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Please tell us why you made your choice above?

- This propaganda is a waste of taxpayer money. Fake engagement is far worse than no engagement. City Hall is such an embarrassment.
- I enjoy the scenic views from that area and a gathering place with rest area is a great idea.
- Being asked to choose between two bad options without even knowing the cost is not engagement. City Hall is so gross.
- I think option 1 provides more flexibility for what activities you can hold at the top of the hill. Biggest concern is that it would get abused by people coming from the train station and people living in the park
- "I find them very similar. I like the idea of a space that can change with the activity/event, but I really like the structure of option 1. Seems cleaner.
- I worry that either design will need maintenance and care, and the city as of late fails.
- Thank you, lcb
- Option 2 - I like the chairs with the firepits. There's not many of these around Calgary, versus Option 1 with just bench type seating there is a lot of already. I feel the firepits allow for more socialization, meeting of strangers. And can enjoy the view in the winter. More options for changing up the space for different activities.
- Option 1 seems to be the best option for play or fitness. As a neighbour to Max Bell, we need to have spaces that we can use daily, not only a few days a year. The space needs to become a place where locals can enjoy their neighbourhood. Regardless of the option chosen, it would be a brilliant idea to have an outdoor ice skating rink in the winter.
- Option one seems to maximize natural spaces. I like the flexible options presented in option 2 but feel those could be accommodate in the parking lot adjacent to the park. I would use the area for my kids when they get board of hanging out inside max bell, and fitness opportunities for myself would also be nice.
- A place to walk to and enjoy the view and relax at times other times for a place to gather for smaller events



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- "We need more places for more people to be able to play music. Venues are disappearing across the world. We need to build more! Who's going to pack stadiums when there's no where left to play for 10, 100, or 1000 people when you're a fully independent unknown artist? We need places to hone our craft!
- Go Calgary! We rock. Best city, ever!"
- It's hard for me to choose since I do really like both concepts. I would just appreciate a space that can accommodate the city's citizens and emphasize the beauty of that area. Currently I notice a lot of rough sleepers in the area who often like to bathe in the canals. I wonder if public bathrooms could be added for everyone's dignity! Love this!
- Given the location of the park, being used for community events would be the best use. I live in Southview and probably would not go that far just for the view/small play structure.
- More areas to sit privately and recreational space for kids. I read a study about how school-aged girls want more areas to sit privately in parks with their friends and I think we should plan with all groups in mind.
- Trees. Trees trees absorb/ buffer noise and pollution from Deerfoot Trail
- Shade. Noise REDUCTION (loud traffic noise echoes from Deerfoot Trail). Community Outdoor swimming pool. TREES.!! The RIGHT SPECIES to REDUCE noise AND pollution from HIGH TRAFFIC running on Deerfoot Trail.
- I like the versatility of option 2, but would go for 1 if it includes a playground. Playgrounds do draw in families and I the nearest playground is valley view along the bluff. It would make the space more inclusive.
- the sq footage is too small to have meaningful recreational activities such as sports. Rotating festivals would bring cash flow for the city and the vendors, I am hoping that is what will happen!
- Allows for a variety of community events.
- I like the open look with seating for people to decide what to do with it. Imo a more complimentary space for events that already happen nearby at max bell
- I recently visited Montreal and was really impressed with how they spend/use some of their outdoor spaces for concerts for smaller artists, sometimes even free ones for the public. Could be a great space to rent out for food festivals or music events attached to Max Bell to help bring in more people or different locations for festivals to be held.
- I live in Albert Park Radisson Heights. Apart from the schools in the area, there is a lack of playground access for pre school aged kids during school hours. It would be



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great to have a naturalized playground similar to the one at St. Patrick's Island closer to home, without the need to drive on busy highways to get there.

- More flexible, accommodating more uses.
- Number 2 sounds better to me! For options for things to happen
- Concept 2 brings more opportunities for communities to come together.
- I prefer a more passive place to roam and do exercise rather than an event-centric area.
- Calgary needs a concert space for 10,000 people
- The flexibility of option 2 is appreciated. Having seating along with space to set up vendors is great. Although a playground equipment or something small for activity would be nice as well
- I live nearby and would love to have a strong reason to visit the area. The only time I ever come is during Chasing Summer. Also I bike near the area to head downtown.
- It's a nice spot for people to relax and take in the views. It may take some sort of event to get people to realize that the space is there. Always concerned that the homeless may take over a spot if it is not used enough
- "Option 2 take in the view of the city"
- Should have zig-zagging bike paths for fitness
- No seating the area is already over-run with homeless people camping below Memorial Drive and above irrigation canal
- There's a bike path leading to downtown with no lights there should be lights along the bike path nobody uses it at night"
- We don't need loud music playing there you can hear music blasting for a long distance if you have seating it will be full of homeless people as there already camping and filling the trees with garbage above the irrigation canal and just below Memorial Drive
- I like the idea of keeping it an event venue. I do think you should incorporate a child area to the side so it's enjoyable for families as well.
- The reality is that this is a heavily used area for encampments. People who are unhoused need somewhere to go. It would be nice if the development could be done in such a way that the camping areas could be continued and not made problems - just away from the park development.
- A mix of seating and activity for families to gather with friends; grab some snacks, congregate.
- Wheelchair accessibility is essential.

