

# Public Engagement Summary

## Background

Engagement for Richmond Green includes two scopes of work, the first scope is engagement on the land use and outline plan application and the second scope is engagement on the remainder of the Richmond Green park and 'Needs Assessment'.

## Engagement Overview

Outreach on this project began prior to the submission of the Land Use Amendment and Outline Plan application with meetings to connect with internal stakeholders within The City and with external community stakeholders. Prior to submission of the application RE&DS met with internal stakeholders that included the following business units:

- » Transit;
- » Transportation;
- » Water Resources;
- » Parks;
- » Facility Management; and
- » Recreation.

The City launched a project website <https://engage.calgary.ca/richmondgreen> on 2021 February 2 to provide information about the project including, key project facts, timelines and the project manager's contact information.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was added to the website to help clarify the project information. RE&DS also developed a social media campaign to advertise the project and allowed for community members to sign-up on the website and receive project updates.

In addition, the following external stakeholders were engaged before and during the application submission:

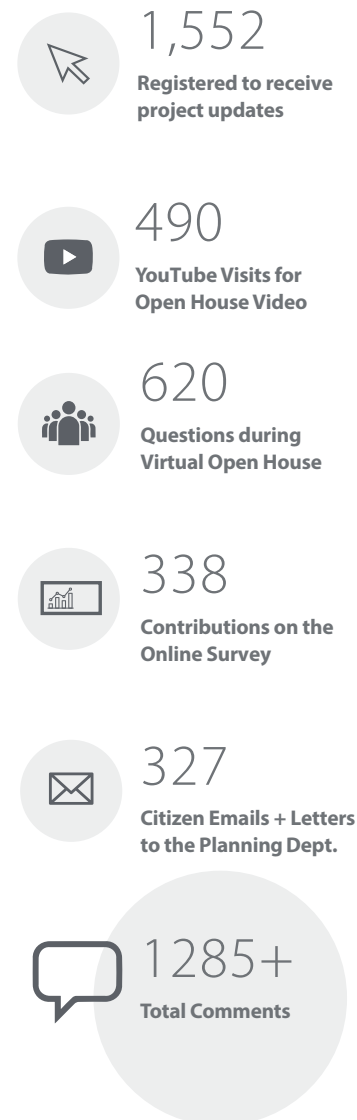
- » **Rutland Park Community Association**, January 26, February 17 and April 29;
- » **Richmond/Knob Hill Community Association**, February 8, 19 and April 30;
- » **Canada Lands Company**, March 3;
- » **Killarney-Glengarry Community Association**, February 17 and April 30;
- » **Lutheran Manor**, March 9, email follow up April 22 and 26;
- » **Carewest**, prior to application submission and follow up emails April 19 and 20; and
- » **Calgary West Little League (CWLL)**, March 9 and April 27.

In conjunction with the Land Use Amendment and Outline Plan application two bold signs were placed on the proposed development site at the north and south ends indicating a development application had been submitted.

Engagement during the application included the meetings noted above and a virtual open house on 2021 May 4. Over 500 people registered for the open house event and approximately 280 people attended the meeting. Following the meeting, the video of the open house was uploaded to the project website and a subsequent survey was added to the website to solicit feedback on the future of the remainder of Richmond Green park.

As of 2021 May 25, 301 visits have been made to the project website with 1,552 registered to receive updates and 339 people contributing comments. There have been 490 YouTube visits for the open house video and 620 questions were received during the open house. The survey on the future of Richmond Green has had 338 contributions as of May 25.

A What We Heard summary from the engagement is on the following page.



## What We Heard

- » Concerns with Council disposing of the ± five acres of open space;
- » Concerns with traffic on Sarcee RD, Access into development parcel, what will happen with the remainder of the park, security at the golf course, loss of open space, height of new development, CFB master plan amendments, stormwater factors, etc;
- » Loss of ball diamonds and how kids / community will be affected;
- » Concerns with parking;
- » There is already a large amount of undevelopable land in Currie. Why add more?;
- » The City's Operation Work Centre (OWC) site should be designated open space in exchange for the subject site;
- » Opposition to commercial uses on the site;
- » There is already a deficiency in open space;
- » Loss of existing tree canopy;
- » Land use modifiers are required to define height and density;
- » A holistic vision for the remaining green space should be completed prior to approving the application;
- » A portion of the remaining lands should be designated Municipal Reserve; and
- » Could support the proposed development if money from the sale of land is used to upgrade the remaining Richmond Green park and the OWC site is dedicated open space;
- » Funding for the Park, Council direction and process questions;
- » Golf course and OWC land requirements now, and into the future; and
- » Water infrastructure security.

In response to the feedback received from community members, below is a summary of what we did in relation to the planning application and the Needs Assessment.

## How We Responded

- » The Needs Assessment will be presented to Council committee prior the land use application so that Council can decide on the future of the park and its funding;
- » A height limit of 14m (4 storeys) has been created along the majority of Sarcee Road to provide an appropriate transition to the adjacent single detached houses across the street and the height of the rest of the site was dropped from 25m to 22m;
- » The Operations Work Centre (OWC) site is proposed to be designated as Parks and Open Space in the Revised CFB West Master Plan;
- » The development site will be identified as its own residential policy area in the policy plan with specific policies requiring residential development on the site and limiting commercial uses on the site preventing the site of being primarily commercial;
- » One new baseball diamond is recommended at Richmond Green Park to replace at least one of the two lost diamonds. Administration will continue to work with CWLL to find additional diamonds to ensure there is no loss of playing time;
- » A second Outline Plan and Land Use application is recommended to secure the 10% municipal reserve owing as a result of the subdivision of Parcel 'A'. This will be undertaken once demolition is largely complete and the necessary remediation is initiated and the alignment of Quesnay Woods Road SW is finalized. The appropriate land use district will be determined to support WR and Parks infrastructure and open space needs.