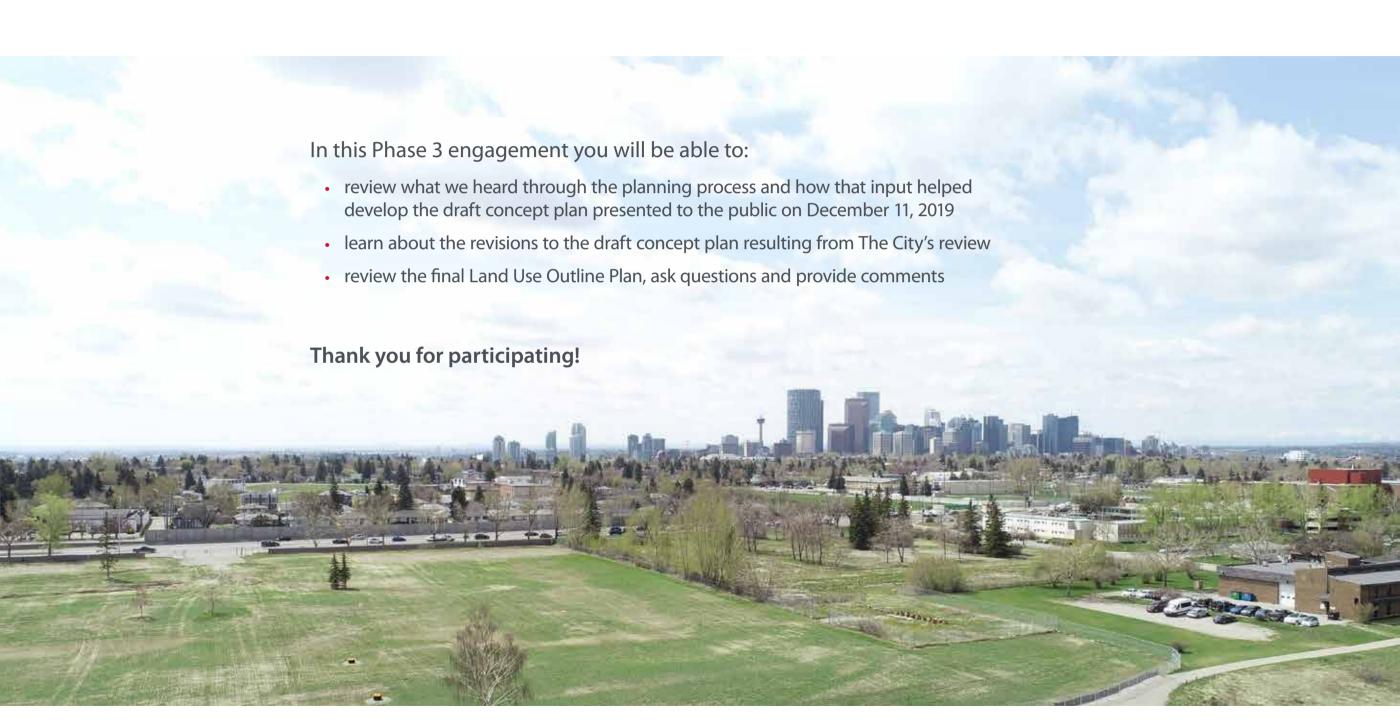




# Welcome! Midfield Heights — Land use planning, Phase 3 engagement





## Where is Midfield Heights?

Midfield Heights is the new name for the area that what was previously referred to as Winston Heights Village. Midfield Heights reflects the history of the area and was created with input from the community.



Midfield Heights is a 24-acre site bordered by 16 Avenue N.E. to the south and Moncton Road N.E. to the west.

It includes the former Midfield Mobile Home Park and former RCMP site.

Alberta Health Services EMS will continue to operate and occupy the northwest corner of the site.

