

Verbatim Comments

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Is there anything important that we missed in the vision? (Optional)

This is an important area for people to recreate and enjoy nature and the great outdoors without having to travel to the mountains. It only recently became protected. It was only recently that the archeological and historical aspects became important. What about honouring today's culture? What about honouring the current uses? Nobody cared about the past when all of the current and past developments occurred. Furthermore, there were illegal trails in the past now all of a sudden there is?
So yes, there is a huge hole in the vision - protecting what's important to everyone who currently uses the park. So many people have said "leave it the way it is" yet that sentiment and wish has been omitted in the vision. Instead, the city is doing the opposite.
I have picked berries and medicines for 40 plus years and sadly saw my best berry picking places being plowed under this is way past the time I would have liked to see, however its better late than ever, I guess!
Low impact design and land-use - don't remove trees, don't cut down trees to to build parking lots and wider trails remove invasive species protect native species in the park from disturbance, including birds control littering and pet waste remove waste materials that have been left in the park No pavement in natural areas
It seems as if you missed accessibility. Why isn't there access for people in wheel chairs? Wheel chairs don't work easily on stones or earth
Try to keep it as untouched as possible, with no developments/infrastructure
accessibility.
The vision really lands well. Well done!



Protect the Tibetan Bhuddhist stupa and surrounding
The space has served as a sacred place for worship for Tibetans, and many alike in Calgary. I hope the city can help to maintain this holy place. There has been some issues with vandalism, and I hope there can be more security meadures put into place to address these issues.
The land should remain slightly maintained for recreational use. No more development!
Cupid as a natural reserve. Once you start putting in a park, it'll be garbage all over the place people don't respect parks. Just keep it the way it is right now.
The vision did not include respecting the land in it's current form. I understand that it is important to advertise this area to new visitors, but we must also not forget about the users who have already been enjoying this area for years and years. Taking this land and dramatically changing it does not respect the people who have already been enjoying it for so long. As a long time user of this area, I have not once considered that anything needs to be changed. It is accessible, safe, and beautiful just the way it is. I believe we are trying to create a problem that doesn't exist so that we can create a solution.
That the city already has let the slope be developed and ruined by extensive dense apartments that are poorly made and the city inspectors turned a blind eye and those buildings will suffer serious mold, structural issues. Do you know how many walls have bottles of urine behind and piles of leftover lunch?
This place need to be preserved for future generations to enjoy in the same manner that the current ones have.
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Huge wildlife area - please leave a large area undeveloped and with no trail
I agree with what appears to be the intent of the above, but if that is in fact the intent, then why is the City getting involved in this space? Leave nature natural and provide means for keeping it clean (aka garbages, perhaps some ecology workers).
"Trail-based recreation shifts the emphasis toward human use rather than ecological protection and cultural stewardship. In a sensitive landscape like this park, the proposed framing can open the door to increasing recreational development or heavier use over time.replaxd ot with "Low impact access". You already allowed the construction of townhomes into park land. Shame on you!
I think maintaining the area in as close to its current form as possible is important.
What about the city buying the privately owned lands to further protect the area, prevent further development, and keep as much of it in a natural state as possible for as long as possible?
Keep it natural as is!!!!
There is also a deep Christian belief
Leave it as it is
I would like to see the area preserved in it's current natural setting for hikers and bikers to have a space in the city to enjoy their sport. We already have many 'picnic' parks and bike paths for the enjoyment of Calgarians, is it perhaps time to consider leaving something natural or undeveloped for or future generations that may find a natural, quiet setting in a big, developed city a retreat and part of their mental wellbeing to enjoy?



Making a handicap accessible trails so all can enjoy. And benches throughout to enjoy the park
Why call this medicine hill? No one has ever called it this! Respect the deep cultural connection and call it Paskapoo!
Trail-based could be changed to 'packed gravel and natural trail-based' as adding paved trails reduces natural areas to feel less so. The construction of such trails also destroys natural area and habitats.
I strongly agree with the vision of diverse wildlife. This guide must protect the great value that wildlife and nature contributes to this landscape.
NO development other than trails and cleanup.
Leave it as natural as possible. Some trail maintenance so that there aren't too many trails going through; reduce all the little trails unless they are animal ones (can we tell?). Remove the rusted cars. I don't understand why some people like them but they aren't natural.
Yes, it's not a location to attract tourists. It will be much better protected if you keep it low key. There is a moose that lives there. Think about the increase of displacing wildlife for increased awareness and access .
It would be nice to add something more about the importance of this area for outdoor recreation in all seasons.
Please, keep the park as a park with no residential or commercial development.
This is a great vision. Specifically I love the protected landscape as that is what the city should focus on.
Please just leave this area alone!
No
The main concern that we who live in the Patterson Community have is: 1. What will be the increase in non local traffic to our community 2. Are there any planned increased thoroughfares planned This community is very sensitive to this fact as any development for Paskapoo has been contentious to say the least. I have felt that we were more sold to than engaged in the past and still have not forgotten. And when that didn't work, we were told the developers really worked hard and this was the best compromise. So a little jaded to say the least. Also, before the election we have not had any Alderman representation and what can happen in the area. The two that were stand-ins for Poorman (useless) were lame ducks. Responsible recreational development for users is absent. Well articulated and not much else to say. Maintain so the access and use is not encumbered by vehicular traffic/parking for the extended future years, ie 50 years. Similar to Nose Hill area/park Leave it untouched, spend money on [removed] people that are living on downtown street. That's real healing. I would like to see this include some wording to say that this will be maintained and protected for future generation (in perpetuity) so we don't need to keep revisiting this is protect it every few years. Let's keep culter out of it



To what extent is the wildlife diverse? This area has pushed many species out due to very recent (within the last 5 years) development. The vision should emphasize preserving what is left with the hope of welcoming back wildlife and “plant communities “ that have been pushed out by development.
For decades, the park has been successfully community managed through grassroots community involvement and does not need city interventions.
In an effort to protect the natural environment, I would like to see some of the barbed wire fence removed as it is a hazard. Also the area near the “old cars”, either fenced warning sign posted as there are dangerous medals, and a half buried gas can that should be removed- since some of these things are hard to locate in amongst vegetation. .
I think a big part of the vision should be to maintain access to the single track trails for mountain biking in the summer and fat biking in the winter.
This area is one of the more interesting 'public spaces' where some real 'mountain biking' is possible. It's more raw than say most of Nose Hill and is a great training ground for new young rides and those of all ages. Evidence for this from the Winsport summer cycling camps, and if you search MTB trails on Trail Forks you will see much MTB use. I believe it is important to preserve that functionality, while ensuring that all members of the public can enjoy the space. As it is, the unmanaged space self regulates very well but inviting more use by making it a formal park may create tension. I believe the vision should explicitly call out a harmonious use of the space among the different types of user.
It has been a quiet place for a walk or a hike or bike ride. I would like to keep most of it passive use.
There isn't a vision in that statement. Outside of 'the park will be sustained and celebrated' there is very few actionable items in that word salad. A vision usually gives people a driving light, this does not give action.
You need to stop development below paskapoo slopes... its cut off and made smaller with all the [removed] giant buildings you put between Paskapoo slopes and Highway 1.
Keep the park - make trails walkable for big groups, plant trees! Thanks
This land is beautiful and one of the few untouched ecosystems in Calgary. I walk these paths daily and have seen elk, woodpeckers, bunnies, plenty of birds, and other wildlife that is so beautiful and peaceful. I hope this land remains untouched
No
I believe stewardship of the unique plants and wildlife are the most important aspect of the vision.
Honour the land by leaving it alone.
With such a strong emphasis and focus on land acknowledgements and 'deep cultural connections to the land' this sounds quite political to me. Since we are 'neighbours' to this up and coming park will our land titles eventually be at risk same as what's going on in BC with the Aboriginal taking over land titles? If it's strictly creating a beautiful park to be used by ALL residents of Calgary I'm ok with that. However, based on all the woke nonsense going on these days I can't help but be skeptical.
Without losing the emphasis on culture and nature, it would be good to also include something about 'challenging terrain that promotes physical fitness and well-being' (i.e. addressing the 'trail-based recreation' component in the 3rd sentence)

By the City's BIA framework, much of the park area qualifies as an Environmentally Significant Area. Park uses should be limited to light recreational use (no soccer fields, etc), and preserve (and enhance) the ecological integrity of the area.
If we want people to care about the park, they have to be enthusiastic about it in the first place. If people like a place that they visit often, they'll want to keep it nice. The younger generations year by year and finding it harder and harder to recreate in the city. Having professionally built bike trails and/or a bike skills park/ jump area could attract so much more enthusiasm for the park. If this city just becomes a place to work and subsist with decreasing options for recreation, the brain drain will just get worse, leaving less to uphold the stewardship outlined in the project vision in the first place.
It's difficult to disagree with the vision. I'm concerned by the references to "communities connect", "learning" and "trail-based recreation" as I fear these concepts imply increased traffic and development of the trails.
The vision statement presented reads more like a broad philosophical declaration than a clear articulation of the purpose of the project. Phrases about sustaining culture, honouring relationships, and shared stewardship may reflect aspirational values, but they do not provide any meaningful clarity on what is actually being proposed, how decisions will be made, or how outcomes will be measured.
At its core, this is a public infrastructure project. The City's primary responsibility is to plan, design, and maintain a safe, functional, and accessible trail network that balances recreation, environmental protection, and responsible use of public resources. To have such an all encompassing virtue signaling statement that makes no reference to financial responsibility suggests providing value for cost to taxpayers is not very important to City Hall.
The last sentence should include more emphasis on cultural or traditional practices and learning about those practices.
It needs to be left mostly alone and raw to enjoy what that area has to offer. Such as the wildlife that makes their home there. Too much development will push them out and change that experience forever.
"Protected lanscape" contadict the Indigenous ways of caring for the land, which means "NOT LANDSCAPING". The Western landscaping = removing plants, distrubing or removal of the soil, disturbing animal habitat.
The absolute priority should be protecting the natural environment. There seems to be too much "vision".
Whoever came up with this is out of touch with reality. Your job is to use a reasonable amount of taxpayer funds, in a financially responsible and transparent manner, to make this public space more useable and enjoyable for citizens. The last sentence above speaks to how dysfunctional and impractical City Hall continues to be.
No. Just want to reiterate the strong commitment to doing things that will only enhance the connection to this land. It's significance can't be understated. It must be protected and preserved. Even if that means it need to be closed.
Cost
It sounds like nonsense that would be on an NDP equity card, pretending to be everything to everyone while in substance meaning nothing.



I strongly support the vision of protecting the ecological and cultural integrity of Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes. As a regular mountain biker in the area, I see firsthand how trail-based recreation helps people connect with and value this landscape.

I encourage planners to recognize mountain biking as a compatible, low-impact activity when supported by well-designed and maintained trail systems. A sustainable, designated trail network can reduce environmental impacts by concentrating use and preventing the creation of informal trails.

I would also encourage meaningful inclusion of the mountain biking community in stewardship initiatives, including trail design, maintenance, and education. This collaborative approach would help achieve both conservation and recreation goals over the long term.

Finally, I hope the plan considers providing appropriate and well-planned biking opportunities to ensure continued access while protecting sensitive areas.

Minimal trail impacts are a needed requirement

There is a Buddhist Stupa in the area. The future of the Stupa need to be addressed as well in the overall context of the park development.

This Stupa is of historic and sentimental importance to the Calgary Buddhist community. It is the only outdoor stupa of its kind in Calgary.

When we visit the Stupa, we find peace and positive energy. Regular visit to any shrine by the devotees is very important to keep the positive energy and vibe of the shrine. This stupa is no exception.

We Buddhist community members are not worried about the park development itself however it will be great to get some assurances from the planners in this planning phase itself that proper care will be taken to ensure the future of the Stupa is not compromised.

This Stupa is not only important to the Buddhist community but it is also in alignment with the main theme of the park itself which is to create the environment of peace, harmony and maintain cultural values.

If your intention is preservation of this unique eco system then stop allowing developers to encroach on the area.

The space, while beautiful, should remain untouched development-wise, and resources should instead go towards protection and enforcement.

Protecting bike off-roads

Visions are written in ways that paint a pretty picture but disguise the intent. We need to leave paskapoo alone, as it is at the moment. There is NO additional intervention of any sort required. No developments no housing no parks no play space just leave it as it is - do what you need to do to maintain paths to avoid erosion and invasive species this is standard practice and management of spaces but nothing beyond this.

Trail based recreation needs to be limited to protect this space.

The statement is a word salad that is all form, no real substance. City Hall should deliver basic services in a competent way, not waste taxpayer money on virtue signaling.

Making sure there is easy access to the area for people with every level of abilities.

Connects neighborhoods/provides easy to access green space for surrounding communities.

Stop destroying nature with apartment buildings. No more building



This park does not require further work. It has been a beautiful escape for community members for decades and stepping in to further alter it is not only wasteful spending but strongly opposed.
Maintain the natural integrity should be the most important thing. Keep away from paved trails and shale trails.
Leave it alone.
I believe it to be the best mountain biking area in any of the city parks and would like that to be mentioned in the vision and preserved in the development. Many of the best mountain biking trails have already been lost to the commercial and residential development at the parks base.
Do not change it. No one needs paths there, it is a perfect wildlife corridor and we've "developed" up the side of that hill enough. Not every slope needs a concrete path, let's use this money for something that's not going to upset a whole bunch of people who live in west Calgary.
I'd like to see shaded areas where people can explore and be physically active combined with beautiful areas for families and friends to gather.
with community involvement
Calgary has a rare opportunity with Medicine Hill and Paskapoo Park. This is not just another park, but one of the most beautiful natural spaces in the city, with incredible views of the Bow River, downtown, and the Rocky Mountains.
The vision should be to create a world class outdoor destination that reflects Calgary's connection to nature and the mountains. Focus on thoughtful enhancement, not overdevelopment. Preserve the landscape, protect wildlife, and maintain a true sense of being in nature.
Well designed trails and viewpoints can guide people through the park while highlighting its best features. Seating and quiet spaces should encourage people to slow down and take in the surroundings.
This park can become a defining part of Calgary's identity. It should feel natural, unique, and accessible to all, while still offering moments of solitude.
If done right, it will become one of Calgary's most iconic spaces and a place residents and visitors return to again and again.
No development of any kind should occur on the slopes
I would like to see more presence by the city or maybe help developing a community organization to aid in upkeep. I live in one of the buildings and enjoy the trails in the summer months, but it frustrates me seeing all the garbage, either left behind by people or carried by the wind.
Just leave the area the way it is
Water table instability in the Patterson Community hillside should be strongly considered. No parking and risk of flooding the homes backing west on Patterson Blvd should cancel out the paths and initial gathering area in Patterson.
Do not forget about the Cycling in this area, With Trinity Hills Its already cut down on the Trails and the Recreation within the area. NOT all Trails need to be Widened. Some Person



with a Saw is already going around and taking trees down from Trails that I've Been riding of 30+ Years. It's a shame.
I would love to see a huge emphasis on honouring Indigenous heritage and culture in this area.
This area is a congested nightmare. Leave the green space wild.
Leave it be - it's beautiful as is !
No development that alters or harms the ecological or archaeological features of this area will ever happen
Leave as it is.
Not clear on what changes to this area this vision would make.
This mission statement is incredibly vague, and nondescript. You need to try again, and be more specific. You also missed "responsible, context specific development", which ensures the city does its part to limit development into the hill, which has already drastically changed the feel of the environment.
You missed that people don't want these pathways and installations. Just leave the land in its natural state. Don't destroy the habitat of the wildlife. Don't encourage people to come to the area. Keep it as it is. Wild and untouched.
The functionality of the pond has not been made clear. Is the pond an existing protected water body or will it be a newly constructed storm pond that will be receiving polluted runoff? You are not protecting a natural area if you're putting dedicated stormwater infrastructure in the middle of it. This area is not at risk of being harmed by footprints and bike tracks. It is at risk of being damaged from poorly supervised construction activities (and policy enforcement) and being further disconnected by additional, invasive, city infrastructure.
I trust that trail-based recreation is clearly defined as inclusive of cycling. Too often mountain bike (not pedal assisted or e-bikes) recreation is deemed as "destructive" to the landscape which is far from the truth. Mountain bikers are respectful stewards of the trails they use. I do not want this vision to be construed to negate this fact and vilify mountain biking.
There should be 3 wildlife/pedestrian overpasses to connect the greenspaces/natural wildlife corridors connecting the slopes of Paskapoo to the neighbouring communities. (Think of the wildlife overpasses in Banff National Park on Hwy 1.) One connecting Edworthy Park over Sarcee Trail at the East end of the area; another one connecting to the greenspace in Bowness at Bowcliffe Crescent and 77th St, and a 3rd one over Stoney Trail connecting 2nd Ave on each side of Stoney Trail which will allow connection to Osprey Hills and ultimately to Springbank in Rocky View County. This would create a safe habitat for wildlife to reduce traffic collisions as well as connect the people from community to community without having to rely on driving cars. This connectivity needs to be planned and budgeted for as the city continues to develop these areas. There is currently no easy way to safely cross these highways without a vehicle.
Leave it as it is.
Ban bikes to keep the trails safe.
It doesn't make sense to want to conserve the area while developing it for recreation. You can't have both.
Ideally, the site has contiguity with its neighbour to the west, edworthy park and the Douglas fir trail. As a collective, the mission of these areas grows exponentially in strength and value. If there is a way to connect them, the power would be incredible!



Maintain natural area and zero future chance of commercial or industrial development to limit impact on current green space. Limit developing parking for vehicles and keep priority of green space over access via the public.
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
No
This is a bad idea it is again first nation beliefs to keep the land free as well as it limits the access to the numerous people that use the area to walk their dogs play with friends and engage with strangers.
Keeping trails open to all users, limiting impact of real estate development adjacent to Paskapoo Slopes.
You do not mention indigenous principles on the vision Why does paskapoo continue to be used instead of Aiss ka pooma?
We need to preserve this natural and other natural areas in Calgary
Animal underpasses now that Stoney trail goes right through the middle of the area
Let's make the park usable for residents. Right now we can't go there, because it's not accessible for strollers. We live 5 minutes away, but can't use it.
Stop building 'one more lane' and slowly extending traffic, emission, noise, asphalt, construction, bottleneck effect, vehicles and intruding onto the space. Make it walkable, leave it as is. Places like these are beautiful because they are left stagnant, the changes we need are those that have flattened our diversity both in nature and humanity. Conserve your energy to protect and make space for infrastructure where it's needed and away from places that don't need change just like medicine hill.. I hope other areas of Calgary are advocated in this way.. not only rich neighborhoods starting in the south.
It should say something more strong about not having any new housing or commercial development within the area. The park will be "sustained" seems like a spin word that a City Planner would use to secretly carve out some sort of 'sustainable' new high density development in the area. I don't trust City Planners & City REDs as they have sold off the local greenspace in Bowness to a 200-person high density development.
Leave it alone.
Leave it wild and leave it alone . Don't need anymore development in the area, reconciliation plaques or unnatural things.
I believe that the many modern remnants throughout the forest must also be conserved and talked about. For example, on one of the paths through the slopes one can find two forgotten cars - a cherished part of the trail for anyone in the area - or a pile of rubble from an old building. On top of this, many kids have fun with activities such as bike riding and metal detecting, which both cause ecological damage. However, it is an important place for the kids to learn and explore - there should be places which are free for the kids to do what they wish.
This is an ill-conceived plan.
MH/PS is a protected landscape where nature thrives. It's home to unique plant communities, natural springs, diverse wildlife, and rich archaeological resources. Only appropriate stewardship will make sure the land and the wildlife that resides there is sustained and for generations to come. Appropriate stewardship means leaving it as natural as possible. Building on it to attract more people to visit, trample the vegetation, and drive the wildlife away is doing absolutely nothing to maintain this beautiful area.



If what you want to do is maintain this beautiful and significant area for generations to come then this plan is exactly the wrong approach. Building infrastructure to encourage communities to connect, build relationships, learn, and engage in trail-based recreation is not going to do anything to maintain the area. It will do exactly the opposite. This plan will destroy the natural ecosystem of the area for generations to come.
Clearly marked trails and maybe some paved trails. I think if the river valley in Edmonton in what paskapoo could be.
Part of the key beauty of this area is the complete lack of development. Any changes or added development undermines what this space is. Your vision statements and your plans are not in alignment with each other. While the vision statement could be supported your development plans are not really in keeping with this.
I have walked to the paskapoo slopes for more than 10 years. I think it is a real gem within city limits, full of natural beauty.
Even though I spent more than a decade there, I was unaware of archeological significance in the area - and also unaware of any first nations, history or culture. I think it would be really useful to put up plaques, bringing people's attention to specific archeological artefacts or first nations historical significance.
If it "honours deep cultural connections to the land", why was a community allowed to be built on it instead of staying as wild park space?
I don't know what you are planning to do with this land. I would like it to stay the way it is. Keep it wild.
Dog park, off leash area. More primary hiking trails. Separate biking path.
This vision appears to use language drawn from indigenous culture and attitudes toward land use. I would prefer to see more emphasis on shared rights of access and use, and the ability of all Calgarians, indigenous and non-indigenous, to enjoy the park.
Keep the area natural, no trails, no people. This was supposed to be left natural
Leave the space as is. City of Calgary has allowed extensive development in this area already. Respect the vegetation and wildlife in this area. Please be mindful that if you proceed with your vision, people need a break from constant politics.
It is missing minimizing altering the natural landscape. This is critical and should drive the decisions on this plan... including not introducing artificial walkways, "art", pavement, stairs, parking lots etc.
The mission should strongly emphasize the conservation aspect - which includes limiting development.
Keep as is because people making trails will just start polluting and destroying the area. And this is just a tax grab again. This is the same type of deaf ears as to when Neshi was running the city. Mayors just keep destroying our land in Calgary and not listening to Calgarians (native born Calgarians).
A free recreational area for people during these hard economic times is important for society and mental health as a community. The mountain bike trails and hiking trails are great. Xc ski trails would be nice for winter months.
No but my view is that it should be maintained as is and mostly left alone.



Yes, all the residential current projects trinity hills, land was supposed to be park land for expanded cross county ski trails, thanks for screwing everyone over. City of Calgary is terrible stewards of land and people's money.
The most important aspect which shaped the Hills is not reflected above. The geological formation of the Hills by glacial episodes long before the arrival of humanity.
The proposed initial gathering site Spring Bedside area is accessible from Patterson Blvd.. this is a private community with very limited parking. Strongly disagree with this section!
Just leave it in its natural state and have a conservation of lan in place to limit trail build otherwise you are just going to ruin all the value simply by making the park more accessible.
The primary vision of any park should be for the recreation and enjoyment of taxpayers.
Just leave it alone
This land is full of underground springs and shouldn't be disturbed. Development on it risks any homes that currently sit next to or on it. We get enough bikers and hikers as it is. Please no more paths or development.
It's amazing to have these bike trails right in our city. Please don't diminish the trails and it's so unique to our city and beautiful.
No . It would be so wonderful to leave this area natural and protected from development
Just leave it as it is for the animals and not for Recreation
That the vision continues to destroy what is left of the paskapoo slopes
Please just leave the area as it is and ensure no further development is allowed. That's the only 'vision' this land needs. Building parking and washrooms and 'promoting' the area is going to draw large numbers which will change it from a natural space to a human space.
Nope—it looks good.
Please ensure that you honour the Indigenous knowledge behind this space. Using correct language, culture, and what it means to be in this space as treaty people (who we all are).
It's important that the trails and surrounding area stay intact for a long time. Proper maintenance and advocacy for proper use is important. Ensuring users are educated about responsible use ie not biking or walking on them while muddy and not bypassing areas of mud to create a new trail around. The damage this does can be permanent.
There's beautiful nature and wild creatures there leave them alone. Stop with the overdevelopment. Just stop.
Why can't people access this park from the north side of the city? 85 st should be extended all the way down to 16th ave. This would take some of the traffic from driving around on Old Banff Coach road (after 25 years it's still not finished) Bow tr. and Stoney. People will want to go to this park if they can easily drive there without using a lot of gas and poluting the environment.
Allowing for increased accessibility, added parking and having designated fixed trails is not conducive to long term preservation of the natural state. More over, it seems like your suggesting the fallacy of sustainable development, which is simply an oxymoron used in sales and marketing industry. The commodification, marketing and development of the surrounding residential/ retail areas is in direct conflict and is abhorrent to the indigenous cultures and traditions the vision claims(falsely) to honour.
There should be NO MORE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT!



Stop expansion for the sake of it. Protect spaces like this forever.
trail based recreation is a pretty broad statement - that can mean anything including activities that disturb wildlife
Should be a natural wild space within the city
Keep it natural!
I do not like the parking lot proposed on the east side of 85th street. I think it should be further north at the end of 85th street, part way down the hill.
I also think there should be an off leash dog park in this area instead. There are no off leash areas in west Calgary. The nearest is a small area at coach hill, nearly 5 km away.
I feel this doesn't really say anything tangible or enforceable.
It needs to be kept undeveloped so that wildlife can continue to thrive there
This project is completely taken over by woke ideology. Does the history of this area include anyone not on the DEI wishlist? Of course it doesn't.
Leave it as is. Not needed. It will ruin its natural state and history. Protect it by not changing it.
Leave the park alone, it has been fine without a vision and locals have used it for years. You've received feedback not to alter it.
It is a lofty vision, but aren't all? I think a more utilitarian outlook would serve the city better as they embark on their machinations for this area.
A slope runs from the top of a hilltop to the bottom of the hill not conveniently where you want to slam in a bunch of high-rise buildings that block the view of the lush green hillside to my village in the valley and destroyed the historic view from the big rock lookout over the river valley. As far as I am concerned the city and their greed for tax dollars has destroyed so much beautiful natural hillside. What [removed] happened to the preservation of the Paskapoo slopes??? I AM DISCUSTED WITH WHAT YOU CALL THE PRESERVATION OF OF THE SLOPES!!!
Preserving the natural environment with minimal human disruption is paramount to this rich ecological area
Trail-based recreation is the top priority and should be listed as such.
protect existing trails with a priority towards cycling single track
Make benches for older ppl to sit on that can't be destroyed and have CCTV cameras so it's safe for all who use it. SAFETY FIRST!!! Drop the [removed] element!! We're really sick of it!!! Make it about the 88 olympics or something everyone can relate to!!
Would love to see something along the lines of preserving its current natural character (no lights, no deforestation, no widening or paving/gravelling trails).
Off leash dogs chase wildlife out of Paskapoo. End off leash dog areas in the park.
Change it as little as possible
Various busy trails that currently exist are being closed with this vision. I would like to see the vision revised to make it slightly more friendly to the mountain biking community that has put in countless hours to maintain the area.
Its land that shouldn't be developed....it should remain a natural space like Nosehill Park. They shouldn't have developed Trinity hills with stores and Apartments either...that should've remained natural too. Its very upsetting to me. We need more green spaces.
To keep the area natural.



I'm not fond of the trendy language of diversity when describing projects. Talking about "deep cultural connections to the land" on a piece of hillside that was only left undeveloped because the excess of underground springs made it difficult to do so, comes off as cynical.
I wish you'd taken action so much sooner so that the whole area could've been a park and not just the slope above the massive development of apartments and stores.
The vision should include acquiring more if not all of what is currently private land, to further protect the integrity of Paskapoo.
What does trail based recreation include? I'd want that to include mountain biking
The plan should place more emphasis on public access and less on indigenous heritage and culture.
to have dogs on leash .. there are already too many off leash parks. It takes away from the experience having to worry about a dog off leash
-...the park will be sustained, celebrated and enjoyed by people of varying abilities for generations to come.
In all honesty, that area is already congested. It is also a vital wildlife corridor in this part of the city. It has beautiful hiking trails as well. So I would think that the vision is wrong for this area.
Ensuring it remains in a natural state where it is not heavily disturbed by human intervention. For example, the presence of man-made garbage and waste on the land can cause harm to wildlife living in the immediate area.
Fosters activity + fitness
I generally feel a little disappointed with the Vision: 1. all we ever wanted was a park, nothing special, no fan fare, no hype, no glitz, just a park 2. given that the visions has gone down this route of maximalist inclusion, what about: recognition and appreciation of the pioneers? and of the geological history? 3. what about "dog management". what will be done to prevent off-leash dogs from running amok, harassing people, other dogs and of most importance, wildlife. 4. what will be done to get dog owners to pick up after their dogs? The big risk is that this area becomes one big non-sanctioned off leash dog park like so many other natural areas within the City 5. why is there no mention of keeping the development cost in check as a core part of the vision?
Wild life is a big part of the area and should be continually considered.
A focus on keeping it wild and minimal development.
Depends on what your idea of this vision is. Leave it be as raw land, YES. Greenwash it with benches, paved paths, signs, etc, ABSOLUTELY NOT. The latter is colonizing Indigenous land and further stripping it of its original value, masquerading as good intentions.
You barely mention how it is an important recreational environment for bikers and walkers for mental and physical health and community.
Park doesn't need a vision statement.
I don't know what trail based recreation means. Is this just hiking trails or something else?
Your vision is extremely generic and can be interpreted a million different ways, so it really doesn't mean anything. It could mean anything from the the Slope's current state, to one looking like an overcrowded, overdeveloped, over-signaged, over concreted, over-regulated park. I don't go to Edworthy Park because it is a park. I go to Paskapoo because it is nature.



