

# Calgary



## This is my neighbourhood – Beddington Heights

Over the last year, residents of Beddington Heights identified ways to help their neighbourhood become an even better place to live, work and play.

Residents outlined what was important to them, focusing on the themes of people, places, programs and possibilities. These discussions led to the development of Beddington Heights' community vision: *A neighbourhood where we feel safe, build community connections and love to live, work and play.*

The City then worked with residents to identify projects that would support the vision and be possible in their neighbourhood. Residents prioritized the projects and City Administration ensured they could be implemented.

The following is a summary of programs, services and/or small-scale infrastructure improvements that The City of Calgary will implement in partnership with residents of Beddington Heights:

Improvement Project	Project Details	Impact to Neighbourhood	Target Completion Date
Adult Programming (Tai Chi)	The City will work with residents to provide a local recreational opportunity for adults.	Provides an opportunity for people to gather and connect while improving their health.	Complete
Community Banners and Flags	The City will work with residents to create community banners and flags while also developing a long-term maintenance plan to be led by the community.	Engaging residents in building a sense of place and neighbourhood identity through the use of art.	Forthcoming in 2017
<a href="#">Community Cleanup Enhancement</a>	Organized events designed to help save residents a trip to the landfill for items	Providing an opportunity for residents to improve their personal	Complete

	that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts.	and community spaces.	
Community Play Day	A free family event featuring a variety of fun and interactive activities.	Provides an opportunity for people in the community to connect, play and develop friendships.	Complete
Fun Bus	A free community bus that transports children to a local recreation facility for special events.	Helps reduce social and economic barriers for children to experience play and build friendships.	Complete
<a href="#"><u>Grass and Dandelion Maintenance</u></a> (Confluence Park, Goat pilot project)	The City will work with the community to identify enhanced cutting and weed control measures for local parks.	Improves the aesthetics of the neighbourhood's parks and green spaces.	Complete
<a href="#"><u>Lawn Chair Theatre</u></a>	A free family event featuring great snacks and live entertainment.	Adds to the vibrancy of the neighbourhood and contributes to a friendly neighbourhood.	Complete
<a href="#"><u>Open Green Spaces and Parks Plan</u></a>	The City will work with the community to develop a long-term plan for the future use of the neighbourhood's existing green spaces.	Engaging residents and the community associations to work together to develop gathering and play spaces that meet the needs of the neighbourhood.	Forthcoming in 2017

#### **Resident Priority Survey Results**

[Click here](#) for an overview of the feedback we received from residents of Beddington Heights in November 2015 on which requested programs, services and/or small-scale improvement projects they wanted to prioritize in their neighbourhood.

#### **Existing City Programs and Services in your Neighbourhood**

The following is an overview of your neighbourhood's requested programs, services and/or small-scale improvement projects which are already being delivered by The City:

Requested Project	Project Details
Fit Park, Playgrounds and Picnic Areas	<p>The City will meet with residents and the community association to discuss options to <a href="#">repair and/or upgrade the neighbourhood playgrounds</a>. If you have any questions or safety concerns about the playgrounds in your neighbourhood, please contact <a href="#">311</a>.</p>
Graffiti Removal Education Campaign	<p>We encourage everyone to help keep our communities safe and clean by recording, reporting and removing <a href="#">graffiti</a>. If you see graffiti in progress, call <a href="#">911</a>. Existing graffiti can be reported through <a href="#">311</a>.</p> <p>Education sessions on graffiti are currently provided by <a href="#">Calgary Police Service</a> in partnership with the Federation of Calgary Communities as part of their Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop Series. Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more and register for an upcoming session.</p>
Green Initiatives	<p>Residents or groups are always welcome to organize green initiatives and promote volunteer opportunities within their neighbourhood parks. The City can help provide <a href="#">training, supplies and support</a>. Contact <a href="#">311</a> to learn more.</p>
Off-Leash Areas	<p>Calgary has 150 public <a href="#">off-leash areas</a>, including five in Beddington Heights.</p> <p>The City of Calgary is constantly working to increase and improve off-leash areas in parks for citizens and their dogs to play.</p> <p><a href="#">The Off-Leash Area Management Plan</a> was developed to provide consistent, city-wide guidelines for off-leash areas. Before additional areas and site changes can be implemented, public consultation needs to occur.</p>
Park n' Play and Stay n' Play	<p>A free one-week <a href="#">summer recreation program</a> for children is scheduled to take place from July 11-15, 2016.</p>
Pathway Improvements	<p>The City has an <a href="#">annual plan</a> that outlines <a href="#">pathway</a> improvements scheduled for 2016.</p>
Pothole Repairs	<p><a href="#">Repairing potholes</a> is a major part of The City's continual road maintenance. Repairs usually begin in April and continue throughout the summer months. These are scheduled by severity, with the most severe being repaired first. You can help by reporting a pothole by using <a href="#">311</a> or submitting an <a href="#">eServices request</a>.</p>
Residential Speeding	<p><a href="#">Speed Limit Observations Warning System (SLOWS)</a> trailers are available to be requested for areas where speeding is a concern.</p>

