



# This is my neighbourhood – Millican-Ogden

Report Back: What we Heard - July 28, 2017

## Project overview

This is my neighbourhood was created to provide an opportunity for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to help make their neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 neighbourhoods.

In 2017, The City of Calgary is working with a new group of 14 neighbourhood. The City will work with the neighbourhoods to first, identify a neighbourhood vision. From that vision, participants working with City staff, will create ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision as identified in the engagement. In 2018 those programs, services and infrastructure projects will be implemented.

## Engagement overview

This report back covers what we heard during the visioning for Millican-Ogden. This is the first step in the engagement for the This is my neighbourhood program.

## What we asked

Residents in Millican-Ogden were asked:

What would make Millican-Ogden a better place to live, work and play? They were then asked to choose their top three vision words from a list, see below, or to add their own and explain why they chose that word.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse • Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable



### Step 1 Tell us your vision

What would make your neighbourhood a better place to live, work and play? Choose your top 3 words from the list, **or add your own**, and tell us why.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse • Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

Vision Word (example)	Why? (example)
Accessible	I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets.
Vision Word #1	Why?
Vision Word #2	Why?
Vision Word #3	Why?



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## How we connected

There were three different ways that citizens could provide feedback:

1. Everyone in the neighbourhood was mailed a postcard with vision question and could drop it off at Millican-Ogden community association. The postcards were sent to 3,757 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through the <http://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/millicanogden> portal page from April 7, 2017 until July 7, 2017. The survey was promoted on neighbourhood bold signs, through Facebook, Tim Horton’s TV, and recreation facilities as well as on Millican-Ogden community association website and newsletter. We received 300 ideas in Millican-Ogden through online engagement.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. . We received 281 ideas through in person engagement. The table below summarizes the events we attended, and how many people attended each event.

Event name	Number of people reached at events
School Engagement - Sherwood Community School	70
Neighbour Day - Summer Carnival	75
Ogden Community Cleanup	260
Community Workshop	15
Other	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

4. We asked participants online how they heard about the program. The responses are in the table below. For Millican-Ogden no one selected recreation facilities, Tim Horton’s TV, or City website.

Other	In the mail	Social Media	Community Event	Bold Signs	Community Newsletter	Word of mouth
5	34	24	12	9	6	3

## What we heard

Millican-Ogden residents that participated in the vision exercise value a safe community. Specifically, this was emphasized by identifying a concern for vehicles speeding and high volumes of traffic that make it difficult for people that are crossing streets, and feeling safe on sidewalks and pathways that are maintained. Many people identified specific street crossing as dangerous and may require more patrol or pedestrian signals.

In addition, participants expressed a desire for an active community that has numerous options including formal recreation infrastructure and passive opportunities through maintained parks and pathways. The vision word beautiful was identified as a priority of having well maintained parks and recreation spaces which aligns with being active. As well, the vision words of beautiful and clean represented residents that



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desire home owners to take care of their properties. It was also expressed that the neighbourhood has some problems with garbage in public spaces and would like residents to care about their property and getting rid of their garbage in the proper way.

For a verbatim listing of all the input for the visioning, please see pages 5-36.

VISION WORD: SAFE	5
VISION WORD: CONNECTED/GETTING AROUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD	10
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	12
VISION WORD: ACTIVE/ACTIVITIES	12
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	15
VISION WORD: CLEAN	18
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	21
VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	22
VISION WORD: HEALTHY	25
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	27
VISION WORD: FAMILY FRIENDLY	29
VISION WORD: OTHER	31

## Vision statements

There are 3 vision statements for Millican-Ogden. A quick poll on <http://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/millicanogden> will be available from July 28 to August 8 where you can pick your favourite one. The vision statements are based on the vision words you shared with us through the engagement.

Through the vision word exercise Millican-Ogden values VISION word Safe, VISION word Active, VISION word Clean and VISION word Beautiful in their neighbourhood.

- 1) *Millican-Ogden values being Safe, Active, Clean and Beautiful for their neighbourhood.*
- 2) *Millican-Ogden values feeling safe walking around the community, having multiple options for being active, and residents who care about having a clean and beautiful neighbourhood.*
- 3) *Millican-Ogden values feeling safe walking around the community and near streets, having multiple options of activities for all, being clean of garbage and having well maintained parks for their neighbourhood.*

## Next steps

In July and early August we will be planning the creative process. First, we will share with you a number of neighbourhood vision statement and have you select your favourite one.



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From that vision, members from your community will work with City staff, to come up creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support that vision.

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## Verbatim Comments

The following is all of the verbatim comments we received for Millican-Ogden. The verbatim is broken down into the submissions received online, and those received in person through the postcards. All on the feedback is verbatim unless an inappropriate word was used then the following is used to indicate that it was removed: [inappropriate word removed]. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: SAFE

### Selected – 102 times. Answers to “why” below

- Stop light on Ogden Road at Glenmore Inn, we have wanted one at 76 for years, where the 7-11 store is, much safer and used a lot more.
- Traffic, lights @ 76th Ave/ Ogden Rd.
- More police presence on Ogden Rd. for speeders
- People speed in the childrens zones
- [no comment]
- I see many trucks racing down 66 Ave.
- I see bushes where kids hide where I see underwear (+ bottles) (20A str + lynwood Dr / south of 71 Ave SE; corner hill up top at the (gopher) hill park), (also taboggoning hill).
- There are areas where children walk and also people walk dogs and that have waste and look like homeless people (have) live(d) there = not safe
- Peak off hill on 18th st. traffic travelling north, unsafe trying to cross.
- To slow heavy traffic in residential from Glenmore Tr. To 62 Ave. SE [speed bumps on 18 St]
- speed limites should be lowered, I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets.
- This place is pretty safe if we could have people clean up. Better houses their houses would make it better.
- Sometimes people steal bikes
- Can we ensure that people follow rule
- Too much traffic on 18A!! Not safe for kids
- Community bus stops with solar powered lights inside bus shelter
- Street lights
- I'd like to see more benches/shelters on the 24 & 72 bus routes
- Wene I wolk home
- The area is pretty quite and not lots going on
- it feels safe and calm
- Not many gang
- the neighborhood isn't the safest
- Not that many problems with feeling unsafe always able to walk anywhere and no be afraid
- The roads are not busy and people are careful around kid zones
- helping with crosswalk everyones mostly follows the rules
- It is very hard to cross Ogden Rd. Especially during rush hour
- There needs to be traffic lights at the corner of Ogden Road & 76th Avenue S.E. to enable safely crossing Ogden Rd - traffic speeds there
- Many children play at playgrounds - drivers speed through zones



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- Need lights at 75th & Ogden Rd; It is a nightmare to try and cross Ogden Rd in the morning & evenings
- Please coordinate with City Planning and Infrastructure to address the lack of proper Pedestrian walkway along the cul-de-sacs located within Olympia Drive and Olympia Crescent. It is very dangerous for kids and adults and senior citizens living in these cul-de-sacs to walk to and from their homes during Winter as there are no elevated sidewalks.
- A wide range of people for all cultures and ages can afford to live in the community with many housing options including apartments, homes, condo's. All people can interact and feel safe in the community without fears of any type of repression, or discrimination of culture or age. All groups of people and families are accepted from young to old.
- There are multiple abandoned properties in the neighbourhood that are unsafe and an eyesore. Some of the retail areas could really use some new asphalt. And what the heck is going on with the old legion?
- Many vehicles speed on 18 st and use it as a shortcut to Ogden road. Speed bumps or some traffic calming devices might help. Or an education program about the new 24 st route to Ogden road from Riverbend.
- (Make Ogden Road not a thorough fare for the deep SE travelling downtown and back home.) There is way too much traffic!!! It is not safe!!! Maybe cement barriers, or a round about?
- "Safe for all ages, 1 to 100 need to have safe environment. 18 st, 19 st, 20a St and Ogden Road have drastic increase in traffic. It is next to impossible to walk across intersections on these roads. Traffic is endless and too much speeding in residential areas and playground/school zones. There is Far too much traffic cutting through on 18st, 19 st, 20a st.. There needs to be traffic calming devices on these roads. Sooner rather than later.
- Safe environment. Too many homeless people have been pushed out of the downtown area and now habit the trees around Millican-Ogden area. These have to be cleaned out and have homeless people moved into accessible housing somewhere or into areas not frequented by young children."
- On occasion we feel unsafe. We have witnessed fights outside Partners bar in daytime hours. No one should have to fear this.
- "I don't feel safe walking or biking near/around George Moss park.
- People are allowing their dogs to run freely in the park.
- Its not a good feeling when you realize a dog is running directly towards you and you have no where to go."
- It is important to feel safe in the community we live in. Overall I would say it is safe here - but it could be better
- Street lights repaired. Lighting along green spaces and through school yard behind Safeway. Ensure safety of walking traffic once Green Line has been put into motion.
- Trying to cross 18th Street at Lysander Drive SE (at a marked cross walk) is ridiculous. I have almost been hit twice this year alone. Drivers are not paying attention and speeding through our neighbourhood to save a couple minutes





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on their commute. I would like to see a light, a speed bump, better signage, just something to slow people down.

