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To: Public Submissions

Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Thu 7/8/2021 4:01:4 PM

Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021 4:01:09 PM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Chelsea Mendes

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Feedback:

I would love to see this space left alone! My kids and I go to this park often, and play in the fields when they are not in use, and sled on the hills in the winter. I have been waiting for my kids to get old enough to try tennis. It is such a nice green haven in a busy area of the city. There are so few spaces this size anywhere else near us, and none with the rolling terrain. These are the areas that make our city so beautiful and feel like home, please don't take it away for more buildings!



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| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | The Richmond Green LOC Application |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | To increase the residential and commercial density at Rutland Park is totally unacceptable. As this area is an extension of 33rd Ave. (Marda Loop Area) the total impact must be considered. 33rd is already an overcrowded congested street. To lose parkland in such a dense area and take away two well used baseball diamonds is a very short sighted proposal. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I want to submit in writing that I am apposed to the selling of Richmond Green Baseball diamonds, and the changing of the land use amendment. These diamonds are well used and it will be a true shame and and eye sore to sell off this land to a developer. I have found that the City is speaking in circles and has no clear plan as to where they will admit that the money received would allocated. I am disappointed to hear, some councils agreeing to sign off the selling of the land when they have not even been to it, to see what is being sold. I wonder if that is because it is not in their ward so it does not matter to them. Well it matters to us, the people, the residence, the kids that play at the diamonds, and surrounding communities. One of the loudest voices on council to sell the land is walking away from his ward and no longer cares, no longer listens to the people, and only sends out form letters in response to their concerns. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC July 26 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to this sale. This is a 50+ year old park enjoyed by many people of all ages. These are two well used baseball diamonds surrounded by mature trees and leisure outdoor space. Cleaning up the contaminated park area that the City has been using is not a suitable replacement. Please stop spending time and money on this. Do nothing. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | The Richmond Green ball diamonds are an integral regional community park that is highly utilized and should not be removed. The desire to upgrade the park via selling these land and pay for the remediation of the contaminated Roads Depot lands is counter to true community development. These diamonds are centrally located in the city and are irreplaceable from an access point of view. Replacing them with diamonds on the periphery of the city is not true replacement. Please leave them in place. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Save Richmond Green Please. Do not sell them to builders. These Baseball diamonds and greenspace in my neighbourhood greatly enhance my life. I paid a premium to live in this inner city neighbourhood with lots of greenspace. Please preserve it. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Loc2021-0043 |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | The city is proposing to sell 5 acres of the richmond green park. I would like to express my opposition to sell green space since this space must be kept green for the demographic growth in Currie. Our city future needs and protect green spaces. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am requesting an opportunity to address council regarding Richmond Green Park sell off and development. I am strongly opposed to this proposal. I feel this is an entirely inappropriate use of what is now a well used and loved public park space. We need to preserve what park spaces we have in light of densification, environmental concerns, and the need for more recreational opportunities for our increasing population. Regards, Janice Sharpe 403 650 7787, 403 244 4153 jan5sharpe@gmail.com |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | This proposal by the city is out of line with the idea of mitigating climate change. This green space provides needed recreational facilities and promotes a healthy lifestyle by providing walking areas and excersize opportunities. As I mentioned in the begining the green space reduces CO2 concentrations. Finally this decion should be subject to a plebasite or at least held off till a new council is installed. Regards Bob |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am requesting an opportunity to address council regarding the aforementioned LOC 2021-0043 on July 26, 2021. I am adamantly opposed to the sale of our precious green / park space and feel it is an abomination for private development interests to profit from acquiring public regional park space and subsequent development thereon. This is a vulgar example of profiteering, plundering, and predation involving both elected and administrative City of Calgary officials. As such, it is entirely unacceptable. As well, we simply need more park space of all kinds, given the projected population increases in Currie. Regards, Lloyd Bumstead 403 842 7453 Iloydbumstead55@gmail.com |



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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed development of part of Richmond Green. The section in question comprises two baseball diamonds which are heavily used throughout the summer by kids teams. The proposed development will remove this community facility and provide nothing to the community in return. Adding more homes by removing a community facility will only increase the user pressure on remaining facilities and reduce access and availability for all. Furthermore, Council ought to consider that selling off part of a regional park sets a dangerous precedent for Calgary's planning processes and protection of public parks. I am fairly sure Council wouldn't approve building on a section of Confederation Park, for example, and this park should be treated no differently. The only benefit from this proposal will be to a developers pockets and Council should vote against this and protect the future of our parks and community's recreational needs.



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As a home owner, and mother of a 6-year old in Rutland Park, I am deeply concerned about and strenuously object to the plans to sell off and develop the baseball diamonds at Richmond Green.

We use this area for family time: walking, playing, kite flying, frisbee, football, sledding, hide and seek, bike riding, scootering (our daughter learned to ride her bike and use her scooter here), and picnics. It's part of the reason we moved to this community. We wanted to be close to a green lung in our city, and one that could be accessed without a car. Taking away this flexible space will devastate the community and irreparably damage the trust and confidence people have in our municipal leaders as visionaries for our city and advocates of the people, not advocates of pursuing the almighty dollar at all costs.

I, on behalf of my family, urge you to reconsider and keep an open mind to the irreversible impact your development plans will have on our lives. Thank you.

 From:
 Elaine Kapach

 To:
 Public Submissions

 Subject:
 [EXT] LOC 2021-0043

Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 4:59:07 PM

I would like to respond to the proposed changes for removal of the baseball diamond at Richmond Park, SW Calgary, with construction of multiple townhouses, multi residential units and commercial units.

Unfortunately, developers have not realized the ramifications of high density housing in this area and the influx of traffic so close to Crowchild Trail.

Travelling east on the overpass, traffic often is at a standstill from 29th street SW., to the first set of lights causing traffic jams for no less than four blocks at any given time of day, especially during rush hour.