- it will keep the area fun and entertaining while also making it a good spot to conduct business it's a win win for everybody
- I pass by this area all the time on my way home. I see Max Bell increasingly being used for festivals and this design could support that. I don't really see it as a space for children as it is close to a major road. I do worry about it being misused by unhoused ppl or individuals doing drugs as the nearby bench is often littered and feels unsafe.
- Option 2 supports the communities need for a catering space but all supports local festivals like chasing summers
- I like the food truck space. The gathering area/winter skating is appealing and invites a larger demographic. The view is good and keeping the walking paths is excellent. Love the tiered seating. Option two feels more inclusive.
- Option one is nice, maybe it would be OK if there was a bit of a fitness apparatus like what they have around Edworthy Park added to Option2, but I think Option2 would be more appropriate... But both are very nice
- Both look like a huge waste of money. Just some benches, trees and a pathway is fine. How much money has been wasted on this to date? The full cost of the project should be transparent so citizens can assess if there is any chance the benefit will come close to the cost.
- I like option 1 over option 2. Our community of Radisson Heights does not have dedicated spaces for young families to get together, other than 2 small playgrounds in the area. I would like to see dedicated spaces similar to how East Village and St Patrick's Island is constructed. It not only will draw others to the space, but the locals as well.
- I believe it's just a better flex space and more can happen there.
- This propaganda is a waste of taxpayer money. Fake engagement is far worse than no engagement. City Hall is such an embarrassment.
- Great place for families to enjoy the view and play, run around.
- The activities are good for kids while there is still enough seating for the adults
- This space between Barlow Trail, Memorial Dr. and local C Train Station will NOT be used. Drug dealers. Traffic noise, exhaust . Fitness eqt not used. YYC WEATHER. WASTEFUL CITY SPENDING. Seed natural habitat PUT SMALL COVERED BLDGs w/ seats on edge of WEST VIEW parking lot ! 100% use. POLICEable. Prairie Winds small covered BLDG eg on west side.
- This space should be made a public bicycle dirt jump park, something the city needs

- Very poor opinions on this website to discuss anything. Leave it the way it is.....how about that for an option? I love riding my bike all though that area. Leave it as it is.
- I think this would be great for events but also considering the sportsplex that has year round activity it would be nice for parents to hangout before and after games, for adult league players to have a beer in after the game, or pre game warmup to be conducted.
- Just looks better as a design.
- I'm all for the people—and all the people. I'd love to see the park used for festivals, concerts and community events rather than sitting unused. Calgary has great parks, but few spaces for festivals. This could bring people together and help grow the music, arts and cultural scene our city needs. We shouldn't be known only for Stampede.
- "I like that it has seating and places to kick back
- And relax with others."
- The gathering area around the firepits or tables
- I can see myself attending option 2. Especially if there were events hosted there.
- It appears that there isn't much room to provide a full play area and I'm skeptical how much use it would get, building on what would draw people to the space and supporting activities that make sense here (viewing events or fireworks for example) makes more sense to me. It's also a nice spot to meet or gather on a major pedestrian link.
- I think flexibility leave opportunities for future endeavours, but mostly would like socail space with a good view with opportunities for community events
- This is not engagement, it's propaganda. Giving limited options and requiring a choice is not meaningful engagement, it's a waste of time by bad people going through the motions of pretend engagement. City Hall is such an embarrassment.
- More greenery and trees, it's really hot and exposed in that area.
- More flexible for a variety of different uses
- "I live in the area and the biggest issue is lack of parking. Larger public events results in attendees taking up street parking from residents.
- I think having tables, etc will result in a lot of garbage."
- "Option 1 could be used more year-round and all days of the week, not just for weekend festivals. I miss Olympic Plaza and the tiered step-style seating. by building in tiered seating, this would work great for local cultural festivals, fitness activities, music, markets.
- Option 2 is too much of an empty space and would not be useful to visit anyday"

- Option one has more trees and appears cozier.
- Just a space to sit and relax and have shade to keep cool. Kids can run around, kick a ball, learn to amuse themselves. I like the steps going up the hill, sit and look at the city, take pictures.
- Keep natural elements and encouraging use of the area.
- The location is perfect for enjoying the city skyline. Playground equipment would limit the usable space and I think it would be under utilized based on the demographic of the area. Chairs, benches and picnic tables would make it a welcoming space, especially if there are plans for food trucks which would enhance the space
- It feels more flexible and able to accommodate more activities.
- With the space being a stronger gathering and event space I think enhances the park and gives more reason to go from further away communities. This will allow more people to enjoy the space and the view. I also like that option 2 is still an enjoyable space even if there are no event occurring creating a fun space for a diverse group of users.
- I drive by this area a lot and it would be a great place to stop and visit a market or other event
- I just can't see myself ever bringing my kids to this space to justify a park, better to focus on something for food trucks and event hosting in alignment with max bell as an attraction. Lots of vagrants hang out near Franklin and anything that doesn't have good sightline from the road or deerfoot will attract homeless campers and crime.
- We need more park space with a nature focus for people to sit and enjoy and relax in.
- Mostly because I don't want the city selling off a public space to a nightclub owner like it did with Shaw Millenium Park and I picked what felt like the opposite.
- Wouldn't monies be better utilized to install pedestrian barricades, or movable pedestrian tunnels (ie. VizCon Urbanite Pedestrian Barricade)— which are modular, lightweight safety barriers used to guide pedestrians safely past construction, events, or work zones. Especially where children have to cross busy intersections to go to and from school.
- Neither, but prefer more passive. focus on great pathways and existing nodes. if gathering space is necessary, locate relative to Max Bell, an integrated part of the overall Max Bell Centre site, not an add-on on along a pathway that is challenging to access and is visually and functionally separate from adjacent uses / community. Too much stuff.