- No one should feel afraid to walk alone in this community, and children should be able to play outside safely. Crime and speeding/racing cars should not be tolerated.
- The path on Lynnwood ridge has been a point of contention between cyclists and pedestrians. Large groups of walkers or people with uncontrolled dogs have endangered cyclists in the area. A larger path or separate bike or pedestrian path would be a viable solution
- Trim trees 6 ft up
- There are a lot of non-functioning street lights in our neighbourhood. It makes it really hard to see pedestrians at night time. It also makes you feel safer when walking at night if you can see your surroundings. Hopefully the ones we have could be repaired.
- I do not feel safe walking alone at night.
- (More police patrol at crosswalks) I have been in a crosswalks waiting to cross and nobody stop for you, they pretend they don't see you unless you have a kid in your arm or your pushing a stroller!
- It would be nice to see the pathway behind the Scotia bank cleared of snow and ice on a regular basis in the winter. There are lots of people using it daily. I am still suffering from a torn Achilles tendon. It's been over a year.
- Still some seedy happenings in the community - more lighting and active spaces will ensure it's family friendly ,safe and accessbile when green line comes.
- Walking north up the hill from Glenmore Square on 18th Street SE in the winter is very unsafe. The sidewalks (on both sides of the street) are covered in ice and slippery. Where is a person suppose to walk? How is an elderly person suppose to get up the hill? Again, ridiculous! Who is responsible to maintain the sidewalks?
- If you have kids you want then to feel safe and not get hurt.
- Comforting to know your safe in your neighbourhood
- Easy to walk around
- We can walk around
- I know pretty everyone in the neighbourhood.
- Better street lighting in some areas for safety. Improved traffic control at some intersections. (4 way stops at 76 Ave and 20A St SE and 69 Ave and 18 St SE) Increased traffic monitoring and police patrols. Neighbourhood watch or similar program. Security awareness programs through the community association.
- Ogden is not know as a safe community. Parks and pathways aren't not always maintained and can seem very dark and secluded at night. Beaverdam Flats has not been properly maintained since the floods. I don't walk a night.
- Radar in the park areas we have a lot of speeders out there or maybe consider putting in speed bumps,that will slow them down
- Add some lighting along the pathway at the top of the river
- During the spring melt, the stretch of sidewalk encompassing the church and the former Ogden School (76 avenue) gets particularly icy. I believe this is partly due



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to the grade of the earth/grass along either side of the sidewalk. Over the years sections have built up. Either regrade the earth/ grass to slightly below the sidewalk level (so that melt drains from the sidewalk) or redo/build up the sidewalk.

- Crosswalk signals all over the community
- We need safe places for recreation like a Skateboard park/ fit park . That is right in our backyard.
- I have lived here for 30 years and have never felt unsafe walking out pathways and streets.
- We have many families with children, pets, many seniors and generally active people in this community. We also have schools and playgrounds, during rush hour the speed in the playground zones is not followed and many people speed through making our streets unsafe for children to bike home or people to walk home even on the sidewalk.
- Safe community. Could use a block parent.
- More bylaw/enforcement officer presence can help with litter, vandalism and general bad behaviour.
- Continued improvement needs to be made to feel safe in this neighbourhood. It's coming along but has to still work on it's reputation. There are some run-down and unsafe parts.
- Lots of speeders along 18th street near the schools. Makes me nervous about letting my kids walk to school.
- The amount of traffic coming through riverbend and Douglasdale. There are many that speed through 18th street and the play ground zones that are on 18 street
- Worries about theft and break-ins.
- With parks, paths, green space and of course schools and daycares/day homes in the area- the intersection in particular at 66th AVE SE & 18th ST SE needs attention from motorist rolling through stops signs and speeding through park zones. I suggest bump outs and or speed bumps strategically placed to slow motorists down during park times in particular and in general. I would also like to see a calming circle, speed bumps, or pedestrian activate light with cross walk at the corner of 66th Ave SE and Lynnview Rd SE, perhaps on by Lynnview and 62nd to get to beaver dam flats... it is a concern with young families, young kids, the elderly and all people really crossing to get to the ridge, or their mail box.
- "Police presence. Commuters from other neighbourhoods speeding on Ogden road and 18th street.
- More marked(with lights) cross walks."
- "Intersection of ogden road and 76th - very difficult to cross ogden road or turn into the neighbourhood due to commuter traffic and no traffic lights
- Police safety - We've had a couple VERY close calls with police cars driving at insane speeds through ogden and specifically through playground zones with no sirens or lights on. Recently, our 2 and 4 year old were about to cross the street on their bikes directly in front of the playground when a police car sped by well over 60k/h. Very little time to react and despite our attempts to wave down the car, the driver didn't even look up from the monitor. Responding to a call is one thing, but do it in a manor that is safe for the





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residents that are walking their children to and from school, parks etc."

- Again, there is a mix of seniors and young families, so safety is always a concern.
- A safe community is one all can enjoy.
- There have been a few homeless in the area that possess a safety concern in regards to the factors that are associated with transients population
- Because if Ogden wasn't safe then we would all be in danger
- Safe because I rarely get hurt or hit
- so kids can roam
- not that many people making mistakes
- parks, fun, safe, friendly
- Safety is important
- I like that my neighborhood is safe - so people don't get robbed and lose everything they have
- I like that there's activities in Ogden
- I feel safe but there's lots of noise and noisy people - I get scared at night cause there's always people yelling
- It's a safe place to be because if it wasn't safe I wouldn't be here at this moment
- The neighbourhood cares about our safety. If we had no safety everyone would be hurt and there wouldn't be much activity
- safe (good) that are safe around others
- I like to be safe - no jaywalking
- and safety because so we can be safe and so we can there will be no fighting and stealing
- more stairs to get down the ridge safety
- it's very safe, there are many police and people that help us
- because it is peaceful and careful
- permits - that work out for you
- It makes me feel comfortable living here
- Be safe because it makes me safe
- Being safe is not talking to strangers
- So no one gets hurt. And it makes me feel comfortable
- because you have to watch out around cars



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Vision Word: CONNECTED/GETTING AROUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

**Selected – 21 times. Answers to “why” below**

- More affordable living for seniors
- it is fun to bike
- the people feel close
- Many organized pick-up games, friends and such hanging out
- More programs (starburst, wizeguyz) to connect and better educate
- "People need connection to feel belonging and hope. Opposite is isolation and fear. My hope is to have a community hub where community member ideas for vision can be received, considered by a community panel, for example, where we can bring forth our ideas for consideration and development. For example, I would like to have a place within each community, including mine that addresses issues in our communities that are not being addressed there.
- More often than not, it is strictly professionalized individuals that support people in issues. My movement is one of a peer movement. My goal is to have a SHARED (free or nominal) space within my community of Millican-Ogden where various groups within the community can meet. These groups are made of of community individuals who are experiencing a similar issue. For example, AA and other 12 step groups do this. The goal is to provide awareness, support, empowerment and instills belonging and peer support. Various issues that the community is experiencing - sexual exploitation, drugs/addiction, parenting, mental health, and whatever other issues a community member would like to start a group about in order to support, provide information and awareness, etc. This then becomes a group of support and is run by a trained peer supporter. Other peers can be trained and the movement catches on - slowly perhaps if first.
- This is about getting back to community inclusiveness, acceptance, belonging.
- This is about non-"professionalized" services led by a trained peer support, mentor, advocate who has LIVED EXPERIENCE. Groups are organized, informal and/or formal, and peer-led."
- With an eroding culture of share and care, respect for elders and others we can bring this back with aspects of community living. By creating meeting spaces and open and safe areas for people to gather for events, festivals, etc. as well. This can be fostered by a stronger more diverse community association and programming that brings all aspects of the neighborhood together.
- We are close to downtown but also close to the edge of town. Want to make sure we are able to feel a part of both.
- A connected community is a happier, safer, more gratifying place to live. Knowing, and caring, about your neighbours keeps everyone safer and helps to prevent people in need from falling through the cracks or being overlooked when they need help.
- Neighbourly; Easy to get to know your neighbours. Shared garden interest.
- The bike lane on millican hill should have been on the other side. It does not get used



