, please!	Bands playing for free on random evenings
Food, buskers, seating	Make the City Hall connection happen! It's the only issue with connecting Stephen Avenue to the East Village	Colourful Macleod Trail crosswalk murals-public art the community can participate in.
Music, food carts and police supervision		Music, community art, summer roller skating, food trucks, better transit into the core.

Free festivals	More opportunity for theatre in the park	Aspire to global notoriety
50 ft. statue of Joseph McCarthy	Theatre in the park	More events. Including at lunch
Bring back the rainbow crossing. Make it permanent.	Public washrooms. Ice cream	Summer activity to draw people out. Similar to skating in winter.
Have more events to draw people into this area on weekend and we need a new mayor!	Live local performances throughout end may-mid October (for artist exposure. Artist paid by city). Minimum 1 hour performance. \$5 donation as admission goes to local charities (change charities at each performance)	Stage is good. Doesn't have to be permanent, though. Prefer temporary.
A café would be nice.	Once/month during skating season hold a mini event (eg. Electronic music. Winter mascots)	Build a swingset
The Municipal Plaza hasn't any really active edges. Consider at least one edge to house temporary activities.	More vendors. Thanks.	Flowers! And security.
More seating in the Municipal Plaza: moveable seating if possible so more than 4 people can eat lunch together, or a solo sitter doesn't need to us the whole table.	More fun activities. Like a bouncy castle!	City should develop own recreation centre in downtown
Sell half. Like the City plans to. Rent the other half for construction storage, @\$! What the people/citizens want	Add a little café/ice cream shop so people sit outside!	More inclusive and interactive. Promote various groups/culture.
Allow somewhere to do ceremony in secluded area.	Why the heck does the city not maintain an easily accessible web page which tells us what is happening!	Focus on interactivity and social.
A fire pit that can be covered with a grate.	Outdooe music gatherings similar to princess island park. Blanc de nuit. Picnic spots. Vendors for food/ice cream etc.	More multi-culturalism
Put in a statue of an oil derrick next to a drought stricken 3rd world resident	Bring back first Thursday art walk with art	Affordable places to eat food
<i>Interior Display Arts Commons</i>	Public washrooms	More snow jams/ice carnivals; Shakespeare in the park, Shakespeare at the Plaza; bring Stars on Ice show; children's play structure
Bring in more youth focused events	Open up the through passage park – may put a community police outlet there	More free shows
Giant outdoor dance party!	Have more events or activities in the evenings so that its not a dead zone.	More free shows; (rest unreadable)
"Soap Box Events". Time & Place for 'regular' folks to speak out. TED talks of YYC.	Agreed more evening events	More outdoor festivals and markets
Washroom attendants. Clean places to pee.	Create more like Bryant Park in New York. All year/all age participation. Washrooms	Plaza in front of City Hall needs grass
More public washrooms open late! I mean we all have to pee!	Update/enlarge stage area for different types of performers.	Children's playground and more grass area; place to throw a Frisbee, play bocce, etc
More festivals year round not just in the summer. Also free events are nice.	Food Trucks!	Bring back painted crosswalk to City Hall safety for pedestrians, a play structure, more openness to pour onto 7th Ave, modernized pergolas at Olympic Plaza, widen paths; sidewalks
		More gardens

Bring back first Thursday art walk with Pat	Season changes, open area, place to meet	Swimming pool, library and school grade 1-6
Allow dogs	Market days	Update bike racks that are at grade
Well it's not so cultural now is it?? Other than Stampede/ Christmas dance/ New Years dance, what else happens here? Add activities/booths/ events, programs, not a destination of my choosing.	<i>Interior Display</i> Municipal Building	Do something more interesting with Municipal Plaza
The new library site is inconveniently located re: present bus routes. The East Village is not at all transit friendly now.	Tai chi	Definitely farmers market
Make it feel like an Italian piazza	Outdoor theatre, kids pools/water feature	Used for school projects
Restaurant for theatre goers, affordable but not café	Similar to Eau Claire, Simmons/Riverwalk, more activities, yoga, music/busking	Farmers market please
Open the Municipal Building for walking traffic-it used to be (before security fears took over) and join East Village	Few big screens, showing past, current & future events happening in Calgary	Bocce ball pitch, community garden, food forest
Cooperation, consideration, kindness and understanding	Full size hockey rink; extend surface design to building fronts, make building fronts active	No farmers market
More outdoor space programming	Friday/Sat./Sun. music/food	Top quality materials
Love	Needs better and safer access for event equipment and parking for equipment vehicles	Noon time performances
Needs a playground	More live music, different cultures	Ski hill
Commercial spaces/food truck spots in Olympic Plaza	Open/outdoor café styles in warm weather	Bars, cafes and more outdoor cultural activities
Police presence is needed in front of City Hall, library, LRT, etc 'Seedyville'	Space for ceremonies and formal, organized events	The Olympic Plaza needs to be renewed; call for an international design contest
More public washrooms	Covered stage	Shakespeare in the park
More free events would be great, Montreal has lots/ what's up with Calgary? Bathrooms need to be open 24/7. Bring more arts markets, performance events to Olympic Plaza all year round not just in the spring/summer. More plants, maybe a garden. We need recognition for Native history whether in forms of monuments, festivals or meet up groups. More inclusion less ignorance!	Program a lot e.g. Frontier square, Portland and Churchill Square, Edmonton	Nice new modern seating, wood, natural element/modern
Market days in summer. Small groups to perform.	Lower Municipal Plaza and focus it towards the portico of City Hall with a restaurant in the triangle gallery	Swimming pool
	Public art that is created by a local artist and in collaboration with the public	Way more food and drink options; regular programming of space
	Daycare	More outside cultural activities
		Waterfalls
		Food and drink bar
		Farmers markets and (rest unreadable)

Permanent outdoor market, more concerts like Austin

Room for/and food trucks

Amphitheatre

Green space

Bow Valley College was designed to connect to future development on the library site and this should be respected

Food trucks

More greenery; especially native species; community garden in front of City Hall

Water feature that highlights rain water preservation and innovation

Activate and liven Municipal Plaza, boring and uninviting now

Arena

Restaurant

Transit drivers are late, does not respect their ethics

Try to have a reliable transit

Transit driver does not have any customer care services

More markets

More support to small business owners, make better programs and support system to widen the scope of our business industry

Farmers market or other seasonal markets: Christmas market

Markets

Affordable housing

Better transit system. Its frustrating to wait half an hour for a bus!

No customer care value from the transit driver

Reliable transit instead of increasing them

There should be more facilities/helping resources for newcomers. Thank you.

More live entertainment

Could add herbs and fruit treats to help feed the homeless and anyone who is hungry

Restaurants, food market surrounding the Plaza

Do something about the pedestrian crossing to City Hall colour/texture in artistic way!

Family oriented space. Kids areas.

Businesses that bring more pedestrian traffic in evening/night.

Interior Display Bow Valley College North

U-pass

Gym pass

More festivals & outdoor events

I would like to see a new and improved outdoor activities center

Less expensive or free fitness facilities

I like more green spaces

Slip and slide day

More parking spots PLEASE!

More school events/activities; fitness center

"Arts" Let's have the mosaic of cultural display of the people/their country of origin display

Interior Display Bow Valley College South

A park for bunnies

Vegetable garden

Aquaponic gardens

A volunteer community garden

Quartet (small musical groups) of live music, jazz, modern, classical on an ongoing basis during summer. Piano? Could be volunteers (musicians experiencing playing for live audiences.