Maria Loop continually posts new signages for yet another "proposed condo development" on 33rd avenue - it's past the point of ridiculous and traffic will be even more congested once full absorption of the units is completed.

Rutland Park is an older, quieter community. Real estate values are slowly increasing, new purchasers are realizing this neighborhood is a diamond in the rough as homes are either being renovated or completely replaced. Richmond golf course closed last year, tennis courts, a small playground and baseball diamond and nursing home only appreciate the value of this community.

Future traffic congestion is not looked upon favourably, so as a resident of Rutland Park, I definitely am NOT supportive of this development involving removal of the baseball diamond, nor any development on that site going forward.

Regards,
Elaine Kapach
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please see the attached letter of opposition from the Rutland Park Community Association, representing the communities of Currie Barracks, Lincoln Park and Rutland Park. We also want to be on public record as indicating that the baseball diamonds form part of the stormwater catchment basin for Currie Barracks as spelled out in the Master Drainage Plan. We raised this as a concern in March 2021 and this has never been addressed. Thank you for your time. |



Your Community, Your Association, Your Voice

July 8, 2021

Re: Follow Up to Community Feedback for LOC2021-0043

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors:

We continue to be <u>opposed</u> to a land use re-designation that would allow for mixed use residential and commercial use in what is currently regional park space. We continue to be opposed to changes to the CFB West Policy Area that would allow for residential and commercial development in this space.

In February we conducted a short survey with our residents and the results indicated strong opposition to this proposal. We will continue to advocate on their behalf. Recent public references to our Community Association have obscured the fact that we are a tricommunity group. We, in fact, represent the 3 communities of Currie Barracks, Lincoln Park and Rutland Park.

This application is opposed not only by our 3 communities, but we have been provided with the opposition letters submitted by other stakeholders-- Richmond Knobhill, Glamorgan Community Association, and Grace Lutheran Manor (another key stakeholder). Sarcee Meadows Housing Cooperative (a key stakeholder in our community) has also submitted a letter of opposition to the application.

This is a major/regional park—one of 34 identified in our Land Use Bylaw. All of the land including the OWC site is designated S-R. The sale of any of it is a reduction in S-R land for recreational use. What happens here sets a precedent for <u>ALL</u> of our other parks. We believe that regional park decisions affect all Calgarians, and would like the City to consider a Regional Park Policy, starting with a referendum in our upcoming election around the sale of regional park space to address budgeting shortfalls.

We are opposed to any land use which would permit commercial use on the site. Changing the policy area would open up ALL of Sarcee Road for commercial development based on the new Guide for Local Area Planning, before we even get to the LAP process for our community. We are extremely concerned that the proposal includes overwriting a RESIDENTIAL land use policy area to allow for COMMERCIAL development.

This proposed land use amendment is asking the surrounding communities to embrace a lot of additional density, but nothing is being provided to residents in return. The sale of this site is predominantly intended to remediate the OWC site, replace 1 of the 2 well used baseball diamonds and provide upgrades to ball diamonds in other communities as an offset for the loss of the second ball diamond. This would still see a net loss of 1 inner city baseball diamond. If Cal West has no need for these diamonds, we would be happy to see them converted into general green space.



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This park space is very well used. In addition to serving as baseball diamonds, this space is used by our residents of all ages, for a number of different activities. In addition, the utilization rate of the diamonds is in excess of 400 booking hours per year which is higher on average than other diamonds in nearby communities.

Commercial space is not needed in this area to create a complete community. There is already plenty of access to commercial development for the affected communities—there is a strip mall in Richmond (a block over), Marda Loop commercial is within walking distance, Currie Barracks commercial is within walking distance, main street shopping on 37 St SW/Richmond Rd is within walking distance, and Sarcee Plaza is located on 37 St SW as well. Commercial space is unnecessary and inappropriate for this site.

This application will allow for 580,000 sq ft of development on the corner of Sarcee Road and 33 Ave SW, approximately 100 townhomes, 250 multi-residential units and 25,000 sq ft of commercial, to replace 2 well used ball diamonds. A high density development in this location will not only restrict park access, but will have a major traffic impact on the surrounding communities.

The City has recently revised their shadow studies in the FAQ. The new shadow studies clearly indicate that a number of properties in both Rutland Park and Richmond Knobhill will be negatively impacted by overshadowing in the winter months.

All of Richmond Green Regional Park is part of the CFB West Policy Area and is intended to offset the massive density (21300 people) that has been approved for the area. Regional pathways in the area are designed to connect to this space. Based on this approved population, at final build, the Policy Area will be short 65 acres of open space as per Parks Open Space Policy. This is the ONLY space that has the potential to offset that population, even though regional park space is not intended to be calculated into community open space statistics.

The argument that is being put forward is that we need to densify in this area to meet our MDP density targets. The 2009 MDP set a 60 year city wide density goal of 27 people per hectare. The 3 communities which are directly impacted <u>ALREADY EXCEED</u> or will exceed these goals. Rutland Park at 38.2 exceeds the goal by almost 50%. Lincoln Park at 82.6 exceeds the goal by over 300%. The CFB West Policy Area at final build with 145 people per hectare is set to exceed the goal by 500%. It is UNREASONABLE to expect these communities to take on even more density.

In addition, any potential residents would not likely contribute to BRT ridership. There is a local bus route bordering the site, and the south bound BRT stop is 800+ meters away, while the north bound stop is a kilometer away. This high density development would also have a significant traffic impact on 33 Avenue SW which is already a site of major congestion, as well as a very detrimental impact on the residents located beside and across from the site.



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What should be of great concern to both Councillors and Calgarians everywhere is that this is not intended to be a unique situation, but rather a plan moving forward. If Council is successful here, there are endless possibilities throughout the City, as clearly stated by Councillor Woolley in the June 17 CPC meeting at 4:19:01 in the video—

We need to work really hard to think of creative ways to densify and particularly on TOD sites and brownfield sites and old school sites like this. We have to get there; we have to support these kinds of applications to meet our municipal development targets... The only way that happens is through some of that missing middle; densifying along our corridors and creatively using a site like this that are all over our inner city established communities.

