

March 17, 2022

Encouraging Street Play CD2022-0322



Background - April 2021

Encouraging Street Play NoM

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary bylaws and provincial legislation (Traffic Safety Act) currently hinder the use of streets for play;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary recognizes the importance of utilizing neighbourhood streets to promote recreational activities that will build community capacity and promote healthy habits;

City to review Calgary bylaw restricting play on neighbourhood roads

240 BYLAW COMPLAINTS WERE LOGGED IN 2020 FOR KIDS PLAYING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD STREETS

April 12, 2021 | Darren Krause | CALGARY



City administration will look at rules around encouraging street play in Calgary communities. LIVEWIRE FILE PHOTO

NoM - THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) Council directs Administration to complete a full review to encourage safe street level play including current bylaws and enforcement practices with a report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than Q1 2022 in alignment with the scheduled Neighbourhood Streets Policy Update, with recommendations and funding sources, including but not limited to:
 - a. Review provincial laws and legislation that currently limit The City's ability to encourage safe street level play;
 - b. Identify changes necessary to encourage safe street level play;
 - c. Include an environmental scan of other municipalities that encourage safe street level play;
 - d. Review all safety hazards and risks with proposed recommendations and provide mitigating strategies;

Two Types of Play

Unstructured



Structured





Provincial Traffic Safety Act – Rules of the Road Regulation

Pedestrians on roadway

90(1) When a sidewalk or path is located beside a roadway, **a pedestrian**

- (a) shall at all times when it is reasonable and practicable to do so use the sidewalk or path, and
- (b) **shall not proceed along or remain on the roadway.**

Pedestrians crossing roadway

91(1) A pedestrian who is crossing a roadway

- (a) shall cross as quickly as is reasonable, and
- (b) **shall not stop or loiter while crossing the highway or otherwise impede the free movement of vehicles on the highway.**

- (4) No person shall place, dispose, direct or allow to be placed, directed, or disposed, any Material belonging to that person or over which that person exercises control on a portion of a Street unless authorized to do so:
- (a) by the Traffic Engineer pursuant to this Bylaw or pursuant to the Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96; or
 - (b) by any other Bylaw.

(38M2013, 2013 September 30)



Example of basketball hoop in the boulevard

Bylaw Statistics on Sports Equipment on the Street

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|
| Citizen Complaints | 130 | 240 | 239 |
| Tickets Written | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Items Impounded | 1 | 1 | 2 |



Bylaw Statistics on Play on the Street

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|
| Citizen Complaints | 9 | 11 | 2 |
| Tickets Written | 0 | 0 | 0 |





Jurisdictional Scan: Sections of Toronto's Hockey and Basketball Bylaw

1. City Council amend Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to authorize the playing of hockey and basketball on a roadway under the following conditions:
 - a. the roadway must be classified as a local road and have a speed limit of 40km/hr or less;
 - b. the playing of hockey or basketball on the roadway is permitted only during daylight hours and never before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and

