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First name (required)	Brian
Last name (required)	Watson
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Needs assessment Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please do not sell the Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds. Those fields are a key component of the community and surrounding community, used by many, many people. Selling the golf course was bad enough, please do not compound upon that loss.

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First name (required)	Kelly
Last name (required)	Plourde
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Future of Richmond Green
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	As a family living in Altadore I recently found out about the City's intention to sell off the baseball diamonds in Richmond Green Park. I have already written and subscribe to updates and have received the standard response about why the city thinks this amendment is needed. I have also attended the town halls. I still am not happy nor satisfied with councils decision and wish to express again how strongly opposed I am to this amendment. The space is important to me and my family as we use the diamonds for baseball practice and games, we also run/bike/walk the paths and frequent the hill for tobogganing. This is an important area to preserve and to not over develop.

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First name (required)	Kate
Last name (required)	Harris
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Objection to the development of land at Richmond Green north and south ball
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am writing to object strongly to the development of land on Richmond Green north and south ball diamonds (corner of 33 Ave and Sarcee Rd SW).</p> <p>I am very concerned at the recent loss of green spaces in our city, particularly when these spaces are used for youth recreation. Following the pandemic every effort should be made to engage our youth in outdoor activities which counteract the epidemic of anxiety, and mental health concerns we are seeing in young people, not to mention a tendency towards obesity and sedentary lifestyles. Baseball is a social game which instills a love of sport which can last a lifetime. Taking away a facility such as this away in the SW quadrant would be another sign that developers are building on land with no benefit to the community. Parents will be forced to drive their children further away from their communities making the sport more elitist and generating more pollution and congestion in the city. We have seen this happen in Aspen and Springbank where green spaces are being built on with no regard for the needs of the local community. Please do not develop this important recreational space.</p>

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green evaluations

Date of meeting Jul 26, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Child obesity rate in Canada is 27.7%. Yet, you would rather put money and taxes ahead of children's health? Our athletic infrastructure is crumbling. It is inconceivable you would wipe out one of the best green spaces and athletic parks in Calgary.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	The Future of Richmond Green
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>This is a point of concern for the proposed development and correlating destruction of the base ball diamonds of Richmond Green. I find it appalling that the City of Calgary is considering destroying children's ball diamonds and park space in the name of increased population density and real estate development. These ball diamonds have been in place for decades and should remain in their place. "If this five-acre plot of land is sold off with the justification that the money from that sale will be used to upgrade the remainder of the park, then every Calgarian should worry about their neighbourhood park or regional park because this will set a terrible precedent," says Leanne Ellis, vice-president of development and traffic with the Rutland Park Community Association.</p> <p>Every corner lot in the neighbourhood and surrounding communities is being turned into 4 townhouse developments. Whole streets are being bought up and developed into multi story condominiums or apartments(see 33rd Ave SW) Our green space is being sacrificed for continuous real estate development? Once this green space is gone there is no getting it back. Woolley said that two other parks in Ward 8 have recently received upgrades, so my question is, why should Richmond Green Regional Park be the only park that's required to sell off some of its space in order to receive similar upgrades?" asks Ellis.</p> <p>Arguements that Rutland park's density is less than what it was in 1968, so we should</p>
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sell off green space to developers is ridiculous. These diamonds and green space are utilized by other communities in the area as well. Surrounding communities of Killarney, Altadore, Glamorgan etc. have witnessed over that past decade every other lot being turned into duplex units, with no consideration given to more green space or recreation facilities. This area needs less densification not more!! Council do not approve this project! This is an absolute no win except for the real estate developers who develop at the sacrifice of the CHILDRENS BALL DIAMONDS. Shame on you for even considering it.

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First name (required) James

Last name (required) Harris

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Richmond Green needs assessment

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I would approve the selling of the land as long as the two baseball diamonds (that are being built on) are replaced with two identical ball diamonds on other available land in the park. As opposed to the just one ball diamond proposed.
I would also like to see Richmond Green incorporate a new concrete skatepark and a new pump track on the newly created 'Future Open Public Space'. This section of the city is not well served with facilities such as these. This will have far greater use from the youth of Calgary than a disc golf course!

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment Council Item

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

I'm concerned with the pace of this needs assessment, and the RG land use application in general. First of all the original timelines were Q3 or Q4, as shown in the May 4th open house (not that long ago) now has been bumped up 2 quarters/ 6 months for no reason. I am disappointed with these actions by the city:

- The updated Q&A that was promised from the May "open house" (which was actually a city led presentation, NOT an open house) has not occurred.
- The comments for the PFC were due before said documents were produced,
- The public engagement survey closed on May 30, and THREE days was taken to create the needs assessment
- The needs assessment only references survey data up to May 25th, when the survey was open until May 30, so it is missing public data.

This is not engagement. There is NO reason for this to be proceeding at such a pace. Rezoning and eliminating public land should be SLOW, MEASURED, and should reflect the wants and needs of the community. Recall the closure of Richmond Green, council took it upon themselves to close it prematurely, no engagement, ahead the golf sustainability report, and as a result the city missed out on arguably the busiest and most profitable time for golf in years. What is done in haste cannot be undone, PLEASE slow this down.

The city is trying to show the "gains" but here is the reality.

1. There is a LOSS of 10% of the city owned and zoned S-R recreation space.
2. Replacing one baseball diamond out of 2 is a 33% loss of playing space from status

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3. Replacing a beginner, Par 3 golf course with the niche sport of disc golf and trying to call that an increase in open space is disingenuous. No one will be walking pathways or picnicking on an operating disc golf course.

4. The OWC remains an unknown (contamination, reservoir/fence expansion and roadway).

I am concerned city has not yet answered questions on this assessment:

- Where is CWLL playing in 2022 with the loss of their home diamonds?
- When will the proposed new diamond be "play ready?"
- How long is the remediation of the OWC expected to take? When will we see grass?
- Do the water reservoirs need to be permanently fenced? If the reservoirs expand into the OWC will that expand the fenced off area?
- Disc golf – is this truly interim?

With this sale, we may get a plan/promise but I do not believe this community is ever going to see a better park. All we will get is the 6 story condos that will take away the kids baseball.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

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I do not support the Needs Assessment. There are many outstanding questions that the city has not been able to answer regarding fencing, public accessibility, contamination, scheduling and accountability of funds. If we sell this for 10 mill and the park gets 5 mill that's an overall negative for the park and the community. The city has a track record of plans, outlines, assessments that remain shelved and unactioned. There is nothing here to indicate that this will be any different. The ward councilor spearheading this development is moving on and will be far removed from future accountability. Please postpone this to the next council, as was indicated in the original open house.

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First name (required) Wesley

Last name (required) James

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Needs Assessment at Richmond

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Council will approve this, the condos will be built, and this park will look the same but be missing 2 diamonds. There is no trust. The only way I would support this is if you were bringing back REAL golf. Putting in one diamond to replace the old one and putting up a few posts for disc golf.. that's it? Millions received from the land sale and ongoing tax dollars and we are going to get half of the diamonds we have now and some disc golf sticks. If you are approving this assessment, it needs more. We are not getting any bang for the buck here,

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green
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I am absolutely NOT in favour of eliminating baseball diamonds on Richmond Green. BOTH of my children and countless others use them regularly and I'm quite surprised this would even be considered without having first constructed replacement diamonds for our youth and families that need this precious space. Why not use land such as the former golf course or somewhere else to develop? Why would we cause even more constraints for baseball fields when our kids are already squeezed for time and space?

Please do not vote in favour of eliminating valuable baseball diamonds before new ones are constructed and operational.

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First name (required) Cindy

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What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park land use amendment proposed change

Date of meeting

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Please keep Richmond Green Park a park. Since when do we take away green space to build multi-family building? Evan Woolley endorsed at the May 4th open house that the sale of land will go towards improving the park. That is not going to happen now. The city are trying to say that more open space will actually be achieved by selling the upper baseball diamonds, but including the OWC land in the mix. The OWC land is ALREADY part of the regional park space. Unfortunately it is CONTAMINATED. My son plays baseball on those diamonds for years now, both my children use the toboggan hill and we have used the tot park as a family. I am disappointed that greed has over taken this city council and not support the residents of these communities.

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First name (required) Stephanie

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What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment (PFC2021-0834 LOC2021-0034)

Date of meeting Jul 21, 2021

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No to Rezoning Richmond Green Park.

I really hope you know how important it is to maintain Green Space in our beautiful city. I ask that you do not change or sell the Richmond Green Park. We need all the open green (or winter white) parks we can get both for mental and physical health.

Thank you for voting No to rezoning Richmond Green.

Best Wishes

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As a community resident, I have many concerns about the development of Richmond Green. I have serious doubts of the ability of existing infrastructure to accommodate ANY extra traffic. With the addition of the Currie Barracks developments, infrastructure is already extremely strained.

I also have concerns about eroding green spaces. This area is slowly losing its green spaces to large developments, and as an inner city community, we are already lacking in this area.

Please don't underestimate the value these green spaces add to the communities and how much they are used on a regular basis. On any given day you will see people jogging there, baseball games, dog walking, tobogganing, or simply people just enjoying the space on a park bench. Please don't rob us of this for us and for future generations.

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First name (required) Lloyd

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What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green

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Last name (required) Moran

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Green space is an essential part of every community within our city. It provides a safe and healthy place for recreation - a place to play, meditate, gather, or rest. For families, friends, sports teams to gather. After such a long stint with COVID-19, I think it is clear that this space has become even more essential to our everyday happiness and mental health. The time we spend outside allows for reduced stress which correlates proportionally with increased 'happiness' and longevity. Access to a green place is crucial for people of all ages.

Green space in a city setting provides nature in the urban environment, balance, and is essential for long term community sustainability. There are many environmental and ecological reasons to support not only keeping the Richmond Green Space, but creating more similar spaces where possible.

Richmond Green is a highly utilized space within the city that offers so many benefits to the community and not just the community that lives within walking distance. The baseball fields are booked regularly, supporting our youth baseball teams and bringing people from all over the city fostering connection and community. I struggle to see how this space could possibly serve the community better as a development.

Green spaces have been shown to promote safer neighborhoods, encourage and support human connection.

We need to leave Richmond Green with the community for generations to come - it is a privilege to have such space - but it is a privilege that no one is willing to give up and for good reason.

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Thank-you for your time and consideration.

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First name (required) Storm

Last name (required) Purdy

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) PFC2021-0834 / LOC2021 – 0034

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As a community member and a property owner we object to the proposed sale of the 6 acre portion of the Richmond Green property outlined in the assessment. This parcel of land is a significant green space and recreation area for the community and the city. The baseball diamonds are heavily used by the full spectrum of participants (children to adults, male and female) and the loss of this facility would diminish the value of the community and Calgary. The rezoning of this property, to multi unit residential, will result in a significant increase in overcrowding of the area and create a significant negative impact related to traffic. My observation is the corner of 33rd and Sarcee Road is already congested throughout the day and this will only serve to increase congestion. Most importantly, we strongly object to the conversion of "green space" to commercial and residential zoning. As a native Calgarian, I have always been proud of the green spaces and recreational areas available in Calgary. This rezoning moves Calgary in the wrong direction.

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First name (required) Jessica

Last name (required) Clark

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

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This Needs assessment needs to go back to the drawing board. While the PFC was practically salivating at the idea of 5acres worth of new taxes, that isn't what this was supposed to be about. The document as is completely ignores the survey the city put forward, resident preferences and priorities are not even discussed. What is outlined? Almost nothing. The area needs to be fully planned and executed, with the new road and new reservoirs, before any sale is allowed to occur. Once you lose these ball diamonds that space is never coming back. Do not make this horrible mistake.

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First name (required)	Alan
Last name (required)	Roth
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Dear Council Members:

I will be brief so you can take the time read my 4 points.

1. Selling the precious few acres of Richmond Green for commercial purposes is a terrible idea. The pandemic reminded all of us how critically important outdoor spaces are: parks, formal and informal ice rinks, golf courses, pathways, toboggan hills. Being able to simply do something - anything - outdoors was "life", "hope" and an opportunity to be with one's family having simple, safe and healthy fun.

2. For the sake a few million dollars once, Council would permanently reduce Calgary green space forever, probably. I'm not much of an environmentalist, but even I can see that this is like you being the people who decide to cut down rare giant redwoods or hunt or fish threatened animal species to extinction. When it's gone, it's gone. Thank you City Council.

3. The scale is very different, but the idea is the same. What would New York City be without Central Park (developed in 1858) or Madrid, Spain without Retiro Park (1680!)? Etc. for many other great cities. Visionaries those many years ago opted for open green space. Are you "great city" visionaries - or the opposite?

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4. An important point even for a free market capitalist. Increasing retail or business space now when the market is absolutely flooded with vacant and empty commercial space is just plain dumb. More commercial space right now in Calgary is just unnecessary. Coals to Newcastle.

Please preserve Richmond Green - put in some cheap paths and let it go wild if you won't spend money on it. Really, it should just be put back as a small, family-oriented par 3 golf course. Calgary would be less without Richmond Green. Council's job should be to make Calgary better going forward, not worse.

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	The city is placing lots of additional emphasis on densification/development in the inner city recently. Preserving green spaces and natural spaces for those newly added residents to enjoy is important for the mental and environmental health of those newly added residents. Squeezing more people/cars/houses into an area without having an outdoor outlet will result in those new residents having to travel by car outside of their community to use outdoor facilities like ball diamonds, park strolling. I am in favor of the existing golf course being converted into a multi-purpose park with walking pathways, cycling pathways, picnic tables, and disc golf baskets.

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First name (required) Matt

Last name (required) Hartman

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

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Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors. I am OPPOSED to the current proposal before you with regards the Richmond Green Needs Assessment. It is NOT okay to sell off well used regional park space to ostensibly remediate land that Roads has contaminated. That is not an upgrade. There is no certainty around the remediation costs and this would set a dangerous precedent for all of our other parks.

The City needs to look at other budget money sources to deal with this contamination.

This Needs Assessment is incomplete. The design for a BRT access road is suspect, with an almost 90 degree turn. There is also a lot of uncertainty around the fencing/security requirements for the existing reservoirs as well as the expansion. Since Water wants most of the park space, the ONLY chunk of unencumbered land is the upper baseball diamonds, and now you are trying to sell them off.

I am opposed. Thank you.

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First name (required) Jessie

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Large, inner-city parks are never made these days, only unmade. Please don't let your legacy be that you sold off city parklands to condo developers. I am opposed to the sale of any portion of Richmond Green and implore you to vote the same. thx.

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First name (required) Holly

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I am sourly disappointed with the City of Calgary wanting to sell off green space/baseball diamonds, or for that matter any green space. Projects and promises have been made all across the city and very few of them have come to fruition.

Now you want to start chipping away at portions of green space, and then a few years down the road, someone comes along and thinks it is a good idea to sell off another portion and then another portion, until there is nothing left of any green space.

It has been mentioned that that money used 'may' or 'might' go to upgrading other parts of Richmond Greens. But nothing is for sure, it all sounds like a bait and switch to me. Offering up a high value reward to give up something and then not coming through on your end is deceitful and disrespectful to the community and to the people you are elected to be a voice for.

I am curious how many on council have actually come to the park to see the space that wants to be sold off. I also wonder how many on council are just looking at photos of false promises and sleight of hand. It amazes me that one of the loudest to have the park sold off is also stepping down from office.

Traffic is going to be a mess and in the end, not one of the councillors will be affected.



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Watch your parks everyone. If the city gets away with this, they will be coming for yours.

I wonder, how many of you have read this is full?

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First name (required) Joe

Last name (required) Black

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Council Meeting Richmond Green Needs Assessment

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There are still too many unanswered questions to support this Needs Assessment on Richmond Green. I am opposed. Basically you are taking 2 well used ball diamonds in a regional park and selling them to remediate contaminated Roads land. You are NOT adding any land-- the OWC is already within the regional park space. With water wanting almost all of the remaining land, there is uncertainty around access and potential use. You are adding huge density to the Policy Area and taking away park space-- only politicians can spin selling off part of something as adding to the space. Leave the ball diamonds alone. Thanks.