Native art & culture

Children playground

Some tennis courts for children

Cooking contests, fire oven pizza, Panini bread making (flatbread), food trucks

Sessions/workshops, training to build skills for those are struggling, (homeless, addictions), simple things that can be done outside

Table tennis or ping pong tournaments

Calgary Transit more stable and reliable instead of opening in rich gated community

Feature local musicians, buskers

More festivals/food

Some buskers/street performances would be amazing; street/block parties

City downtown swap meet, yard sale, public as vendors

Events gives us many reasons to come downtown to the awesome Plaza events

Get group from World Health to do Zumba d other group sessions there on weekends	representation of all culture we have in Canada.	As much greenery as you can
Free dance classes	We want more live music performances and shows please.	More restaurants with patios, drinks. Want amphitheatre stage to stay
Drawing, painting, Photoshop	Water attractions	More grass less concrete
Fashion show	Interactive art exhibits and music.	Better site lines
More stuff at lunch time		Zip line and more lights
Bake sale for the local theatres	<i>Interior Display Glenbow</i>	More seating
Lunch time yoga sessions	A play park & food truck access	Outdoor gallery
Lego competition	Make more seating (less concrete) on the south slope	Endless series of sparks, cultural and fun activities
Dishes of water for the dogs	Less concrete, more green space please!	Gathering spaces
Please provide culture days where different cultural values can be seen and respected by all and stereo types can be dismissed. BVC holds cultural events.	More candy and stuff	Good sightlines
I think there should be umbrellas over picnic tables for families	More user friendly for seniors and handicapped, seating	Check out ten best cities
I wish to see more exotic cars	Just a few food trucks	Free parking on side
Playground for the kids	Outdoor swimming pool	What would make people want to stroll through City Hall
Fitness facility	Arts Commons Exp-building should have a public accessible ground floor as (rest unreadable)	More seating specifically gathering round picnic benches
School events	Art series tread cine, tie to social media and archive online presence	Less concrete more grass
Put different floats to highlight diversity of Calgary	More arts and culture programming. Coordination between institutions	Programs-engagement, space for guilds artist, booths
Art shows and community celebration	Call for multiple groups to program the space at once-anyone can occupy, flexile space	Affordable food, more seating
More music!!	Artists in residence with contract for so many new things, like Arts Commons spaces	Stall for food, trucks to draw consistency in spot and stall numbers, diagonal unreadable mall
Profile and harass all non-foreign residents because public association should be illegal/break up spontaneous assembly	Free Arts Commons events outside tied to events inside Shakespeare on the steps	More patios
Always only music-there should be dance and cultural		More space for small business
		Carry on the feel and connection with Stephan Avenue

Can we have public space at the top of building?	Weekend flea markets	Musicians
Think about spreading art uses around the city	More cleaning and washing of streets, especially building corners.	More places to sit
Directory to help people find their bricks	Have an event calendar for its events	I love the idea of promoting tourism activities from a booth/stand in the plaza. It is one of the first areas that tourists visit.
<i>Interior Display</i> Cathedral Church	Design of Macleod Trail from Plaza to Riverwalk giving an enjoyable option to pedestrians. Little kiosks offering services (ex: flower shop, café, and bike/skate rentals). Design that opens to the street. Activation of the Plaza from surrounding buildings. Design of the Plaza over spilling onto surrounding streets.	Hosting more events would also be a place
Washrooms, trees, pools of water	Theatrical performances or plays from local schools or troupes, dance performances, talent & shows	I think it should be more connected to East Village and new central library
Cheaper parking so we can come and enjoy the Plaza	We would like to see Bollywood music & dance night, at least one dance night a month.	More grass space
Washrooms, City ambassadors looking out for needs, not police but be friendly. Keep trees.	Accessible website with the entire program itinerary of the Plaza.	Outdoor cafes
Build a natural playscape	Interactive public art (changing occasionally). Cafes and restaurant patios spilling on the Plaza.	Interactive art features for kids and adults
<i>Interior Display</i> Carter Place	Constant activation of Plaza (ex: figure skating competitions, youth hockey games,, dance recitals, etc.)	I would love to have more free indoor activities in place of retail shops. Example: farmers market, bowling, skee ball, table tennis.
Change it completely and no concerts	<i>Interior Display</i> East Village Experience Centre	Food trucks
<i>Interior Display</i> Councilor Display	Outdoor squash court	Public permanent slackline (like Bergen, Norway)
Municipal Plaza should be focused on the south side of Old City Hall (portico) not on the Municipal Building	Bigger stage amphitheater style for performances	A basketball court
Need to think about treatment of Macleod. Not a road through a plaza-want it to feel like you have entered a different space. Wide flexible open space. Keep it simple, active edges, ability to do anything with space, don't over think.	More activities	Bike paths
<i>Interior Display</i> Rocky Mountain Court	Book stall	<i>Mobile Office</i> Eau Claire
Move historical statues to Municipal Plaza & the others to the Riverwalk	Food sellers	Cost is important. Would like an opportunity to evaluate options based on cost for this money. You get this versus for this you get that
Elderly, mobility accessible area	Info on Calgary tourism stuff	Like Calgary. Don't try to be New York, Chicago San Francisco. We are Calgary represent that.
		Art-local artists. Represent our culture.
		Keep and/or reuse the Olympic arches. But make it to have better sightlines for safety.

Large yoga space

Summer outdoor theatre

Open space, green space, water feature,
open to all ages and incomes

Small bistros and kiosks. Support small and local businesses.

Mobile Office Bankers Hall

Keep the bricks

Under ground parking with restaurant kiosks' consider
barriers with roadways and train around site

Big open green space lots of trees

No strip plaza-strippers are awful.

Cafes

Kiosks, Wi-Fi, more performances especially
evening and weekends, more shaded spots,
washroom, water, Farmers Market, heated shelter,
active uses around it, place for food trucks

Free public accesses, weddings, arts/culture features,
combine with old library site and use as a collaborative,
small rehearsal and performance spaces

Use the bricks in a new way

More live performances

Event Farmers' Market

More greenery line Central Park-hard to
compare but like that feeling.

Deal with TELUS Convention Centre and Glenbow;
have killed that block; people don't go past there.

Liquor store (rest unreadable)

Grocery store

Cover portions and take cover away when not needed

Make Stephan Ave more pedestrian focus with no
cars ever; draw people into Stephan Ave

Bury LRT station or build edge to mask LRT

Put shops and pubs around the Plaza

Drug store

Opportunity to show artist works and amphitheatre

Give people a reason to cross Macleod

Designed for all ages

Washrooms

Incorporate skateboarding (a ramp or skate feature)

Shakespeare in the Plaza

Food trucks

Fountains (Bellagio), music, lights, and water, CPO

Studio space for artists and musicians

Notice of board of all the events happening
with the space or digital

Swimming pool

Underpass tunnel Macleod Trail, speakers, design
that limits sound impacts to residential

Add toddler/kid playground to attract kids activities-activity area

Event Children's Festival

Historical, early Calgary history

Larger single entertainment area, more festivals and events,
more sculpture important persons, bison, horses, Aboriginal,
historical, old city architecture before the glass steel look

More live music, ie June free concert from last time.
Maybe improve amphitheatre seats for this

Keep historical elements Farmer's Market?

More activities for kids and schools

Permanent pool for kids. Safety!

A giant maze and more flowers

More free live music, dancing, arts!

Regular concerts with local and/or Canadian bands and free.