They are different. As soon as you call it a park, you open it to hordes of people with picnic baskets, plastic balloons, boom boxes, litter, noise, crowding, paved pathways, ugly signage. So if your vision means - nature ONLY, including the lovely little hidden trails that take you deeper into the natural experience, then yes, we have the same vision.
Preserve the current hiking and mountain biking trails
This is a critical green space for our city used by many to engage with nature, health, social connections, exercise. Don't take down more of this green space to build. It's already being over taken by development.
It's too bad those houses already have encroached into this natural preserve. Can this be prevented in the future.
I believe it is important to keep the green space and manage it properly. I use that area for biking and would appreciate that access to bikes is not restricted.
No
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
In 25 years of using this area, the only people I've ever seen in here are people that are walking, hiking or mountain biking. The only exception is the Buddhist stupa that is on private land adjacent that should be captured in this because it has an important historical piece because it was where the Dalai Lama visited in 2009
I agree with the emphasis on sustaining the natural beauty and wildness of the area. I would like to see more of an emphasis on protecting and encouraging paskapoo as an area for outdoor recreation.
Too little, too late. The city of Calgary dropped the ball when people protested developing the Paskapoo slopes area years ago. If indigenous connections are so important, we wouldn't have all that new [removed] development there in the first place. The whole Paskapoo area was a wonderful place until greed took over and ruined it. It's the same for the Bowness area with all the development that has now ruined our community. We were given the opportunity to voice our opinions and concerns but no one listened to us as greed once again ruled over the residents. The city of Calgary mayors and council have been a corrupt entity for so long now that our city is a horrible place to live. But sure, go ahead and protect what is left of the Paskapoo slopes. You people are a horrendous joke.
I agree in principle with the vision, but I do not have faith that this vision as written will be maintained. If this space is further developed, the increased traffic will cause further destruction and erosion of the space.
Yes- your question is not clear in what the implications of the answer will be.
We ride our bikes there. We walk as a family there. It is not a nature preserve, it is a beautiful recreational natural place
Trail based recreation is very broad. This area has been an important mountain biking area in Calgary for decades and the MTB community have been stewards and have actively worked to protect this land from development since the Winsport days.
Leave it how it is today.
The vision is positive overall, but it underplays the importance of existing trail-based recreation, particularly biking, which is a defining part of how the community uses and values this area today.



A clearer commitment to maintaining current access and experiences would strengthen the vision and ensure it reflects both conservation goals and the realities of how people already engage with the land.
I really wish recreation was more emphasized
Preserving access to and use of existing trails that have been developed and are used and deemed important by the people that actually recreate there and not some board or panel of outsiders
Mountain Bike trails should be maintained through out
As long as the mountain biking trails will still be there I'm all for protecting the landscape.
Paskapoo is an important recreation area - the cultural and archeological aspects should be a secondary consideration.
Given the massive development which has totally devastated the surrounding ecology, the ecological aspect should be minimized and recreation value maximized.
No development!
In this vision I think you have to leave the hill as natural as it is. Not disturbing the plants and animals to build some sort of large recreation area
Not enough focus on preserving nature, trees, ecology, wild space as THE top priority.
Hoping all trails are being considered multi use ie. Summer: walking, mountain biking Winter: Walking, fat biking, snowshoeing
Protection of riparian areas and development of structures to allow for multi-use passage. Design in a manner to avoid off trail access to water areas that could lead to overuse, impoundment and erosion/sedimentation. Protect waterbodies and groundwater recharge areas, with wooden and raised walkways in select areas, may help mitigate these impacts. Uncertain of whether the primary and secondary trails will be paved or graveled? Recommend there be designated trails for walking and biking. Not all trails should be multipurpose. Will motorized scooters be permitted? Could birdwatching be an activity that is promoted in select areas. Clarity on dog use. Recommend all dogs be on leash. This is rec park not a dog off leash area. Need to consider garbage and dog waste receptacles. Annual maintenance and upkeep. Often garbages become inundated and overflow with dog waste. Is there a way to raise money and fund costs for dog waste management and removal. Fines for not picking up dog waste.
I'd rather hear the word "protected" rather than "sustained"
Please don't overdo the trail system.
The vision should also include the intent to preserve what is existing now, especially wildlife habitat.
Borders of the park? It's really getting chewed up on the east side and along the north perimeter by the new apartment complex etc.
This is one of the last wild areas in the city where hikers, mountain bikers and wildlife all coexist. The city has destroyed a third of the previous area and now I'm sure the plan is to ruin the remainder. Leave some areas wild.
It is disappointing that half of the park was already built on. You can never get parks back once they are destroyed.



The city is quick to allow developers to build high density buildings without considering parks and schools and more importantly parking. What do you think will happen when you destroy this beautiful park. More people will come and create more parking problems, traffic through the protected area and they will leave rubbish behind. The beautiful wildlife who live there plus all the extra wildlife who have been forced into that area due to the high densification project in west springs, will be forced to eventually leave. People will come to the park and be scared..... ask the poor coyotes who live in aspen woods! I am obviously against this plan.
Should also connect surrounding communities
There's a large pile of garbage mixed with concrete at one location that needs to be cleaned up as soon as possible. This appears to be improper disposal and should be addressed promptly.
While I agree with the first sentence of the statement, the Paskapoo Slopes can pretty much continue as is, as it has for decades without further development, following how they've been sadly harmed by the Trinity Hills developments.
This is a quiet community and by developing this park and opening it up for heavy visitor traffic you will be affecting the residents of this areas. Why would you want to do that?
Specific reference to Indigenous engagement and participation and/or leadership in the initiative.
The approvals for the housing and density of construction in this area has already significantly damaged the area but in accordance to the idea to protect what's left I support action. It's still closing the barn doors once the horses have bolted though.
Just to not build anymore ugly housing/condo units. It is a disaster up there now. So ugly for tiny 'luxury' apartments.
No more commercial or residential development on this land
It's a shame developemebt has encroached on what should have been a protected park _ east and south and north and west of winssport. Shame.
And will be maintained as a natural space for citizens to utilize/recreate/relax in without urban development forever.
I think that recreational use is very important and has somewhat been curtailed with the land development to date. The area is an important hub for urban recreation and this should be maintained.
Too long, needs to be more concise
The ecological value outweighs its archaeological value.
Keep it as natural as possible
Specifically mention Blackfoot culture
The vision is strong and well-balanced in terms of conservation, culture, and community use. One important element that could be more explicitly included is accessibility and inclusivity.
What about a wildlife corridor between these slopes and the slopes below Greenwood Village? Living at the base of that hill on 33 Ave NW we see a variety of wildlife here, but it would be beneficial to the animals that live here to be able to travel to that location.

Is there anything important that we missed in the goals? (Optional)



I disagreed here because I only agree with points 1 and 4.
protecting wildlife habitat (goals are human-centric)
Safe guard for the future, as it should have been!
Low impact design and land-use - don't remove trees, don't cut down trees to to build parking lots and wider trails remove invasive species protect native species in the park from disturbance, including birds control littering and pet waste remove waste materials that have been left in the park No pavement in natural areas
I also think the city should be accountable to all Calgarians and ensure all Calgarians can visit the park
Keeping the area as untouched as possible, tailoring plans for walkers, bikers, and dog owners.
accessibility
What are your plans for the Tibetan Bhuddhist stupa ..
Things should be left wild
I find these questions to be formatted in a way that any reasonable person has no choice but to agree. However, where is the actual description of what is going to happen to the park? If I agree with 'trail based recreation', how come I am not being informed that this might mean tearing up old trails and putting in pavement? Where does it say that if I agree with honouring culture, that this means putting in numerous signs along a natural pathway? These questions are not allowing for an informed decision. You cannot ask me if I agree with basic moral statements without telling me EXACTLY what the ramifications to the park are.
That MeC got behind the project the first phase and said they would help protect the environment and then they went broke, and backed out and then there was a huge lawsuit and now look over at that beautiful landscape of ugly building.
I just don't think it needs over development
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Sounds nice but unclear on how this will be achieved
I mostly agree, but I would like to ensure that trail-based recreation (e.g., hiking, trail running, biking) has a strong place in the plans for this park, as it is a highly valued local area for this purpose. Also, I would really like to see that the trail network isn't overly designed and prescribed. Part of the joy of this area is it's semi-wild, natural feel and ability to navigate the trails as one wishes. While I appreciate the need to consider how to minimize the negative impact of trail use on the natural environment and support their longevity, trail users do not want to be restricted to having to "circulate" in a prescribed direction or manner, unless there are major safety concerns in specific sections.
Transparency as to the actual goals and intentions of flash wording such as listed in entirety above. All of these are diplomatic terms with implicit intention, but lack clarity and tangible transparency as to why the city is getting involved in this natural space.
Remove support circulation and trail based recreation. It should be low access and limited.
These are the most important goals: Conserve natural character and restore ecosystems Support circulation & trail-based recreation



The following are all related to each other and essentially one combined goal that is a secondary consideration:

- Honour Indigenous heritage and culture
- Conserve and respect archeology
- Foster learning and connections

Building community stewardship and accountability is part of reaching all of the goals.

Leave it alone!!!

continue a home for the wildlife (animals and birds).

We need to include Christian beliefs. Even buildings around the House of Commons have bible scriptures. We need positive direction.

Leave it as it is

The area should be managed so it is multi use while also protecting the larger area. Walkers (with or without kids and/or dogs), runners/joggers, cyclists. Satisfying these diverse uses and sustainably maintaining the natural beauty of the area is what the vision means to me.

Leave as is. It's beautiful.

Determine and integrate diversity , cognitive, physical ability and all other considerations.

It seems there is a large amount of deadfall all over the slopes. Has this been noticed / investigated as part of this initiative? I worry about the health of the vegetation on the slopes.

Consideration to buy out undeveloped private land on the slopes would greatly enhance and improve the long term viability of the park.

Keep the old cars where they are!

It would be wonderful to have some designated mountain bike trails in this area as it is one of the steeper slopes in the city that could be utilized.

Give wildlife the ability to safely navigate the slopes with connectivity such as wildlife overpasses or underpasses, similar to Banff National Park concept.

NO development

No trail based recreation. What does that mean? People should use them for walks. No group tours etc. Minimal signs, only the top with notes about cultural history, flora. Maybe a few arrow type sign markers, eg COP, north to neighborhood etc.

However, your plans don't align with the project goals. Indigenous peoples and other who come here for spiritual reasons don't want the land to change. It holds the energy and history as is. You would be altering a cultural space. Have you consulted with indigenous elders?

I would add that the trail system should be safe but designed to maximize the recreation experience while managing conflicts among recreation activity types.

These are great project goals. I also feel that sustainable trail management is important ensuring that if more people make use of the trails there is a sustainable means to ensure the landscape remains conserved as it currently is.

Please just leave this area alone!

Maintaining it as a natural and wild space

Ruia is very unclear... city hall, non precise speak. I have no idea if this is a sugar coated spin on destroying these trails or protecting them ..im for the latter



Protect the existing residential communities living around the area. With the blanket zoning fiasco and the city not listening to residents, this needs to be included in almost all considerations. If the city and management had listened to residents, the complete mess that was created would not have happened. Hopefully, that changes with new leadership.
Yes, responsible development of user network, trail systems.
Consider adding a goal regarding the sustainability of the infrastructure and the role the city plays. The goal Build community stewardship and accountability may include this as part of the HOW to achieve this goal, but I am not sure.
A multi use park where mountain bikes and walkers can both enjoy the beauty of the park. To protect the wildlife and ecological systems it dogs must be on leash to avoid any conflict with wildlife and humans.
One more washroom in the other side of the park near the hilltop arrival area can be considered.
How much money are you give the [removed] for this while the rest of us starve. It's been a park for long before your woke [removed] pitty came along and needed to justify your salary.
Maintain the true laissez faire wilderness and the feeling of an unmanicured, community managed wilderness area
Maintain active mountain biking trails
The most important aspect for me is that the trails remain open and available for mountain biking and fatbiking. It is a hidden gem within the city that allows for a good quality ride without having to drive 45+ minutes to the mountains
As above and I strongly support stewardship
I think this is an amazing opportunity to create a quality trail network for beginner, intermediate and advanced mountain bikers. No other place in Calgary offers the elevation and landscape for quality trails (more than just single track trails). This is the perfect time to incorporate an inner city trail network, promoting recreation and active lifestyles to more Calgarians. The North Shore of Vancouver has an amazing mix of trails (hiking and biking), although Medicine Hill has less space, I think this should be a good inspiration of what an inner-city outdoor space can become. Including mountain biking will also promote tourism in the city, and help boost businesses like Bow Cycle, The Bike Shop, and other businesses near Medicine Hill. Having inner city trails will also help cut down on people having to travel to Bragg Creek and Moose mountain to go mountain biking.
You messed it up already when you approved as much development along Highway 1 as you have... :(
Keep the park - make trails walkable for big groups, plant trees! Thanks
No
Leave the land alone. Don't touch it. It's fine how it is. It doesn't need the city wrecking it.
Again, of course in the list there's "Honour Indigenous heritage and culture"; this is once again very political and I don't like it at all. I am very much against land acknowledgements. If you want to give your own land to the Aboriginal people go right ahead but I'll have no part of it; Richmond BC is a prime example. Things are introduced methodically and slowly and next thing you know you have no rights of your own. Wokeism is strong and active within all levels of government.



What is meant by "Support circulation" in the 4th goal? From my own perspective, I would remove the word "circulation" entirely.
The word "conserve" implies an intent to will expand impact toward some future limit that has not yet been defined. Alternatively, use the word "preserve". Further, it is reasonable to assume that increased population density around Broadcast Avenue will increase pressure on the ecological systems in the park. Consequently, we should define more stringent impact thresholds including finding opportunities to enhance (eg remove carragana encroachment) the integrity, reducing the cumulative impact from increasing use of the space.
Please build better and more bike trails/ skills areas!! Almost every other city and town in western Canada has some sort of public bike park, including places like Chestermere, Red deer, Canmore, and now even Edmonton. Calgary doesn't even have one, yet has a massive mountain biking community dying for accessible trails. We have some of the largest parks within the city and amazing terrain, yet we have to drive over an hour out to moose mountain just to gain access to trails that are honestly not quite the same caliber as that of places like, Stevie smith and Jordie Lunn bike parks, Kamloops bike ranch, Squamish trail network/ dirt jumps, etc.
I feel we need to have recreational trails that include walking, running, biking but they have to be clearly defined, marked and separated whenever possible. Especially for off leash dog walkers and bikers.
These project goals are laudable, but they don't have equal importance. It's difficult to balance conserving the current character, restoring ecosystems, and supporting recreation. The top priority should be to conserve natural character and restore ecosystems. Everything else is less important.
These goals are so broad they are near meaningless as a practical guide for anything.
I'm not sure how much learning there needs to be in that area. It's a raw ecosystem that all can just enjoy
Note that some of the natural areas there are contaminated with the remnants of the barbed-wire fencing, decaying and rusting farmer equipment, and industrial waste from the development on the new extension of Patterson boulevard.
If the goal is to preserve the area, building parking lots and washrooms seems counter to that goal. It is not clear what "Foster learning and connections" has to do with the preservation of the area.
Most of this list are items taxpayers are not paying you to, and we do not want you to, waste our money on. For a City Hall known for secrecy, propaganda and waste, its staff sure are preachy. With the sad, selfish culture at City Hall, the last thing city staff should be doing is "Foster learning and connections".
How much will it cost?
Also honouring the history of the old homesteads in the area.
Just maintain a decent trail system.
It needs to remain as untouched and natural as possible enabling animals and people to coexist
I think it should be left alone
I support the goals of conserving ecosystems, respecting Indigenous and archaeological values, and fostering stewardship at Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes. As a regular mountain



biker, I believe trail-based recreation can support these goals when thoughtfully planned. Well-designed, designated trails concentrate use, reduce environmental impacts, and discourage informal trail creation.

I encourage development of a sustainable, diverse trail network that includes mountain biking, with appropriate design to improve safety and reduce user conflict. I also support meaningful involvement of the biking community in trail design, maintenance, and education to strengthen stewardship and accountability.

Where restrictions are necessary, clear communication and alternative routes are important to maintain respectful access and connection to the landscape.

Trails and their impact to the area need to be kept to a minimum, no electric bikes or motorized vehicles should be a basic requirement

The Stupa in the area can be a great resource for learning and interfaith connections. Protection of the Stupa in the future also should be addressed in the planning phase. Few things that can be addressed now is: (1) To provide a designated space for the Stupa so that future encroachment can be prevented; (2) protection from vandalism; (3) To provide year round access to the Stupa (right now winter time access is too hard); (4) Provide a conducive environment around the Stupa for devotees to come for prayers and worship.

No

written in ways that paint a pretty picture but disguise the intent. We need to leave paskapoo alone, as it is at the moment. There is NO additional intervention of any sort required. No developments no housing no parks no play space just leave it as it is - do what you need to do to maintain paths to avoid erosion and invasive species this is standard practice and management of spaces but nothing beyond this.

I am hoping that the Conserve natural character and restore ecosystems means that the wildness of the land will be preserved. There is so much to learn from its natural state. Over developing and 'civilizing' the land would threaten that.

Just manage a decent trail system. You are not curing cancer here.

Provide a peaceful oasis for nearby residents with clear walking paths and places to rest and enjoy views.

Full stop. No more building no park development. There will be nothing left to enjoy. Makes me sick thinking it will all be destroyed by the government.

These goals have already been achieved. By stating they are the purpose of the phase outlines that the city intends to drastically change its use. Please spend the money on reopening the Douglas Fir trail verses altering a park that has been operating successfully without needing to change.

Stop wasting money on consultants to whoever thought this was a good idea. The people who actually live here like it the way it is

More specifically on the trail based recreation, mountain biking should be specifically mentioned. Making the trails more sustainable while continuing to allow mountain biking is essential for this park. It is one of the main draws and a popular use for the area

There's no point to this. Paving it isn't going to "help the ecosystem". Please actually consult with the people who live there and in this part of the city. Ecologists probably also don't support development in a perfectly fine NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. Please have some common sense.



Protect wildlife
Restore areas that have been damaged by historical developments or past mis use
• Preserve natural landscape and protect wildlife habitats • Maintain a forest like, quiet, immersive nature experience • Develop a thoughtful trail network connecting key viewpoints • Create scenic lookouts of the river, city, and mountains • Ensure accessibility for all ages and mobility levels • Use natural materials and design that reflect the region • Avoid overdevelopment and excessive urban infrastructure • Provide seating, rest areas, and peaceful gathering spaces • Balance active use with areas for solitude and reflection • Position the park as a signature Calgary destination • Promote connection to nature, elevation, and mountain proximity • Encourage year round use including walking, biking, and winter activities
Naturalized areas remaining free from human influence and development as much as possible
I think maintaining this area as an on-leash spot (dogs required to be ON LEASH) is important to protect the natural behaviour of the wildlife who call it home. I would love to see educational signs explaining the WHY behind the leash law.
Build trails that are family and dog friendly.
Leave the area the way it is
Agree that any development should be minimal and left natural.. the area closest to 85th and COP should be considered only.. not Patterson Hill as it's long standing water instability will cause more damage thru flooding to the homes.
I think maybe calling out the Calgary MTB club role in maintaining and stewarding trails so far. They're a bit part of what makes the area great (non member, trail hiker/runner)
I would love to see a huge emphasis on honouring Indigenous heritage and culture in this area.
Yes— as expressed by many in previous surveys , leave the land be. I understand the sheer density of the housing that has been allowed to develop will possibly impact this area — it needs to be left as is.... I was shocked to see yet another condo building being squeezed in there — absolutely unreal 😞)
Leave it all alone
Trail based recreation goal needs to be better defined - what trail based activities are supported and which are not
You should use the money to clean up C.O.P
You need to leave the area as is. It's already basically a park and one I've been visiting since I was a small child. There is an impact to be said about changing something we grew up with.
Please leave the area as it is. Nature is the best decorator and caretaker. This area should be left completely wild. Maybe a sign noting the indigenous story and link to the area but other than that, please leave it alone.
No new trails or recreational areas will be developed
What does that mean exactly. What changes would occur
What is "circulation"? This is unclear.
Per the initial feedback gathering sessions Indigenous heritage, while important, should be



further down the project goals list. It was not a top priority to users in the first round of feedback.
Again, you left out “responsible, limited and context appropriate development”. Can you include any information on what achieving these goals actually looks like? We are all probably very interested to know how the Park we have loved for so many years is about to change.
Adding pathways and installations isn't preserving this area. Leave it alone. PLEASE!!!!
Design intentions and ideas are fabulous on paper, but worth nothing if the final result is worse than the original condition. These goals mean nothing because they are not achievable and impossible to measure for the baseline or post-construction. Also, this proposal is not decreasing but increasing the total impervious area of the park, which is never a benefit to a natural area. The public needs to see a bit more transparency on the real reason this project is taking place.
I feel it is important to be realistic about the level of use this area sees. As an avid user of the bike trails in the area I am concerned about redevelopment or updating of these trails. If done correctly it will be an excellent update of an already great area. If the trails are handled in the fashion that the Weasel Head trails were some twenty five years ago the area will become a hot bed of user conflict.
I think it is critically important that we recognize and celebrate that Indigenous Heritage and Culture is also Calgary's Heritage and Culture. It is not a separate and distinct thing. It is not us and them or past and future, it is all of Us Now.
Leave it as is.
The goals are contradictory. Conserving the landscape and archeology is not being fulfilled if there is construction and clearing of nature to enable more people to use it for recreation or community.
Avoid overly built up primary trails. Keep it wild.
The primary goal must be protecting the land. Safe access and peoples' experiences are a distant second priority
Leave the park alone as it's one of the last “wild” spaces in Calgary. No paved paths or infrastructure is needed. The “green” thing to do is to keep it as it is and not develop it in any way
There are a lot of kid bike clubs who use the area, and this has given rise to some fascinating mythology. Too bad about the vandalism, but the history remains of interest. Consider the history more recently as well - in the mid 1900's.
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
Recreation, like trails and amenities should be the primary goal.
Advocate, stand for what is needed. If you had no compensation or monetary gain, if you were underpaid would you still care to keep this space safe? As leaders in this proposition would you really be willing to do it even for free? Not just by words or position of authority, as a human being know where your heart feelings and soul connect on the issue, because without that your intentions are trusted on action, online forum is ok but show the observable physical action being put in place, that is how things get done.. you follow through
That development will be constrained.
Leave it alone.



Just leave it the way it is. It's perfect. It doesn't need any plaques, development or unnatural things leave it in its current state .
I believe that we should have a forward thinking mentality when it comes to parks. They should focus on current activities - and not dwell on indigenous past. It is important to learn about it, yet it should not be a central focus for a recreational area.
Protecting the land and supporting access and experiences are mutually exclusive. The two goals can not be simultaneously achieved. Access is going to mean people and people means trampling of the natural vegetation, disruption to the wildlife, and very quickly destroying the ecosystem. Leave it alone. Do not encourage access by building pathways, points of interest, and parking lots.
The natural history of the area speaks for itself without added city adjustments. Adding a pavilion greatly detract from the calm beauty of the space. See above statement.
My top priorities are conserving nature and establishing/maintaining the trail system.
To build and maintain better mountain bike trails.
Dog park, off leash area. More primary hiking trails. Separate biking path.
Ensuring universality of access to public spaces should also be a goal. I would not want to see all or part of the park closed for exclusive use by indigenous people, it should always be open to all Calgarians
As this area has been over developed, why not just leave the space as is? Natural vegetation, preserve the ecosystem for wildlife.
Not sure why it needs learning and connections. It should be a minimalistic approach that establishes ability to get around without making it a "Disney" experience. People use it for mountain biking, and running. Those should be the focus of the park.
Again - there should be a strong emphasis on keeping the slopes in the natural state with limited housing/commercial development.
Keep as is and listen to the native Calgarian's, who were born here to not destroy our land and quit having a tax grab.
Affordable trail based recreation is the number one thing keeping people mentally sane in these tough economic times.
This is hard to decipher as it doesn't describe how current uses might change
See above
I was a bit confused by what trail-based recreation means but I believe it refers to singletrack, dirt trails. I am supportive of the proposed trail plan, as it maintains the highest quality singletrack that has dirt surfaces that supports hiking, mountain biking, and trail running types of use and that the high quality, core singletrack trail network is maintained. There are not many great areas with singletrack like there is at the Medicine Hills in the city and it's one of the few places that still has technical singletrack for mountain biking. The proposed primary surfaces that may have some hardening are low-quality singletrack trails from a biking perspective and it's good to see that there will be opens for those that don't use singletrack, want to go on easy dog walks, walk to the erratic in a loop, etc.
Too much emphasis on the very recent history of the area.
The Spring Bedside area is not a good place to do any development. Past water table issues alone should stop this. Water table is unstable and will flood homes that have been here for 30 years..



Inspire outdoor recreation with pristine and diverse recreational trails
Simply conserve natural character and restore ecosystems. Look at the disaster of Nose hill all the pavement everywhere has just lead to increased access and major ecosystem fragmentation. Also, why are more First Nation voices involved with this process. This is a silly endeavour just don't touch as much as possible.
Indigenous heritage and culture and should be celebrated on treaty land only. We need to spend taxpayer dollars on benefits to taxpayers only.
Leave it alone
Repeating my comment from section 1 question. No formal pathways or development should be considered due to the water table on these hillsides.
Outdoor recreation for the city. Trails! Don't add buildings and take away land.
Leave it wild and not paved for recreation
Hard to do if you continue to place infrastructure on it
The goals sound like a good thing; however, the problem lies in the final outcomes. You can state these goals, but if the actions result in buildings and pavement on what was once a natural ecosystem, people driving to the area (increased pollution and foot traffic on trails), more dogs running off-trail and scaring off what natural inhabitants remain and leaving poo all over then you really haven't met the goals that you are stating here.
The main use of the area has been trail based recreation. I feel this is not being quite prioritized as much as it should be.
The number one priority moving forward should be to support responsible recreation in the are. It's already mentioned but for me that's the number one thing that matters.
No condos
Same as above. It's already lovely with the trails. Well, it hasn't been wrecked by the development so far. Leave it alone.
No indigenous people will drive to this park from the west if the only access to it is from the top of the hill from 85th street. Maybe if they can access it from the TransCanada/16th ave.
All the goals are (of course) very positive as they should be . . . though not everyone will share these concerns, should there not be something about 'protecting' what make this area unique. Look, I know this area nearly impossible to police but at least acknowledge the desire to keep motorcycles and off walking and biking trails would be useful.
There is no real substance in the project goals as its based on misrepresentation and manipulation of the stated vision. The question of "To what extent do you agree or disagree with the project goals?" is a guided question which has no allowance of discourse of the nuances related to the individual assertions.
Goal should be to protect as many natural spaces as possible here. Too much destruction of natural spaces in Calgary.
trail based recreation is a pretty broad statement - that can mean anything including activities that disturb wildlife
Should be kept as natural as possible
Not sure I u destined what you mean by circulation
I am curious what "support circulation and trail based access" means. I assume that means putting in paved pathways? My understanding from talking with others in my community is the hope that it be left alone, and not urbanized/developed in any way.
Add outdoor spaces that members of the community and their dogs can enjoy.



The goals are great, execution is poor. There's tons of walking trails in Calgary. Nearly no mountain bike trails. The community of actual users have been trying to build up bridges and clean up trails. The walkers do nothing but leave poop bags. How do the ones that are actually contributing get punished?
Get rid of the DEI activism.
Less priority on Indigenous honour
Leave the park alone, it has been fine without a vision and locals have used it for years. You've received feedback not to alter it.
You don't preserve something by hiding it behind a bunch commercial buildings and destroying our veiw from Bowness!
Maintaining access to existing trail-based recreation.
DO NOT MAKE IT ABOUT [removed]!!! PEOPLE ARE SICK OF IT!!! ALBERTANS DO NOT WANT ANY MORE OF THAT VIRTUE SIGNALLING IN ALBERTA!!
Dogs alter the natural character of this space. Please prohibit off leash dog use.
Just support trail based recreation
It shouldn't be touched by developers period.
It's not an archeological and cultural area. It's an undeveloped natural recreation area with unimproved trails which is what people like.
Mountain biking trails and access
This has long been a Mountain Bike Trail Network; please preserve or enhance the mountain bike network.
There should be more emphasis on trail based recreation and less on indigenous heritage and culture.
-Encourage urban outdoor exploration and interaction with nature.
Primary project goal should be to support trail based recreation
Create a dynamic area for people to be active
Per above, which equally apply here. I don't understand what is meant by some of the content in the listed project goals, specifically in the "Honour Indigenous heritage and culture". Why not emphasize unity, recognition for all, but for no single group in particular. Lets try to help to build a community of "one" versus emphasizing differences that seem to divide us in today's world. We are after all a very large group of people in this country with a wide variety of ancestries, cultures, beliefs and values. Public lands are intended to be for everyone and no one in particular. Regarding "Build Community stewardship & accountability", the description is vague, non specific and more esoteric than realistic or practical. I would like to see a Project Goal that is specific to "Cost & Schedule", which is and should always be part of any project, big or small. As a tax payer, I expect that our tax dollars are effectively and efficiently used. Lets ensure and be proud of accountability.
Area is the best mountain biking in the city it's should remain a focus of the park and be enhanced with trail maintenance.
Maintain a wild environment, minimize development.
Do not want construction or tree removal
Again, it comes back to what your execution is. It is hands-off? Or an invasive Western attitude of land appropriation?