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- "Because we're surrounded by major routes and the Bow river, sometimes it feels as though we're cut off from the west. Especially when it comes to bike routes.
- It would be nice if there was some way to better connect the area to the rest of the city."
- Ogden/Millican is full of wonderful people - it would be great to connect more. Learn about one another and help one another out.
- Connected to all that calgary can do to improve life for any and all in the Ogden area
- This is the new inner city.
- Be together as one with the city while still being a part of my own community.
- Community; So we can meet new people to make more friends.
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- aise how to get around theres an bus stop - getting round is easy that good
- having a mini-train go through Ogden you can get around the nauberhood



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Vision Word: DIVERSE

**Selected – 9 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Millican - Ogden is a very diverse neighborhood, because of this we need to become more inclusive.
- People from all ethnicities are always here
- You don't see people celebrating their own traditions of cultural celebrations
- so every culture can have a way and a perspective in the community
- I feel the area would benefit if it allowed chickens
- Me LRT; We have lots of different ethnicities that need to be included
- Not interested in a uniform community without texture. There should be room for people of all economic levels and from diverse communities. It only makes the community stronger and more interesting.
- Great people from all over
- jelly bean dance because it gives some people a opportunity to go dance and make friends for 5 bucks not including food

Vision Word: ACTIVE/ACTIVITIES

**Selected – 81 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Lots of park spaces and recreation spaces. This is very important to the residents who live in the area as we have a very special wild life sanctuary for deer, birds, beavers, red fox, porcupines, fish etc. Open river space with amazing views allow everyone in the community opportunities to walk on the many pathways. Recreation space for baseball, football, soccer and other outdoor activities. Large numbers of lower income families can enjoy the park space for free, have fun at the outdoor pool in the summer, and walk within the community end to end without fear.
- Free full-court Basketball facility/ies should be built in the community as we see a lot of kids and adults alike playing and having to do with very poorly maintained basketball court by the Almadina Chartered Academy. We can see that kids and adults alike in the community enjoy basketball and is a very effective way for residents to stay active and healthy but are not given the proper support by the City as there is/are no free facility in the community for them to use.
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- Everyone in the neighbourhood like to be active
- To encourage a more active lifestyle which is healthier
- Pool, hockey rink, community centre, lots of activities more rec centres (YMCA)
- I see many kids playing all the time. But there's only parks, maybe add: hockey rink, fields, b-ball courts
- Many b-ball courts & football fields. Gyms & YMCA
- I always see kids playing but we don't have a lot of parks
- More fields or hockey rinks and basketball courts or a YMCA to promote being more active.
- not much people doing stuff
- there's not much after school activities or programs for people
- There is lots of fields where football takes place. Also there is a pool
- I always see kids playing sports, without proper equipment
- because I can only think of 2 basketball courts and football courts and football fields in Ogden and there is many kids here.
- because people can get more active and stay outside longer
- We have a tennis court, but we should also have a badminton court and lawn bowling
- Bowling Alley; Something for the young and elderly to do
- Caring - People don't look after their yards and many are an extreme eye sore
- We don't have enough for the 12-18 yr age group to do
- Leisure Centre. Not enough for people to do without travelling away from community
- Fixing up the parks- beaverdam flats and keeping us informed about the process.
- Growing up in Ogden as kids we were always looking for places to skateboard, bmx rollerblade ect . We would hangout around local spots Like the church, the safeways parking lots and stuff like this . Places not really meant for these activities. A recreation park for these activities would be an amazing addition for all ages in this community
- lots of young families and a lot of young kids and teenagers. Those kids and families need a space. A skatepark would be great
- We have wonderful open space in this community. It would be really great to utilize it more.
- There are lots kids and need places to play.
- Everyone can play around
- We could use a playground behind SE Calgary Community resource centre. An active playground community.
- I like to play outside rollerblade around.



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- Skate park or maybe a spray/kiddie pool. Healthy kids, active kids keeps them out of trouble and healthy.
- Lots of parks. Could have more programming. Such as boys & girls club, have to go to forest lawn. More kid programs needed.
- Paint new lines in tennis court for pickle ball. this is becoming a popular sport for the older people.
- Repair river pathway. Access to bike/running/walking pathways along river near Beaver Dam Flats. Encourage active lifestyle by creating easy access to parks and river pathways.
- Us kids use the road for our bicycles. Can we find ways to make it safer. Paint on the pavement
- Active not only in the sense of physical activity, but active in the sense of engaging with residents and providing opportunities to create more community and add a sense of fun to the area.
- Fun; Install Frisbee golf course
- Ease of access to outdoor and indoor activities for all ages.
- Its an older community that doesn't attract a lot of younger families
- Good health . Connect with others. Get the neighbourhood involved in activities
- A new playground would be nice
- The parks and rec of this area is incredible and I would like to see that continue in the future
- Not ant indoor play for winter.
- More playgrounds
- Because there is always something to do
- Lots of people - being active; bory swimming - u need to stay active
- More community programming. Especially for after school care.
- Community programs better advertised.
- Fun; Install Frisbee golf course
- active because I can ride around
- It's great to bycycle because not a lot of people go really fast on cars
- soccer - it's the best
- I like that theres activities in augden
- I do wish there was a floor hockey club
- I like the good bik path to get to school but I would like a walk path and a bike path - I think it could prevent injurys
- I would like more sport camps, I think it would get us outside and more active
- I like doing activities because there is lots of space - because then you are active!
- I can play - so kids can have freedom
- It's active and theres a basket ball court - cause kids need to be active and I love sports
- The neighborhood is active and its good because if it wasn't everyone would be weak and no one would have energy
- scooter & biking
- having an accessable community - so that you can get places faster because they are close
- the pool because its something fun and active and it has lots of nature
- hang out with my friends!!! 3 of my friends live close
- ride my bike - me and my dad and my sister went for a bike ride and cars just drove past us so it's safe move bike path
- More colors and more pools - so we can have fun
- no park - need park active; jelly bean dance - there fun





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- bike path - I can ride the bike active; the park to make it bigger
- I like to play soccer because it is my favourite sport
- I like soccer so we can play more
- have an animal fence - It's nature friendly and people can pet them
- more of the animals - it keeps people and animals safe
- I like to play ball hockey, outdoor rink
- so that nobody gets bored

- zipline so kids and adults can get outside
- because they are a lot of things you can do
- I think being active is good for your health
- softbol
- Because theres lots of sports and its important to be healthy
- Because I know I can have fun
- The park because it is something to do outside with friends

Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

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- Shows caring
- Ogden is known for being a little "rough around the edges" and has some very old buildings. Many are abandoned and/or not taken care of. When a community takes pride in the appearance of their neighbourhood, it encourages everyone to take part. The old Legion building is under major disrepair and is becoming a growing eye (and heart) sore as it just is such a sad thing to see upon entering our

community. I would love to see the residents of Ogden take pride in their neighbourhood, their homes and their streets.

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- \*Take fences down! And have simple usable green space open to the public.