Event Food Truck Frenzy

Areas to skateboard; lots of seating; less open space

Market space; place to eat lunch (cheap) and also outside

More busking and an economical food option; food trucks

Event Parade of Wonders

Hockey nets
More funding for local performances
New York high line
Interactive art, night lighting (rest unreadable)
Food trucks
More trees
More seating, gathering spaces
Affordable restaurant, coffee shop
More food, art and permanent stage
Multi-seasonal, solar exposure
Like as is events and contests, meeting space, trees
Washrooms
Consider bikes in planning
tents
Need to focus on programming and events in the winter. i.e. Snow blown. Summer is good.
Municipal Building weird and need access to East Village. Why big block?
Winter-need amenities like hot chocolate/apple cider

Event Scavenger Hunt

Astro turf would be easier to care for than grass
Philharmonic comes out every few years should be more often. Needs more activity in venue.
San Antonio River Walk like options and reason to gather
regular market place like in Edmonton
free fairs/concerts
Cotton candy
I visit quite often already actually
Interactive sculptures
Olympic experience opportunities – not sure what that might look like. Ask Winsport
events and concerts
more summer lunchtime activities
art events, farmers markets, market collective, CPL living libraries, shakespeare in the park, learning sessions
more water sports for kids
cultural events
ice field for skiing
more places to get food or drink and enjoy festivals that already happen
bat boxes, birdhouses to get birds and insects that you can't find downtown.
more festival events celebrating Calgary related and cultural festivals.

restaurants
I work downtown so unfortunately I don't feel like coming down on weekends.
water fountain
quiet
more scavenger hunts and fun summer challenges
ice cream trucks
more scavenger hunts
radio playlist playing through speakers
music
food
diversity (ethnic) community gardens
Shows
activities like this scavenger hunt
Fun programs
more concerts on stage
more advertisement of events because I never hear about things
food trucks/vendors
more tables and chairs
scavenger hunts
mini Olympics

a great playground for my kid	flow of pedestrian traffic and connection to surrounding cultural buildings, connection to Stephen Ave Mall.	Concert/performances
Food trucks		Food
Family activities	Landscape that allows safety, shade, comfort, more flat, free space for easier movement.	Sheltered space for outdoor arts functions
plays in the park, music, arts displays	A playground for multi-ages > kid friendly zones.	Public washrooms
seating, food, shade	Weather mitigation factors > shade / snow	Farmer's markets
<i>Workshop External</i>	Adaptable stage space for small and large scale programming	Space to hang out
Expanded lighting- a grid of lights over the skating rink/pool	Invitation to visit from west of 1st and East of Mcleod.	Programming
It should be a tool to celebrate space	Expanding the footprint of "public" space "entrance way"	Food and beverage (year round)
like the tower and bridge	More public art	Playground- kid friendly
More spi/art of arts commons into the space	Any proper Olympic 'memories'	Better lighting outside the Jack Singer
Active edges!	Sheltered spaces- designs	<i>Workshop Internal</i>
7 ave opportunity, you don't have buses so don't need that row	Food kiosks open more	Affordable food services
Can we have a ped crossing over Mcleod trail	Better transportation	18 hour dedicated programming
This process needs a vision for how the adjacent building change their edges	S/w muni buildings	Activate 7th ave with vendors/activities
"You have a duty and responsibility to activate the space"	Art gallery	Ensure arts commons expansion is open to plaza
"There aren't any reasons to come down here because there aren't any surprises"	More acan through building	Open patio of Teatro to plaza
Can we have this as our continuous space	Activity to encourage retail	Rotating temporary art
On top of municipal parkade could add lots of apartment people to activate the space	More residential	Currently functions at capacity, doesn't need more activity
Control the businesses adjacent to the space.	Keep the bricks more	Concerts/specific events
Elimination of "barriers" cause by boundary roads ease the	Animation	Winter events / festivals
	Video	Convenient parking
	Waterfalls	

Small-scale retail	Need more greenery	Rope square quiet after Stampede week.
Container park like district café	Tables/seating not comfortable	NYE – People expect it to be a celebration location
Movie night (day or night)	Needs shade	Food – better lunch options
Beanbag chairs/seating	Play structure	More shelter (for rain, winter weather). Current design only good in summer
Local music scenes with bands playing	Positive use	More smaller scale programming (busker for 10, not concert for 1000)
Living innovation zones	Engaging/interactive public art	More funky programming (e.g. art sales)
Market space – here instead of along Stephen Ave	Better lighting	Evening and weekend performances and events
Areas showcasing what's new and exciting in Calgary (e.g. show and shine, music night, movie night, etc.)	Curated art that changes	Larger events
Improved security	More festivals	Do more direct programming that is routine (i.e. Tues noon music)
More promotion of programming that does on there	Food – Pop up cafes. More affordable small vendors	More restaurants and bars. Activities. Food trucks.
Speakers corner/Town hall format	Washrooms	More weekday lunch events (farmer's market)
Mixing everyone, central location for City to celebrate civic achievements	Parking	Larger, more frequent events
More food amenities	More bike lock ups	More bling amenities (details, etc.)
Improved parking	Sunny side patios	Area for soft programming activities, and small programmed activities.
More amenities besides food	Space may not be big enough	More kiosks/cafes – activities that spill out into the space. More for people to do.
Affordable options	My life been centred around hockey, watching or playing	Space for active uses.
More programming / lunch hour programs	Pond hockey game on the plaza	More flat space may make it more usable – kids play, buskers, etc.
Greater use of municipal plaza by City Staff	Bring people out. gathering the them downtown for games/activities	Daytime/weekday program space. Flexible use for soft program.
Mini markets	Bands playing over the lunch hour	Better connection to Arts commons
Should not be planned in isolation	Food trucks, etc.	
Don't visit because of stairs – not physically accessible	Lunch programming	

Ice Rink	I visit often already and would like to feel safer when I do visit the area.	More mixed use, i.e. not just expensive restaurants and symphony. Something more mass appeal to increase family / young people appeal
Have more food trucks in the area		
Ice Rink	Make the OPCD colourful at night. Like how the Calgary Tower lights up at night, light up City Hall, Arts Commons, and the Plaza/Fountain with violets and red lights so people can be more enticed with this magical place.	Food Trucks in the summer would be great. Also if they allowed for vendors and buskers to be there to make it more lively like Stephen Ave.
Food trucks		
Food truck	Concerts	outdoor concerts
Events	concerts	Buskers, lunchtime events
Ice rink	Not sure. Sorry.	more plays needs some strategically placed shade in spots, more seating
	Well organized cultural events, festivals , outdoor concerts, group pic nics, street performance , buskers, outdoor cinema. call me I'll give you more ideas 587-XXX-XXXX	Local musicians and international musicians.
Online Survey		Summer festivals and weekend market
cafes, more events, meeting spots in shaded areas, electronic event announcement listing, public bike share station, space for a jumbotron for shared tv/ event viewing, major outdoor art shows, outdoor plays in summer evenings, perm. community public art	More access for food trucks, not just for events but on regular work days.	any music event
farmers market	Lunch in the park, theatre performances, lunch time concerts- proarts concerts could be here instead of in the church	More modern, water features all year round, more plants & trees, and more cultural history to reflect the diverse group of people that use the space
waterslides wave pool Tennis court badminton court basketball court	Safer environment, more greenery and plants for space to look even more beautiful.	Farmers markets, more community engagement.
I'm actually over there all the time as my work is right near there, and I think there are quite a variety of events, so maintaining or expanding the variety would be great!	more family-friendly events, more access to security (cameras or personnel)	Outdoor concerts and plays, it would be great to be able to tent the plaza and host events like ParkLuxe, Opera fest, Market Collective etc.
My family and I visit and stroll through the Plaza several times every year and take our out-of town visitors with us and show off our Olymipc	Free music concerts - fire works - international food	I would like to see more public artwork (sculptures) in the plaza and also a public piano added in.
More vendors, musicians and public events, if it weren't next to Macleod Trail	More festivals, performances.	Earlier opening during winter skating
Nothing	Winter and summer family activities	The OP side is get adn well used. But the city hall plaza is way too formal-un-inviting. It's so vast yet seemingly no one is allowed to do anything there except site on metal picnic tables? The muni plaza side needs softening, maybe with landscaping?
Lunch hour mini-concerts & plays	Food events/festivals. i.e. long-table slow-food event.	ice skating, art exhibit, buskers playing relaxing music while people read in the sun
Outdoor theatre on the water , educational programs	I go there every day.	A year-round restaurant similar to the Boxwood in Memorial Park
	More retail and food; more small to mid-size events; wading pools or streams/fountains and kids' play area; a proper stage closed at the back w great lighting, protection from traffic noise, seating nearby; visionary landscaping & lighting	

