

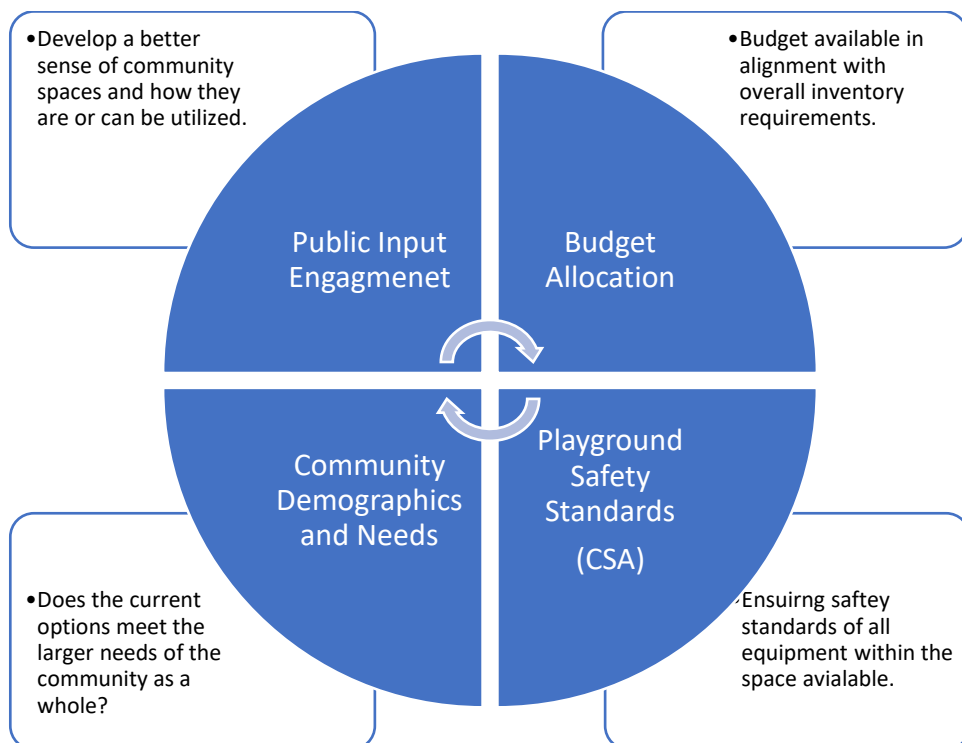
Project Overview

What Lifecycle Means - The City of Calgary currently has over 1,100 playgrounds on its maintenance/lifecycle list inventory. As these playgrounds come to the end of their lifecycle we are required to evaluate these sites and determine the overall need and viability of the required lifecycle work in alignment with a need to reduce these overall number of sites to coincide with budget availability and maintenance standards.

**To view a more detailed summary of the process please scroll down to end page attachment.*

As we know green space is highly valued by Calgarians of all ages. When a space is transformed with new equipment and use options, they can become more welcoming to a broader base of community residents and become a location to be enjoyed by all. By seeking to improve and enhance certain playground sites in combination with creation of new community gathering spaces we look to provide opportunities to connect with nature and each other in a variety of ways to meet the needs of all within the community.

What goes into the decision process?





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In the community of Woodbine we wanted to gather information on two sites in the community: **12 Woodglen Close SW** as a site for reimagining the space and **49 Woodmark Cr. SW** for a playground enhancement. We sought to hear from the community as to how these park spaces were utilized and potentially developed as a space for all community members to enjoy. These sites have come to the end of their lifecycle, as noted in the Project Overview, and were brought forward to seek community feedback in alignment with the stated need and goals. Please note that the information we are gathering in this process is not to be considered as a vote. Instead, your feedback helps us better understand and meet the needs of the community as a whole and create a more diverse balance of greenspaces for all.

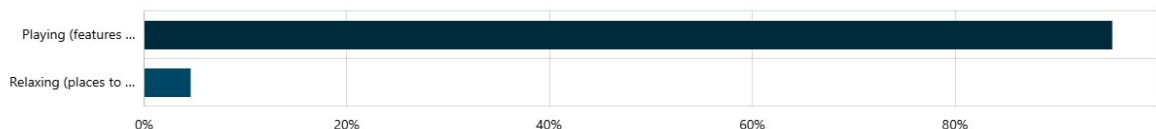
What We Asked / What We Heard

For the reimagined site (12 Woodglen Close SW – WBN325):



Would you like to use this park for: - *choose one* -

- Playing (features that are good for playing games)
- Relaxing (places to sit and rest that are good for talking and relaxing)