This application is <u>not</u> within a TOD site, or even on a Main Street, nor is it a brownfield site or an old school site. <u>It is a well used regional park.</u>

Park space on a residential street is preferable to reclaimed land along Crowchild Trail. If any land is to be considered for sale, it should be the OWC land.

We pushed to make sure the Needs Assessment was completed before this land use amendment. Unfortunately, we feel there are still unanswered questions which are very concerning. We raised the issue of contamination on the OWC site—the Needs Assessment confirms the need for remediation, but actual costs will be unclear until a more detailed study is completed. We have raised the issue of water security and fencing requirements both for the existing reservoirs/reservoir expansion. These have never been addressed. We raised the issue of stormwater management in March because this land is all a catchment basin for the CFB West Policy Area. This email has NEVER been addressed. Now that Water Resources has indicated a need for MOST of the remaining park space, these baseball diamonds are the only significant chunk of unencumbered park space in the regional park—they should NOT be sold for development.

The 2020 MDP prioritizes the ecological protection of parks and open spaces. Existing well used park space should NOT be sold off on the premise that it will remediate contaminated Roads Depot land. Once space like this is lost, it is nearly impossible to replace. If the City doesn't have the budget to address the contamination, the area should be securely fenced off until such time as it does.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Leanne Ellis Craig Marceau

RPCA VP Development and Traffic RPCA President



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Currie Barracks Bylaw 125D2021 with respect to LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I have been requested to speak at the July 26, 20201 Council Meeting on behalf of the Glamorgan Community Association. Glamorgan has standing under the CFB West Master Plan and I was the community representative and spokes person when this plan went to Council in 2005. |



April 23, 2021

The City of Calgary

Planning and Development

Via e-mail: cpag.circ.@calgary.ca, Tom.Schlodder@calgary.ca

Attention: File Manager Tom Schlodder

RE: Glamorgan Community Response to LOC2021-0043

We are writing in response to the circulation for LOC2021-0043. The Glamorgan Community does not support the removal of recreational lands as proposed under LOC2021-0043 at 2539 – 33 Avenue S.W. from S-R (Special Purpose) to MU-1.

The Glamorgan Community Association should have been circulated as we have standing under the Calgary Regional Municipal Plan, the CFB West Master Plan, The Currie Barracks Neighbourhood Land Use Plan and the City of Calgary Parks Open Space Plan.

All of the noted documents refer to these lands as "Regional Park Space" and are incorporated into all 4 documents. As a bit of background, this existing greenspace was the backstop to allow for a higher density building within the actual Currie/CFB West Site. Quite literally, the entire Town of Okotoks, will be housed between Crowchild, 33 Ave, Sarcee Road and Richardson Way. There is no ability to add land. Road and transportation infrastructure is lacking as is access to Crowchild Trail for communities west of 37 Street. The resulting documents were a result of years of consultation, community and regional input. Everyone received something. The City, increased tax revenue and new or updated infrastructure, the existing communities, the preservation of heavily used existing greenspace and Canada Lands the ability to fully integrate their lands with complimentary development.

Both Richmond Green and Richmond Parks house critical infrastructure for the existing Communities of Killarney/Knob Hill, Rutland, Altadore and Marda Loop. They also impact the drainage and water management for the west quadrant. There is a pumping station, dry pond and assorted utilities that lie under these lands. The access to the dry pond currently housed under the ball diamonds is off Sarcee Road between 34 Avenue and 33 Avenue S.W. What happens to them and at what cost? Who will bear the costs for relocation and liability for the directly affected communities? Highland Park just one example of costly litigation.



As it currently stands, communities west of Crowchild are deficient in approximately 65 acres for dedicated greenspace. Prior to annexation of lands west of 37 St, the Municipality of Rocky View took their 10% in cash not kind. So where will the replacement land come from to meet the MR/UR requirement?

Has there been a preliminary transportation impact assessment done for the intersection at Sarcee Road/29 St and 33 Ave for this application? As it stands, this intersection moves from a 4 lane east west connector to a 2 lane between 29 St and 37 St. This intersection is a blind corner for east bound traffic and a pinch point for west bound traffic. The required upgrades were to be determined at a future date once the access road and intersect for CFB/Currie to the south was completed. For communities west of 37 Street, this is a critical access to Crowchild Trail as well as communities east of Crowchild Trail. All 4 Public Documents refers to these lands as critical recreational lands, particularly to support the resident and employment population once the main site is built out. The infrastructure and greenspace is an active part of the plans and current development is underway.

All 4 documents, speak about water management, open spaces, connectivity and pathways, as well as the lack of existing road infrastructure.

I would refer you to the following items:

- Currie Neighbourhood Land Use Plan LOC2014-0109
 Section 8 Transportation and Connectivity, Section 9 Open Space and Section Municipal Servicing.
- City of Calgary Open Space Plan
 Section B Recreational Open Space, Section E.6 Alternative Use Open Space, Storm Water Management
- Currie Barracks CFB West Master Plan LOC2020-0012
 Section 12 Parks, Open Space and Schools, Section 13, Land Use Density, Section 15, Road Network, Section 17 Pedestrian and Bicycle Network.

All documents have supporting reports and Appendices as well as supporting Figures and Tables.



The City of Calgary has a fiduciary duty to review these applications and make the appropriate recommendations based on the collective input, that take into account the issues surrounding these sites and the impacts on the existing neighbourhoods.

There is a reason there are certain greenspaces located within the boundaries of the City of Calgary. They house critical infrastructure, have environmental impacts or support neighbouring development (ie: Highland Park Golf Course, McCall Field Golf Course). Taxpayers should not be on the hook to pay for costly litigation when a meeting of the directly affected City Departments would have outlined the issues and challenges but also provide the critical cost/risk element which is lacking in this current proposal for LOC2021-0043.