Nothing, the stage and area used by the community is wonderful.	conventions, concerts, interactive and futuristic public art and display, souvenir shops, independent stores, and an easily photogenic, vibrant streetscape	More food trucks, local food markets, vendors, pop-ups, events, festivals.
It would be nice if you identified activities through monthly themes. The activities would reflect the theme.	Keep the ice skating, and allow for more cultural program. But it also should be a beautiful place just to hang out.	No, I don't think so, but it is not a place I go to after dark.
more family activities	Outdoor cafes, restaurants close by, busier foot traffic.	relaxed serene feeling, bring back the pink gophers in the walls (added a bit of whimsy)
More density and more programs, not a redesign	Skating, art shows, concerts, plays, etc.	LARGE FORMAT PUBLIC ART!!! live music, speakers corners, low key performance platforms
More public art, food trucks, more festivals, concerts, etc. Different band every Sunday afternoon, artist market, street performers,	Concerts, craft fairs, farmers market	The plaza needs a restaurant (ir Boxwood Cafe) or food truck access. Stephen Ave needs to go through city hall to EV. Right now plaza feels like a dead end.
More places to buy or eat food (Tim Hortons isn't a place that encourages a healthy diet.) Food trucks in summer, or parking for them for the venues already there would be nice.	Open Arts Commons to park by eliminating traffic on 8th Ave. Close MacLeod trail and extend plaza from City Hall steps to the west end without interruption.	No, the Olympic Plaza is well used by those of us who live / work downtown. The festivals and activities draw people from all over the city. Please think seriously before you alter a lovely oasis, especially if you don't live / work in this area.
Access to more clean and safe public washrooms/More Warming stations with more seating in the winter.	Parkour, fitness bars or fitness playground	More public seating, extend the pergola area with the cafe chairs. Make sure a cafe is operative year round all day all evening. In winter, have bonfires. In summer, beer gardens. More cosmopolitan and less worry wart.
link or proximity to museum of contemporary art	coffee shops at the plaza ...like Portland's Pioneer square	I saw a play set over the pool/rink area one summer. I really enjoyed the evening event.
More retail/restaurants. Safer environment.	More food, WiFi, movies in the park, live music	Many of the best events occur, at least partially, under a tent. A more permanent canopy solution might be a good feature to consider.
More programming will help with safety, not a redesign.	Skatepark.	No
What ever would generate funds to support maintenance	Cafe, restaurant, patio	No
Concerts	Councillors spent the summer there researching ways to save us money instead of thinking of more ways to spend our tax dollars.	MORE COMMUNITY BASED ENTERTAINMENT. I.E. JAZZ, ORCHESTRA'S , BRING THEATRE TO THE OPEN AIR
Make it safer and encourage events to be there from 11-1 instead of 12-1. Farmers market could be cool like they are doing on Stephen Ave	More entertainment	More frequent festivals and other cultural events.
Water park/features	Food trucks, market stalls, increased activity	Less drug dealers and homeless
Implementing the suggestions I've made, inviting more entertainment individuals/groups and food vendors to participate throughout the day - 7 days/week.	no, nothing.	Have live music be the norm for the area. It would be great to know that you could go there on any
live music; food vendors; greenery	Keep the skating. Make the water feature a wading pool, more retail and food vending options, lots of grass and trees but also some nice patio space, a very large monument of some type.	
A farmers'/night market, large-scale festivals/	more live music selection choices in the area	
	Cycle Track access via 1st St. SE	

given afternoon and find musicians performing.	for people to know about that, your social media Marketing for those events would have to increase.	More small local markets. More community outdoor events. Some stuff on a regular schedule and less on off.
De-emphasize programming (not remove) and plan the plaza for actual everyday use, open it up, mitigate the roadway barriers on either side and make it a true place.	Small bistro/restaurant	music events during lunch hours, small pop-up vendors or food kiosks
Mini festivals. Also solicit feedback on other sites. (eg. City Calgary website or other prominent Calgary sites: eg. Calgarytransit.com, Calgarydowntown.com, UCalgary.ca, Mtroyal.ca, Sait.ca,)	concession / dances or movies outside at night in summer	Better integration with the sidewalks and surrounding buildings. Perhaps some outdoor market space or a food court. The park should keep you there but there has to be something to draw you there in the first place even without events.
More family events for younger families.	None I can think of.	In addition to making the plaza more permeable and conducive to having people flow through the space, it would also benefit from one or more anchors (e.g. café, restaurant, food stand, etc.) that would activate the plaza and bring in crowds.
Like new years eve or ice skating or live music	A large water fountain or feature and many outdoor sculptures would be great. And some covered, but open areas would be very handy in the event of rain.	Outdoor movies in the summer!
Exercise bikes capable of generating renewable, green electricity. Family friendly activities (exercise park)	nope	I would love it if we could use Olympic Plaza as more of a constantly-used cultural space - more like Central Park's Summerstage
ensuring that there is performance space so that it continues to attract events.	Affordable eating places, more outdoor patios and a bar that does not cost a fortune in which to have a pre- or post dinner drink	As stated above, a robust programming mandate and budget.
A retractable roof to allow for festivals/gatherings in poor weather and in wintertime; a Christmas open-air market, replete with Glühwein (mulled wine), would be nice; cultural and civic events, mayor's speeches, etc. on the plaza; etc.	More evening and night events for the public, keep it diverse!	More events during Stampede time. More winter events than just skating. Improve the architecture but honor the Plaza's Olympic history. Underground parking.
Integrative arts space, with a good cafe for summer maybe? Partner with someone like Kava, Phil and Seb or Fratello..	More amenities available to visitors/users of the area that are offered at a lower-cost. In other words, restaurants/eateries, etc. that aren't high-end (ie. Teatro's) and other things that a person could enjoy any time of year (ie. ice cream/slush stand).	The old library should be turned into the new contemporary art gallery or the rocky mountain plaza building should be bought by the city and turned into the new Glenbow. The idea being making the plaza a vibrant should be built on the site of the old library
Night market	I don't get to employ the OPD a lot but, always excited and wanting to visit more often and participate in activities there. Thus, more amenities at a lower	Farmers market during the summer.
More interaction, create a place that draws people like a Times Square / Piccadilly Circus / Grand Market area - with lots of people the drug dealers will hopefully move.	Again, build the largest parkade in the world, for personal cars, & must get built on the site of Olympic plaza.	more food trucks, smaller local shops (not pricey high end restaurants), better outdoor landscaping for coming to sit (picnic areas?), improved water feature
food festival or music festival	You'd think a Cultural district would have free concerts, outdoor activities, better green space and facilities	Restaurants with patio views of the plaza on 3 sides also nice to be looking over the ice skating/stage in the winter
More public events	More summer offerings	Once a week (or whatever the demand), have an outdoor market with food stalls, crafts, etc. In the winter, you can have a Holiday (i.e. Christmas) market.
I would like a larger space with family and cultural events advertised more.	Need to construct retail space on Plaza perimeter to draw people regularly (cafes, craft shops, fast food, etc...) More people visiting plaza would discourage vagrancy	
Evening/night events. Heavy rock concerts. Night market. Farmers market. Extending Stephen Avenue summer vendors into that space would be neat. But	Music, art displays, crafts etc.	
	Yes: more Arts Commons activities!!!!	

