

Tomorrow's Chinatown

Phase One: DISCOVER

LAP Stakeholder Report Back – Highlights

Phase one engagement for the new Chinatown Local Area Plan (LAP) occurred from June 8 to September 14, 2020 and focused on obtaining a better understanding of the local area and the Chinatown community.

In phase one of engagement, Discover, we looked to:

- Educate citizens about the importance of cultural planning and redevelopment
- Ignite interest and create familiarity with the project
- Increase awareness about what local area planning is and The City's planning process
- Examine all the factors that drive the community and make it unique, including its unique values, strengths, weaknesses, and hopes for the future
- Encourage Advisory Group applications and nomination, and recruit the project's Advisory Group
- Gain a better understanding of the local area and citizen's values, aspirations, concerns and viewpoints

What did we hear throughout engagement?

A number of key themes and areas of opportunity emerged from our engagement in phase one.

1. Citizens love the distinct or unique experience realized through the built-form, architecture and streetscape.
2. Citizens love the geographic location of Chinatown. (Proximity to downtown and the Bow River)
3. Citizens love the Chinese, Asian, and Pan-Asian culture, history, sense of community and social connection.
4. Citizens love the variety and availability of different goods and services in the community.
5. Citizens find parking to be a challenge in the Chinatown area. Specifically, citizens find parking expensive and difficult to find in Chinatown.
6. Citizens find traffic in the Chinatown area to be a challenge.
7. Citizens feel that it is important to preserve the historic significance of Chinatown.
8. Citizens report that public infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, lighting, public restrooms, are needed in Chinatown and impact the perceived and real safety of Chinatown.
9. Citizens would like Chinatown to become a destination community that helps to attract younger generations.
10. Citizens hope for diverse, sustainable, and locally owned and operated businesses in Chinatown.
11. Citizens hope for a diverse selection of housing options in the area.
12. Citizens hope there will be spaces for recreation and cultural activities and events.
13. Citizens hope for more affordable housing options in the Chinatown area.
14. Citizens fear Chinatown's historic roots and long-lasting culture will disappear.
15. Citizens fear the loss of cultural identity and history in the Chinatown area.
16. Citizens fear the future development of Chinatown will not take into consideration the unique character of the area.
17. Citizens perceive that under-development and/or lack of appropriate development will have negative impacts on the community.



Who we reached

6,000+ people visited the calgary.ca/Chinatown webpage.

1,200+ surveys filled out with **1,300+** individual contributions

760+ comments on social media.

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