Initiatives Supporting Play



Mobile Adventure Playground



Bicycle Pump Track



The City of Calgary Newsroom

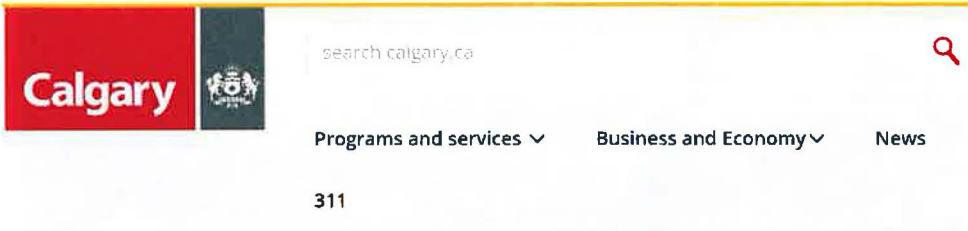
Calgary, 22 April 2019

The City of Calgary is offering free permits for Neighbour Day events





Block Parties and Play Streets



Block party permit

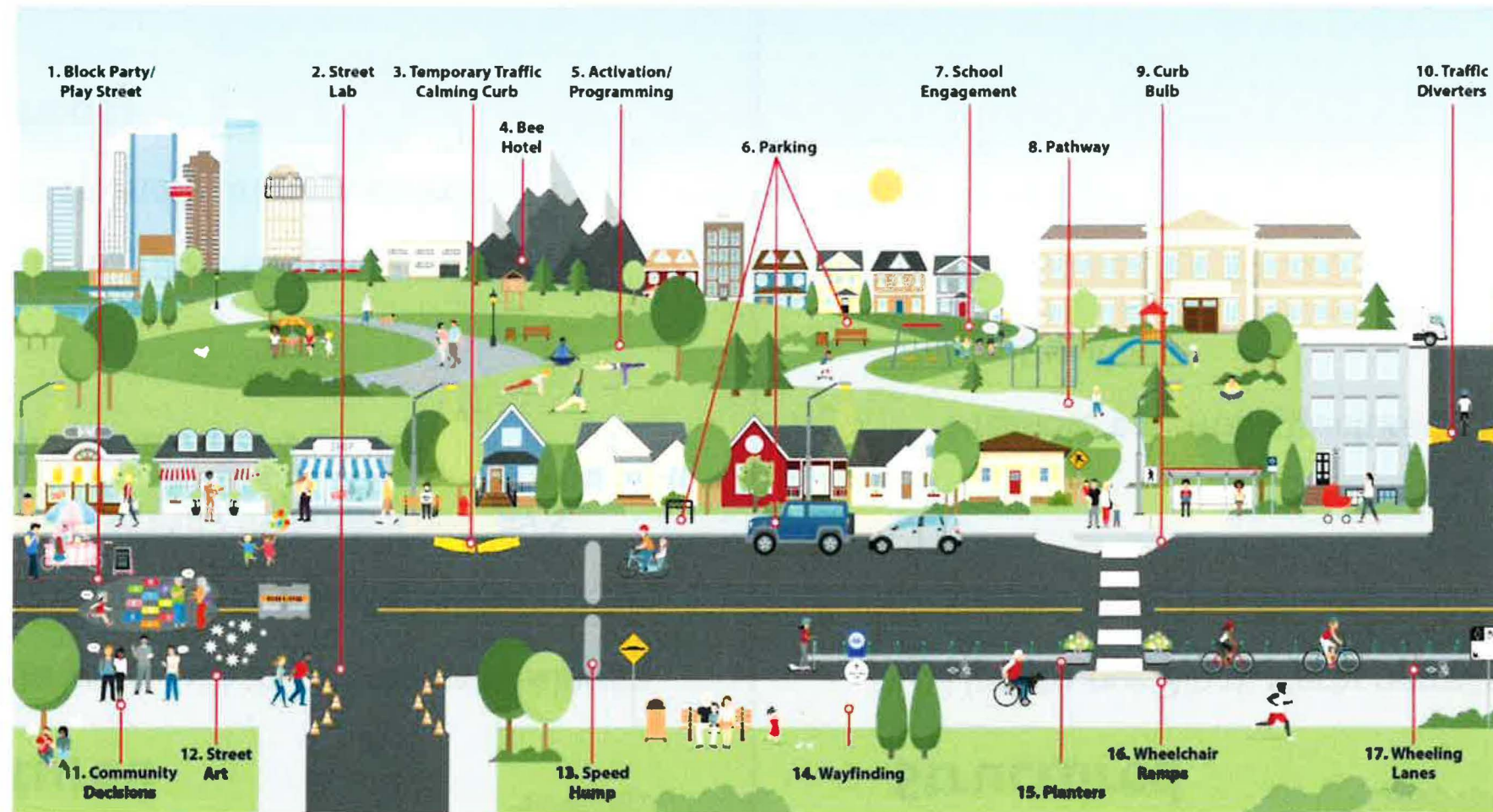
A block party is a citizen-initiated event held on a city street within a specific block in a community for entertainment purposes. A permit is required to close roadways for the event.





What we can do: Unstructured Street Play - Built Form and Safety

Elements of Great Neighbourhood Streets





What we can do for Street Play

Unstructured

- Continue to work with the Province of Alberta on potential changes to laws/legislation regarding Street Play through The City's Intergovernmental Affairs Office
- Continue to support traffic calming and pedestrian friendly initiatives in neighborhoods

Structured

- Update our Block Party permits to Block Parties and Play Streets
- Promote external structured street play like PlayOn!