Regular food trucks parked in a safe and accessible environment, also an outdoor cafe	I think to be better lighting at night to improve safety. More festivities to run into the evening.	I would be up for anything!
Please don't put a building here! A playground for the kids would be fun. Live outdoor theatre/CPO to play off the adjacent venue. Interested in brick preservation if changes come. Space should be opened through to the library & east village.	More frequent bus service!	The biggest problem with OP is that City Hall essentially blocks pedestrian traffic from going anywhere. Needs markets to stimulate more foot traffic. Needs beer gardens. Needs art. Dissuade drug traffickers around the library, big problem.
Police to move out the criminals so families can actually enjoy the downtown. This is our city yet we are held hostage by drug dealers.	Pedestrian areas nearby are what feed OP. Stephen Ave is terrific. Cars/bike speeds not so helpful. Neither are crime problems at OP & some surrounding areas. Redesign should look at crime prevention, walkability, slow speeds for cars & bikes adjacent.	More events, perhaps have the ability to provide some cover or protection against weather, more food/drink options
Definitely more events need to be hosted there. Some outdoor activities would also be awesome there like yoga for example.	More food stands.	We are fine with what is happening at present.
Maybe more chairs and I think this would be a great location to rent bikes	Place des Arts in Montreal always has really cool interactive features, from musical swing sets to dynamic lighting to ice slides in the winter. Olympic Plaza could use some more tactical urbanism.	another restaurant or cafe (something more casual than teatro but nicer than the sandwich shop)
Added green space, flowers, trees, water features..	A small kids musuem, a lounge, and a restaurant. Get corporate sponsors to sponsor the rink for a season. Southwest does it in the summer in Denver downtown.	Yes, may be some shops around the park, elevated seating for better view, crisp green grass all the time will give it a fresh feel.
more of a buffer from the 7th avenue train. not necessarily trees but something that seperates it more visually.	Downtown shopping!	more food trucks (perhaps in the water area when there is no water)
Set up the area as a circular forum with seating around it and the floor level cam be used as an ice rink in the winter.	The area cleaned up a bit and refreshed.	Shut down Macleod Trail for big events to allow people free movement between the Municipal Plaza & Olympic Plaza, less traffic, parked buses etc on 8th Ave, better connection from Arts Commons to the Plaza, better access through Muni to new library
no	Yes I often go down during lunches when they have events going on there. Visible cameras around might make me feel better about being there.	Live events on a regular basis, not just during the summer. Make it affordable and accessible to community and non-profit groups
A splash park in the summer would be excellent! Buskers	Art and music	Incentives to bring more restaurants and pubs down the extra block or two from Stephen Ave. There's really no nice restaurants down that way.
Live music, concessions / food carts / food trucks. Perhaps a little more retail to draw pedestrians from further up 8th Ave.	None.	More food vendors all year round
All the space to be fully licensed to enjoy "beverages";)	coffee shops, food vendors, better connection to area, less like a "leftover" space, casual "programming" giving space purpose other than just hanging out	A summer movie night would be awesome
Permanent outdoor curling rink to help promote the sport and let youth practice	No	A food establishment similar to Boxwood in Central Memorial Park or River Cafe should be strongly considered.
no, quit spending money	Better lighting at night.	a mini fair
None - we do not need to spend any tax dollars on this	I am a regular visitor it needs a bit of upgrading perhaps a new stage BUT DO NOT put more buildings or PAVEMENT	Stores/shops
Just make it more modern and like it fits into this century	Food trucks or additional food kiosks	

No - there's always something going on!	so it doesn't matter, if you're looking for something, there is always something happening at the O.	Improve the kiosks along the southern edge of the park to include food vendors and large indoor/outdoor patio spaces with removable/retractable glass walls to increase foot traffic and year-round eyes on the park.
A market place where people could sell their crafts and art. Similar to the Lilac Festival.	More food close to the site that I could eat in the park.	
Casual concerts in the park, jazz ensembles, quartets, guitar, etc.	I would like a space that functions first for informal, non-programmed use and then when an event locates there it is gravy	More permanent food kiosks and public washroom facilities. A stage or performance area which could offer some partial shelter from the elements to allow performances during inclement weather.
More concerts and special events		
ice skating, concerts	More free activities	Sports events
food trucks festivals or farmers markets	Noon hour concerts and other events.	Allow more food trucks, coffee vendors. Add more security and or more frequent visits to the park by bylaw.
Smaller free concerts, events that span the new library, music center and the plaza to encourage people to come down.	It's fine now	Farmers market, a redesign
More Stampede-related events, water/fountains are relaxing to be around	A winter/Christmas Market. Market stalls similar to those on Steven Ave in the summer. Kids playground.	Festivals for adults, more outdoor music, love the skating
More free public concerts or events	The ability to have large gatherings and events. Marquee programming (ability to host annual signature events could propel site into notoriety). Good for tourism.	i love the lunch time series of events, i think there could be more access to food on a temporary basis. Food trucks or cart type food.
A more beautiful inviting space, places to eat that are open : think memorial park	Get people to stop and sit and enjoy the park. Food trucks, more flowers and security (stationed).	More food options, better / more seating (not just the steps), a great coffee shop or bakery, etc
An engaging atmosphere that includes those of us that pay for the place instead of a	Celebrations, entertainment events, larger entertainment events during Stampede, big band shows.	Depending on the season ... Summer a farmers market , a buskers station , fall market combined food/general item , seasonal themed events which can be enjoyed by all levels of class of citizens (regulate the cost vendors selling)
hangout for lowlifes and panhandlers	Comfortable places to sit, entertainment, better water features, music, a better extension of activities from 8 Ave	
Nothing. There is no parking and no event the right size to hold there. Shut it down and close this department at city hall. Stop wasting money on nothing.	How about None? O.P. doesn't have the room, parking or vibe for large cultural events. Lots of other areas in D.T. do!!	Skating, places to sit for lunch or lounge and read a book, light or water feature, installation art...
Like the rest of Calgary all activities are towards families only so I stay AWAY :)	Calgary is very expensive, offering more free activities to bring people out would be great. It would create more of a community opposed to bringing out only the people who can afford it.	Again the activities are the big draw for me.
Way to better know what is going on. Encompass more events like in East Village river front..interactive.		More art installations, better facilities for community festivals and events,
Booths or craft fairs	If you do not live or work downtown and you have a job it is too hard to get to weekday events when you need to find and pay for parking.	Christmas market! Like in Europe..!
More vendors BBQs and maybe more live music		More sitting benches and places to watch
Recurring activities like festivals/market every weekend		