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Picnic space; Benches; Barbeque stands;  
Dog area

- Remove that damn snow fence from the ridge
- There is lots of space "we need to improve, ie. Swing park"
- Lots of trees & plants
- Our space is good, however it could be better, eg. Cut grass clean up playground
- It is beautiful because it is clean
- Lot's of house's look run down neighbourhood looks old. This area would not be my first choice to live
- This neighbourhood is pretty old not a lot of houses are new.
- bad - Old scarry houses
- More flowers and stuff to make this area appealing
- Old Legion taken down, That building has been lying empty for years
- There are multiple abandoned properties in the neighbourhood that are unsafe and an eyesore. Some of the retail areas could really use some new asphalt. And what the heck is going on with the old legion?
- I would love to see more bright, bold colours in Ogden/Millican. Many buildings are faded and wash into the streets. The trees are lovely in the summer, but adding more gardens or murals would make it a more vibrant place to live year round.
- When people coming down Millican road and into our neighbourhood they see miles of ugly fences and uncared for green space. This area could easily be used for families in the area as Picnic space, Benches to walk and sit on and enjoy the green space, barbeque stands and Garden spaces for vegetables and fruits especially for those in apartments and townhouses in concert with the Mayors sustainable philosophy. Its such a waste of what could be a very beautiful and useable space! The Planning needs to be paired down to a less grandiose plan to one in stages (stage one: see above list) that improves over the years.
- Character lighting, flower boxes or meridians, etc, provide an invitation to meet with others outdoors.
- It would be nice to see our neighbourhood have some more trees and flowers in our green spaces and a lot less dandelions. Also spaces for community gardens would be really nice too.
- All the fences and school yards are rusty full of weeds and unpleasent to even use
- I'm jumping right to tactics here. My spouse and I moved into Ogden in 2011. We live on a corner lot on the 76 Avenue thoroughfare. It has a lengthy stretch of boulevard between the road and sidewalk. As one of my "three things," I have spent literally hours and hours weeding the boulevard (dandelion, creeping Charlie, clover, etc). It's been hard work, but it has made a big difference in our stretch of the street. I would be willing to extend my efforts to other properties along this stretch, and with support from the City perhaps others would like to get involved. Ideally it would be ad hoc' with pop-up signage encouraging passerby's to join me. I'd rather not commit to particular days/times; I tend to get out and weed on a whim. This could similarly be done along Ogden Road.
- "ogden has a reputation and it would be nice to make our neighbourhood more welcoming. ie: signage,
- better lighting, public art, garbage bins etc."
- The trees/bushes on the south side of the 18th street ramp are in such sad shape. The rest of the neighborhood has beautiful trees and green spaces, but the entrance to our community doesn't communicate that it is take care of or beautiful.
- Like to see trees along 18 street between 76 Ave and Glenmore trail
- Because people keep it clean



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- We are lucky to already have a number of green spaces, parks and off-leash areas but they need to be upgraded and better maintained. More landscaping. What is happening with the community entry signs? The community clean up in the spring is excellent but there are still so many yards with filled with junk so maybe a fall clean ups would help with this? Removal of dead vehicles on the drive way or even left on the street for months at a time. Better parking control?
- Would love to see the main entrances into the communities get a makeover. Perhaps some trees and shrubs and welcome to the neighborhood sign. Trees along major streets/roads would also be pleasing to the eye.
- fences and yards are run down and owners should be accountable for their up keep. I think this lowers our property values.
- I love the community of Ogden. I love the proximity to downtown, work, parks, and playgrounds. I love the older style homes and large streets. But how this community differs from newer communities, is the planning that goes into beautification of the streets and boulevards. The streets are wide enough to include more trees or plants to line the boulevard or centre of the street. When one travels west on 76th ave to 18th street and southbound, the streets go from gravel and patchy grass covered boulevards, to tree lined and manicured. There is no cohesiveness in how the community is planned or integrated with other communities. Just wide streets that look like they were built for semi-trailer access. Not only would narrowing the streets with foliage help to beautify the community, but it would also have a secondary effect of slowing down drivers who speed through our community. Studies show that narrowing of streets has the effect of slowing down drivers.
- Economically diverse groups have high stress so clean areas and flowers etc help with that plus reinforces cleanliness and good behaviour.
- (Keep the low income housing units to a minimum or keep them clean and visually appealing?) They look dingy and decrepit, no upkeep, no paint, no lawn work, no restrictions as to how many vehicles are abandoned or what is on your lawn. Teach maintenance or get your crew out to make it visually pleasant to the eye. It lowers the standard of those living around you. If the tenants can't abide by the rules get new tenants. Just because you are struggling doesn't mean you have to look like you are.
- Clean up graffiti tags
- Cleaning up junk collectors / hoarders yards..... cleaning up back alleys..... Not just planting tree's but actually watering them, I've seen tree's planted in the neighborhood only to see them wither away and die due to lack of maintenance/watering.
- There are some awesome green spaces that have tons of potential for beauty. Adding some flowers or perennials or community garden.
- Our trees are important to this community.
- makes ogden road more pleasant and welcoming looking
- Community needs come work with landscaping and flowers in common areas such as the entrance to Lynnwood on 18th street. This weekend we got some flowers planted in large pots on the grass meridian up 18th street hill - a great start! A beautiful community makes everyone happy.
- The vision on the ridge is beautiful
- Because it is nice to have a beautiful community.
- Because it would be nice to have a park not in a school yard.



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- "Glenmore Inn strip mall and parking lot and old Legion building are hideous to look at.
- George Moss park is an excellent green space now - many fears around building a seniors complex on a piece of the property would ruin the one nice looking thing that Ogden currently has and can be proud of.
- General clean up of the lower income blocks of homes and Ogden road as a whole."
- smaller trees are beautiful and manageable, and blossoms in the spring makes one feel alive and part of nature :)
- More flowers and decor
- Lots of garbage along 18 street
- Beautify/improve irrigation canal for walking/biking pathway. Community

- Flower pots on streets are beautiful.
  - because there are a lot of birds and trees
  - it makes it peaceful
  - friends, beautiful gardens - because the community is safe and happy
  - garden's
  - has a lot of trees that (good) are fairly healthy - not bad to climate and really - beautiful
  - need a lot more colour (bit bad) more beautiful with the trees
  - quite sometimes (good) easy to read and beautiful
  - I like the (beautiful) view - it is very nature friendly there are a lot of animals
  - because there are a lot of colors in the world
- garden? Clean up/beautify neighborhood parks.

Vision Word: CLEAN

**Selected – 53 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Shows caring
- Ogden is known for being a little "rough around the edges" and has some very old buildings. Many are abandoned and/or not taken care of. When a community takes pride in the appearance of their neighbourhood, it encourages everyone to take part. The old Legion building is under major disrepair and is becoming a growing eye (and heart) sore as it just is such a sad thing to see upon entering our community. I would love to see the residents of Ogden take pride in their neighbourhood, their homes and their streets.
- Dogs run at large in George Moss park. People don't pick up their waste
- Back alleys are often a mess. Backyards have old old rusty cars & junk visible.
- Bench areas along pathways and public access to shopping, restaurant / lounges are always littered with cig. butts.
- Remove that damn snow fence from the ridge
- I wouldn't mind my back alley being paved, seems it has to be repaired every year with gravel
- because there is so much vandalism and keeping our community clean is important
- bad people littering (??)
- It would be nice if the neighborhood was cleaner
- There is a lot of garbage on ground
- Film a documentary or film
- I think schools should be cleaner. I see a lot of dirt in school buildings.
- You don't normally see garbage or anything like that, normally do clean ups through the year to help
- Needs to be cleaner like people picking up their garbage. Picking up after their dog.



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- People don't look after their properties in this area
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- Beautify/improve irrigation canal for walking/biking pathway. Community garden? Clean up/beautify neighborhood parks.
- There is so much garbage in the area especially by the schools. We need more garbage cans with lids and at the entrances and exits of the off leash dog areas
- So many homes and yards are pretty shabby looking, need some home improvements done, painting for example and yards cleaned up. Dog runs and fields need to be cut grass is quite long
- There are numerous streets, alley, front and back yards that have old cars and junk accumulating in them. Would love to see some of these areas cleaned up.
- Millican needs to have all the old delinquent cars off the streets. Back alleys need to be cleaned up as people are using them for garbage storage such as old appliances, reno materials, mattresses and stuff that the garbage man won't take. This WOULD NOT be tolerated in higher end neighbourhoods.
- "All over the area, there is trash along streets, in parks and through alleyways. I believe the cause is not isolated, but has many factors. Train tracks collect and distribute waste; there are areas where residents do not seem to care about their immediate area, perhaps due to high rental %, most prevalent along the Calgary Housing strip; proximity to landfills and debris coming off vehicles; high number of seniors that may not be able to do thorough clean-ups.
- Though I cannot give a solution to the sheer amount of debris and refuse around Millican/Ogden, I believe firmly that this is the single largest issue facing our neighbourhood and affecting residential pride. It would also go a long way to beautification and park functionality."
- There are too many homes with garbage drywall and debris on their properties.
- Want a clean safe area to live. Why would you want to live in a dirty place?
- Doesn't look if dirty
- "There is far too many residential lots with old cars, and other junk. Too many business garbage bins are used by citizens within Millican-Ogden, Riverbend and other areas for their dumping of garbage, household furniture, TVs, mattresses, tires and other automotive junk. Businesses should have to set up cameras to capture license plates of people illegally dumping garbage at their sites. Or have city set up a site somewhere that people will dump garbage in one area. People are not willing to pay to haul junk to the land fill sites so should be given some place to bring junk instead of throwing it in the community.
- While there has been clean up of the oil near 50 ave., the area near Pop Davies Park just reeks of oil chemicals especially when it rains or is damp. There appears to have been some clean up near Millican Road and Ogden Road but there is still a horrible stench in that area in the spring and after rain."
- Shows an area is cared for and discourages vandalism.