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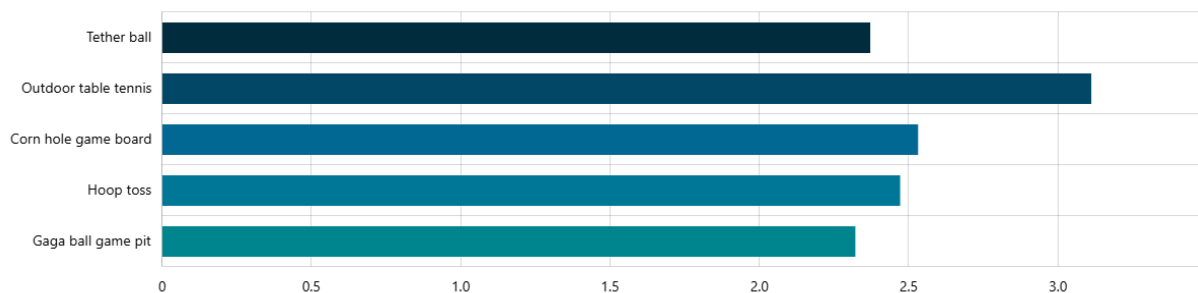
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Are there certain activity types that are of particular interest to you that you want us to incorporate into park spaces? *Choose up to 3 choices.*



Playing (features that are good for playing games): *Please move your choices from left to right with the most important at the top.*

- Tether ball
- Gaga ball game pit
- Hoop toss
- Outdoor table tennis
- Corn hole game board



Gathering (places to sit and rest that are good for talking and relaxing): *Please move your choices from left to right with the most important at the top.*

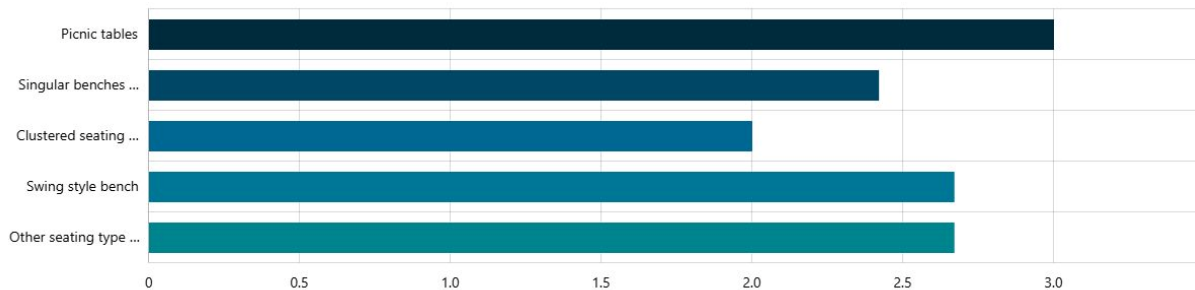
- Swing style bench
- Picnic tables
- Clustered seating options (configured for small groups or conversational)
- Singular benches (traditional park bench)
- Other seating type (stone or other natural elements)



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Do you have any other ideas or comments about this reimagined park space? *Open ended comment space (no spelling or grammar is altered with these verbatim comments)*

Ensure there is a playground with slides and swings
My daughter has been asking where Parks in Calgary are with fitness/exercise playground equipment. She tried it once in another city and has never forgotten.
The playground upgrade should be at this location! This playground area is used way more than the one on woodmark cr! Please don't remove this playground for a community space. It would be wasted space as there are so many toddlers in the area. Even the teenagers play grounders at this park all the time !
Playgrounds suitable for toddlers and older children
Update the play structure and keep it the same with the available green space. There are kids playing there every day.
Keep the twirly slide and tire swing! There isn't many of those left in woodbine and the kids love them. I have a toddler and a baby and it's the toddlers favorite park in the area. There are 4 parks with regular swings close by we can use, but there are no parks with twirly slides! Don't get rid of the playground equipment.. that would be really upsetting for all the kids in the area. It gets used every single day, more than the other parks.
Larger trees around the perimeter are fine but some are right in the middle of the park making that area useless, besides shade. the playground is in the middle of the green space which reduces playable area on all sides of the park. And the current playground is small. Kids under 6 can only use the swings and slides while older kids use the monkey bars. All this being said, you are experts in park design I'm sure whatever comes in will be cool. Thanks.
A small area with a basketball hoop would be great (similar to Woodborough Park). Lots of kids in the neighborhood, so new playground amenities would also be great (see-saw, swirly slide, tire swings) including a picnic table for meals and/or a chess table for parents.
Anything that encourages community gathering. The space feels run down.