Even more child and family friendly features. Play spaces, more natural landscaping. Enhanced safety and security. City hall tours. Website with upcoming events and detailed info about area and amenities etc. .	outdoor music events, political rallies, and food/cultural affairs.	farmers market, restaurant, coffee shop, food trucks, art market
I would love to see places developed along the river for cafes and restaurants, encouraging more foot traffic and making the paths safer and enjoyable at all times of day. There are so many great river fronts around the world and ours is only path traffic	Festivals and music on special dates, like July 1st and the Calgary Stampede during stampede.	Don't know at this time.
More social venues as small cafes and restaraunts that you can sit out side and enjoy the people. I.e. european plazas. Get rid of the wading pool put a normal beautiful fountain in that is a cool center piece and focal point and the cafes surround it.	Movie nights, farmers market, night markets etc.	playground for my daughter? perhaps on the grassy area?
More noticeable events and east way to find out about them	A fitness circuit throughout the area would be great (i.e. monkey bars, rings, dip bars - like muscle beach, L.A)	Needs edges full of pop up retail and sidewalk cafes
Bikini pageant	If it was more interactive, water features, food vendors.	live music, concerts, farmers market, craft sales.
Retain the skating for sure, perhaps a Boxwood-like food service might be useful. Also something that might attract people after dark, some sort of light display, like the illuminated fountains do in Central Memorial	a spot for food trucks	Water!
What about an ethnic restaurant? Or lawn bowling? Maybe just bulldoze the whole thing and have more grass.	Green space	Better transit to downtown
Food trucks (weekends). Live music	A renewed effort to bring music, culture, and fun events to the area.	more music shows
More mobile food venues in and around the Plaza on a regular basis or weekends!	food vendors, performers, interactive art, public bulletin board with updated event info, more regular public events that will turn it back into a major public square	I like the idea of being set up more for outdoor theatre activities and not as large an area for the water feature/ wading pool. There are LOTS of community water parks.
Outdoor movies, festivals,	More food trucks around, more trees and flowers	I'd love to see this area used more for outdoor theatre and music type activities
Live music by local musicians (not only hip bands), usability in Winters	It would be great to have "happy hour" events to encourage people who work downtown to stay in the core. Showcase local musicians, have the events sponsored by local food/beverage providers as well.	More hospitable (casual places to pick up something to eat and drink and to have lunch outside), more historical and cultural importance/education, outdoor exhibits of Calgary historical and cultural matters
New Year's Eve, Better food vendors nearby (not just junk food), local coffee shops like Artigiano, Beano, Kawa or Bumpy's, not Starbucks or Second Cup or Good Earth. Outdoor wine/food bar. Cheese fondue restaurant. children's play area. Digital brick dis	Live music by the fountains	Free parking
The open markets are good, more places to sit.	Live music, skating, food, family oriented events	More art and musical events would be great. I also think that it might be a nice idea to put on dances in the Plaza from time to time. Swing night, Jazz night, hiphop night., etc.
No more homeless people and criminals.	Bigger playground, more water features, kid friendly activities FREE PARKING	Small concerts or, maybe, plays?
	Concerts evenings and weekends. I don't work downtown so can't do midweek days but I think programs for downtown workers are ery important too	Cultural festivals, family activities, street markets. Opportunities for Calgarians to meet, share and get to know others from different backgrounds. Bring back Stampede events. A place to celebrate Calgarians. Whatever develops needs better marketing.
	Cafes, restaurants, artisan markets and well publicized performance events.	The same ones as now
		More food options

More picnic tables or eating areas. More places to sit and gather that aren't just the stairs, although those too are good.	places to hang out, and free activities for young adults	Things that already work on Stephen Avenue. Keep it interesting. Keep it FUN!
A carousel as beautiful as the one built in Edmonton for the Centennial. A large, beautiful, old-fashioned carousel	Food trucks, food in general, mini festivals, street markets	Continuation of festivals including Stampede breakfast. Open green space.
there is a consession booth which always seems to be closed. It would be nice to have it opened and up to 9:00 pm during Summer months. You have a beautiful setting with tables and chairs and a pool to have a coffee and chat.	Farmer's market, TED talks, and a spruce up of the hard scraping which is looking dated.	Farmers market once a week
More live music... Buskers? More light ... City hall area is VERY dark at night ...	A world class sculpture or piece of art that would make tourists, admirers and photographers visit.	Room for eople to sit and relax,
Family activities, coffee shop	More advertising needed	More year round Stampede events, pancake breakfasts for special events just like during the stampede!
Maybe speakers, small stage productions	More art and music	Continued availability for Calgary citizens and our visitors.
Same as prev answer	children's playground	More free entertainment
420 festival.	See above - get rid of the trashy people	I go during summer months a lot
Food trucks and free outdoor concerts on a weeknight!	Music, wading in the water on a hot summer day	I think the stage area is great for small concerts
More music.	Movie night.	more cultural programming for large scale music and arts events, better connection to the centre for the performing arts, safer pedestrian and bicycle access to the city plaza
More events! Evening events like festivals and concerts	The Plaza is used year round with season appropriate activities. Perhaps host more outdoor concerts or buskers in this area spring through fall	more cultural events and celebrations, improved layout and design,
Entertainment. Talks. Book launches. Improv... A farmers market perhaps	Music	More of what you are already doing.
more free festivals	I think that there are opportunities for more family and children oriented events. Charity dinners might be interesting too.	Food. Cafes. Retail. Give street stall food vendors more leniency. Make it winter and student friendly. How can people visit if it's snowy and -20? Think of something.
Live music, festivals, free events, civic and sports celebrations, art exhibits and shows.	A nicer underpass on MacLeod under the CP rail line, and connectivity to the Bow river	Music and dancing, local, variety; sing-alongs with words on (portable) screens; keep it accessible to all abilities - maybe go to specific groups such as Cerebral Palsy, CNIB, etc and ask their membership what they need in public space. Bathrooms.
Change planning to ensure restaurants face the park, with patios, rather than look into the performing arts centre, or contribute zero to the plaza life	Nothing ... I hope to be leaving Calgary soon as it is no longer a safe environment, either because of increased crime/fraud, lack of city maintenance on the roads and sidewalks during the Winter (all of Calgary, not just the Plaza), etc etc etc	Food trucks, small restaurant/coffee shop, more flowers, events -music.
North-south bike lanes running from Bow River pathway to 12 avenue bike route, along Macleod Trail	Open businesses! More festivals or other forms of entertainment.	flea markets festivals music food trucks
Cool sitting spots maybe, I'm always looking for free	I don't like big crowds, so I don't attend the big events. I like to stroll through periodically as I work downtown. More exhibits. Live music. Art & Theatre. Science.	