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- Lots of garbage in the parks and on the road especially Ogden Road. Cars parked on lawns. Broken down vehicles with flat tires in the alleys.
- Some local businesses have dumpsters outside (ie Mac's in 18th St SE).
- Clean air and clean environment - no longer smell of hydrocarbons or rendering plant. Remediation work is completed on reclaimed lands.
- There are a ton of yards full of old cars and garbage. Very unsightly
- I believe a clean community increases pride and reduces crime.
- Some areas seem a bit run down
- Our community is already beautiful but there is a lot of garbage and not very many receptacles to put it in when you are walking on the path. I also very rarely see city workers picking up garbage on city property it's usually community members.
- This is a great neighbourhood, but it doesn't always look that way. It would be great to have a community clean up day where we can pick up the litter and garbage in our green spaces, and dog poop bag dispensers in the dog allowed areas might help people to remember to clean up after their dogs.
- A clean community environment makes people take pride in the area and encourages them to continue to keep it clean.
- This neighbourhood is big and has a wide variety of housing. Would like to see opportunities for home owners improve their front yards
- I often see piles of dog waste in common areas and close to playgrounds. There is

also a real litter problem at playgrounds. Oh, and let's not forget the DISGUSTING smell that often wafts over the neighbourhood (from the animal rendering factory??)

- To enjoy the area to its fullest a clean environment is needed
- More community clean ups.
- There are still many lots that are full of trash and look run-down.
- I love my neighbourhood, I love it's beauty, I love the residents- everything. It is in a great location. Easy to get anywhere you want to go. But there are not enough garbage bins within the neighbourhood, for example at bus stops on 66th, 62nd, on 18th, on 20a. It's fantastic they are on the ridge but they need to be within the community as well.
- because we do community clean up with every school
- clean, happy, sports, crazy
- community clean up's
- the park and fields need to be clean - because wild creatures live in the area and you don't want them to eat garbage
- I like to keep the courtyard clean
- it's very clean, it's very clean & tidy there's not a lot of garbage
- I think making our neighbourhood clean is safe and keeps animals alive
- Because I know we can stop littering
- because there's no litter
- because if you don't keep the number clean, it will look dirty and animals could eat the garbage
- clean is for recycling and cleaning up





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Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

**Selected – 16 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Millican - Odgen is a very diverse neighborhood, because of this we need to become more inclusive.
- Senior housing - currently our seniors have to move out of the area when they can no longer live in their own homes.
- Lynnwood Oil cleaned up area turned into off leash dog park
- Stuff for everybody
- I rarely see people helping in this neighbourhood unless they're forced too.
- Millican - Odgen is a very diverse neighborhood, because of this we need to become more inclusive.
- A wide range of people for all cultures and ages can afford to live in the community with many housing options including apartments, homes, condo's. All people can interact and feel safe in the community without fears of any type of repression, or discrimination of culture or age. All groups of people and families are accepted from young to old.
- "Same reasons as above and below - there are many more too. People need connection to feel belonging and hope. Opposite is isolation and fear. My hope is to have a community hub where community member ideas for vision can be received, considered by a community panel, for example, where we can bring forth our ideas for consideration and development. For example, I would like to have a place within each community, including mine that addresses issues in

our communities that are not being addressed there.

More often than not, it is strictly professionalized individuals that support people in issues. My movement is one of a peer movement. My goal is to have a SHARED (free or nominal) space within my community of Millican-Ogden where various groups within the community can meet. These groups are made of of community individuals who are experiencing a similar issue. For example, AA and other 12 step groups do this. The goal is to provide awareness, support, empowerment and instills belonging and peer support. Various issues that the community is experiencing - sexual exploitation, drugs/addiction, parenting, mental health, and whatever other issues a community member would like to start a group about in order to support, provide information and awareness, etc. This then becomes a group of support and is run by a trained peer supporter. Other peers can be trained and the movement catches on - slowly perhaps if first.

This is about getting back to community inclusiveness, acceptance, belonging. This is about non-""professionalized"" services led by a trained peer support, mentor, advocate who has LIVED EXPERIENCE. Groups are organized, informal and/or formal, and peer-led."

- Keeping people in the neighborhood and including all



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- We have Beaver Dam Flats that is largely unavailable to the elderly or handicap. While there is some clean up of the Old Esso Refinery site, this has been going on for years. Hopefully this will be finished soon to allow seniors to access a park and river for fishing and walking their animals. This goes back to SAFE in that the roads mentioned above should have more signal lights to allow children and elderly safe passage. Pedestrian lights don't often work. On 18 st near Quarry Park, a Pedestrian Crossing stop light was installed. These should be considered for areas along 18, 19, and 20a street as there are long blocks or long blocks on one side of street and short on the other side with no cross walks with signal lights.
- Would like to see help given to those that are unable to maintain there yards. Be if fencing or weed control. Something to spark pride in ownership.
- It is important to have a mix of people - helps us learn from each other & is truly Canadian.
- I want everybody to feel at home in this community
- That's the Canadian way.
- Everyone should feel welcome.
- Important to stay connected to the city.
- Particepat in activeties

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

**Selected – 38 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Lots of park spaces and recreation spaces. This is very important to the residents who live in the area as we have a very special wild life sanctuary for deer, birds, beavers, red fox, porcupines, fish etc. Open river space with amazing views allow everyone in the community opportunities to walk on the many pathways. Recreation space for baseball, football, soccer and other outdoor activities. Large numbers of lower income families can enjoy the park space for free, have fun at the outdoor pool in the summer, and walk within the community end to end without fear.
- Remove that damn snow fence from the ridge
- Close to downtown parks shopping/mountains
- Feet or wheels you can still get in
- make easy access to c-train
- Make it easier to access downtown etc areas from Ogden
- No access for trains, no rivers, trees? Have to go to riverbend for that
- Little transportation options ie bus stops
- proving access to different places
- Drivers & commuters can not cross Ogden Road and it is nearly impossible during rush hour. There is an urgent need for traffic lights at the intersection of Ogden Rd & 76th avenue SE.
- Our community has some really great biking trails going north-south but nearly no trails or poor trails going east-west. The



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most obvious east-west trail is the heritage park trail but this is not a very bike-friendly trail often having quite a bit of traffic with very little protection from vehicles.

- Our neighbourhood has all walks of life and ages. It's very important to me that everybody can move around it safely and easily.
- We have little ones to seniors so need accessible programs.
- As our community ages we will need more accessibility.
- With the city transit we can get downtown within minutes and once the train station is built we will be able to get anywhere in the city !
- Houses in Cul de sacs along Olympia Crescent are essentially inaccessible and dangerous for pedestrians during winter because there are no pedestrian walkways. Pedestrians have to walk on the cul de sac streets which are very icy in the winter. It is specially very dangerous for kids who walk to and from school during winter. There are 12 cul de sacs along Olympia Crescent. Elevated walkways that can be shovelled by residents should be constructed in these cul de sacs to make it safer for kids and adults alike who walk from and to their houses in the winter.
- There are 12 cul de sacs on Olympia Crescent and 24 Cul de sacs on Olympia drive that need sidewalks to make it accessible to pedestrians. It is very dangerous for kids in the winter who walk to school who are forced to walk on the icy road. It is also dangerous for adults alike and senior citizens who live within these homes located in the cul de sacs who are

forced to walk on the icy road during the winter. We need (slightly elevated sidewalk that can be shoveled by residents to make it safe for pedestrians to walk on specially in the winter.

- with green line going in it would be great to have established pathways/routes (that are beautified with lighting) to ensure that people can walk safely and enjoy the commute from their homes to the lrt station.
- I see seniors with Walkers or electric wheelchairs and parents with strollers that have a hard time at our high corners.
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- There are not many easy to access sidewalks.
- Traffic from other communities regularly travel through millican ( 18 and 18A street) during rush hours to get home to their south homes (Riverbend, DouglasDale and Makenzie) This is a real problem as they have no regard for play ground or school zones. I live on 18 st. and have only ever once seen radar set up in the playground zone. These people speed through this area between 4 and 6 P.M. everyday. I'm sure they would not like this in their communities where their kids play and I'm sure the CCP would be in their playground on a regular basis.
- Milligan Ogden is central.. I find it easy to get to where I want to go, either drive, bike, walk or City transit
- There are a lot of seniors in the area

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- Again, sidewalks are an issue in Millican-Ogden .Walking north up the hill from Glenmore Square on 18th Street SE in the winter is very unsafe. The sidewalks (on both sides of the street) are covered in ice and slippery. Where is a person suppose to walk? How is an elderly person suppose to get up the hill? Again, ridiculous! Who is responsible to maintain the sidewalks?
- to ensure the amenities are accessible for strollers, scooters, walkers, etc.