In closing the Glamorgan Community Association does **not** support LOC2021-0043. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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President Glamorgan Community Association

Cc Jeff Davidson, Councilor Ward 6



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| Last name (required) | Werner |
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Public Council Meeting for the Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds Monday, Ju |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I understand the reason for development, especially in inner city areas. I also understand that there are many new residences being built in the area replacing older bungalows. This can only improve the quality of living spaces. But if there is a loss of green space for residents to recreate, walk, communicate, and play, then there is not the best quality of a residential area. There has to be a good mix of green space that enhances residents wellbeing, and a place where people can mingle and communicate. In the world of technology that we now live, there is a great ability for us to be isolated and lonely. Has Covid not taught us anything? Please do not over-crowd the area with accommodation to exist in - separated from the community. We need to socialize and breath and be a community that cares for each other. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Hello. My name is Stefan Bleau and I am not in favour of selling off green space yet alone 2 baseball diamonds in the richmond green park location where children play and to play sports, to be active which is far more important to a community then to have more commercial buildings and residential housing to be cramed into small spaces. There are far more places within the city it can be realocated for this project then taking space away from the future generation. |



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| Last name (required) | Winkler |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Request to speak, Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 Proposed Sale of Richmond Green Park (land use application) |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| | 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. |

Richmond Green Golf Course.

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

I am very familiar with this Park. My son and his friends learned how to play golf at the

I have lived in Ward 8 for 20 years and I am currently an electoral candidate for Ward 8

ity 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

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extra land the city is saying could be added to the Park from the closed golf course to "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.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to the sale of the baseball diamonds at Richmond Green. This is a regional park and selling this land sets a dangerous precedent for all of our parks. There is NO net gain by selling the diamonds. The OWC land is already S-R and part of the park. Roads contaminated the land and should use their own budget to clean it up. 33 Ave SW is already extremely busy, and adding high density development there |
| | makes no sense. The surrounding communities already exceed the density objectives set out in the MDP. This will still be a net loss of 1 inner city diamond. It looks like a second diamond could be lost when Water Resources expands onto the large diamond. |
| | Leave the ball diamonds alone. I am opposed. Thanks. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I'm disappointed that sports and recreational activities are being replaced by high density and commercial buildings. Where will these parks be relocated and how will the community benefit? I strongly object to this development, the city needs more green space not less. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Councils plan to eliminate park land to drive densification is ridiculous. It's an obvious tax grab - more units = more taxes. Our grandchildren will NOT thank us for eliminating a play place in favour of multi-unit residential. Capitalism at its finest. These neighbourhoods pay a lot of \$ in taxes and get very little in return from City infrastructure (drive down any major road in Killarney, Glenbrook, Glendale etc to see the lack of maintenance in action). How about you maintain what you have already? |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I live in the neighborhood and I am in favor of this development. I truely believe that urban development helps enhance property value. I do however hope that this building is both estetically pleasing to the eye and enviroment to which it is being placed. Secondly that it is no more than 3 or 4 stories in height, Please move forward. Thank you |



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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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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Future of Richmond Green |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I have two objections to the proposed re-development of the Richmond Green Park Space and the upper baseball diamonds from the current recreational use of S-R to MU-1. 1. Neither Sarcee Road or Richmond Road, (Between 37 St and Sarcee Road) are capable of handling the excess traffic. Both are single lane roads with no traffic controls for turning onto the roads from the adjoining communities. 2. No member of the attached communities believes the View of the Future Open Space will be developed as it has been set out. Council has as much said that money from the sale of the land will not go to fulfil the full vision of the park. If you wish to gain the support of the communities for the re-development and sale of the upper ball diamonds, build the vision of the park you are selling us first and provide the widened access roads with turning controls. Then come back to us and show you have held up your end of the bargain and we will |

thank you and gladly approve the re-zoning and the sale.

We simply don't trust council and Councilor Wooley to deal with us in a truthful manner. I apologize for my Sinicism but being a life long Calgarian I've grown used to false promises, especially leading up to an election.





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Thank you, Donald MacKenzie, Kerrydale Road

Refer to slide image below for future open space breakdown:



From: <u>becky.poschmann@gmail.com</u>

To: <u>Public Submissions</u>

Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Tue 7/13/2021 12:27:22 PM

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:27:26 PM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Becky Poschmann

Contact Information

Address: 139 Sackville Dr SW

Phone:

Email: becky.poschmann@gmail.com

Feedback:

Removing amenity space for citizens is detrimental to the health of any city or community. By allowing the sale of a City owned park space to become a commercial, multi-use development is something the City of Calgary should not be striving for. Calgarians are people that take pride in their outdoor space and in approving this land use to a use that is the complete opposite of what it currently is would greatly impact all of the people that have selected to reside in and around Richmond Greens.

I appreciate the City needing to decrease spending and yes, selling off lands such as this is a great way to make a dollar, but why not focus on the spaces that are currently underdeveloped or are not labelled as green space? The idea of increasing density is great but have any of the Councillors living outside of Ward 8 taken a drive around the area lately? It is so extremely congested all throughout that area the potential redevelopment with this new designation could greatly impact that area further. I would recommend Council focus on selling park lands that are are under-utilized and in close proximity to existing LRT or BRT stations (maybe Southland LRT or Anderson Station?) Keep the green spaces and redevelop the brownfield. Stop taking away spaces that are a highlight to the City.

This is a slippery slope this Council is sliding down and if you approve this one park redesignation who's to say you aren't going to sneak in and do this to another vital place in Calgary. Again, focus on the brownfield sties and stops ruining pristine areas that people want.

Listen to what the community members want rather than look at the dollar value. The communities that are directly impacted by this Land use are completely opposed to this and this should play a big part in the decision making. If you don't listen or don't express clearly what the valid reasons are to accept the new uses then you will continue to lose trust in your citizens. This City is falling apart slowly and I'm saddened to see what was once a progressive City fall to the creation mundane spaces.