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Last name (required) McKay

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green needs assessment

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I am in support of leaving the baseball diamonds in Richmond Green as is. Sports are crucial especially due to the negative effects Covid 19 has had on children's mental health and well-being. After only a few practices, you can see the positive effect the sport of baseball has had on the children on my child's teammates. The baseball diamonds appear to be busy every night and on weekends, so why reduce them? We recently moved here from another province and the number one thing we love about Calgary are the amazing green spaces, parks and abundance of recreational facilities. Please keep this crucial green space for the benefit of families.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment Council Meeting June 21

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I am OPPOSED to the sale of regional park space, even under the guise of using it to remediate the OWC land. Roads contaminated the land, so Roads' budget needs to clean it up. Remediated land along Crowchild Trail has limited appeal as park space, especially compared to the baseball diamond area that would be given up. Water needs most of the park at some point, so the baseball diamonds would be the only consistently accessible space and you are trying to sell them off. This just makes no sense. Fence off the OWC until you have the money to deal with it, but leave the ball diamonds alone. Thank you.

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Last name (required) Pearson

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Why fix what ain't broke? This park is fine the way it is and already well used. Why do we need to "upgrade" anything? It's not that we are "misinformed", we get it, we have been told the plan numerous times, we just don't want our park dug up PERIOD. We don't want a bunch of buildings, concrete, and traffic where our green spaces currently are. Why not just open the golf course area as is after it's "cleaned up"? What's wrong with just being able to walk around that area and enjoy nature? Why do we need to add anything to it if the budget isn't already there WITHOUT destroying part of our park? Again, don't fix what ain't broke....Not everything needs an "upgrade" in this world.

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First name (required) Paulina

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Leave Richmond Green alone

Date of meeting

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This park is just fine how it is. We've enjoyed it for so long, and so have so many others.
Please! Calgary only has very few natural parks left! Stop industrializing and tuning nature just for profit! SAVE RICHMOND GREEN PARK !!!

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond green
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I continue to be concerned and opposed to the proposed development of the green space at Richmond Green. I attended the public meeting and my questions were not answered. They still have not been.

It seems the only thing that is certain about this proposal is that former green space will be turned into a construction site for years. When I walk past the Owc lands it seems like it will take many years and many millions of dollars to turn into a park. Where will that money come from? It is also right next to crow child in an undesirable location.

The 5 acres being proposed to be sacrificed are a cornerstone to what is increasingly becoming a community for young families. I am deeply concerned that will be compromised if the project goes ahead.

Given that the loss of the space is irreversible a better plan is needed. We are not in any rush. The councillor who is spearheading this will be out of office soon. With that in mind it is hard to find comfort in his reassurances.

This project is not in the best interests of our community or the City in my humble opinion.

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First name (required) Michael

Last name (required) Setters

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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Please do NOT sell the ball diamonds at Richmond Green! Our family has lived on 34 Ave SW and 33 St since 1953. My brother, father and I played little league ball (Dad umpired) on these diamonds. We built relationships and hopefully character there. People use this park for walking and it is a beautiful green space that truly adds to our neighborhood. Further development will add more traffic to Richmond Road which has become heavily congested. Do NOT sell this park! Thank-you.

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First name (required) Matthew

Last name (required) Edgelow

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment (PFC2021-0834 / LOC2021 -0034)

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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The current proposal does not properly address the community need for greenspace and recreational activity, and in principle immediately exchanges prime greenspace for future space of lesser quality, with environmental issues that will not be readily useable in the near term. Not only will the community be immediately disrupted with a major construction project at the corner of a key intersection, but the 2 baseball diamonds + greenspace + pathways will be lost for an extended period of time and are not being fully replaced in-kind.

The rationale of the City to sell key greenspace in order to pay for the clean-up of long-standing City environmental liability is flawed, and inexcusable. Linking a real estate development project to the ability to reclaim polluted City land is ridiculous, and is not in the best interest of the surrounding community. The City should be putting forth a proposal to clean-up the contaminated OWC lands that is within Budget constraints and not conditional to the sale of public property.

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First name (required)	Patrick
Last name (required)	Allen
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Future of Richmond Green.
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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The proposal of rezoning and high density housing development of Richmond Green Park is unacceptable: (1) All of this park space, including the Richmond Green Golf Course, was deemed necessary in the original Currie West planning. This plan had the approval of the surrounding communities and Calgarians in general. The proposed amended plan has a 90% disapproval from surrounding communities and Calgarians in general. The approved Currie West plan was arrived at through extensive public consultation and development planning. , The rezoning plan has none of the characteristics of being well thought out; unless you consider it a land grab by City Administration and Councillors ignoring those that elected them.

(2) The negative impact on poorly designed Sarcce Road will be extreme. This road was built in the 50's and is a signed bike route. It was never designed for the traffic increase from the proposed rezoning type of development. The rezoning would mean a traffic nightmare for surrounding communities and commuters on both Sarcce Road and 33rd Ave SW. High density housing requires roads able to handle the traffic increase. This currently does not exist.

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First name (required)	Nola
Last name (required)	Hall
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item:Richmond Green Needs Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We totally disagree with the City of Calgary's decision to sell this park. Richmond Green is a valuable inner-city green space and it's used extensively for recreation by the community. We don't need any more concrete & multi-dwelling buildings in an already high density area, ie Marda Loop & 33rd Avenue. The traffic congestion into Marda Loop is a nightmare & parking is non-existent. Developing the Richmond Green area would only exacerbate these issues for the neighborhood & community.

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First name (required)	william
Last name (required)	friedson
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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I am OPPOSED to this Needs Assessment. There is no certainty around fencing and security for water resources. Water is claiming almost all of the land in Richmond Green Regional Park so we won't know what will be left accessible to the public. Swapping the well used baseball diamonds for contaminated land next to Crowchild Trail leaves us with very poor quality open space. All of the land should be kept as an offset for the density that will be added to the Currie area, as there will be an open space deficit in the area at final build. the OWC land was contaminated by Roads and should be addressed out of the regular budget ;not by selling off regional park space. I am opposed. Thank you

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First name (required) Michelle

Last name (required) Latosinsky

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Going to Council

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I strongly oppose the proposed development at Richmond Green. There is still undeveloped land within nearby Currie Barracks and until development is substantially complete I think it's premature to take away recreation area in this neighborhood. What is the urgency for needing to sell this land now? Once development in Currie is substantially complete, a better assessment of green space need can be properly completed. The notion that the neighborhood is gaining green space with this plan is a "straw-man". In actuality, the city lands, the golf course and the current park could all be green space. I understand that it could take more time to transform this land to its full potential without funding from a parcel land sale, however we have time.

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First name (required) Thomas

Last name (required) Berning

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I am against any decision concerning Richmond Green which will lead to housing development on the current Richmond Green area.



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First name (required)	Jade
Last name (required)	Hedgeland
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Regional Park Land Use
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see attached.

Further to the above noted matter, we are a household of two adults and two young children who are directly affected by the proposed. We are not in support of the application.

There is no need for further commercial or mixed-use in this area, there are many existing and empty lands already approved for commercial and mixed use.

In Currie, there are currently 7 mixed use in varying sizes: Armory Condo, Armory Townhouses, Axess Park, Axess Townhouses, Anthem, Victoria Cross Terraces, plus 3 more planned and approved larger mixed use. In South Calgary/Marda Loop there are four medium to large mixed use: Lyfe, Courtyard, Mantra and Gateway. This does not include Garrison Sq. or the 3 Carewest Facilities servicing the aging population minutes away from Richmond Green. Nor does it take into account the co-op at Sarcee Meadows, Lincoln Park, MRU housing, or Richmond Park Manor.

I invite you to do a quick rentfaster and MLS search of the surrounding area to see the large volume of supply, then diarize to search again to see how many of these listings continue to exist in 30/60/90 days. There is no demand. I further invite you to querie Canada Lands Company (CLC) or a Commercial Realtor re: low numbers of commercial business moving into Currie and area. Further, I kindly ask that you set aside any CLC support for this project in your consideration because it was made without consultation of current residents, Currie builders, and is not a accurate reflection of the residential sales or commercial leases in the area.

Our community is drowning in density and starving for green space.

Respectfully, I also ask that you consider refraining from making decisions until the newly elected alderperson is selected by our Ward. For the purposes of transparency and administrative fairness; such a contentious issue should not be proceed with a non-returning Alderman at the helm. There is no accountability for this irrevocable decision. As an active voter, I can attest that this proposal was silent in Coun. Wooley's last campaign run. Time is not of the essence. Municipal elections are only months away. Please give residents an opportunity to select a representative that reflects their current wishes.

I have been a resident in this community for almost a decade, housing and commercial availability is not the issue in this area. Green Space is. I grew up in Connaught and Cliff Bungalow before its gentrification. I get inner city living. I don't care if you park front of my house. I supported the Guidebook. I don't ride my bike to work but defended bike lanes. I am not a NIMBY. I am a Calgarian that believes in administrative transparency, and that municipal efforts and investments should be allocated to the right places to meet the needs of the community. Spend your resources on the Green Line, and give our community an opportunity to properly advocate for ourselves at the next election.

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First name (required) Jennifer

Last name (required) Jenkinson

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I stand opposed to the sell-off of the approx 5 acre parcel of land NW Corner of Richmond Green Park. There are too many if/maybes in the proposal for the remaining lands. 1 ball diamond to replace 2 is a loss, It is unclear whether the former golf course will even be accessible to the public as Water indicates expansion there is necessary. Also, as per Finance meeting on this topic there is already debate as to whether \$ from sale will in fact stay in Richmond Green Park. Do NOT set a precedent of selling off Public Green Space merely to create new Taxable Land.

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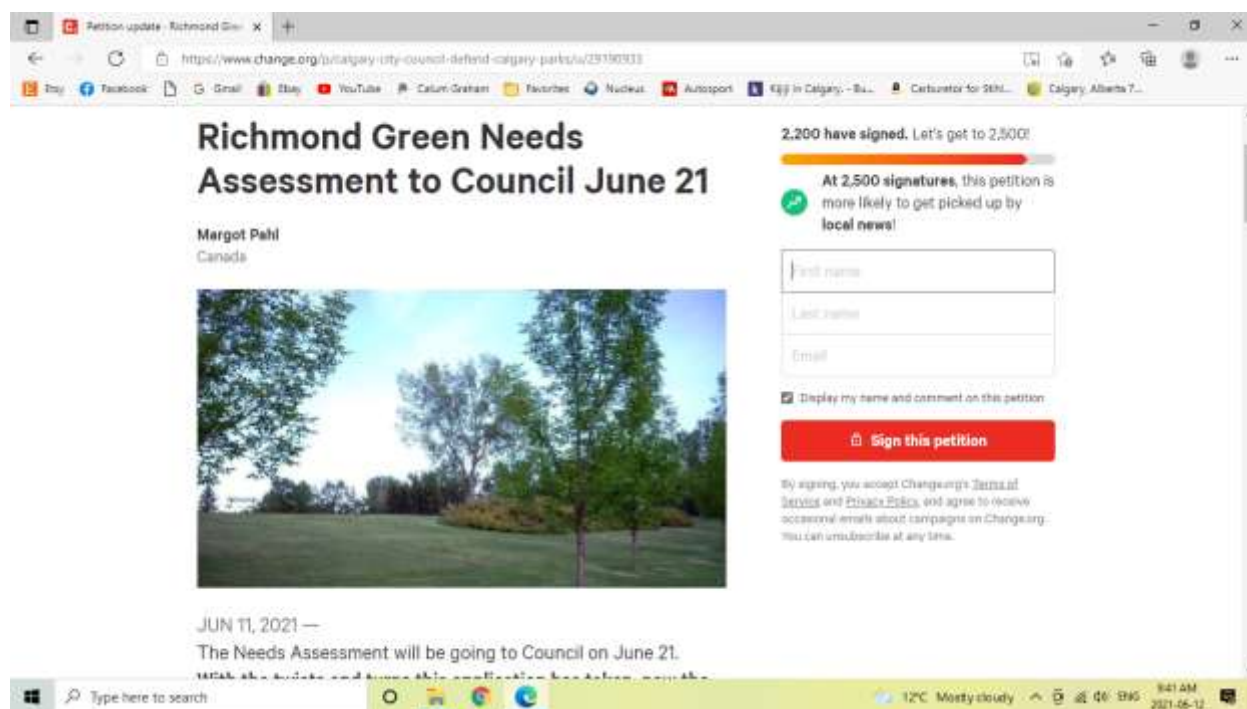
First name (required)	Margot
Last name (required)	Pahl
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment at Council June 21
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to the sale of any of Richmond Green Regional Park. I am attaching a letter of opposition which shows that the change.org petition against the sale of Richmond Green Regional Park space now has signatures from 2200 people who are opposed. Thank you.

Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors. Not only am I extremely concerned about the potential sale of regional park space, so are at least 2200 other people. I have started a petition on Change.org to try and stop this process, because selling regional park space at Richmond Green sets a dangerous precedent for ALL of our other parks! Richmond Green will never be a rambling wide open park like Bowness Park because it is an athletic park and water resources will always have priority in this space.

Calgarians deserve a regional park policy. Do NOT sell ANY of Richmond Green Regional Park unless they have had a say!

I am attaching a screenshot of the petition. You can clearly see that 2200 people have already signed it. The petition will be closed and submitted to Council in advance of the land use amendment.

Please hear our voices! Thank you for your time.



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First name (required) Jesse

Last name (required) Pahl

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment Council Meeting June 21

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green. Well used regional park space should not be sold to remediate land that Roads has contaminated-- they need to find funds in their own budget. The upper baseball diamonds that the City wants to sell are the only unencumbered space once Water claims the lower ball diamond for expansion. It is an athletic park whose primary purpose is water storage. The upper baseball diamonds need to stay. No to selling regional park space. Thanks.

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Last name (required)	Cosman
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment at Council June 21
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green. Selling off 2 well used ball diamonds to address contamination on the OWC that was created by Roads, is unacceptable. The ball diamonds are regional park. They are well used. Roads needs to come up with the budget to clean up their own mess. Selling regional park space starts us down a very slippery slope and sets a precedent for all of our other parks. I am opposed to this process. Thank you.

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First name (required) Andrew

Last name (required) Lowery

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Greens Needs Assessment

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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My wife and I live in Glenbrook, and have been in the area our entire lives between Glenbrook, Richmond and Altadore. We are very opposed to any sale of the land at Richmond Green. We frequently use the space to walk our dogs, play sports and hang out in the park. We have always loved the space, and I was a very frequent golfer at Richmond Green with my friends.

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First name (required) Lloyd

Last name (required) Bumstead

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment at Council June 21

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green. I am strongly opposed to the sale of regional park space for commercial and residential development. I am also opposed to funds from the sale of the ball diamonds to remediate the OWC land. It should be the responsibility of Roads to clean the land up. The upper ball diamonds are potentially the only space that will remain completely open and accessible and completely unencumbered once water reservoir expansion is done. I am opposed!!

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First name (required) Jim

Last name (required) Ellis

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment to Council on June 21

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I am opposed to the Needs Assessment that is being proposed for Richmond Green, because ALL of it hinges on the sale of the upper baseball diamonds at Richmond Green Regional Park. The OWC land was contaminated by Roads, and the Roads budget needs to remediate the land. Preferably, once the land is remediated, it can be added back into the park space. Remediation of contaminated Roads Depot land is NOT upgrading the park space. Once again, if the budget isn't there for upgrades, get Roads to deal with the remediation, and leave the rest of the park alone until there is budget money for upgrades.

Based on Water Resources claiming almost ALL of the remaining park space for potential expansion, the upper baseball diamonds would be the ONLY large chunk of unencumbered space left; this space could then become the only space that is barrier free to the public, as there will be security requirements of some kind for all the water storage facilities. The ball diamonds should NOT be sold.

Selling any regional park space sets a dangerous precedent for ALL of our park space. Please stop this process! Don't become the City Council that started disposing of regional parks while many of you are on your way out the door. Thank you.