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Development Committee recommend that Council direct Administration to continue to work with the Province of Alberta on potential changes to laws/legislation regarding Street Play through The City's Intergovernmental Affairs Office.



Questions?



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Toronto

City Council Decision

City Council on July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2016, adopted the following:

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- a. the roadway must be classified as a local road and have a speed limit of 40km/hr or less;
- b. the playing of hockey or basketball on the roadway is permitted only during daylight hours and never before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
- c. persons participating in, or permitting such activity, are responsible for determining what locations are safe and for playing in a safe manner and agree that they are assuming any and all liability to persons and all risks to themselves or children under their care associated with the decision to engage in this conduct and that they waive any and all claims against the City.



H. The temporary placing of portable basketball or hockey nets during the playing of hockey or basketball on a street are permitted encroachments and shall not require an agreement or the payment of any permit or encroachment fee, provided that they are maintained pursuant to Article V at the expense of the owner or occupier of land to which the encroachments are appurtenant and comply with the following conditions: **[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 775-2016]**

- (1) They do not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines;
- (2) They do not obstruct driveways, impede or pose a hazard or potential hazard to pedestrian or vehicle traffic;
- (3) They do not interfere with the City's ability to maintain the street in a state of good repair or to keep it free of litter, snow and ice;
- (4) They do not interfere with traffic control devices or the existing and future location and maintenance of sidewalks, bicycle trails or utilities;
- (5) They do not extend into the boulevard area fronting any neighbouring property when the common lot line is projected perpendicular to the road;
- (6) They are immediately removed upon completion of the playing of hockey or basketball on a street; and
- (7) Any other criteria considered appropriate by the General Manager.

CHAPTER V.1

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING SHARED STREETS AND BICYCLE BOULEVARDS

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

DIVISION I

MUNICIPAL POWERS

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

496.1. A municipality may, by by-law, identify a shared street or bicycle boulevard on all or part of a public highway under its management.

The by-law must prescribe the boundaries of the shared street or bicycle boulevard. It may also prescribe additional rules applicable to such a street or boulevard without however departing from the rules prescribed under this Code.

The municipality may determine the provisions of the by-law the violation of which constitutes an offence and determine the applicable fines, which may not exceed \$120.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

496.2. A municipality must safely lay out shared streets and bicycle boulevards, in particular by taking into account any application guide developed by the Minister of Transport on the subject. The municipality must install the proper signs and signals.

The layout must be completed on all or part of the public highway concerned before the coming into force of a by-law made under section 496.1.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.



Quebec

HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE

496.3. Section 341 applies to shared streets and bicycle boulevards. The driver of a road vehicle is however exempt from complying with the prescribed reasonable distance if there is sufficient space to allow him to safely pass or meet a cyclist or pedestrian.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

DIVISION II

SHARED STREETS

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

496.4. No person may drive a road vehicle on a shared street at a speed over 20 km/h.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

496.5. A pedestrian may choose where to walk on a shared street. He may go in any direction and cross at any location at any time.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.

496.6. The driver of a road vehicle or a cyclist must yield the right of way to any pedestrian using a shared street.

2018, c. 7, s. 131.



S-Parks

s-PARKS

- 7.1 (1) In this section, “s-PARK” means the closure of all or part of a Street for an extended period of time for the purpose of allowing the closed portion to be used for rest, recreation, exercise, pleasure, amusement, and enjoyment.

Authority

- (2) The Traffic Engineer may authorize the closure of all or part of a Street for an extended period of time for the purpose of allowing the closed portion to be used as an s-PARK.



Block Party Requirements



Block Party Procedure

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a homeowner on the block in which the party is to be held.
- The block used for the party must be occupied predominantly by residents.
- Applicant must obtain a petition from all residents affected by the block party (see **Petition**).
- Applicant/permit holder must ensure that the road is barricaded safely (see **Fees** and **Guidelines for traffic control devices**).
- The applicant/permit holder must remain at the party until its conclusion.

