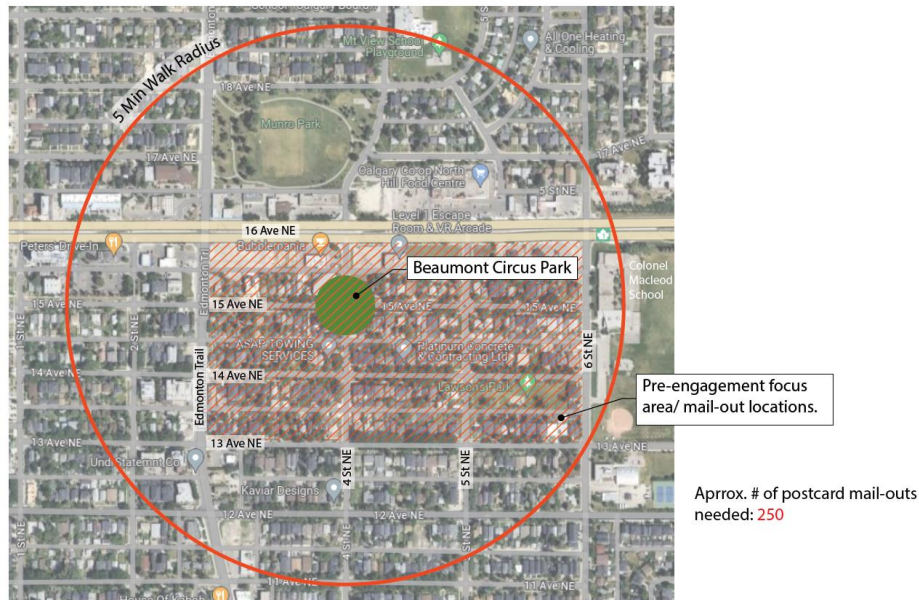


Pre-Engagement Overview

From August 22 to September 20, 2024, we connected with residents directly impacted through the [Beaumont Circus](#) online engagement portal page where the project summary, background, vision and FAQs were provided along with the online survey. Pre-engagement included outreach to direct residents, those who live in the immediate blocks or within a 1km radius of the park.

The following is a visual of the radius of the outreach:



Connecting with the Community Association

At the Renfrew Community Association meeting on August 27, 2024, the project team took the opportunity to introduce the project, ensure involvement and answer initial questions the CA members (in attendance) may have. A handout about the project including the Engagement timeline and QR code and portal page link was provided to the CA members to share with neighbours and community members.

The following are questions/comments by the CA members:

Related to Balmoral Circus:	• <i>Is Balmoral Circus fully complete?</i> • <i>Will there be a heritage aspect added to Balmoral</i> • <i>Is the intent to create something similar to Balmoral?</i>
Related to Beaumont Circus:	• <i>Any grants or anything special from residents?</i> • <i>This was in the North Hill plan as a recommendation</i> • <i>Not sure how many people use the space</i> • <i>Not only for us.. Could be for Crecent</i> • <i>Interesting to see</i> • <i>Seating. Might not be appropriate, too much cement</i> • <i>Nice to see greenspace</i> • <i>Residents where this space is right in their front yard, keep mindful of them</i> • <i>Would like to natural areas</i> • <i>Parking - restaurant strip mall, can get busy</i>

Communication and Marketing Activities Overview

The communication campaign for the Beaumont Circus pre-engagement ran from August 22 to September 20. Key activities included:

- **Email Notifications:** Email notifications were sent to inform the Ward 9 office and the Renfrew Community Association about the engagement opportunity.
- **Bold Signage:** Signs promoting the online engagement were placed at the following locations from August 22 to September 5:
 - North side of 13th Ave, east of 6th Street NE
 - East side of 4th St, south of 15th Ave, approximately 3 meters north of the mailboxes
- **Targeted Social Media Ads:** Ads were published on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor, specifically targeted within a 1 km radius of Beaumont Circus in the Renfrew community.

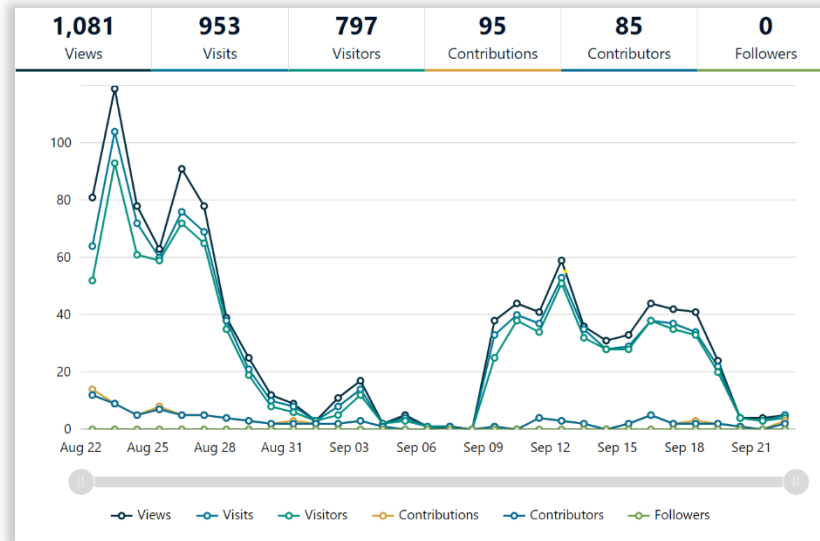
The campaign performed well, generating **57,132 impressions** and **674 link clicks**, despite being targeted within a limited area (a 1 km radius around Beaumont Circus). The sentiment was largely positive, particularly when considering reactions such as likes and loves. Some comments expressed concerns similar to those seen in other posts, regarding the prioritization of city spending on essential infrastructure over smaller projects.

- **Postcards:** Approximately 200 postcards were mailed to homes surrounding Beaumont Circus, coinciding with the launch of the engagement portal. These postcards included information about the engagement timeline, along with a QR code linking directly to the online survey.



Overall Online Survey Statistics

There were 953 visits to the online portal page for this project and 95 contributions made to the survey.



*Contributions = number of responses collected

*Visits = number of individuals actively browsing the page

What we asked

1. Can you tell us how you currently use this space? (open ended text response)
2. Please tell us what issues or concerns you may have with this current space? (open ended text response)
3. What type of design options you would support in this space? (select one or both)
 - Passive Space - design use would focus to casual use
 - Active Space - design use would support activity and events
4. Do you have any comments about the current space or ideas for the future space you would like to share with us? (open ended text response)
5. Are there any specific elements or activities you would like to see in the future public space? (open ended text response)

What we heard

The following is a summary of the comments received; responses have been categorized into overarching themes to provide a summary of what we heard. Supporting verbatim comments are provided (these are not altered for spelling or grammar and presented as received). Full verbatim of responses will be added to the end of the report or by clicking [here](#).