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I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green because you are planning on selling the baseball diamonds to do the work. You are putting the cart before the horse. I am insulted that you have made all of these projections when you have not got any firm answers about things like fencing and security for the water. Roads contaminated the OWC, so Roads budget needs to clean it up. This is a regional park and what you do here has the potential to affect ALL of our other parks. We want those baseball diamonds left alone. They are used all the time. It is important for people to have some place to go and get exercise. There would be no upgrades to the park, so we need to keep the baseball diamonds.

All the amenities at Richmond Green Regional Park are being used. We don't need any changes. As you can see, I am OPPOSED to your proposal!!!!!!

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First name (required) Harvey

Last name (required) Negrich

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment Council Mtg June 21

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I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green Park since it is based on selling the ball diamonds. You need to have a proper plan before you can do anything. We have been getting bits and pieces of information slowly, but always the plan is to sell the ball diamonds. There are still unknowns about the BRT road, and the fencing for the water reservoirs. Since they have been built, there has always been restricted access for the water reservoirs. Yet you include all of that acreage to make the park look bigger/better. Reservoir expansion looks like it has to go on the big baseball diamond, even further reducing the value of the park because it probably has to be fenced too. The one place you don't have to fence is the upper baseball diamonds and you are trying to sell them out from underneath us.

The contaminated land should be cleaned up out of the Roads Work department budget, not from the sale of the baseball diamonds. I am opposed.

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to the Richmond Green Needs Assessment because it involves selling the upper baseball diamonds in Richmond Green Regional Park. It is difficult for me to see ANY benefit of a change, especially since it would mean more losses of well used park space and of the current walking and viewing space. It will also cause MAJOR traffic issues for the residents of Hampton Crescent-- it will be difficult to exit the crescent onto Sarcee Road, and blocking the crescent would mean 2 traffic trips past each house every time someone enters/leaves the crescent.
	This place has always been considered by the residents as a special place to live and these changes would detract from the appeal of this area.
	The City wants to swap well used green space for poor quality space along Crowchild Trail. The OWC land is contaminated. Roads needs to clean up their own contamination, not sell regional park space to remediate the land.
	Currie Barracks is only just developing and this regional park is intended to offset the density that is being added there. Currie is intended to blend inner city living with the comforts of community-- taking away park space reduces gathering space and the appeal of trees, parks and pathways.

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Your Community, Your Association, Your Voice

Richmond Green Needs Assessment

We have a number of major concerns with the Needs Assessment that is being presented to Council.
We are also presenting a low cost proposal to address ALL of these concerns

Our Concerns:

- Proposed design for the BRT road likely requires further technical analysis with regards to the tight left turn near the parking lot.
- **Water Resources has a priority interest in almost ALL of the park space, with the EXCEPTION of the upper baseball diamonds; future fencing could further reduce accessible park space.**
- **The upper baseball diamonds would be the ONLY sizable unencumbered park space that could be continuously accessed/remain open even when reservoir expansion occurs.**
- The proposal is to sell off this well used regional park space as a swap for poor quality park space along Crowchild Trail; this would still be a net LOSS of public land.
- This space is part of the stormwater catchment area for Currie as indicated in the Neighbourhood Land Use Plan; this is not addressed in the Needs Assessment.
- Security/fencing concerns with regards to the current water reservoirs and future reservoirs have NOT been addressed; a security risk assessment is required.
- Development on the baseball diamonds would restrict park access for the surrounding communities-- significant increase in traffic conflicting with pedestrian access, visual disconnect from green space at pedestrian level as access would now be off of 34 Ave with no open/direct view of the space from Sarcee Road.
- A 22 m development on the east side of the baseball diamonds added to the approximately 6 m differential between the upper and lower baseball diamonds would create significant massing and detract from the enjoyment of the remaining park space.
- There is strong opposition to the sale of the baseball diamonds— opposing stakeholders include Richmond Knobhill, Currie Barracks, Rutland Park, Lincoln Park, Grace Lutheran Manor, Glamorgan; additional opposition from Sarcee Meadows Housing Cooperative, Westgate CA, over 350 individual emails received by the file manager, change.org petition with 2200 signatures.
- Selling well utilized park space in a regional park sets a dangerous precedent for all of our other parks.
- Richmond Green Regional Park is the only potential offset for a 65 acre projected open space deficit at final build of the CFB West Policy Area (based on the approved population of 21300); regional pathways for the area are designed to connect to this space.

- Public Engagement was conducted for the Needs Assessment and a What We Heard Report has NOT been submitted as part of this Needs Assessment.
- Commercial use on the baseball diamonds would designate Sarcee Road as a Main Street for planning processes, BEFORE community input in an LAP process.
- The communities are being asked to take on additional density and are getting NOTHING in return.

Key Factors:

- BRT access road will be built to connect Currie to 33 Ave SW.
- Water Resources has a priority interest in almost ALL of the remaining park space if the ball diamonds are sold.
- The OWC land falls within the regional park boundary and is contaminated.

Proposed Solution:

- Leave the upper baseball diamonds in their current state.
- Create a pump track and parking lot on the east side of the OWC land.
- Add benches and trees on the west side of the OWC land; hardscaping.
- Have Canada Lands prepare a proper BRT road design; they are responsible for road costs.
- If the clubhouse/office space is lost, CLC will provide compensation that can be used on this project; if it remains, it can become a rentable space.
- If parking is lost, it is being replaced on the OWC site.
- If the tot lot is impacted, the surrounding communities will apply for grants to replace/upgrade the amenities.
- Additional upgrades to the remaining park space will be limited, because Water Resource needs come first.

Benefits:

- Allow for joint use parking to offset parking requirements for Currie development nearby.
- The road access and additional parking will help accelerate development at Currie; tax base will be built at a quicker rate in an area that already has the land use.
- A parking lot and pump track are low cost remediation components that would help activate the space.
- Anticipated lower risk remediation costs; a more detailed site analysis could indicate more extensive remediation requirements; the land is stable at this point.
- **This proposal could REDUCE project costs by 60% and ADD an EXTRA 5 acres of open space ABOVE the proposal put forward by RE&DS.**
- The parking lot allows for a “lay down” site for equipment when working on water infrastructure.
- No land transfer or future planning costs.
- Development costs become basically the demolition on the OWC and paving for parking and a pump track.

- No disruption to baseball diamond users; continuous access to park space regardless of Water Resource needs.
- No subdivision/land use or policy area changes required.
- OWC is already part of the regional park and now becomes open space with minimal investment.
- Richmond Green Regional Park remains intact; this meets the MDP policy to prioritize ecological protection for park and open spaces.
- A full 52 acres of regional park space will help offset the anticipated open space deficit at final build of the CFB West Policy Area.
- This proposal is sensitive to ALL of the surrounding communities.
- Cost savings to Golf have been achieved through the closing of Richmond Green Golf Course; Parks will take over custodianship of the space; maintenance costs of park space are significantly lower than golf course land.

Next Steps:

- Abandon the current Needs Assessment.
- Abandon the LOC application for the upper baseball diamonds.
- CLC to design and build the 33 Ave access road to Currie.
- OWC demolition and construction of parking lot and pump track.
- Surrounding communities to apply for grants to upgrade whatever tot lot space is available.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this proposal.



Leanne Ellis

RPCA VP Development and Traffic

Craig Marceau

RPCA President

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These baseball diamonds could be the only unfenced space once water reservoir expansion has happened. If need be, just fence off the contaminated OWC land and leave the ball diamonds where they are.

This space is intended to offset the density of Currie-- they will be short open space at final build and regional pathways connect them to this space.

I am dumbfounded that you are even looking at this proposal!!! I bought in this area because of this park-- leave it alone! I am OPPOSED!

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Regional Park

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We the community with our thousands of voices have expressed our wishes, we want Richmond Green Park (RGP), in its entirety, to remain a park without housing structures and without commercial buildings. The idea of developing any part of it for more housing in what's becoming a grossly over densified SW Inner City area bringing with it unbearable gridlock, noise, crime and air pollution is short sighted and will ruin quality of life for thousands of us who live nearby and who enjoy and regularly use the park and also for the generations to come. Not only are we not being listened to, but worse, we are being bullied and threatened by those we elected to represent us, but who clearly are not. If you're listening, the overwhelming majority of us want RGP left as the green space it currently is. If you ruin it by allowing the development of more unneeded and unwanted high density buildings, then we know whose interests have been prioritized and it's definitely not the overwhelming majority of residents of multiple communities who reside near Richmond Green Park. Here are over 2200 voices who oppose the development of Richmond Green Park, visit: Change.org. Defend Calgary Parks.

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We live in Altadore and are strongly opposed to the sale and redevelopment of Richmond Green. As a born and raised Calgarian who has lived most of my life in the inner city, I can say with certainty that our parks and greenspaces are an enormous contributor to the enjoyment of the area and the quality of life of all residents. It would be a tragedy if the city started selling off these precious spaces to make way for development and higher density. I understand people's desire to live in inner city neighbourhoods but we do not need to sell our parks to make way for higher density.

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First name (required) Stephen

Last name (required) Ditchburn

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The upper baseball diamonds are the only large chunk of unencumbered space in the park given that Water has priority there and reservoir expansion is required. There is no certainty around security and fencing for the expansion, and that could mean more land is behind lock and key, not open freely to the public. The baseball diamonds need to stay-- no land use redesignation or development on them.

There are too many unknowns with this Needs Assessment. I am OPPOSED. Thank you.

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I am opposed to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green. Do NOT sell the baseball diamonds in the regional park. The OWC land is contaminated. Roads contaminated the land, so they should clean it up. No other upgrades have been proposed for almost 9.5 million dollars worth of spending! This is unacceptable.

There is no certainty with regards to the fencing and security requirements for the current reservoirs, or for the expansion. The ball diamonds may be the ONLY land that is accessible all the time once the water reservoirs are expanded in the future. Leave the ball diamonds alone!

I am opposed to this Needs Assessment. Thank you.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park projected developmment

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The Richmond Green Park should remain as it is without any housing or commercial development. It is important not to set a precedent so other parks will not have parts sold off for upgrades. Would it not be better to ask the communities what they want done with the park PRIOR to selling a part of it off. As a community member and a person who walks through the park daily all seasons, I find it well used by all kinds of people through all seasons. Why destroy a park that is working well as it is? The city should determine the future purpose of the former golf course and roads yards after consulting the communities. There is no need to sell part of Richmond Green Park to pay for the re-development of the golf course and roads yards. The population density has increased in the area from the development of the military base so a park to do recreation is even more important. Please save all the green space and trees. It is an environmental important to maintain all the green space.

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I am opposed to the sale of this park space for many reasons, some of which are;

- It is just plain wrong to be selling off park space.
- The City claims that this would increase the tax base. IT WOULD NOT ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE CITY. People moving to this development would be people that live somewhere in the city and pay taxes anyway. Making the City less desirable will continue to drive retired people out of Calgary to Canmore, Okotoks, BC, etc.
- Selling off the best of the park and adding more disjointed space makes no sense at all.
- We would be losing a beautiful treed area with well used baseball diamonds and replacing it with a dense residential/commercial development. No thanks.
- It will severely add to the traffic issues at Sarcee Road and 33rd Ave and through Marda Loop.
- Already too many empty condos in Currie and Marda Loop. Currie needs more development to fill in their empty spaces that are intended for development. They do not need more competition.

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-City would be selling at a low point in the market. Great deal for a developer, bad for the City. The timing is terrible. The development would probably be done in bits and pieces and take years to complete. Another eyesore.

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First name (required)	Mary
Last name (required)	Little
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment (PFC2021-0834 / LOC2021 – 0034)
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to the sale of any of the Richmond Green space. As the City races to densify the inner city, without an overall plan of the SW inner city (including Elbo Park, Scarboro and Mount Royal nor a mandate to do so by the residents most affected. Also just before an election is not the time to make these decisions. There are traffic, safety and the overall feel of a progressive and creative urban environment. Once this parkland is gone we can't get it back. Please don't make the inner city a place where eventually its citizens move out of due to poor planning.

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First name (required)	Errol
Last name (required)	Bosman
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Regional Park Proposed Development and Sale
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Regional Park sale with significantly impact recreation facilities in the area, being one of the only green space areas for the region. It will also increase unwanted density, population and traffic that can not be accommodated by current road and infrastructure system. The regional park offsets current high density in Currie West Policy Area, not including additional high density planned by Canada Lands for future Currie developments. Lastly the expected funds from the sale of land section is planned to be used for OTHER upgrades and NOT invested back into the the remaining green space as originally voices. This is a change on council verbal promise and not acceptable, if funds are NOT put back in the community.

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Last name (required)	Bosman
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Regional Park proposed development
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am against the development as proposed by the City. This green space is well used and should be left unchanged.</p> <p>Personally I have lost faith in the intentions of the City and such can no longer support the initiative until you gain my trust again. During the open house it was explained that, assuming the 2 b/b diamonds were sold, the proceeds from the sale would remain in the community and be used to upgrade the adjacent greenspaces. More recently at a City Council meeting, discussions were held along the lines that proceeds could be used elsewhere in the City.</p> <p>Other concerns that I have with any development of the 2 b/b diamonds are increased density causing higher traffic vols on Richmond Rd and Sarcee Rd.</p>

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First name (required)	Elaine
Last name (required)	Atwood
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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Again the City has put finances ahead of good living in Rutland Park. We have a beautiful green space that occupies 3 ball diamonds, tennis courts and a small tots playground and until last year we also had a 9 hole golf course. There is a great paved jogging/walking path that is well utilized. My family has have been a resident of this community for over 35 years and were graced with the ability to use the green space in our area. I must say the tobaggan hill was their favorite.

There is no other ball diamonds in our area that cater to the very young teams that use these ball diamonds. You can drive down Richmond Rd and see for yourself the parents & grandparents with their lawn chairs and umbrellas cheering their children on. The small tot playground is the only on near here that has equipment for the very young with the special covering to protect the little guys.

Okay, the City wants to expand with more residential properties again more tax dollars in the coffers but at what cost to the people who live in the area. Traffic is a nightmare now on Richmond Rd. and an BRT going through the playground, WHY? Why not repurpose the lower area where the golf course was. If it has to be fenced off due to contamination, why not a dog park or even another lawn bowling park, the greens are there just upgrade them. The golf house could be used for rental of ebikes, tennis rackets, softball equipment etc and maybe even sell ice cream in the summer and hot chocolate in the winter.

There are many possibilities to the uses of the wonderful green space besides more concrete, traffic and congestion. PLEASE, think twice before you make a decision.

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First name (required) Kimberly

Last name (required) FOSTEY

What do you want to do?
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Public hearing item (required -
max 75 characters) Richmond Green Regional Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I am a resident of Rutland Park for 26 years. Please do not develop Richmond Green Regional Park. Please leave the baseball diamonds exactly the way they are. the diamonds are well used by Cal West Little League and other baseball players. Leave the green space as is. The PAVED walking path is perfect. No to Development. No to Rezoning. The green space is beautiful and well used exactly the way it is. There is a big heart made by a child, which says "Please do not take our fun away" with a big blue tear. I cannot send the file as it over your 3 MB requirement. This is a perfect green space that the community members use. SAVE OUR GREEN SPACE - SAVE OUR BALL DIAMONDS

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What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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We the community of Rutland Park are vehemently opposed to the city's plan to steal our beautiful and extremely utilized baseball diamond. The city's utter disregard for the community's wishes and needs is quite frankly disturbing and abhorrent. There's a plethora of unoccupied office space and condos in our city. The last thing our city needs is our kids' recreation spaces paved over. Don't steal our parks. I ask the council listen to our community, Leave our land alone!