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- I'm a fan of health and fitness and like to come here for the view, I run along the pathway.
- We have plenty of event spaces already, I think a nice public park with lots of seating and shaded areas would be successful here.
- There are enough options for active play in the surrounding neighbourhoods (Southview park). The annual Chasing Summer event held in the same location would give me pause in having exercise equipment open for use.
- mainly to provide better open space to enjoy the view
- Lots of large trees, play equipment for children, seating for picnics. All things that this area is largely lacking. Don't add too much pavement for events and food trucks that won't be there 90% of the time. Add features to promote a larger use so it drives the homeless and drug use out of the area.
- I don't think park structures are needed here, but more greenery is better. Should consider how the design will avoid encampments being setup in the park. The pathway to the west is too steep. Please realign the pathway to address the grading issue.
- More shelter and accessible green space would enhance this area. The city skyline is fantastic, however cold air and poor weather generally comes from the west. Ex. Chasing Summer on Sunday (day 2). The crowd was freezing as the cold wind came from the mountains. A venue that isn't on concrete is something the city needs to bring back.
- I picked option 2 because it's a nice flexible design that could be used for relaxation and fun events! I also like that it has space for food trucks and space for seating. Nice for overflow for big events at Max Bell as well! Plus you still get to enjoy the view of Calgary's skyline!
- Seems like there is more places to sit in the shade with concept #2
- as a landscape architecture student, I look for opportunities to encourage social interaction, movement and the ability to create. Introducing a flexible gathering space would encourage community members to interact with one another, and would create opportunity for individuals to not only revisit, but to linger in the space
- Option 1 is very good because it has some sort of physical activity. That is really needed in this community but also it will be really good to add those red chairs to rest and enjoy the view
- All options are great ... my parents used to live by the arena and since they have passed I no longer visit because of how unsafe it is. Before choosing an option I would need a solution for the safety aspect.

- Option 2 allows for more flexible uses, while also encouraging people to casually spend time in the space when events are taking place.
- In both cases, the steps going down don't provide accessibility for people who need it. Eg wheelchairs, cane users, strollers.
- I see the designs have already been made so public input just for show. Why not build massive condos here instead of tearing useable housing down in other parts of the city. Its close to c-trains and the deerfoot. When we wanted something like this in our neighbourhood, we got 1000 units, 12 story buildings instead. No view for us.
- Option 2, as it has the potential of doing a little bit of everything while enjoying a beautiful view. Which we need more of as many places are over crowded and not as much views.
- The tables could be removed for events, & in the winter could be used for ice rink, winter market. Young and Aging community - structures should focus on multiple purpose use. In Asia play structures are turned into seniors parkour (safely) to practice agility, strength, balance and stability. Perfect spot for view & enjoy concerts/markets
- "the question will be how to prevent it from becoming a loitering area with the unhoused that have already set up shelters in what could be beautiful park
- If an effort to create an all generations fitness/play multi season installation was created, the City would be able to expand further to creating a major shift in healthy living parks."
- Open space design provides for a wide variety of community uses. Festivals, small, intimate concerts, etc
- Forget the frame. It does not add to the space but the stairs are a nice idea if done esthetically.. Please consider planting drought resistant shade trees and perennials. And, don't forget to provide trash and recycling containers. Right now there is trash scattered about..
- I like option 1, as it would have a consistent reliable purpose. I can see the value for option 2 if/ when events occur, but worry the space would be used for unintended purpose or lack purpose outside of these times. I feel that having kid focused amenities may deter encampments in the area as there are currently lots of tents along the canal.
- I like the idea of a place to hold events. But I think the 'frame' concept is silly- the downtown view is best unobstructed/uncluttered. Whichever option you chose, please consider omitting the frame.
- "The workout equipment idea is a waste of space and completely unnecessary.



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- The seating on the hill should be a bigger focus. There should be additional seating than what is currently proposed"
- I feel that the Adirondack chairs and firepit are an open invitation for the homeless population
- "I think having a multipurpose area is the best option. A nice seating area and space for small scale events would be lovely.
- I think if option 1 was chosen it wouldn't get used as much and would be a bit of a forgotten space. Option 2 provides numerous opportunities for the space to be used to it's full potential."
- Don't ruin Chasing Summer!
- More flexible space allows for a wider range events / opportunity usage.
- Great Place to see beautiful Calgary Sunsets, Downtown, Canada day fireworks, stampede fireworks or Calgary Instagram backgrounds
- Option 2 is more adult-friendly and versatile. This entire area could be improved if encampments, graffiti, and litter were removed on a routine basis.
- I LOVE chasing summer and really feel this second option would help with the quality of the festival so so much. I hope with these improvements the city continues to allow the festival to happen here, it's my favourite Calgary community <3
- I like that option # 2 appears to be more of a 4 seasons concept.
- The city lacks turnkey spaces for community engagement and events, that is city owned, easy to book and organize events that benefit the community and economy, while leaving parts of the park open for public enjoyment. Please don't give a corporate entity the ability to restrict access to the entire park behind admission tickets.
- I have kids and more places to play is better
- "Honestly, this feels like a waste of public money either way. Nobody wants to go sit at the nexus of Memorial/Barlow/Deerfoot and stare at a parking lot.
- Spend this money literally anywhere else. Or better yet, save for a better project!"
- I think that more passive play and fitness are important in that area over structure festival and gathering space.
- Hi I go to chasing summer and this will be hugely beneficial for community festivals and they can have more events in Calgary hosted there! Option one doesn't leave much room but would be nice to have a small playground (just one feature) added to option 2 so you have a mix of both but still have a small space for surrounding areas children to play