Additional information:

- Block parties are not permitted on major streets or on bus routes.
- Emergency vehicles must be allowed access at all times.
- Time limits are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only, after which the party is to be removed from the city right-of-way.
- Block parties are subject to [Community Standard Bylaw 5M2004](#).
- No open fires are allowed on the city right-of-way.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the city right-of-way, and must be kept on private property.
- Block parties held on cul-de-sacs backing onto a City park may obtain permission to use the park by contacting [Calgary Parks](#).

How to apply for a Block Party permit:

Applications must be received a minimum of 15 business days in advance, with:

- A completed petition, and
- A map showing the location of the block party and the location of the temporary street closure.

NOTE: There is no fee to apply for a block party permit.



Block party permit

A block party is a citizen-initiated event held on a city street within a specific block in a community for entertainment purposes. A permit is required to close roadways for the event.

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Block Party | 178 | 192 | 196 | 183 | 4 | 37 |



- * Promoting healthy 24-hour movement behaviours by increasing access to schools, recreation centres and other public spaces outside of school hours
- * Supporting families' participation in sport and recreation activities¹⁴⁰
- * Requiring manufacturers of digital screen devices to disclose on product labels the potential harms associated with excessive use
- * Investing in no-charge active play spaces (especially outdoors) for families with children of all ages
- * Providing infrastructure and social marketing to support families in adopting active transport practices
- * Updating educational curricula to better incorporate healthy physical activity, sedentary and sleep behaviours with a family-focused lens and through a whole-school approach
- * Supporting neighbourhood associations, recreation centres and schools in developing programs to encourage family physical activity
- * Reviewing and amending bylaws as needed to allow, promote and encourage outdoor play opportunities (e.g., climbing trees, playing street hockey and pick-up ball games, building tree forts, tobogganing)
- * Providing transit options that reach beaches, hiking trails, parks and other areas that promote healthy movement behaviours
- * Developing child protection policies that promote independent movement opportunities suited to the capacity of the child and their environment

ParticipACTION

What

Governments

can do

January 24, 2022

Mr. Scott Hill
Executive Chairman
Play On! Canada
31 Baron Crescent
Kamoka ON N0L 1R0

RE: Letter of Support for Play On! Canada – Proposed Event in Calgary 2022

Dear Mr Hill,

On behalf of The City of Calgary's Downtown Strategy team, I am pleased to hear that Play On! Canada is considering coming to Calgary on June 16-19, 2022. We are writing to express our support of the proposed event.

The opportunity of this program coming to 17th Ave in the heart of downtown Calgary is exciting. Play On! Canada's annual street hockey tournament has attracted players, spectators, and visitors for 15 years and continues to bring excitement and competition to hundreds of communities. The tournament brings together athletes, players, and youth and will generate positive impacts.

We are focused on activating and animating downtown. Having this tournament take place will mean that we can bring in a large number of visitors and fans. We look forward to seeing this tournament come to life. Best wishes for success.

Sincerely,

Sheryl McMillen

Program Manager
Downtown Strategy
The City of Calgary

Beltline Neighbourhoods Association
1612 17th Ave SW
Calgary, AB

Andrew A. Senior
Transportation Strategist, City of Calgary
Email: andrew.senior@calgary.ca

January 25, 2022

RE: Support for PlayOn! Street Hockey Tournament on 17 Ave SW

The Beltline Neighbourhoods Association (BNA) represents the 25,000+ Calgaryans living north of 17 Avenue SW, up to the CP Rail tracks, and east of 14 Street SW to the Elbow River. I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the BNA in support of encouraging street play and activating Beltline streets for physical activity.

The Play On! Canada project is an exciting opportunity for residents and visitors to the Beltline to experience 17th Avenue in a new and fun way. 17th Avenue earned the nickname "The Red Villa" thanks to hockey, and we believe that the Play On! street hockey event is a natural fit for the area.

Sincerely,

Karen Sydnauer

Karen Sydnauer
Director of Transportation, Beltline Neighbourhoods Association
Transportation@beltlineorg.ca

cc: president@bellline.org, vo@belllineorg.ca

Joyce Gondek, Mayor

January 17, 2022

Mr. Scott Hill
Executive Chairman
Play On! Canada
31 Baron Crescent
Kamoka ON N0L 1R0

Dear Mr Hill,

On behalf of my City Council colleagues, we are pleased to hear that Play On! Canada is considering coming to Calgary June 16-19, 2022, and we fully support their application for funding to ensure this vision becomes a reality.