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First name (required) Fern and Sig Slotboom

Last name (required) Slotboom

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Needs Assessment of Richmond Green Regional Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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- Rezoning an existing park for development for high density living space is not necessary when looking at all the development at Currie Barracks and the potential development of the Board of Education property at Viscount Bennett.
- Increased population means we actually need more parkland, not less.
- Once the park is gone, we cannot get it back. Forever loss.
- Our park is used by many people of all ages all year round.
- This past pandemic year has shown that citizens of Calgary value open parkland and recreational opportunities.
- Richmond Green Golf Course should also be reopened for golf. There are very few golf courses that people of all ages and schools can use. Look at the bookings for the other 9-hole golf courses.
- The golf course is on a water reservoir and it is an excellent use of land which very recently was updated and redesigned.
- This park has been used by the surrounding communities for decades and continues to be important to the residents of the community.
- Under the impression that the city looks for parkland to specifically develop for adding to the tax base. But if one looks at what the people value in the City of Calgary is "parkland" in their communities. Take a look around, previous Councils had the foresight to save parkland.
- Please do not rip out existing parkland and the 9-hole golf course that the citizens use.

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- What other parks is the City of Calgary looking at rezoning for development?
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First name (required) Irene and Ted

Last name (required) Bauer

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Needs Assessment application for Richmond Green Regional Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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We strongly oppose the rezoning, sale and proposed development of any part of Richmond Green Regional Park and Golf Course.
This park has been used by people for decades and continues to be important to the residents of the surrounding communities. This is our park.
Parkland and recreational opportunities are important to everyone.
It makes no sense to rip out existing parkland.
Richmond Green Golf Course should be reopened since it provides outdoor recreational activity for people of all ages as has been done for several generations.
This park belongs to the people of the community and once it is gone we can never get it back.



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First name (required) George

Last name (required) Quinn

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Redevelopment of Richmond Green

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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Absolutely object to this project. I do not think the impact of traffic has been adequately addressed. What is the ingress/ egress proposal to the new development ?? The traffic on Sarcee Road will increase dramatically and the traffic light at 33rd & Sarcee Road will be overwhelmed. Workers from the 2 Care Centres will have no parking. Is there a connector road planned to hook up to the new road dissecting the park from Currie development ? What will the impact be on the intersection at 33rd Avenue and Crowchild with the added traffic from the west ? The existing traffic lights are a disaster. It is already a mess with the build up of high density housing in the Marda Loop area- then add the 21,000 proposed residents from Currie. Will there be lights installed at the turn off to the new proposed road on 33rd (entrance to golf course)? The current public transportation alternatives are inadequate. What about bikes paths? None of this has been presented. Coming from a city council that constantly preaches the 'green' lifestyle I find it ironic that much needed green space will be taken away. I do not buy into the rehabilitation of the work yard as adding to the green area. Sure rip up 5 acres of inner city green space, destroy the beautiful trees (not to mention the ball diamonds) pour some concrete and tell everybody you are doing what is best- but for whom ? Who is really benefitting from this ? Although I believe this to already be a fait accompli and this consultation process to be a farce put in place after the fact, I urge city council to reconsider.
Regards,
George Quinn

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First name (required) Megan

Last name (required) Slotboom

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Needs Assessment application for Richmond Green Regional Park

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I, Megan Slotboom, strongly oppose the sale and future development of the two baseball diamond fields on the corner of 33 Ave and Sarcee Road. Parks are invaluable to cities as they are directly linked to our quality of life. Parks within urban landscapes contribute to the following:

1. Public Health: Having access to parks is associated to higher levels of physical activity. Research has shown that proximity to green space is the best predictor of physical health (Hartig et al., 1991).
2. Economic Value: Parks make neighbourhoods desirable places to live and visit thus attracting businesses and contribution to business revenues. Parks also have the potential to boost adjacent property values.
3. Environment: The degradation of the environment and climate change can be seen very intensely in urban areas. For example, an open grassy area can absorb excessive rainwater into the subsurface which would otherwise cause flooding in developed areas (water cannot effectively infiltrate concrete). This point also relates to point number two; parks reduce infrastructure and stormwater challenges and costs.
4. Social Values: Parks are a place where community members, or members of other communities, can gather and socialize. These parks are free and accessible to all members of the community despite their demographic.

The community and city will suffer a loss if the baseball diamonds are sold. Once the



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park has been taken away, the community loses a piece of its identity.

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First name (required) Marilyn & Kendal

Last name (required) Young

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green regional park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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We want to voice our lack of support for the proposed sale and development of the upper baseball diamond area in Richmond Green park. Not only are the diamonds well used but the area provides a safe environment for many community members ,especially new mothers with their infants and seniors, for walking. The proposed relocation of the diamonds to the Roads Depot will reduce access to the park area especially for those on foot. Residential development of a prime park area is undesirable for several reasons: development will increase traffic and noise, increase the demand on public transit utilized by local residents, and block light and encumber building access for the adjacent seniors apartment tenants, The park area has been well used for generations and with the increased density of the area the city should be adding more green space, not reducing it. We have seen the map of the proposed development and it appears there will be an overall reduction in green space should the golf course area remain closed. Also from an environmental perspective, it is unconscionable to destroy the many mature trees in the proposed development area when in fact we should be planting more. We suggest that the Roads Depot land be sold for redevelopment and the parks remain untouched. This appears to be the most fiscally prudent as the city would not need to spend money to move a ball diamond. We truly hope that council actually listens to the citizens of the area and preserves the park in its entirety. With the recent increased density in the area and the continuing escalating property taxes there should be enough revenue to maintain the park. As a final note we would like to at least maintain what recreational green space we have that our taxes pay for and not have less and less as our taxes continue to rise. Thank

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First name (required)	Rick
Last name (required)	Warren
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Definitive NO to this proposal. Negatives outweigh positives.
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	When my family moved from Manitoba to Calgary in 1973 - we always commented positively on the apparent dedication to green spaces, or 'green belts', as we knew them then. One by one, we're seeing many green spaces approved for development. Economically simple - fatten a tax base. Human cost - not so simple. With the OBVIOUS shift to residential densification (in this area, look no further than the adjacent Canada Lands Project, that was Currie Barracks. Actually - look further after all - Marda Loop and South Calgary - BARELY resemble areas where 'quiet' and - for lack of a better term 'anti-density' can be found). SMARTEN-UP Calgary decision-makers!! Decisions such as this one have far-reaching (negative) impact and set extremely dangerous precedent as to the Calgary evolving for the future. We DO NOT have to resemble a high-density centre often found in Europe, South America or other regions to WORK EFFECTIVELY - let us develop with respect for space and cherish lesser density. Those willing can pay for it. Those seeking density can have it in given districts. LEAVE EXISTING PARKS LIKE THIS IN PEACE!

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First name (required) Gerry

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What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) RICHMOND GREEN Needs Assessment PFC2021-0834/LOC2021-0034

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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To Mayor Nenshi & Councilors:

RICHMOND GREEN PARK is a 52 acre oasis of green where people go to stroll, run, walk with their dogs, cycle, play tennis and baseball. They come not just from this community - I've been coming for 40 years whether I've lived in Lakeview or Glenbrook, to play tennis, cycle, walk with my dog or sit in the sun. Now I am Blessed to live across the street.

RICHMOND GREEN is not a blot on a topographical map, or a City map, or a place on Google Earth. It is a cherished, loved and respected vast green space, of which there are too few.

I suggest that is incumbent upon every Councilor to come to the Park, singly or together for a true assessment, drive around it, walk through it, talk to people. And then ask yourself: 'Would I approve development if this beautiful park was across the street from my house?' Or in your Ward? I don't think so.

I think it is deplorable that you are even considering development. Please show restraint on over- development and respect the status and wishes of the community, be remembered as 'savers, not pavers.

The future of RICHMOND GREEN should be just what you see in the Present. Other than opening the East area as part of the park, what RICHMOND GREEN is in the Present is what it should be in the Future.

Respectfully, Gerry Mudry

From: [Gerry Mudry](#)
To: [Public Submissions](#)
Subject: [EXT] RICHMOND GREEN Needs Assessment PFC2021-0834/LOC2021-0034
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:15:53 AM

To Mayor Nenshi & Councilors:

I adamantly oppose any sale/development.

RICHMOND GREEN is a 52 acre oasis of green; the park is gently rolling grassland, mature trees and pathways, where people stroll, run, walk with their dogs, play tennis and baseball, where they find peace and relief in this stressful world. And they don't come just from this community, RICHMOND GREEN is a Park of the City. I've been coming for 40 years, whether living in Lakeview or Glenbrook, to cycle, play tennis, walk with my dog, or sit in the sun.

The park is not a space on a topographical map, city map or Google Earth. It is a vibrant and peaceful Greenspan, of which there are too few in Calgary. I suggest that it is INCUMBENT upon every Councilor to pay a visit, to drive around the park, to walk through it, to talk to people. And then to ask yourself: 'Would I approve development of this beautiful park if it was across the street from where I live? Or in my Ward?' I don't think so.

I think it is deplorable that Council is even considering this, I'm asking you to show restraint from over-development and just let some things be as they are, also offering stability and familiarity in these times. Aside from opening the Eastern area as a public area with the rest of the park, I absolutely believe that the Future of RICHMOND GREEN PARK should be what it is in the Present.

You have the opportunity to be 'Savers, not pavers', would you not rather have that as your legacy?

What RICHMOND GREEN is in the Present should also be its FUTURE.

Respectfully, Gerry Mudry

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First name (required)	Bob
Last name (required)	Morrison
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	PFC2021-0834: Richmond Green Needs Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please tell Administration to stop all work on the foolish, short-sighted idea to sell Richmond Green land.

The Top Ten Reasons for Saving Richmond Green

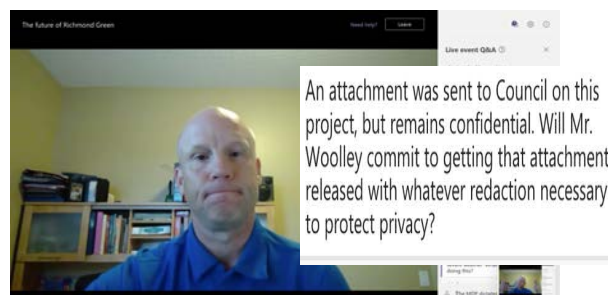
As a planner and former public servant, I am dismayed and, frankly, embarrassed for my profession that Administration approved this needs assessment and proposed land use change.

There is no compelling reason for proceeding and many reasons for Council to walk away. Along with my support for the submission from the Rutland Park Community Association, here are my top ten reasons:

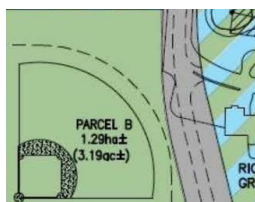
#10. The Wrong Zoning: The [MU-1 zoning](#) is for development facing a commercial street. Sarcee Road is not a commercial street. A new local area plan (Local Area Plan #9) will be needed if Administration somehow thinks Sarcee Road's purpose should change.

#9. What We Didn't Hear: Administration's superficial and vague "What We Heard" report neglected to mention key concerns raised by the public including several of these issues and a request for Attachment 3 to be made public.

"Truth never damages a cause that is just" (Gandhi). Council and the public share a common need to be fully-informed.



#8. Double-Counting: Based on Administration's report, more park land is already needed south of Richmond Green. Administration can't claim that as a benefit of their proposal.



Ball Diamond & Road

#7. Fields of Schemes: There is a net loss to our neighbourhoods of a ball diamond. Another replacement diamond is a safety hazard for traffic on the future road.

#6. Polluter Pays: The \$5 million remediation of the OWC site is the responsibility of Administration. They allowed contamination to happen. Our neighbourhoods should not suffer because of Administration's mismanagement.

#5. Non-Compliance: Administration has not conducted studies required under the [CFB West Master Plan](#), specifically the comprehensive *Outline Plan*, edge integration, and analyses of density, stormwater management, roads and pathways, transit coverage, and trees and vegetation (s. 5.3.10 & 19.3.3). Administration is also keeping secret the traffic impact assessment which they should release along with any other information they are withholding.

- #4. **Development Oversupply:** Calgary has an oversupply of the type of development proposed. The commercial oversupply is obvious as evidence by what has happened to Downtown. Even the City has recognized the [oversupply of multi-family houses](#).



- #3. **Plenty of Undeveloped Land Elsewhere:** The development oversupply has left areas such as Currie Barracks and the Westbrook LRT site with vast swaths of vacant land awaiting commercial and multi-family. Instead of selling off prime parkland, Administration should instead be making sure those lands get developed

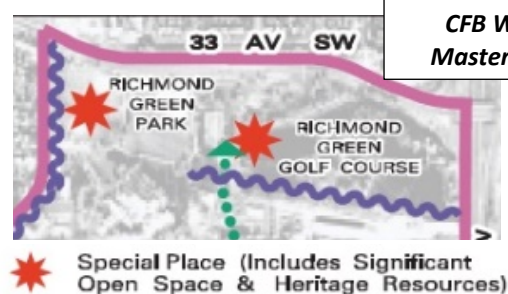


A Portion of Undeveloped Land - Currie

- #2. **The Prime Directive:** Administration has been less than candid about its job under the *Municipal Development Plan*. Key Direction #3 under the *MDP* requires Administration to “**Direct land use change within a framework of Activity Centres and Main Streets.**” The area around Richmond Green is neither a Main Street nor an Activity Centre. Directing development to Richmond Green is not within Administration’s mandate.

And the last and most important reason for saving Richmond Green:

- #1. **Parks Are a Necessity:** From the *MDP* down to local plans like *CFB West*, Council has made it clear that open spaces are special. They are essential. They need to be preserved. For our area, with full CFB West build-out, there will be an estimated 65-acre open-space deficit. For the city as a whole, this precedent of carving out park land for development opens up every park in Calgary – big or small – to be whittled down through land sales.



CFB West
Master Plan

Please tell Administration to stop all work on the foolish, short-sighted idea to sell Richmond Green land.

Bob Morrison, Currie



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June 9, 2021

Re: Needs assessment for the potential disposition of 5 acre section at Richmond Green Regional Park

Dear Council Members:

The needs assessment for disposition of 5 acre section at Richmond Green Regional Park is incomplete. Figure 1 was revealed to the public during the June 8, 2021 PFC meeting. **This stewardship map was not included in any of the public consultation.** This stewardship map indicates that the upper baseball diamonds will be nearly ALL of the unencumbered land at Richmond Green Regional Park. **There will be no unencumbered land remaining at Richmond Green Park** with the exception of the tot park, tennis courts and questionably cost inefficient proposed mini ball diamond, once the diamonds are sold. In future, nearly the entirety of Richmond Green Park will become part of a water storage and pumping facility which will greatly limit the use and accessibility of the remaining space. To date all arguments for this disposition have centered around remaining space or added space with no consideration for the significant restrictions that will be placed on this space due to the security requirements for potable water storage facilities.



Figure 1 – Site Stewardship

Based on a documented discussion with the responsible city security advisor, no security assessment has been completed to determine what will be required for the revised use case on the closed golf course. City security staff have made reference to the requirement for a CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) assessment. **In contrast to what was stated during the June 8, 2021 PFC meeting this land has not been opened to the public as a Frisbee golf site.** The author contends that this is based on security uncertainties and the need to ensure the security of the



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facility. Security industry standard practices (see AWWA Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities) clearly indicate that a vulnerability assessment is required for any use case changes for this site.

The City of Calgary operates a soccer field on top of an underground water storage basin at Glenmore Athletic Park as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2a, b - Underground Tank at Glenmore Athletic Park – Secured

Access to this soccer pitch is **only allowed based on bookings and the site is vacated and secured (locked) once the booking is over**. Additionally at this site the basin vent is secured within a brick structure which is further secured behind a chain link fence.

There is no equivalence to the type of access available at the Glenmore Athletic Park site to the unrestricted access currently provided at Richmond Green Park (with the exception of the current golf course). The current needs assessment does not consider what real access or use cases will be permitted on the remaining space once water resources are expanded. The argument brought forward to date only list additional acres and does not consider the utility of the remaining space. Discussions with city security staff have indicated that **the golf course area, as a minimum, will require security officer / warden oversight and securing and closure every evening**. This stands in direct contrast to what was stated by some councillors at the June 8 PFC presentation. In addition to operational staff costs **the requirement for additional security infrastructure including camera's, upgraded fencing, door alarms and alarm beacons were identified** as consideration by a responsible city security employee. **As a minimum, until such time as actual allowable space use cases are communicated to Calgarians as part of a consultation process, the consultation cannot be considered completed. Until the City identifies security directed CAPEX and OPEX costs this proposal has undefined budgetary shortfalls.** Additional operational security requirements regarding chlorine emissions around basin vents have also not been addressed.