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| Last name (required) | Dingelstad |
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | loc-2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I have been a long time resident of Rutland park and as I look around at how this city has grown I find it reprehensible that bit has to stop to destroying play and recreational area's for a blatant money grab. If this city was better managed you would have had the money for remediation of the Roads depot land years ago when you decided to move it! How could any bin council be so short sighted. So now you want to make us pay for your mistake by destroying a well used park for some quick cash! Unbelievable! You want to put up condos there's a site just down the road called Vicount Bennet that could use some gentrification before it becomes a slum house for vagrants. How about you see that that gets done before you destroy play and exercise space for this community. Any councillor voting yes on this will not get my support in the up coming election. Sincerely John Dingelstad |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC Application |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | 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 "strawman". 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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| Last name (required) | Smith |
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 28, 2021 |
| | I am opposed to the land use amendment that would see the upper baseball diamonds at Richmond Green Regional Park turned into MU-1 for residential and commercial |

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I am opposed to the land use amendment that would see the upper baseball diamonds at Richmond Green Regional Park turned into MU-1 for residential and commercial buildings. This is a regional park. All of the land including the OWC is designated S-R for recreation. Selling the ball diamonds would be a net LOSS of S-R land. Roads contaminated the OWC and they should clean it up so that people can use all of that park space.

The FAQ sheet states that Water needs the rest of the space as well. This could see the loss of a second inner city ball diamond. ALL of this space is intended to offset the density for Currie. Regional pathways connect to the space. The ball diamonds should NOT be sold.

I am opposed.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Park |
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While gentrification and densification of the downtown core is a noble pursuit for the environment as well as a rational short term choice for the City of Calgary for a variety of reasons (taxes, transportation, etc) I believe the Richmond Green Park site shouldn't be allowed to be rezoned.

With the multiple MCG zoning changes in Marda Loop, there is bound to be a natural increase in density East of Crowchild, which will soon spill over West of Crowchild. Long term, the increasing density will cause people (families) to look for an escape from the traffic and congestion that naturally comes with densification. Richmond Green Park, including the subject site, is currently a reasonable option for an escape and could be a perfect long term solution if developed appropriately in the future.

Whittling away at one of the last remaining green spaces in the city strikes me as a band-aid not solution for the ongoing woes of the City of Calgary budget. Generally, I think it is quite short sited to what could be an amazing park for many families in the city who cannot easily access the river.

From: daphnebirkby@shaw.ca
To: Public Submissions

Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Wed 7/14/2021 7:55:1 AM

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 7:55:06 AM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Daphne Birkby

Contact Information

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Phone: 4035613887

Email: daphnebirkby@shaw.ca

Feedback:

The ball diamonds at Richmond Green are very well used. They support a good quality of life for surrounding residents, near and not so near. There is already a large amount of high density living being constructed in nearby Currie; we do not need more. Please please do not take away additional recreational space for Calgary's families.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 | I am to this application to sell the baseball diamonds. This is a regional park. Our regional parks need to be protected for future generations. The OWC land is already part of the park and is designated S-R. It is contaminated and Roads needs to clean it up. That land should then be opened up to the public. The ball diamonds are very well used and should never have been considered for sale in the first place. One inner city ball diamond is being lost because Aspen is not inner city. The FAQ sheet states that the larger ball diamond may also be required by Water Resources. A second inner city diamond may be lost. |
| characters) | Currie will add a lot of density to the area, yet you are taking away the green space to offset this density. Leave the ball diamonds alone. |
| | I am opposed to this application. |



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| Last name (required) | Cutlan |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Park redevelopment LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| | "The most insulting thing a politician can do is to compel you to ask yourself 'What does he take me for?' Christopher Hitchens |

We have been residents of Killarney-Glengarry for 27 years. I used to have faith in public processes, we have watched repeated public concerns and recommendations made to the city fall on deaf ears. The city invariably does what it originally intended. It has become something of an art form! One is reminded of past dealings with large authoritarian foreign government agencies in the energy business. 'We want a win, win!' they would say. Their win, win situation invariably became a matter of they win, and...big surprise, they win once again, with you being cleverly placed over a barrel.

Cynicism arises when people see how much effort was expended before hand on the quiet without the public knowing anything about it. The civic politician when challenged by affected communities is vehement, even angry when the communities push back. The proponents doth protest too much methinks! Then, the final decision is to be made in late July, vacation time for most people, all neatly zipped under the wire in an election year. Is it any wonder that the public feels, as the police say; that this is 'hinky?'

As a PR counsel will tell you, perception is everything. This whole matter is perceived as somewhat fishy. The more it is vociferously defended by the outgoing incumbent who has exited the affected area, the progressively more fishy it smells. Claiming lar-

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providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) gesse by replacing that land with a despoiled area having unkown potential environmental liabilities adds insult to that fishy smell. When politicians claims that city employees are nearly unanimous in their delight with the whole scheme, they ought to be reminded of another public perception; that in the end those folks are city employees facing a time of considerable job uncertainty.

Truly, the only issue here is that the city is shamelessly taking perfectly good park land out of service to our communities.

To paraphrase a famous court ruling:

'Justice (or the right thing) not only must be done, it must be seen to be done.'

Lord Chief Justice Hewart in R v Sussex Justices

This proposal should not proceed. Richmond Green may appear to be small potatoes in the bigger scheme of things but proceeding may be the thin edge of the wedge. Does the city really wish to set a precedent which effectively opens any of our 34 regional parks to sale?

Ted Cutlan



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Currie barracks bylaw 125D2021 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Hello, I object to the redesignation of land located at 2539-33 ave sw. This land is currently for recreational purposes and there is so few of this land left for playing sports, relaxing and reading, or hanging with the family. Property value increases for homes located near green space and parks and taking away this precious land for more condos/homes is not worth while for the city as a whole. Thanks |



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| Last name (required) | Pahl |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please see the attached letter of opposition to this application. It represents 2308 Calgarians who have signed a petition opposing this application. Thank you. |

July 14, 2021

Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors. The Richmond Green LOC 2021-0043 goes before you on July 26. There are 2308 of us Calgarians who are asking you to oppose this application. (This petition will be formally submitted through the City Clerk next week.)