Shows the question type and response rate. Provided to show the number of responses the report is reflective of, meant to show distribution and not to seen as voting as comments/responses received could represent a mix of feedback.

1. Can you tell us how you currently use this space? (open ended text response)

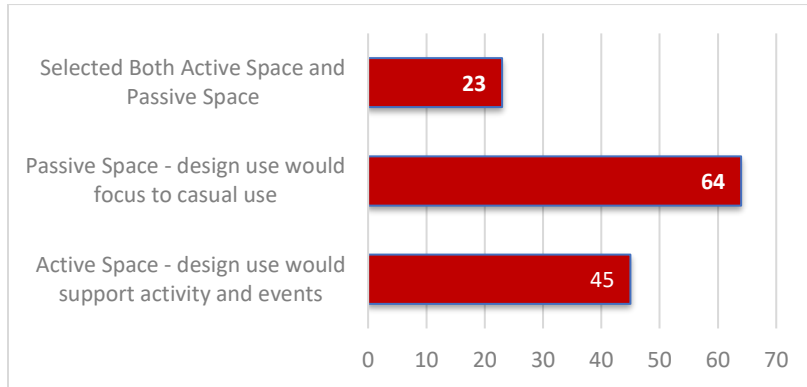
Theme	Supporting verbatim:
Don't use the space currently (17)	<i>We don't - it isn't very well connected to bike paths and we don't tend to cut through in a car either.</i> <i>I don't. It is a wide expanse that I sometimes walk through to get my mail.</i> <i>Never use the space because there is not much there and very close to 16th.</i>
To walk the dog (18)	<i>We walk our dog in the circus everyday.</i> <i>I often walk my dog down to the area and we walk the perimeter circle</i> <i>Walking our dog in the neighborhood - its a lovely space...</i>
To sit on the bench (12)	<i>I live in the area and use it to relax enjoy sit and walk through</i> <i>I have only utilized it once since living in the area (sat on a bench)</i> <i>It's always nice to see people sitting on the benches.</i>
To walk by/through (36)	<i>I walk through the space daily</i> <i>Just walk by</i> <i>Occassional walk through</i>
To bike through (5)	<i>Occasionally walk or bike through it.</i> <i>Cycle through on the streets to access the grocery store</i> <i>We bike and play in the space</i>
To drive through/around the traffic circle (15)	<i>Drive through it to get to 16 Ave</i> <i>I drive around this traffic circle every day and I always enjoy the pretty parks.</i> <i>... at most we walk and drive by it regularly.</i>
To use the park/green space (11)	<i>I always enjoy the pretty parks</i> <i>I enjoy driving through it and seeing the green space</i> <i>appreciate the nearby natural space that I see others use frequently.</i>
Play space for kids (7)	<i>Typically sit and play with my son in the park</i> <i>Use it for picnics and my 3 year old son likes to explore and play there.</i> <i>We bike and play in the space</i>
Eating space (6)	<i>I sometimes enjoy eating meals with friends here!</i> <i>Sitting on a bench to drink boba from Bubblemania</i> <i>I have used it to facilitate community events, picnics with neighbors...</i>
Additional theme(s) to note The hidden/secret path (curved sidewalk) Geocache Community activities (story walk)	<i>...its a lovely space with delightful hidden pathways and peaceful bench to sit and take break.</i> <i>My child used to run along the pathway on the SE corner near the house property as he thought it was a secret path; hidden behind shrubs.</i> <i>There is a bench that was used for a GeoCash. Only reason we come there is to sit on the bench while out for a walk</i> <i>I have used it to facilitate community events, picnics with neighbors, and I also did a story walk in the area</i>

2. Please tell us what issues or concerns you may have with this current space? (open ended text response)

Theme	Supporting verbatim:
No issues (10)	• <i>None, it's not utilized as a park and shouldn't be because of the traffic</i> • <i>No issues. But it does look bare and unused.</i>
Space is underutilized, unnoticed, neglected (18)	• <i>Unremarkable drive past it often and don't notice it.</i> • <i>Seems kinda neglected, could be more aesthetically pleasing</i> • <i>Not much to do or see</i> • <i>I don't frequent this park. Probably because it is just a green space and there are others closer to my home.</i>
Space feels unwelcoming/unattractive (10)	• <i>It is uninviting. A bench, a few trees, weeds. It does make for good line of sight for traffics coming from the side</i> • <i>Not pleasant place.</i> • <i>It isn't programmed in any way that makes you feel welcome to use it</i> • <i>Not a visually appealing space to hang out in.</i>
Space is used by unhoused to sleep overnight (encampment) (12)	• <i>Common area for homeless population for an extended stays/naps and occasionally overnight</i> • <i>Please nothing that encourages people to gather there, fire pits and benches where unhoused people will set up camps and make it unusable for anyone else.</i> • <i>Area occasionally used by homeless for sleep and/or drug use, with associated drug paraphernalia and garbage left behind.</i> • <i>Homeless people use it. My mailbox is there and last time a homeless woman screamed at me the entire time I got my mail.</i>
Safety concerns (7)	• <i>...ongoing traffic safety concern. Speeding vehicles shortcutting</i> • <i>...people injecting drugs and leaving syringes</i> • <i>People fly through this area with vehicles.</i> • <i>Not peaceful or safe space.</i>
Garbage concerns (11) Full From nearby restaurants No garbage bins	• <i>Full of weeds, garbage.</i> • <i>Garbage overflowing from nearby restaurant which could use an activated space</i> • <i>...people use street areas adjacent to park to eat their take-out lunches and drop garbage on street/grass areas.</i> • <i>litter from surrounding businesses</i> • <i>Garbage Cans - these garbage cans have limited capacity and will likely break soon.</i>
Parking concerns (8) Parking congestion from nearby restaurants Not enough parking for tenants	• <i>People park too close to the circle and prevent traffic from flowing through at all sometime from the north access.</i> • <i>A lot of people park on the street there when going to Bubblemania. It can be quite congested in the evenings.</i> • <i>The apartment on the NW section seems to not have enough parking for its tenants and they all park around the circus</i>