The current proposal includes for a replacement mini ball diamond that is located on the side of a hill. Figure 3a shows a picture taken of the site from the location indicated in Figure 3b. There is an



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approximate 20 foot elevation change from where the back stop would be to the edge of the outfield. Figure 4 shows a retaining wall of the scale that will be required to construct a ball diamond at this site. **Construction of this proposed ball diamond will require a retaining wall that will cost on the order of \$500k. Is the city serious about building a non-standard ball diamond beside a BRT road for which an extremely expensive retaining wall will be required?**



Figure 3a – Propose Mini Ball Diamond Site



Figure 3b - Red arrow indicates photo location

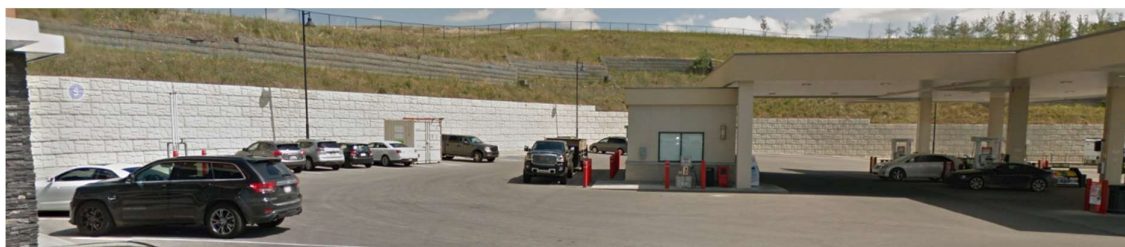


Figure 4 – Expected ball diamond retaining wall size. (Located at Aspen Landing Safeway)

In addition to the likely infeasibility and cost inefficiencies of such a ball diamond there are additional concerns regard the fact that no parking or access for this ball diamond is proposed? As it stands the parking lot is almost at capacity based on tennis court and lower ball diamond usage.

Until days before the June 8th PFC presentation the already approved but not yet built secondary access road to Currie Barracks (Quesnay Wood Drive) has been shown passing through the existing Richmond Green parking lot and Tot Park based on the need for an appropriate turning radius for a BRT route. This is shown in the proposal image provided in Figure 5a.

There is significant concern that what is currently being proposed for Quesnay Drive is not tenable. The CFB West Policy Area will be home to over 21,000 people once it is built out. Will the proposed traffic circle and left turn heading south facilitate the thousands of vehicles attempting to enter Currie via this route at rush hour? Will this cause traffic to back up onto Crowchild Trail? Can a double length BRT bus even navigate the tight turning radiuses now proposed? **If a traffic study does not support the latest Quesnay Drive proposal the needs assessment as communicated could be misleading** Calgarians about what facilities that will be remaining at the park.



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Figure 5a – Prior Quesnay Wood Drive



Figure 5b – Latest Quesnay Wood Drive

The OWC land is contaminated. Why are funds from the potential sale of the only remaining unencumbered portion of this region park being transferred to affect a cleanup on a roads depot? Do city departments not carry budgets to mitigate cleanups from their own practices? Should roads not be responsible for cleaning up this site before this land is handed over to Parks and or The Water Department?

Given the lack of community support, undefined security requirements and the associated effects on potential use case (including access hours), undefined security costs, cost inefficiency of the currently proposed mini ball diamond, concerns with how much land will be readily accessible to the public, consideration that Roads should mitigate their own land, and concerns around the current BRT route proposal, this Needs Assessment is incomplete. **The proposed land use amendment should be abandoned.** The city moving forward with selling off regional park space in an expeditious manner, with so many unanswered questions, at a site adjacent to an extremely large stalled development during a down turn raises concerns regarding the cities priorities and motivation.

Would the city not find more value for its dollar facilitating progress in the stalled adjacent Currie development instead of offering up more land for sale? The communities surrounding Richmond Green Park do not want the space developed. It is regional park space intended to offset the approved density in the CFB West Policy Area. Selling any of the space sets a dangerous precedent for all of our other regional parks. This has effectively already become an election issue and no rezoning should be consider until the citizens are allowed to speak through the election.

Sincerely and with kind regards,

Mark Yobb
RPCA Director at Large

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Last name (required)	Nikolakis
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Request to maintain Baseball Playing fields at Richmond Green location
Date of meeting	Jun 14, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Richmond Green has been a fantastic facility for my son and daughter's baseball experience this last year. Baseball Diamonds appear to be booked consistently on week-nights and weekends and are in great condition compared to other facilities in the SW. Access and location are optimal given its proximity to Crowchild and easy access from Richmond Road. Parking is better than most locations in the SW. Lastly, other locations are already booked to capacity during regular booking periods and closing this facility would force families to travel to less central locations, limiting both access to those who don't drive OR discouraging parents from signing up for a sport that now requires extra travel time. Please do keep all 3 baseball diamonds available going forward as this time.

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First name (required) Ann

Last name (required) Marsh

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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My family has lived in Richmond Park since 1982. Over the years we have gained much pleasure from the use of Richmond Green. I hate to see any of it given over to residential or retail development. The Park, with the exception of the golf course, which has been closed many times over the last few years, is well used. It is a rare day in the summer when the tennis courts and all three ball diamonds are not in use. The walking paths serve not only moms with stroller, families, dog walkers but seniors from the nearby facilities getting some exercise and fresh air. You talk of park expansion by adding the works area, but that was suggested years ago when talk of the road through the park was first proposed. Why not expand the park by adding that and not taking away for unneeded and I will guess widely unwanted residential and retail development. As Currie Barracks gets built up and Marda Loops gets higher density, we do not need another 5 acres of houses in Richmond Green! It will add nothing to improve our neighbourhoods, our traffic, or our lives.

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Last name (required)	Marsh
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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I would first like to thank those involved for providing some changes to the original plan for Richmond Green Park based on the negative feedback they have received from our communities. However this plan is highly insulting to those that proposed the City convert the OWC lands to park space in compensation of the CFB West development plan. The City's willingness to make such a substantial change over such a short period clearly demonstrates that this proposal can be changed again to better fit our communities.

First off the Future of Richmond Green public engagement page has failed to adequately provide real opportunities for the public to provide feedback on this development plan. The page failed to respond to public questions from the May 4th hearing in time for this meeting. It provided a survey with grammar mistakes and language biased in favour of development, as well as limited the public's ability to respond through small character limits. It failed to notify where the public could provide comments to the PFC meeting on June 8, 2021, and failed to provide a link for where the public could provide comments on this City council meeting. We are lucky that we have a strong community which has stepped up and tried to provide much of the City's missing information. As a member of the RKHC I am deeply concerned over the City's disregard for the quality of life of its citizens over the pursuit of quick profits as demonstrated by this proposed land use change. The City is asking every surrounding community to sacrifice 5 acres of fully utilized Regional Park in order to increase the City's tax base and to pay for an overly complicated redevelopment plan. These communities have already lost the green space of Currie Barracks to intense urban redevelopment, lost usable recre-

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ation space at Killarney Community Centre for an underutilized catchment basin, and face intense urban redevelopment with unfettered subdivision, high density developments in Marda Loop, and the future development of Viscount Bennet. Our communities have sacrificed enough green space. The City should have seriously considered converting the OWC to park land years ago and not ransom it off and demand we pay for it by destroying fully utilized Park space.

As a fair compromise I propose the City should sell the approximate 5 acres of OWC lands to the East of the proposed road. This compromise provides a lump capital injection for the City, a small proportion of which can be spent impro

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	The Needs Assessment application for Richmond Green Regional Park
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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I am in this park nearly everyday and looking west, know the great loss of the view of sky, sunset and open green space that the sale of the baseball diamonds to a land developer would be. This parcel of land represents a much needed experience of the natural world in a growing busy city. Words cannot access the deep need for solace of early morning walks and the energetic use by families during the day and evenings. I have attended town halls and read many documents and emails from city council but I do not understand/agree with the urgency of the sale of this particular parcel of land (other than it would be an easy and profitable sale). I support the move to provide affordable housing for a growing population....AND I strongly believe that the city needs to do the more ethical work of getting ready other bit of land or unused property for possible sale and development for housing. (The OWC land nearby and/or the old Viscount Bennett Centre for example). Just to be clear, I am NOT IN FAVOUR of the sale and development of the Richmond Green Regional Park.

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First name (required) James

Last name (required) Nieuwenhuis

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Needs Assessment application for Richmond Green Regional Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I am writing to express my strong disagreement to the current proposal to sell for development the western 6 acres of the Richmond Green Park. This park has been an important part of a number of communities surrounding the park for several generations, a hub for recreation and social gatherings and a key part to the quality of life in these neighborhoods. The western end of the park with it's open spaces IS the heart of the park that helps to counter the density of recent developments in Currie Barracks. It is spacious and serene and beautiful, when it isn't alive with families and kids playing baseball. If this special portion is lost to commercial and residential development, it can never be regained. The argument has been made that the park will actually be expanded, but I am less interested in expanding the size (it is big enough), and more interested in preserving the west end of the park as it is. I highly value having an unobstructed view from the east, of the neighborhoods to the west, and the urban forested canopy of those neighborhoods, and the setting sun in the west. That horizontal view would be lost behind tall buildings erected on land sold off to developers who will benefit financially from profit-generating views, views that belong to the community. I do not support the sale and development of that western portion of Richmond Green Park. Let the developers have the OWC land with it's beautiful view of the trees in the golf course. I strongly, strongly, strongly oppose this proposal!!!

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First name (required) Richard

Last name (required) Marsh

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Sale of Richmond Park Green Lands

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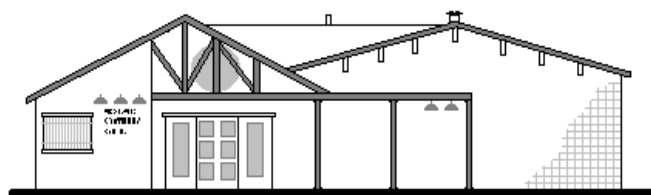
There are three main evils to this proposal;

- BAD PROCESS - this proposal has been present as a take it or take it scheme. Citizens were never engaged with a range of proposals, one of which may have been the sale of green space. There was never a chance to consider other options to re-vitalize the golf course area WITHOUT selling precious green space.

- GREED - this proposal is about gainging extra funding for the City, masquerading as a Richmond Green 'improvement'. 100% of the proceeds of the sale of the green space will not go towards Richmond Green. Neither will 100% of the annual tax revenue go towards improving or maintaining Richmond Green.

- COMMON SENSE - this proposal SELLS GREEN SPACE. Just sit back and let that sink in. Really? Are you outta your blooming minds?

STOP THIS INSANE PROPOSAL!!



Westgate Community Association 4943 8th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T3C2V8

14th June 2021

City of Calgary

Re: RICHMOND GREEN REGIONAL PARK

Mayor & Councillors

Needs Assessment for Richmond Green Regional Park. The sale of this City recreation area should not proceed. Claiming the Base Ball diamonds have very limited use is not reason enough to sell. Repurpose the area for use as Soccer Fields, a new large playground and picnic location complete with fire pits or a myriad of other public uses.

Concerns are many:

- a) Existing Roads Depot requires environmental remediation to be transformed into playing fields. Proposed funds from the sale of Richmond Green lands are to be used to remediate this space then construct limited replacement Base Ball diamonds? The closure of Golf Course has reduced available recreation space in the area.
- b) Location is the water catchment area for Currie as noted in the Neighbourhood Land Use Plan. Planned expansion of the water catchment areas, eliminates available green space.
- c) Richmond Green Regional Park is designated S-R a Special Purpose Recreation District, do not destroy this location.
- d) Proposed BRT Road will create additional traffic concerns.
- e) Increased development significantly increases traffic and pedestrian safety. With less available recreation locations.

Inner-City Communities, are expected to accept increased density, retaining existing parks and green space is priority. Potentially 21,300 new residents living in apartment style hi-rise homes having no backyard, the upgrading of Richmond Green Regional Park is a necessity. The sale of lands results to a loss of approximately 63 acres of park space per population increase.

We ask City Council to reconsider this precedent setting proposal and cancel the planned sale of Richmond Green Regional Park. What Park is next if this were to be accomplished? Would it be Nose Hill, Edworthy or any of the other City parks?

For and on behalf of Westgate Community Association.

Pat Guillemaud, Director, Chair, Civic Affairs Committee

Westgate Community Association.

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First name (required)	Rose
Last name (required)	Hsuean
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Do not take away our baseball diamonds and the green space
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I as long time community member who's living in the Rutland Park community for more than 25 years, is strongly against the sell off of our green space including the Baseball diamonds !! We need our green space!!!

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Last name (required)	Sarohia
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment (PFC2021-0834 / LOC2021 – 0034)
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	By way of introduction, my name is Gary Sarohia and I am the Director of Planning for the Richmond Knob Hill Community Association. The Richmond Knob Hill Community Association is opposed to the needs assessment completed by the city as it still leaves way too much uncertainty for our citizens. There are no guarantees other than sale of land, reclamation of contaminated land and 1 baseball diamond. This position is inline with our opposition to the land use amendment that was proposed. If you have any questions or concerns please call me or email me. 403-860-5233 or ; developmenttrkhca@gmail.com

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First name (required) Craig

Last name (required) Marceau

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Thank you for taking the time to read my submission

Date of meeting

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I have worked on Truth and Reconciliation (not just reading land acknowledgments) so I feel this is important to share this wisdom from former Chief of Tsuu Tina Nation Lee Crowchild he wisely said, "Remember Making Wolf is just about truth. You either continue to fight or find peace in the resolution. That's what the wolf teaches us"

So with that said thank you for the time to read my submission
Since Evan has said the Richmond Green redevelopment has been his proposal, I would like to share I have worked on initiatives with Evan at a community level, I have no grudge against Evan he has come to our community events, I am not here to fight, I am here to share what I have experienced and I will find the peace that I said the Truth from my perspective as an individual.

I feel Evan Woolley has been using pressure sales tactics to 'fear monger' all public engagement to push forward on redeveloping the baseball diamonds using broad sweeping statements that this may be the only way to pay for this in the short term it may be 10, 20 even 30 years or more to find the money to complete the remainder of the proposed Richmond green.

He is not going to be on council to look for said funds, he does not know what grants might be available to make such erroneous misleading statements...
Evan seems very defensive to say there is nothing in this for him, he said this on many

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occasions to me it feels like a pressure sales of his personal motivations.

I also feel Evan may have a personal animosity against a specific volunteer that has pushed back on this initiative in close proximity to the proposed development site seemingly as "a kick on the way out the door" and he has taken to character disparity to sway others that might stand behind this individual.

There has been information provided by our City that has changed their response to the public, Councilors, and Mayor yet Evan is quick to call foul if the CAs he accuses does the same practice of updating information as it comes in. He has come out making veiled threats of talking to the City legal council this seemed to be against those he feels are responsible, this is not the proper way to engage the public in my honest and personal opinion.

I am just disappointed this is how he would like to be remembered.

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First name (required) Jen

Last name (required) Andshea

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

Date of meeting Jun 14, 2021

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Richmond / Marda Loop / Currie has been a target for additional density by this council. I recognize the pros and cons to development and am in favour of smart choices. This is not one of them. Removing a very well used and well loved open park space in an area where MANY more residential units are coming on in the coming months/years is completely at odds with what this council has laid out with respect to supporting park spaces, and greening the city (this would remove many mature trees - no plan to replant) and overall objectives. Should this go through it would represent a terrible precedent in terms of what developers can do to our parks spaces. The entire deal with this space has been frankly shady since the start. Why was the community not aware on Day 1? There is no clear benefit to the community with this. NONE. You keep referring to "you get more space now" when in fact, there is no plan nor (more importantly) funding in place to mitigate the yard space, the road through the park (BRT) will further reduce access / open space, and 6 months into this no one can answer if the golf course / disc golf, needs to be fenced? This pandemic shows that we need MORE open, accessible space, not less. We need more trees, not less. Demand for small, crammed houses/ condos on a busy street is not high. AND you have not addressed the traffic on 33rd Ave (backs up from 20th street past Sarcee Rd already). Honesty, go back and reopen the golf course in a way it will make money for the city (have you seen the demand for golf in the last year), and take this plan and shred it. The only group this benefits is the developers, not residents, or park users.