Safety Concerns - Break-Ins	A safe neighbourhood is in everyone's best interest. The <a href="#">Calgary Police Service</a> has a community automated notification system that delivers vital information to residents and business owners within The City of Calgary. Anyone can register for <a href="#">The Hub Messaging System</a> to keep informed about their neighbourhood regarding a variety of topics, including Amber Alerts, neighbourhood crime alerts, crime prevention information and more. Citizens can also follow the Calgary Police Service on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">Twitter</a> for up-to-date information and crime prevention tips.
Secondary Suites	<a href="#">Secondary suites</a> are self-contained living spaces located within a single-detached home or backyard. They have a separate entrance and independent cooking, sleeping and bath area. All legal and safe secondary suites require a parking space on the property and amenity such as a small green space or balcony for residents to enjoy.  Only certain Land Use Districts allow secondary suites. A home owner has the right to apply for a <a href="#">Land Use Re-Designation</a> if the current Land Use does not allow for it. Please note that illegal secondary suite owners can be charged under the Safety Codes Act for code deficiencies.
Sidewalk Repairs	From mid-March to mid-October, sidewalk repairs occur on the streets, curbs, gutters, lanes and sidewalks of Calgary. To learn more about this work, or to report a damaged sidewalk, visit <a href="#">Calgary.ca/concrete</a> .
Speeding Concerns	The <a href="#">Calgary Police Service</a> requests your assistance in identifying speeding concerns in the community.  Complete a <a href="#">traffic service request</a> to report speeding and specific locations of concern. All such requests will be provided to the local officers to manage.
Sport Fields	<a href="#">Sport fields</a> are highly valued assets in the city. An initial <a href="#">Sport Field Strategy</a> review was undertaken in 2015 with the goal of developing recommendations in 2016.
Spring Street Cleaning	<a href="#">Spring street cleaning</a> is an annual City program that begins in April and runs until the end of June.
Storm Drains	Rain water and melting snow are drawn into catch basins or <a href="#">storm drains</a> located on the edge of the sidewalk and flow into our storm systems. To help keep sidewalks and roads safe, you can help in prevent pooling by clearing away ice, snow and debris, creating a pathway for melting snow to drain.  Newer communities have inlet control devices that control water drainage in order to not overflow the system. Do

	not attempt to remove ice or clean a submerged catch basin. If you have any questions, concerns or if pooling lasts please call <a href="#">311</a> .
Street Signs	New street signs were installed in 2015 for street parking and playgrounds.
Traffic Calming	<p>The process for traffic management measures such as speed bumps, speed tables, curb extensions, raised medians and traffic circles are outlined in The City's <a href="#">Traffic Calming Policy</a>.</p> <p>Please note that this process takes a significant amount of time and requires specific information regarding the concerns at the location.</p> <p>Due to the lack of information at this time, we are unable to move forward with any concerns shared during engagement. We encourage residents to review The City's <a href="#">traffic calming measures</a> or contact <a href="#">311</a> to submit a request for consideration.</p>

### Community Champion Opportunities

The following programs, services and/or small-scale improvement projects were requested by residents as part of the This is my Neighbourhood program.

As a next step, The City requires a local Community Champion to lead each of these projects. If you are interested in becoming a Community Champion for one of the opportunities listed below, please contact your local neighbourhood partnership coordinator - Leanne Hall at [Leanne.hall@calgary.ca](mailto:Leanne.hall@calgary.ca).