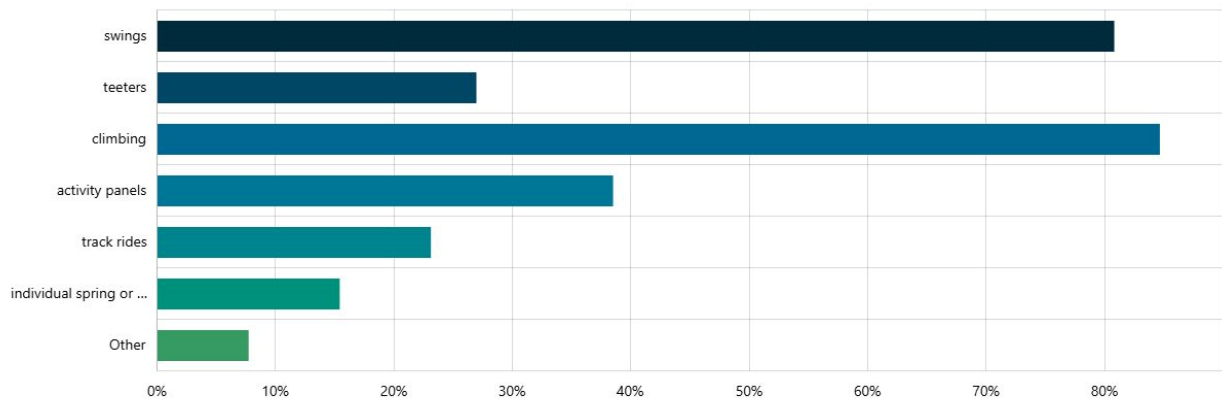
We want a playground for kids to play. This street has several young kids and more from surrounding streets come to play in the park. This needs to have swings, slides, climbing features like a play ground.
There are lots of elementary school and younger children that use this park. Swings and climbing options would be enjoyed.
Who comes up with these games. Consult with residents, not your committees. This is a young community, what toddlers are playing corn hole or hooptoss? Give us our slides and swings.
Removing the playground structure would be a disservice as there are so many young families that live in the immediate area. This play ground is used by so many kids from babies to teenagers. Maybe making the equipment geared to older children would be better than just getting rid of the playground equipment all together. Maybe something more natural elements like the park they have in writing on stone provincial park(camp site). Young families bought in this block for the purposes of the park.
It would be good to have swings and a slide. A lot of children use this space. Our community is looking to have those features in the park. The children go there everyday and use the swing tire and the slide.
Regarding Woodmark Cres SW; if the swings are removed, please replace with new swings. These are the most popular feature amongst young families in the neighborhood.
Please, no robber floor in the park. Classics swings for babies and older kids.
PLEASE do not install tether ball or corn hole. Not only are they boring - they are near impossible to maintain over time and in a season or two need to be replaced.

For the enhanced site at (49 Woodmark Cr. SW):



When thinking of playgrounds what type of activity is most important to include? Please note your choices do not eliminate the other elements of play but gives us better sense of where to focus particular play elements. *List of items below for selection choices.*

- Teeters
- Individual spring or riding toy
- Swings
- Activity panels
- Track rides
- Climbing
- Other (please specify)



Please let us know if there is anything specific about this location and you use them? *Open comment box. (no grammar or spelling is altered in this verbatim section)*

Would be nice to have variety for older kids and young kids
Slides
Please add a twirly slide! All the kids love them and there isn't any on new parks!
The swings are the most popular. The kids want to play 'the floor is lava' but the connections between areas can only be reached by older kids (7 and up).
It would be good to add a small area with a single basketball hoop similar to Woodborough Park.
Inclusive, platforms of varying heights to allow for multiple ages to access, slides, swings (saucer swings), monkey bars and mono rail in different heights for ability, NET CLIMBING structure as this allows for different ability, steering wheels to help with imaginative play. This park needs a larger footprint than it currently takes up to allow for more variety of items and space for kids to move and play about. Two benches for adults would be nice along with a form of shade over them to allow for shaded spots on hot days to keep sun breaks available



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for kids. Balance beam type structure, possibly a roller slide. Some natural materials such as large rocks and wood logs for climbing and play.
This area has lots of older kids, so having a few older activities like a climbing wall could include everyone.
I like that there are lots of trees for shade Would like to see a few more benches How about something to practice basketball Love the location
I like the green space beside the park and the seating that is available for parents to sit while the children play. I also like that there's many trees that provide a lot of shade during hot summer days.
Regarding Woodmark Cres SW; if the swings are removed, please replace with new swings. These are the most popular feature amongst young families in the neighborhood. <i>*Response originally entered in WBN 325 Survey, intended for WBN 427*</i>

Next Steps

Thank you for your time and input on the possible future of this park space. We will evaluate responses along with parks planning and budget availability to make our decisions which we will report back to you on this page prior to work commencing.



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Attachment:

How The Process Works

When evaluating the best possible use for playground space that is up for lifecycle, the following factors are considered: The City of Calgary currently manages and maintains over 1,100 playgrounds, with 408 playgrounds over 20 years of age. The City budgets \$1.2 million per year to replace 10 to 12 of these aging playgrounds.

1. Available footprint in conjunction with budget - what space is available to install/replace play structure.
2. Age-appropriate equipment - generally the 5-12 yrs range is targeted as being most widely usable (both in terms of range and functionality) but does require a larger footprint to be functional.
3. Proximity of other playgrounds in the area - benchmark goal for Calgary is 5 playgrounds for every 1,000 kids under 12.
4. Options for other opportunities - adult based play options, enhanced green space amenities (seating etc.), nature and naturalized options.
5. Demographics of the community - are the current spaces most suited to the entirety of the community.

Safety for park visitors is our first priority, and each playground is inspected seven times a year to ensure [Canada Safety Association](#) guidelines are met. Parks works with residents, community associations and other interested parties to discuss options prior to the lifecycle replacement.

*This work requires a minimum of 7 visits to each site on yearly basis.