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Last name (required)	Pickering
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 14, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>This entire process with this land parcel, from start to finish, has felt rushed, uncoordinated, and frankly dishonest with how it has proceeded. I am shocked at the way this "new" park is being portrayed - there seems to be an emphasis on getting extra acres - of a parking lot? A lot with no funds to turn it into a green space (nor even a base estimate, nor firm commitment / timeline, nor proper zoning?) This "extra space" is listed as residential in the Currie plan - I can easily see a bait and switch with what taxpayers are promised vs. what we will get in the end.</p> <p>This park is a gathering space for children to play, toboggan, ski, and be active -this is more important than ever now. There are some improvements that could be made certainly, but with all the extra density added to Marda Loop down the street can you not use that extra revenue to put towards it?! Inner city pays by far the most tax and yet is constantly shortchanged. Do not take this space away. There is an eyesore strip mall across the street that could be used for redevelopment if this location is so prime. What about the Bow Valley college land if density is the goal? I do not understand why this wonderful open space was targeted - there are few spaces like it in the area. This was counted in the Currie plan as open green space and there is supposed to be 10,000 more residents coming in the next few year.</p> <p>Please do not approve this change. This space is much needed and well used. The plan makes no sense as is and there are too many "what ifs" and "future promises"</p>

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First name (required) Nichole

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What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Hello,
I have been told that this is not a hearing we can speak at so I have attached my comments. Thanks

Key Points:

*“Public assets have a value and The City has a responsibility to recognize this value and **protect** these assets.” – The City of Calgary (2016)*

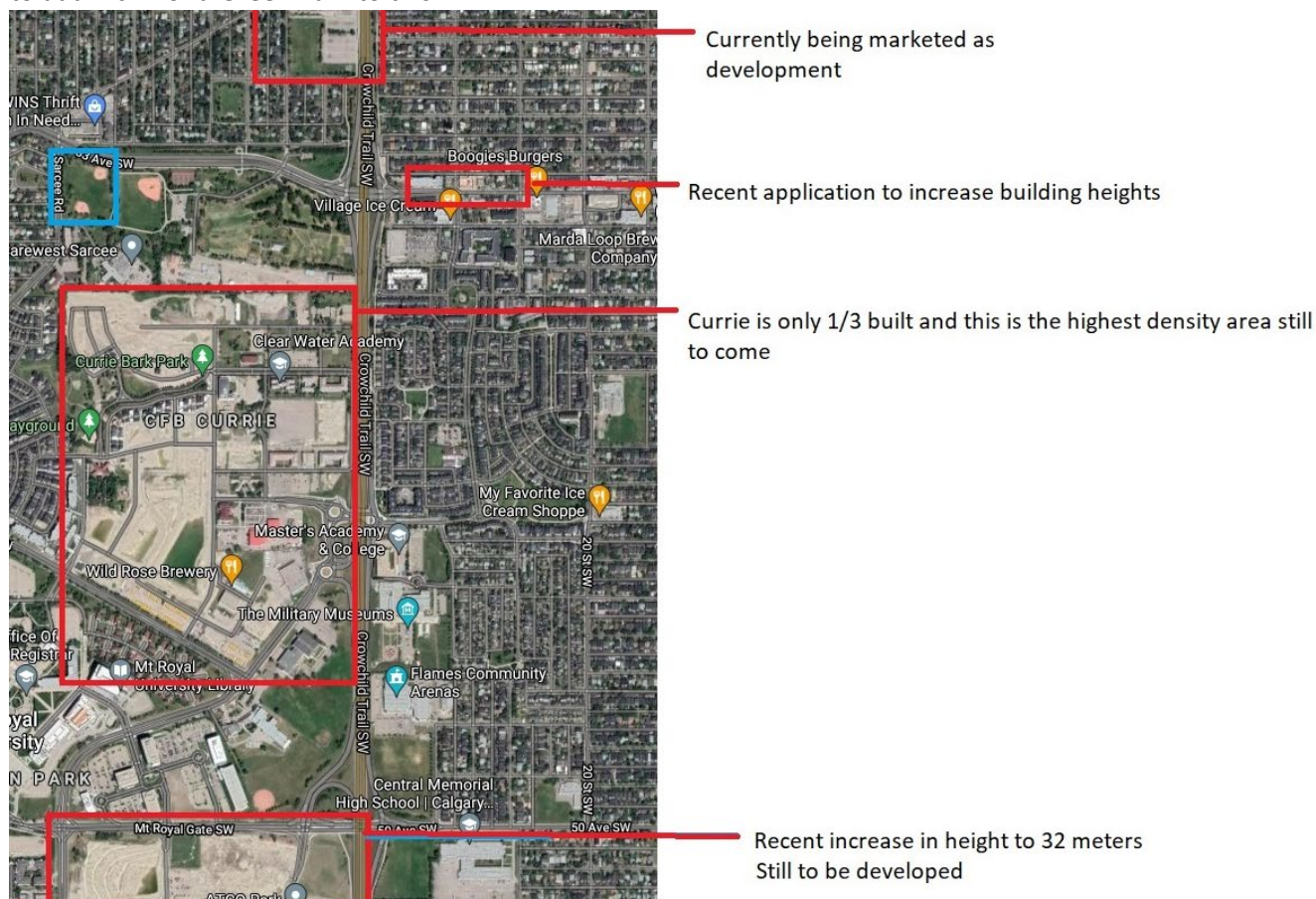
- Loss of 10% of S-R space
- Loss of recreation amenities. The location proposed to replace a single ball diamond is completely inappropriate (slope/road).
- OWC “land swap” is a swapping ROS (recreational open space as defined in the MDP) for a gain of AOS (alternative open space) and a roadway, not public, usable, recreational open space. It is not a good trade.
- The area is missing its open space targets in general (2.0 ha/1000 people)
- Needs Assessment is missing a week of the public comment period.
- Goes against at least a dozen city policies, goals, and strategies (Notably, the statutory MDP)
- Surrounding land intensity is approved, massive and as yet unfinished, and will fulfill the goals stated of tax uplift and density **without** the sale of this park. No need to sell Richmond Green Park.
- Loss of mature tree canopy – a completely unaddressed concern.
- Community opposition, and a strong desire to see this remain recreation space.
- MANY many many, unanswered questions, 620 Questions received during the open house, have yet to be responded to.
- **Huge rush to get this approved. Why?**

1. Issues with the Needs assessment

- There are **almost no improvements** actually being shown/proposed in the needs assessment, and certainly not on the scale that would necessitate selling 5 acres of the park.
- The public engagement on the needs assessment ignores 5 days of engagement (survey closed May 30, data only until May 25 included).
- The Needs Assessment was turned around in less than a week. Is that a fulsome, thorough consideration of the issues?
- Why was the TIA was not made public or discussed? References traffic problems and issues which have not been discussed in the open house/public forum at all. *A Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) was submitted in support of the subject application. The TIA identified improvements at the intersection of Sarcee Road SW and 33 Avenue SW that will be investigated further through the detailed design phase including additional queuing space for the northbound right turning movement and upgrades to the pedestrian crossing of that movement.* <https://pub-calgary.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=167430>
- MU-1 zoning remains inappropriate, and excessively high when it is already perched a story above the surrounding area.

2. Tax Uplift in surrounding areas/already short Open space

We need Tax Uplift? Look here: These surrounding areas are YET to be built! We do NOT need to add Richmond Green Park to this



There is plenty of tax uplift to come if the city would just be patient.
The area is under intense building and density pressure and over the past 20 years has provided Garrison Woods, Garrison Green and Currie Barracks and 33rd Ave Main Streets Revdevelopment.

The area is missing open space. We are NOT meeting the goal of 2.0 hectares/1000. This contravenes the MDP Policy to "***Ensure sufficient community open space in Inner City and Established Areas using 2.0 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents. Calculations should be applied to logical community clusters where parks and recreation amenities are accessible and shared between communities.***"

In addition, we are at immediate risk of losing the following community open spaces, or already have in the immediate neighbourhoods!

- Loss of Kind Edward Fields (lost, no open space remains on that site)
- Loss of Viscount Bennet fields (currently marketed as multi family and for sale)
- Loss of William Reid fields, school was just informed of upcoming land sale.

3. Rushed Engagement/Community Opposition

- Administration received 314 letters of opposition and 16 letters of support from the public.
<https://pub-calgary.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=167430>
- Petition of over 2000 signatures to oppose this.
- All 4 surrounding community associations were opposed.
- 620 Questions received during the open house, have yet to be responded to.
- The City can turn around an entire needs assessment in 6 business days (May 25 to June 3 emailed documents) but over 6 weeks has passed and no answers to the outstanding 620 questions?
- Original timelines were Q3 or Q4, as shown in the May 4th open house slides (not that long ago) now has been bumped up 2 quarters/ 6 months for no reason.
- Recall the closure of Richmond Green, council took it upon themselves to close it prematurely, ahead of all of this assessment work and the golf sustainability report, and as a result the city missed out on arguably the busiest and most profitable time for golf in a long time.
- I personally asked many questions to the “dedicated email”, and I got ONE response which was, go and answer the survey.

4. History – why was there no discussion of the site history? Why did Heritage Calgary not provide input on the land use assessment? 60 years of little league history, being destroyed by this council.



5. SO. MANY. Questions still outstanding.

- Where is CWLL playing in 2022 with the loss of their home diamonds?
- When will the proposed new diamond be “play ready?” if ever? There is NO guarantee this can, or ever will, be built.

- Do the water reservoirs (i.e the golf course area) need to be permanently fenced? If the reservoirs expand into the OWC will that expand the fenced off area? You cannot call something open space without detailing the extent of the fencing/public accessibility.
- Disc golf – is this truly interim? **How long will it occupy the golf course?**
- The city's own FAQs for Richmond Green above should be enough to deter the removal of 5 acres from the park. **The review and use of the remaining land has not been clearly defined and is far from a guarantee.** Residents should not and cannot be assuaged by promises of new, better, more amenities that are using language such as, "too soon to say", "until such a time", "exploring temporarily" "interim", "IF".

Why does the city create and commission the following plans, goals, policies and strategies **only to completely disregard them?** Are these only lip service?

2020 MDP:

<i>"Protect the basic social and environmental functions of City parks and public open space and prevent parkland conversion to other uses." – MDP, 2020 (2.3.4 (f))</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>"The City is committed to protecting the value and quality of these assets and will strive to sustain them while ensuring they remain accessible for the enjoyment and outdoor pursuits of all." (2.3.4 Page 43 of the MDP)</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>"Minimize the amount of land that is taken from undeveloped areas and placed in permanent use for residential, commercial, industrial, transportation or utility corridors." (2.6.2 Page 64 of the MDP)</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>(e)"Protect and promote large scale landscaped and open-space areas, that define neighborhoods and local topography and enhance Calgary's river valley park system." (MDP, on page 44, Section 2.3.4, Policy (e))</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>Stormwater Management Policy 2.6.3 (m) "increase the amount of pervious surface by minimizing development on undisturbed open space:</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>Land Policy 2.6.2 (h) "Protect and expand the integrated open space network to support community wellbeing and for ecological connectivity."</i>	This application is in direct conflict.
<i>Land Policy 2.6.2 (j). Include parks and natural assets as part of Calgary ' s heritage, natural history and identity.</i>	This application is in direct conflict.

Policy Name or Reference	Relevant Section	Reference
<u>ImagineParks-30 Year Vision for Parks :</u> CPS2015-0259	<i>Vision:</i> <i>Calgary's parks and open space are cherished places that connect us to nature, our heritage and one another.</i> <i>Mission:</i> <i>We enable, contribute and sustain dynamic communities through great parks and open space.</i>	https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/imagineparks.html
	<i>Intended Outcomes:</i> <i>Conserving</i> the natural environment results in personal, social, economic and environmental benefits. <i>Parks, open space and biodiversity are recognized as critical to quality of life as Calgary develops.</i> <i>Accessible, connected, healthy, diverse, beautiful and vibrant places define Calgary's parks and open space</i>	
	<i>Goal 2.1 Natural Environment Conservation</i> <i>Calgary's natural environment is conserved through stewardship, planning and management</i>	
Long Range Urban Sustainability Plan Social System Goal 1	<i>Strategy 5: Create and protect</i> developed and uncultivated natural areas to <i>ensure we can enjoy these areas now and in the future</i>	Imagine Calgary 2007: https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/office-of-sustainability/imaginecalgary.html
Plan it: Sustainability Principles for Land Use & Mobility LPT2006-121	<i>Principle 5: Preserve open space,</i> agricultural land, natural beauty and critical environmental areas.	https://www.calgary.ca/content/dam/www/pda/pd/documents/municipal-development-plan/plan-it-sustainability-principles.pdf
Open Space Plan:	<i>Open Space Plan:</i> <i>This document is the overarching policy for Parks and sets out guidelines for acquisition and management of our parks, natural environments and urban forest through appropriate planning, design, management and education. The Plan outlines The City's intention to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provide and maintain</i> the integrity of a high-quality and diverse park and open space system. <i>Protect and enhance</i> the urban forest and natural environment areas. <i>Provide environmental stewardship, education, programs and services.</i> 	https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/planning-and-operations/parks-planning.html

	<p>22. Stewardship of open space lands should be a joint responsibility, to be shared by Parks, other City departments, school boards, other levels of government, adjacent municipalities, non-government organizations, the public and the private sector.</p> <p><u>a. Calgary's open space and facilities resources should be protected by encouraging preventative, rather than mitigative, approaches in planning, design, and operations;</u></p> <p>Redevelopment of Calgary's inner city suburbs has resulted in significant changes in land use, population density and demographic characteristics. <u>The following issues need to be addressed in the inner city:</u> • <u>The inner city has less open space land than newer areas</u></p> <p><u>If not classified as Environmental Reserve can be developable land, is a major factor in ensuring that Calgary remains an attractive livable community. The recreational value of natural areas is both well documented and visually apparent as Calgarians enjoy walking, sitting, cross-country skiing, bird and nature watching and other active and passive activities in the city's environmental open space. Conserving future environmental open space, therefore, is one of the key elements in making "Calgary—The Best Place to Live!" (CBP).</u></p> <p>Page 39</p> <p>3. A commitment to the conservation of environmental open space should be demonstrated through the following activities: • <u>long-term management of "developed" open space for long-term viability</u></p>	
Administrative Report to the Calgary Planning Commission with regards to the CFB West Master Plan	The current Community Association services <i>as well as the lack of recreation services in the immediate area are of concern</i> and should be further studied by Administration and Council to ensure that services are provided or augmented in these infill areas	Quoted by Rutland Park Community Association
Sport for Life Policy CP2018-03	<p>5.1.1 The City will coordinate with Partners to: <u>iii. activate Open Spaces</u>, in support of Calgary's Play Charter.</p> <p>5.2.1 The City will <u>develop and enhance Recreation</u> infrastructure to support the delivery of Introduction to Sport and Recreational Sport</p>	https://www.calgary.ca/content/dam/www/ca/city-clerks/documents/council-policy-library/cp2018-03-proposed-sport-for-life-policy.pdf
Sports Field Strategy	<u>Management of Public Assets Principle: Public assets have a value and The City has a responsibility to recognize this value and protect these assets</u>	https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/planning-and-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">97% of survey participants said that <u>Ensuring Sports Fields are Sustained in Established Communities was Very Important (77%) or somewhat important (20%)</u>ensure that existing sport field assets can be sustained	operations/sport-fields.html																				
Parks Mandate/Council Direction	Council direction: <i>Council has directed us to make parks and green spaces a priority, and proactively seek to increase green space in neighbourhoods</i>	https://www.calgary.ca/ca/city-manager/about-us/our_services/service-parks-and-open-spaces.html																				
Guidebook to Great Communities Myths and Facts	Myth: The Guidebook will decrease green spaces and natural areas. Fact: The Guidebook ensures that, as our communities grow and change, there are best-practice amenity and landscaping policies to keep our communities beautiful and vibrant, and to ensure that there are places for people to gather, socialize, play and relax.	https://www.calgary.ca/ca/city-manager/our-finance/financial-facts/GuidebookMyths.html																				
Climate Resilience Plan (2018)	Program: <u>Conserve and manage green spaces</u> and natural areas to support climate change mitigation. Protecting and maximizing the use of these natural assets can also offset costly investments in new hard infrastructure by absorbing emissions and providing additional benefits that reduce energy consumption within Calgary. Given that more frequent and severe summer storms are a high risk for Calgary, innovative solutions to manage stormwater volumes and to incorporate natural infrastructure will be required.	https://www.calgary.ca/uep/esm/energy-savings/climate-change.html																				
Next 20 Core indicators: https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/future-planning.html	<p>Calgary is failing on its goal to decrease impervious surfaces. Has increased from 33% in 1998 to 44% in the current 2019 update. That is far from the goal of 10-20%. This amendment would increase the impervious surfaces.</p> <p>Urban Tree Canopy has only increased by 1.25% over 10 years, and is far from the goal of 14-20%. This proposal will remove additional mature, urban tree canopy</p> <table><tr><th colspan="5">of Urban and Neighbourhood Corridors</th></tr><tr><td>Watershed Health</td><td>Per cent of impervious surface</td><td>33% (1998)</td><td>44%</td><td>10% - 20%</td></tr><tr><td>Urban forest</td><td>Per cent of tree canopy</td><td>7% (1998)</td><td>8.25%</td><td>14% - 20%</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Per cent of land area with densities</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	of Urban and Neighbourhood Corridors					Watershed Health	Per cent of impervious surface	33% (1998)	44%	10% - 20%	Urban forest	Per cent of tree canopy	7% (1998)	8.25%	14% - 20%		Per cent of land area with densities				
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From: [d a](#)
To: [Public Submissions](#)
Subject: [EXT] Proposed Sale of Upper Baseball Diamonds in Richmond Green Regional Park
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:46:02 AM