Parking concern during closure	<i>I would be concerned for parking if the circus is closed to traffic in the same manner Balmoral was closed.</i>
Bushes in the middle and weeds (8) Too high, can't see	<i>I see that the city has not maintained concrete planters in the middle of the road are overgrown with weeds.</i> <i>High bushes in the traffic circle are dangerous, can't see kids on the other side</i> <i>A bench, a few trees, weeds. It does make for good line of sight for traffics coming from the side, but vision is obscured ahead by the center bushes.</i>
Connection concerns (4) No bike route connection No pathway to sidewalk connection Needs to be more functional	<i>I wish the bike transition in to the road was better. It feels awkward.</i> <i>pathways are not very usable because they are in poor shape and unconnected to sidewalks.</i> <i>It certainly needs a bit more development to be more functional. As it stands right now, it might as well be more housing.</i>
Traffic concerns (15) The vehicle traffic The traffic circle	<i>Very close to Peters drive in means lots of vehicle traffic and noise</i> <i>Active vehicles so shouldn't be used for small children</i> <i>Not nice to hangout in with cars going by</i> <i>It was a mistake to put a traffic circle there. It should be removed, and turned back to an intersection with stop signs. The city was not listening to residents when they made the decision to put a traffic circle there in the first place.</i> <i>The traffic circle in the middle means that it is pretty much useless</i>
Additional theme(s) and comments to note Closure/construction concerns Gopher holes The heritage aspect is left out The placement of the road, separates the parks	<i>That residents bordering the space may have a sense of ownership.</i> <i>It should be removed, and turned back to an intersection with stop signs. The city was not listening to residents when they made the decision to put a traffic circle there in the first place.</i> <i>I would be concerned for parking if the circus is closed to traffic in the same manner Balmoral was closed.</i> <i>It has had a lot of Gopher damage with many holes around it</i> <i>As I understand it, the circus was used to turn trams in the good old days and Reader had an interest in creating lovely landscaping there. There is no indication of the heritage aspect of this location on site.</i> <i>The traffic circle in the middle means that it is pretty much useless, with all 4 sections divided from each other by a road. I didn't realize it was meant to be an entire park instead of 4 green spaces</i>

3. What type of design options you would support in this space? (select one or both)



Answer Choice	Count	Percent
Active Space - design use would support activity and events	45	52%
Passive Space - design use would focus to casual use	64	74%
Selected Both Active Space and Passive Space	23	27%

4. Do you have any comments about the current space or ideas for the future space you would like to share with us? (open ended text response)

Theme	Supporting verbatim:
Preserve hidden pathway /Fix pathway (7)	• <i>Preserve the character of the old pathways.</i> • <i>I would love to see the outer perimeter sidewalk be fully restored as it is nice to walk around the park.</i> • <i>Current space is not maintained well. Sidewalk of circle has degraded</i> • <i>The SE and SW quadrants have asphalt pathways that are narrow and severely degraded; it would be nice to see these improved and the plantings to highlight the circular shape.</i>
Seating (16)	• <i>Picnic benches would be helpful. More seating options as there is only 1 bench in each section.</i> • <i>...shaded seating</i> • <i>more seating such as picnic tables.</i> • <i>Not sure why the park benches have to be so recessed in the trees</i>
Landscaping (23)	• <i>I would like to see more thoughtful plantings and a more cohesive space.</i> • <i>Some native flowering plants would add some nice colour.</i> • <i>More plantings flowers, shrubs/ grasses with year-round color</i> • <i>I think nice trees, benches, flowers, a gazebo</i> • <i>I would love the use of non-grass lawn alternatives like thyme etc that did not require mowing/watering.</i>
Look to Balmoral Circus for ideas – close road (9)	• <i>Consider closing to traffic. Something similar to Balmoral Circus.</i> • <i>Consider closing it off (like with balmoral) to really delineate the space and encourage more human-scale use.</i> • <i>Either close it off to cars or make the centre of the traffic circle lower so it is not a blind spot for cars that can't see children/pedestrians</i>

Look to Balmoral Circus for ideas – keep road open (11)	<i>The new Balmoral Circus is now an eyesore. It was better before.</i> <i>I'm very concerned by the possibility of it being closed off to traffic like with Balmoral Circus. It is a well-used route and people drive calmly around the circle.</i> <i>Balmoral Circus took away road usage. Instead, city planning dept spent 1.2 million to have it sit empty. It is a non-usable space. That is why we have parks for people to use. By creating the Circus, you direct traffic so that it densifies.</i>
Community Garden (8)	<i>Could be neat to have spaces the public helps with - in Vancouver there's a "green streets" program where people can sign up to take care of a patch of garden in the city. Kind of a nice midpoint between community garden and city managed landscaping. Would love to see native plants there!</i> <i>Would like to see couple garden beds with natural flowers. But don't make it too grand, as it would attract too much traffic through the community. That or alternatively create a space for a community gardens.</i>
Leave it alone (5)	<i>Leave it alone and focus on real issues</i> <i>Its great as is and we don't have money for more. Leave it as it is.</i>
Needs a feature/Public Art (6)	<i>Erecting a sign explaining its history and significance could help make people appreciate how special it is.</i> <i>I think the space needs a feature that draws people to the park.</i> <i>Make the space more of a destination instead of a pass-through area. Add public art..</i> <i>It might be nice to have four different themes on the four quadrants. One has flowers, one has seating areas, one has an art installation etc.</i>
Games/Public Activities (5)	<i>All ages is really needed. We have plenty of playgrounds but something that facilitates all age uses would be helpful.</i> <i>It would be great to have some activities in the space</i>
Play equipment (10) (Playground/ Sand pit etc.)	<i>Add public art, seating, possibly play equipment</i> <i>It would be great if the space would have some kind of activity for kids, even something simple like a sandbox or a small climbing frame and slide.</i>
Sports Equipment (6) (Basketball court, soccer nets, ice rink, table tennis)	<i>...unique features for kids to climb on or ride bikes through, public activity such as table tennis etc (although maintaining games is difficult like at the Fly Over Park), tether ball, pump track for small kids (on strider bikes), community garden. A basketball court would bring people to this area. The new basketball court in Bridgeland has become a hub for people to hang out.</i> <i>Things to draw people to the space like a basketball court/community garden plot/mini skating zone.</i>
Garbage cans and Amenities (5)	<i>Make user friendly with trash cans, sunscreen dispenser, dog bag dispenser.</i> <i>With the nearby restaurants and liquor stores on 16th, that would encourage huge littering and late night partying.</i>
Additional theme(s) and comments to note	<i>Have residents take care of the space (Green Streets program like City of Vancouver)</i> <i>More lighting</i>

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Considered	• <i>NO picnic tables. With the nearby restaurants and liquor stores on 16th, that would encourage huge littering and late night partying.</i> • <i>Abandon project, spend money on something else</i> • <i>Highly concerned about structures that would allow for encampments, please do not include tables, benches, fire pits.</i>
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5. Are there any specific elements or activities you would like to see in the future public space? (open ended text response)

