



## Project Overview

The City has a [Playground Optimization & Lifecycle Program](#) where sites are reviewed and managed based on maximizing use of the space to ensure it continues to meet community needs. As we move to prioritize playground quality over quantity while still maintaining our commitment to ensuring that there are 5 nearby playgrounds for every 1000 kids under 12, we look to both replace aging play structures with new playground equipment or to reimagine these spaces with alternative park amenities.

In 2019, the community of Citadel received two new playgrounds in alignment with this process, contingent on the removal of the wooden play structure at 3 Citadel Park NW, noting that the play structure would be removed when it no longer met inspection and safety standards. As the structure continued to deteriorate scheduled removal of this wooden play structure was planned for 2025. Community engagement was initiated and completed in 2024 to propose the installation of a game park at this site, featuring amenities like ping pong tables, corn hole, and funnel ball. Following this engagement and the removal process new game play items were procured for installation in 2026.

Prior to our scheduled install we heard from community again about further consideration, and engagement, on transforming this site. Based on this request, we did perform another round of engagement with the community, asking which style option was preferred – playground equipment or game play items. There was communication given around the parameters related to choice as outlined here:

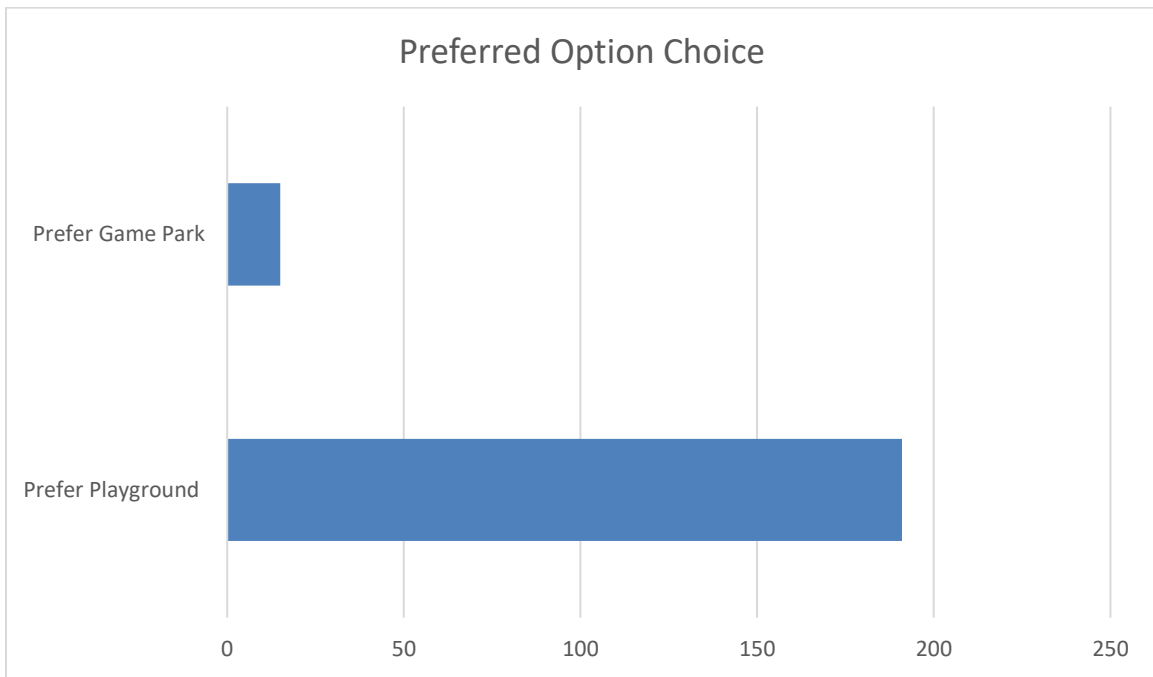
- playground will not be a like-for-life replacement, as new installations must meet current design standards (specifically swings will not be a part of replacement design due to optimizing use and available footprint)
- installation timeline would be affected by choice (noting new playground will need to follow procurement procedures with installation projection for 2027)

Engagement was open from May 11 -25, 2026 on our project page at [engage.calgary.ca/PLCIT](https://engage.calgary.ca/PLCIT) and promoted through online channels and with signage posted throughout the neighbourhood in relation to proximity of the park location. We received 206 responses during this period.

## What We Asked and What We Heard

Please click on design option that you would prefer to see in the space at 3 Citadel Park NW.

- I would prefer to go with the game park design: which includes ping pong table, corn hole, and funnel ball.
- I would prefer to see more traditional playground equipment installation: please note above description of design option for this type of structure.



## Next Steps

Based on the input received The City will proceed with the procurement process for playground structures that align with the current design standards in relation to available footprint of the site and in coordination with budget allocations. Projected anticipated installation for 2027.