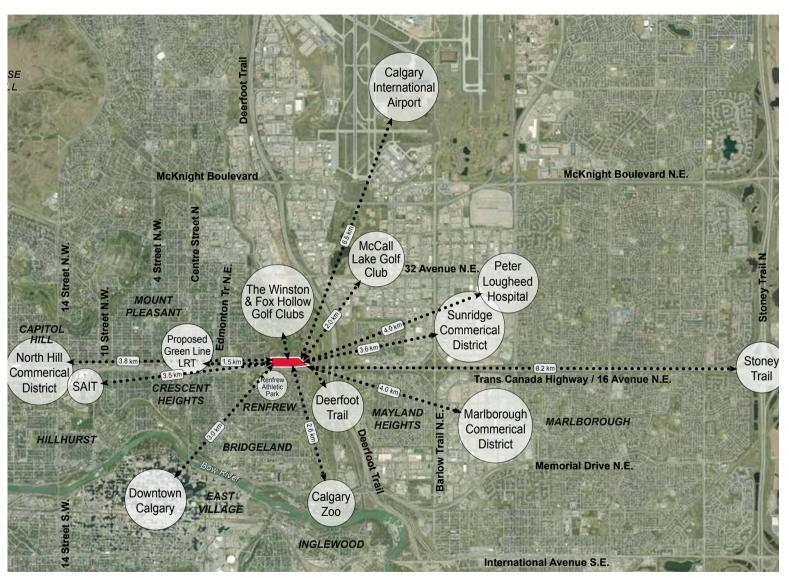
The City of Calgary is the owner of the land.



## **City context**

#### The site is:

- Ideally located close to two golf courses, SAIT, the Calgary Zoo, Peter Lougheed Hospital, downtown and the airport
- On the Max Orange BRT line and close to the future Green Line LRT
- A gateway into Calgary from Deerfoot Trail / 16 Avenue N.E. (Highway 1)





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## **Project outcomes**

The policy direction for this parcel of land was originally conceived in 2006 with the approved Winston Heights Mountview Area Redevelopment Plan.

The City of Calgary Real Estate & Development Services is acting as a developer for the site and will complete the same application process required by private developers.

The outcome of this planning exercise is a Land Use Outline Plan that identifies design details such as the location of roads, pathways and green spaces, and types of housing and commercial buildings. The Land Use Outline Plan is targeted to go before Council for approval in March 2021.

#### Midfield Heights Project Redevelopment Timeline



#### Fall 2019

Concept Plan engagement (pre-application)



2020



#### Approval process for land use and outline plan (submit Q1, review Q1-Q4, decision by early 2021)



#### \*Note: the project timeline will be dependent on market demand



Detailed engineering and approval process for site servicing (deep and shallow utilities, storm water management, sidewalks, parks, street lighting, roadways, public realm etc.)



#### 2022

Site servicing construction (below ground, roads, sidewalks etc.); marketing of parcels begins



#### 2023 --->

Sale of fully serviced and zoned parcels



#### 2023 --->

Parcel purchasers' development and building approval processes; above ground construction



## **Guiding principles**

The City has a number of approved, high-level guiding principles that were used in developing ideas and planning the future **Midfield Heights**. These include:

- Municipal Development Plan sustainability principles
- Winston Heights/Mountview Area Redevelopment Plan principles
- Guidebook for Great Communities
- North Hill Communities Local Area Plan (LAP)

In addition to these principles, we sought out best practices in sustainability and worked with developers and other industry leaders to draw on their expertise and knowledge.