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- "The neighbourhood is a mix of seniors and young families. Most sidewalks do not have corners for strollers/limited mobility on maternity the west side of 18th street and 76th avenue.

Vision Word: HEALTHY

**Selected – 25 times. Answers to “why” below**

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- Free full-court Basketball facility/ies should be built in the community as we see a lot of kids and adults alike playing and having to do with very poorly maintained basketball court by the Almadina Chartered Academy. We can see that kids and adults alike in the community enjoy basketball and is a very effective way for residents to stay active and healthy but

- The playground on Ogden Rise is nice, but limited. A basketball hoop/half court would be a nice addition."
- So I can see my friends easily, and quickly.
- So I can play Basketball easily.
- Sidewalks need to be in on 18th street.
- Many seniors reside in the community, and more families with young children are being drawn to the area. There is a need

are not given the proper support by the City as their is/are no free facility in the community for them to use.

- Ugly uncared for fenced off areas. Should be another Glenmore parks for families to enjoy
- More community gardens
- There is lots of flowers and parks. And no dead trees
- Dandelions in the parks and behind Safeway should be more under control
- The smell from the meat processing smell is awful
- Fit park added to other existing parks
- Unpolluted; To combat 2 major issues: the noise made by planes and the fuel fumes CPR releases in the air every day
- "Build an indoor basketball court. Basketball should be promoted as part of:
- Basketball was a Canadian invention and we should be proud and promote basketball for both youth and adults.
- Basketball in itself, is a complete workout





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- Infrastructure aside, basketball is a cheap sport to engage in that does not need a lot of special equipment. Community residents can play the sport, all they need is a basketball and individuals can play on their own or with just 1 basketball up to 10 players can engage in a game.
- Indoor basketball court/s are multi-functional. They can be used for other indoor sports and can also be used as a venue for general assembly of community residents or for other community events.
- Assists young people in developing friendships, participate in activities and deepen their connections to those around them. This increases social resiliency and develops a sense of investment and ownership in community youth."
- Depending on which direction the wind blows, terrible smells can descend on Ogden. Sewage (Bonnybrooke), rendering plant (?), distillery (?), rotting recycled building material (?). Maybe it's not unhealthy by public health standards, but it's not pleasant. Perhaps there could be a concerted odor-reduction strategy.
- A fit park/Outdoor gym would be a great addition to the community as there is a lot of low income families that can't afford healthy activities and sports.
- We have an empty space on 76. Like how they had adventure playground on site today
- Just the look of the uncared for fenced off areas is psychologically very unhealthy for families in the area. It gives a ghetto look especially when you add all of those condemned houses with keep out signs on them. The ugly orange fences and uncut fields and uncared for open areas is an unhealthy eye sore that has been promised to be cleaned up for many years now. Its time! Have a look at Glenmore park as an example. Why isn't there a big fence around Glenmore park?? Please let the people enjoy that beautiful green space and have the feeling of a cared for neighbourhood instead of a left for dead ghetto.
- It would be nice to see a community garden in the neighbourhood, it would promote healthy eating and bring people together.
- Build above ground garden boxes, those that are interested come together and create a garden. Can be both flower and vegetable gardens
- Too many liquor pot shops and bars have been allowed
- Ogden already is very community centred. A community garden has often been talked about and would be a welcome way to be outside and share time with neighbours.
- NO COMMENT
- Friendly neighbourhood
- We have aging community. We need services that all people can use
- I'd love to see a community garden- maybe in conjunction with the resource center or the community association. Grow and give back- this would make healthy foods accessible, keep a community connected, they would be inclusive, family-friendly, and of course beautiful. It would be fantastic with many rentals in the area and apartments/townhouses where they don't have the opportunity to have a garden.
- A community garden would be great.





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Vision Word: WALKABLE

**Selected – 34 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Replace sections of sidewalks, not repair sidewalks. (Note: Repairs, cracks & crotch is there again) (just made it worse)
- Bike/walk paths
- Sidewalks kept clean connecting to parks
- I'd like to see traffic lights at 76 Ave & 20A St. it can get busy at times
- There is plenty of places to walk around and parks to go to
- Its easy to walk around
- bike paths needed; The sidewalks are small so you have to ride on street
- Crosswalks and lane lines are not visible.
- Same as above children can not cross Ogden roads safely! Traffic speeds through there
- Please coordinate with City Planning and Infrastructure to address the lack of proper Pedestrian walkway along the cul-de-sacs located within Olympia Drive and Olympia Crescent. It is very dangerous for kids and adults and senior citizens living in these cul-de-sacs to walk to and from their homes during Winter as there are no elevated sidewalks.
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- Ensure well maintained and safe path system - dogs on leash, paths well maintained including the winter months, sufficient garbage receptors.
- "It would be great to have more walking paths joining each area, so we can either walk and or blade and bike around the area instead of doing so on the road
- It would be nice to see the pathway behind the Scotia bank cleared of snow and ice on a regular basis in the winter. There are lots of people using it daily. I am still suffering from a torn Achilles tendon. It's been over a year.
- want a safe bike route to school.
- It's important to have services and amenities close to home and easy to access by foot/bike. It helps build community connections, keeps money in the community, fosters relationships and is obviously cheaper than if you have to drive.
- In the last few years the City of Calgary maintenance crews tarred and filled in cracks in the sidewalks. The end result was the repaired sections cement just cracked and fell away leaving the same cracks that were supposedly repaired. The repairs looked ugly anyways - the City made the problem WORSE. The only solution is to REPLACE sections that are cracked and ugly looking to make them finally usable by families with strollers and



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seniors with walkers and those with small children that continually trip on the repairs.

- Add some inter-connections to the pathways so it is easy to access all the park spaces
  - Because it really is already.
  - Easy to get around. Safe to walk around.
  - It would be nice to have lots of small shops throughout the community so driving wasn't always necessary.
  - Community has what meaning now? A place that live? What else does it mean? It means potential natural supports, vibrancy, CONNECTION! We don't really know our neighbours much any more, if at all. We are fragmented in so many way - too much of an essay response to this.
  - With Ogden being an established community there are lots of sidewalks. However there is limited access in certain parts of Ogden that should have been rectified many years ago. Along the Ogden road from the entrance of the CP Rail HQ and approaching the Pop Davies park, there is no sidewalk. Just a dirt path. For a community that has been here since before the 1950's, this is despicable. The City of Calgary needs to extend the sidewalk to the pop davies park, not only for walkability but also for wheel chair access. Imagine someone using a wheel chair trying to wheel through a dirt path that is riddled in pot holes, to go watch a baseball game.
  - It's important to have sevices nearby.
  - I'd like to see this place have more commercial services that people could access within walking distance of their homes, inside the community. This helps ensure a stronger sense of connection,
- keeps money in the neighbourhood, and increases health and free time for people living here. I'd like to see a good coffee shop, some retail stores, a garden centre in the area.
  - Ogden Road is tough to get across.
  - Create a separate walking path along Lynnwood ridge
  - We have seen an increase in traffic on 18th st. Nothing wrong with people using it as it is city road. We just want people to slow down and respect the streetscape. How can we make it a walkable.
  - Pathways still need to be fixed from the flood in 2013 (Beaverdam Flats is not completely accessible by bike as it used to be)
  - There is a serious lack of walkable and community-located shops and services. There is one shopping centre on 18th but it's not great for having a wide variety of services. We need places that bring people together, and that are close, such as a local coffee shop.
  - It's much better to walk to places instead of driving. A pathway from the school to the CA.
  - Because it is not far from anything
  - Separate bike path away from walkers
  - So I can walk places and get there quickly.