I can't think of anything additional.	I visit it quite often and I bring friends & family to the different activities that are hosted throughout the year.	Definitely needs to have lots of lunchtime concerts by Calgary Philharmonic
Theatre in the summer.		
Hot Dog Cart with Veggie Dogs, Sauerkraut, Breaded Onions and Mustard.	Kiosks for food; more open events through the year; less seedy elements	I visit or pass through the Plaza at least once most days, so hard to visit more frequently.
Entertainment. Sports viewing on screens safe feeling	discouraging or interrupting participation in events	skating, benches and more art from ACAD students.
Unique vendors like hand made staff, shows festivals, activities	lunch time theatre in the park, buskers, food carts, maybe some 'Shade Sails'; not more people selling things, the mall is enough	Only thing that would make it better would be relaxing music otherwise leave it alone.
The bowl prevents interaction methinks	If Canada ever legalizes marijuana use...I would like to see a music festival there (so increased seating would be nice).	Permanent vendors, food trucks, outdoor market style
more canadian content, artists less about what is politically correct celebrate the	Light shows, more trees, a mirror walkway, featuring historic architecture in the area with coloured lights	More homeless projects
Canadian Culture	Get all the buildings around it used fully to add street level life and safety	more seating, more big trees.
not sure		free parking (not just Sundays and evenings), live screenings of events from the Jack Singer, outdoor concerts, Canada Day celebrations
perfect venue for festivals, cultural events, things that are already happening - just need more!	There are no very few public bathrooms around, and very little shelter in the event of rain. I also avoid the area eith my kids die to the number of drunks around.	Give out \$100 bills instead of spreading money fixing what isn't broken.
festivals and events held in Olympic Plaza	Entertainment. Shopping vendors.	Having a variety of cultural events would be nice (ie Chinese new year, Ukrainian days, St. Patricks day etc.)
Having a Free Transit day to the Plaza.	cultural activities, seasonal food market, regular and predictable street entertainment, an outdoor licensed place to enjoy the space from the periphery (even modest market, food, entertainment + beer gardens would certainly get my attention)	Farmers markets, concerts.
When there is water and fountians we are there on hot days. It is fantastic for kids.		Food stands, benches, music
skating during the winter is great.	Longer ice skating rink season, interactive public art, colourful lighting, talented buskers	I don't like crowds much but would like to watch theatre or other acts that don't draw as large a crowd. Also, it's good to have the food vendors there.
More business day events and music events. Additional evening music and theatre events	I would love to see festivals and such held there. A lot of the ones I've been to have been at Eau Claire, but I think it would be awesome to have it in down town if possible	Public events like games, dancing etc...places for people to sit rest,vplay chess etc...
Spaces for smaller independent businesses, daily programming, more cafe style seating, places to grab a drink at check out the plaza.	lots of parking	Skate rentals and food stand just like there used to be. Movie in the plaza. Toddler activities.
Public concerts by local and international "name" groups	More green space. Regular cultural activities. Food!	Art/sculptures. Events/festivals.
Summer festivals	Outdoor theatre / concerts. A Folk Fest with Artisan arts and crafts and Folk music	

Skating, plays and other entertainment, hanging out with a coffee or snack I do not want to see any lit up glass structures and other tacky glitzy features. Like to have more businesses spilling onto the plaza to give more eyes and activity	I think the skating is good given we are a winter city. I like the music and free events that occur.	Farmer's market (I live in Mission), public art exhibits.
Outdoor markets	beautiful landscaping - large shady trees, small bandstand for Philharmonic, open air cafes, no traffic	more food trucks....i dont know, i actually use it a lot already
More free music events	Live music.	food, markets, concerts
cultural festivals, small concerts,	Cafes and or lounge	more family events.
More organized community events	Concerts	I would spend more time at the Plaza and bring my visitors to the Plaza if there were fewer vagrants there...
better seating throughout park.	Remove public art on train platforms, etc that encourage homeless to hang around, like outside the library	Markets
If you want downtown Calgary to be vibrant again decrease parking fees and make getting a taxi easier. Start with the basics for once	Multicultural art/music performances	Maintain current periodic festivals. Ensure no panhandling, and that loud / drunken behaviour is deterred by security.
Not sure, we quite like it as is.	Outdoor cafes, or reasonably priced cafes of any sort, farmer's market once a week, book fair, etc.	vegetation and natural beauty
Music, food vendors, art	More residential density in nearby areas, better pedestrian cross-through traffic will encourage use. Brighter lighting.	Protected Bike lane on 1st
music, community gatherings, seating	I visit 5 times a week, not sure I'd ever visit more often	Participatory programming- outdoor games, outdoor library. A Christmas market with crafts, hot spiced wine and hot candied nuts.
Charity events such as tented dinners, awareness programs for current concerns in our City, and most importantly encouraging literacy events for children and adults of all ages	same as now	Better availability of light lunch fare at a reasonable price (sandwiches, coffee) together with less transient people.
A weekend farmer's market or outdoor theater/performances	love the free music and the family first night events maybe some movie nights?	Programming.
Multi-activity events seem to be well-suited to the area. Musical events might work better with a different stage orientation.	More police presence and in summer outdoor restaurants and other features that would make it more occupied and feel safer	New Years Eve festivities. Salsa Fest. Outdoor movies
Job networking events	BASKETBALL HOOPS. using the olympic theme, maybe fitness pods? tie into cycle network in addition to stephen avenue.	Better higher end coffee shops, restaurants and clothing stores would attract many more people to the area.
I do visit very often. I've enjoyed musical events, festivals, special events and just hanging out on a nice day	None. I like that it is a nice spot to go for lunch or on a break	There are lots of great activities but I generally don't feel safe in that area given the sheer number of transients.
I go there for the people watching and special events	carnivals. celebrations. BBQ's	Music, art, farmers market, shelter, friendlier to the street, more greenery/nature directly west of city hall.
Ballpits.	I eat lunch out there almost every day that the weather is good. I would be interested in more to do during the winter but can't think of anything specific (although I do like the skating options!).	If the little pool became a skating rink in the winter. That way, we are getting more money out of less decisions.

Having good sheltered but sunny spaces to work in without the wind bothering me. Also having it as a hub for sculpture or light based art would be amazing.

Concerts. Festivals

Concerts, kids events

Green space and seating (ie. Central Memorial Park) and interactive art

What would make me come down even less would be the construction of another large tower in that space

Free live music

Food trucks

Continue to have markets in the summer time

Status quo

Programing, concerts and more family focus. Maybe link the library and theatre to outdoor activities. Get rid of the cars and diesel bus ideling!

warm weather activities eating outside/ firework/flowers/ patios/ music

More green space would be beneficial. I'm not aware of any events that currently take place - regular markets (farmers, crafts, arts etc) would be an interesting addition to the area.

activities for families, music, winter festivals highlighting all cultures including aboriginal

Keep the skating rink and we will come even more!

Benches, seating areas and new trees within Municipal Plaza for lunches. Walkway through Municipal Building connecting to new library and East Village.

Festivals, night time uses

use olympic plaza as a starting or ending point for the stephen avenue 'experience'. pop up shops, gathering places, music, performances.

Either convenient parking or less hostile transit

Better access when driving/less busy roads.

More music

More musical/food festivals with better advertising.

nothing or all of them

Summer market, art market, local music performances

None

playground for kids

A park

more cool events like parades, and festivals

Not really.

I would like to add a trampoline area

Winters

free plays and concerts

frequent programming/events and for the buildings surrounding the square to be

retail/restaurants/patios

More green space, food and art.

a playground!

Online Map-based Answers (all 3)

I love the outdoor patio seating.

Olympic history!

I don't like all the levels

Cultural, arts, and music events

Keep the Olympic flame! Something very unique to Calgary, adds great atmosphere for special events and keeps ties to plaza's history.

This space needs the most work. Has never felt like a gathering spot. Add green space and public art to encourage use.

Love the flowers along these walls in the summer. Try to find a way to keep these!

Open up this ramp space so it is wider and naturally guides people between Olympic Plaza & Municipal Plaza connecting the two spaces.

This seating area could be improved into a year round space. Open air patio in the summer, glassed in & heated for the winter.

The terraced green space is a great place to watch festivities or enjoy lunch. Please no more windswept concrete plazas downtown!