Just leave the park as it is and let people enjoy the natural area. trying to change the park or do to many things will be it's downfall
Leaving it as wild and NATURAL as possible
I go to Nature to love nature and let it fulfill me in a way that city life can't. So the second you talk about learning and connections, you again rob us of this special experience. Its me and nature. My brain on relax, soaking in the sounds of birds, the twinkle of the leaves, the glistening of the snow on the branches. It's not about reading signs to lecture and educate me. That is not why people go into nature.
Preserve the current mountain biking and hiking trails
It's important to maintain various recreational opportunities in the park. Walking trails, cycling trails, and mountain biking trails all need to be maintained and exist to allow for different forms of recreation to continue in the park
I am assuming that trail-based recreation includes biking as that is a great place for it.
Currently the paskapoo slopes are littered with garbage blowing from the trinity hills parking lot due to homes businesses and construction. It's totally disrespectful and atrocious. I've filed reports and nothing has changed. There needs to be active efforts made to keep people liable and accountable for this harm and disrespect to the land and animals. I'd like more specificity in terms of what actionable efforts you mean in your statements. The words don't reflect reality.
No
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Support circulation & trail-based recreation- Do not change it, the best way to accomplish "conserve natural character and restore ecosystems" is to conserve it, not modify it. Leave it as it is
Save the natural terrain!
Yes-keep the bike trails in tact
Remove all of the goals. We ride our bikes there. We walk as a family there. It is not a nature preserve, it is a beautiful recreational natural place
Preserve the natural habitat - no more housing developments or paved pathways
Recognition of the long standing trail use, both by hikers and mountain bikers ...my fear is that some of the 'singletrack' trail network will give way to paved/gravelled walking trails.
What is fostering learnings and connection?
I support the goals overall, but it would be important to more clearly recognize existing trail use, especially biking, as a valued and established part of the area.
Rather than reducing access, the plan should aim to maintain current trail networks where and work with user groups to manage them sustainably. Well managed trails can actually support conservation by reducing unmanaged use and encouraging stewardship.
Not sure if this is missing or not, but it's important that the Medicine Hill lands form part of a connected network of natural areas and trails that allow for moving through/across both up/down (north-south) and across (east-west) between other origins and destinations and links in the trail/pathway network. This could inform future pathway connections across the Trans Canada highway between Na'a Drive NW and Bowcliffe Crescent NW and future



proofing for future improved connections to Patterson and maybe across Sarcee Trail SW to the lands southeast of Bowdale Crescent NW.
Please just don't ruin the only good mountain biking in the city
Preserving access to and use of existing trails that have been developed and are used and deemed important by the people that actually recreate there and not some board or panel of outsiders
As long as the mountain biking trails will still be there I'm all for protecting the landscape.
There is minimal evidence presented that these are lands that archeologically sensitive or valuable to Indigenous heritage and culture. The surrounding lands have been developed at a massive scale.
This area has been used for trail based recreation for a long time, and that should be the priority.
Don't need to focus on indigenous heritage and culture so much. Just preservation and thoughtful trail use.
Trail based recreation MUST encompass separating bike trails from pedestrians. Like N Glenmore Park. Mixing the two is asking for injury.
Are dogs allowed? Are they allowed off-leash? What measures are there to avoid collisions between hikers/runners and mountain bikes due to blind corners, silent bikes, persons who are hard of hearing, and high-speed bikes. Are e-bikes allowed? Are there speed limits for bikes? What is the policy on trail alterations by the public: breaking off trees, sawing off trees, and making jumps?
There is a sandstone rock about 30 m north-east of the pedestrian access to the area from the northernmost portion of Cougartown Close that has leaf imprints on it. Someone sprayed graffiti on it. It should be protected to prevent further damage.
Yes! When permission for original development in this area was granted a pedestrian bridge crossing 16th ave NW (near Sarcee Trail) was promised. There is no bridge and I can't find information about plans for one from developers. This was before the Feedermain Issues in the area.
There is no safe crossing at the east end for residents from north of 16th Ave to access the space. We have to go up to Bowfort Road and then back down.
I feel that incorporating a safe pedestrian access to the area from the north side of 16th Ave should be a goal for this park. I can see it from my house (literally across 16th Ave NW) but can't access it. It should be a quick 10 min walk but currently requires a 40min trek there and back to get to the park.
The first one is far more important than all the rest. The rest depend on the first one
Traffic management and parking will be an issue. Opening up this area will bring people and on nice days, these parking lots will likely overflow. Are there pic nic areas? Is the concept to encourage people to stay and pic nic or simply walk the trails and leave the area? Recommend thinking about the average and likely intended use and duration of time spent in the areas to manage and model human use and traffic.
I suggest - "support and limit circulation & trail-based recreation".
Yes maintain existing trails but leave it fairly "wild"



I'm sure all the trails will be manicured taking away the fun for mountain bikers, trail runners and hikers.
I really like where you are going with the vision and goals.
There are more than one culture that has ties to paskapoo slopes. I would really like to see the Tibetan monument preserved
Support circulation and trail based recreation without impacting the natural environment. Keep this park as natural as it can be and has been for many years.
The Poject vision and Goals are pretty much identical, hence my comments are the same as above
Public education about Indigenous uses of the area and the wildlife found in the park that is incorporated into Indigenous culture.
It's important to keep it natural for users to escape. Keep natural trails and natural features to entertain hikers and mountain bikers. Limit the infrastructure in the park to perhaps some information signs.
Leave it alone
No but many of the goals are at odds depending how they get interpreted
Nothing about enjoying sport and nature Nothing about kids just playing in the woods
Sounds like a national park.
Safety, Inclusivity and Accessibility need to be listed as goals and it is not! Currently, many of the existing trails are steep, uneven, and become muddy or completely ice-covered in winter, making them unsafe or impassable for much of the community. This significantly limits year-round access for seniors, families, and individuals with mobility challenges.
Supporting trail-based recreation should include a diversity of trail types, including routes designed with moderate slopes, stable and cleared all-season surfaces, and periodic rest opportunities. This would improve safety, reduce erosion, and expand access to the entire community rather than just the select few that currently dominate the use of the area! (..and have dominated the engagement feedback!)
An outright ban of all electric bikes and scooters in the area. Also strong on leash markers.

If the draft trail network does not fully reflect the experiences you value, what feels missing or under-represented? (Optional - Select up to 5) – Other

The trails are great how they are now! I've never thought, 'I really wish the city would come in and improved the trail system'. The original trails that COP and other users have built over decades are great!
Indigenous ceremony and appreciation of Mother Earth.
Maintaining natural areas
accessibility
No feedback
Worried about Bhuddhist stupa which has important for Tibetan Canadian of Calgary.



Leave the lands the way it is
The lower west side trails commonly called Turtle Soup and Low Road, that lead up to the Big Rock, should stay as non reinforced trails suitable for walking and mountain biking. As a senior citizen, this is one of the most enjoyable group of trails I know of for mountain biking in all of Calgary, and it would lose its character completely if it was upgraded to a reinforced surface trail. These trails should be removed from the Primary Trail category.
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Dont want or feel a need for more developed trails. This park isnt the place for pavement or gravel
Too many trails. Leave it more untouched
Leave the park alone.
Safety for those hiking alone.
We do not need wide and hard surface trails in this area
Too much development, I would like to see the area remain more natural, less main routes where I'm assuming paving will most likely happen
Leave it as is. Great trails already there.
Leaves no area undisturbed by trails.
Mountain bike trails
Nature & Solitude being valued aren't any of the options above. Leave things as they are. This area, including the surrounding community, does not benefit from more unnecessary development. That's not the need.
Fewer tertiary routes. Less storytelling signs
What area/trails will be off leash for dogs?
I would need more explanation on what would be altered?
Specifically there are current trails that run through private land and connect the eastern portion trails near the points of Paterson to the rest of the park. These are some of the best trails in the park and help to form a nice 40 - 1 hr walking loop taking you from the lake to the bottom of the hill and back around to the top back to the lake. These trails being kept would be incredible as the loops has hills, forests, meadows, rivers, quiet scenery and truly should be highlighted as one of the better hikes in all of Calgary.
I disagree with building out an existing natural area
Please just leave this area alone!
I can't tell. Will I still be able to mountain bike through here?
Very difficult to tell trails without seeing topographical information
Again leave it as is
Too many trails. Keep the nature
I am not seeing access points they provide enough parking or ease of entry
Are there more sensitive areas where dogs/bikes will not be allowed? (E.g. nesting season)
The map doesn't show how wildlife and plants will flourish in the park. So im unsure if the map meets my goals for the area.
A feeling of a natural, playful space, a true community backyard, which has been kept running smoothly via the community's contributions



It seems that the main change (from a trail perspective) is the removal of trails that are defined as 'low use' and several other trails that are slated to be removed without a reason given. Let's not reduce the number of trails as this seems like a step backwards. It would be much better to keep and maintain existing trails to spread users out
keep original landscape as much as possible
Fun ways to stay active in the evenings through mountain biking.
More secluded areas, trees, peace, less open land with grass/bushes
It doesn't need to be changed. Your wrecking something beautiful
Trails for walkers (ie no bikes) only.
With regards to the more challenging routes, my idea is more downhill/ free ride trails. Practically every trail in the city is already an xc trail, so we don't really have any shortage of those.
City Hall seems to have 'lost the plot' on its core function on this project: maintain a functioning trail system at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. Using phrases like 'immersive paths for contemplation' suggests this project has a budget far in excess of what is needed and money is being spent on middle management who want to justify their easy jobs, probably at the expense of the hard working staff who actually build and maintain the trail system.
not so much that it doesn't reflect my values, but I can't really tell from the map what is closing and what is enhanced - it really requires an on-site engagement to know.
Please just manage the trail system in a financially responsible way and do not waste taxpayer money on unnecessary items.
I want to see a relatively easy and direct, paved or smooth gravel, connector/uptrack from the bottom of the hill to the top. Ideally, through the middle of the park, but it could also work well on the west perimeter near winsport or on the more eastern perimeter above Sarcee. Ideally, this trail would be cleared of snow in the winter. This connection would be essentially the only pedestrian and bike connection between the river valley and west springs/cougar ridge from edworthy park to Winsport. There is a severe lack of efficient commuter community connectivity in this area, especially in winter, since walking or biking up Sarcee trail is a non-starter. This trail should be smooth enough to allow for road bikes and should also allow e-bikes, even if the rest of the park is off limits to e-bikes.
Just leave it alone please
Looks like an enormous waste of taxpayer money. Just maintain a decent trail system and drop all the [removed].
There are so many trails that it carves up the park way too much to maintain the natural area for movement of wildlife. Totally over built and designed
Nature and wildlife needs less development
Just manage the trail system: cut the grass, take out garbage, maintain the washrooms etc. You people are not the architect of a new world order. How much time and taxpayer money has been wasted on this project pretending City Hall is more than it is?
Leave it alone
Fencing to prevent off trail biking
There is nothing to change as it is now it is perfect. You will screw this entire trail system up!



Restrict access in the most natural areas to maintain the park as it is - i don't want this to become paved trails, full access, which attracts so many people that the park erodes over time. And 100% restrict anything motorized!!
People biking these trails are barely able to ride consistently for 5 minutes before they are going to hit knowledge signs and people gathering. Meaning the bikers will no longer have access. Leave the park alone. It is one of the few places in the sw designed as it currently sits for strong biking trails. We have enough walking parks around the city and this doesn't need to be one.
1. It's unclear whether the trails are for pedestrian use or cyclist use. There should be some trails that are designated as pedestrian only, and some that are cyclist only. 2. There should be a second washroom facility at the other end of the park.
Too many trails
A trail loop dedicated to mountain bikes that ascends and descends. This will concentrate this type of activity to a section of the park and decrease traffic to other parts allowing people who find bikes disruptive to engage less with them.
The option to do nothing is the best one
Undisturbed land and no pathways
Trails should not be further developed in the area
Cross country ski trails should be part of the park
Leave it as is
Nothing should be developed further in Patterson.
Dedicated Signage, With Trinity hills in there, alot of Walkers have are unattentive, and Alot of Covid Dog owners don't have control of their animals.
Too many tertiary routes. Not enough space for natural landscape to renew itself. Also there needs to be strict 'no dogs' zones and enforcement. Dogs have created havoc for wildlife in the area parks most notably Shouldice, Bowmont, & Dale Hodges.& Dale
Bike trails are not specified. This should be prioritized or at least noted on the plan. Between nose hill and paskapoo, there needs to be a specific effort to ensure mountain bikes have a home.
No development needs to occur period.
Wildlife focus
More washrooms
Please leave it as it is with no trails. Leave it wild
Leave the area alone. Don't waste the money on this.
Don't decommission trails!!!!
The trail map uses three shades of yellow to delineate the trails, which are very challenging to discern, and need to be changed. Can the city alter the color scheme and try again?
No pathways please. I value this environmental reserve as it is. Leave it alone please.
Undisturbed nature
official areas for MTB dirt jumps
Leaving it undeveloped
Ban bikes from the trails to keep it safe for families and walkers.
Fewer trails to conserve natural habitats



It's just as it needs to be. A little piece of wilderness in the city. Don't change it please.
Untouched nature
The plan seems to take away the naturalness of the area, especially on the primary multi-use. Not sure what re-enforced trails mean, but it doesn't sound natural at all.
Primary issue for me is continuing access for mountain bikes and trail running. These recreational activities are limited within city limits. "reinforced trail systems" are HUGE detriment to both.
No matter what you do to improve traffic, you will destroy a natural beautiful landscape. This area does not need paved paths and parking lots and an increase in people who are not truly connected to nature.
Less trails
There isn't a direct clear connector from Piita Rise up to Cougar Ridge.
I support closing the trails proposed on the plan if it means protecting and restoring the area
Potential to build up trails similar to the bike park in downtown Vernon BC
Information on the history of the area. I want to learn more about its rich aboriginal history, the types of vegetation as well as its benefits.
Looks like an already accessible trail, why not put the effort into areas of Calgary that see walkable areas as an expensive luxury? Put more focus to places that have no connection to nature. Clearly these trails are already well outlined, do they 'need' more? Definitely not the most needed area that need spaces made..
Too many trails shown here. Reduce density: this will be incredibly disruptive to wildlife
Leave it alone.
Just leaving it wild the way it is.
The many accessible entrances are nestled into our communities. We do not have the parking for an influx of people. We also do not want parking in our areas.
There are far too many pathways and far too many points of interest, entry, and storytelling sites. This area should be left undeveloped and completely natural. Pathways are not necessary and neither is any of the infrastructure that will attract people and ultimately ruin the natural beauty and disrupt the wildlife.
Manipulation and curated experiences as opposed to natural ones
Since I've enjoyed Paskapoo for the last 10 years, mostly alone and in solitude, the expanse of trail system will definitely bring lots and lots of people. It's good that everybody else gets to experience the part two but a small part of me is sad that we will become a well-known spot in Calgary.
More mountain bike trails
Nothing. The trails are perfect as-is
More primary routes
Let nature be at the forefront. Not interested in points of interest.
Connectivity to pathways downtown
Points of conflicts between trail base recreation users, a better vision or ideas between bikes, hikers, and family exploring
All trails should clearly be for non-motorized use. There should be trails restricted to walking, and others restricted to biking, as well as dual use trails, because it is really hard to enjoy a nature walk when a trail is used by mountain bikers. There should be additional washrooms



(perhaps at the opposite end compared to the planned ones). I also feel that there isn't enough planned parking.
Do not build keep it as is.
Leaving most of it as is
It's messed up now with the new land developed, might as well develop the rest and close COP as that's what the city really wants
All trails are multi-use. Would appreciate trails designated as walking only. Separate bike paths.
There should be no new pathways That are not already part of the trail system
It looks like you've turned the area into a a rotting larval infested piece of deadmeat. There should be many, many few trails.
There needs to be trails dedicated to Mountain bike use.
These public trails and meetings areas are directly behind our home.. paths are too close to existing backyards.
Leave it wild as it is for the animals stop trying to change
Leave what exists alone
If you start bringing a bunch of people and bikers to the area, there won't be any peaceful, natural routes. It already started getting bad when the trails became more used by bikers. You'd be walking in peace and suddenly be shocked by a bike right behind you.
I hope the primary use trails will not be modified to an extent from their current state. Mountain bikers have built and maintained these trails, their character and charm will be lost with trail modifications
I am concerned with what "re-enforced trail surfaces" means. I prefer the single track as is except for Lemon Orchard and maybe Ridge Run.
I cannot tell if primary are accessible by wheelchair. I hope we are considering people with mobility issues or parents with strollers.
Please don't make it too precious with too many enhancements; the hill as it is offers more than enough for people who need it.
It's missing a natural flow of which way trails can be ridden on bikes. Enhanced signage at intersections would also be something that helps the trail network. While the trails are a lot of fun, having more variety in the type of trail ie technical singletrack or fast and flowy trails would be a welcome addition.
Please don't develop this to be a playground for extreme sports
I can't respond until I map, track and compare the draft network to the trails i've mapped and used for the last 25-30 years. Also information on trail surfaces, widths, augmentation would need to be provided. Otherwise the public remains uninformed and should not be allowed to comment based on such limited information.
too many trails and too much multi use activities
Natural more wild experience Less cultivated
Concerned about too much development/trails impacting existing wildlife
Areas or trails that dogs can be off-leash, similar to other areas of the city.
Off leash dog areas
Too limited. Don't close any, clean the up and open more
Disagree with changing anything



proposing alterations you've already received feedback on not to make. It is fine as it is. Where did you get the idea you needed to change it?
Veiw destroyed by over development at base of slopes
Again, maintaining the natural environment with minimal disruption is paramount. There is already a vast network of trails in this area that seem fine to be left as is.
park should be left as is
Don't touch it - leave it be . Don't do anything
Connect to Trinity Hills, Bowness and Montgomery neighborhoods
A paved/gravel trail network does not reflect the character of the area. Edworthy is available for users who want that
I'm concerned that "primary trail" means you are going to take some of the nice single track trails and widen them into something inherently less interesting.
Makes no sense to close "Back East" as it is a long existing well used trail. Closing "Mr. T" is mentioned, but the map instead shows "Scrub Brush" as a possible closure.
Mountain Bike Trails
More purpose built mountain bike trails can be used to increase the enjoyment for those users, while reducing the potential for conflict with other user groups. To be fair, the same can be said for trails specifically for foot traffic.
Trails should be present to ensure all ages and people with disabilities and be immersed in nature as well.
Trails primarily for mountain biking
The area has a significant down slope to it, I would appreciate more switch backs that allow for easier climbing whether on foot or bike to be able to descend /ascend safely and without having a heart attack.
Signage is unnecessary and counterproductive. It creates a museum effect. It turns you into a witness instead of a participant on the land. Indigenous meaning is about lived experience, direct connection with the land, and orality. Let Indigenous Elders tell the stories of the land, if anyone is to.
unclear how you will change the existing trails which are just fine right now.
Looks like a lot of development rather than a natural wild area. That co verns me from a user perspective and environment. More people = Less wild experience and less wild life
It's really hard to tell without a topography map.
Designated mountain biking and hiking trails
Please just leave it the way it is. Do not need to "parkify" it. The new construction has already chewed up a large portion of what was once a prestine parkland forest. The more natural, the better.
Don't do anything leave it.
More access points and parking
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Leave the trails as they are
Are you preserving the Buddhist stupa that is a culturally important as it's where the Dalai Lama visited when he was here in 2007



There is an over-emphasis on the "primary" trails. Reinforced surfaces and heavily used pathways such as this will destroy what makes the paskapoo slopes special. I would prefer to see none of these at all
I think the primary multi use trails are going to bring too much traffic into the park. Keep these trails somewhat rugged, please.
The map is extremely difficult to read because the colours chosen to represent the different types of trails are so similar. Please revise this because at the moment I don't know what I'm looking at.
Less interference the better
More challenging loops that bypass the main multi use paths to reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians
Leave the area as it is right now. The things you are proposing to do will not improve the space they will make it less good. It is a great space as it currently is
More trail features for mountain biking
Connections for walking and mountain biking in the eastern half and into Patterson. Also, please ensure that many trails allow for mountain biking and off-leash dogs. Thanks!
Mountain bike specific trails
The trail network already exists and doesn't need to be remapped. Many existing trails are not represented here
existing trail network should be maintained in its current form, there should not be a need to provide paved pathways or any upgrades to pathway surfaces.
Mountain biking is not considered in the plan, especially considering there is a well established network of trails.
Direct access into the Wolf Run development as there is at the older development closer to winsport (can't remember the name), potentially a pathway across the back of the townhouses next to the retaining wall
Looks like too many trails
Not sure how bike vs pedestrian traffic is to be managed based on the map.
How does the closure of some trails and the opening of new trails effectively reduce fragmentation?
Should be walking trails only
I enjoy being up there with no signage. No need to mark up the trails. Its more enjoyable to navigate through the area and not be directed.
Too many trails. Keep it peaceful and not overcrowded with too many trails
There are too many trails! How can wildlife exist with so many trails being used?
Learning opportunities especially archaeology
Unsure if the mountain biking with still be available.
It's not clear if these are for walking or mountain biking. I also feel like there are too many trails. I would prefer to keep it primarily green space uninterrupted by humans where wildlife can live freely.
New proposed parking should be kept away from Cougar Ridge, without affecting our peace and quiet. Leave access through Trinity Hills (16 Ave)
The less primary trials the better the park will be supported and less illegal trails will be cut in.

Leave as-is. Nothing wrong with the way it is at the moment. Or at least I am not sure as to what is/are the issue(s) we are trying to solve
Bicycle trails, beautiful plants and relaxing area (the big lawn) like those at Baker Park.
The trails are perfect as is, they draw in the people who respect what is already there and do not need intervention to attract crowds. Calgary has other parks for groups.
Fewer multiuse paths. Create some user type specific paths as this will GREATLY reduce friction between users. ie. Have walking/running specific and biking specific. These clear designations will allow users to enjoy the trail without the constant mental burden of worrying about another user speeding past - this will greatly increase enjoyability for ALL users.
There needs to be some walking only trails (no bikes) Like Griffith Woods

What stands out to you about either the Gateway or Pavilion options?

Pavilion - I like the rest stop
Gateway (Concept A): simple entrance with signage is good but I don't like the pergola-like gateway structure. This will get vandalized or overgrown by trees and is not a good idea to put close to the forest edge.
Pavilion (Concept B): too much development for the natural park.
The Gateway has less development and appears to be more in alignment with the vision and goals of the project.
A circle of stones for searing and ceremony, such as "Sharing Circles."
The entry point of interest should be minimal to reduce disturbance to the area and to respect the natural area.
The Pavillion is very intrusive and doesn't fit within a natural area. it would result in loss of native vegetation used by wildlife.
If one of these is needed, it should be the Gateway, but put it in the parking lot, so more land is not lost.
The Pavilion option involves more intervention and less conservation of the natural area - sets the wrong tone/message
you say accessible above but at the open house you indicated there were only going to be the trails they way they are. those aren't accessible for people in a wheel chair.
Gateway is more natural to fit the theme of the park.
I think it should be closer to the parking lot and accessible
Public restrooms would be appreciated.
It appears pavilion option includes washroom
The Gateway concept feels more aligned with the vision and goals for nature, conservation and education. The Pavilion feels like too much artificial and introduced infrastructure.
Important to keep the area as natural as possible so wayfinding signage and some small interpretative signage that don't take away the in natural being in nature feel.
Minimal arrival info is all that is needed, please avoid over-development, too many signs, etc. Just allow people to enjoy the area without succumbing to the need to over-inform and overwhelm.
Pavilion looks like it would lead to a much busier trail system.



Less building, more info about the area.
The Pavilion Option is absolutely unacceptable in my opinion. Firstly, there is nothing wrong with the current sign in the parking lot. For what reason at all would we need a building? The result will be littering, large crowds, and a space that attracts people who do not actually respect the trails and land and instead just want to loiter. The Gateway Option is slightly better, but I still see absolutely no need for giant billboards to obstruct my view of the park. A minimalist sign is great, and serves the same purpose, without using taxpayer dollars and absolutely erasing the natural feel of the park. Everything does not have to be industrialized.
Gateway preferred, the park is small enough that is someone needs something there are other options. Limits the amount of building. Keeping it small would limit city wide attention and allow community members to enjoy what they have close to home
I would rather none. It seems like a waste of money.
Enough garbage cans and plastic recycling that they are not always overflowing. Public restrooms. Shaded tables.
This place doesn't need over development to be enjoyable. It's well loved and used in its current state. Don't mess with it
The Gateway is more in tune with nature and the second is more intrusive onvnature and more costly to build.
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Minimal development and disruption to the ecology - a gateway would be sufficient
Less impact please
The pavilion option is too overbuilt and takes away from the natural feeling of this area by placing a large building right at the entry. The gateway option better supports connection with nature, maintaining sight lines into the park and transitioning from the parking lot to the park. Keep infrastructure and built features to what is minimally necessary.
The less the better.
I like the accessibility of the pavilion and a natural gathering point that isn't in the parking lot.
While lovely in intention, we have plenty of spaces like this through this city with fish creek and other spots; they become dumping grounds for garbage, run down, not maintained or respected in terms of the adjacent nature. People don't learn appropriate stewardship through spaces like this, it just brings in more populace with less respect or knowledge.
Pavilion is completely unnecessary and an overdevelopment of the natural space. This park should be as untouched as possible, while accounting for the challenges you laid out earlier (why park cannot stay as it is) including accessibility and sustainability. Less is more! Pavilions rarely get used, fall into disrepair and are a magnet for drug user, homeless camps and other unwanted activity.
The minimalist aspect of gateway is less intrusive in the space. Pavilion styles often go unused for significant amounts of time, and are more subject to aging or appearing aged as funding on renovations for these spaces is hard to come by.
It's too much please don't do it! Leave the park alone.
Gateway looks like it would better support the overall vision for the park and the stated goals while being less intrusive.
The pavilion looks like overdevelopment and something that will be vandalized, lived in by homeless, cost too much tax dollars, etc.



I feel the pavilion would take away natural space from the area. One of the goals of this project is to preserve natural areas so this would go against the goals
I want it to stay as a nature first arrival!
concept A-less obtrusive, simpler,
A concern that I have regarding the Pavilion option is maintenance. While I do think a pavilion would be great for encouraging gathering and education (e.g., for school field trips, for visitors from out of town), I fear that a bigger structure with more amenities might be more prone to vandalism and is likely to require more upkeep compared to a more minimal gateway.
Leave the forest as it is
Both are quite good - i like the way to make them blend into the natural environment. Don't want garish looking signs that clash with the environment - want ti make sure there is some seating areas by the entrance, as well as garbage disposal so people can dispose their trash, and dedicated bins for dog feces - lots of dogs in the area. If it's a larger build one, edd to ensure that it is actually used and not beong taken over by grifters
A structure that compliments the area. Maintenance is very important to keep a welcoming appearance and for walkers/cyclists to feel and be safe.
Gateway is more natural but also certain entry stance.
With everyone carrying a cell phone, mapping this area and providing information on various 'points of interest' should be easy and environmentally less impact to use an app or some sort instead of building big pavilions that could be potentially vandalized. It could even provide a better platform to provide more information or even the potential to do a 'walk along tour'.
To celebrate all areas of history and not to just celebrate indigenous people. Yes they are a part of the history but not everything about the history
Pavilion takes away from the nature based character of the park
Pavilion is overkill to be honest. It's going to attract too many people who h will ruin the secluded feel. It's also extremely cheaper to build and maintain.
Natural areas that have as little evidence of human changes are preferable so you can feel like you're leaving humanity behind and immersing in nature.
Pavilion looks like it would house commercial/retail/fast food, and it disrupts the natural landscape.
The pavilion is WAY too much, and the gateway appears to offer more than is needed as well. The charm of paskapoo is its relatively untouched and natural beauty. I'm supportive of offering moments of learning/information and wayfinding but this should be offered in the least disturbing way possible. A simple plaque/entrance sign in neutral/natural colours and material would be the most appropriate and least offensive option. I don't believe anyone is going to see anything resembling "developing" the park as an improvement. I also strongly dislike the plan to resurface or grade the trails. The proposed "upgrades" would absolutely ruin the experience of disappearing into one of the few natural outdoor spaces that Calgary has left to offer. There's no better way to honour the history of this important landscape than to preserve it as it is, as much as possible.
That they are both intrusive and completely unnecessary. So the least intrusive option would be better. But leaving it alone and not doing any further development would be best.