Theme	Supporting verbatim:
Dog Related (7) Garbage (dog waste disposal/more secure waste) Dog park/ activities	• <i>Spot for disposing of dog waste.</i> • <i>...more secure/maintained garbage facilities.</i> • <i>A fenced in dog park would be an amazing addition to an already lovely neighborhood!</i> • <i>Dog friendliness!</i>
Seating (14)	• <i>Moveable seating</i> • <i>Benches. Covid removed so much public seating in this city that has nice come back.</i> • <i>seating but maybe more natural (big rocks or logs),</i>
Ambience (19) Maintain character Maintain locations of pathways Conversation area Noise barrier Other to note:	• <i>Maintain character / locations of perimeter pathways.</i> • <i>As mentioned, for me, keep it a walking area - restore the outer ring sidewalk.</i> • <i>With density increasing with more people are walking and using space...</i> • <i>I would like to see some conversation areas and areas that may encourage a longer stay; I find that a fountain or a focal point in the park could encourage this. With nearby restaurants some seating could encourage staying</i> • <i>In the past I've heard of small parties but small events such as story time for children or holiday events may be fun.</i> • <i>Noise barrier on northeast segment to mitigate noise from 16th Ave</i> • <i>Seating, foliage, large trees that cut some of the sound from 16th ave</i> • <i>Moveable seating</i> • <i>better ambient lighting</i> • <i>table rental</i>

Eating area (9)	• <i>Maybe a picnic area.</i> • <i>Picnic tables</i> • <i>Picnic tables and shaded area</i> • <i>A nice area for picnics and relaxing would be great.</i>
Children Related Activities (15) Playground Safe space (for kids, from vehicles) Other to consider:	• <i>A simple park - with lots of benches- slides, swings etc. for families to enjoy</i> • <i>A natural playground, with mulch. Flowers, seats, water fountain</i> • <i>Space to gather and connect and let kids run around without worrying about cars is always nice. More of that everywhere, please.</i> • <i>Safe area for kids to play.</i> • <i>...open space play areas for children of all ages</i> • <i>In the past I've heard of small parties but small events such as story time for children or holiday events may be fun.</i> • <i>nature playground, picnic tables, road painted hopscotch, tether balls, heck even a basketball court would be well utilized</i>
Space to gather (10)	• <i>Fire pits, picnic tables, interactive art, community space</i> • <i>Make it so there is some for young families to do & make it beautiful.</i> • <i>Invite people into the space - it is not really clear that you can use it</i> • <i>It would be lovely to see a little gazebo for live music. I also think it would be cool to have opportunities for local food vendors to sell in some way (ice cream or coffee bikes?)</i>
Sport Related (10) Workout equipment Sports and equipment Other:	• <i>Such as outdoor gym equipment</i> • <i>Fitness equipment</i> • <i>road painted hopscotch, tether balls, heck even a basketball court would be well utilized</i> • <i>skate park</i> • <i>basketball</i> • <i>Parkour</i> • <i>Beach-sand volleyball court</i> • <i>Bike repair station</i>
Nature/Landscaping (32) Landscaping (trees, bushes, plants, flowers) Public Garden	• <i>native plant landscaping in the roundabout</i> • <i>Natural playground</i> • <i>More flowers</i> • <i>Drought resilient landscaping, moveable furniture, play elements, something to make the space inviting but also a bit surprising.</i> • <i>fruit-bearing trees (mini urban orchard)</i>

Pollinators garden	• <i>Public garden space would be nice.</i> • <i>Botanical gardens</i> • <i>Nice native plants for pollinators</i> • <i>Garden beds with bee-friendly and local flowers</i>
Programming/Events (11) Unsafe/uncertain about use/programming Events/Markets Small stage Local vendors	• <i>No. It is not realistic to use it as a 'park' because it's centered around a traffic circle and it would be unsafe to expect it to be used for activities</i> • <i>Invite people into the space - it is not really clear that you can use it</i> • <i>Most people still drive no matter how hard you try to change us. And I'm a bike rider</i> • <i>farmers markets or art markets</i> • <i>Area to host small festivals (food trucks + local artisans and artists)</i> • <i>small parties but small events such as story time for children or holiday events may be fun.</i> • <i>A small stage (perhaps partially enclosed by trees that follow the curve of the circus). Please ask the students at Col Macleod for their suggestions too.</i> • <i>local food vendors to sell in some way (ice cream or coffee bikes?)</i> • <i>Coffee shop would be fantastic!</i>
Special Feature (14) Public Art Water feature/Water fountain Monument/ signage	• <i>interactive art</i> • <i>Sculpture, art piece or monument centre of circle for visual interest</i> • <i>landscaping, moveable furniture, play elements,</i> • <i>I would like to see some conversation areas and areas that may encourage a longer stay; I find that a fountain or a focal point in the park could encourage this</i> • <i>Consider water adding in a water fountain</i> • <i>water feature/splash</i> • <i>... monument centre of circle for visual interest</i> • <i>maybe a circular shape to help people to engage with each other. Maybe a historical plaque, if there isn't already.</i>
Additional theme(s) and comments to note Ability to drive through	• <i>... I do love the active community space that Bridgeland has and would love to see something like that too.</i> • <i>Please ask the students at Col Macleod for their suggestions too.</i> • <i>The ability to drive a car through that intersection without dealing with a traffic circle.</i>



Next Steps

Spring 2025 (Stage 1 Public Engagement):

We'll show the public two possible designs for the space and ask for their thoughts. After that, we'll share a report on what we heard.

Verbatim

Any personal identifying information, comments or portions of comments that contained profanity, or that are not in compliance with The [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have been edited with removed words indicated as "[removed]". Most of the edits are due to violations the participation rule by using terms that can be discriminatory of people's gender, race, religion, culture, sexual preference, appearance, background or housing status. No other edits have been made to people's comments.