Play On! Canada's annual street hockey tournament has delighted players and spectators alike for 15 years and continues to bring excitement and competition to hundreds of communities. Players of all ages, genders and abilities come together for physical activity, teamwork, friendship and good fun. Opportunities are also created to support vulnerable youth, new Canadians, First Nations and physically challenged players.

Calgary is proud to be chosen as one of Play On! Canada's possible host cities and we greatly anticipate the resultant boost to our local economy and community spirit too. Street hockey immediately evokes warm memories for Calgarians, with many of our residential driveways sporting hockey nets as permanent features. In addition, Play On! completely aligns with several municipal policies, including [Sport for Life Policy](#), [Social Wellbeing Policy](#), [Approved Notice of Motion for Encouraging Street Play](#), and [Healthy City Initiative](#).

I hope that you will recognize the many benefits offered by Play On! Canada and demonstrate this by ensuring that the required funding is in place for this impressive hockey tournament in 2022. Let's play hockey!

Sincerely,

Joyce Gondek

Mayor of Calgary

Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 100 10th Avenue
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N1

January 19, 2022

Mr. Scott Hill
Executive Chairman
Play On! Canada
31 Baron Crescent
Kamoka ON N0L 1R0

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The City of Calgary continues to explore opportunities to activate our communities in creative ways. The opportunity of this program coming to 17th Ave in the heart of downtown Calgary is exciting. We look forward to seeing this City and beyond.

I hope that you will recognize the many benefits offered by Play On! Canada and demonstrate this by ensuring that the required funding is in place for this impressive hockey tournament in 2022. Let's play hockey!

Sincerely,

Naheed Nensari

Naheed Nensari
Executive Director

January 26, 2022

Scott Hill, Chairman
Kevin Lowe, Mayor
Play On! Canada

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as a show of support from Hockey Canada to Play On! Canada as it recognizes Canada's national street hockey program includes its funding applications.

Both hockey and street hockey play an important role in the continued growth of our game, as an opportunity to bring communities together and allow thousands of all genders, ages and abilities to connect, be active and have fun.

Perhaps most importantly, as athletes and spectators alike, we know that the game of hockey is a great way to connect with others and build a sense of community. Hockey.

Play On! Canada has chosen to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the national street hockey tournament in 2022. It is a great honor to be chosen as one of the possible host cities for this event. We look forward to seeing this City and beyond.

These events have delivered recreation, celebrated our national heritage and culture, and generated physical, social and mental health benefits for participants from coast to coast to coast. And that's a saving benefit of the significant economic impact on the host communities – an average of \$3.5 million per event is estimated.

Play On! Canada has support from members of the Aboriginal Sport Circle, the Help Hope 33 foundation across the country (each of which will have their own set of local events), approximately 10 Members of Parliament and many others. Hockey Canada is proud to offer its support as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the benefits of Play On! Canada.

Sincerely,

Naheed Nensari

Naheed Nensari
President & Chief Operating Officer
Hockey Canada

November 1, 2021

Honorable Scott Hill
Minister of Culture and Status of Women
17th Floor, 10400 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1A8

Re: Support for Play On! Calgary Project

Minister Dir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 17th Avenue Retail & Entertainment District Business Improvement Area in Calgary to provide our support for the proposed Play On! Calgary project.

Play On! has selected our location, 17th Avenue to be the only Calgary venue as part of their national wide road hockey tournament.

Our BIA's made up of more than 700 businesses, many of them are smaller, family-owned businesses. Many of them impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever we are looking for new, innovative and cost-effective ways to support these businesses.

The entire 17th Avenue Retail & Entertainment District would benefit greatly by the national, regional and local media exposure that would be generated because of this event.

It is our sincere hope that Play On! will take place as it will be a much-needed boost to the Calgary economy and will add to the vibrancy of our city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

Naheed Nensari

Naheed Nensari
Board Chair
17th Avenue Retail & Entertainment District BIA

Naheed Nensari

The Honourable Kevin Lowe
Minister of Culture, Youth
K2A 1G5

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RE: Support letters for Play On! Canada

To: Minister Kevin Lowe

I am writing this letter to support Play On! Canada as they prepare to launch their 15th anniversary event.