The pavilion is too much development.
Maybe a small 2 stall restroom as that is necessary.
A Pavilion changes the vibe completely and makes it feel commercial instead of spiritual and natural, a real habitat for wildlife.
This area is cherished for its raw natural beauty. Please don't install major signs etc. keep those at an interpreter centre.
High Cost, not useful.
Both rooms would be value add.
Either the Gateway or more significantly the Pavilion both seem a little too much, and I would instead suggest something similar to what is done at many trailheads in BNP with (at most) a sheltered sign that describes nearby trails and provides space for notices or simply a sign showing a map and trails.
Especially like the signage for an overview of the area
Deeply troubling and misses the existing natural area already in place. I disagree with making this natural area another project for awful developers to use as a sales pitch for their ugly apartment buildings
Hard to say.
Please just leave this area alone!
Pavilion will encourage more traffic, more people, litter, and crowds.
Maybe some public toilets ..
I do not think a pavilion is necessary - I would rather not see any buildings there at all (including washrooms). Leave it natural and rugged. The introduction of these amenities will serve to increase visitors to this area - including unwanted use such as night visitors (parties) and possible encampments (it feels as though this is one of the few unpopulated natural areas that still feels safe to walk alone as a woman... also, I wouldn't want to see the impact that increased visitors would have on local wildlife.
Pavilion is over the top and doesn't align with the objectives. Are you going to pave all the trails? This is a treasured mountain biking and hiking area. Why pave it?
The efforts and costs of doing either of these is unnecessary. Simple signage or patronage is reasonable — not a full pavilion. Save taxpayer monies including maintenance.
How sustainable can be a Pavilion over time? A Gateway seems to be a simpler concept that could be enhanced with some - not all - elements of a Pavilion. Sustainability. How does the city quantify the cost-benefit of one or the other proposal?
The gateway is non-invasive and aligns in keeping with the natural area of the park. A pavilion is too much infrastructure.
Both Pavilion and Gateway: It would be similar to the Lake Louise area, where you park, access the restroom, walk a ways and then read the 'billboards' about the area.
Waste of money for an already beautiful area
I don't think this is necessary. The primary goal should be to manage what already exists (i.e. trail maintenance and signage) with minimal new development (parking, gateways, etc.)
A rest stop, washroom will be a great addition for people who decide to bike/walk/run from their home instead of driving to the location.
Gateway - I like the minimal low key approach



Accessibility is important. Good information is good for stewardship helping people understand the park and its importance
A pavilion would offer some shade/shelter from the weather, which would be beneficial especially for seniors and children.
How much money is wasted on this by middle managers trying to justify thire job. No other park has this, and they don't need it. Stop wasting tax payer money
Nature focus! This area should be about nature, human enjoyment second. There are so many parts of the city that are about humans. Let's leave this small part of Calgary for nature to thrive!
These are far too intrusive. Please keep this area natural and do not add anything else to it.
One of my favourite parts of this park is the feeling of discovery and adventure as one learns about all the unmarked trails in the area.
I would be deeply saddened if this became anything like Dale Hodges park.
A bench should be added and perhaps an outhouse.
Pavilion does not feel like nature
Minimal disruption
Keep it minimal! Pavilion is too developed.
Pavilion - NOT necessary. Less is more in Paskapoo in my opinion. the best part about it is being able to get out into nature on natural single track trails. Any 'enhancement' to trails would be a significant loss in my opinion
I'd rather keep the trails to walkers and runners, not biking.
Somewhere in the middle might be ideal. A large gateway that doesn't require a lot of O&M but adequately highlights the incredible diversity and history. Big Rock, the car in the creek, the Gerbrandt foundation (and lilacs), the bison kill history, etc.
Washroom option would be nice, however I like the minimalist one as in true keeping with the spirit of Paskapoo
I do not think that either option is required. Keeping the entire area as natural as possible, while preserving the habitat for wildlife and the historic features would be the best option.
A minimal gateway showcases nature and that's important to me
a gateway is less obtrusive and is in keeping with a quieter, contemplative walk/ hike in the area
It sounds like the Pavilion option might become over crowded and dramatically change the current experience.
The gateway is leaner and cleaner, it doesn't get in the way of sightlines.
add washrooms pls
Public restrooms, wheelchair-accessibility, and seasonal washrooms.
I like the idea of having a place with shade and seats for people exhausted after a hike.
Leave the land alone. Signs are useless, no one reads them, no one wants them. You already added one and no one in this neighborhood ever looks at it. It's just an eyesore in an otherwise peaceful natural landscape. Both options ruin the land. It's fine the way it is not everything needs to be changed.
This kind of feature does not seem necessary to me.



Gateway has greater respect for the natural environment itself.
Keep it as low impact as possible
Overall, I would minimize any built-up features at the trailhead entrance area. However, I am in favour of providing clear maps/way-finding signage at the entrance and strategic intersections through the network (Bragg Creek Trails does a very good job of this) and I would also support 1-2 washrooms (no running water, just a latrine with toilet paper and hand sanitizer) and one small bike-rack area near the entrance.
I just want better mtb trails. If either is going to be done, maybe the 1st is better. The 2nd seems expensive.
While I think both are positive, the pavilion is more accessible because it offers a place for a person to sit down. I think it would be great if the forest edge could have washrooms, bike parking, a bike pump, a bike repair stand with tools, drinking water fountains (bottle refill station), maps, interpretive/historical/cultural/educational information on signs and a seasonal vendor selling hot/cold drinks and snacks.
I am unclear if the Pavilion includes a washroom or not
The gateway allows people to read history about the area and how to protect it for future use. The pavilion might become a hang out place for people.
The gateway fits better with the nature first mentality. I don't want it to become too busy!
A less intrusive gateway concept is better than a pavilion. However, either concept (combined with expanded parking, washrooms, etc) is likely to generate too many visitors to a fragile ecosystem. I would encourage you to proceed very cautiously, beginning with simple non-intrusive maintenance of existing trails. We do not need more trails, especially paved trails. We need to protect the existing fragile trails and ensure people don't wander off them.
Neither would improve the experience. To the contrary, many would be annoyed by the arrogance of bureaucrats thinking they can improve on nature and then be annoyed by thinking about the wasted funds on such unnecessary items.
Both options should be utilized throughout the park. The Gateway option is best in most locations around the site and would fit in with the scale and character of the park. The pavilion could be at two or three access points near larger parking areas where groups are more likely to meet.
Nothing. This should be a raw trail network as it is now.
The Gateway should be minimal, indeed. No Pavillion. The Pavilion construction will create soil disturbance, construction vehicle access and soil contamination etc.
Both are a waste of money and would not improve the trail system for the vast majority of users.
The gateway option represents the concept pf nature forward in this unique natural environment right in the centre of an extremely busy urban area. Perhaps a link to more information could be posted on the board - everyone has a cellphone these days....
Nothing. Paskapoo doesn't need to be highlighted, it's not nearly as big as fish creek and building paths or doing construction will impact wildlife.
Keep it natural.
Good idea but we don't have money.
Half of the hill has been developed by Trinity. Such a terrible loss. The Bhuddist Stupa was damaged by city workers (?) clearing the way for development recently. Why could it not have been left?? They took it half apart and then left it. Damaged. I appreciate the city taking



steps to protect it and as a Cougar Ridge resident, I hope the animals that have been pushed (lynx, coyotes, moose, deer) will be protected.
The Pavilion concept offers more of a defined space for meeting. Collocated washroom facilities at the beginning/end of the trail. More seating options accommodate greater diversity of park users. Is there an opportunity to integrate solar+BESS+EV charging into the concept design for the facilities to accommodate an uptake in EV adoption and provide potential revenue generation in support of park amenities?
I really like both options. Prefer the minimalist design if I had to choose one.
I feel both options are drawing too much attention to this space. The fewer people using it the better!
Both appear to be a waste of taxpayer money that would just make a walk in the woods less enjoyable as most people would look at this mess and be distracted by thinking about how City Hall wastes taxpayer money.
I support Gateway concept A. The most minimal impact on the area in my opinion is best to preserve the area
can't you simply put up a smaller signage. why over do it for a natural area. and you leave that kind of investment open to vandalize. wasting tax payers money.
It would be ideal if there was a restroom available
I would like to have this area kept as natural and wild as possible
There is no need for a toilet of significant development as suggested by the pavilion. We need to minimize the development proposed to protect the area for the moose and other animals that call it home.
Pavilion has too big of a footprint. This area needs to be protected. I get the need to balance people and nature but there is so much development in this area already that we need to keep some protected places.
A welcome is good but keep it as minimal and simple as possible, suitable for a nature walk.
a place to gather with other users and have conversations. Concerns are that pathways may be paved, impacting the natural environment.
On the trail map it's very difficult to decipher the different trails with shades of yellow.
Don't waste taxpayer money on such unnecessary items.
The pavilion option seems more inviting to those with slightly more limited abilities. They can choose trails and activities that align with their interests and capabilities.
Minimal impact to the natural scenery.
Keep the buildings to a minimum but washroom would be usefull.
The more amenities you offer the more diverse the people that will use it. If the people who would prefer a more minimalist approach don't want to use the amenities, they don't have to.
Consider including a water dispenser as well so people don't bring disposable bottles. Having benches allows people to use the trails that may need a sit down along the way.
Minimal impact on the very fragile soil type and vegetation. Minimal drainage of harmful vehicular chemicals into the ecosystem and the river below.
Look at how ugly that is. This feels like a sock joke. It is perfect as it is. This is a huge waste of money and destroying nature



Gateway maintains natural beauty while providing parking and blending into the surroundings. Pavillion ruins the natural beauty by erecting structures and creating a built-up park -- we want a natural park.
Both are far more invasive then necessary. The park is doing just fine as it is. If any "upgrades" must be done then minimal is best. This park will be ruined if a pavilion structure is built. Far to many knowledge signs won't help either.
Leave the trails way they are!
With either option, there should be year-round washroom facilities.
Pavilion seems like a waste of money, both in capital and maintenance. Likely will attract vandals. Gateway and info board get same job done with lower cost.
What stands out is the colossal waste of money trying to make what is already perfect align with some consultants 'vision'. The people who live here and us it daily know it's perfect the way it is. Changing it because there's a budget for it is wrong. Spend it on the homeless.
Let's not put unnecessary plastic objects in nature.
Gateway offers minimal intrusion to the natural landscape - all that's needed is a map of the trails, quality, restrooms, and gathering spaces for families and friends to spend time in nature.
rest stop area on Pavilion
I dont think a Pavillion is required and construction will drive away wildlife.
Mostly prefer Gateways with a limited number of pavilions for washrooms and information
Leave the area alone
The Gateway is a great idea to spread knowledge about the area without making it feel commercial and attracting to much traffic to the area, keeping it somewhat quiet and serene.
like gateway as more natural to the area and the mission of keeping it natural - think of Griffith Woods- limited signage, etc. to enjoy and be in nature
The Gateway is more beautiful. Minimal. Highlights the area more. Requires less resources, I expect? Less likely to be vandalised?
Washrooms are a good idea. Some benches throughout are a good idea.
I like Gateway because it is minimal. Having people sit in from of the trail map with Pavilion is probably not ideal. As long as there are sufficient benches on the trails, that would be great.
Just keep things as they are.
The booth look obtrusive. Part of the charm of this area is there is very little in the way of human development. I feel adding structures takes away from the natural beauty of the area. If I absolutely had to pick one it would be the Gateway
The Gateway option seems to be less busy and more in keeping with your goal of preservation. It is the more rustic option and although it might have less obvious information (for example, less content for school groups). It can still provide something for visitors without having too much to read. I suggest that the academic focus might be better achieved by producing teaching resources that fit the school curricula at various grade levels.
I think the space should be left alone
There is no available parking along Patterson Blvd. This is a private community with long standing water instability issues. No further development is necessary.
Less man made construction is more



The first option seems to set the expectation of being a natural area first not a bike trail system first. I worry about the bikes being in conflict with walkers - too many racers versus quiet walkers. There are other places for bikes. Prioritize pedestrians walking over biking.
Natural
I like the gateway as it's less intrusive. Seems similar to what's on nose hill which I really like.
A minimalistic approach would be best
Gateway - I like the look of it. I prefer signage throughout the trail not a seated area.
Minimal is my preference
The pavilion appears to have more space for groups meeting without disrupting the flow of traffic from others who wish to enjoy and keep moving. The gateway is nice and simple but if there are any groups using the space may cause unwanted traffic or bottlenecks.
The pavilion is not appealing.. too big.
This will not be a "recreational" biking area — bikers and hikers don't often coexist well. Perhaps we don't need to "manage" everything.
Having access to washrooms and water will help everyone enjoy the space.
The pavilion is a large intrusive structure that breaks up the natural feel. If a larger "meeting area" is absolutely needed it could be much better integrated into the landscape than a large boxy structure - think open area with rocks/stumps/amphitheater set-up
Nothing - the gateway is nature itself
This is not something local residents want. Petition them not a bunch of people who do not live around there.
I've lived in bowness for 20years looking at that hill. Turning it into a city park is the opposite of what people want. There's a lot to be said about keeping it as is. A small nature preserve in the city people are free to visit.
Add a small washroom to the Gateway concept and ensure that bikes are also welcome.
Pavilion looks nice but would be expensive to maintain
I think education is great a pavillion does that but could become a target for grafiti. I think security is also important.
I don't mind a sign at the base explaining the indigenous history to the area but then nothing else. No trails , no pavilions. Please leave it wild.
The minimal upgrades, we want for this area to keep feeling like you're out in the woods. By changing lots of things it somewhat would attract too many people and would start to get busier, and also attracts mess for the wildlife that are still in this area.
The impact on the environment of the pavilion is massive and would totally denature the site.
Leave as it is.
The pavilion appears incredibly heavy-handed and out of touch with the experience of this park.
Pavilion is too intrusive and artificial, detracting from the natural state of the park and will potentially invite too much traffic.
Both are inappropriate. Medicine hill isn't meant to be a major attraction, it's valued for its natural features, and quiet, solitude filled pathways. This will turn it into an Edworthy Park type attraction, which is pretty disappointing.



Don't add installations and clutter up the natural area. Don't encourage visitors. Keep it natural.
It's minimalism
There are already plaques with interesting info in the area, and a sign at the west parking lot. Nothing else is needed. People can use their phones for navigating the area.
I am in favour of the Gateway option. This area does not need a pavilion level facility in my opinion. It currently serves as an excellent and less mainstream option for those seeking outdoor recreation within the city limits. If it gets more mainstream the level and variety of users will increase in a fashion that this area will have difficulty sustaining.
the pavilion option could quickly become home to the unhoused or unwanted guests doing illicit drugs or other harmful activities.
The true value of this area is that it is a 'hidden gem' within the city. Meaning that only a few people know of it and use it. Once you bring in too many people, the area will become polluted and ruined by people who do not respect the areas sensitive nature, deep and meaningful history and the spiritual connection of the land. This should NOT be treated as a tourist destination but a natural area where people can come to find some peace in a busy city where the wildlife can survive with minimal human interaction. The trails should stay natural, with only a few primary trails improved for larger public access.
It's too developed for the area.
Less construction and less change to natural environment should be priority. Leave the area as it is.
Keep it minimal
Both will be vandalized by the dregs of society, by having neither you will keep those types of people away which is preferable for those who actually want to enjoy the land.
Please leave the Paskapoo Slopes alone
Stop developing every last bit of our city. We don't need to influence nature anymore.
A pavilion will be vandalized, unfortunately. Bathrooms could prevent park pooping.
I like the Gateway option because it is more casual and not as formal as the Pavilion option, it will cost less and provide all the information necessary without overbuilding at this area.
Keep design minimal as not to interfere with the natural elements already present in the park. Limit it to areas immediately adjacent to parking areas.
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
Both eye sores
This area should remain natural. There is no need for a gateway or pavilion.
I like the multi use feature of the Pavilion especially with our Calgary climate. It provides some coverage and shade.
a visible pavilion that supports wayfinding, gathering, education, and amenities (e.g., rest stop, bike parking) is an overkill, a washroom is enough
I prefer neither, but definitely against a large, obtrusive and expensive Pavilion. This is a natural area, pavilion has no place there.
I disagree with increasing traffic to a beautiful natural area. People will destroy it if you make paved paths etc. once easy access you get people who are not connected to nature.
Make it as natural as possible. Keep nature NATURAL. Less is more.



nice to have a restroom but its also nice to have minimal footprint
Pavilion provides some good amenities that are not easily accessible nearby. Washrooms are nice for users like myself (mountain biker)
Gateway = minimal
Concept A is simple and inviting.
Pavilion is too much for a nature park
Keep it simple, we don't need excuses to spend money
Neither one is needed
Minimalist signage/cost/size at the gateway. Please have multiple maps, not just at the gateway. I'm concerned that a gateway would provide a target for graffiti.
Accessible trails, education.
Adding a rest stop is super helpful for families with small children
You need to ask the public for a sign? Is it really that important that people who do this survey tell you their likes and dislikes? You will never make everyone happy... choose what works to meet the need instead of giving the public control on miniscule things you don't need to affirm with the public like what sign you like or dislike... this is ridiculous
Like the minimal infrastructure for A. Will not draw large picnic type crowds
I think it will take away wildlife with buildings in the middle of the forest so that just goes against what you guys said your goals were.
The Pavillion allows the park to present commercially and not preserve the natural aspects of the park
Either needs the bike parking feature and benches or seating and garbage receptacles.
The key here is minimal; otherwise, pavilions and gateways become visual distractions and unnecessary development.
Minimalistic
Leave it alone
...
A pavilion seems like a huge waste of money .
Paskapoo slopes is a living environment, where many people enjoy the peace and nature surrounding them. I believe that by building big buildings, it will attract too many people. For us in the community, we enjoy having little to no modern designs in the forest. Anything added should be subtle.
Eliminate gateways and entry points. Do not encourage access. It's not good for the ecosystem and added traffic will increase risks for people who live and walk in the neighbouring communities.
On the land bordering Patterson Blvd all the pathways lead to dead ends at private land. This will cause unnecessary disruption to the ecosystem as visitors carve wear and tear trails when the pathways end. There is no benefit to paths that lead to nowhere, only risks. There is also the matter of the accessible arrival area by the Spring Bedside Arrival Area. This should be eliminated. There is no point to an accessible arrival area when all the pathways from that point lead to dead ends. In addition, that is a location deep within a quiet community with only one entry/exit point and very limited street parking that is further restricted by a fire hydrant. Remove all paths and the arrival area in the land bordering Patterson.



I like the simplicity and lack of infrastructure at the Gateway option. Is less intrusive and blends better with the surroundings.
Gateway seems to be the least invasive to the natural beauty of the land
Concept B for starting areas maybe.
This strongly goes against what this area is. Your are trying to control a space as opposed to supporting the use of a space.
The pavilion option seems only appropriate if we were sending large tours of people through the park. I envision Pascal more as a exploration spot for small groups of people so the first option seems much more favourable to me.
You are trying to remove the primary use of this park space, which has been mountain biking and trail running.
Try to keep signage to a minimum. A washroom at the entrance. Keep it wild. I would like to feel like walking through an untouched unspoiled area like it was before development started around it.
Need washroom. And garage cans for dog poop bags.
Even the gateway is too big and developed. Keep all park spaces as would and natural as possible. Encouraging too much use will ruin the trails and the natural settings in the park. Small trail maps would suffice
I'm not interested in points of interest. It's nice to step into nature and just enjoy the moment.
I strongly feel we do not need large signs or a Pavillon. This is not a historic site, and should not have ANY signs. It is meant to be a natural park people can explore. The Pavilion idea is TERRIBLE.
Gateway is the least offensive.
The pavilion should have more understanding and rules within the park.
Overall I would prefer concept A for most entry points, but I do think a number of entry point should have washroom facilities (not just one). I don't know if those are included in concept B?
Do not build keep as is.
The gateway would be more respectful to the land and in keeping with enhancing and protecting the surroundings
The gateway option sounds like it would respect current use and current/natural/animal trails the most
Waist of money again, might as well bulldoze it all and develop.
I don't want development of gateways or pavilions. I would rather have a small interpretive sign in order to keep the nature unspoiled
The greatest value of this area to visitors is the natural elements. Please don't overbuild. The pavillion isn't necessary - it will also require ongoing maintenance that the gateway doesn't.
The hurry, I should remain as natural as possible, not encouraging additional or over usage
I think both can be achieved by using exciting trails, and creating new ones that have spots to enjoy peace, while others have a nice wide trail for walking, biking, running. Wayfinding signage is very important, but also allowing safe wide trails for bikers and hikers to enjoy the trails and including spots to move over or if you stop that its not in the middle of the trail. It is such a beautiful spot for everyone.



This park should not include land in and around Patterson Hills. History of water table instability and damage to natural areas is already a major concern for residents in Patterson Hills.
Whatever is less disturbance is the better route it looks like you are trying to build a "nature" playground while effectively removing all the authentic natural value.
option A is much less intrusive and would require less long-term maintenance. We don't need this trail network to be 'in your face'.
This hillside has long standing water table instability issues.. any developed pathways and pavilion will cause harm to the homes built here. The public that now uses these paths leaves enough damage to the area from bikes to garbage. No more development!! The ecosystem and water table cannot handle it.. not to mention the privacy concerns fro the existing home owners..
Please keep this natural as possible
Leave it as it is don't ruin it
They should not be there
The pavillion makes the entrance to the park feel less clustered
Just please leave it alone. Those pictures show crowds of people. This will no longer be a natural space.
The smallest amount of change is what I would prefer
I feel like less is more. I'm not sure what the Pavilion is for.
Gateway is less intrusive, more natural, doesn't block the feeling of nature
I think the pavilion helps to support places to stop and gather or rest if there are not many within the park itself. I would be interested to know how often these pavilions are utilized in other parks, for example the new Legacy park in the Northwest. Are they worth the build and upkeep?
Need to separate pedestrian and cycling paths. Need mobility accommodations for pathways - benches, paving, etc.
Place to sit and rest. B shows a bench. A doesn't. Shelter with a bit of roof cover would be good.
I'm a minimalist when it comes to the development. Less is more.
I like the Pavilion option, however removing the benches might be a better option.
The Gateway appears to keep the entrances to the area as natural as possible, the Pavilion bulldozes the terrain, and natural features that exist now.
the pavilion concept doesn't look to align with the value or preserving the natural area and appears to be more obstructive.
Least intrusion to the whole park.
Taking down the natural vegetation to put up bathrooms will bring homeless population to the area to live in the trees where they currently do not. Area to have vandalized. The current entry into the path system is great how it is. There is no area to loiter or damage. Addition to a garbage bin at each entry point is the only change I'd make to how the path system is currently.
The pavilion is too much. Whatever option is chosen should be minimalist and cost effective. I'm sure many would agree, that they'd rather the money be spent on improving the trails and regular maintenance rather than something expensive that most probably won't even look at.



Overcrowding
Minimal change. Leave it alone. Maybe some parking. That's it.
Please be sure you can support more facilities - nothing worse than beautiful structures that have fallen in disrepair - if not supported don't build them at all.
Having made map to helps direct most people through a natural environment - unless the maps are somehow 3-D or at least with some dimension and clearly show what is near and far away from the viewer — flat 'plan' view maps are lost on many people.
not needed
Gateway option is minimalist, smaller footprint and less maintenance option.
Having a washroom at the parking area would be great!
Do not overdevelop this area.
No one needs a pavilion. Don't waste the money should feel like you are arriving from the city into nature. Not some cultivated experience
Either is fine.
The pavilion option would lend itself to having washrooms. Calgary parks have a lack of washrooms that are open year round and I haven't found a good explanation as to why. The parks are used year round and community members need to pee year round. Parks employs people year round, but apparently washrooms are not needed year round.
Maps would be useful, don't support any further upgrades due to the expense for taxpayers
I prefer to leave nature untouched. Too many areas within the city have had nature ruined by parking lots, buildings, and fences. It is nice to have an area of Calgary that respects nature and the animals that live in paskapoo slopes.
Gateway concept A is less busy and provides enough but does not over do it. We already have enough parks with a pavilion which always seems to attract people that want to deface it or vandalize it. Keep it simple like the area is already.
I like the subtlety of the Gateway concept. It signifies the entrance but doesn't require a large built structure that I don't think will be well used.
Perhaps I don't understand but I don't see the cost benefit of the full pavilion.
least cost
The less development the better while preserving the natural area
There are already entry ways, do not alter the park
The gateway reflects the charm of the Paskapoo Slopes. It's an area that is meant to be discovered. I would rather there be no signage or official entry, but if one must be made, then it should be as minimalist as possible. You do not need a sign to know you are entering a forest. The forest suffices.
The view from up slope and down slope have been destroyed by the city's greed and lying ways to the detriment of the residents of Bowness. THE SLOPES OF THIS HILL WERE NOT TO BE DEVELOPED AND THE CITY LIED AND DESTROYED THE VIEWS OF SIAD SLOPES AND THE VIEWS FROM THE SLOPES
The less construction in this already fraught with new construction area, the better
something between gateway and nothing, no need for a building, generally you ride from home, parking isn't required
Need SAFE bathrooms and changing areas.



Humans need washrooms.
What if the pavilion had a washroom?
Don't do either
Gateway option is less invasive to the area and lets it be more natural as intended.
Large structures that are just going to get vandalized are unnecessary. Better to spend the money on accessible garbage cans midway along Ridge Run.
The pavilion just looks big and bulky and blocks the view.
Sure, have a "gateway" right at the main parking/trailhead, and an improved path to the forest edge, only.
I prefer the Gateway option as it blends in with the natural area. Structures are more intrusive and at odds with the natural landscape. The Gateway is less commercialized and is more respectful of the land and its history.
Neither is necessary, could be even simpler/more minimal if requested
Minimal intrusion
A Pavilion or similar configuration to what is present at Bebo Grove in Fish Creek Provincial Park would be ideal. This provides the necessary amenities like washrooms that allow for the most user groups to enjoy the area.
Paskapoo Slopes has very challenging terrain, but given it's beauty and urban location, everybody, regardless of abilities should have some point of access to the park. I think including the pavilion with a circuit of gravel or paved pathways in a loop outside the main trails, perhaps enhanced with historical/facts of interest markers, would make an accessible area for users of a variety of abilities.
It would be great to see the investment in the actual trails rather than any structures which would cause ongoing maintenance.
Pavilion seems too large of an amenity for the limited space of the park however is nice in concept. Keeping the natural aspect of the park and trail based recreation opportunities as the main attraction of the park should be priority
A pavilion ensures it is more accessible. Given that it's within the city surrounded by communities, this seems the most logical in regard to city planning.
Favour Gateway for cost effectiveness.
Pavilion seems unnecessary as people are coming to move, not sit.
Parking lot should have washrooms !
Gateway feels like it fits in better with natural surroundings
I would prefer if the slopes remain a bit of a secret to local users only.
Favour the Gateway concept as it is simple, less likely to be vandalized and more cost effective.
Both are great enhancements to the park and preserving its legacy and history
Gateway flirts with over development. Pavilion completely rejects any Phase 1 input to minimize development and keep as is.
Just want it to all
Be natural. Neither
It's nature. Don't dress it up. It's gorgeous and perfect as it is. It doesn't need to be dressed up.



obnoxious! leave it more natural.
keep it simple, concept b requires too much construction and disturbs the area
Gateway if I had to chose but I don't understand why we want to push more people through the area and the ecosystem.
I'm worried that both options will just turn into graffiti magnets
YOu are refusing to listen to the people. We have told you repeatedly and you have reflected in your summaries that you have heard us but you simply don't care. What is your real agenda here? Nature ONLY. For god's sakes, can we not have anything kept natural in this overbuilt, concrete jungle that no one is interested in visiting. This city is so [removed] ugly and you want to take whatever beauty there is and just destroy it with unnecessary concrete and metal, and signs and [removed] that NO ONE who loves and use this place wants! Don't pave the [removed] trails. Otherwise, we are just in another inner city ugly park.
Don't pave the forest.
A good meeting place and then hopefully the rest of the trail network is dirt and rugged.
Safety for people to view without being in the way
A pavilion takes away from a natural setting more than Gateway would.
The way finding signage and trail upgrades to improve drainage (the work CMBA has done so far is excellent, though!)
I believe that minimal interference is great for this particular area.
Minimal is better - especially because this particular park is in a built-up area and to try and keep as much of the natural beauty intact would be more beneficial.
Minima footprint is key. There a wild animals living here. Coyotes and moose and deer to name a few.
Waste of money Leave the area as is.
Too big of an entrance will lead to over use
Public washrooms would be nice so people are urinating in public. Makes accessible to school groups.
Pavillion is far too imposing.
Keep it as natural as possible.
Perhaps two entrances using both options.
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Pavillion is too much construction, its not needed
Gateway preserves natural environment and scenery. Less intrusive.
Pavillion initially may be lovely but tendency to fall into disrepair=wasted time and money
Washrooms would be nicer...having a location to meet before entering park and addresses needs of many from outside immediate communities.
Don't want it obtrusive and keep it minimal
Having a large central gathering place provides a single area for people to congregate. It would allow a place for knowledge and learning that does not impact the larger paskapoo area. Rather than spreading out development across the park, it could be concentrated in a single area.



Leave it to the individual to locate and explore the area without signage.
Pavilion seems too big and taking up so much space. I don't want to see space taken away by man made things
Creating a facility like the pavilion detracts from the natural beauty of the area.
This space does NOT need further development or pavilions. Leave the space as it is
Concept B for s too much interference with nature.
Reduce impact of people, no buildings needed to be added to these areas, this is worse for nature, people, the forest, the animals and all living things. Leave it alone. People can enjoy a view without some made made monstrosity.
Cost
Neither of these options are good options. Neither are needed or wanted
Keep it as natural as possible.
A couple pavilions would be great as there are no easily accessible restrooms in the area. I think both features should be as minimalistic as possible.
Not needed, takes away from nature
Be nice to park our bikes and have a rest area.
The natural character of the slopes should be retained, there is enough development in that area.
Gateway - provides trail map of the area and is simplistic in design.
The minimalist design of the gateway signage works better for the natural area than the full pavillion. However, with all of the different trails i don't beleive an actual gateway is necessary.
I appreciate having information available on entering the park and I really like the minimal visual and physical impact vs the pavilion which I feel is too much. That being said having a bench seat or two available at the entrance (and along the trails) is always appreciated.
I prefer the nature first approach
Both options are very big. Prefer the Gateway because it's smaller. No need for a pavilion.
Start w Gateway. Add rest stop if needed. If rest stop incl, needs to be clean and managed.
A public bathroom is my preference
I would like things to be as natural as possible with a gateway and therefore do not like the idea of a pavillion
Simpler, less developed, more natural is my very strong preference
good trails map and signage
Pavilion: Washrooms are needed for a park of this size. Perhaps a roof over the display board so there is a place to escape rain or seek shade.
The pavilion option brings more infrastructure and maintenance over the long term. There seems to be more value in minimizing an area like this and not over promoting and commercializing the area. People will find it regardless. Select what is easiest to maintain and has reasonable long-term operating costs and affords the public a more natural environment
Nothing needed at all. Nature is good enough. Skip the stories.
Don't need either. The park is great just the way it is.
I don't want to see large overblown signs in this area.