Richmond Green is a major/regional park, one of 34 included in our land use bylaw, and one that was a park before we had a land use bylaw. It has served to protect our water infrastructure for approximately 100 years, and has been a well used athletic park for many years.

Selling any of this space sets a dangerous precedent for all of our parks. All of the park (approximately 52 acres) is designated S-R for recreational use. The park itself already includes the OWC land, which is also designated S-R.

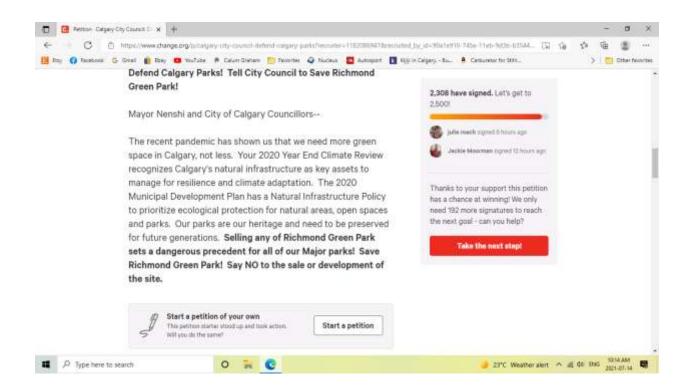
The OWC land is contaminated. Roads contaminated the land, so Roads needs to remediate it. Cleaning up the OWC and making it publicly accessible would be a benefit, but it does NOT add to the overall size of the park because the OWC is already part of the park.

Selling the baseball diamonds would still be a net loss of S-R space for recreational use. All of the space is needed to offset the approved density for the CFB West Policy Area. Ideally the OWC would be cleaned up and made accessible, but not at the expense of the baseball diamonds.

All 2308 of us are asking you to oppose LOC2021-0043 when it goes before Council on July 26. Thank you for listening to your constituents.

Sincerely,

Margot Pahl and the other Calgarians who have signed this petition





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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to the sale of the Richmond Green baseball diamonds for mixed use residential and commercial. All of Richmond Green is a regional park. Our regional parks must be protected for future generations. The OWC land was contaminated by Roads. The polluter needs to pay to clean this up, not the rest of the park. The OWC is already part of the park and is already S-R. Selling the baseball diamonds will be a net loss of S-R land for recreational space. The Needs Assessment does not show any major upgrades to the park for the sale of this land. The ball diamonds should not be sold. I am opposed to this application. Thank you. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |

Good afternoon,

I am a 10 year resident of the Richmond Park area located across 33rd Avenue SW from Richmond Green. Over the years, our family has used the walk bridge over to Richmond Green Park for a number of recreational activities including dog walking, baseball, biking, tennis and golf. I was extremely disappointed to hear about the city's proposed development plan for the area as my young son is now a user of the area, whom I imagine will be participating in baseball in upcoming years.

As an inner city resident, walking distance green areas are extremely important to the community and our families to promote healthy lifestyles. While I understand the concept of increasing urban inner city density, I also understand that safety and precedent setting park development impacts should be considered. As such, I am opposed to the development for the following reasons:

Recreational Area Loss:

- loss of baseball diamonds means a decrease in availability for sport and recreation which will result in additional travel for families to participate (underlying safety risk with increased travel)
- the proposed sale proceeds do not incorporate near adequate offsets for additional recreational areas
- the development sets a dangerous precedent for the area and I am concerned it will result in more S-R Land reduction for recreational use applications in the future

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Safety/Traffic Concerns:

- The intersection at 29th Street SW at both 33rd Avenue SW and Richmond Road are already extremely busy for a residential area. Additional development will increase traffic on 29th Street SW and Richmond Road. Many people use 29th Street and Richmond Road as a "short-cut" to get downtown (because the Crowchild/33rd Avenue intersection is horribly backed- up during rush hour) and additional density would only increase thi impact and create significant safety risks at this intersection when it is already inadequately traffic controlled.
- The Crowchild/33rd Avenue overpass/ intersection is extremely backed up during busy times with only one lane access to Marda Loop. Development would increase congestion and potential for safety issues.

While I am unable to participate in the Council Meeting/Hearing considering the LOC application on July 26, I hope my comments and concerns will be considered.

Thank you, Nicole



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to this application that will change regional park baseball diamonds into mixed use commercial and residential development. These ball diamonds are very well used. Even replacing 1 on site and 1 in Aspen is still a net loss of 1 inner city diamond. The City wants to add density to the inner city while taking away our amenities at the same time. |
| | The OWC site is already part of the regional park space. ROADS contaminated the land the polluter needs to clean it up. The OWC is already S-R. Even though there is a policy that would permit residential there, it would still have to be redesignated this same way to allow for development. Since it is already S-R and part of the park, the only increase in open space would be removing buildings. |
| | Selling the ball diamonds would be a net loss of S-R land, and it is wrong of Administration to try and make you believe otherwise. Clean up the OWC and let the public in, but Roads needs to pay not at the expense of the ball diamonds. Leave the diamonds alone. |
| | I am opposed. Thanks. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | selling of richmond green area |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | We are very opposed to the sale of richmond green area. We have lived in the area our whole lives, and partly have stayed because of the parks, green space and areas for activities. We do NOT need more residential and commercial in that area, it is WAY too congested with Marda Loop now. This is a poor life choice of wanting to sell, and it will not make the area more enticing for new families to move into. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Proposed Sale of Portion of Richmond Green Park for Residential Development |
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If I was not going to be out of town at the time of this meeting, I would have attended and requested to speak in person. Therefore, I am submitting my very strong objections to the sale of any portion of Richmond Green Regional Park for residential development. I attended the town hall meeting with Councillor Woolley where he stated that the development was needed to increase our tax base overall and that the funds of the sale would go towards rehabilitating the former golf course and OWC lands.