1. Can you tell us how you currently use this space? (open-ended text response)

Walking our dog in the neighborhood - it's a lovely space with delightful hidden pathways and peaceful bench to sit and take break.
I often walk my dog down to the area and we walk the perimeter circle, have a short sit on a bench then head home. We live about 7 blocks away.
I walk through the space daily
Just walk by.
Bike through it
I drive around this traffic circle every day and I always enjoy the pretty parks. My kids used it when they were little, especially enjoying the "secret paths" running around the perimeter. It's always nice to see people sitting on the benches.
Passing through walking
We don't - it isn't very well connected to bike paths and we don't tend to cut through in a car either.
Sitting on bench
Great for a destination, commuting through and community engagement activities.
Occasionally walk or bike through it. When we lived closer to it, we would play in the open space and along the "secret paths" that go around 3/4 of the circus. It's pretty but not used much.
I sometimes enjoy eating meals with friends here!
We bike and play in the space
Drive through it
I don't
Walk by
Drive through it to get to 16 Ave
I only enjoy it as I'm passing by on a dog walk or going to the grocery store
I don't.
I walk through every couple of days to run errands. I also drive through it to get home.
I don't use this park.
I enjoy driving through it and seeing the green space
Don't use it
I have used it to facilitate community events, picnics with neighbors, and I also did a story walk in the area
Don't currently really use the space
Dog walking, enjoyment of plantings/nature
Walking
Use the road for driving on

I walk my dog through the SE quadrant
Occassional walk through
Walking the dog
Pass through
Walk dog and soccer with kids
Walk/run through it
Walk through
Typically sit and play with my son in the park. He also enjoys walking around the pathway although it does need repair.
Use it for picnics and my 3 year old son likes to explore and play there.
Not at all
At the moment, I don't. I live close by and if reimagined and closed off to cars, I would be there all the time.
Just walk by
I am supplying my comments as a Director on the Board of the Renfrew Community Association and am not a direct resident of that area. My comments will be very general at this time.
Drive through it only
I just drive through it, or walk by
Not used much, only using the sidewalks to go from the bus on 16 Ave to home
I live a block away. I have only utilized it once since living in the area (sat on a bench)
Like to go for daily walks - each day pick a different bench to sit on depending on the sun
Bike through occasionally
I rarely do
We go for walks through this area
I walk through it with my dog.
Mostly as a walk through, although I will sometimes explore the circular path that goes along the back of the pie-pieces of the park.
Sitting on a bench to drink boba from Bubblemania
I walk through it
I drive by occasionally.
Currently I don't use this space. But do like walking by here
I live in the area and use it to relax enjoy sit and walk through
I drive through the roundabout on the way to the grocery store.
Walk along the old-curved sidewalks
I currently drive through that intersection, and I currently use that park
Not at all
Cycle through on the streets to access the grocery store
We walk our dog in the circus everyday. The NE section has a lot of gophers and our dog loves to snip each hole thoroughly. The SE section has a bench and is nicely shaded. It's a great place to read a book.

Walk dog, drive through the traffic circle
I don't. I live down the street for over 15 year and never use it. See next answer
Living close, I do not use the park much at all (other than walking through it daily to get mail), but appreciate the nearby natural space that I see others use frequently.
I don't really use it ever.
Walk through it
Walk through it from time to time, but only as a thoroughfare. Drive through it as well.
I live down the street and currently go to this space to sit on the benches and sometimes to kick a ball around with my child. We also did the story walk in this park.
Picnics, walks, dog walks
Dog walking and appreciating the vegetation (trees) and small wildlife (birds, squirrels, rabbits etc) that frequent the space
Walk the dog
Pass through
Usually bike or walk through it on the way to grocery store
I own a townhouse right behind the park
I don't. It is a wide expanse that I sometimes walk through to get my mail.
I live a few houses down. Walk through a lot
Occasionally sit on the bench, but not much to look at or do.
I walk past it on my way to and from work
Dog walk
Never use the space because there is not much there and very close to 16th.
Playing with my dog. Relaxing
Sit on benches as break from our daily walks
Picnics, dog walks, hanging out.
There is a bench that was used for a <u>GeoCash</u> . Only reason we come there is to sit on the bench while out for a walk. My child used to run along the pathway on the SE corner near the house property as he thought it was a secret path; hidden behind shrubs.
Very minimally, at most we walk and drive by it regularly.
I don't
Walk the dog
Walk through daily, often play with my dog in it.

2. Please tell us what issues or concerns you may have with this current space? (open ended text response)

It is getting old and some pathways are in disrepair, gopher holes in one section and it is looking at little neglected (on some sections more than others).
I would be concerned to see it go away.
Currently there is some overnight sleeping in the space by unhoused people. There is also use of the space for parking and some users leave take out garbage on the road and in the park
Bushes in the middle can impede vision when using the circle

I'm fine with it the way it is. I appreciate the city keeping up with grass mowing and snow removal. I believe they've added mulch to the gardens. \$2.6M is way too much to spend on this project! Undoubtedly, these funds could be used elsewhere.
Unsure of safety
None really - we love Balmoral Circus, but this one is just a bit different since it doesn't connect to any bike routes.
Vagrants sometimes sleep in the park and litter
Garbage Cans - these garbage cans have limited capacity and will likely break soon. HB1s should be a standard for all parks. I wish the bike transition in to the road was better. It feels awkward.
There's lots of space that we could use more. The road in the middle separates the parks from each other and makes it more difficult for people to enjoy the whole space. The park benches face a roundabout so you can sit and watch people drive.
It would be nice to have picnic tables or something similar to eat at.
Stop spending more money the city doesn't have on this space.
Too slow
Unremarkable drive past it often and don't notice it.
None, it's not utilized as a park and shouldn't be because of the traffic
The unhoused using it
Underutilization
No issues. But it does look bare and unused.
pathways are not very usable because they are in poor shape and unconnected to sidewalks. It also doesn't feel very welcoming.
I don't frequent this park. Probably because it is just a green space and there are others closer to my home.
I like it the way it is
Under used
It is under utilized
No concerns
Garbage, few places to sit, no activities for families. Then please come and do the park on 14th ave between 5th and 6th street next, all these same reasons
There are more important things to be improved in Renfrew
No issues
The traffic circle in the middle means that it is pretty much useless, with all 4 sections divided from each other by a road. I didn't realize it was meant to be an entire park instead of 4 green spaces
That residents bordering the space may have a sense of ownership. Also the 4 areas don't seem to have a cohesive connection.
Homeless encampment set up in this space
Overnight homeless camping
Common area for homeless population for an extended stays/naps and occasionally overnight
A space for tents to be set up
Underutilized
Currently the path is in bad shape and could benefit from being repaired to make it easier to walk around.
I wish there were more seating options. Also perhaps more intentional greenery/florals.