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Vision Word: FAMILY FRIENDLY

**Selected – 40 times. Answers to “why” below**

- Kid friendly - this is helpful people
- All ages need to be engaged
- We want to revitalize
- Kids who grow up in Lynnwood return with their families
- Bike path thru ballpark from Millican Rd to 68th
- Make hall into a nice dance hall hardwood floor like already in hall. Put in a good kitchen so it can be used for banquetts and supers; dancing is good for seniors; lots of seniors in this area
- More parks & recreation programs
- I believe its family-friendly because it's a small area, quite and lots of place to hand and play saftly
- As not really family friendly
- People are all very friendly and everyone knows everyone. People can easily talk to anyone and have a convo.
- Everyone is friendly to each other
- lots of kids laughing and having fun at the park. Everyone is enjoying themselves.
- Its kinds scary at night here
- Millican - Ogden has plenty of park space, playgrounds and pathways, the area has two elementary schools a middle school, preschools and daycares. However our parks and green spaces are often empty, we need to have programs and services to bring the children back to these spaces.
- Lots of walking paths and park space. It would be good if some picnic tables could be installed on the river walk way area. We have a few spaces with a group of larger trees and a bench. It would allow families to enjoy the park space and eat out (picnic) close to the current garbage receptacles for an easy cleanup.
- Places and spaces for the community to enjoy and be proud of.
- Grow up here and the majority of use have stayed and we are going on the 4th generation
- Wading/Splash Pool; The Lynnwood outdoor pool cannot accomodate small children , only kids 6 and up at that pool. They would get a higher attendance if there was something for ALL ages.
- We need some kind of a water park. It's difficult to take more than 1 small child to the pool. Or put a small child section at the community pool
- The reason that Ogden started to feel like home is because we started making friends with other young families. If a community is family friendly, it's of a benefit to all inhabitants. It will be safer, cleaner, more connected, walkable and accessible. I know this is also a community that is home to many lower-income families who may not be able to afford services outside of the neighbourhood, so the more family-friendly the community, the more involved everyone can be. There's one playground at the south end of 72A Street SE that is very worn down, possibly even unsafe, that, if revitalized, would help bring joy to quite a few families.
- There are currently 3 liquor stores in the community. By comparison, Riverbend to the south has 1 liquor store and, and Quarry park has 1 liquor store. The city of Calgary needs to recognize that this puts a poor image on the community of Ogden. While I raise a young family in Ogden, the

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day care for my 3 year old daughter is right next to one of those liquor stores. The City of Calgary needs to invest in our community to provide incentive for family friendly business to succeed. There is plenty of vacant space in the strip mall by the Glennmore Inn, and the city needs to ask themselves why that is.

- Lots of young families live in this area. We need activities that everyone can do.
- Free pool day
- "Right now, I am not aware of any community programs available to young families (children under 5) in the neighbourhood. Some activities were offered through the Ogden library, but now that the library has moved to Quarry Park, I have not heard of anything to replace these types of services.
- We are lucky to have a few parks (even though the equipment is somewhat outdated), green spaces and a summer pool in the neighbourhood. One thing that would be nice to see is a baby/toddler friendly addition to the pool (in the form of a small splash park or warm paddling pool). We have to go outside of the community to access this type of thing for our young child."
- improved area for basketball for kids at the former ogden school, summer programs for kids, updates to the playgrounds in need.
- Parks , arena, the new rec centre in quarry park, multiple sports teams. We also have a great old folks home so we can be close to our parents.
- "Currently there does not seem to be a safe bicycle path within Ogden to connect to schools, parks, other bike paths etc.
- Some of the parks have playgrounds that are rusted and in need of replacement.
- "This is such a great community but we definitely lack appeal when it comes to families.
- Maybe better programs for kids and families in the area."
- Try to attract more families to the area.
- its an older neighborhood, lots of older citizens...still being affordable more families are moving in....with green line too it wil attract more families. let's do more programming for families - make safe inclusive neighborhoods.
- Because there was s lots of children and it's very active.
- So many kids around.
- Every one is really friendly in are naborhood
- Lots of scene of community. Great people ,
- More fun things for family to do. Outdoor ice rink and more
- More programs aimed towards younger children such as sports and learning activities
- Some of the playgrounds in the neighbourhood could really use some attention. Old and damaged equipment and filthy gravel.
- Having grown up here I would like to see family's with kids want to live here
- We have two young children and want to stay in the same community as long as we can.

Examples are within ogden residential and on ogden road by the ball diamonds - when a safe bike path could easily be



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placed. We have young kids and it is very difficult to safely get them to the connection bike paths by the river or the paths towards downtown with the busy commuter traffic and no clear paths for bikes.

- Ogden could also use some more recreational spaces for kids and families to

hang out and stay out of trouble. Maybe an outdoor winter skating rink/basketball courts, or skatepark. There also seems to be a lot of vandalism to city property where kids play. Affordable after school care/sports programs etc may help with prevention as kids grow."

Vision Word: OTHER

**Selected – 111 times. Answers to “why” below**

- proving access to different places
- There is lots of space "we need to improve, ie. Swing park"
- bad - Old scary houses
- not much people doing stuff
- Fun; Install Frisbee golf course
- Neighbourly; Easy to get to know your neighbours. Shared garden interest.
- Community; So we can meet new people to make more friends.
- To slow heavy traffic in residential from Glenmore Tr. To 62 Ave. SE [speed bumps on 18 St]
- More Senior housing in Ogden/Millican Neighborhood
- Do not change George Moss Park, it is used year round for everyone
- So that Seniors can remain in Ogden & not have to leave this great community.
- More residences
- [no comment]
- Traffic short cutting
- None available [Seniors Housing]
- Too much shortcutting through [traffic]
- Create parking chaos!!! Why was Ogden Crescent re-zoned from R-1 with no consultation?
- Here comes the summer!! "Loud pipes" cars/trucks/motorcycles 6am to after midnight most days street racing 2 am weekends, lets add more pot, mostly Justin
- Can do fun activities at MOCA
- This is place that people can start their lives, 'much sere misstall happens' [spelling?]
- How car up fix the 'swing parking'
- There is lots of kids and we have fun
- People (kids) get to hang - fix up the "swing" park
- Most people are friendly - free activities
- Community sign that indicates you are entering Ogden - with flower planter
- Could have an off leash park in the oil refinery spot. In Millican, bike path too dangerous bikes go too fast
- To meet others in the same situation to build up a social network.
- The kids roam the streets. With more fun programs, helps to clean up the roads and helps keep them safe.
- Relaxing and nice to walk through
- A lot of drugs and small crimes





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- No any 'recreational ' centers, they're all in quarry/the north
- lots of trees & parks, the river, beaver dam flats
- poor, crime?
- Tree parks
- Poor Crime?
- There is a pool and hockey rink
- Make hills more accesible to get up
- Slow down Ogden road
- Skate park by glenmore inn
- Do more to help the less fortunate and homeless people
- I want to see more activities that we do as a community like the clean-up
- Lots of pretty trees and lots of wildlife parks like beaver dam flats
- I think they should have more sculptures
- because ogden is seen as shady place and people who live in ogden are seen as poor which isn't true for some.
- the isn't many murals of cool structures that I can think of in ogden but it would be nice to see that change
- Our library was taken away and people used it a lot
- More stores for shopping other than Safeway
- Need low cost apartments, we don't have enough affordable housing in Ogden
- More involvement with community & activities for our kids - our kids are our future!!!
- Fun; Install Frisbee golf course
- Neighbourly; Easy to get to know your neighbours. Shared garden interest.
- Community; So we can meet new people to make more friends.
- Places to connect and meet neighbours. The pathway is a great place and busy spot. Sure there are a few places to sit and watch the world of Calgary go by. But what if there were gazebos and pergolas dotting the pathway. Places to sit and talk or exercise out of the hot sun. Paint the picture of you ending your day with a little tai chi watching the magnificent sunset over the Rocky Mountains. This is the life and this is the place.
- Maintain the multi-generational, family-friendly, small town feel of Millican-Ogden. While we understand there is a need to increase the residential density for inner city neighbourhoods, we would like to see a minimal number of medium density multi-dwelling units put in as older, single family homes are sold. An exception to this would be a larger senior's housing complex. A mix of housing would encourage a diverse population of mixed economic backgrounds as in a small town.
- A lot of rental houses in the neighborhood are run down and not maintained by the landlords. Having a snow angel program for mowing of lawns. Hold the landlords accountable for maintenance of there properties. A little effort could really spruce things up like a fresh coat of paint on the fences that are failing apart. Staircase leading up to Lynnwood aren't in the best of shapes.
- Rather than increase occupancy through basement suites I would rather see townhome developments and condos as well as more duplexes in the neighbourhood. Mixed use projects and revitalization. Love how Quarry Park looks and would love the same for Millican-Ogden.