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- This will be an area for addicts and encampments like all public spaces in Calgary. Don't bother
- "Max Bell park is a quiet, scenic place. People go there to ride bikes with their kids, take their dog on a walk, or just to find a little peace."
- I think option 1 gives Calgarians another beautiful lookout spot, while still adding infrastructure that will add more utility to the park, so we can keep enjoying!"
- I think another option for community events and festivals is good use for this space. A small section for fitness options would be good for the surrounding community
- Please stop wasting tax dollars on these useless, ugly and unnecessary changes. This make work is unethical when so many Calgarians are homeless and hungry, shame on you evil self-serving people.
- The space at Max bell is such a great opportunity to develop, especially with the train station there. Currently, it is a little sketchy and feels unsafe at times. Creating a space that has rotating programming and placemaking, while being so close to a train station would definitely help this issue!
- More opportunity for flexible use from food truck events to pop-up markets.
- I love the idea of going to this park for some organized event. I do not live too close to this park, but would absolutely bike over for an event or market. Calgary needs more of this community gathering space!
- It would be great if the pedestrian bridge over deerfoot didn't remove a little bit more so and More in line with the max spell parking lot. It's a long way around to either the 17th average where the pedestrian bridge by Memorial. Also it'd be nice if you could link Maxwell to the west side of the river over Harvey's passage and connect samplings
- Option 2 offers more flexibility for the space. Not a fan of 'workout' spaces. You're still travelling here by car for whatever's occurring inside Max Bell. Maybe take the train or bike for an outdoor festival. You're not walking to get here. Pathway signage is greatly needed! No consideration for access by surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Option 2 appears to be a better design as it would be better used for events, food trucks, etc. That is what Max Bell is and should be. Option 1 looks like it would attract vagrants and is not suited for events and large groups of people/food trucks.
- This place is often a nice place to visit and sit outside with loved ones and admire the view. Something that allows for some intimate conversations while still being a public area for anyone would be ideal.
- It didnt have the "gym and play stuff". Seems like it would never be used here and a waste of money.



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- The view from an outdoor rink would be amazing.
- We have lots of fitness parks have a space for festivals and markets is needed more
- Option 2 seems to be more open to the community as a place to rest, connect, enjoy the view, or organize local events separate from Max Bell arena. Option 1 seems potentially more geared towards the Maxbell community with less flexibility for different community programming and use. I would like smooth flat concrete flooring to roller skate dance.
- Please don't waste on this project. It is a waste of time. If any at the city thinks this is a good idea, please resign and pursue a new career. Hopefully it is a career where you won't cause further harm to the world.
- I think this is a wonderful opportunity to improve Max Bell Park and create a more beautiful and welcoming space for the community. The terraced seating, gathering areas, and views of downtown Calgary are great ideas. I especially hope the final design will provide more green space, comfortable seating,
- I believe places to relax combined with place for live music, food, or a night market will bring a wide range of calgarians down. a place to relax and talk when not activated
- Honestly I am unsure if this location will even work. Will there be better patrolling from encampment removal teams? I used to use this pathway often but all I see now is tent encampments / graffiti / destruction of city property.
- Option 2 fits better for socializing
- "It gives the greatest opportunity for mixed use.
- The trees provide shade, which is needed for breaks when using the the pathway, especially in summer. I like that there is dedicated amphitheatre seating facing the downtown skyline.
- Possibly having an area for portable washrooms during busy times of the year and events would be useful."
- Given the area, it would allow for the least amount of vandalism
- I like the idea of the fire pits and the skating rink
- Because the more space for parking or events can light up the area and if you can add a place for people who live up close to the area a dog park for off leash as well.
- My family lives across the street from Maxbell. We do not want events like Chasing Summer, this is not the right venue for that type of event. Too much disturbance and property damage. We want green space to enjoy. Please take into consideration the residents of Albert Park. Harrison Clark needs to talk to area residents.



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- This area has been used by our community since 1975. The outside was used as a temporary kitchen for communal gatherings. I always wondered why the view was never materialized. During the various fireworks it becomes a gathering spot. There have also been car meets and if you had food trucks it will have commercial value.
- Both options are good, but I think my grandsons would like the area to have play structures
- "Area is not very residential focused. People would not be wandering by to relax, but it would be a destination.
- The ridge area is already used heavily by people parking, and watching the view from cars. Area would be great if there was something to do, or take the kids too."
- "Would like more trees. Like option 1 for that - and an area to add more trees
- Do not like the wooden arch? in option 2 - seems like a waste of money"
- Looks a little more user friendly
- I have used the LRT station for my commute downtown there were a number of encounters with homeless now you're contemplating a park that will be more attractive for them. I say do not develop the green space, the park concept is basically for use for the 5-6 events held on the Max Bell site, save the dollars for neglected infrastructure
- I've lived in this area for the last 6 years. In my experience, there is a lot of renters who live in the area so a more transient population with a lot of turnover. Option 1 caters more towards permanent residents and young families, which there are not a lot of in the area. Bringing in people from other areas for events would add more vibrancy.
- Option 2 stage space is more flexible with fire pits, chairs and option for skating. Overall design should include a play-structure but not interfere with outdoor flexibility.
- I live in Albert Park and often when there are large events there it impacts my neighborhood with people parking on the street, more foot traffic, and more noise. I like the idea of an outdoor space that allows for calmer gathering. As well, I often walk past Max Bell to go down the hill to access green areas. Having one closer sounds great.
- We live in a very noisy area due to road traffic and would like a space that I can relax and enjoy green spaces that are beautifully landscaped with an exercise component for kids and parents. The second most concerning issue that faces this area at the moment is safety of those using the foot paths. I don't feel safe walking alone on the pathway