Municipal Development Plan — 11 Sustainability Principles		
Create a range of housing opportunities and choices		
Create walkable environments		
Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place		
Provide a variety of transportation choices		
Preserve open space, agricultural land, natural beauty and critical environmental areas		
Mix land uses		
Strategically direct and manage redevelopment opportunities with existing areas		
Support compact development		
Connect people, goods and services locally, regionally and globally		
Provide transportation services in a safe, effective, affordable and efficient manner that ensures reasonable accessibility to all areas of the city for all citizens.		
Utilize green infrastructure and buildings		

### Winston Heights / Mountview Area Redevelopment Plan Principles

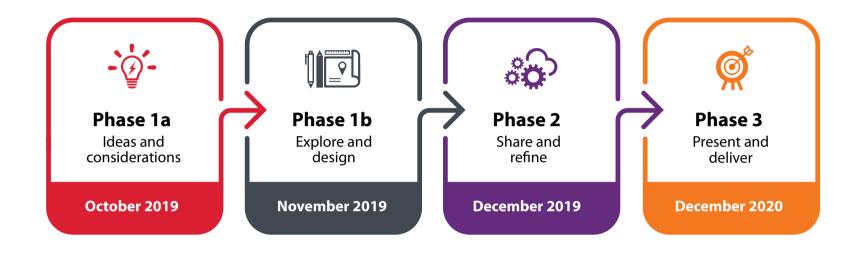
Redevelopment within the community should be guided by the following sustainable development principles:

Environmental	Economic
Quality and innovation	Housing choice
Energy efficiency	Quality of life
Biodiversity	Market vitality
Walkability	Social
Barrier free	Social inclusion and interaction
	Aging in place
	Respect and sensitivity
	Safety





## **Engagement process**



**Phase 1a** and **Phase 1b** activities were designed to understand what is and is not working well in the area, to explore the community's vision for the site, and to gather feedback and generate ideas for a high-level approach to designing the site.

In **Phase 2**, draft concept and land use plans were presented to stakeholders and the public, along with an overview of how input from the various engagement activities contributed to the proposed design.

In **Phase 3**, the Land Use Outline Plan (final concept plan) is being presented to the community, and is targeted to go before Council for approval in March 2021.



### What we heard

Phase 1a: Through feedback received from open houses, online engagement activities and discussions with stakeholders, we heard the following themes:

#### PHASE 1a

#### Strengths and assets

- Open space, green space and parks
- Established neighbourhood feel
- Pathways and walking trails
- Proximity to amenities and central location

#### Weaknesses and concerns

- Lack of parking
- Traffic, speed and congestion
- Impact of future density
- Lack of connectivity and access

#### **Opportunities**

- New commercial, mixed-use shops and retail
- New green space, parks and connections to nature
- Enhanced pedestrian connectivity
- Affordable housing and seniors housing

Phase 1b: included a series of workshops where participants worked closely with members of the project team to review alternative concepts and identify key elements that are important for the site and surrounding communities. After the workshops, the project team worked to integrate the input and ideas, then shared a draft concept plan for feedback.

#### PHASE 1b

### Participants liked the following key elements about the draft plan:

- Minimized the opportunity for short-cutting
- Provided large open spaces
- Provided a mix of residential and locally-owned commercial uses
- Included a multi-use pathway along the escarpment

#### Weaknesses and concerns

- Potential for additional traffic resulting from the commercial area
- Potential for overflow parking into the surrounding neighbourhood
- Higher density
- Compact housing



## **Draft Concept Plan presented in Phase 2**

Multi-use open spaces

New commercial mixed-

use shops and retail

#### We were not able to incorporate the following input:

Restricting the site to lower density we could not achieve this as the Municipal Development Plan, draft North Hill Communities LAP and Winston Heights Mountview ARP policies indicate this site should have a higher density and mixture of uses compared to a single family land use.

Turning the site into a large park and open space — the planning policy guiding documents call for a higher density and mixture of uses on this site. We are providing some large parks and open spaces within the concept plan that link to the existing surrounding green spaces and pathways.

neighbourhood



Conceptual — subject to change

The **Winston Heights Village** name is being used for planning purposes only and is subject to change. **Note:** Road alignments shown on the plan are subject to technical review by the City Approval Authority and may result in realignment to address slope stability, traffic safety and compliance with City standards.

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# Corporate Planning Applications Group review of Draft Concept Plan presented in Phase 2

Feedback from stakeholders and the public on the draft concept plan presented in Phase 2 was supportive, particularly around the new signalized intersection on 16 Avenue and keeping the EMS building where it is. Participants reiterated their concerns about potential impacts to Moncton Road and the increase in density.