I am OPPOSED to the sale of the upper baseball diamonds and the redesignation of the land use therein. The surrounding communities are being asked to give up park space for added density and will not receive anything in return as park space, therefore an overall net loss of park space that has already been approved to offset the density of Currie set at 21,300. The selling of this park space within a regional park sets a dangerous precedent for other regional parks in Calgary. This space is heavily used and also belongs to all Calgarians. In addition, the funds would be used to remediate the OWC land that is contaminated and the cost of this should be covered by the Roads department budget and not through the sale of the baseball diamonds. The land use designation would allow for commercial development that is not appropriate for the size and location of Sarcee Road SW.

Daniel Zilka

From: [Benedikt Bouché](#)
To: [Public Submissions](#)
Subject: [EXT] Proposed sale of Richmond Green Park
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:50:44 AM

Please include this submission to council for the June 21, 2021 meeting on Richmond Green Park .

- 1) The proposal is to sell off this well used regional park space as a swap for poor quality park space along Crowchild Trail; this would still be a net loss of public land.
- 2) Water Resources has a priority interest in almost all of the park space, with the exception of the upper baseball diamonds; future fencing could further reduce accessible park space.
- 3) The upper baseball diamonds would be the only sizeable unencumbered park space that could be continuously accessed/remain open even when reservoir expansion occurs.

Benedikt Bouché

From: [Mark Schipper](#)
To: [Public Submissions](#)
Subject: [EXT] redevelopment project proposed for Richmond Green Regional Park.
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 4:06:09 PM

Hello,

I was unable to submit my comments for the proposed redevelopment of Richmond Green Regional Park to be discussed next Monday June 21st with City Council. Please forward my comments such that they are recorded and reported through established communication channels.

I am opposed to the redevelopment project proposed for Richmond Green Regional Park.

I am concerned that City Council is not receiving transparent information from the community. In a recent survey, 90% of the community is opposed to this redevelopment project. We do not want densification in our community. There are multiple densification projects in the area that have not yet been completed, some haven't even been started.

There is a lack of transparency in this process. Not all of the information is forthcoming. Not all of the information is known. It feels like the Councillor for the ward is trying to push an unwanted project through before the next election but no one knows why there is such an urgency for this project. This is an unwanted project. The information being disclosed to the community is incomplete and in cases has turned out to be false, incorrect, inaccurate or simply unknown. The question as to why this project surfaced when it did needs to be addressed. At the very least, this project should not proceed in any way without full disclosure and all unknowns and knowns communicated clearly with the community members of Rutland Park.

Redeveloping this park to increase the densification of Rutland Park community sets a precedent for all regional parks in Calgary. I wonder what densification would look like in Bowness park or Nose Hill park? I don't think those community members would be in favour of that.

The impact of this redevelopment project on the surrounding communities will have a negative impact on our quality of life. Visually, this project will look disgusting. It doesn't matter how pretty the diagrams are the developer will construct in such a way as to maximise their profits at the community's expense. We are losing green space at a time when research indicates the importance of green space to the mental health of urban dwellers. There will be an increase in noise from increased vehicular traffic at a time when research indicates the importance of creating urban zones that restrict automobiles. The increase in population will increase congestion on the streets specifically at the intersection of 33rd Avenue and Sarcee

Road. This list could go on and hopefully other community members will elaborate.

Thank you,
Mark

Richmond Green Park PFC2021-0834 June 8, 2021

Summary June 13, 2021

After all is said and done, what does the community get:

Loss of 5.5 acres Loss of 1 ball diamond (net) High density development instead

Up to \$500,000 for upgrades to the park- likely to be \$0

Golf course that has been closed for 2 years and remains unused

This is after potential sale proceeds of \$10M and expenditures of \$10M

A. Land Use redesignation and sale of 5.5 acres- recommendations to council:

2. "Approve the cost of sale items contained in the Needs Assessment (Attachment 2) and approve an increase of \$7.429 million in 2022 in the capital budget in the Golf Course Redevelopment Budget ID A403784, funded by the sale proceeds from the approximately 5.5 acres land disposition at Richmond Green. In addition, Council direct the balance of sale proceeds shown in Confidential Attachment 3 to Calgary Recreation (Golf); and

3. Direct that Attachment 3 remain confidential pursuant to Section 25 "

Amendment Item

"Approve a new recommendation #12 in Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 that states: Any proceeds from a land sale at Richmond Green are to fund improvements to Richmond Green Park including the development of a new Master Plan and the construction of it. This will include but not be limited to the replacement of the lost ball diamonds from Parcel 'A' and remediation and redevelopment costs for the Operations Workplace Centre (OWC);

Approve an increase of \$7.429 million in 2022 in RE&DS capital budget ID A403784 to be funded from the Real Estate Services Reserve for this work;" Isn't this the Golf Course Redevelopment Budget

All funds from the sale of this land are going to City Golf?

What is the total expected sale price?

Why are the details for this project confidential- Item 3?

B. Development Cost estimates for the project are: \$9.451 million (Attachment 2).

Funds for OWC land remediation- \$5.7 million

Fees , transfer costs, etc. \$2.6 million

One replacement ball diamond \$0.7 million

Park Upgrades-possible funds available up to \$0.5 million

Total \$9.5 million

"Upgrades to future open space amenities Up to \$500,000 Funding for tot lot improvements and offsite baseball diamond improvements"

There is already a tot lot in the park that is well used.

Out of expenditures of nearly \$10 million only up to \$0.5 million (likely to be \$0) is earmarked for park upgrades.

Note: Quotations are from PCF2021-0834 Richmond Green Needs Assessment, Attachment 2 and Minutes and amendments of June 8.

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First name (required) Gayle

Last name (required) Fields

What do you want to do?
(required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required -
max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment to Council June 21

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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I am OPPOSED to the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green. Roads contaminated the OWC land, so their budget needs to clean it up. There are no real upgrades planned for the park, and money will be used to upgrade diamonds in other communities.

The baseball diamonds should NOT be sold! They are very well used regional park space. RE&DS has indicated they are underutilized, and this is NOT the case. There are still unanswered questions around fencing and security for the reservoirs, and if the expansion is on the lower ball diamond, it could be gated access as well. The only land that is guaranteed NOT to be fenced is the ball diamonds and you are trying to sell them off! For shame!

33 Ave SW is already a nightmare. Adding density to the corner of Sarcee Road and 33 Ave SW would make it even worse, especially for those who live on Hampton Cres! For shame!

You are taking away space that has been set aside for Currie pathways to connect to. The development is not even finished yet and you are selling off the park space. Leave the ball diamonds alone!

I am OPPOSED to this Needs Assessment!



Gayle Fields

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First name (required) Richmond Knob Hill Community Association

Last name (required) Gary Sarohia Director of Development and Planning

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Needs Assessment (PFC2021-0834 / LOC2021 – 0034)

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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The Richmond Knob Hill Development Committee ("RKHDC") has reviewed the needs assessment performed and noted that it leaves too many uncertainties for it to be acceptable. There are not enough guarantees when it comes to betterment of the actual park. There is a focus on selling a park to reclaim polluted land which is unacceptable. The opposition to the needs assessment is in line with our opposition to the Richmond Green Land Use amendment.

Public Submission to City Clerks – City of Calgary

City Council Meeting June 21, 2021

Item: Richmond Green Needs Assessment Report and Land Use Change

I have been a homeowner of in the community of Rutland Park for nearly 32 years. I support the conclusions of the Needs Assessment Report (PFC2021-0834) as amended at the Priorities and Finance Committee of June 8, concerning the future of Richmond Green. I also strongly support the concurrent re-zoning and potential sale of the 5-acre NW parcel, if proceeds from a land sale at Richmond Green are designated for the funding of improvements to Richmond Green Park including the development of a new Master Plan and the construction of it. This should include the remediation and redevelopment costs for the Operations Workplace Centre (OWC) and the closed Richmond Green Golf course.

I believe that the open space comprising Richmond Green Park as it stands today is largely unusable, unused, unwelcoming, unfit and simply just there. This has been made particularly acute by the defunct OWC and closed golf course which has become derelict and an eyesore without maintenance. I believe that the entire space of Richmond Green Park deserves a re-design and a re-imagineering so that residents of surrounding communities have a multi-purpose green space that is accessible, welcoming, walkable/bikeable/skiable/"your-favourite-activity-hereable", open to all and well used in all of Calgary's seasons. There is potential to make the green space a place where residents **want** to be for any number of purposes instead of just driving by along Sarcee Road and Richmond Road, or getting stuck in the tiny hole that contains the tot park and the tennis courts. I believe in multi-purpose green space park areas and would argue that the small baseball diamonds represent a sterilization of open and accessible green space. The use of these diamonds is extremely seasonal and the space they consume and the way they are designed inhibit any other uses of the green space. I entirely support the land use application to change the zoning of the parcel containing the two small ball diamonds and the eventual sale of the parcel. The parcel is bounded on three sides by existing roads and infrastructure and is well-serviced by transit. I believe in densification in older communities and that this 5-acre parcel represents an excellent opportunity to do that by zoning for a multi-family development appropriate to the nature of the surrounding communities. I would consider it imperative that the funds generated from the sale of the parcel NOT go into general revenue but be used to begin the remediation and re-design of the remaining open space.

I believe that the closure of the Richmond Green Golf course has resulted in what should be viewed as an opportunity to create a great public space in the Richmond Green area. I look to members of our City Council to approve the Needs Assessment Report and the concurrent re-zoning and sale of the 5-acre parcel.

Lori L Forte

Email: llforte@shaw.ca

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First name (required) Robert

Last name (required) Ross

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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Dear City of Calgary, I respectfully and fully oppose the sale of any portion of the Richmond Green Regional Park to any real estate developer. I am concerned by the constant reduction of City of Calgary Parks Dept. budget over the years and now the actual sale of Park land. To sell Park lands will reduce the future quality of life for Calgarians in countless ways. This is a short-sighted act. It is notable that the City of Calgary is proposing to sell Park land at the very time the world is experiencing a viral pandemic. The Covid 19 virus is rapidly mutating into a more contagious virus and outdoor Parks such as Richmond Green Park are one of the few safe places the public can go for both mental and physical health. Richmond Green Park is an important and vital part of maintaining good public health for Calgarians. Public use of Richmond Green Park will only increase markedly in the future as real estate developers will already greatly increase population density through multi floor buildings in multiple directions from the Park. Please do not sell the future health, welfare and happiness of thousands of Calgarians. Thank you. Robert Ross

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First name (required)	Robin
Last name (required)	McLeod
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	PFC 2021-0834 Re Needs Assesement Richmond Green Park (LOC2021-0043)
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
	<p>RE: PFC 2021- 0834 Needs Assessment Richmond Green</p> <p>It is indeed curious why the west end of Richmond Green, a regional park under the City of Calgary Parks classification system, would ever be considered for sale and development.</p> <p>The rationale that a real estate deal will put Richmond Green at the top of the capital list for upgrades pales in comparison to losing the valuable attributes of inner city green space in an area undergoing significant densification. Buildout of Currie Barracks, when it is completed, will only add to the deficit of green space in the area.</p> <p>It appears from the PFC 2021-0834 Needs Assessment that Water Services has the highest need with 2 underground reservoirs currently and designated lands for future requirements including the rest of the park less the Little League baseball diamonds. The area of the decommissioned golf course is fenced and it is understood if there is to be further expansion of water services these lands would also be fenced for security and protection of infrastructure.</p> <p>Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)</p> <p>Current and future water service instructure severely limits the type of development that can occur on these lands. As nice as concept drawings are, capturing one's imagination with beautiful ponds, fountains, etc, it would be folly to invest millions of dollars only to rip it up for future water service expansion. Furthermore, where would these elaborate capital upgrades take place when development is so restricted by under-</p>

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ground water infrastructure?

In reality there are but 2 needs with which the City has to make decisions and possibly fund - the future use of the decommissioned golf course of which development is restricted by underground water reservoirs and the remediation of the brownfield Operations Workplace Centre, of which development is also restricted by future water service expansion. Brownfield remediation depending on contamination levels can be very costly. Is this why the City is interested in selling green space - to clean up a contaminated City site?

It will be a sorry loss if 5 acres of Richmond Green is sold to a developer for all citizens of Calgary. It sets a dangerous precedent waving dollars at citizens for the promise of moving up Calgary's capital projects list. Which park is next? And in reality what improvements does Richmond Green really need? Long may Richmond Green lay intact.



800 34th Ave S.W.
Calgary, AB, T2S 0X4

June 13, 2021

To: Mayor, Councilors, City Clerk

**Re: June 21 Council Meeting – Needs assessment application for
Richmond Green Regional Park**

Dear Mayor and Council:

As the Development Director of the Elbow Park Residents Association, I would like to express our opposition to the land use redesignation/sale process of the 5 acres of Richmond Green regional park.

It has been brought to our attention that 2 well used baseball diamonds on the corner of 33 Ave and Sarcee Road are being considered for sale, to be developed for mixed use commercial and residential use.

- **The sales proceeds from this land will predominantly be used to remediate the contaminated Roads Depot Land (OWC) and build 1 new substandard baseball diamond, when 2 have been lost. Some money will go into other communities to upgrade their ball diamonds. NO other upgrades are anticipated out of an almost \$10 million project!**
- **Almost all of the remaining land in the regional park has been allocated for water reservoir expansion.** This means there is complete uncertainty around fencing and use for the space once the expansion is completed. **The baseball diamonds are the ONLY significant chunk of land that is unencumbered and that could remain true open space!**
- **This regional park is intended to offset the approved population of 21300 people who will reside in the CFB West Policy Area. At final build, the policy area will be SHORT 65 acres of open space**

relative to the population! This park space is the only space with the potential to offset that deficit.