Play On! Canada is a national non-profit organization that helps Canadians connect through street hockey. It has been a key part of the pandemic, Play On! Canada supported a variety of street hockey tournaments across the country.

As a street hockey player and coach, I have personally experienced the importance of athletes in staying physically active and healthy. I have seen the importance of athletes in staying physically active and healthy. I have seen the importance of athletes in staying physically active and healthy. The pandemic has also created the opportunity to stay active and healthy. As a result, Play On! Canada's street hockey tournament can provide a great opportunity for athletes to stay active and healthy.

I encourage the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Department of Culture to continue to support Play On! Canada's work to promote community recreation and active living.

Sincerely,

Naheed Nensari

Naheed Nensari, M.P.

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17th Avenue Retail & Entertainment District BIA
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Letters of
Support
for
PlayOn!



Nike's Designed to Move Report

ASK 1

3

DESIGNING FOR EARLY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES: A DEEP DIVE

The “filters” included in this section provide a number of suggestions for creating early positive experiences in physical education, physical play and sports. Practitioners report that first and foremost, achieving these early positive experiences requires very intentional design. It is so important, in fact, that it calls for a deeper look here.

ASK 2

4

DESIGNING FOR A PHYSICALLY ACTIVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: A DEEP DIVE

Redesigning physically active communities and cities is essential to sustaining a new, physically active way of life. Luckily, there's already a lot to be learned from great work taking place at national, local and neighborhood levels across the world.

Overall this is a complex issue. This section aims to set out some general considerations and common themes identified by global experts and sources.



Seattle Department of Transportation

Kristen Simpson, Interim Director

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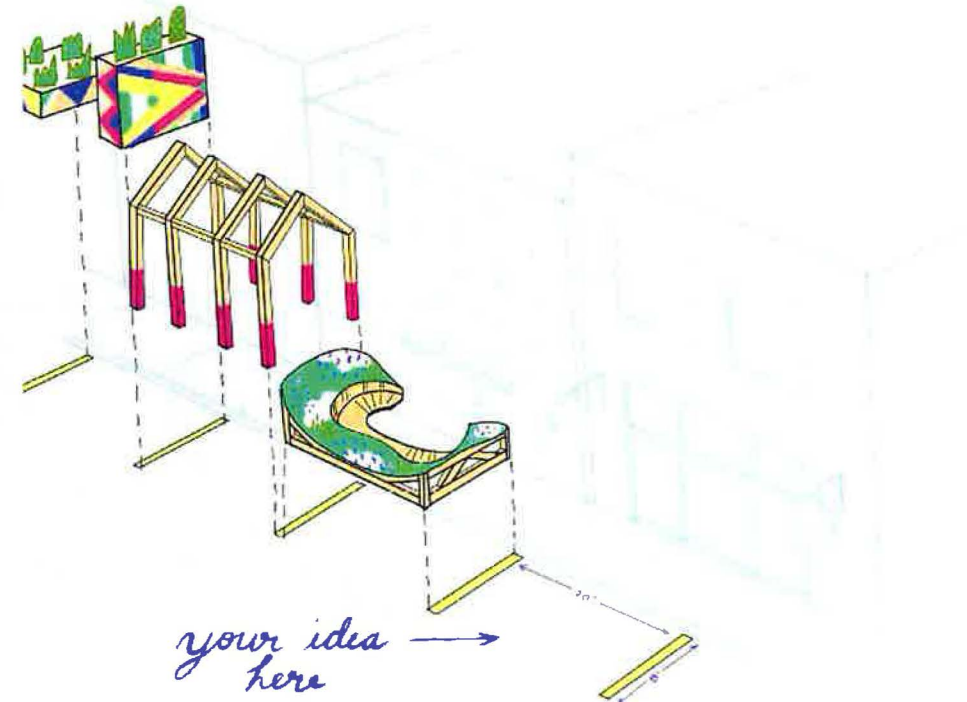
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Play Streets & Block Parties



Park(ing) Day Calgary



PARK(ing) Day Calgary 2019