Not pleasant place.
I appreciate the roundabout as I believe that's better than a four way stop or other options but I would prefer no cars at all.
As I understand it, the circus was used to turn trams in the good old days and Reader had an interest in creating lovely landscaping there. There is no indication of the heritage aspect of this location on site.
Traffic
Safety and cleanliness of the space
Full of weeds, garbage. Sometimes people injecting drugs and leaving syringes. Lots of cars from Bubblemania.
Not really a concern but an observation. It is already a busy area. A lot of people park on the street there when going to Bubblemania. It can be quite congested in the evenings.
Always thought this was a perfect spot to build a 4- plex on each corner
I like Balmoral Circus - would be great to have something similar
None
Very close to Peters drive in means lots of vehicle traffic and noise
Please nothing that encourages people to gather there, fire pits and benches where unhoused people will set up camps and make it unusable for anyone else.
It represents a failure of imagination in its current state - it has no options for play or programming, and it is neglected.
Traffic moves quickly through
Not particularly pedestrian/child friendly
Under used space that has better potential to be a natural garden.
No it does not need to have anyone money spent. Focus on major infrastructure like water and roads and potholes and making the city enjoyable safe and working.
N/A
It was a mistake to put a traffic circle there. It should be removed, and turned back to an intersection with stop signs. The city was not listening to residents when they made the decision to put a traffic circle there in the first place.
It's never used, except occasionally as an overnight sleeping spot by some people without shelter
The current green space is lacking character. Rarely is anyone using the space. I'd love to see benches/tables for sitting and flowers for enjoyment.
The apartment on the NW section seems to not have enough parking for its tenants and they all park around the circus. I would be concerned for parking if the circus is closed to traffic in the same manner Balmoral was closed.
High bushes in the traffic circle are dangerous, can't see kids on the other side
Homeless people use it. My mailbox is there and last time a homeless woman screamed at me the entire time I got my mail. Also a main traffic route as many use 15 ave to cut through and park when visiting businesses on 16 ave. Not peaceful or safe space.

Area occasionally used by homeless for sleep and/or drug use, with associated drug paraphernalia and garbage left behind. Also people use street areas adjacent to park to eat their take-out lunches and drop garbage on street/grass areas.
It's too far as it is located on the edge of the community, close to busy roadways like 16 Ave and Edmonton trail.
It isn't programmed in any way that makes you feel welcome to use it
People fly through this area with vehicles. People park too close to the circle and prevent traffic from flowing through at all some times from the north access.
Currently extremely underutilized. Garbage overflowing from nearby restaurant which could use an activated space. Lots of gopher holes too!
Fast traffic around circle. Lack of use and activation.
Garbage/litter (there are no garbage bins and lots of fast food businesses close by so eat and toss, generally from parked vehicles, is an ongoing concern. The roundabout is unattractive and an ongoing traffic safety concern. Speeding vehicles shrtcuttig
Canadians don't know how to use roundabouts
I've always wondered why it was created like this and when Balmoral was done I was hoping this would be next.
Not nice to hangout in with cars going by
It has had a lot of Gopher damage with many holes around it, lots of litter from surrounding businesses, it's too dark at night
It is uninviting. A bench, a few trees, weeds. It does make for good line of sight for traffics coming from the side, but vision is obscured ahead by the center bushes.
Seems kinda neglected, could be more aestheticallypleasing
Not a visually appealing space to hang out in.
Not much to do or see
None
Lots of homeless people camp out there
It is underplanted. It would be great to see the city add some fruit bearing trees to match the rest of the community and attract wildlife.
Active vehicles so shouldn't be used for small children
N/A
It isn't utilized. Limited seating. No real reason to come here. If we want a green space to play, we go to the Park just east on 14 Ave and 5St.
It certainly needs a bit more development to be more functional. As it stands right now, it might as well be more housing.
My concern is that the space will be maintained properly. It would be nice to have a nice garden to visit. I see that the city has not maintained concrete planters in the middle of the road are overgrown with weeds.
No issues
Lack of tables, lack of flowers and color, traffic can be busy, sometimes has rough sleepers in it.

4. Do you have any comments about the current space or ideas for the future space you would like to share with us? (open ended text response)

Preserve the character of the old pathways. Keep the bench (es). Ensure it is a peaceful neighbourhood spot.
I would love to see the outer perimeter sidewalk be fully restored as it is nice to walk around the park.
I do feel though that the residents immediately impacted - those who live within a block of the park, should have the biggest input. My thoughts and suggestions should be secondary.
I would like to see more thoughtful plantings and a more cohesive space. The SE and SW quadrants have asphalt pathways that are narrow and severely degraded; it would be nice to see these improved and the plantings to highlight the circular shape.
Want nice plants/trees and pathways. But only if there is budget to maintain it in the future!
Current space is not maintained well. Sidewalk of circle has degraded. Love the Balmoral Circus Park. Something similar would limit traffic from 16 Ave, which would be good. I don't think the limiting of through traffic here would be incentivize drivers to move to 14 Ave to avoid congestion.
I'm very concerned by the possibility of it being closed off to traffic like with Balmoral Circus. It is a well used route and people drive calmly around the circle. We in Renfrew are proud to have one of only two circuses in the city! Erecting a sign explaining its history and significance could help make people appreciate how special it is. Some native flowering plants would add some nice colour. It is the NW corner of the neighbourhood, so unlikely it is used/accessed by most of Renfrew.
Make it feel more inviting.
Fix walkways and deal With gopher problem
Provide incentives for using this space. Free permits for community association events for the neighboring communities.
As backyards get smaller (or non-existent), it would be wise to turn our spaces into places. Active space and passive space could be useful. There may be some concerns about parking because the street along the park often has available parking spots, but closing the streets that intersect the park is still the right move.
Could be neat to have spaces the public helps with - in Vancouver there's a "green streets" program where people can sign up to take care of a patch of garden in the city. Kind of a nice midpoint between community garden and city managed landscaping. Would love to see native plants there!
Its great as is and we don't have money for more. Leave it as it is.
Want to ise the same
Don't overspend. It's just grass surrounding a traffic circle. It could perhaps have a bit more plant life or sprucing up but does not need to be used as a park because it's mainly just an intersection
I feel if blocking traffic it may make it less safe.
Community garden and shaded seating