The larger pavilion style takes away from the natural landscape and exploration of a uniquely untouched area. IMO - it should be preserved as is , as best as possible.
The Gateway - sets the tone as it being a natural environment.
I think an attempt must be made to not disturb the area that exists today.
Terrible idea. Not every area of the city requires development or municipal interventions
Less is more. Keeping the natural appeal of the trail and area. Adding a building takes away the organic aspect of the area.
Pavilion gives more learning opportunities
The minimal structure in the Gateway concept will be easier to maintain and it detracts less from the surrounding natural area.
Option B provides for gathering space off the trail, which is a great idea
You are commercialising the park!
A pavilion feels too commercial, too formalized. A very discrete entrance is better to preserve the natural special feel of the area.
Gate is best keep it simple
I like the minimalist design of option A
The Pavilion option, although stronger in amenities, may be too built-up and could compromise the natural character of the area. It risks overdevelopment and may not align with maintaining a balanced, accessible, and nature-focused park entry.
Again, the focus should to keep this park as wild as possible. The pavillion does not fit in with the natural landscape and will attract more garbage ect to the area
Getaway, including any proposed Parking, should be located at the bottom of the Slopes without affecting peace, quiet and traffic in our community
The park entry needs to be resistant to vandalism.
Less is more here. Allow it to remain a park where nature is primary. Bowness park is close for the more elaborate pavilion people.
Natural, less man made junk
Eyesore in both cases. There is no need for this.
There should be information about Leave No Trace to make sure the area isn't damaged by garbage and increased traffic.
The area is not meant for crowds or groups
I like the greater rest area
Having a proper facility such as the pavilion would be an incredible addition to the park - especially for park cleanliness with washrooms
The pavilion concept seems to take up a lot of space and might take more maintenance. Keep it easy to take care of.
Why intrude on nature like this? Leave the atea alone and make it a environmentally protected space.
Gateway is minimal intrusion
Gateway seems more cost effective and lower maintenance. As a taxpayer that's important
Nature first. Build less and focus on restoration and wayfinding.
Less is more



Pavilion is a lot of cost for minimal use. Maybe integration into some of the new commercial operations in the area would help integrate it in.
I would prefer to keep this space completely natural and more or less similar to as it is now. Let's minimize large man made structures.
Worried about native plant damage during construction
I like the quiet entrance (A) but also the possibility of additional bike parking, and information gathering. I am worried a little about possible vandalism if the area is not easily visible to the public.
Neither option feels necessary at this time. People get their information from the phones, then it is with them as they walk.. much cheaper and smaller and more subtle signage would be much better, maybe with a QR code they can scan with their phone and keep walking.. I feel tax dollars are going to much much better spent on making a much more stable year round cleared and enjoyable walking surface so everyone can enjoy the part and not just a select few.
Washrooms at all entrances would be good.

What stands out to you about either the Paskapoo Artifacts or Moments of Respite options?

Moments of Respite - I like the highlight of natural features and quiet places to rest and reflect
Paskapoo Artifacts: good idea to move the rusting cars out of the pond, but the bridge in the background is probably too big for this area as the pond and creek draining it are very small.
Moments of Respite: too much development for a natural park and starting to encroach into wildlife habitat; please do not widen the trail with hardened stepping-stone type of surface in this area or platforms in the middle of the park as this will spread more people into the natural habitat around here.
I like the idea of storytelling, but I think I would prefer to see the cars as creative signage, keeping development to a minimum.
A res stop to contemplate nature, and the natural environment.
The cars of Paskapoo are waste and a source of pollution in a watercourse and should be removed with other waste that has been left in the area (like tires, barb wire, fence posts, plastic, insulation, bathtubs, plastic tables)
Don't remove vegetation to create stopping points, leave the area in a more natural state
What is the pavement on the walkway? is that paved or not. This is not the same messaging as what was told at the open house
Don't repurpose artifacts. Leave them as they are.
This seems like it's not accomplishing anything. There is no need to create interest points on an already interesting hill/natural area. Walkers are going for walks, and bikers are biking, people who want to be in nature can easily sit on a tree or in the grass. This is not necessary.
deteriorating metal should not be highlighted in the park
I would prefer that there not be signage.
I chose both - the "moments of respite" option because the design feels more in line with the objectives. However I think the old cars are one of the great points of interest and really like the way they are set up tell a story in the artifacts options.



I don't think there is a need to relocate cars or build places for rest and reflection. The environment already creates many places and spots for one to pause, sit on ground and enjoy nature as one does in the mountain parks or foothills.
Leave the cars alone, please!
Moments of respite significantly alters the current state and would involve significant construction
Neither of the options above are an improvement over leaving artifacts as is and not over-developing/disturbing the existing highlights such as the big rock and the various streams. Interpretive signage is a good idea. A clean up of debris around the main stream would be a great idea but please don't build a large rest area. I think it best the experience is focused on having a good walk or bike ride through the Medicine Hill area with less focus on development of rest areas. A park bench or two at significant land marks would be a good idea. A minimalist approach is preferred.
I don't even know what to say to this idea. Why are we creating problems for no reason? Leave the cars as they are. They do not cause any issues. They are not unsafe. We do not need to destroy them to turn them into a sign, seriously? They are part of the park. I cannot believe this whole project is about preserving nature and respecting the land and then the proposals are tearing up the park and turning into something completely different.
I think there is a place for both. But mostly I think it should remain undeveloped. It doesn't need to be something that draws attention
I don't see the value either add. The kids love discovering the old cars and making up stories about them.
To be able to enjoy these locations in their current location with some further explanation of what that spot means is of benefit to groups using the trail system.
I think that keeping the cars of Paskapoo are interesting and unexpected artifacts that could be left in situ.
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Both too overdeveloped
Maintain the space as much as possible the way it is now. Do not overbuild and add excessive manufactured elements.
Both serve helpful purposes. Designated rest points along the trail are great for young families or people with disabilities and interactive displays are fun for all ages and abilities!
Stop developing natural spaces. People should be learning to enjoy and respect nature as it is. In viewing concept A- why are you integrating art for interpretation? Nature is art. For concept B, you're developing land and removing nature to provide comfort for respite except it'll just be where garbage collects.
Get rid of the cars. Build less, develop less. No need for learning opportunities. This area developed its natural and inherent value without our intervention. It speaks for itself and does not need to be turned into an expensive dog and pony show of "culture" and "history". Once again, these installations fall into disrepair and attract vandals. Some good parking, signage, trail maintenance, garbage and recycling facilities and that's enough.
I like both options but why do the cars need to be moved in either case? The cars location are part of the history
Don't do it
Not necessary. Preserve nature



I don't like that the cars would be moved but that would be better than making signs out of them (??).

The most important thing is maintaining everything as close to its current state as possible

I feel the artifacts should be kept in their most original form

They are points that remind me where I am!

both are unnecessary in this setting. not natural

Leave the cars where they are - allow the forest to stay the same

Cars need to stay! An iconic place. Would be useful to have plaque that blend in with nature, that tell the story of the place. Must also ensure that people that stop to see the important area, they can step away from the path because of runners, cyclists... and would be nice to have a place to sit down. Even having areas to have a picnic, date for the whole family would be great!

Consider having licenses for business to operate at the edge of the area - i.e., coffee shops at the head of the entry points (particularly one the access points next to the midrises), so people can go for a walk and grab a coffee and a snack on the way home

I find the idea of junk cars rusting away at a few spots in the park somewhat distressing and not consistent with the respite I associate with being in nature. I'm also concerned that there may be contamination leaching into the environment from these relics.
I think they should be removed.

Moments of respite protects the natural features of the environment by allowing a designated spot for those on the path, while the artifacts allows for engaging learning of the area.

I think if you really want to do this - just put one area by the parking lot for people to see information and have a seat.

The land and nature is the respite. It does not need to be overbuilt.

Maybe just a little bit of signage around the cars of paskapoo telling about the history but overall keep as it is.

Again, when going into nature the main goal for many is to feel that humanity has not touched or left any evidence in the area. Nature only. A few benches for rest but that's it. I want to escape the city, not feel like it has followed me into the woods.

Signage with information would be okay, but just not looking like tourist place. Keep it as natural and unobtrusive as possible please!

I very much like both ideas!

Please do not change the inherent charm and natural beauty of paskapoo as it currently exists! There is no need to move or remove the cars, or to develop the wild spaces so that people can 'reflect and rest'! That is insanity. Anyone who wants to enjoy, learn or honour the space, can and does do so with the park as it is. There are grassy spots and rocks to sit on already naturally spread through the park, and seeking for and discovering the already existing artifacts is one of the best things for new visitors to do in Paskapoo. Why in the world does the city think that manicuring this natural space adds anything?? It will only detract from it. And what a loss that would be. I am not in favour of moving or removing any artifact, or of developing the park in the name of accessibility. Developed parks and accessible opportunities to interact with nature already exist within Calgary and surrounding areas. It is perfectly acceptable, if not essential, to leave some spaces wild and natural.



That they are both intrusive and completely unnecessary. So the least intrusive option would be better. But leaving it alone and not doing any further development would be best.
The cars are not natural, not 'artifacts' at all despite what some people think. They are an ugly manmade blight on nature. Please remove them permanently.
Leave the car as is. Make more accessible to get there leaving it as natural as possible
Paskapoo Artifacts. Yes keep signs depicting storytelly simple etc. Please do not move the cars! They are iconic and people come to see them exactly where they are.
Leave the cars as is. Signage not needed
I am not sure that the sections are used this way. There are those natural park settings that could benefit from money spent on a more interpretive experience. For example, The Douglas Fir trail..
both concepts allow for group "resting"
Unnecessary and ugly
I like reusing the cars rather than leaving them as is.
Both terrible, just leave this area as it is
Can meet in the middle with both ideas coming together
Not needed
Maybe you csn leave it as is rather than het all fancy and wreck it with costly plans
Signage at the parking areas to indicate and respect the history of this land is enough - let people discover on their own.
I think the car should remain where it is. It is part of a shared memory of people who use the park and grew up here. It needs to continue in its current form for that shared memory to exist. Imagine moving Buffalo Jump to another area. It would lose the apeal.
Again, these artifacts or respite are unnessary, driving development and maintenance costs. Please reconsider.
Making this appealing to young and older people. For young kids the discovery phase via Paskapoo Artifacts sounds appealing. For older people a place to rest and reflect will render the most of Paskapoo.
Both options seem like they will lead to too much construction and artificial areas in the park. Subtle interpretive signage is sufficient.
Moments of Respite: highlights of natural features, respite and cars collectively would be nice along here.
Again it needs no upgrades
Same as above. I don't believe this area can support group gathering spots or resting areas.
Paskapoo Artifacts is close to the rustic nature as it is today, but adding some benches in the trails where ever possible will also offer people to rest and reflect.
I am unsure about the "cars of passport" and whether they should stay or removed. I would assume that decision should be made by experts wrt to their impact on the park and the safety/maintenance of them staying.
Leave it as is. Go move your [removed] and leave your stupid middle manager [removed] on the side of the road. Stop [removed] with [removed] that dosent need [removed] with. There's more culter in those rusted cars then [removed]. Yet you want to move them? Hypocrite. Put a fence up and move on your [removed]



Please keep this area exactly how it is now. Please do not relocate the cars. Please do not add anything to this area. Please do not add signs, don't update the bridge to make it more accessible. This is a wilderness area and it should be kept that way.

I would be deeply saddened if this became anything like Dale Hodges park.

Concept A: don't move the cars.

Concept B: don't put resting platforms. It's too much. Keep it natural and as is as much as possible!

Less development is better in my opinion. keep it as-is and allow users to enjoy the natural environment as we have been....

I like the more respite design.

The use as signage might be challenging but would be interesting. More likely a relocation to a safe spot is adequate, with photos of the old locations.

Leave the cars as is, fine if you want to rebuild the bridge for safety, they're an artifact so removing loses the history of Paskapoo and not in an obstructive location at present. Could add a sign explaining them as point of interest (how they arrived, vintage, etc)

I do not feel that it is necessary to have developed areas as they decrease the natural space. Any involved signage could be located at the entrances to the park.

There is no option to keep the cars as they are. A small sign describing it or an interpretive sign could be helpful, but moving the cars is antithetical to what makes them interesting/a waypoint

signage where the old cars are highlighting the history or source is appropriate. Respite areas should be benches placed in quiet spots

Unique aspects of the park (i.e. cars, stuppa) should be maintained.

Both better than where the cars are situated currently.

I do not like the idea of relocating large artifacts or defacing them with signage.

I prefer a vision that minimizes the built human architecture.

I've never been to the pond, so the nature highlights sound cooler

People come to this area for quiet nature. These ideas, trying to turn it into an art gallery is disgusting.

You can sit almost anywhere in the park. Having special places for only this purpose does not seem to be necessary to me.

People remain connected to the history of the area.

remove old cars, focus on natural environment

The cars should be removed. They are a symbol of negligence and disregard for the environment, both through the history of their disposal, and the spray painting. Abandoned building foundations and power lines (upper slope/west side) should be decommissioned and removed, and reclaimed (perhaps use that space for programmable use as it has already been highly modified).

While I appreciate keeping the cars in the pond, I think the area will get more use in more ways if the cars are taken out of the water and the pond is either rehabilitated back into a pond without anything foreign in it or into a cleared area with benches and maybe some picnic tables where people can sit down. The cars could be placed adjacent to the seating area with some signage that highlights the mystery or history of how the cars got there. I notice the cars sometimes have graffiti on them. My dog loves drinking from the creeks and ponds, but I never



let him into the pond with the cars because it appears polluted to me with the cars in it and the utility pipes sticking up out of the water.
The cars of Paskapoo are unique and have history. They should remain in the area. Keeping them while also adding signs for hands on learning and rest areas is a good combination.
I would honestly like the cars removed. A story board about them would suffice. I would like the park to be more natural without relics of human waste.
Signage to clearly mark the approved trails and a few simple interpretation and education artifacts (with an indigenous perspective) are all that's needed.
Nothing says "highlight the site's natural features" like replacing natural features with an entirely unnecessary structure that wastes taxpayer's money and distracts from nature. Basic benches have been working for 100s of years as useful stopping points, maybe let's stick with that and not waste taxpayer money.
Get rid of the cars. Bush parties from the 70s aren't really a legacy worth celebrating.
Minimal signage is the only option. Any other construction will be a disturbance to the nature and the soil
Not needed. City Hall waste is hurting affordability for most citizens. The last thing we need is more waste that increases the taxes we pay, which reduces our quality of life every day.
The Moments of Respite more represent the natural feel that is so wonderful at the moment. The car option is clever and I know the cars are historical artifacts but I prefer the whole natural theme. I am not up to date on the story behind the cars so perhaps don't quite understand their importance to the area.
Seriously just leave it as it is.
Paskapoo Artifacts - my kids love biking to the cars and seeing them where they are. Leave them whole in a place where they are accessible
Good idea but we don't have money.
Ensure the site is clean and used as an opportunity to engage and remind users of responsible park use.
It is nice for people to imagine their own stories about the pond cars and feel like they made a secret discovery...both options are too contrived
Not only are these unnecessary, but they would make a walk in the woods less enjoyable.
I really enjoy it as is - other than some trail
Maintenance the area and the scenery are amazing - they change continuously with the seasons. Specific hiking/ walking trails separated from biking trails are the only main changes I would suggest
I don't think there should be signage. We share and explore stories and wonder.
Cars should be removed, the natural character of the are maintained
leave it the way it is and quit wasting money.
Don't particularly like either option but as little disturbance as possible is needed
Keep this information at trail heads. Maximum addition would be a qr code.
Thinking about the cars of paskapoo, they have always been a reminder that nature finds a way. I am not really sure they should be moved. Moving them may cause more damage, as it stands now they serve as a reminder of human's impact on the environment and lessons on how we are all responsible for preserving and living in harmony with nature.
Maybe only keep the cars if there is some significance to them and a story associated.



Not keen on the cars of Paskapoo being used as signage. Either leave them as is, or remove completely.
Don't waste taxpayer money on such unnecessary items.
Seating that blends with the surrounding area in both options . I believe that parks and areas similar to this should be designed to allow senior access so they may enjoy the experience. Parks are not just for the young and fit but for all.
I prefer more natural.
Different people like different things. Why not create both types of spaces to please everyone?
1 signage educates and also reminds to be respectful.
What a waste and a stupid idea. This all looks terrible. Fire whoever designed this. It is perfect the way it is now.
Maintain nature- subtle signage is ok but remove man-made objects as much as possible.
Again, creating all these points of interest removes people free access through the paths. Bikers who have used this park as an escape are essentially being told through this plan that biking won't be allowed. Leave the park alone. Stop spending money where people haven't asked for it to be spent.
Not natural
These are part of the forest, unique, interesting and historical. Keep the artifacts
Again, leave it alone.
I think that the cars should be left largely as is. I would like the absolute minimal intervention here. Only what is the bare minimum for environmental and sustainable trail use considerations
Leave the car and the park alone, no one wants this to be redesigned and gentrified
the picture indicates that the cars would be moved to a safer place in Paskapoo Artificats but then gives this as an example of how it would be used there so not sure that the pictures and words are consistent. leave it more natural
The respite options look more visually appealing and welcoming to me. And can be used in a more immersive way.
Why would you even have cars there in the first place? This is supposed to be about nature. I don't want to look at an old car because it was too expensive to remove. Benches are better too. Maybe have a mix of benches and flat seating. This would cater to all ages and levels of fitness.
Neither
Just leave it how it is. Finding the cars in there is half the fun. Moving them would take away from that. Again less development the better. Paths through here can be challenging. If you need a break find rock or a log to sit on. Please don't build more stuff in this park.
Signage can be distracting and can detract from the appreciation of the natural environment. If signage is kept to a minimum and is tastefully integrated with the trails it would keep the participant's focus on the natural as opposed to the "man made".
I think the space should be left the way it is



Ridiculous that a waterfall that was constructed by a developer 30+ years ago to get around all the water instability is now being considered as a natural element. It isn't natural at all. A developer back in the day constructed it. It's a reminder of how much water is in these hills.
Natural
I like the idea on honoring the history of the cars, but also cleaning it up.
Again moments of respite would better support a minimalist approach
I think both are important features of this area and need to be celebrated.
Paskapoo artifacts feels gimmicky while the moments of respite appear to be more in tune with taking a moment and appreciating the beauty surrounding those taking a break.
Cars in other areas (nose hill) have turned into mouse, porcupine and wasp havens. I also think they show the carelessness of people before us. Interesting, but burnt out cars are a thing of the past.
Less signs .. perhaps a few more places to enjoy the scenery. Honestly. Leave it for the wildlife. Enough with encouraging people everywhere..and especially classrooms. Everything does not need to be an educational excursion destination.
Don't do it - teenagers will vandalize and do drugs
This is an absolutely horrible idea. My father brought me here when I was a kid. Don't remove these timeless artefacts that thousands upon thousands of Calgarian's have come to recognize on this hill.
Don't move them don't change them. Don't do anything with them. Leave them exactly where they are. This is by far the worst idea on this entire proposal.
As a senior, I like the idea of having a rest spot along the trail.
You need both.
Please leave it wild
I like the sounds of the moments of respite option, but with one exception-I would prefer that the cars stay intact. I think they are a unique point of interest to the park that are fun to discover. I understand if they have to be moved for safety, but I don't like the idea of them being reused to make signs
Relocate the cars?!?! Please don't reduce all user experiences to the lowest 'more accessible' denominator.
As for the respite zone, this thing will get trashed and be a constant maintenance nightmare. Be realistic.
Cars of Paskapoo is a hidden artifact and although made more accessible should remain in more or less its original state.
Again - leave it alone! We have used these trails for many, many years and enjoyed the solitude and features along the trails. Please don't do this.
You can't make abandoned cars into an educational display. How ridiculous. Just leave it all as it is. Don't touch anything. Keep it natural.
It looks like an abandoned vehicle no matter how much you dress it up. Makes it look like junkyard
Our kids love hiking to the cars. No kids will be excited to hike to a sign. Removing them or somehow reworking them into "signage" would take away that feeling of discovering something wild that drives kids and most adults. It is also a waste of money.



Things like the cars and other artifacts should be left in place wherever possible as these are part of what gives the area it's character and charm. Substantial changes to landscape or character should only occur for erosion management or for trail areas that are affected by groundwater.
Do not move the cars! They are one of the coolest things about the area, and are a significant part of the area's history. If you must, you can use that as a storytelling artifact to celebrate Calgary's early settler transition from wild and untamed land through early settler uses of the land. It could be used as an illustration of how we would never allow that that type of vehicle abandonment in today's setting. Don't ruin what is great about the place!
I support the idea of having benches, and/or other quiet places to rest and reflect within the primary use areas. Not within the smaller less used trails. The natural springs must be protected.
Leave it as is.
Do not disturb this location. Neither option is desirable. The Paskapoo cars are a landmark that should be discovered naturally. Don't move them!
By making the cars more "accessible" there will be increased foot traffic, which is undesirable.
Regarding the Respite concept, it will be vandalized and turn into a place where people who vandalize will gather.
Please leave the Paskapoo Slopes alone
If a third option was to remove the cars and leave the space wild, then I would choose that. But if it's going to get developed, leave the car there. The users of Paskapoo slopes like it as it is.
Move the cars? Protect, yes. Vandalize more, no thanks. There is legend there, learn it and respect it.
Just leave the cars in place and make interpretive signage at this location as well.
Remove the cars as they are environmentally disruptive and leaking waste
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
Keep the car don't change things it is just fine as it is please do not change anything
I'm for neither. Both options are unnecessary.
Don't remove the old cars or the big rock. Even signage should be minimal.
Why is City of Calgary trying to fix something that isn't broken.
Do not destroy the existing artifact locations. There is no need to make this a big public place.
Why would you relocate them
Whichever option is the least intrusive and minimizes equipment/construction impact to achieve
Why keep cars in a nature setting. Just weird
Just leave it alone
Don't move the cars
You could just sit on the ground?



I like the signage that encourages learning and a quick stop rather than a long term picnic spot
You have to keep the artifacts there to preserve the archeologie
Moments seem to reflect the goal of the project more to create a friendly environment to be in nature
You have to keep the cars as is and at their location. It's the whole mystery of how and when did they get there? Don't move and don't touch them. Maybe just remove or empty out the oil and car fluids but leave them alone.
Leave things where they are but do not over develop the sites. When you move something, you change their meaning and value. The cars came to rest where they are and need to remain there. Interpretive signs are acceptable as long as they are maintained and replaced when needed; otherwise, once the signs begin to fade or become damaged, they become visual litter and a waste of resources. The signs along the Georgetown Trail at the Canmore Nordic Centre are a prime example of this. The same goes for elaborate bridges and platforms. A simple bench goes a long way.
Leave it alone.
The cars should not be altered in any way. They are a central part of many of our childhoods. I believe that the nature should be protected as a park, with minimal modern additions.
We should not encourage people to enter an area that would better serve the vegetation, wildlife, and surrounding communities if it was left as a natural undeveloped area. Do not invite visitors from far and wide to trample the natural beauty, drive wildlife from their natural habitat, and add noise and traffic to the surrounding communities.
This area needs to be left natural and no infrastructure should be added. No pathways, parking lots, wayfinding signs, points of interest, accessible arrival areas, areas of respite, art installations, interpretive signage, storytelling areas, or washrooms. Nothing should be done to attract people to the area as it will only destroy the natural beauty, displace wildlife, and disturb neighbouring communities by negatively impacting safety. This natural area already attracts walkers and mountain bikers. Current usage is not sustainable or desired by residents and adding infrastructure will only worsen the problem.
I am not too keen on either option, however the Paskapoo Artifacts is less intrusive.
Least invasive option is best but is moving heritage items really the best idea?
Leave the space alone
I guess the cars are classic - I don't mind if they go, but if they are removed from the park entirely, they definitely deserve their own plaque and story
That you are planning on moving/ removing parts of this park that make it amazing.
I don't like either choices. Just keep it the way it is now.
Neither choice say anything about leaving cars where they are and providing signage as to their story. Its a part of the site history, and discovery why move them?
Need benches and resting areas for both.
Both are horrible, stop adding unnecessary manmade objects to the park. Get rid of the cars, absolutely, but leave the natural areas of the park alone!
Enhancing the ecosystem for wildlife, natural streams sounds lovely. Points of interest, if any, should be minimal to allow people to simply enjoy nature. Without messaging or any politics.



I actually laughed, when I saw the "Artifacts" concept. Terrible idea. I am not even sure what the Respite area even is? Do nothing, PLEASE. Just make the trails natural.
Why
It is imperative to keep artifacts that are currently there where they are (not move them). For kids it's really awesome to discover those in the forest, it's like finding a treasure. I don't think they should be moved.
If that is not possible, then I would have to pick the "Paskapoo Artifacts" option.
Do not add "design interventions" like rest areas. These will become overused and ruin the surrounding environment.
Keep as it do not build.
I like the idea of leaving g the cars and re purposing them
The cars should be removed from where they are as they are in natural waterways
Why are we apologizing for stuff that happened 200 years ago... move on people.
Leave the cars where they are
Leave the cars where they are - they've been there for a long time and have become part of the landscape. If there is a need to make small adjustments to make engaging with them 'safer' (i.e., treating sharp edges), that's fine. But don't move them.
Both concepts are trying to add structures and ruin the natural area
The artifacts are part of the history of the trail, and we live in a time that peacefulness in specific area are probable needed for calm moments in nature. there is enough space for both to be created and the past to exists in time.
The issue we have and will have is the homeless that create a tent/temp living space and for some reason there are not many rules of removal to preserve the space and keep it safe.
Would support a pathway system that does not include any area behind and near Patterson Hills. Specific to Patterson Blvd and the waterfall area. These homes have experienced water flooding after development above or near the homes.
No to artifacts and respite spots, give the natural respite from your over development.
Both of these can have a place if well chosen and not to intrusive on the trail network
Neither makes sense.. there are plenty of parks for people to enjoy and plenty of hikes within the city already. Do not develop this area.. it will cause damage to the existing homes and water table which is very unstable to begin with.. our yard and home has experienced many issues with ground water and flooding every time a development has disturbed the land behind our house..
Leave well alone
Both options are bad
Again, it's fine as it is. I'm curious whether this is a plan suggested by the developers in Trinity Hills, so they can sell more condos?
Why does the city need to change anything? The cars are safe and don't need to be relocated. Adding structures so people can rest takes away from the natural beauty
I like the idea of interpretive signage. I think a few rest / seating areas could be nice, but more people go to the park for active recreation: bike and walking. I'm not sure why the cards need to be moved?
The interactive experience made with materials already there



I think moments of reflection can be smaller. I don't tend to reflect in large groups. Large groups that would most likely utilize spaces like this would be maybe schools and young students, and in that case things that are more Hands-On would be encouraged.
Still need to remove the cars to a safer, more accessible location. They don't fit with a meditation place.
The cars are part of the history. Making them into a sign does not hold the same value or allure. Showing them embedded in nature creates more interest. We have too many signs in this city.. people want to experience history not read it all the time.
Again, I feel some of these proposals are unnecessary given what's already good on the slopes. What's wrong with just sitting on the ground if you want to, instead of a dedicated spot?
I like that they are being reused in Moments of Respite rather than having a car sitting in the middle of the trail.
I think less development the better, there are already so many urban parks that have the larger features why not keep this as a more natural environment for people to explore.
Again, least intrusion into the park.
Taking away the vegetation and what is its current state is unnecessary. Attempting to remove or change its current state where the old vehicle is will damage the area and disturb the land and wildlife. The path is a double track very packed in that area and dries quickly in the wet season. There is no need for change in this area to appreciate the history and beauty of it.
Attempt to change will disrupt the area and damage what is naturally grown. Any large machines on this path will disrupt the wildlife.
Both are big projects and change the authenticity of what's there. Moving the cars changes their historical significance. A small and simple sign would be more than enough. A few nice benches throughout with a small sign would be ok as well.
Don't relocate - tell the story - share knowledge about why abandoned cars are bad, reflect a time of ignorance and selfishness.
You can't improve our nature. Leave it alone.
I'm really not sure why the 'cars' should be preserved - I guess its a curiosity - hardly worth spending \$\$ on.
Both options are invasive and will only introduce degradation to an interesting area that has remained virtually unchanged for decades.
But why do we even need to keep these junker "artifacts" in a natural area?
Adding a small interpretive sign about the history of the car would be a nice addition, but otherwise keep that section natural. If there is a bench for resting, I don't think it should be on a bridge structure as it might get too crowded with bikes going through it. Perhaps keep that part clear and have a natural-looking bench on one side of the path across from the car.
Keep the car where it is
No signage. Have online information if necessary. Leave it alone. Put a sign at the start of the trail if needed. Don't interfere with the natural space
Don't move the cars! Love more interpretive signs
Again, concerned about developing these native areas?