- We can NOT allow developers to take away our parks to build high density projects in our neighbourhoods. This is not good planning and in our view goes against some of the principles of the MDP, which promotes the importance of green space for the health of our citizens and CO2 reduction.
- The surrounding communities have not been adequately engaged and still have NO answers as to how the City went from closing a golf course which is UNDEVELOPABLE (because it houses some of the largest water reservoirs in the City and has done so since the early 1900's), to selling off regional park space as a 1 time operational funding source for City Golf! It gets even better when they throw in the OWC land (which is contaminated) as a last ditch effort to pretend we are gaining park space! (The OWC land is already S-R and part of the regional park space-- now that the City moved the Roads Depot they need to clean it up.)

It we allow this once, where does it stop!
Please vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Margo Coppus
EPRA Development Director

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First name (required)	Kathy
Last name (required)	Hawrelak
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
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Dear Council,

My family home on Hampton Crescent has gone through many changes over the last five decades, as have the homes around us. I attended kindergarten at Knox Presbyterian Church, followed by grade school at Sir James Lougheed and proceeded to go through my junior and senior high school years at Viscount Bennett graduating in 1983. I remember when the Christian Life Assembly Church in Richmond plaza was a police station, my dentist was next door and Foodway grocery was run by a wonderful man we all knew as Harry. I played ball on the diamonds, tobogganed “hospital hill” and swung on the park swings more times than I can count or remember and have done all of it again, when my own son was just a young boy. I’ve sat on those park benches to ponder life many times over. I walked my dog there, jogged the tracks and even tried playing tennis. It’s a perfect park and it always has been.

My mom still lives in that home on the crescent and I am there almost every other day. I intimately know the neighbourhood of Rutland Park and surrounding areas of Altadore, Glamorgan, Killarney and Bankview. I have since settled near Central Memorial high school with my own family and after living over 50 years in this part of the city, I am extremely qualified to speak to the changes I have witnessed. These neighbourhoods have constantly evolved and to suggest any of it is in need of development to create a “better” park is frankly insulting. It is clearly a manipulative tactic to try to convince those people who haven’t witnessed the maturation of these neighbourhoods that there is something better to be had. Simply put, there isn’t.

Building residential, high density, mid rise homes on the pristine and well utilized park and corner of Sarcee and 33rd avenue will create a plethora of problems for the current residents in the area. The traffic will become horrific, it is already a difficult task to get out of Hampton Crescent during peak hours onto Sarcee road. Have you driven 33rd avenue during rush hour (actually any hour) into Marda Loop? It’s driving dodgeball due to over density and poor planning. Beside the traffic, the change to the landscape will be obtrusive and unsightly and bring the usual problems of development constructed in an area that never had plans for housing.

However, I’d like to go back to what I began with in my letter and that is what I have personally observed over the past fifty years. First of all, growth and development, non stop. Altadore was not the trendy Marda Loop of today, Killarney, Glamorgan, Rutland Park and Bankview have all gone through a metamorphosis over the decades. Old homes torn down and infills taking their places, multi unit properties and townhomes have been built in a constant and continuous manner. Currie Barracks was actually a barrack. I’m not suggesting housing development and growth shouldn’t be a part of the expansion of these neighbourhoods, clearly that has been

happening and should continue to do so. However, it shouldn't be done by selling off public green space and it certainly shouldn't be done on the Richmond Green park that has been the one static feature utilized by all these neighbourhoods. It hasn't needed to change, it was beautifully planned and designed, its always been well utilized, well maintained and well loved.

Nobody wants or has ever felt the need to change it for at least the last fifty years. Until now, so let's get real about what the sale of these lands is for, is it truly for the betterment of the neighbourhood and people? I think not, besides the horrible precedent of selling public lands for development, to suggest it is for making the park "better" is simply not true. Nobody has needed it to change in fifty years, so why now? Clearly because there is a great deal of money to be made for the City in the sale and to expand the property tax base. It would be far more honourable if the players behind this would just be honest about why they want to sell and develop this area. It's about the money for the City coffers. To suggest that suddenly the area needs this massive development to enhance the park, when the city has done nothing to the now shuttered golf course and tainted city lands next to it, is just insulting to someone like me who has lived her whole life in the area. At least, fix the golf course and clean up the yards that you left in a mess first before building an unwanted, unneeded, problem causing, high density eyesore that nobody wants on beloved and well utilized green spaces, an area that has never needed to "be better". The only people who want this, are the groups who will financially profit and thats the real truth.

Change is good when it is embraced by those it will effect. Change is good when it is necessary. Change is not good when it's forced by people who think they know better than those it will impact. History proves that to us time and time again.

If you want to be bold, then do the right thing and stop the action of selling these lands. In a few words, it is wrong and you know it.

Sincerely,
Kathy Hawrelak

For greed all nature is too little. Lucius Seneca

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Last name (required)	Hill
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green assessment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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I am voicing my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Richmond Green recreational space. When the decision was made to close the public golf course due to lack of use by the residents of Calgary I understand the hope was that the public space would be reinvented into a green space with multi-faceted uses for recreational use. This area has been increasing in the number of residents. It is important in a area of high density people have spaces to use for recreational activities. My observation over the 10 years we have lived in Currie Barracks is the space is popular in every season. In Spring and summer the baseball diamond are alive with baseball enthusiasts, the tennis courts used both for tennis and pickle ball, the training track a place where young and old can run, walk and ride their trikes safely and in winter the cross-x skis and sleds of all forms are enjoying the area. Please consider how important green space is to the physical and mental health of all Calgarians. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Regards
Jean Hill

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Last name (required)	winnicki
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Richmond Green Needs Assesment
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021

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I would like to speak at the following meeting slated for June 21,2021.

My concerns are as follows.

I would like to discuss what I feel has been a bullied process. Has there been inclusion?

Certain council members have made this very uncomfortable.

I believe there is a need to step back and reassess the development as is.

Look at the time line used for Canada Lands.

We are talking about removing historic park lands, that should not be a negotiation.

There are many options on the table that can and are being put forward, let us entertain them all.

Regards,

Greg Winnicki

Citizen of Calgary

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First name (required)	Chad
Last name (required)	Saunders
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	The Future of Richmond Green (LOC2021-0043) - Combined Meeting of Council
Date of meeting	Jun 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>My initial communications outlined support for upgrading Richmond Green but not if it meant selling off five-acre parcel of land at the Sarcee/33 avenue, which is in line with the position of several community associations. My advocacy of maintaining this area as park space is that once this land is sold, it will be at the discretion of the real estate developer to determine the housing options for maximum return on investment. Real estate developers don't buy land to build parks. The question remains what level of input the community will have to maintain this space as a green space or if development must happen, encourage low-income housing, transitional housing and other housing options for those who are unable to afford to live in the area. If the market is to decide what is best for this parcel of land, it is unlikely the type of housing options will be as accessible or as affordable as they could and should be.</p> <p>I recognize that the Needs Assessment was prioritized slightly ahead of the Land Use / subdivision Application, to assist Council decision making on the future of the park and its funding. I understand this was done to help to provide the certainty the public wants to see for the funding, before deciding on the Land Use changes. I am afraid that this does not do this. Rather it creates more uncertainty to the public as the input mechanisms for the public to reengage with this process are not clearly outlined.</p> <p>It has been recommended that a portion of sales proceeds from Parcel 'A' "should be provided to Parks for the replacement of the lost ball diamonds", yet there is little else to illustrate how the input from communities to develop the remaining lands will be</p>

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gathered and implemented. How much of the estimated \$500,000 dollars within the \$8.5 to \$9.5 million development costs budget will remain to rejuvenate or “upgrade future open space amenities” at the Richmond Green park space after the OWC site is remediated, the one ball diamond is replaced, and the rest of the restoration work is undertaken? There is nothing on the City circulated timeline to illustrate community input on the new outline plan.

In conclusion, this has been a process of presentation over engagement. I encourage the City to reexamine this engagement process to find improvements and to explore and initiate a mechanism for the City to follow-up with the community on how well the project was implemented, to report back on how successful, or not, the project has been.

To the City of Calgary and those whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my families' great concern at the potential sale and/or development (LOC2021-0043) of any part of the Richmond Green (REGIONAL) Park. We chose to live in the inner city because we made a decision to use active transportation when possible, have a smaller yard and rely on shared access to parks for green space. We use the Richmond Green park both as a family and individually in various ways and seasons and appreciate its proximity to our home.

With the densification of Marda Loop being more intense than the original Marda Loop Area Redevelopment plan, access to park land will be even further reduced if parts of Richmond Green are developed. This effect is further compounded by the development of Currie Barracks and the expected 10 000 plus residents and new commercial core. By reducing the overall park size in our urban areas, it forces residents to get in their cars and drive to other parks to meet their recreational needs and increases congestion and GHG emissions in the City.

The suggestion that swapping unencumbered 5 acres for the currently contaminated OWC lands is a gross add to the park is difficult to believe prior to a Needs assessment for the Park. This swap is really pre-emptive for if a need for unencumbered land is shown in the future then that land will no longer be available.

Canadian Public Health officials, such as Dr. Theresa Tam recognize that *"increasing urban green space reduces outdoor temperatures, while also providing opportunities for social connection, active transportation and physical activity"*. The 2017 report on the UHI was written pre-pandemic <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/reducing-urban-heat-islands-protect-health-canada.html> and details how both loss of vegetation and increase of large areas of dry urban surfaces associated with development increase urban heat. It would seem that outdoor options for physical activity are increasingly needed across all seasons. The Richmond Green Area has a large population of inner-city dwellers to server.

The effect of removing 5 acres of unencumbered park while placing an access road in the middle of the remaining park is similar to what happens when animal habitat is fragmented. The edges of the habitat or in this case the adjacent edges of the disturbed area become less desirable and less used. The more we reduce the park size, the more we reduce the useable spaces. It also removes trees that contribute to the health of our City. Intensification of land use brings air pollution and noise and many other negative psychological effects as access to open spaces is lost. (Hedblom, M., Gunnarsson, B., Iravani, B. et al. Reduction of physiological stress by urban green space in a multisensory virtual experiment. Sci Rep 9, 10113 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-46099-7>).

Marda Loop has substantial development both proposed and under construction at floor area ratios of 4 times greater than the lot area. The lot coverage is substantial and increasing and the amount of green space in the community is decreasing rapidly. The community of Richmond Knob Hill was an area known for its urban forest however with the increasing number of 4 units replacing single homes at the maximum lot coverage this will change. There will be an urban heat island (UHI) effect as many trees are lost forever replaced by impermeable surface. The UHI effect is already being amplified with increasing development in Marda Loop and Currie Barracks. Richmond Green Park has the potential to offset some of the loss of trees to the urban forest, but this development proposal will remove even more green space and simultaneously enlarge the heat sink and impermeable areas.

Great cities have great regional parks and one thing that can make a neighbourhood even better is the access to such a park or wild area. Green spaces are scientifically shown to promote health and wellness. Just because the MDP says we can turn a park or portion of a park into a real estate development does not mean that it is the best for the long-term outcome of a city. The MDP also has goals to increasing the urban forest which could be done by keeping the 5 acres AND adding the OWC lands.

Lastly, my elementary aged children have been taught that trees and parks are good for the Earth and they are worried that their access to open space and playgrounds is disappearing. They asked that I mention a book called "The Last Tree" by Ingrid Chabbert. It is a children's book about two boys who save a small sapling from a 247-floor condo by removing it from the city. They see their access to parks, trees and open spaces decreasing around them.

Selling parkland especially now when the pandemic has shown that larger green and opens spaces are needed in the inner city simply shows disregard for the health and wellness of residents in the nearby communities. Please do not sell any part of the Richmond Green Park.

Sincerely,

Donna Dempsey on behalf of myself and the Dempsey family

Resident of Richmond Knob Hill

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First name (required) Tim

Last name (required) Crowe

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park - Needs Assessment Application - Council Meeting

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Please see attached submission. Thank you.

Dear Council,

I am a resident of Currie and my wife and children make good use of Richmond Green Park. I attended the May 4th, 2021 virtual open house and read the subsequent materials provided. Thank you for hosting this event and providing us with an opportunity to hear in more detail the proposed plans and the process. I also appreciated the opportunity to complete the recent survey.

I have two fundamental concerns with the results of the Needs Assessment and the Land Use Redevelopment Application.

1. A key message coming from the virtual open house was the need to expeditiously approve the Land Use Redevelopment Application of the NW part of the Park in order to fund the redevelopment of the remaining Park land; otherwise it may take significantly longer to fund any future redevelopment of the Park space.

The NW corner of the Park is a beautiful cornerstone for the surrounding neighborhoods and adjacent roadways, and it is not worth rushing to sacrifice this area in the interest of rapid Park redevelopment. The whole process seems unnecessarily rushed.

It is ok to takes the time to carefully and thoughtfully gather and consider the interest of all stakeholders, and then create a plan that has wide stakeholder support, without the immediate threat of the proposed redevelopment of a precious part of this Park. If this careful and thoughtful approach means that the west side of the park remains as it is for some time, then that is ok. It is well loved, used, and appreciated as it is.

I respectfully request that The City withdraw the Land Use Redevelopment Application for the NW portion of the Park, and instead, that the necessary time be taken to conduct careful and thoughtful engagement with all stakeholders as to the future of Richmond Green Park.

2. Another key message provided by The City is that there will be a net gain in the number of acres of land for Richmond Green Park.

What is absent from the analysis and discussion is the quality of the land that would be added and subtracted. The NW corner of Richmond Green Park is a beautiful cornerstone of aesthetically pleasing greenery for the entire area, both around the park boundaries and within. This is evident as you move around it by car, bike, or foot, or as you move through the Park.

The land proposed to be added is poorer quality land for a park; it will be bisected by a major road to support BRT and a population of 10,000+ in Currie; it is adjacent to noisy Crowchild Trail; and it is adjacent to the large scale development plans for Currie.

The NW corner is not worth sacrificing. If urgent redevelopment of land is needed to urgently fund redevelopment within the Park then it should be done on the poorer quality park land such as the OWC yard.

I respectfully request that The City consider any redevelopment application for new residential or commercial space be located on the OWC Yard instead of the NW part of Richmond Green Park.

Thank you.

Regards,

Tim Crowe, P. Eng



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First name (required) Christa

Last name (required) Cormack

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Richmond Green Park - Needs assessment and Change of use.

Date of meeting Jun 21, 2021

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It was disappointing to hear that at the June 8 Priorities and Finance Committee meeting, committee members and Councillors voted to support the expansion of Richmond Green, along with reinvestment into the park through the sale of the five-acre portion. This is not something that the community wants or needs at this point in time. The park is well used as it is, especially the 2 small baseball diamonds.

I respectfully request that Council not proceed with any further action regarding Richmond Green Park at this time. Please wait to see what park space is actually left after: The development at Currie triggers the construction of the bisecting access road, Crowchild Trail expands, infrastructure needs and restrictions are determined, and densification in the surrounding areas slows down.

I understand the need for development and can appreciate that this action may be necessary in the future. However, that time is not now. There is extensive densification occurring in Marda Loop along 33rd Avenue East of Crowchild Trail. I count 2-3 large commercial/residential complexes that are currently in the development permit phase. This does not include the 3-4 that are under construction or just completed. Currie Barracks is still moving North, and the Old High School North of 33rd avenue is for sale. The pandemic has shown that this green space is necessary for the wellbeing of Calgarians.

Councillor Wooley kept saying, during the May 4, 2021 "open house" that the "expansion" will result in a net gain of park space. The "golf course" is currently still fenced off and he did not provide an answer as to how much of the area will be permanently fenced off to secure the under-ground infrastructure, or how much of the space will be

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needed for future infrastructure. He counts the contaminated, underused City land as a bonus to the green space, to the park. There is also no mention of the amount of park space that will be required when the development in Currie triggers the construction of the access road bisecting the park. As well, the Engagement website indicated that, Crowchild Trail will be expanding and will be taking some of that adjacent land. Money has already been spent to have a consultant put forward a vision of the proposed development, but there is no guarantee that a developer will follow that vision. The densification in Marda Loop has already created parking and traffic issues in the area, has a traffic assessment been done? This project seems to be