Requested Project	Project Details
Community Events	The <a href="#">Beddington Heights Community Association</a> hosts several community events throughout the year.
Community Garden	<p>To start a <a href="#">community garden</a>, contact your local <a href="#">community association</a> to find similarly interested community members.</p> <p>Together, determine a potential location(s) for the new garden to be submitted to The City. Then, contact your local neighbourhood partnership coordinator Amanda Turvey at <a href="mailto:amanda.turvey@calgary.ca">amanda.turvey@calgary.ca</a> to submit your</p>

	request and contact information.
Litter Education Program	<p>The City of Calgary aims to inspire Calgarians to become stewards of their parks and natural areas by taking action to conserve and protect these places.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Litter Cleanup Kit</a> is designed to put simple tools into the hands of Calgarians in locations where they can make the most impact. Kits are available at multiple locations.</p> <p>The City offers a variety of <a href="#">educational programming</a> to meet the needs of schools, community groups or businesses, including site tours of landfills and recycling sorting facility, and presentations in a variety of formats.</p>
Little Libraries	Little libraries can be placed on either a private front lawn or community land. There is one little library currently in the community at 128 Bearberry Cres. N.W.

#### **Requests Outside of The City's Role**

The following list of requested programs, services and/or small-scale infrastructure improvements are outside of The City's roles and responsibilities within your neighbourhood.

Requested Project	Project Details
Facilities	The regional facilities serving the local area include the <a href="#">Thornhill Aquatic &amp; Recreation Centre</a> , the Beddington Hills Community Arts Centre (which houses the <a href="#">Calgary Community Theatre Ltd.</a> ) and the Beddington Before and After School Program, which has facilities and rooms that are available for rent.
Library	The <a href="#">Calgary Public Library Book Truck</a> is available to be booked! The truck helps support communities that do not yet have a community library.
Residential Parking	<p>The Residential Parking Program is administered by the Calgary Parking Authority. This program supports neighbourhoods located in high-demand areas by restricting parking access to only those who reside there.</p> <p>Information about the program can be found on the Calgary Parking Authority's website:</p>

	<p><a href="http://www.calgaryparking.com/parkingpermits">www.calgaryparking.com/parkingpermits</a></p> <p>If you believe someone is misusing a residential permit or a visitor's permit please contact the Calgary Parking Authority's Customer Solutions Centre at 403-537-7100, Option 2, to report.</p> <p>If you would like a have your street designated as a RPP zone you must have 80 per cent of your neighbours in agreement. To obtain a petition or find out more please contact 311. Alternatively, please contact the <a href="#">Beddington Heights Community Association</a>.</p>
Retail Stores	The City does not have any policies or procedures in place to formally request - or block - the addition of a specific type of retail store.

#### **Status of Other Requested Improvement Projects**

The following is a list of requested programs, services and/or small-scale improvement projects that we heard from you as part of our This is my neighbourhood engagement process. We explored the possibility of developing each project, but unfortunately, it was not possible for The City to proceed due to a variety of logistical and resource constraints.

Requested Project	Project Details
After School Programs	<p>Beddington Heights is currently home to the licensed Beddington Before and After School Program. To learn more, please contact Heather McKie at <a href="mailto:bhca.basp@shaw.ca">bhca.basp@shaw.ca</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Adventures Child Care</a> is also offered at Beddington Heights School.</p>
Crosswalks	<p>A total of eight local <a href="#">crosswalk</a> locations were tested by The City in 2015. The <a href="#">test results</a> showed that the locations did not meet The City's minimum requirements for a crosswalk to be installed.</p> <p>The City will re-test the Centre Street location in 2016 as part of its annual review.</p>
General Education on Community Standards	<p>The <a href="#">Community Standards Bylaw</a> helps us create healthy, safe and vibrant communities by addressing nuisances, such as untidy properties.</p> <p>This bylaw contains regulations for property owners and for property maintenance. Citizens can provide</p>

	<p>Calgary Community Standards with information regarding <a href="#">bylaw violations</a>.</p> <p>At this time, this bylaw is going through an extensive review and as such general education is not possible. We invite all citizens to participate in our current programs for <a href="#">prevention and public awareness</a>.</p>
Residential Speed Limits	Residential speed limits in Calgary are 50 km/hr unless otherwise posted. At this time, The City is not proceeding with implementation of blanket speed reductions on residential roadways. This includes pilot projects on a community specific basis.