I submit that the communities served by the park have increased the tax base more than enough for over two decades, particularly Killarney, Glengarry and Glenbrook. These communities have seen many 50 foot single residence lots subdivided and replaced with two infill types of residences. These infills sell for 150% or more each than the undivided lot, increasing the tax base by at least a factor 300%. For example, an undivided lot with a single residence sold for \$500,000 is replaced by two infills that sell at \$750,000 increasing the value from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. And now, these lots are being divided into 4 unit row houses further increasing the tax base. There's even properties that have 6 units on lots that previously had only a single residence.

The increased tax revenue from these developments, which are ongoing, should be enough for any park rehabilitation needs.

Not only does this redevelopment increase the tax base, it increases our population density and the need for public spaces. This is even more critical as these residences

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have very small, for two infills, to no yard/green space for the 4 and 6 unit developments. The people living in these homes must use public space if the want to enjoy any open green spaces at all. And there is nothing else within easy walking distance other than Richmond Green.

Also, the proposal will remove two baseball diamonds. Mr. Woolley stated that they would be replaced. At what cost and in what time frame? Where would these new diamonds be located? There is no other space in this area. The only option is new, outer communities and would not serve the people living in this area. The whole idea of replacing them is preposterous.

I was born into the community of Glenbrook and have lived here for all but 4 of my 52 years. I find it wholly unfathomable that the city is not only considering this but that it has gotten this far in the process. I am ashamed and dismayed.



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The City of Calgary was looking to save money through the potential sale of City golf courses. Richmond Green Golf Course was closed as a result. It was quickly determined that the golf course could not be sold because of the City water reservoirs below the golf course. The City has now set its sights on the rest of Richmond Green Park, and is already working on a proposal to sell off the upper baseball diamonds. The rest of the park is also being examined in hopes that more land can be sold for development.

The entire Richmond Green Park is "protected" by the revised CFB West Master Plan, and is intended to be green space for the second downtown which is being built in Currie Barracks. The projected population for Currie is 12000 residents, and this green space is being sold before the residents even arrive. Regional pathways in Currie have been designed to connect to this space, and it forms part of the Stormwater Management Plan for the entire area.

It is extremely important to note that Richmond Green Park is not just a local park. It is one of the original MAJOR parks in Calgary, along with Nose Hill Park, Confederation Park, Edworthy Park, Bowness Park, Fish Creek Park and Stanley Park. Selling any of Richmond Green Park sets a dangerous precedent for all park space in Calgary!

Defend Calgary Parks! Tell City Council to Save Richmond Green Park!

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Mayor Nenshi and City of Calgary Councillors--

The recent pandemic has shown us that we need more green space in Calgary, not less. Your 2020 Year End Climate Review recognizes Calgary's natural infrastructure as key assets to manage for resilience and climate adaptation. The 2020 Municipal Development Plan has a Natural Infrastructure Policy to prioritize ecological protection for natural areas, open spaces and parks. Our parks are our heritage and need to be preserved for future generations.

Furthermore, A high density development in this location will not only restrict park access, but will have a MAJOR traffic impact on the surrounding communities. The sales proceeds will predominantly be used to remediate the contaminated Roads Depot Land. NO other upgrades are anticipated out of an almost 9.5 million dollar project. This is a regional park. The sale of any of it is a reduction in 5-R land for recreational use. Selling any of Richmond Green Park sets a dangerous precedent for all of our Major parks! Save Richmond Green Park! Say NO to the sale or development of the site.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am against the removal of the green space for development of retail, multi family residential purposes. There are ball fields that are used and enjoyed not only for the players but for those that want to watch. It is a great family opportunity as well as for seniors in the area. In fact if anything there should be more free family oriented activity in that area. That intersection is not conducive for more traffic from retail and residences. |

From: scenic.comm.dev@gmail.com

To: <u>Public Submissions</u>

Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Thu 7/15/2021 10:57:22 AM

Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:57:27 AM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Colin Yeo

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Feedback:

The Scenic Acres Community Association (SACA) is opposed to LOC2021-0043 for the following reasons:

- The sale of public open space, even to finance amenity development on residual land, is not in the public interest. Once lost to private ownership, land cannot be recouped.
- The proposed land use re-designation for the entire parcel from Crowchild Trail to Sarcee Road is MU-1, Mixed Use General District, from an existing land use designation of S-R. MU-1 will allow residential and commercial development anywhere on the parcel and does not specify how much land must be set aside as a park.
- SACA is fundamentally opposed to the loss of park and open space for any reason.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on this land use re-designation.

Colin Yeo
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| | I am opposed to the potential sale of the baseball diamonds at Richmond Green. They are well used regional park space and should be the heritage of all Calgarians. The OWC land that is being proposed for a swap is contaminated. Roads contaminated the land and their budget should clean it up, not the sale of the ball diamonds. The OWC is already S-R, so it is not a swap; it is a net loss of S-R space for recreation if you sell the ball diamonds. |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | DO NOT DEVELOPERS THIS AREA It is a well used green space; ball diamonds, toboggan hill, we could ski & snowshoe in through there, and the now unused golf course. (like Shaganappi) Traffic back ups on Richmond Road is already a problem. There's been So much development in this area over the last few years, like the Currie area, or single dwellings made into multi purpose ones. Already Richmond Road should be a double lane. This could be done by removing street parking in front of the houses. |



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I am opposed to this application to re-designate regional park baseball diamonds from S-R to MU-1. This is regional park space and is intended for use by all Calgarians. Selling any of it would set a dangerous precedent for all of our parks.

Admin is trying to spin this as a net increase in park space by way of a swap of the ball diamonds for the OWC land. The OWC land is contaminated and right next to Crowchild Trail. As Roads contaminated the land, Roads' budget should clean it up. The OWC land is already part of the park and designated S-R like the rest of the park. The only open space to be gained on the OWC would be when the few small buildings are demolished. The OWC should be reclaimed and added back to the park; the ball diamonds should remain untouched.