Currently, the roads around it are used mainly for parking for the businesses on 16th and neighborhood traffic. It would be great to retain some of that parking, but I would value a public space more than less congested parking. It is also poorly lit at night.
I think the space needs a feature that draws people to the park.
The new Balmoral Circus is now an eyesore. It was better before. I truly hope that another homeless hangout is not created. I'd like to see more greenery like flowers or bushes but otherwise keep it the way it is with cars utilizing a nice green area to drive through.
All ages is really needed. We have plenty of playgrounds but something that facilitates all age uses would be helpful. Picnic tables, picnic shelter, games (paint chess boards on the picnic table even - horse shoes, etc).
Would love to have it become a more active and usable space!
More plantings flowers, shrubs/ grasses with year round color, places to sit, small piece of public art with light perhaps
The traffic circle on 8 ave ne is a dangerous eyesore and needs to be improved rather than this one
Balmoral Circus took away road usage. Instead city planning dept spent 1.2 million to have it sit empty. It is a non usable space. That is why we have parks for people to use. By creating the Circus you direct traffic so that it densifies.
If the road/traffic circle remains, then having something interesting on each quadrant would make it used more. Perhaps a community garden or perennial garden in one section; picnic tables and small fire pits in another; water feature or splash park in another; and sculpture or art pieces in another. If road is closed and park connected, a walking loop would be lovely as would a central water feature
I would like to see a continuous vision for all 4 sections to emphasize the "oneness" of the space.
A dog park would be nice
Lots of flora. Benches to sit.
Design and lighting selection should deter drug use and overnight stays
Make the space more of a destination instead of a pass-through area. Add public art, seating, possibly play equipment. Consider closing to traffic. Something similar to Balmoral Circus.
A neighbor told me that he thought the entire corner would be blocked off to traffic ? I hope he is wrong as I live on 14 Ave. and our traffic would multiply leaps and bounds . My understanding was that one or two of these quadrants would be improved for park activities- leaving a place for cars to proceed to either Edmonton Trail or # 16 road-Trans. Canada . We already have lots of park space in this area and school yards with plenty of land for activities Thank you
Some ideas would be to repair the pathway, put some sort of play area for children and more seating such as picnic tables.
It would be great if the space would have some kind of activity for kids, even something simple like a sandbox or a small climbing frame and slide. Picnic benches would be helpful. More seating options as there is only 1 bench in each section.
Circular basketball court like at Murdoch park in Bridgeland. A place for sports due to high density apartments along 16 Ave being built. Kids need a place to be active.

I think nice trees, benches, flowers, a gazebo, and bike parking would be perfect.
I would like to see this space honor/commemorate the heritage aspect in some significant way. What this will be depends on how the park will be structured. There is a great deal of development in Renfrew which results in extraordinary loss of trees and an overabundance of ugly concrete. Lets put more nature, more trees, less roads and pathways in this space to offset the loss.
I would hesitate to use it for recreation because of the car traffic. We have better, safer parks nearby
I think having a nice park walkable from 16ave shops and restaurants or cafes is great. We need more destinations for families to walk to in renfrew.
Would love to see it actively used. Basketball hoops, or soccer nets, or ice skating in the winter. Passive use would likely result in weeds, garbage and drug use.
I have noticed people sleeping in the park early in the mornings on my way to work.
Not against the park idea EXCEPT please no skateboard ramp or basketball nets and no lights I live just around the corner and the thought of pounding basketballs or skateboards clanging is incredibly stressing
Playground please? Also benches?
I guess something different than other green spaces we already have. Maybe a pizza oven?
We really love the transformation at Balmoral Circus. The concept of a third place type of gathering space would make this space very useful for community members
Highly concerned about structures that would allow for encampments, please do not include tables, benches, fire pits.
Four parcels/corners could be four uses - maybe a rain swaps garden on one part, raised planters on another, a bbal court and finally a plaza for gathering and engaging. Consider closing it off (like with balmoral) to really delineate the space and encourage more human-scale use.
Relaxing, calm, peaceful space.
Wild plants that kids can touch
Please get aggressive with traffic calming measures and prioritize the experience of people outside of cars. Speed bumps, narrow car lanes, 15kph limits and speed cameras, foam bricks for pedestrians to carry and intimidate drivers with, whatever works.
Would like to see couple garden beds with natural flowers. But don't make it too grand, as it would attract too much traffic through the community. That or alternatively create a space for a community gardens.
Leave it alone and focus on real issues
I would love to see a native pollinator garden
Little concrete, much green. Balmoral circus is nice but I would prefer less hardscape and more green in Beaumont Circus.

Stop doing these things that are a waste of taxpayers money. I am directly impacted by Balmoral Circus. Unfortunately I do not recall getting any say in that project. Not only have you blocked primary routes (causing me to use more gas in my car) but it's a wasted space no one uses. Had you at least put a tot lot with slide and monkeybars/swing i would be onside. But seriously I drive by there everyday and it is not being used.
Don't do it. Don't turn this into a park. The traffic circle was a mistake. Between that, and all the numerous screwups of city council such as mismanagement of COVID, an inability to deliver drinking water, and your fake climate emergency, you really have no credibility anymore. Just stop. Resign. What's more, when I look at the results of your consultation on Balmoral Circus, you aren't listening to residents. We don't want this.
Community garden. Exercise equipment. Fruit trees.
Would love meandering walking paths through flower gardens. Inviting places to sit/eat. Things to draw people to the space like a basketball court/community garden plot/mini skating zone. Make user friendly with trash cans, sunscreen dispenser, dog bag dispenser. I would love the use of non-grass lawn alternatives like thyme etc that did not require mowing/watering.
Due to future apartment construction that will ultimately be built on 16 Ave NE, I think it'll be important to leave the circus driveable by cars as closing it wouldn't help this location. I really love how Balmoral was closed to cars as this made a lot of sense with 2 St NW being a bike route. I'm a cyclist but I'm also a logical person and I don't think Beaumont should be closed to cars.
Either close it off to cars or make the centre of the traffic circle lower so it is not a blind spot for cars that can't see children/pedestrians. As for the park space, wildflower gardens would be lovely and attract pollinators
If you want it quiet, you need to close off access northbound 4 St NE at 16 Ave. It appears that there is funding so plant! Keep it green. Plant more trees or bushes on north side of the NE quadrant to block out the ugly empty lot. Not sure why the park benches have to be so recessed in the trees. There is a homeless reality and not that they hang out but leave garbage behind. How do we report for someone to clean up? there is a reality that you are close to 16 Ave (noisy)/busy.
Associated traffic/parking are critical to consider. Existing park layout is functional, but it needs modernized (new sidewalk/paths, landscaping, better lighting options). Looking at Balmoral Circus upgrade, I like the modernity of it with nicely landscaped areas, flower beds etc., although I do not find the large asphalt and concrete open areas appealing. Need more details on closing of roads/parking, but traffic currently not an issue (other than occasional shortcutting/speeding on 15 Ave).
This space should be a natural oasis in an otherwise more urbanizing area of our community
Expand the soze of the traffic circle so the outter ring of the current curb was the inner curb of a new road and create an island park in the middle. Parking within 20 meters of the circle should be disallowed, especially on the north side.
I would love to see the space act as a modal filter into the neighbourhood, reducing cuthrough traffic. Having usage option, <i>like what Balmoral circus received</i>, would be great. A mix of passive seating, etc and space activations. A mini stage could also be useful?

