

## Public Submission

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

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I have been following the issues related to Richmond Green Park and the city's proposal to sell 5 to 6 acres of the park ever since council voted to close the city owned 9-hole golf course in 2019.

I am very familiar with this park. My son and his friends learned how to play golf at the Richmond Green Golf Course. I have lived in Ward 8 for 20 years and I am currently an electoral candidate for Ward 8 in the upcoming October 18, 2021 election.

I can confirm that I have knocked on most of the doors in Rutland Park and the majority of that community are against the proposed sale of the park. The concerns that I heard are directly reflected in the Rutland Park Community Associations' survey responses.

I have also continued to speak to residents in other communities and neighborhoods in Ward 8 about the proposed sale of Richmond Green and the majority of the people that I have spoken to are against the proposal to sell off a portion of this park.

The sale of Richmond Green is very much opposed because Calgarians are concerned that this will be a dangerous precedent for other city parks to be sold off as well. The residents of Ward 8 have advised that they cannot agree to this sale because there is nothing set in stone regarding the proposed improvements to the park.

The last year and the pandemic has taught us that our parks are more important than ever. Green space and parks have become a lifeline for many Calgarians and they are in short supply.

I also wanted to highlight another issue that I am concerned about - it's in regard to the extra land the city is saying could be added to the park from the closed golf course to



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"offset" the sale of the ball diamonds.

My concern is that because there are currently two cisterns of potable water under the ground and supporting pump buildings/venting, there will have to be a significant amount of secured space that cannot be used by the public, and it cannot be relocated.

The golf course was a convenient use for this land, as it allowed it to be used with limited access control during the day, while being locked behind the fences and protected at night.

I see similarities of this land to the potable water reservoirs located just south of the Calgary Police Service District 3 office at the base of Nose Hill Park off 14th Street NW. This reservoir is fenced off with barbed wire.

I therefore have to stand with the residents of Ward 8 and ask you kindly to vote against the proposed sale of Richmond Green.