This corner is an opportunity lost. Open it up to the pedestrian traffic on the corner. Perhaps a good place for Olympic displays/artwork?

Rework elevation so the park meets the sidewalk to improve sightlines. Change trees to open up sightlines.

Improve upon the water features in the summer time! Large water features/fountains are so rare in Calgary.

Keep the skating rink and keep it refrigerated! Often this is the only outdoor rink open in Calgary.

I think it's a nice place to get a view of the city. Sometimes it's too lonely. It needs some design updating. Maybe walkable sculpture s	The one way street just kills this whole area.	Too much criminal activity and drunk people here.
	Historic Structures	Too much criminal activity and drunk people here.
I live in East Village and I always get scared about the people and the activity around this corner.	Historic Structures	Too many drunk loungers passed out here.
If Olympic Plaza Bricks are ever to be removed, ensure that the public is well informed, so that relatives can claim them as momentous.	Feels too closed off from the rest of the street	Line the trees along this street with lights and banners to make it ceremonial
	Seats and tables to enjoy lunch or a coffee break surrounded by nature	Remove this ramp and make it a more open concept park. More room for grass and trees.
Maintain the 1988 Olympic Brick that families bought to commemorate Calgary's hosting prowess.	This area could definitely use some an investment. It is used as a cut through, not a destination.	Include a fountain here with benches and trees. Something to remove the concrete.
The whole are is important. It should be expanded.	This area needs more natural elements, greens, flowers, grass, etc... It also needs to be activated more...	Get rid of the midday loungers who are passed out drunk, it scares away kids.
suggest to have picnic tables so people can enjoy their lunch and for the elderly to have a spell.	Dislike no obvious entry point on this east side...	ZXCZXCZ
like the skating in the winter with the music. need to update the water feature.	Love the famous five statue and the celebration of our history and the work of these women.	More green and lawn, seating.
empty out garbage bins which seem to be overflowing when I walk by @ 4pm	Love the skating in winter along with music and lights and love the wading pool in the summer.	This area is scary to walk through.
love the musemum	Such an important building! Love walking by and into historic city hall	Please keep this historic bldg. which I understand may be new Arts Common location in future.
Water mirror walkway.	reflecting pool inthesummer and skating in the winter	Wasted cement space. Do some innovative prairie landscaping or community gardens. Large public art sculpture.
c train has got to go underground throughout the downtown	walking spaces to and from live theatre	great place to relax during lunch hour for downtown workers.
expand the area by taking the traffic underground or around one block on each side	Green Roof!	a wave pool
Access to transit and connecting with the East village.	Drop down Municipal Plaza to sidewalk level. Plant additional rows of elm trees and add moveable seating & tables.	THE ROAD
More heritage preservation in the area with oppotunity for small business. More trees and grass.	More retail and night-time uses / venues	the pool!
I love the water fountain the best. It's very serene and tranquil, especially for such a busy area, which I feel helps to reduce stress.	At night this place should glow with colourful lights and sound to attract people here to this magical place.	Plus 15 bridge is really nice and colourful, but not very convenient unless you want to pass Olympic Plaza entirely & quickly
This is a horrible street. No businesses, the park is disconnected from the street, and the CTrain deadens this whole area	You should consider lighting up the street here with colourful lights.	A pedestrian bridge or an underpass for cars would make it more pedestrian friendly

More retail along 7th from Centre to Macleod	Mix of the modern and traditional elements bring a layer of interest to the space. A fountain/ water feature should be in the new design	Convention Hall ignores the street level on this side. It's not friendly.
We should encourage more heritage preservation.		
Our history	I love the pedestrian feel of Stephen ave by arts commons. Mature trees and wrought iron canopies give it a very European feel	Try to "link" this park (if it's public?) into a wrap around of city hall and the EV rift
Light this part with colourful lights.		
Hang colourful lanterns here that change colour.	pedestrian street that ends at olympic plaza - love the integration and access	The Calgary Convention Center kills this block. This block needs to liven up to draw people from Stephen Avenue West to Olympic Plaza.
Light the Arts Commons with colourful playful light at night.	The arts commons building needs a facelift, the main floor of the Burn's building constantly sits vacant.	Try to get more ground level street facing commercial on this side
At night, light the historic City Hall with colourful alternating lights with violets, reds, blues, and oranges.	Need to link Plaza to Municipal to New Central Library	Incorporate the two plazas it into the "knock out" of City Hall that will connect to the East Village Rift
Food Trucks and tables at lunch time would bring in more foot traffic.	Macleod Trail could perhaps be converted to a tunnel beginning under 9th and ending on 6th to allow more safe walkability space above.	Cut and Cover Macleod Trail and create a "connected" plaza that naturally allows people to move between the areas.
More facilities that are open and maintained. Public washrooms and concessions year round when the park is open. Not just during events.	Cafes on the plaza or beside it.	Lots of open air space with interesting architecture and places to sit.
CoC Water Dept. water fountain last year. Great for all people/ages.	Bike access needs to continue straight through City Hall to the East side of the Municipal Building	Bring some of the music and art outside.
Public art!	Main floor of the Burns building needs to be lively and inviting	Park area and tables
Food/beverage stand run by Teatro! Great for grabbing lunch.	Maybe add a bit more green? Planters that could be moved when you need the open space for an event?	The continual lack of tenants in the main level of the Burns building makes the area seem derelict.
This area is a keeper...More art and sculptures creative seating areas	Open this side up a bit more.	The large arched trees with nightlights are wonderful.
Cut over Macleod Trail and create one continuous space that allows for greater engagement of the public.	keeping Olympic plaza as is. It is an important part of our history. There are opportunities to change what is around the plaza	Too much concrete.
Remove curbs, continue grade across street with bollards to separate traffic and plaza. The space is for people first	Please ensure anyone and everyone involved in this project spends one hour to watch The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces by William H Whyte	Despite Olympic Plaza's general proximity to the Calgary Tower, they don't feel at all connected.
The Plaza paving should continue through the street to Municipal Plaza. with bollards to separate traffic and pedestrians	Trees are nice and all, but they don't always do well in plazas. Open it up, level it out. Design it around walking desire lines.	Materials have come a long way since the 1980s. The construction seems a bit cheap and worn today.
Lets put in a giant Christmas tree, like Rockefeller Centre in NY w/ a public tree lighting	Have some real vision and start pedestrianizing some of these streets. Landscape architecture and urban design do not address the real issue	access to a great public building - let the arts spill out into the plaza!
		Line the street with Olympic memorabilia poles or information booths to pay tribute to the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.

Perhaps add some big screen TVs to draw big crowds during special events that can't be seen on stage or elsewhere from the city.

I love the performing arts facilities in the area.

Green space

If the plan is to remove the bricks, the City needs to make them available to whomever wants to keep theirs.

drug dealers do business here

The stage. Live music, and festivals are part of what make this city great.

This area maybe could be a little bit more open, sometimes it just feels unsafe!

I like the stage! And the ability to have concerts here. Maybe a better sound system. It's always nice seeing people skate in the winter!

It would be nice if you could repurpose the bricks with the names on them.

I like the trees green grass and flowers NO MORE PAVEMENT PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

Skating in winter is a nice feature for downtown.

the steps create more "edge" that people can grab onto

The grass and trees

Updating the plaza area and opening it up to the pedestrian frontages on Macleod Trail and 7th Avenue.

I love coming here for the theatre and concerts

I love to come here and skate in the winter. Being in the combination of architecture and nature is majestic.