I like 'discovering' the cars each time I walk in the slopes. Having placards or interpretation around the cars would be amazing, and perhaps excavating them and making them more of a 'feature', but I don't agree with moving them. Maybe have some mockups or copies of them in a central interpretive centre or in the pavilion, but please don't move the original cars.
Disagree with this expense to taxpayers
I think we should remove the cars to preserve nature. Paskapoo seems like a dumping ground and it would be great if we could preserve nature and remove furniture and vehicles that do not belong there.
Why do the cars need to move. They've been there for decades. Just leave things alone. Why can't this city have some authenticity? They're cool. People think they're cool. Kids love telling stories bout them.
I like the artifacts better as they tell a story about the area and again reflect more simplicity.
I will be sorry to see the cars removed, but otherwise, I think less is more in this space. I'd prefer not to see too much signage and a rework of the cars into art.
Highlighting the core natural feature would give the better experience.
cost
do not alter the park
Don't you dare touch the Cars of Paskapoo. I want to be able to kick them as I please. Again, one does not need signage or interventions to appreciate the natural beauty or randomness of two cars in a small pond.
I think the city should just leave these areas alone.
Pathways appear widened. This is concerning as it removes some of the rustic- away from it all feel of this area.
less is more
We want to focus on nature not virtue signalling of [removed]
Don't do it . Leave it as is
I am not a fan of having the artifacts moved or repurposed. They are part of what makes the area unique and should not be changed.
This is an area that people enjoy the way it is
Regarding the cars, as interesting as they are, that lagoon should be cleaned up so there are less hidden hazards under the water.
The quiet places for rest and reflection look like they'll take away from nature.
leave the cars as is, they already invite reflection and discussion about human impact on the park.
Do not remove the cars. They are valuable history should stay where it is.
No need for designated respite spots as the land already offers these spots. Perhaps a few benches would be ok, but I prefer to let people get what they need from the land directly and naturally. The cars of Paskapoo should be kept intact, not turned into signs. They have a place in the history of these slopes. I would prefer that the cars not be moved as their current position is part of their story. Interpretive signage telling the many stories of the slopes is a great way to share the history in a respectful and minimally intrusive way.
As above
Embrace nature



Both are great ideas, but the cars should stay as is and be worked around I think, that's part of their charm. Definitely should not be repurposed ie cut up.
Great ideas, but paskapoo is excellent as it is. Please invest in trail maintenance and expansion. Why fix what isn't broken? The cars have been there for a while, why move them? Why build more unnatural structures/areas in the park? just leave it!
Worried about moments of respite being neglected over time and being degraded and unusable/dangerous overtime. Minimal changes made to these areas should be made.
I like the hands on storytelling but also like the idea of keeping the cars as creative signage
Unnecessary expenditure of public money. People come here for nature experiences, not more civic infrastructure. I can only imagine how much bureaucracy (and public funds) is involved in realizing either of these points of interest.
I like the moment of respite more but with the goal in mind both would be good!
I do not like the idea of moving any of the features or making big scenes out of them.
The cars of paskapoo are already fine where they are. Without signage they inspiration curiosity and wonder.
The old car wrecks are effectively junk and need to be removed. They serve no purpose and are both unsightly and a safety hazard. I believe in keeping the park area as natural as possible with trail upgrades only. Minimize infrastructure that is easily subjected to vandalism and requires ongoing maintenance and upkeep.
Moving the cars would be the definition of rejecting pleas to 'leave it as is'. Further, the cars are incredibly accessible already. Where are these ideas even being fostered?
Leave it like a hiking trail
DO NOT MOVE THE CARS. DO NOT BUILD STRUCTURES.
Let the land do its job by being wild... manufactured experiences ruin the natural feel of the area. Discovering things like the old flooded car isn't as fun and engaging if there's a big path and sitting area there... you lose that feeling of having discovered something.
A few signs here and there for historical background but again, trying to keep it as wild and natural as possible. Not turning it into a curated city experience .
No ugly art interpretations please. I have seen the ridiculous garbage that this city has wasted hard earned tax dollars on the name of "art". The true art is the NATURE. Please. NATURE. Nothing else. Please. No paving. No concrete.
Keep the signage and construction to a minimum. Keep nature as it is. This is not a museum. A museum could be built elsewhere without destroying the green and natural beauty that already exists.
Love seeing the car! People that have walked there for decades will miss that old car if taken away. Great to have those memories.
Do not get rid of the cars!
Keeping it as natural as possible
Moments of respite will keep the slopes natural looking. The storytelling could be key to the entrance or by the Big Rock.
I like the idea of keeping the artifacts and minimal intervention on this situation.
Leave the parkland forest as is.
Paskapoo has had these things for years and should remain natural



Leave the cars alone please
The cars are a feature themselves and should be left as is.
They are a waste of money and unnecessary
Inform people who otherwise would not be informed
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Do not create respite options thats interfering with the natural environment
Please leave as is to preserve original scene.
Let things be
Don't move things leave them as they are. They've created a great space for memories if you want to add small signs that's fine.
Both options destroy the natural beauty of the area. The paskapoo cars are a major landmark and should be left as is. Presently they are an amazing secret that feels worthwhile to discover. Displaying them or shifting their position cheapens the appeal. It turns this beautiful space into a lousy theme park. I don't support any development to the natural spots in this area.
You are changing it for no good reason
Leave the vehicles where they are.
Why would you move these things? They are located in a very accessible spot and people need to use common sense around all of the parkland.
Moving the cars seems a bit contrived. They are a fun feature, where they are. If they were to be moved, why not move them out. The Moments of respite looks like overdevelopment, which seems like it would draw in more people, counter to the goal of moments of respite. Please don't mess this area up permanently.
After seeing the decisions this city has made over the years, I seriously doubt you have qualified people to make the right decisions on anything. Why not remove the [removed] cars? They are not part of nature and are just an ugly reminder of people's ability to disregard nature altogether.
Leave this area as is. Do not change it!
Little kids love stopping here and with the history, leave it.
Neither option is good or needed
Leave the area as it is. No more developing or shutting down trails to build anything. Signage is not required.
Please do not change any part of thr trails as there is nothing unsafe. Take for instance the COP summer camp for cycling, they are having a great time without developing meeting areas for large amounts of people to meet. Leave the park alone.
I'd be happy to see the cars removed completely. Also remove any other rubbish such as derelict buildings etc. These don't have any real historical or ecological significance.
Why would you wreck something so recognizable and iconic?
Leave the cars where they are. Why would you move them?
Not needed, this is a park not a museum
I am not sure why anything needs to be added I think its great the way it is!
Both are okay.



Artifacts are interesting, gives the area a sense of wonder about the past, even if they are old rusty cars. Moving them and displaying them takes away from that. Very few people who are first time visitors will recognize the cars as creative signage.
I feel that design interventions may have the unfortunate result of taking away from the natural features and the fun of finding the natural/existing treasures throughout the park. That being said creating areas to rest whether with installed benches or using natural features is always a bonus.
I don't see value in keeping the cars of paskapoo - they should be removed and given to auto salvage
No need for storytelling. We need more quiet and natural places in the city.
The idea of being able to safely stop/sit is important. As long as cars are not unsafe they are interesting...
Regarding Paskapoo Artifacts: I don't think relocating cars is a worthwhile use of City resources.
In my mind the whole idea is to keep things as natural as possible thats why I like the moments of respite option
I like moments of respite if that means more natural areas/less human impact, but with the cars removed.
The cars are a reminder of a dumping ground of the past and not nature protection. Moments of respite are more in line with seeking nature moments.
Having both options ties historical uses from different times together.
Suggest moving the cars completely out of the natural environment and displaying them at one of the main entrances to the park. Have storytelling here. The spring can then be restored and reclaimed to more a its natural feature.
Both wastes of money
Neither. This non sense is just going to attract more people and crowds. Leave it alone.
Leave the cars of paskapoo alone. They have been there for a very long time and deserve to be left.
It seems preserving the cars in current state or trying to set up the current area and resetting the cars isn't an option - curious why. The cars remaining intact is important. That tales of the cars - from simple abandonment, to a bank robbery, to an old car dealership - are part of the history. Yes, even the incorrect "tales" are important. They spark imagination and curiosity.
As long as any signage has a plan to be maintained. Some Signage in Griffith woods ,for example, is breaking down and reabsorbed into the landscape. This seems to bring about misuse of the park
Learning
I think you are doing the wrong thing. Leave it as is
Maybe a sign at the entrance? It's difficult to find natural trails in a municipal environment that do not contain a feeling of commercialization. I think these features would cause disconnect from the environment
I prefer the more minimalist design again
The cars are already visibally accesible to all on one of the most travelled trails - I don't see the need to move them however, more info on them would be of interest to the public
I think we shouldn't be encouraging people to gather and increase the human footprint.

Please disrupt current land and landscape the least possible
The cars should be left in situ. That's part of the interest the conversations about human interactions with nature.
Remove the car/clean up the areas where there are rubbishes like the car.
It's adding too much, will disturb the animal and bird life in the creation process.
Leave the cars as is that is what makes the area natural, no signage needed. Quit interfering in this natural site. Calgary already has parks that serve your purpose.
The car is cool but it also adds a sketchy feel to the park.
I'm not sure why the cars have to be celebrated. Get them out of there.
Unnecessary. Leave nature as it is. All of this extra building destroys nature.
Leave the cars and area as it is
Leave things where they are but include some signage and develop trails near these features
If we add interpretative signage, the this space becomes like every other park in and around Calgary. Why does it have to fit the same mold? Why can't there be one trailhead placard that shows the trails and a scan code for your phone for any additional information. Can't it be similar to hiking in the foothills instead of walking in the city? These placards do not age well and often look faded and dated within 10-15 years. Natural features should look natural. If you erect designated rest spaces, it no longer feels natural. It feels like humans invaded the space like now it is a backyard instead of undisturbed beauty. It doesn't add to reflection or respite it completely kills it.
Again, worried about native plant damage from construction I
Do the cars of paskapoo lose their significance if they are moved? What is their purpose? If they have a purpose is it better to leave them where they are with explanations and storytelling at the original location? We need more quiet and reflective spots for people in this very busy world so moments of respite are better so people can quietly enjoy the water features of the area.
This is a no brainer. Remove the cars. They are a clear hazard and are nothing to be celebrated or to be proud of.. highlight the nature instead of a junkyard!
Leave the cars and pond as is. Do not relocate them please. It is a fun piece of Calgary history that is part of the legend that this was a major coach road down the hill to Bowness.

What stands out to you about either the Big Rock Landing or Visions of Past & Present options?

Big Rock Landing - I like the terraced seating
Visions - I like guiding the visitors to key views and digital story telling opportunities
This natural area of the park is perfect the way it is - natural.
Big Rock Landing: Setting up terraced seating may result in this location becoming a night time party spot for teens and increase fire risk; a small amount of rock seating might be okay as lots of people pause here to rest but probably should be kept to a minimum (this area is not nearly as wide as it is shown on the sketch), and would need to place these thoughtfully to prevent further erosion (this area already has a lot of erosion and soil compaction). Visions of

Past & Present: there is already a physical educational sign here so why replace that with digital storytelling? Binoculars may get vandalized quickly.
Not sure I like the idea of terraced setting. Perhaps just natural rocks to sit on would blend better with the idea of little development. However, learning more about the Big Rock would be useful. I have a friend who is a geologist who helped me understand its significance, but most visitors would not have that opportunity.
Both, we need to provide opportunities to appreciate the past and the importance of Mother Earth.
Both are too large and destructive. Put in fencing around the area to stop people from going off trail, cutting down trees, removing vegetation, littering, trampling vegetation, etc. This area has already been damaged by visitors with adjacent trees cut, lots of litter, and erosion removing vegetation and leaving areas of exposed soil.
Leave the rock as it lie, as nature intended. To me it is disrespectful to colonize this area with infrastructure, signage, and human intervention. Also, again something that will get minimal use.
I would prefer that there not be signage.
If there's any place to put some educational components and enhanced infrastructure, the big rock location is where it should be.
Signage to explain the Big rock is already in place which is informative. No further signage or development is needed.
No need to overdevelop the rock, small unobtrusive educational signage is all that is needed.
Leave this space alone - maybe the digital storytelling through a sign, but binoculars are significant overkill
The Big Rock is a natural area for everyone to enjoy as they pass by. This part of the park should not be a bottle neck for all the trails. I don't understand why we would need seating at all, it just creates a new place for people to litter, and ruins the natural feeling of the park. Leave the Big Rock area entirely alone, since there is absolutely zero problem with it's current state. Once again, we are just creating problems to create a solution. Kids can still visit the Big Rock to learn and hear stories, we don't need to build an entire area specifically for that purpose. Why not just go all the way and put in a giant building for everyone to go inside. This park is obviously going to be destroyed and it's such a shame.
Limit development around the rock, but in support of more learning and nice area to sit, eat and talk
Again, why? Both options seem expensive and unlikely to be used beyond the first year.
No digital, no headphones!! Anything technological will be destroyed by vandalism. What in the ridiculous idea is that? A story board sign maybe that fits in with nature around.
And why would you keep derelict illegally dumped cars? Remove and clean up surroundings of oil and pollution.
Keep it simple please...pathways with a few interpretive signs about landscape, history and wildlife. The city has already let a large part of medicine hill be decimated and destroyed and densified....please let the rest of it be as NATURAL AS POSSIBLE.
This is a place that functions just perfectly the way it is. It doesn't need any development around it. We use it for a stop when hiking with our scouts group. It works well for snacks and reflection/learning opportunities



Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Does not need a gathering space or binoculars. An updated plaque with history is enough
Again, leave it alone! Do not add a bunch of new, human-built, manufactured features. What is wrong with the way it is now? To me, offering minimal educational signage that disturbs the current area as little as possible is preferable to developing a formalized area with terraced seating. Keep it natural.
It's a good space for larger gatherings and near the top of the hill, so a good rest spot.
In regards to both designs, my issue is that the intention is not utilizing the space as it is but rather developing it for some perceived vision for storytelling and indigenous respect and stewardship. However the issue in many of these proposed designs is reciprocity: you are intending to develop and take from the land without authentically giving back. If you want storytelling- leave the space as is and provide a small sign indicating the significance of the area. Leave nature as it is.
Less is more. The more you develop this and turn it into an attraction, the less it retains its inherent value. No expensive indigenous or other type installations are necessary here.
It is fine as it is. In nature.
Definitely not "Big Rock Landing" that sounds like overdevelopment
"Visions of Past and Present" sounds like a lot lower impact, but also expensive with the digital storytelling, a couple of info signs might be good (there is already one there..)
It already has a sign which I think is enough. I feel the other options would be a waste of money
I like it just as it is!!
I love the idea of digital storytelling opportunities as part of the Visions of Past & Present option! If we move forward with this idea, I think it'd be really crucial that this storytelling aspect is led and directed by Indigenous folks, including Indigenous artists, Knowledge Keepers, storytellers, and audio/graphic designers.
No digital story telling ! This park is enjoyed for its nature .
I like having a larger space in the middle of the park for medium sized gathering. It brings people to the erratic, which is really cool and has the ability to host various events, like workout classes in the area.
I strongly dislike the digital part - people come to parks to disconnect, not to be on their phones. It should be physical signage, and the ones that blend in with nature, not stand out - nature should take the leading role.
Consider how this area can be used for things like picnic in both summer and winter
Too much - maybe just put up a sign a QR code to scan to hear stories about this area.
No scenic binoculars. They are an eye sore and scream tourist trap. Everyone has a phone in this day and age, at entrances have a QR code that gives all interpretive information and acts as a guided tour of the park. All while reducing man-made ferments littered throughout the natural environment.
The Visions option is not terrible but without digital storytelling (unclear how that would work). What about caretaking/monitoring of area, costs and maintenance if damaged/vandalized.



I am completely horrified at the proposal to create a “big rock landing”. Please please do not develop or significantly modify anything in this area of the landscape. A *singular* simple sign with key information, along with the proposed QR code to access extensive online content, would offer everything that the city seems to want to offer without damaging the natural beauty and the authenticity of this important geological site.
That they are both intrusive and completely unnecessary. So the least intrusive option would be better. But leaving it alone and not doing any further development would be best.
Maybe some rock or gravel on the dirt around the rock to reduce erosion.
One minimal sign on the tree edge to explain it and any indigenous link or history. This sign should be nowhere near or next to the rock and not ruining its view. I’m pretty sure nearly all are locals and we know about erratics.
Do not add terrace seating! This will never be a natural if you add that.
Neither. They are both too much. Keep it simple and natural. Present a few story boards on the geology and indigenous history.
Too much! Just have a sign with text for information
In my experience, users of these trails are either biking, trail running or there to have a more exceptional walk/hike. Children using this area do so to bike with local camps groups from Winsport.
Big Rock Landing allows for space for visitors, minimal signage
Again deeply unnecessary there are many other parks for visitors to learn and experience natural areas. This is a residential neighborhood. The park is for the residents not for the developers to use in a sales pitch to sell their small ugly apartments.
No comment.
Just leave these areas alone
Keep it wild
I prefer minimally invasive options
Terraced may be ok as long as it is not too citified
The erratic already serves this purpose just as it is.
This is close to the current condition — I have been there many times. The seating and development required for concept A is much overkill.
How much landscape will be taken out of the natural environment to create implement either option? How does the city quantify the benefit of this infrastructure? How many people does the city estimate will use these facilities during summer and for only 6 months out of the year?
I dislike the idea of construction around the Big Rock, especially the terraced seating. This would have to involve removal of trees and disturbing the natural areas. A landscape-led experience with subtle interpretive elements should be the theme through out the park.
Visions of past and present: places for independent viewing and interpretation along with live guides at certain times of year which could be advertised to the public.
A simple sign (like the existing one) is all that's needed.
terraced seating is not a good idea in my opinion, I feel this setup is mostly under used in many places where it exists today.



I would like the erratic area kept to a minimum. I like the area of a rest area with a bench or two or maybe some sandstone boulders to sit on.
How many seconds before some brakes your digital tech or a homeless camp moves in. [removed]
Please keep this area exactly the same. it is already perfect. it needs nothing. modifying it in any way would detract from the already existing beauty of the area, and I would encourage anyone proposing modifications to this area to please sit on the rock for an hour and let the beauty make it's way into your soul. You will then realize that this area is perfect. It needs nothing.
I would like the geologic, sacred indigenous history and the native flora and fauna.
Leave it natural. Place an interpretive signage and do nothing more.
Keep it as natural as possible
Subtle and less disruption
Don't overdevelop by creating terraced seating.
Less development please. It is perfect as is...
I like the chance to gather, list to storytelling and also chance to read digital storytelling and scenic binoculars.
Consistent with my opening remarks, this is a shared space with multiple uses. It may be impossible to create a preferred pick in any case. But big rock is a great vantage point and people tend to linger, but it is not very flat so maybe a more amphitheatre style seating for education and resting. I do not support any digital media.
All that is required is a sign indicating the significance of the erratic. In the past, school groups have visited the area without need for any unnatural spaces.
It's important to keep concrete away from the erratic. If we build around it, then it's unclear why the erratic is weird and an important geological concept.
let the rock speak for itself with limited signage to explain where it came from
Gathering and classroom area fits better with the park concept than a scenic overlook with photo ops.
Digital integrations are not interesting, and pull people's attention to their screens when they are out in nature. I also don't love the idea of terraced seating or an outdoor classroom disrupting the natural space.
The rock is cool enough in its own as a place to search for and journey to.
Big rock is a quiet place for children to play, or people to quietly admire the view. It does not need to be constructed into some [removed] learning environment. Nothing needs to be changed. Just let us enjoy it the way we have for years.
While I appreciate the educational opportunities that option A (Big Rock Landing) provides, I think it is much better to preserve the space as is. Option B might be a minimally interruptive way for visitors to learn more about the history and features of the area without requiring more built-up space.
This spot needs some root management because its just a ton of off camber slippery roots.
I like the idea of formal places for people to sit. This area can get warming sunshine in the shoulder seasons. I have sat on the grass before absorbing the sun. My dog likes to climb up on top of the rock and look out over the valley. Please retain the option for people to climb up onto the rock. The views from this rock must be something people have been taking in for thousands of years.



I love the idea of visions of the past and present.
All that's needed is a refresh of the small sign that currently exists. The ecosystem does not support gathering places and seating for groups. This is available at any other city park.
City Hall does not need to be in the business of 'educating' citizens. The culture at City Hall is not something that should be inflicted on citizens.
Minimal design space as the area around the big rock is already disturbed a bit by the bikers
Not needed and not a good use of taxpayer money.
I think this could be a fabulous centrepiece for the park and it would provide a great useable space to rest, snack, learn and ponder.
I feel it is important to honour the history of the area but fear too much development - terraced seating etc. - would take away some of the magic.
Nothing. Leave it alone
Visions of Past & Present - I prefer this option as it leaves the area with more of a natural feeling. This area is far enough from any of the trail heads that it is hard to imagine large groups such as classrooms gathering there
Good idea but we don't have money.
Intentionality of the importance of the space is evident in this design. Visions Past & Present seems gimmicky (at least as presented).
Leave this area alone. It doesn't need to be developed.
Again both are too much! The wildlife needs to move through this whole park with very little sign of humans
Please minimize how much you damage nature.
Leave Big Rock undisturbed
I like the naturalness of the big rock. Not everything has to be museum like.
Small amount of seating, no binoculars. Small amount of signage
You already have heritage signage there - that's plenty. If not, change out the signage every now and then with different features or info.
I prefer to have it as natural as possible, with some trails leading to this iconic sites
Visions concept is better but no binoculars that need constant cleaning and fixing. Keep a landscape led experience - no development of tiered seating! Keep it natural.
No scenic binoculars. These cause erosion and after a little while they do not work.
This is a hard one. I came upon the big rock several years ago as I was out exploring on a fall day. I felt like I had come upon a secret meeting place. The whole area of Paskapoo is pure magic. Yet progress means inviting others into the magic, to explore and become one with nature. So I choose both understanding that different people have different ways of having their imaginations tickled.
Just leave the rock as it is.
Nothing digital or interactive please.
Think there is room for both of these here. Providing a small group classroom learning environment will allow schools to benefit from the space and adding digital storytelling opportunities and scenic binoculars will allow day to day users to benefit. The more diverse the environment the more users that will benefit.
I do not want paving around the big rock, as it would mar the total understanding of the rock's geological significance. Minimal paving in the park please.



It's big and ugly how about we just enjoy it how it is. This should not go forward at all. I hate everything about this project. Go away and stop destroying some of the only nature left in this city.
I don't like the idea of clearing land for Big Rock Landing - it isn't natural. I like the idea of Visions of Past and Present but not with loud signs, QR codes, etc. Instead, keep QR codes in the parking lot, perhaps with a link to an interpretive trail guide but not in the park itself.
LEAVE THE PARK ALONE. let people explore on there own. Not everything has to be a hand held system that requires ongoing management and invasive measures.
Will be too busy
Stop wasting money.
The rock is already fantastic. It doesn't need any embellishments. All development should be absolutely minimal. Just enough to preserve the natural beauty. Visitors don't need to be guided into specific views. By doing less, it will allow the visitors a more individual experience that is catered by their own curiosity and explorations.
It will get trampled, might as well have a landing
keep it very natural - don't need digital storytelling maybe a few signs about the area but that's it.
Is the idea like a natural amphitheatre? I like that.
Keep it as is
I like the idea of digital storytelling as it doesn't require development or modification of the land. If one of the two had to be picked I would pick B, but would prefer less development.
The key word in the Visions option is subtle. This option keeps focus on nature.
Leave the space the way it is
Again the big rock landing was also rocks left after trying to remove them from a past developer.
I think honouring the Indigenous history and sharing this in a meaningful way is important in both concepts and throughout the park.
Natural
I think it's a great area to have interpretive elements. I'd like to see the indigenous respect element focused on a little more - people normally walk up it or sit on it without knowing. Geological history is great too.
I think out of all of the items being proposed, this should be the most important to showcase. And both options are awesome!
Both seem great, would be cool to have the visions of past and present with a small space to the side with the big rock landing for groups..
Not sure if getting people onto their phones when out in nature is ideal but I understand there is a balance.
Best to leave it as natural as possible
Nothing
I don't know anyone who wants something like this. I think maybe animal rights group should be partially brought in because changing this park means changing the amount of accessible land they have and removing habitats.
Once again changing a timeless area such as this for a city style park is ridiculous. People



enjoy the nature, the wildlife, the memories, removing or changing things disgraces all of those experiences
The landing looks a bit too imposing on the natural surroundings
Again honour indigenous but subtle storytelling and way finding markers allow for a gentle quiet education
Please leave it wild
The goal should always be to respect nature and provide gathering places that minimize their impact on the environment.
There are features of both that I like. I thing an area to sit and take in the view would be great, and I also like the idea of having a QR code to show the past as well.
Less is more.
Again, inappropriate development of a natural space. Leave it alone.
Creating gathering areas does not preserve the natural area. Leave this environmental reserve alone.
Some educational features that school classes could visit and learn about the history of the rock and indigenous people is a good idea. The rock is a spot where this makes sense.
The Visions of Past and Present option would allow for learning and appreciation of the landscape to occur in a reasonably low impact manner. Terraced seating while nice inevitably turns into yet another ignored maintenance item.
I don't see how a Big Rock Landing could be created without ruining the area. Keep things simple and as natural as possible in Paskapoo.
Leave it as is
Keep the area more "wild" (no seating, no binoculars), with perhaps a plaque describing the history of the rock.
Do not disrupt this natural landscape. Construction in this area will disturb the ecosystem too much. The bushes and trees in this area are healthy and there will be too much heat if disturbed.
Items like binoculars and terraced seating will be vandalized. "Digital storytelling" or digital anything is the absolute last thing that anyone needs more of in this day and age.
Please leave the Paskapoo slopes alone
Please stop messing with the wildness of the park. Nobody that actually uses the area wants that. If people want more development, go to an already developed park.
Give a positive opportunity for graffiti type expressions, so the rock is left intact.
Leave as is
Minimal alteration to what is already there - no need for extensive seating.
Keep rock pristine and limit trail or development within 30m to preserve its historic status
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
Stop messing with things that literally do not need to be messed with it looks just fine as it is please don't change anything
This place is a fun place for kids to play. They don't come here to learn. Leave the area as is.
The area is already heavily used by WinSport summer camps anyways

Neither. Leave the big rock alone. Maybe a small sign explaining erratics. No gentrification of a beloved natural space.
Again... Do not make this a location where people will crowd and destroy the existing land.
No digital storytelling. Analog only.
typically the binoculars are always broken
I support the outdoor classroom idea. Whatever is done here should be accomplished using the least amount of equipment and construction impact
leave it natural
Leave this place alone
Layout should support classrooms
Digital storytelling sucks.
Keep it normal this is going to wreck the forest
I think they both serve towards the goal
I like the terraced seating idea. Have it with rock slabs to make it look natural.
I like both ideas but if seating/enhanced layouts are built, keep them simple. Stone benches along the slope. Leave out the binoculars. If you are trying to appreciate the place and the views, static binoculars are not necessary. They will just get vandalized as well.
Leave it alone.
Instalment of infrastructure that attracts visitors should be eliminated entirely. Human contact with the area should be discouraged and limited in order to preserve the vegetation and maintain the habitat for the wildlife that call this area home. By adding art installations and areas of respite we are encouraging people to enter an area that would better serve the vegetation, wildlife, and surrounding communities if it was left as a natural undeveloped area that does not invite visitors from far and wide to trample the natural beauty, drive wildlife from their natural habitat, and add noise and traffic to the surrounding communities.
Attracting people to the area will destroy the natural beauty, displace the wildlife, and disturb neighbouring communities by negatively impacting safety. This natural area already attracts walkers and mountain bikers. The current usage is not sustainable or desired by neighbouring communities and adding infrastructure will only worsen the problem.
Again, leave the space be.
All of my answers are to optimize the experience for small groups rather than large tours
These plans remove any natural vibe of this park space.
I don't like neither. You are changing the area into looking like a city park. I disagree on that concept. Keep it real, keep it wild, keep it the way it is so that it looks the way it did a hundred years ago. Don't spoil it.
Both not needed. Waste of money.
What stands out is that you're trying to fix something that isn't broken. Stop adding unnecessary manmade objects to the park, anywhere!
I feel anything you put out here will be the target of graffiti or vandalism and will ultimately be a net detractor.
Drop the points of interest and let nature be the centre stage. This area is already over developed. Minimal impacts to wildlife should be a high priority. I have not heard any messaging from the City about this. Transparency please.



If I read it correctly, the Vision of the past doesn't mess with the way it is.
Again, every effort should be made to keep things are they are now. Small signage can be added to explain the significance/indigenous meaning, but overall I would prefer it stays as natural as possible.
Again, no need to develop seating and open the space to large groups. There is already a sign with the historical facts. Leave it alone.
Keep as do not build.
I like the idea of big rock landing as an educational space
There is signage at the Big Rock now. Upgrade that but leave the area mostly unchanged
Waist of money, better spent on policing all the crack heads out of all the park spaces
I would prefer a smaller interpretative sign
Visions of Past & Present is a more subtle treatment of the area. Keep it in its natural setting - continue to allow people to engage with the erratic.
Both these concepts destroy the natural feel of the area. The city does not need to build in this natural area. The only purpose of city work in the area should be to prevent excess erosion.
again both can be achieved, the past is always important, but the past can always be a part of our present and future. It doesn't have to be one or the other. Why can't it be the vision of our past & present, while a space for learning, gathering, inspiration, creative, and a spot for thought.
Enough hikers and bikers are in the area behind Patterson Hills. Leave this area alone
Both are terrible ideas, the park will be fine without any of this, it looks like the developers are pushing the city to develop this area to enhance the value of their developments. I fee the developers should pay any costs associated with the "enhancement" of the area. All these ideas are going to do is bring more traffic to this area impacting the local population and effectively destroying the ecosystem by completely fragmenting this area. It makes me and my family feel like you are shills for the developers.
Visions of Past and Present seems less disruptive and intrusive to the nature and trail network
I dislike any development in this area.. especially the land directly behind homes in Patterson Hills.. the unstable water table and fragile ecosystem cannot support formal hiking and gathering. Leave it alone. We get enough hikers and bikers as it is.
If you do something digital it would be cool to see things as they were back in day. You could have special binoculars that show how it was compared to now with a filter. Or pictures on a board would do too. Also maybe use tee pees for interpretive gathering areas?
Leave it wild and untouched If you want to do something fill in some pot holes in the roads or paint scruffy fences Don't mess with nature please we do need it
Leave it alone,
The landing is a horrible idea to me. Again, taking away from the natural terrain to add seating that changes the character of the area is wrong.
This is a natural gathering area. Getting a bit erroded. Clean it up a bit, maybe add some terraced seats. But who will use the classroom space? Seems like a waste.