- The ability to use the space in different ways.
- "This site would attract many visitors for events and tournaments. Its close to transit and parking make it easy to reach, boosting community use and traffic.
- Some key benefits are: Many local sports teams already play in the area and close to transit links and open parking help guests arrive fast."
- Having small scale events that looks over the city would be such a fun time and would be a good way to generate more revenue for the city
- Gives lots of opportunities to gather and hold events. I dont think anyones gonna visit the site just to "enjoy the park" and besides plenty of existing parking perfect for events
- I love the fitness and activity node idea, but outdoor gyms easily degrade in Calgary. The only thing for activity that I could see working, is stairs built for running stairs, space for hill repeats, and then a free space for other parts of the workout. So a mix of 1 and 2 would be great, because market and event space is useful too.
- Events as an option
- As a young family living in this area and seeing more young families moving to this area I would love to see an investment in the parks and play zones for families and children similar to what we see in the more urban downtown park amenities.
Thanks!
- I am not in favor of either choice. Calgary is famous for destroying nature to accommodate manmade structures. Why not leave it as it is? There is not enough parking there to accommodate more structures, festivals, markets etc
- The neighbourhood is lacking places for event gathering, such as festivals, music, or outdoor markets.
- The ability to have food trucks and various other activities in this space plus larger areas with seating to enjoy the view.
- Makes more sense to have events there with more space such as chasing summer
- The nearby communities doesn't have spaces for play and fitness, there is one valleyview park but it has very limited space for kids play
- Neither..... you don't think that area is going to become over run with homeless people the 50 weeks a year that it isn't used for a festival???? Why are we spending money on something that is highly unnecessary when the city can't even fix the roads properly
- The idea of an attractive outdoor skating area in this community, which it lacks.
Attractive informal gathering space and place for smaller events.

- I frequently ride past this location on my bike, and I would stop to look at the view. However, this study is misguided. The primary users of this space will be homeless drug addicts. The primary focus of the design should be to make it resistant to the vandalism that will inevitably follow. Don't believe me? Put up trail cams.
- This space is very underutilized for the majority of the year. It would be great to see a music venue capture the city skyline and make it a destination like Red Rocks or other amphitheaters such as Nashville.
- Really excited that this space is being looked at. Our family cycles through this area often and a play area would be a great addition to this ride! It looks like the pathways are also being looked at. One suggestion I have is that the pathways are made to be not as steep. And please pave them. Thanks
- Having this space support events and have a space to gather is better than it being a space for play and exercise. The pathway needs lighting especially at the LRT station entrance for the pathway it's very dark there
- "I think having flexibility for what the space is would be useful.
- One note - I work at AltaLink just nearby and a constant source of frustration is the dangerous access along Barlow to get to Max Bell. Many from AltaLink, Stantec, Wood access Maxwell during the day for exercise but it is quite perilous getting there. Think about access to the site."
- "I think this is tough because
 1. It's kind of in-between two highways (Deerfoot and Memorial) so any option for a truly quiet space isn't that feasible.
 2. There is still so much parking here so really, there should be an option to add more development here. More residential primarily because of its proximity to the C-Train and downtown."
- I would love a park and options for food trucks and spaces for markets like Bridgeland has. I'm usually only here for hockey but now my kids don't play so a market would probably bring me here
- Availability to the canal, safety as the hidden spaces encourage overnight hide outs, dog off-leash sections, bypass of bikes and people for certain areas so no encroachment into static visitors and areas of shade and seating. Access to snacks and toilets.
- I would've preferred a 3rd Do Nothing option. Developing this steep hill that overlooks a mostly empty parking lot is a waste of funding. Put these efforts & resources into a location where people might actually congregate to. Sorry, but no one will go here.

- Option 2 because for me as i live up to this area and this is my go to joggin/ running place, i would love to have a space that after an hour of activities u have a place to seat down while enjoying the beautiful view and the sunset over downtown would be perfect. It Would be really nice to have a space like this here:)
- I believe that having tables there and creating an event space would add a lot more benefit to the space because it can be activated in a lot more ways
- Need more event spaces in the city for music
- I like the more flexible option of hosting events
- More seating and relaxed space. No sand (just attracts carts and dogs and hides syringes etc)
- I like the idea of more greenery, and parks although vendors and such would be nice but just not permanently as it takes away from enjoying the park and into consumerism which would deter some families. Side note that this year at chasing day 2 it was really windy and the the kick up of the dirt from day 1 was brutal so when the wind picked
- More space for families to be and enjoy the outdoors. I don't want more outdoor food venues like in option two, it just creates more ways for people to litter.
- I think both designs need work and can merge them. More seating integrated within the green spaces, less play structures and more green spaces.
- "I like that there are tables available to use. As a mom of young kids, I need a playground for the kids, but also a table for us to sit and have snacks when the inevitable ""im starving"" meltdown occurs.
- My concern is with safety and keeping the space clean and clear of homeless and addicts in a rougher neighborhood."
- Option 2 looks like more flexible and adaptable gathering space. The concept with chairs and a movable fire pit looks very interesting and practical at the same time.
- I would love to have a more inviting space for our family to enjoy. Multi use for everyone on the family. From play spaces to multi use areas for markets and gathering.
- More open space to be used
- I like the idea of fitness integrated into nature setting within the city. Still have areas where people can sit and meet.
- food trucks
- As a long term resident that lives across the street, we do not want festival events such as Chasing Summer, this needs to go. This causes us a lot of grief with people

constantly trying to park in our yard, using our bushes to go to the bathroom, and the noise level is too high. Want a peaceful area that is not a disturbance to residents.

- Living in the Deep South I need a reason to come. Small events not just sitting.
- I live in nearby Mayland Heights and would value the opportunity to enjoy the space as a resident. We don't have a lot of green, recreational space in our vicinity. My major concern with option 2 is noise and traffic/parking during events. But otherwise I am not opposed to it being used for events too.
- Please please please make this a skateboard friendly space. It's easy to incorporate! Metal edges on all ledges to eliminate any damage that may be caused by skateboarding. Have designed times where skateboarding is allowed! The St. Albert emerald hills rec facility in Edmonton is a great example!
- I think option 2 would look great, with the food trucks and more space for taking a seat with the city view!
- More space to hold events and not tables
- More green space and shade is nice
- As a major hub for hockey and ice sports and the Hockey Calgary office, what about an adaptable sport court? With green and gathering space around it? Something four seasons.
- Having organic spots to sit and stay to encourage enjoying the view would be great. Adding equipment would eliminate space for more diverse programming.
- Love community activities, and the space can still be relaxing on the days when there arent events taking place
- Many tent encampments are in the area and this option looks like potential dwelling spots
- More inclusive. No need to spend money to go and enjoy the space. Better seating for any events like country thunder that happen in that area. Might potentially attract a bigger music festival for the space.
- I think that a more set function would be best for the space. A more flexible space may not be used as much and be left to deteriorate.
- The space would be a beautiful spot for events
- There's not enough open green spaces in the east Calgary area. We have very few parks to relax and take passive rest. It would be great to see more parks to support the growing community. The amphitheater and park option is great for both passive use and active use.