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- Ogden has many working poor, from families to seniors, living hand to mouth . And many not that well.
- "(finish Beaver dam park) They have made a mess of it
- taking down perfectly healthy trees
- I saw a dead deer trapped between the esso fence and the temp fence So sad
- Let's get rid of the fences ASAP
- June 2018 now, 5 years after the flood
- It was a safe haven for wildlife
- Now the deer are on Ogden road grazing and industrial Bonnybrook"
- There is lots of kids. The park on 78th (aka swing park) is our place. It would be nice to have it cleaned up
- Ogden has such a rich history that not many people know about. From the First Nations people using Lynwood ridge as a buffalo jump, to the areas connections to Imperial Oil and CP rail. The story must be told.
- I absolutely love Beaver Dam Flats, but it's a little lonely down there. It would be great to have some information signs talking about the area and garbage bins.
- (Keep better upkeep of the schools, parks etc..) outside. Some days the dandelions and grass take over. Take some ownership and pride in making it clean and follow through with the upkeep. MOW.
- Utilization of the land taken away form us by Imperial Oil. It's time to bring this back to a place the community is proud of. A large park or there has been talk of a golf course. Since the city is losing one golf course in the north way not bring it here. It's been way to long fixing the problem caused so many years ago make them accountable and get it done. If the were to be a park it is a great place to watch the sunrise over the prairies.
- More little shops to make this community walkable and a place to stop.
- "The wait time for a green light from 76 ave S.E. onto 18th street S.E. is ridiculously long.
- When the light eventually does turn green, it doesn't stay green long enough, especially if there's a pedestrian walking across 18th street, then only two or three vehicles are able to turn south.
- Lets not forget the congestion of vehicles trying to leave Safeway parking lot.
- Too often its a two or three light delay."
- The airplanes overhead, the hum from the deerfoot, and the CP yard. Anything that can done to handle the noise pollution in the area would be great.
- "I have a son, age 10. We have lived here for 4 years now and he has no real access to pass times or programs in the area. There are a couple of parks around, but they are not well attended or are overtaken by completely unattended and ill mannered children. He attends a charter school in another area of the city, and by the time he gets anywhere near our area, any possible after school programs are well underway or near over. On the other side of things, any teen programs, of which there are few (notable by the bands of wandering teenagers), will not include him until he is at least 12. The same is true for the YMCA that newly opened in Quarry Park - they require a parent on site until age 12, with few open format activities in the late afternoon or early evening. Any activities I can locate are very costly and require a high attendance



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level such as martial arts or structured sports. This leaves him generally just hanging out with me until I am done work, when we must be all business to be fed and ready for the next day. Weekends mostly consist of wandering tribes of children and youth with not a lot to do. Mine generally just winds up playing video games.

- I believe we have a growing number of younger families with children at home, yet our neighbourhood does not adequately provide productive or entertaining ways for our youth to spend their time."
- Doing without is a difficult way to try to live, a quality of life is deserving for everyone.
- "If it is cost effective can we not fix up the curling building on Ogden road, using it for art classes, an indoor gym where we can go play sports (basketball, badminton etc). A kids and adult centre. Perhaps a workshop, where you can go and learn to use tools and build things. Multi purpose centre.
- "Long overdue
- All my friends parents have passed without a place to live in the community
- they helped build
- George Moss park Leave it alone, so few green spaces left
- Put it near Safeway so they can get there groceries or next to MOCA senior centre"
- Wouldn't want to live anywhere else
- We live right along the Bow River and yet our community doesn't necessarily take advantage of that. Beaver Dam flats was affected by the 2013 floods and is only slowly being repaired/reclaimed. It would be amazing for everyone in this

community to KNOW about the beautiful natural environment that is within walking distance from everyone. As well as to be encouraged/motivated to interact with it.

- "Increase the amount of local recreation programming in the community while offering an opportunity for youth to gather and connect with their neighbours.
- Building an indoor basketball court in the community can be a good start. The indoor basketball court can be built to be multifunctional and be a venue for other youth activities."
- Allowance for some type of store fronts along the pathway. These stores would be set up to accommodate walkers and bicycles only, no parking. Take a page from other countries and look at retail stores differently, they don't need to be connect to a big mall and don't have to be in a truck.
- (Retention of parks and outdoor space for openness) Our community is very open with large amounts of park space and wild life. It is very important to keep this access to open space as this allows the community to be safe and for lower income families to enjoy parks, recreation and the river access.
- We need more trees - volunteers can offer to plant them according to a plan approved by the City.
- Ogden needs a feature that makes coming to our community a destination. Much like people head to Kensington or head to Marda Loop.. I would love if we had a small piece of that in our community. Like if they turned that old building on Ogden road by Glenmore into a farmers market instead of Crossroads. Or what about a



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music festival on the banks of the bow river...the way it turns towards downtown almost makes for a natural amphitheater. A little steep but with some upgrading maybe it could be a stellar location for outdoor music and one of a kind in all western Canada.

- "Millican/Ogden is an outdated community in many ways. Facilities and housing are for the most part old and often in somewhat poor repair. Many updates are expensive and out of reach for our homeowners, as well as on many occasions I have found the information on the area I can obtain from the city is sparse or incomplete. As an example, I have contacted the city multiple times regarding power to my home and if I am able to upgrade my panel to 100amps. No one has been able to tell me, nor have they been able to tell me who would know. I finally paid an electrician to come and look, and to the best of his knowledge, though the incoming could handle the load, over the 4 connected and individually owned properties, the only way \*I\* would be able to have 100 amp pass would be to upgrade the feed for all 4 properties, including paying to have my neighbour's yard dug up and repaired, as he has the main access point. Keep in mind, that was someone \*I\* paid. He also inquired to the city about the status of the building and underground capacity to the hub and got no further than I did. Needless to say, I still have 60 amp service.
- Another example is the sewer drain outside my home often has a strong odour, similar to that of natural gas. I have gone so far as to have ATCO come and have a check of things and I assume

found nothing, as they said not a word, nor has the city when I asked them.

Apparently, my yard will just smell bad.

- These examples, as well as the high costs associated with updating our old properties has led much of our area to disrepair, outdated equipment, and unsightly curb appeals. Could incentives be put into place to assist in these areas? Could perhaps the city get an accurate picture of utilities in the area so that we can get the answers that we need? Could some of the city facilities and utility conduits get a facelift to begin bringing our little community into a more desirable light?"
- "(move LRT on east side of Ogden road). Again taking away from Pop Davies park
- Leave it alone"
- Places geared for youth. Limited areas exist for 12-17 year olds.
- Ogden / Lynwood is such an old neighborhood, so much history. Current residents could get a history lesson on the past
- "Increasing recreation programming in the neighbourhood by offering opportunities for older adults to connect.
- Building an indoor basketball court in the community can be a good start. The indoor basketball court can be a venue for other youth activities.
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- Resource centre is helpful. Clothing, food, etc Resumes, computer access.



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- This community needs a place for seniors live. How do we make a his a cradle to grave neighbourhood.
- We need to remember our past so having some recognition of neighbourhood history would be useful. Maybe some signage would be sufficient. Or maybe a group of people re-enacting past events?
- How can we get more young people to live in the area
- Draw on Lynnwood & Ogden's history to inspire improvements to the neighbourhoods' personality.
- Everyone is so nice and respect ful
- When construction is happening in the neighbourhood it would be excellent to let the public know what is going on. Why is the construction happening? When did it start? When is it planned to be completed? Etc.
- Because if Ogden didn't have parks then I would be bored to death
- because it would be dangrous if not frendly
- smart people - so they can help us
- people are nice
- I like that a lot of my friends are near by
- more clubs - some people whant more clubs
- It's perfect for imaginary games - kids can be creative minds
- There's a good amount of schools and parks - for education
- I have lot of friends in that area and we play hockey - Its really good have friends cause its bike distance and it wont be hard making friends cause I know them
- Art sools
- I want at least 1 restaurant in fairveiw so that I could eat new foods
- Community it's self - see different friends
- participating I think it's important because it helps improve the neighbourhood
- transporetashenn, bus - to take the kids to skcool
- How quiet it is. Because where my old house people were yelling so its just nice when its quiet
- I like the parks so kids do not get bord
- and the fiting was to stop and also be frandly
- a big park with lots of animals so people can bring dogs and have lots of birds
- the schools I think it impotent bacuse kids need to learn
- because lots of kids get to play on them
- so that its easy to buy what you want
- You should include other peopl so they don't fell left out