I don't believe digital storytelling would make sense in a park. If the big rock landing is designed for large group gatherings or learnings and is moving forward, then perhaps the entrance Pavilion is not needed.
It's nice to have a place to experience alone or without a group.
I feel strongly that the rock is enough! Why not just leave it as it, where people can already sit on it and just take it in? Any additional things will only detract from the magic of the rock.
I like both options, however the Big Rock Landing is a nice scenic artefact that gatherers can learn about. The digital storytelling option feels a bit restrictive and digitally discriminating against those who may not have access to technology.
again if the focus is on nature and preservation i think we should not be making more manufactured areas for people. limited signage and suble elements should take priority
Too much intrusion into the natural environment.
There is a larger area that is there currently to stop and sight see. There is no need for change and taking any trees down to make the area larger is unnecessary. For the amount of sightseers now, the area is very large and can accommodate several different groups. Taking away the natural trees in that area would be completely unnecessary. Attempting to change this area will disturb wildlife if any large machines go that deep into the trail system to change it.
Same as with the cars. Keep it authentic and subtle. The more you change the more it loses its special characteristics of being a quiet nature retreat within the city.
No digital elements. Keep it natural. Build it to encourage respect for the space and environment. Stay on the trails!
Why spend city money creating a fake environment where all those already nature there. The trails the trees, the animals. Leave them alone.
I guess you are still allowing access to the 'rock' its a favourite photo op that shouldn't be lost.
Why would you want to introduce more refuse and debris to this area. Plus to support this you would need to augment the trail system for access which also increases burden to the ecosystem and landscape due to surface runoff, redirections of water systems, construction of wicking systems plus destruction of the natural landscape in proximity to fixed trails and gathering areas.
Visions of Past and Present seems a more integrated natural solution. Scenic binoculars are prone to vandalism (e.g. as in other parks, like North Glenmore) so could eliminate those.
I like the idea of digital storytelling and/or a subtle interpretive sign.
leave as is limiting any development
Again. Leave it wild
Just keep signage at the big rock
I love the idea of a small amphitheatre up there!
Disagree with this expense to taxpayers
Prefer no digital story telling.
Building a big landing is the opposite of natural natural.
I still like the quieter setting and the more natural setting over the big rock landing as it will be abused by people more than the other one in terms of garbage and vandalism.
Stop turning this into a woke shrine dedicated to worship of DEI groups and victims.



I think both options could work. Given the significance of the area, I think creating the landing area makes sense but I don't think it needs to be overworked. Less is more.
for the visions of the past and present option, I like how minimalistic it is, but honestly don't think many people will take advantage of the digital storytelling. And I'd rather not arrive in this location to see a bunch of people looking at info on their phones.
The Landing approach would make the best use of this special place.
cost
Less development more nature
do not alter the park
Leave the Big Rock alone. It does not need to be manufactured into a gathering spot. One of the best parts of the Big Rock is having the opportunity to scale it and enjoy the resultant views in solitude. Or, in the winter months when it has a fresh coat of snow, lay atop it and get a good stretch in. Again, while in solitude. The small sign beside it now is plenty in terms of information.
Veiw is destroyed by the development on the slope above 16th ave by a greedy City that has NOT PROTECTED THE SLOPES BUT HAS GREEDILY DEVELOPED IT FOR TAX REVENUE AND RECKED THE VEIW FROM ABOVE AND BELOW THE SLOPES
Minimizing construction should be imperative.
nothing needed
What [removed] are you doing .. so nothing to this spot
People like to explore the area unspoiled by signage
Big Rock Landing looks like a very altered, groomed view. Let's keep it natural, as in Concept B.
Leave the rock as is! Maybe just an improved gravelled area on the south side to support the high use in that spot.
As above
Alignment with nature
The less man made additions the better.
Both ideas are great, but given the location of Big Rock, how will the City ensure it is accessible by all users if it is to be used for educational opportunities for schools and clubs etc? I'm not saying don't do it, I just see nothing in this plan for the park that addresses accessibility for all members of the public regardless of ability.
Again, this area does not need landscaping, tree removal to function as described. Just add a sign and leave it! Don't create an area that requires maintenance.
The visions of past and present is a more engaging way to tell the history
The rock is already inviting, inspiring and welcoming. Maintaining the current sign is more than adequate.
Keep it simple. Leave it as it is with only a brief and clear sign of its geological history etc. The sad reality is that most parks users will not appreciate it anyways. Don't waste tax payer money.
This is development for the sake of it. Rock access is easy and enjoyed by anyone interested. Claiming that manipulation here will 'protect the park' is very hard to reconcile. Is the city



demanding that money just be spent in some way on the slopes? Spend all the \$\$ on developing/restoring a trail that links Edworthy Park to Paskapoo (ie. Crakendale)
Again, leave it alone. It's a much more rewarding find if it's left as is. The rock loses its magic when you throw signage at it. It does not need to become a tourist attraction.
Leave it natural
As long as digital experiences aren't loud or going to be played out loud on phones. That disturbs the wildlife and human users.
The digital option is non intrusive, can't be vandalized and is used by those that want to
There is already a plague there. That serves the purpose.
There are already great signs set up explaining these things. I find them very interesting and educational. If you want to put up a few additional signs about other learning points, wonderful. Don't cut down the trees and rip out the grass to make a classroom. This is nature, not the classroom. That is one of the things that makes this place so special
I'm not sure if there are paved paths or dirt. I'm hoping there will still be some biking only trails, and an off leash area of trails.
More scenic view point
Keep it as natural as possible
Big Rock Landing keeps things natural
The big rock landing is probably the best place to do a larger upgrade and support small groups or classrooms. Would be great to be able to take school kids there and teach them about how that erratic got there and where it came from.
Any of the options would be a great tool for future generations to learn about the area and indigenous history.
I believe it's important to have a place to teach young generations about the indigenous heritage
Just leave the rock as it is
Big Rock more intimate for learning.
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Just a simple sign is all that is needed
It's good as it is
It's a place for people to discover it doesn't have to be promoted
It keeps development to a minimum while providing interesting knowledge about the area. It feels consistent with the goals of keeping paskapoo wild.
All you need is a small interpretive sign by the rock if you want to explain what it is. It's insignificant compared to the size of the Big Rock near Okotoks.
Please do not change the land around the big rock.
Subtle is good. We don't need to build human infrastructure to enjoy the natural beauty. Human infrastructure competes with the natural beauty of the area.
Please do not alter this place - do not build or clear the vegetation to make way for these changes.
Leave this space alone and undisturbed. People need to explore nature and this space as it is by itself. Does not need additions. This is how people learn to be mindful not by carving out more into the land, disturbing more ecosystem and life forms.

Neither option is good or needed
Leave the area as is, it's perfect.
The plaque explains how the rock got there and the other rocks in Okatocs, needs no more development.
Visions of the Past & Present is the better option. Allow people to discover the erratic by themselves. The area should be kept as natural as possible. A very tiny plaque located across the train would provide an opportunity to learn more. Make sure sightlines are unobscured by signage etc.
These are both ridiculous. "Digital storytelling?" Who even comes up with this stuff. Why would you put screens in nature?
Takes away from the natural beauty of the area
Area should be kept in its natural state. An interpretive sign could be erected for the rock but nothing more.
Maybe just a picnic table or two, upgrade some of the signage highlighting the key points to look for. A classroom and binoculars are overkill and take away from the big rock.
Providing opportunities for visitors to seek and learn on their own with tools provided through digital or other elements is more appealing for this area.
I prefer to have little manmade items in this space but appreciate well placed signage that explains the significance of views, nature or artifacts
I like both concepts except for the digital storytelling. I think it will get broken or destroyed.
Feel pretty neutral on this.
Im commenting on the Big Rock Landing. The more you develop for larger groups of people the less the area will be protected. Look what has happened to Edworthy and Bowness Park. These are beautiful parks with high use of large groups and its getting to the point where these parks can't sustain this.
Which ever has the least impact on the natural area
For Big Rock Landing, I'm not sure if traffic noise from 16 Ave / Stoney Trail would hinder storytelling or teaching at this site. For this reason, self directed learning such as in the Visions of Past & Present are probably better.
Need to understand if a designed space for learning will be used by school groups, or is it just the COP day camps. Often it would appear that terraced seating is not commonly used in other parks (i.e., Fish Creek). Need to also consider in the design that these features don't become jumping off points for mountain bikers and perhaps a liability. A combination of a gathering area with a landscape experience would be appropriate. Would suggest not having binoculars. People can bring their own or take a photo and zoom in.
Lack of protection for the rock - will it get vandalized with increased traffic?
Again, this is a great spot to come across or find without any extras. Don't make it an attraction and ruin it. Your plans seem to do nothing but destroy the beauty of the area. I also dont see have this garbage you want to put here won't affect the natural surroundings and wild life. Give your heads a shake.
Again, please consider NOT making this area so commercial. It will push wildlife away and invite overuse.
They both have a place - I like the idea of the learning setting but it needs to blend in. Natural seating areas for kids and otherwise a mostly untouched digital experience is best.



Doesn't sound sustainable. Something very minimal like the erratic in the NE would be sufficient.
Big Rock Landing concept is minimal and in keeping with a natural area. The Visions of Past and Present looks like a tourist attraction.
Prefer not to remove natural area just to make an empty space for signs to go. The erratic is more impactful in its natural space
We don't need this in a park. Parks should be about nature and physical activity
I think this would be an excellent learning opportunity for nearby schools. It might reduce the amount of graffiti on this rock
I kinda like option A but want to respect those who might like there to be less disturbance of the area
Creating terraced seating would require to much natural habitat alterations
I think the history and narrative are important but should be on the outside of the park before entry to keep down the human footprint
Please disrupt current land and landscape the least possible
Again. Please keep the park a park. Don't create a theme park that isn't being missed.
For the love of creation leave the rock area alone. It is a perfect resting place as is and is already used as such without your interference.
Great option. Please keep flow of trails though
I could see the gig rock becoming a gathering place to listen to music (busking or small concerts). It has great views.
Unnecessary. Leave nature as it is. All of this extra building destroys nature.
Just simple signage, please
None of these suggests would I consider an enhancement. It is making this a tourist spot. I want to feel like I don't have to drive 1 hour to Kananaskis to escape into the actual wild when it currently exists now. By changing the landscape it changes the entire feel of this park. This feel is sorely lacking in Calgary because every space is "upgraded" to fit society. This sucks!
I like the digital and storytelling format, reduces dangers from construction
I like a quieter approach to this rock area.
Digital storytelling opportunities seems good, but use taxpayer money on paths and leave this part as is... It is great already (unlike the cars).
Concept B is my preference. Keep it natural. Maybe a bench or two. Maybe some large rocks to sit on. Signs for interpretation. That's it.

Is there anything else you would like to share? (Optional)

I am in favour of the proposed trails being designated as on-leash - allows for more accessibility and enjoyment by all. In addition, I believe there is on off leash dog park across 16th in the Greenwich community
Improve the trails sure, but theres no need to design a bunch of man made landmarks for this area. Spruce it up and leave it alone.
i dont think calgary should have a park that isnt accessible
Need improvement of Buddhist stupa for learning meditation.



As Bhuddhist I am worried about the Bhuddhist stupa .. what are your plans? We have been coming to this Bhuddhist stupa for many years to pray and it's holy to us. With this trail opening there will be more people who will come to park and I am worried that if any one will vandalize the stupa or disrespect by climbing on it .. so what are your plans to protect the stupa and its surrounding and will it peaceful or quite enough for people like me to come there and pray.

Please leave this area as wild as possible, for people to discover and enjoy without the need to be "educated".

This area is primarily used by people who live nearby. All of this seems like overkill. Fix the trails, protect the land, but soare the gimmicks. It will just end up being used for a year and then in constant need if repair. This happens over and over in other parks around the city, so why keep doing it? If more money is spent, spend it on stuff kids will actually have active fun on. They love running wild in thus area and making up stories, don't lose that.

Seriously. Those buildings, built by Lauren, are a blight and SERIOUSLY should not have passed inspection. Trades people will all agree.

Please leave it as raw as possible to allow others to just enjoy nature the way it's meant to be....not manicured into a stale environment.

I belive that Paskipoo slopes can be revitalizedwith minimal hard structures and kandscaping in order to preserve the quiet nature of the place.

Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area

I strongly feel that this park should be left alone and not over developed. Some accessible pathways at the bottom near the shops would be acceptable but a full trail network throughout the park would take away from nature and the natural feel of the park. There are many other parks and areas in Calgary for this type of trail network, medicine hill should be left alone

Some of the ideas are good but we have so much development throughout the city. Why can't areas like Paskapoo Slopes stay more natural while taking measures to support the longevity of the area (e.g., good trail drainage, protecting sensitive areas, etc.)? We don't need every public space in the city to be intentionally developed and designed. Users enjoy this area the way it is. Maybe adding basic washrooms at the parking lot and some educational signage and some wayfinding signage is helpful, but beyond that, keep it as wild as possible!

I'm really happy to see a future pedestrian overpass connecting central Bowness with Paskapoo Slopes as it is currently dangerous and inaccessible on foot to access it from anywhere other than Bowfort.

See previous comments. However, as most of the responses seem to echo my sentiments of leave this natural space as is, I highly doubt the City will actually listen. If you want to develop spaces for greater enjoyment across the city, fix playgrounds, clean up existing park spaces, provide actual maintenance to spots that are overused so that the green spaces continue to be green.

The clarity of this inquiry is nice, the graphics depicting each option are extremely helpful.

This park is now occasionally frequented by heavy drug users who ride their bikes to the park entrance and smoke in broad daylight. The entrances of the park need better signage to help keep them away. Like drugs strictly prohibited; report all suspicious activity to 911 etc.

We don't come to the park for more concrete, but to be immersed in nature

I love the slopes and am there daily with my young family exploring nature. I would hate to see it over cluttered with signs, buildings etc. perhaps a small bathroom at the bottom near the parking lot would be beneficial for the bike camps in the summer



Leave the slopes alone please!!! I have lived next to Paskapoo Slopes for 22 years. I am concerned for the health of the trees. I have seen a lot of damage to the trees, building of new trails, cutting of trees and an unusual amount of dead fall and downed branches. I would be very concerned for the wildlife if more people frequent the space. There are coyotes, moose, deer, porcupines, rabbits, a multitude of birds. The name should stay Paskapoo Slopes. Medicine Hill is the name of the development which has destroyed most of the park.
This forest is so special to the community- it should be left natural as it's been used and loved that way
The plan is going in the right direction, would love to understand how the paths will look like in the future - hard to give feedback when we don't have that visual in mind. Is there a "best in class" park we are getting inspired by for this park? Please don't close the pathways - some that are nit being used at all and are being overgrown are fine to get shut, but you are closing too many - that means people will be funneled on the remaining ones, creating crowds
I've been walking the Paskapoo slopes since we moved to Cougar Ridge since 2006. I am pleasantly surprised at how little has changed in the last 20 years. For whatever reason, not alot of people use this area and people that do seem to respect it in terms of not alot of garbage or damage etc. I tend to see people biking or walking their dogs or just hiking. I don't see people 'resting' or eating or doing nothing. I feel like most of the people I encounter are there for their good health and mental wellbeing. Please don't develop this and take that all away; it truly a gem just as it is.
Just try not to make too many changes to it. People love the seclusion and silence of the forest there. It will keep attracting wildlife. If anything plant more trees and shrubs around the eroted areas to help keep the ground solid. Keep the Buddhist monument space (not sure what to call it). Overall it should look as natural as possible. Don't go overboard.
Please keep the area wild and natural and protected! The increased population around the whole area has already displaced and disrupted wildlife and natural flora (the paskapoo poplar is native and unique to the area). Any increased public access will eventually lead to more construction and commercialization of the area. At one time the city said it would not develop the area, but it is now being fully developed. Why is this area is being commercialized and urbanized with housing (multi and single), when other large expanses of area within the city are not being touched (such as nose hill)? The proposed "learning areas" and pavilion ideas would be an invitation for retail (vending machines, cafe etc.). PLEASE No housing, subdivisions, apartments, condos, townhouses, yurts, tents... There are many other "park areas" already in place in Calgary. It would be sad to lose any more of the natural area.
I'm so sad to have read the details of what the city is proposing. I cannot believe that these changes are in alignment with the vision of preserving the natural beauty, historical and archaeological importance, or ecological welfare of many wildlife and plants species. Less is most certainly more here. Please - please! - dial this WAY back. Consider developing a design concept where anything added is as minimal as possible and that blends into the



existing landscape as it is. Increasing accessibility is not worth destroying a precious natural gem like Medicine Hill/Paskapoo slopes. Adding unwanted and unneeded developments to a natural landscape just to be able to say you “made improvements” is not a win. This would be a HUGE loss to the many, many people who have enjoyed using this beautiful space for decades in its current beloved state, as well as to anyone who should come later and would have missed seeing this place in its original quirky, charming and untamed glory.

Leave it all alone.

I engage but am tired of the City only paying lip service to citizen input. It seems like you put out these surveys and go against majority public opinion. Eg 14 St, 19 St, rezoning, Olympic plaza was a done deal.

Thank about the lightest touch. Talk to an elder to receive guidance as the best way to honour the space. Talk to the Buddhist community who uses this space do the same reasons as above.

I see that all trails are planned for multi use. But off leash dog walking is not mentioned It would be nice to have some trails/areas which are for walking only where we don't have to be concerned with fast bikes zipping by.
Likewise some trails or areas need to be off leash for dogs. We don't have an off leash park in this area and cannot make one alongside Stoney Trail. We need to relieve pressure on Edworthy Park off leash area. I would suggest making the area east of the pond, where the private land begins (as the owner obviously does not mind dog walking in his property), to Patterson Blvd. and north to the trail by the Big Rock. This was grazing land in the past and I don't believe there are any sensitive areas included here.

There are other parks, that are more popular, and accessible already that need attention. For example, the Douglas Fir trail. People from Edworthy, already designed for high volume and access and the local community would benefit from improvements there.

With the increased (and, especially, ebikes) bike use in the area, it may be a good idea to have a few hiking only trails for greater safety for hikers. Also, signage to underscore that bikers must yield to hikers.

I believe the city has set aside a sizeable capital budget for this park. I encourage the city not to spend all of this capital, rather focus on the minimal improvements, wayfinding, etc and move some of the capital to maintenance to setup a estimable future for keeping the park in line with the project vision. Cleanup, trail maintenance etc.

It would be nice to have a digital map of the park with signage or QR codes throughout so that as you walk through the park you can find your way around various trails by phone or gps.

Just leave these areas alone

Great plan, happy to see Calgary focused on our natural areas and the preservation of them.

Intrigued abd terrified these plans will mess up a great bit of nature
Why not salvage Douglas fir instead if messing with something that is fine as it is.. maybe keep bikes out. It can be pretty dangerous to walkers

I think that city budgets could better be used to make the already overpopulated natural urban areas (such as Shaganappi park) safer.
Just leave Trinity Hill alone.

- Need to have washrooms available at carious points.
- garbage beans to be made available specially for dog popping
- 85th street may need to be twinned on the section close by COP.



- A parking lot near COP makes sense. The location near the houses close to 85th street does not. This will become a nuisance to the home owners and most likely lots of 311 calls and complaints. The two parking lots will also add chaos to traffic flow during summer for cars going to/back from the houses behind COP and from drivers going uphill from 16th av via COP towards Cougar Ridge. Consider adding parking space on the other end (east side) of the park then washrooms and information points can exist at both ends.

Please focus on cleaning up the garbage from recent construction. The Trinity Hills developers should pay for the clean-up. Reinforce the existing trails/bridges and mark the trails you want people to use (which may not be the ones created by mountain bikes). This area has abundant wildlife (moose, cougars, etc.) and is a peaceful refuge. Calgary already has numerous parks for accessible public gatherings, which include ample parking.

I would like to know more about preservation or restoration of the land. Paskapoo is a unique and beautiful site. We are new to the area and look forward to discovering more of it this summer, especially birds and other wildlife.

Stop wasting tax payer money on your [removed] apology tour. It's a park. Make the trails, leave it alone. [removed]

Please do not modify the park in any way.

Paskapoo slopes is an amazing and unique example of community management gone right. People feel so connected with this land that they take time out of their day to manage and improve it themselves. I think this is such a beautiful thing and my heart would drop if the city decided to get in the way of this flourishing human-nature symbiosis.

This place has such a deep history. I grew up mountain biking here. as a kid I heard the stories of the cars, the erratic, the house ruins, the private Buddhist Stupa. This plethora of easter eggs and culture has come together so beautifully in a place we share with our wildlife.

If you really care about improving this space, please do the following: take whatever budget you have allocated to this project, and use it to fund a community-driven association. There are already amazing stewards of this natural area. If you must do something, find, empower, and enable these people.

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Maintaining and protecting the natural habitat for the wildlife is the MOST important to my family and my neighbors in Cougar Ridge.

We very highly value the moose, deer, bobcats, coyotes and diverse bird species that we are so lucky to have in our area. We want to see the wildlife corridor protected that we reside adjacent to, the ridge and adjacent large hillside, (Paskapoo Slopes) and natural springs below C. Ridge.

We would like to see that the park is heavily protected and even providing potential closures during times of wildlife mating seasons and migration time.

There are very few areas in the city that we can mountain & fat bike. It's an absolute gem for riding. I'm worried that developing the area will make it busier, increase garbage, push away the animals, and increase walker/biker conflicts. There are so many more walking/hiking trails in the city. Mountain biking in the city is very limited.



It seems like you are planning on doing too many 'enhancements'. What we really need in the city is to keep our natural areas natural with as little development as possible.

I love the trails and the hill. My main concern is how development seems to cut off a lot of trails.

Entry and exit from the trails, especially in the southeast, is not well marked. Sometimes trail users find themselves on private property or will struggle to get back to the sidewalk/street without crossing private property.

Clarity around the property lines and entries/exits is needed.

Look at the traffic impacts at the top of the hill along 85th. Cars already slide through that intersection with Canada Olympic Rd as its downhill and icy. Consider moving the parking lot back off the road and creating an intersection/roundabout at the end to minimize accidents. Or just accessing only from the bottom of the hill.

Parking at north end of 85 ST SW

Overall, I would prefer the interventions minimally interfere with the natural landscape. I hike in the area every day and love interacting with the nature, noticing the changes in plants, seeing the bird migrations, etc. Efforts should focus on trail maintenance, etc., and allow the natural landscape to be the focal point, not pavillions or exhibits.

Stay out of our forest. None of these suggestions make the space better. Your erasing nature for [removed] signage and subpar "art" that no body asked for. Progress for progress sake is disgusting and erases what we already have.

a bare minimal amount of signage within the trails, keep as natural as possible

A focus on reducing the city's future impacts and mitigating past impacts should be of focus. This Could be achieved through community led groups (eg Friends of Paskapoo Slopes). I would like to see cotoneaster, carragana and burdock removed, fescue grassland restored where possible, springs/seeps protected (with fencing) and enhanced trail features (boardwalks) that reduce environmental impacts of the past.

Just built better trails or allow for clubs/ organizations to build better trails (for mtb). An access to the bottom of Patterson blvd would be nice. There's already a sort of trail that's developing next to the last lot on the north side of the blvd ([removed]) that crosses a creek and emerges into the clearing next to the large wood pile. I don't really like that in the plan, the access trail goes by those houses ([removed]). It feels wrong having full vision of some family eating dinner as you're walking by, watching from the forest. Or at least have the one in the existing plans deep enough in the gully behind the trees.

I am glad you are creating a park plan. And I am glad you're going to close some of the trails. I have noticed erosion increasing on some of the more exposed trails and I am hoping your plan will mitigate this. This natural area is precious to me and I treasure having it so close to my home. My dog and partner and I walk in it year round. We use it to walk down to the Medicine Hill shopping centre, where we visit the pet store or bakery. We use the washrooms in the pet store because we can bring our dog inside with us. Sometimes we walk down the hill and across 16 Avenue on Bowfort Road as far as Bowness Park or Bowmont Park with our dog. And at other times we cross 16 Avenue in the pedestrian underpass and follow the train tracks as far as Edworthy Park, walking back along Sarcee Trail with our dog.



It would be great if you could incorporate cross country skiing into the park operations. Thank you for planning the park with so much care.

Start with very minor improvements to safely maintain the existing trails. Do not add parking, washrooms, and gathering places. The beauty of the area is its rustic natural vibe. Please don't ruin it by turning it into a standard city park. Engage with mountain bikers to encourage them to stay on trails and respect the safety of walkers and runners.

This project is a frightening window into how off-course City Hall is in terms of overspending, lack of self-awareness, misplaced sense of self-importance and just general parasitic nature of taking funds from fellow citizens without making any reference to being thankful for their fellow citizen's funding or any commitment to such funding responsibly. As Thatcher said: 'the problem with socialism is you eventually run out of other people's money'.

The indigenous history of the site should be celebrated as the primary context of the area. Interpretive signs throughout the area are not sufficient to tell that story in a meaningful and engaging way. Cultural activities should be promoted on the site and digital storytelling should be designed to tell the story effectively that can be updated over time.

I use the area for mountain biking and I recommend that proper investment in a fun, well-designed and built (by trail professionals) is required if you hope to prevent rogue trailbuilding in an area like this. The network needs to provide enough challenge for a range of users, to a level of quality that no one feels it is worthwhile to build their own trails and features.

I am concerned with the city developing the area for recreation, but if it has to happen, it should proceed with the least amount of development and intervention.

I observe the wildlife inhabiting the area and I want this habitat to be preserved. Many of the original trails running through the area were deer trails, trails that were created by habitual daily movements of the deer and have been there for centuries.

It is not uncommon to see the deer come out at night, sometimes walking down the street, to feed. One May afternoon in 2013, I observed the birthing of twins to a doe in the field across from Sarcee Trail. It brought much joy.

I live in Bowness close to Superstore. I live close enough to access Paskapoo Slopes on foot, except there is no pedestrian crossing of the highway. For me, this is the most significant piece that needs to be addressed, in conjunction with an all season paved/smooth low grade efficient trail through the park to the top of the hill. I am supportive of the overall vision and would point out that "Community Connectivity" is an important component of the vision and also the most glaring hole in the draft plan.

I have been using the Paskapoo trails with my dogs, for runs, long walks to relax and be somewhere quiet (which is hard to find in this city). I have been worried this was going to happen the entire time. It's a unique natural area that doesn't need a face lift or to be monumented, it ruins the charm. Just leave it be.

I would prefer that this area is kept as natural as possible. We live close to Bowmont park and utilize that area daily, and would prefer Paskapoo slopes to maintain a similar feel to the Bowmont park area

Good idea but we don't have money.

Less is more, keep it wild, dirt pathways only.

The least amount of development to care for the hill. Leave the Bhuddist Stupa. Leave the trails natural.



While I understand this area has many users, it also has so much wildlife. Ideally the city would maintain some of the major trails and leave the rest of it be!
Please stop any further housing development in the area. It has become an eyesore with nonstop traffic and noise.
The Stupa can be a part of the learning experience regarding how Buddhist philosophies accommodate the nature and native life style.
Please keep in mind the more accessible you make this area the faster it turns into another dog park. People come here more and more and never clean up after their dogs. It will just get worse. Making it harder for people who have been using the area for fresh air, exercise and solitude to deal with off leash dog walkers bombarding the area.
Keep it simple.
I would just reinforce that this place is full of magic and wonder. Over developing the land, streaming lining pathways so people lose ability to explore the paths in an unorganized way to find their way would be a huge loss. The numerous wooded paths and their interconnection creates opportunities to imagine indigenous people carving out those paths. If you stay still long enough you feel like you can hear their voices, think of joy of playing and exploring, and feel their feet upon the earth. It just creates that sense of awe that stays with you long after you have left the area.
Please leave it alone.
Stop destroying our parks. The raw nature is what makes that park so great. You will completely destroy a park's feel so that we can put some signs and a rock up. This is a total joke and should be shamed. Do not destroy these parks with development.
I want to preserve nature as much as possible but understand the concept of park planning to prevent erosion and damage over time. The least amount of work that can be done is the best. And please make the park dog-leash-required! Everyone should be able to enjoy the space.
Residents of this ward have been requesting the city repair the damaged Douglas Fir trail for years since it was closed. Instead of spending park money in a location that actually requires repair it is very disappointing to see pointless funds being spent on a well used park to "upgrade" even though residents are strongly opposed. When will councillors listen to residents?
There are a lot of pre existing bike trails that are in need of a revamp. Even 1 or 2 trails would be an improvement. The space has a lot of potential but lacks investment which would bring more volume to the park from surrounding local communities. An investment in one area of the park would decrease volume of bikes in other parts, increasing enjoyment for those who prefer quiet spaces.
I think you get the picture. If you're reading this know that you are creating the problem. The solution is already in place.
I love this area and I'm very pessimistic that any development of it will preserve its unique character and wildness. Restraint must be a guiding principle. Only the most minimal development possible should be done and only as means to preserve the area. This is the last and best wild corner of the city. Don't mess it up. It's already perfect, just needs some thoughtful reinforcements to help ensure its health as it inevitably becomes busier and more easily used. Don't try to make it an amusement park or a classroom. The beauty of the area is not only due to its natural assets, but also that it is a blank canvas of sorts, allowing the user to develop an uncured and individual experience that is not set or defined. I want my



children to be able to hop on their bikes and explore the area, challenging themselves and discovering the countless gems hidden in the park. This sort of experience can't be engineered, must be organic. Keep it wild. Keep it unique. Conserve it.

Keep it natural. clear signage is important. maybe with 'grade' so people know.

keeping it natural - the area is getting so full with density and towers, etc. and now to add more people

people enjoy this area like Griffith Woods as they are quieter and more natural - not a planned walk

maybe add a few maps so that people can find there way back but sometimes, that is part of the adventure to have to navigate and not be as planned!

I think I mentioned it on the first page, not realising there would be more opportunities. I think maintaining this area as an ON LEASH area feels important, for the sake of the wildlife.

For a winter city there are very few reliable cross country ski areas in Calgary with reliable snow. This is a great location for a Nordic centre as it is next to COP with snow making infrastructure.

Keep the park the way it is. Any construction or add ons will disrupt wildlife and people who already enjoy the park.