Following completion of Phase 2, the Land Use and Outline Plan (final Concept Plan) and all public input was submitted to the Corporate Planning Applications Group (CPAG) for review. CPAG is responsible for reviewing development applications for The City to identify concerns and ensure alignment with City policies.

The plan continues to reflect the key principles, however, CPAG's technical review resulted in the following changes that are noted in red:

Screen the designated parking area on the north side of the site to address planning and urban design concerns

Realign the internal road network, remove the plaza and one-way streets to meet Fire response and other transportation safety standards

Close the westerly egress (exit point) from the commercial site onto 16 Avenue due to safety concerns







# Midfield Heights — Updated Land Use Outline Plan for City Council approval

The project team incorporated the required CPAG revisions and has completed a final plan to be put forward to the City Council for approval.

One of the key concerns that the project team was not able to address is restricting the site to lower density. This could not be achieved as the Municipal Development Plan, draft North Hills ARP and Winston Heights Mountview ARP policies indicate this site should have a higher density and a mixture of uses compared to a predominantly single family community.

Following the direction received by internal City departments and CPAG, we have revised the potential number of units from 600–1100 units (as proposed in **Phase 2**) to 1065 – 1550 units. The Winston Heights Mountview ARP states a density of up to 321 upha (130 upa) for the plan area. The moderate density that is proposed for Midfield Heights, 128 – 188 upha (52 – 76 upa), blends the policy requirements for more density and the surrounding context of a lower density.

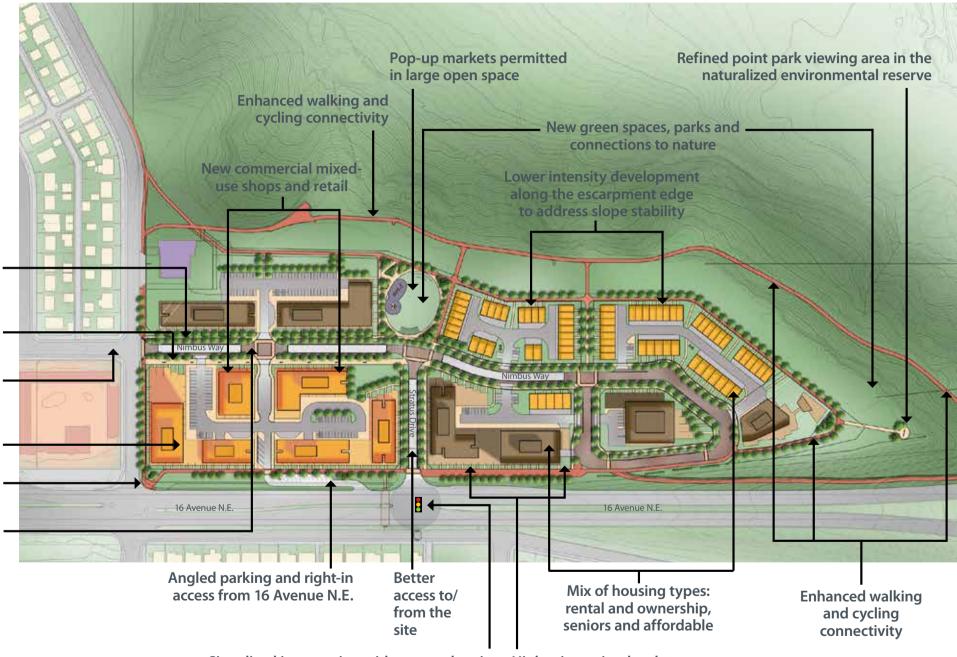
Total Area	9.8 ha (24.3 ac)
Net Developable Area	8.3 ha (20.5 ac)
Projected Number of Units	1065 – 1550 Units
Projected Density	128 – 188 upha (52 – 76 upa)
Public Open Space Dedication	2.4 ha (5.85 ac) 24% of total area

upha = units per hectare upa = units per acre

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# Midfield Heights — Updated Land Use Outline Plan for City Council approval