Consider closing the space to cars.
More and better maintenance, garbage bins, additional benches/ seating
It would be great if this was a park
Park space, maybe some casual activity but not organized sport or anything.
Close to cars like Balmoral Circus
Nicer and more benches. More trees and flowers. Walkways in addition to the existing ones that follow the existing curve by the adjoining properties. NO picnic tables. With the nearby restaurants and liquor stores on 16th, that would encourage huge littering and late night partying.
Bocce court, public art displays, historical interpretive placards, community functions, could apply to block traffic to use for community events
It might be nice to have four different themes on the four quadrants. One has flowers, one has seating areas, one has an art installation etc.
Having a sign to denote it as a park might be good. I had no idea it was meant to be a park and was wondering why there was all that green space.
Playground, community garden.
I would love to see one quarter of the greenspace sections turned into a fenced off leash dog park. So many dogs love this space and it would wonderful for them to have a safer place to play together and support a community of dog lovers.
I don't see why it should cost over \$2M to improve this location that already supports adequately it's primary function and intent
I would really like to see one quarter turned into a fenced in off leash space for our pups!
The area needs something to attract visitors besides benches. Gardens, unique features for kids to climb on or ride bikes through, public activity such as table tennis etc (although maintaining games is difficult like at the Fly Over Park), tether ball, pump track for small kids (on strider bikes), community garden. A basketball court would bring people to this area. The new basketball court in Bridgeland has become a hub for people to hang out.
It would be great to have some activities in the space, or at the very least, some nice garden beds or a bit more seating of some kind to make it more desirable to hang out there.
It could be much better, I know there are gophers inhabiting the area now.
No
Underused and under appreciated.

5. Are there any specific elements or activities you would like to see in the future public space? (open ended text response)

Bench(es). Spot for disposing of dog waste. Maintain character / locations of perimeter pathways.
As mentioned, for me, keep it a walking area - restore the outer ring sidewalk.
I would like to see some conversation areas and areas that may encourage a longer stay; I find that a fountain or a focal point in the park could encourage this. With nearby restaurants some seating could encourage staying

The little parks are each big enough that people can arrange small gatherings on their own. I don't see Renfrew organizing large events here, so joining all of the area is probably not the best use of time and money. Thank you for consulting us!
Space to gather and connect and let kids run around without worrying about cars is always nice. More of that everywhere, please.
Workout equipment
Consider water adding in a water fountain, bike repair or fitness equipment
At least one firepit! Moveable seating. More trees. More plants. A playground. A small stage (perhaps partially enclosed by trees that follow the curve of the circus). Please ask the students at Col Macleod for their suggestions too.
Picnic tables, farmers markets or art markets, bicycle repair stations/air pumps, something for kids?
No more money spent.
Drive
Area to host small festivals (food trucks + local artisans and artists). Lots of plants, flowers, green space. Maybe a picnic area.
No. It is not realistic to use it as a 'park' because it's centered around a traffic circle and it would be unsafe to expect it to be used for activities
Playground, picnic tables
Invite people into the space - it is not really clear that you can use it
Pathway around the outside, native plant landscaping in the roundabout, retention of some road or pathway for active transport if the roads are closed to vehicle traffic. Safe area for kids to play.
Same as it is
Mixed use - nature playground, picnic tables, road painted hopscotch, tether balls, heck even a basketball court would be well utilized
Fire pits, picnic tables, interactive art, community space
With density increasing with more people are walking and using space would deter houseless people for hanging out. Make it so there is some for young families to do & make it beautiful.
Not changed. The City Planners have to stop making our road systems worse. Most people still drive no matter how hard you try to change us. And I'm a bike rider
Picnic tables and shaded areas; fruit-bearing trees (mini urban orchard); water feature/splash park; public restrooms
An area for dogs
Sculpture, art piece or monument centre of circle for visual interest
Skate park, garden, fire pits

In the past I've heard of small parties but small events such as story time for children or holiday events may be fun.
It's a beautiful peaceful spot and with a few upgrades it could really enhance the neighbourhood. It is a nice reprieve from the business of 16th and Edmonton Trail. Landscaping it further would be nice to see. Make it more family friendly.
Basketball for the community.
It would be lovely to see a little gazebo for live music. I also think it would be cool to have opportunities for local food vendors to sell in some way (ice cream or coffee bikes?)
Noise barrier on northeast segment to mitigate noise from 16th Ave; Pollinator garden
Whatever is decided, the impact on the immediate neighbors should be heavily weighed. Compared to the Balmoral Circus development, which is lovely and undoubtedly reflects the wants of that neighborhood, a smaller seating area(s) would be more appropriate
A natural playground, with mulch. Flowers, seats, water fountain
Something kids can use to be active and play outside.
A simple park - with lots of benches- slides , swings etc. for families to enjoy
Parkour? Cool gardens?
Seating, open space play areas for children of all ages, greenery
Dog park
Drought resilient landscaping, moveable furniture, play elements, something to make the space inviting but also a bit surprising. Thank you for doing this! Mainly, we need people in the space, so whatever that looks like :)
Fruit trees
Would be nice to have something active in the corner. Such as outdoor gym equipment. Or perhaps a beach-sand volley ball court.
No
A nice area for picnics and relaxing would be great. But I do love the active community space that Bridgeland has and would love to see something like that too.
Pollinator gardens, shade for walking and sitting,
The ability to drive a car through that intersection without dealing with a traffic circle.
Super mega floral spaces - 4 independently designed gardens in each quadrant
I think you folks are doing a great job to make Calgary a better city.
It is too small for an active space but
Upgraded (new/wider) circular sidewalks, better ambient lighting, nicer landscaping, trees, flower/grass beds, benches and more secure/maintained garbage facilities.

Flowers and biodiveristy
Seating, foliage, large trees that cut some of the sound from 16th ave. Coming into the circus should transport you to another world off of the main road.
Public garden space would be nice. Perhaps a BBQ pit and/or outdoor seating that could be used by overflow restaurant patrons?
Artwork/natural items of interest or aesthetic appeal; a small water feature, native vegetation (grasses)
Nice native plants for pollinators
Benches. Covid removed so much public seating in this city that has nice come back.
It should not encourage noisy activities but rather invite people to sit back and relax.
Flowers and more comfortable seating
A fenced in dog park would be an amazing addition to an already lovely neighborhood!
A tree planted that ensures shade during hot summer day's sitting on the bench
Dog friendliness!
Coffee shop would be fantastic!
Garden beds with bee-friendly and local flowers, seating but maybe more natural (big rocks or logs), maybe a circular shape to help people to engage with each other. Maybe a historical plaque, if there isn't already.
Botanical gardens
Hope we can continue walk our dogs after updates
More flowers, some picnic tables, a fire pit, table rental