

## Ranchlands

### Step 1 – Define your vision

When residents were asked for their vision of what would make Ranchlands a better place to live, work and play, **safe, beautiful, clean** and **family friendly** were the key words that came up most often. In a follow-up online survey, Ranchlands residents chose the following vision statement for their community:

*Ranchlands values feeling safe, walking around the community and near streets, having beautiful parks and more gardens, having residents who care about their properties, and having modern playgrounds where families can gather.*

A report of what was heard during this vision phase is available [here](#).

### Step 2 – Come up with ideas

Ranchlands residents attended a Creative Ideation workshop on August 14, 2017, where residents and City staff provided further insight into the neighbourhood and generated ideas on how to improve the community using the vision statement as a guide.

Through this workshop, The City learned more about residents' perspective on Ranchlands, including:

- More communication will build pride and encourage residents to take care of the community
- The state of surrounding roads, specifically Nose Hill Drive, is increasing cut-through traffic
- There is a desire to unite the community and help residents feel enriched and connected

Workshop participants developed nine possible initiatives and came up with experiments that could be used to test if the initiatives would be successful. The workshop report is available [here](#).

### Step 3 – Prioritize initiatives

Building on the outcomes of Steps 1 and 2, an online survey was developed which presented Ranchlands residents with six different neighbourhood initiatives to consider. Respondents were asked to evaluate each initiative as to the impact (from *very positive* to *very negative*) they felt this initiative would have in their neighbourhood. 75 submissions were received through the survey. The report of what was heard is available [here](#).

### Approved initiatives

In March 2018, The City announced the following five improvement projects for Ranchlands, in addition to two which are already underway. Implementation of these initiatives is slated to get underway as early as Spring 2018.

- *TLC (Tender Loving Care) Day on John Laurie Boulevard*
- *Open space assessment*
- *Parks special event*
- *Bus trap entrance beautification/activation*
- *Information signage in parks*
- *Art project (fence along Ranchview Drive N.W.)*