The addition of the Trinity hills development already took away from a lot of the charm this park once had. I used to enjoy a trail run or bike ride through here during the day. I felt like I had left the city. There were more animals, was peaceful, and felt like I was out of the city. The addition of trinity hills development ruined a good portion of the park. Now when I go through there instead of smelling the clean air and trees I smell people's nasty laundry, I hear vehicles, I see garbage along the parameter. I feel adding more development will take away from it's charm. It's one of the few parks and places in the city that doesn't have pavement, benches, signage. Exploring through this rugged area is half the fun.

The only development I would be interested in seeing is garbage cans at the trail heads for all those dog people who seem to have a hard time getting their dog [removed] to the garbage. Maybe a map again at the trail head but not in the park.

How can we support hikers enjoying nature without having to contend with mountain bikers barrelling along the paths or turning the area into a bmx show? Can we restrict Winsport bike camps from using the park...they tend to abuse the trails and create undue noise.

How can we dissuade adventurous youth from disturbing the ecosystem through their creation of play areas in the forest?

The little waterfall is a very contemplative area. Can we keep it more pristine and still provide access?

The problem is that the City of Calgary's many departments don't communicate with each other.. ie.. water department doesn't consult with Parks department.. neither consult with planning and community departments.. until it's too late.. our home and yard has been flooded on 4 separate occasions spanning 20+ years.. water department had to deal with millions of dollars in fixes and flood mitigation..

PLEASE DON'T DESTROY A WONDERFUL PLACE TO RECREATE, TRINITY HILLS AND THEIR OCCUPANTS HAVE ALREADY DECREASED THE ENJOYMENT IN THIS AREA. TOO MANY HEADPHONE WALKERS NOT PAYING ATTENTION, PEOPLE LEAVING GARBAGE EVERYWHERE.



I definitely support the main thoroughfares being more established. However I also value all the little unofficial trails that allow for exploration. A lot of these are created or maintained by the MTB club so want to call out their importance.
I would love to see a huge emphasis on honouring Indigenous heritage and culture in this area.
Keep it simple so there is less traffic
Don't do it - leave it
I believe I've said most of what I wanted to. Please petition the actual people who live in this area not general Calgary.
If this moves ahead at all me and I hope many others will push for animal rights groups to be involved so habit space can be reduced as little as possible
When I was teaching I brought my class on the trail and the slopes ignited our imaginations. It's a perfect place to learn about Calgary's indigenous peoples, the geography that makes Calgary unique, and the early settlers. This trail excites me as it nicely combines multiple environmental and cultural influences and opportunities to explore.
I think its important the trails can be maintained. That its accessible to ALL. Wheelchair users, hikers, low physical ability, high physical ability. Safety is important both of the users and the land itself. Please ensure there are cameras and ofc protection for wildlife.
Please leave the area wild
Please give users more information about what you intend to do to existing trail surfaces, including scale of construction, drainage installation, paving etc. These elements have a huge impact on user experience and are often overlooked by planners as incidental to such projects - they are not.
This is entirely inappropriate of the city to consider. First, the inappropriate development that entirely shifted the feel of an important natural space. Now, the city attempts to artificially develop a beautiful natural space that has existed for many many years. They would do well to leave it alone, and protect it as a natural, undeveloped space in the city.
This hill is filled with underground springs. They cause damage to property and in winter the ice build up is a huge safety hazard. Over 20+ years there has been lots of mitigation work. Speak to City Water and City Roads to get the background. Any time work is done uphill a problem occurs down hill. Please do nothing that disturbs the land. Those of us who have lived with the repercussions over the years know the risk is just not worth it. Look up [removed] Patterson Blvd SW to understand the frequency and severity of damage and safety risk the underground springs have caused. Many City funded projects and private repairs have been done over the years. We do not want to risk future problems.
Please continue to allow free mountain biking use of the area. If trail signage is provided, consider warning signs for users that point out the chance of bikes traveling downhill to other trail users. Please do not significantly grade, pave, or otherwise alter the trails. Work with CMBA for responsible trail maintenance strategies.
In general this area is a nice piece of outdoor terrain that we Calgarians are fortunate to have within the city limits. Despite the increase in use I have seen in the last 20 years the area is managing well. It needs some attention to trails here and there from a proper group like the Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance, but is otherwise only really missing some wayfinding type signage. Long story short I do not think we fix too much of what is not really broken!



There are many users of the park over the years that this has been an "unofficial" park that bring their dogs off-leash here. It would be great if there was a significant area of the park where dogs would be allowed off-leash (while under control).
Please remove the dangerous barbed wire fences from the area. Otherwise leave the area as is. I don't want my tax dollars spent to ruin a park I enjoy. These changes would disrupt the natural wildlife corridor with construction.
Please leave the Paskapoo Slopes alone, it is a unique, serene and challenging place for those who have the wherewithal to seek it.
Please leave it as it is and if you want to spend money on the place, fund the trail teams to maintain the trails. No one that uses the park wants any development. The shopping and multifamily development there now is already a stain on the landscape.
Please do not pave any of the trails- this will ruin Paskapoo.
I see one problem with the plan, one of the Secondary Multi-use Trails is a private road...Coulee Lane SW is a privately owned road.
Please don't use my tax dollars to destroy a gorgeous natural area.
I do believe the area needs more signage, interpretive signs, history signs, etc., plus a washroom on each end
These concept drawings and "reinforced trails" scare me. Paskapoo Slopes is a semi-natural area that has been a jewel for enjoying natural spaces on the west side of Calgary for decades. It should be preserved as close as possible to current conditions. No pavilions, no big displays, no massive paved or crushed gravel pathways that carve up the landscape. Why is City of Calgary planning to RUIN this amazing natural area, displacing wildlife?
I think nature enthusiasts use the area responsibly. If you make this a big gathering spot to people who don't care for the natural landscape. It's a terrible idea to make this area paved and un-natural.
Keep paskapoo for the animals
great place to mountain bike.
The maximum amount of indigenous principles, education, storytelling, reconciliation and protection should be incorporated
Enough houses near there now. No more apartments either. Hideous and in the wrong place. Keep it natural.
There's a good opportunity to connect Sarcee Trail to Patterson Blvd
Worried that the plans are too "park" and will lose the natural beauty of this area. Would prefer to see a scaled back version.
Include those who maintain significance with the area to be included in the park design planning and construction and apply their comments
DO NOT SELL OFF EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS & GREENSPACE FOR DEVELOPMENT !!! TRELLIS HAS NOT REPLACED THE PLAYGROUND AS WAS PROMISED IN BOWNESS. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE OF CITY PARKS AND TRELLIS HOUSING.
If you're putting in a parking lot at 85th street and Paskapoo drive please properly complete 85th ST to 4 lanes with boulevard and tie into Paskapoo Drive with proper Tee intersection
Keep the trails rough. Do not overdevelop them. I support access but too much paving or hardscape can drastically alter the nature of a place. This is still a pocket of wilderness in the heart of a city. It is rare. It is unique. And it is important to not go overboard. Also, all current recreation uses need to be kept in place: dog walking (on leash), hiking, mountain biking. If



you want people to care about a place, they need to be able to use it (low impact) as they always have.
Reduce overall footprint to lower impact
I hope that the park does not affect current activities done in the area- such as metal detecting and exploration. On top of this, the pond is used by a school for exploration opportunities - such as wayfaring and scavenger hunts. It should remain completely open to the schools in the area. I know that CFIS uses the forest and pond for their yearly Terry Fox run - which requires setup in the forest - there should be no restrictions on this.
The area by the waterfall on Patterson Blvd between 313 and 327 is of grave concern due to decades of issues with natural springs causing property damage and in particular road and sidewalk safety issues spanning multiple winters. Water issues have been seen as far as 229 on the Blvd. Any disturbance to the land in the area has the potential to undo significant mitigation work performed by the City and home owners. The City has undertaken at least five major projects in the area and homeowners have been forced to go to considerable expense to mitigate the damaging effects of underground springs. I would suggest none of the pathways in the Patterson Blvd area should ever be developed. There is the potential to wreak havoc on the natural springs that have been stable for a few years following the most recent mitigation work. I am not in support of development of any of this land, but I am vehemently opposed to any changes to the land in or near the Patterson area.
Parks must ensure that invasive plant species are controlled or eliminated as required by the provincial Weed Control Act. Too many natural area parks such as West Nose Creek (Confluence Park), and Nose Hill have invasive species such as yellow clematis and nodding thistle which are destroying the native value and species of these areas.
The area should stay as natural as possible with the least amount of modern human intervention
I feel strongly that this is the city trying to control and eventually ruin what is a great space that many love. Leave it as it is and support those currently caring for it in its natural state.
Why are the plans ruining the park instead of enhancing it?
The plan needs for washroom areas (not just one). It also needs benches and garbage cans for dog poop bags. Also it needs a separate bike path so that speeding cyclists do not run over people walking the path slowly with their dogs on leash to avoid collisions and injuries. It also needs an area for off leash dogs, and enclosed dog park.
Please designate the park, or most of it, as an off-leash area for dogs. It's a perfect place for dogs to run and explore, and there aren't many spaces like that in this area of the city. I'm disappointed this isn't already addressed in the plans.
I really hope the City does not over work this park. Keep it simple, natural and that is it.
Less is more. Do only what is required to keep the park ecologically sound.
Keep as is do not build.
Would be nice to have one small area to practice backcountry skiing (skin up and ski down) would just need an open slope that's it. This is becoming a more popular sport these days. Also some groomer xc trails would be great.
One machine made mtb decent would be great.
We moved to the area because we use the park so much for hikes with our dog. If it changes too much we would be very disappointed.



Stop wasting money.
I want development to be minimal to keep the natural beauty unspoiled
This is a gem in the Calgary landscape. Protect it. But please don't 'over-build'. Accessibility is important, but equally important is keeping it as natural as possible.
Let the amount of change to the area keep it natural, avoid placing structures
Keep it clean, safe, free of homeless, needles and drugs. all our parks need to be respected but we also live a world that it needs to be monitored and authority that can keep it safe for many years. create a conversation around the city to clean the streets around and within the trails. create a volunteer base to help with the task and the possibility of a sponsorship of specific part of the trails, giving "ownership" of keeping that part sponsored by _____ to help maintain, report, clean or clear 1km of trail or that resting area etc etc.
There are many seniors that would love to enjoy the trails, so making sure all ages can enjoy is a task but is important.
Yes. There should be no enhanced trails behind and beside Patterson Blvd. This area has no parking and already experiences too much disruption to the ecosystem with hikers and fat bikers
Extending Core trails further East would be desirable to increase access to those areas.
As long as the gathering areas are as far west as possible and away from the homes on Patterson Hill. Too much pedestrian and bike traffic already near Patterson. Damaging the ecosystem.
Ensure safe use of trails by multi use signage for bikes & hikers or will there be separate designated trails for hiking & cycling? Washroom should be close to parking lot.
I will just reiterate, please leave this space natural and quiet. All of your plans to attract people to the area will destroy the natural ecosystem. I'm pretty sure true Indigenous philosophy would say to keep the space natural too. If you have information to share about what the space was like pre-contact and/or cultural information, please create a website. You could make a sign with a link to the website on one of the trails. I would love to learn about the history but without turning the Paskapoos into an "attraction".
The area is used by runners, walkers, mountain bikers year round. The ruggedness and organic growth of the trail system is part of it's charm and is the reason people go to the area. Making these changes takes away from the primary use of the area.
I am quite concerned with changes to the trail surface for primary trails. Graveled trails like at nose hill are really bad for biking, and erode.
Calgary is blessed with areas that feel unchanged from when the city came to be. I love that about living here. That's why I think that there shouldn't be too much added to the Slopes, rather, that they are allowed to remain as much as they've been predating the city. I'm grateful that they're still there, the patchwork of what's been left notwithstanding. I'm also grateful for the chance to opine on them—thank you.
Parking areas and garbage is at the parking areas is the only addition it needs. I use this trail system very frequently 3-4 times a week and there is not a large number of people in this area using the trail to warrant additions/changes to any of the trails in this area. Bringing in any large machine to attempt construction would disturb the wildlife further than it already has with the development of the north area where the houses are being placed. Wildlife has had 5



years of construction. There is only one area where there is homeless in the southwest corner closest to COP that live in the bushes there. I think with any additions to access, you will find a large population that loiter and will begin to live in the trail system to vandalize, intimidate, and scare users. I currently feel very safe in this area to walk, ride my bike, and sightsee. I feel that any changes will end up like the Douglas fur Trail, homeless scattered through the area and it feels very unsafe to walk.

Paskapoo Slopes/Medicine Hill is truly one of the best places in the city and the main reason I bought a house next to it. Because I walk and bike there daily, I understand how changes impact different users. My biggest takeaway is that walkers and cyclists must safely coexist. We have an opportunity to build some of the best biking in the area, but we must mitigate risks to pedestrians.

I strongly advocate for dedicated, bike-only descending trails. Walkers wearing headphones often don't hear bikes approaching, and cyclists don't always watch out. Separating descents increases safety and allows for much more fun trails—a mix of technical lines and fast, flowy sections with jumps. Consulting real trail builders is crucial for this step. Because bikes climb slowly, shared trails for uphill travel remain perfectly safe.

Finally, a master plan must prioritize ongoing maintenance and proper drainage across all trails to keep the entire network in great shape.

The majority of people are saying the same thing. Leave it alone.

As mentioned above - provide some trail protection from motorcycle access (be they electric or ICE). Hard to do I know with so many points of entry. Added to the complexity is allowing Class 1 e-bikes but not Class 2 and 3!!! Ouch.

Indigenous names need to be adopted and used for the park name and the various trails, access lots and features. Why all the really simplistic English names? Or maybe those are just for the development plan?

Access from the upper communities to the southwest is important, with designated trail heads and parking / signage. The communities in this area need to allow access, it's not their private park!

Can't change it now, but it's a shape the City allowed development of other parts of Paskapoo Slopes. It would have been nice to have a larger natural area. So be it.

The best way to honour this area is to minimize any more manmade involvement. Use only natural products for any trail development is needed (mostly to minimize erosion and bridge over muddy areas or water)

As an almost daily user of the area. I want to share it but nervous of crowds

Having some winter snowshoe trails or cable trails would be a great addition. I'd really like to see some offleash dog trails like other sections of the city.

There is no need for these types of expenses. Tax payers are tired of paying for these pet projects at a time that people can't afford gas or groceries. Please give us a break. This is not a need to have. We need to have water service

I do not like the parking lot proposed on the east side of 85th street. I think it should be further north at the end of 85th street, part way down the hill.

I also think there should be an off leash dog park in this area instead. There are no off leash areas in west Calgary. The nearest is a small area at coach hill, nearly 5 km away.



I bike there atleast once a week in the summer. There's no other or better options in the entire city. These plans will clearly reduce that.
Please add a path and access point at the Trinity Hills/Medicine Hills playground. You seem to include it as part of the park yet not make it an access point. It would be a very useful access point for the community and would make the playground a true connection to the park for everyone. You are removing the current access point many people in the area currently use so putting one in the playground would replace that. Also it seems very unbalanced and that you are adding far more access points up at the top of the park in Cougar Ridge and Patterson but are removing access in Medicine Hill?
Preserve what currently exist.
do not alter the park, it is fine as it is. there is no need to spend more money on something locals already enjoy as it, which is negatively impacting the city of Calgary's reputation. Everyone I've spoken with does not understand why the city is altering the park, they just want it left alone. Some people will move due to the city changing an area they moved there for
My biggest concern with this whole Park Plan is that in making the area more accessible, you will ultimately spell its demise. Ironically. You will pave paradise and put up a parking lot, as the song goes. The Paskapoo Slopes, especially certain areas of it, are not meant to be easily accessible. Which is good. It keeps many people away. It is a very selfish view on my part but I honestly only care how the Paskapoo makes me (and my family when they join) feel. I do not want this area to become infested with people because they can now walk around it easier and find easier parking. The trails that have been created are just that. Ones that have been created. Through those like me and those who came before me. The steep trails that exhilarate and exhaust when sliding down and trudging up, respectively, must not be made inaccessible or "out of bounds". They are integral to what makes this natural area an enjoyable one.
The City can't be trusted and the damage is done by the development permitted on the slopes.
Off leash dogs are not compatible with preserving the wildlife of Paskapoo.
Leave it be . Whatever you add ruins it
It's stressful to have mountain bikes and fat bikes on the same hilly trails as walkers. The park shouldn't be off leash as it informally is now. The offleash dogs make it impossible for seniors and people with disabilities to feel comfortable and safe.
Will walkers and bikers be using the same paths? It would be preferable if walkers and bikers were kept separate as bikers pose a threat to people who are paying attention to the nature around them rather than trying to stay clear of fast passing bikers.
An off leash area for dogs would be a great addition.
Continue to keep signage and development minimal, work to improve existing trails.
There are very few areas within the city where you can access mountain bike trails with any significant elevation gain or loss. There are also very few areas where there are trails specifically designed for mountain bikes as the primary user group. Mountain biking on



hiking/walking trails is not the best experience as they were not built with any consideration for the speed, size, movement patterns of mountain bikes. It would be great to see dedicated mountain bike only trails, alongside hiking/walking only trails, to allow both user groups to get the most out of the trail network.

Paskapoo Slopes is a gorgeous area of the city and I'm glad a plan is being developed to ensure it's preservation. However, there is no mention in the plan regarding making the park accessible by all members of the public. If it was out in the mountains on rocky terrain I would have a different expectation, but this is an urban park. It's on a slope, I get that, but there has to be ways to make accessible areas that go beyond the parking lot and immerse users of all abilities into the beauty of the park.

First of all thanks for investing in this area. Please consider the feedback of the Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance (CMBA) who has invested a significant amount of time and effort looking after this area for Calgarians to enjoy and recreate in. Consider a lighter approach that minimizes construction. Use the budget to improve and maintain the trails that are there. There are several erosion concerns that could be looked after and I would way rather see funding go into better more sustainable trails then large pavilions and gathering spaces. This area is well uses by hikers, fat bikers, mountain bikers and dog walkers and does not need more space for more people. It does not need more construction activity. Also, please walk the area on the northern boarder and inspect the garbage from the years of construction. I would kindly ask that the developers/contractors from the developments come do their bit and clean up their mess.

Needs to be a measured 6.706 km loop for trail running. Please ensure it's this distance so BYU races can be held here.

Please ensure the mountain bike trails stay accessible.

I do not think public marketing and draw should be done. Paskapoo should be kept private and quiet for the surrounding communities.

I wish to emphasize a deep concern for dog owners who do not keep their dog(s) on a leash. This is currently a problem in this area and will likely get worse unless action is taken to curb the issue. My recommendation is to make this a NO PETS ALLOWED park. Signs alone will not do it unless enforced, and to date there is neither the will nor the funding by the City to enforce this. To compromise and satisfy dog owners, I suggest that there be included in the plan a fenced off-leash area adjacent to one or more of the parking lots.

Note: this may be part of the problem with dog owners letting their dogs off-leash in this and other local park areas, as there are no existing off-leash areas within the local communities.

I enjoy the park for mountain biking, dog walking and a unique nature experience within the city. We are so lucky to have this space in the city. If the park could be enhanced for both biking and walking that would be amazing.

All of these ideas of pavilions, experience points, etc are distinctly against feedback received. I've read through almost all comments on the Phase 1 postings. It feels like tax dollars spent for fun. If anything, restore Crakedale so that people can park at the massive lot being constructed at Edworthy, abating any concerns around Paskapoo parking (which seems non-existent, as the small lots peppered by COP and Trinity Hills are rarely full).

Please keep the nature untouched. These woods are one of the few places in the city it feels like I can connect with nature.

I would like to keep the trails as natural as possible without stories, etc



Just leave the space alone and spend money elsewhere. Respect the sacred space. The park doesn't need the city's "help" to be "better."
There are a lot of well developed and manicured parks in the city already, let this one be wild and avoid making it feel like an attraction.
Attention must be paid to increase visitors and park destruction over time. People already mountain bike and park in places they shouldn't. Enforcement of proper park etiquette will need to be considered. There is an area of grass that people are parking on and have destroyed it.
If it's not already clear keep it wild and natural with as little infrastructure as possible.
Less is more.
Maintaining mountain bike trails on the west end of Calgary is something this city really lacks and is a huge draw to live in the area. Please prioritize building a trail network specifically for mountain biking to keep people safe and having fun. Edmontons river valley is a great example of how this can be done successfully
Please include an access point / gateway from the SE corner of the slopes and consider a trail from the end of Patterson Blvd
In general keeping the changes to the landscape minimal is my preference. I do like the big rock landing though. Keeping the space open for biking is really important for me. That area has great challenging bike trails that is hard to find anywhere else in Calgary which makes it unique.
I don't want this area to become a hotspot. I think we should protect the area from development but leave it in its current state.
Build a ROAD that connects 85th st. to 16th ave!! Ease traffic on old banff coach rd. and bow trail!!!
Just stop. If you want to preserve the place, leave it alone. The minute you start to develop it, there will be garbage and dog [removed] everywhere.
Money is being invested in an area that should be left as it is, raw and without the feeling of just another city park
Keep things simple and do not over think it / keeps things simple - similar to Edworthy
I really want to stress the importance of limiting development. This area is beautiful as is and really does not require much work. Washrooms, signage about cultural and natural spots would be more than enough. I dont want to see natural monuments like the cars or big rock moved or turned into theme park attractions. The paving of trails in this area would be unnacceptable and would ruin this area for many patrons.
What are the considerations for dogs? We have walked our dogs in this area for over 20 years.
Please don't turn this park into something it isn't.
As a walker on the trails I have had close calls with mountain bikers that lead me feel unsafe. I hope that you will make the space safe and accessible for everyone. I also hope that you can find ways to make this park accessible by transit. It is currently very difficult to get to without a vehicle, even from as nearby as Bowness.
I used to go to the park, before the massive development ruined the whole area. Now you're trying to polish a turd. C U Next Tuesday S.
Please do not change this space. It is quite fine the way it is - these changes risk further erosion and destruction of the green space by attracting more visitors.



Stop with human impact in nature spaces. The development is bad enough. Adding more man made interventions, disturbance does more harm. Leave it alone. So much of the additions are unnecessary when what is already here is working well enough.
Leave this space as it is
I don't want the area to change at all. Spend the money on lowering taxes or increasing the police budget.
I want to see this area kept as natural as possible. Closing some of the trails would also be welcome. The "artifacts" such as the cars and derelict buildings should be removed as they don't belong in the area.
Please just leave it alone. Maybe clean things up a bit and do some brushing to improve sightlines.
Provide information on how the communities surrounding paskapoo can become stewards themselves. Are there opportunities to get involved in trail development/maintenance/construction? In order for people to respect the park they will need to feel involved in the park, otherwise they will simply feel entitled to it.
A fenced dog park in one portio
We don't need to spend a lot of money on indigenous education. Can be a little bit but doesn't need to be such a big focus. This is city/public land not a reservation.
Crocuses and saskatoon trees were not mentioned in the plant communities of the Ecology section. They both require protection; there may be a need to develop rules about commercial harvesting of saskatoons and other berries. Animal snaring should not be permitted.
I live here next to the pond. Since this planning has started the amount of activity related to drugs and drug dealing in the immediate area of the pond has dramatically increased. The people riding bikes are regularly having near misses with hitting those of us walking our dogs. It's so bad now I live here but cannot walk my dogs for fear of bikes running me down. Also people drive in and walk dogs off leash. The dogs are not under control. People and dogs have been attacked and need hospital and vet care. There needs to be a lot of signage related to bikes using the paths properly, electric bikes and dirt bikes not using the paths and leashing dogs. There is lots of signage at the pond and nobody that I know of has ever been hurt by the pond but no signs for anything else. I live here and cannot walk the slopes because I have small dogs and there is no predicting behaviour of other dogs all running around off leash.
Please enhance the parking from the transcanada highway
Expropriate the private parcels in this area. Having a cookie cutter park will impede movement for people. Access agreements are fine until some ill informed member of the public causes a disturbance in these areas and the agreement is nullified.
It's very important to me and my family that this space remain untouched as much as possible. We understand the safety and educational opportunities and those are important, but please - not at the expense of altering the natural beauty of this space within the city. These are rare. It's one of the draws to this area and is a great story and compliment to the winsport recreational space. Limiting development (which has been significant below the slopes) and preserving this landscape is important for so many reasons, not the least of which is ensuring our children never forget about the importance of these spaces for our history while also being able to enjoy them in their natural setting.



And don't ruin this for community members who want something besides a manicured walking drill.
The other day my husband and I parked above Fish Creek Provincial Park, on Parkside Drive SE. There is no parking lot, so there was a casualness about the beginning of our walk. There weren't many cars on the roadside, so it didn't seem to be a big inconvenience or nuisance to the people who live there. It just felt like we were visiting a nice neighbourhood and a lovely natural area. Hopefully, you can maintain a similar situation at Paskapoo Slopes.
Would like to see designated dog areas and prefer not to have parking at all along 85th. Would like an actual pedestrian crossing path and light at 85th at the top of the park
It is important that the main trail network be developed in a way that serves as a pedestrian friendly means of access between Trinity Hills to West District. The main trail network should also have bike and pedestrian friendly lanes to safely accommodate both foot and bike traffic.
This expense is not really needed at this time, this City has greater priorities to be addressed
As already noted, it is unclear as to what issue(s) this project is trying to solve. The natural reserve is good as it is other than cleaning up the few areas where rubbish lies on the ground or in the water (such as the cars).
Quit interfering in this natural site, you will only ruin it.
You have not addressed a major concern which is how you intend to ensure traffic is managed on the community borders as this will greatly increase visitor usage (thus, adding congestion to the parking/access points). And you need to also address how you plan to ensure park security will be implemented.
Where are the funds coming from to do all of the proposed? Feels unnecessary to invade nature with "stuff", to help experience the nature. If you want to help the park and surrounding communities, declare it an environmental area that can't be changed (ie. so nothing can be buildt on it).
Leave the area as natural as possible with as little parking as possible at the top of 85th street
A dog park split into two sections: less than 25 lbs and larger than 25 lbs would be great. Please make sure there is adequate parking and bathrooms in at lease 1 location (like Griffith Woods)
Continuous improvement in the trails vs one static fix then no more changes.
Please do not put parking by the pond. This is one of the best view points and one of my favorite benches to see the lookout. Now I have to look at pavement and cars! Takes away from all serenity! Because the trails are muddy or icy a lot of time of the year, people walk the ridge line most of all and I see people who walk their dogs around this pond daily. If I now had to pass a parking lot along the most used trail, the joy disappears. The feeling of escaping life is gone if you have reminders of hustle and bustle within view at all times as you walk. If you are putting a parking lot at the end of 85th, please leave a tree barrier so people don't look out their yard and see a parking lot!
Accessibility & Safety should be the top priorities! Trails are uneven, and unsafe limiting use for much of the community! The nature of this area can't be left exclusive. A few well-designed, low-impact trails with stable and cleared surfaces would improve year-round access.
There are also many dead standing trees that pose clear safety hazards and need to be assessed and addressed.



Taxpayer funded improvements need to focus on safe, inclusive access while preserving the natural character of the area.

Just keep it as natural as possible. Have more signs and interpretation at trail heads. Please have at least a portion of the area as off leash for dogs. The farther eastern portion, east of the pond, has already been disturbed by ranching. That would be a good area for off leash. It's also not as busy. It has good sight lines on trails so there is less chance of sudden encounters with bikers.

Ensure that bikes are not allowed when trails are muddy. This causes lots of erosion. Bikes are doing more damage than dogs. They also scare wildlife more. Although I think it is a good thing to keep wildlife wary of humans. Both dogs and bikes help keep coyotes away from people.

What activities do you do in Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes? - Other

iNaturalist observations
I picked berries and harvested medicines in the past.
Our community uses the park's stupa for religious activities
Visit stupa for prayer
Sacred place of gathering for Buddhists
Leave the area alone, no further development is needed in this area
Meditation/Contemplation
Please do not allow bikes at all. It will ruin the trails of this delicate area. Definitely no off leash, so many still leave dogs off leash and they are not under control and ump up on strangers
In the summer I use the park almost daily and walk anywhere from 20-60 minutes doing a loop from the lake to the bottom and back to the lake. The park is a gem in Calgary.
Nature Photography
Commuting/community connectivity
I teach my children about the land.
For prayer and visit to the Stupa
Winsport summer camp hikes
Orienteering
Scouts Canada outings
Leaving it empty for wildlife refuge
Enjoy the privacy of my own back yard.. fragile ecosystem is already getting damaged by hikers and bikers.
I want it to be kept wild. Let it be something that is just for the animals
Do not think any of these uses contribute to preserving the park for future generations. Leave it natural.



Quiet reflection and connection to nature. Revitalize spiritually. Gaze out at the Bow River Valley, Nose Hill Park, the City Skyline. Get 'lost' within the natural foliage along the pathways of the area. Enjoy all of the different wildlife that shares the area.
Building forts and playing with my friends and cousins
Geocaching, including CITO (community cleanup) events
Walking kids home from school (Calgary French International School)
No use of the area is the only course of action that will ensure the area is preserved for generations to come.
Meditation practice
Keep as is do not build.
Just leave it in its natural state as much as possible and limit human access.
I live here and enjoy walking our dog in the neighborhood. I do not support more public coming into the Patterson community and biking or gathering behind the current homes that have been here for 30 years.
I cut through it to access Cougar Ridge once in a while
I don't currently use the park because honestly I don't know how to utilize it, but I do realize that lots of people in the neighborhoods close by love this space
Mostly try to leave it alone
for an area free from the City of Calgary alteration
I used to enjoy the veiw, now it just pisses me off
No dogs allowed and no motorized bikes allowed. E-Bikes allowed
Get away from crowds
Would be great if there was a single-track loop for cross-country skiing, narrow and twisty old-school style.
Leisure activties such as reading
Photography
Time with my family away from too much industry and city life.