- Please do a mix of both, it's important to have smaller play areas in addition to social gathering spots. Perhaps have a little play structure on the side/corners so that the kids will have an area to preoccupy themselves while an event goes on.
- There needs to be a bike path going across memorial, to connect the north and south sides. I use the bike paths all the time, I have to choose between possibly dying on Barlow or getting harassed by the police because I have my bike in the train tunnel. This is very important. I like the idea of lessening the steepness of the path by the station.
- I think this space could be amazing for chasing summer. The event could grow massively from this as it being a "parking lot event" is holding it back a bit. The hillside would be an awesome viewing section and allow the Calgary event to compete better with the Toronto one on the same dates.
- More green space. Make sure there's bike lanes I bike through here all the time I will be hitting pedestrians or cars if not.
- Option 1 has lots of nice green space the only thing I would add is some benches
- A flexible space for activities like food trucks would incentivize people to stick around the area and could lead to other events utilizing the parking lot. People using the paths for active transportation or heading to the ctrain station could spend more time in this area.
- I am a transportation cyclist and often ride alone - this area has been scary for me passing through. Any improvement on safety would be great.
- Thanks for opportunity to provide feedback.
- The ledges support skateboarding.
- Should put an Amphitheatre here, would be an awesome place
- I like the extra seating. I love the idea of having natural spaces for play but the ones shown look too minimal and I wish they were more intricate and interactive. It would be nice to have a small activity nook with the possibility of being genuinely used by adults and children alike. My mind immediately goes to a zip line or spinning thing.
- Option one seems to have more usability year-round versus option two leans more heavily for the weekend chasing summer
- I enjoy the naturalization of this park. I like how it is - with NO plazas. I enjoy the native grass and the native shrubs and walking along the canal. Also - I see you plan to fix the 'Steep Pathways' to and from the LRT - but not fixing the steepest pathway of them all? I see cyclists flying down the bike path to the canal area every day.
- To improve the wasted space , more space for families to go gather.
- "I like that option one includes elements that would be inviting for children.

- The design is lack shade structures. It takes a long time for trees to provide shade and this area is particularly hot and even more so because it's in a parking lot so including some permanent shade structures that are not trees would be great."
- Events would give people a reason to make their way to the park as it's not necessarily in walking distance from more populated areas. Living in Bridgeland, I would likely go to Murdoch park rather than Max Bell if it was just to relax in a park. But a fun unique event would have me go the extra distance
- I live in vista heights so I live close by and I like going there to the train station or by it for views of the skyline and it would be nice for a chill spot to hang out w friends but if bus access improved to max bell tat would be great
- More open, lots of seating. feels more social. I would enjoy more grass and greenery because it keeps the space cooler rather than concrete
- "I think a pool type bowl for skateboarding and biking would bring a lot to the space, make a reason for people to go there, and give people something to watch. Not a full skatepark, just a bowl and a few side features.
- Something like this would look cool.
- https://www.instagram.com/p/DQpQiaYEuaB/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ=="
- I use the pathways and green space for running and exercising myself and my dog. I think an open flexible design space would suit it best, as I know many events are held at the max bell centre. For my personal use, I would prefer more green space and or fitness spaces.
- The option 1 design offers a space that is more inclusive to all ages, encouraging exploration and mobility through the active nodes, while accommodating others through seating along the hillside and the cement borders. While option 2 is more flexible, I have noticed spaces like this being misused, with litter in firepits, and grafitti on chairs.
- Please focus on location 51.0438296071855, -114.00600020050673 as it sees a lot of use and would benefit from these concepts. The parking lot already gets used for small events so don't waste money on a new spot. Focus on cleaning up the lower park to discourage encampments. Please do not install firepits as this area is prone to grass fires.
- More space for restful and multipurpose activity. I would greatly prefer if this area were converted to parking lot and an area closet too the river were converted into a multituse space instead. I'm unlikely to use this area that is out of the way, despite frequently using the pathways near the river here. No firepits please!

- The active nodes feels similar to the base of the crescent stairs that had the callistetics bars which give the community a free area to work out in with a nice view. If it's possible to add in a bathroom or fountain. Would make it a great spot to stop for runners or bikers as well. Encourages more fitness and visitors in the area.
- It seems more flexible for usage throughout the year for different events
- "I think even have a space where people can sit and watch the fireworks would be great
- .2 questions: what about chasing summer, no space for the cell/internet tower, which I'm all for it moving, the trucks ruin the grass everytime. Please incorporate the underground spring that is to the east/south of the hill, the cat tails have finally come back ."
- I like the group seating and space for small events. I think a more open concept will give the space better flexibility. Please do not include fire pits in the design as this hillside is susceptible to grass fires and pits often become vandalized.
- Option 2 would be a better plan for the area.. I feel like that space should be used for small venue concert stages and maybe a food market.. the parking lot needs shade in the summer so big trees would be nice.. still get the view of downtown from that spot as well..
- I like the view plus it shouldn't be used for big festive activities, I would rather take my kids there to enjoy.
- With max bell holding many activities throughout the year, it would be nice to have a designated space to gather other then the parking lot. Also I believe the community would benefit from a place with space for food trucks, pop up markets if desired, where they can enjoy the view .
- I like the fire pits with the meeting spaces.
- Would be a great space with a great view to encourage people to get out and socialize and enjoy the weather.
- The open, usable space opens up and connects to the archway. I think this space would be more suitable for a wider array of ways to enjoy the space, all focused on the view.
- Calgary has lots of street markets/festivals however parking is always limited or difficult to find. With the ample parking available at Max Bell, I would be more inclined to visit events so having option 2 provides more flexibility for use of the space.
- We need more relaxing small spaces where people can go on their own or their friends for a small passive gathering, reading a book or just enjoy the view.