**Enhanced pedestrian priority streets** with wide sidewalks on both sides, with two rows of trees on the north side

> Space on south sidewalk to allow for outdoor patios

> > Connection to existing neighbourhood

Required retail frontage to address **MAX Orange Transit station** 

Tighter curb for safety of pedestrians

Two-way road with bump outs, narrower lanes and use of physical materials to slow and reduce cutthrough traffic

> Signalized intersection with new pedestrian Higher intensity development crossing, connecting Renfrew to Midfield Heights along 16 Avenue N.E.





## Midfield Heights — 3D view looking northeast



**Higher intensity mixed-use** development in proximity to the MAX **Orange Station** 



'Woonerf' style pedestrian priority streets create a high quality publi realm and gathering places



Central amenity park comprehensive pathway network provide connections and benefits for the broader community



Diverse housing types including non-market **housing** is available making Midfield Heights an inclusive community

The naturalized escarpment and Point Park, located at the eastern tip, affords expansive views of the Winston and Fox **Hollow Golf Courses** 

- Provide a variety of development opportunities and a mix of housing options including affordable housing
- Create a high quality urban design, public open space amenities and strong connectivity
- Create an iconic gateway into Calgary along Highway 1 (16th Avenue)
- Promote inclusive and accessible development
- Express The City's commitment to sustainability, resilience and addressing climate change
- Develop a transit-supportive development for the MAX Orange line
- Create broader community benefits through connections with adjacent communities, open spaces and commercial amenities

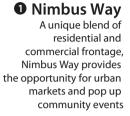


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## Midfield Heights — Landscape plan





#### 2 Central Park

A large tiered public park that provides for a variety of active and passive activities adjacent to the escarpment and the regional network





#### Natural Edge **Environmental Reserve**

Includes a comprehensive pathway and bikeway network that provides for connectivity within Midfield Heights and to the existing Nose Creek regional network





#### Pedestrial Priority Streets

Pedestrian Priority Streets in special pavers and boulevard trees create an environment that prioritizes pedestrians throughout the development











## Midfield Heights — Environmental sustainability



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## Midfield Heights — Social and fiscal sustainability



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## **Calgary**

## We want to hear from you

Please complete the survey on the website to share your thoughts on the Land Use Outline Plan and the degree to which you feel the plan reflects the stakeholder and public input received. We also encourage you to share any final comments and questions you have about the plan and the planning process.

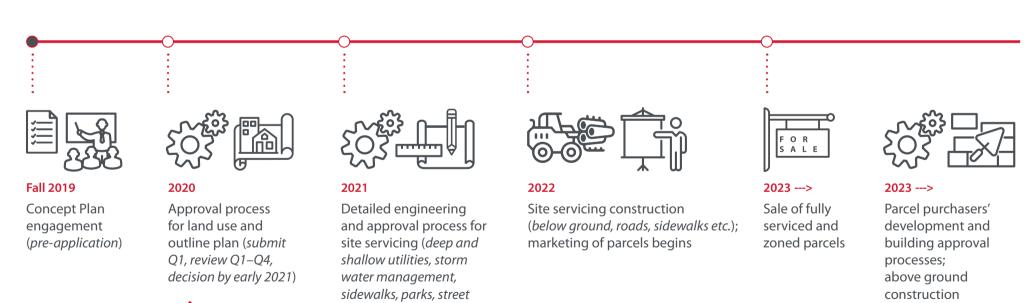
### **Next Steps**



The Land Use Outline Plan is targeted to go before the Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) in January 2021. CPC will make a recommendation to City Council on whether to approve the application.

The application is then targeted to go before City Council in March 2021. If approved by City Council, The City will then begin working with developers and engineers to prepare the site for development.

### Thank you for your participation in this project!



lighting, roadways, public realm etc.)

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