- "There is more greenery in Option 1 than Option 2. Both are good ideas, but I value a more peaceful/relaxed look > the open space of Option 2. Whichever we end up with will be a win. I'm just happy to give my two cents.
- Keep up the great work."
- Option 2 seems more inviting and more open.
- I like flexibility, rotating, community events, night markets, food trucks, entertainment as well as small gatherings for relaxing or socializing. It would create sitting spaces for fireworks viewing too, I would also recommend some excellent lighting especially right outside the train station entrance it is a bit sketchy at night walking home!
- "The city has many spaces for relaxation but when it comes to events spaces they are always overcrowded.
- The city needs more spaces for small events."
- "I think a concept that's more open would do more to find a balance with the wild spaces nearer to the park.
- I also think making it an open event space would increase year-round useability, as fitness equipment would probably go unused for half of the year."
- Like the natural spaces and hopefully the increased use to the area will cut down on homeless encampment in the general area they're
- Option two because I think it would bring some more markets and things like that vendors etc. Which would be fun to visit. Having an area for kids to play and shaded seating for picnics and lunches would enhance the experience.
- I think the area at max bell should be kept similar the view it offers it's special. With the added walking area it could be used more during
- "I like the opportunity for an amphitheater
- Brilliant"
- Live downtown and would love to be able to be given a reason to come to this area. A mix of flex space for markets/food trucks and a space to gather with fun activities and interactive objects.
- Add even more family friendly options to get rid of druggies on the hill
- Option 2 is more shade focused and softer with excellent native tree coverage. Not including a park would mitigate injuries and the increasing number of creeps in yyc
- Option 2 like the seating options
- We need a bigger space for more music events and stuffs happening during summer like chasing summer.

- I really like both options, but as someone who lives nearby and has minimal exercise space at home, I think the fitness/play structures would be more useful to me personally.
- Greater flexibility with the use of space will encourage more events and use. Option 1's Passive small scale use will not be worth the investment for the number of users.
- Mac bell has always been a venue to support the arts, and needs some serious improvements to continue bringing in revenue for the city and throwing bigger and better events there.
- Benches
- I love nature gathering places to grow community
- Amphitheatre!
- Amphitheatre is much needed for outdoor festivals and community events. With gazebo stage.
- Utilize the slope and make an outdoor amphitheatre with gazebo above it. Allows for community events performances with a great backdrop.
- "I would like to see something for a range of age levels and activities, including adult fitness
- Not just a playground for kids. Something where people can do stairs, calisthenics and bodyweight fitness, similar to the park at mchugh bluff."
- I prefer option 2 because it allows for more flexible use of the space. I like the idea of having various events here and keeping things as open and under programmed as possible. I believe this contributes to an enhanced experience in public space.
- The location and view support a gathering space that can accommodate a range of events. Lack of housing nearby means that play structures will likely be less used than in a residential neighbourhood. The design should have strong pedestrian connections, especially to transit. The design should use a diversity of native and climate-adapted plants.
- Please include water features and playground/splash park for children, along with the smaller spaces. Improvements to the bike/walking trails which have become decayed over time are needed as well. Include manicured green spaces with shade in the amphitheatre area. Also improve area down by the river to include walking trails. Widen bike trails.
- "Having a destination seems good, but not just food trucks and tarmac.
- Also reducing road noise will be super important.
- Access via bike is a pain here; the bridge over memorial is super hard to navigate."



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- Because festivals could be easily held here bringing lots of people to the area and the festival's that are held at the Maxwell parking lots could be relocated to this space which would be better
- The more use we get out of the space the more people will care about it and the area around it. We need to make this attractive to as many people as possible
- It seems more flexible.
- I think a combination of a place to relax and visit, but also play and get fit, would be best for this space and would be used often not only by the neighbors, but also from the business park on the other side of memorial drive.
- I would to see more activities for the youth so they can enjoy fitness a food place would be great too
- I like the idea of a winter skating rink
- Having places to meet friends, play at the playground and have spaces to read, relax and be active, lots of shades and planters makes me want to get here. We need more areas for people to meet and be active. Would love to have lots of bike racks and a washroom as well.
- I prefer a design with the least noise to the neighbouring communities. Festival noise carrying into Mayland Heights is unacceptable. How will the current homelessness, druggie filth be addressed at the lrt station. What about clean washrooms and water fountains.
- More greenery
- I often go to the otsamuri festival and think that it's way too cramped for the available space. Option 2 would give the festival more room, and attract other festivals to the venue. East Calgary just lost globalfest, we need more community events and this would help
- "An informal place to gather and play is more important to me than another place for markets.
- Make sure you keep the pathways 100% open during construction."
- "People will not use either option as the noise level from Deerfoot, Barlow & Memorial Let alone the smell of exhaust from the vehicles idling at the lights.
- Need more useable space (seating for rest, activity/fitness areas) rather than food trucks and food seating (which would likely get damaged, unused, or hogged).
- I pass through here on my bike commute and see other folks going to the LRT, on a walk/run/ride, going to Max Bell events, or sitting on the bench for the view, the ground squirrels, or drugs. I don't feel folks would cross Barlow for exercise

equipment. Also the proposed path replacement doesn't address the dangerously steep part further downhill.

- Can we loose the parking lot add housing and build an activity centre with strong ties to the LRT please!!!
- I actually like both options, but given the issue that this park has with encampments, I believe that the structured option is better. I have used this space a lot over the years taking my kid for bike rides and dog for walks. It often feels very deserted and unsafe, so anything to increase use and ideally connectivity to Barlow Trail will be great
- In order to improve the park area in question, the city should build a sound barrier between the park and Deerfoot trail. After the sound barrier is done, the city should develop the canal in that area between the Maxbell Arena and the Canoe Club for ice skating use in the winter time. Both of your proposals are ugly. Forget the concrete slab.
- I support Option 1 because a children's playground would be a great addition to Max Bell Park. It would provide a safe and fun space for children and families, encourage kids to play outdoors and be active, and make the park more welcoming and family-friendly. I believe it would be a valuable long-term benefit for the community.
- Area for events and relaxation.
- The area already has pathways and benches by the canal for fitness usage (running, dog walking, etc.). The upper area is better suited as a more event oriented space. There are other greenspaces nearby for families, that don't rely on crossing busy Barlow Trail. I am not a fan of the removable objects (they'll go missing here).
- I like the wood arch framing towards the city!
- Please do not create another hangout for homeless people. As it is, it is impossible for me to go for a bike ride coming back up through the Max Bell area without being harassed or my children being confronted with rampant drug use. There are encampments in the area as we speak. If anything, extend the pathway from Centre St to the LRT station.
- " - less concrete and more plant life
- - space for kids to play and climb
- - dog friendly
- - bike access - a better way to bike from Mayland heights neighbourhood to the pathway system that runs below max bell arena"
- I find that the more flexible active spaces tend to be dead unless there is an actively planned and promoted event. Option 1's design will encourage more use.



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- I appreciate places to read, enjoy the skyline, and relax socially. I am someone who uses the space around Max Bell frequently to write and talk with friends. An informal place for community members and guests to gather is important to me.
- "We prefer the concept of Option 1 as this better defines user spaces for small gatherings family picnic, birthdays, etc. particularly during multiple ""events"" occurring concurrently or sequentially.
- The downtown skyline with the Bow River in sight would be intended as a ""neutral"" scenic view. Public washroom facilities + water fountain?"
- Max Bell seems to be a great location that is underutilized. Hosting more events there would be good. The C-train station is neglected, dirty, smells bad, and has homeless people in it. The Max Bell C-train station area would be a good location for transit oriented development or a Park and Ride lot.
- People need to have more options when it's about enjoying outdoor activities.
- Tables for gathering would be nice as well as the option to scale up in events for vendors to have access
- I believe the location and space are more likely to be used by individuals or small groups visiting max bell rather than as a larger gathering space.
- I like the idea of being able to have small events in the space.
- Unless this is a well defined space that will be utilized, is it worth the investment?
- I like the flexibility of space provided in option 2.
- While I love the greenery, having some practical seating allows for more impromptu gatherings.
- A more open space means more sight lines for safety. This area is unfortunately rife with homeless and drug users, so the more open the area is, the safer it will be.
- I think more people would use it as an active space. Especially those of us with kids nearby. The event space wouldn't be utilized as often and I think would be empty more often than not.
- There appears to be more greenery and seating available in Concept 1.
- I like Option 2's inclusion of social space and circled seating within a park setting. The most important thing to me is the creation of a third space that younger people can use free of charge. That's why I would prioritize social areas with seating and amenities like campfires. However, I hope to see features for physical activity like Option 1!
- It is away not only to support & to contribute to the cost of maintenance & upkeep of our facility. This said this will require a more complex & working strategy for traffic

control, as a front row resident it is a priority to control parking in the area & also not to close main roads that forces traffic into our residential streets.

- I plan to do more running in this area and would prefer spaces with shade, places to rest, do yoga, etc. My biggest ask is that there be a more accessible pedestrian bridge or access to the other side of Barlow from Radisson Heights as it is quite intimidating to cross as cars go very fast from Memorial to Barlow.
- I prefer the first option. I think it is more functional and inviting and provides a good mix of space for varied activities. Max Bell is an event centre already so the second option is really like a hat on a hat. I'm a new resident but when walking around I noticed there's a lot of children here. The children could use more spaces for play.
- As a nearby resident, this area feels far too remote currently to function as something of a canvas for others to put programming onto. There are plenty of more apt spaces for that in the community, and I'd rather see this function as a destination which starts bringing people in. Maybe something like Option 2 later, and with TOD.
- Option 1 Before any improvements are made to this area (and the improvements are badly needed) the city must first come to this area and remove all of the encampments and the garbage that goes right along with this problem. I live in Albert Park and would be embarrassed to bring any visitor to this city anywhere near to this space.
- It is good to have an adaptable space to use.
- Option 2.
- With the Max Bell arena already being isolated, both from the entire city and from the communities to the east, having the opportunity for activation of the area outside of sports tournaments and interior events provides much more benefit than just play space.
- I'm not a fan of either concept but if forced to choose #2 because it has tables and chairs. I personally would stop the larger attractions such as Chasing Summer because they use the parking lot for the event instead of parking the cars forcing cars to park in Albert Park. Open another parking lot on the south side of MaxBell for vehicles to park.
- I absolutely love these ideas!! This area of the park is underutilized. I'm concerned about residents in Albert Park/Radisson Heights, like us, crossing Barlow illegally to get there. I think a lot of people will cross the road before the intersection of the Memorial off ramp and Barlow.
- Just would like to have more parks and play structures in the area



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- As a regular visitor to Max Bell Centre, I would like to see an amphitheatre or an open space for festivals, live music, and community events. Our neighbourhood already has many hills and places to relax, so I believe this space would be better used for activities that bring families and the community together.