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All of this regional park is intended to offset the density that has been approved for the CFB West Policy Area. Regional pathways are designed to connect to this space. At final build, the policy area will be short 65 acres of open space relative to the approved population. All of the park needs to be maintained to try and offset this deficit.

As Water Resources is claiming priority for the rest of the park, the ball diamonds are the only large unencumbered chunk of land in the park and may become the only significant space that is not fenced off in some fashion. The ball diamonds should not be sold.





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I am opposed to this application. Thank you.



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| | I am opposed to this application which would lead to the sale of regional park baseball diamonds for high density mixed use development. Richmond Green is a regional park, and all it (and our other regional parks) need to be preserved for future generations. |
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I am commenting on the Richmond green development for 100 town homes and 250 multi resident homes and commercial space, my family uses the park for walks, roller blading and watching/playing tennis and base ball games. With all the empty lease spaces why add more also this park space is very used even in the winter for tobogganing. I guess with sadness this city council is not concerned with family recreation. A BIG concern is the increase of traffic if you do your research the number of accidents is high at Sarcee and 33rd.



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| | I am opposed to re-designating the Richmond Green Regional Park ball diamonds from S-R to MU-1 for high density development. This is a regional park, and what you do here will have the potential to impact all of our other regional parks. Parks contribute to our quality of life and mental health in a large city. |
| | It is being suggested that there is a net increase in park space by swapping the OWC with the ball diamonds. The OWC is already part of the park and designated S-R like the rest of the park. Selling the ball diamonds would still be a net loss of S-R land for recreation. |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Most of the proceeds would go toward remediating the contaminated OWC land there are no real upgrades being proposed. Roads contaminated the land, so they need to find the money in their own budget to reclaim the space and add it back to the park. |
| | This space is intended to offset the density for the CFB West Area. Since they will be short 65 acres of open space relative to their population, all of the park needs to stay. Adding a high density development in this space would have a huge traffic impact on the surrounding communities as well. |
| | The ball diamonds should not be re-designated or sold. I am opposed to this applica- |

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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I just wanted to say I'm apposed to the rezoning of Richmond Green Golf course. Calgary needs to have more green space for families to enjoy nature. It would be more beneficial to develop existing areas where buildings and houses are in need of extensive repair or have deteriorated. Without green spaces and trees global warming will certainly prevail. Please reconsider. Thank you. |



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| | Law commenting on the Dichmond group development for 100 town homes and 250 |

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I am commenting on the Richmond green development for 100 town homes and 250 multi resident homes and commercial space, my family uses the park for walks, roller blading and watching/playing tennis and base ball games. With all the empty lease spaces why add more also this park space is very used even in the winter for tobogganing. I guess with sadness this city council is not concerned with family recreation. A BIG concern is the increase of traffic if you do your research the number of accidents is high at Sarcee and 33rd.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please see the attached letter of opposition from Grace Lutheran Manor, who is considered a key stakeholder in this application. Thank you. |

GRACE-BANKVIEW HOUSE SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDENCE SOCIETYPC2021-0799

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June 7, 2021

Evan Woolley Ward 8 Councillor City of Calgary

Dear Councillor Woolley,

As per your request forwarded on June 3 by **Zev Klymochko**, your Communications & Development Advisor, I am responding regarding the reinvestment into Richmond Green. I posted the information received from Michael Carnegie for our tenants at Grace Bankview Manor and have discussed the proposed redevelopment with a number of them all of whom are not in favour of the proposed reinvestment proceeding. Below is a summary of their concerns on the project:

- Development of the green space will increase the density of the area affecting tenant quality of life by reducing street parking availability, increasing Calgary Transit usage, increasing traffic flow and noise, reduced light into some of the Grace Bankview suites that an adjacent four-story building will obstruct
- Development of the adjacent green space will also create a loss of park area that the tenants currently use for walks as part of their daily exercise routine and create reduced easily accessible recreational space currently used by a growing number of young families in the community.
- Construction likely to occur for a year or longer will negatively impact the tenants' quality of life
 and potentially cause health concerns due to noise pollution, reduced air quality from dust,
 traffic congestion and obstructed access to our north parking lot
- Tenants feel they have already made a concession to changes in the area with the erection of a cell phone tower in the park area and the future roadway that will be developed to access the Currie area
- Additional thoughts are echoed by the letter submitted by the Rutland Park Community
 Association to Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors on Feb 23, 2021 (See
 https://drive.google.com/file/d/10EMCuvAPVTzOumsWG994PvbbT5AdRVu2/view)

Although the timelines were short and we were unable to connect directly, thank you for the opportunity to provide input on behalf of our tenants on this reinvestment of Richmond Green. I look forward to reporting back to them about the final outcome.

Kendal Young

CAO

Grace-Bankview House Senior Citizens Residence Society

Cc: Mayor Nenshi, City of Calgary; Leanne Ellis, VP Development and Traffic, Rutland Park Community Association; Alf Geubert, Board Chair, Grace-Bankview House Senior Citizens' Residence Society



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Changes to Richmond Green Park. |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | When i did a poll of 100 houses around Richmond Green Park results show 89 % for NO CHANGES to Richmond Green Park of any kind. This is tax payers money so I want the names of who is trying to do this? |



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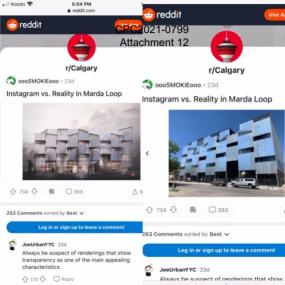
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Redevelopment |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |

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Council I am begging you to actually read the verbatim comments received on this. Your real estate team is suggesting there was a balance of responses, but if you actually take the time to read this there is overwhelming consensus that this park should be left as is. The community residents DO NOT WANT THIS. The park users DO NOT WANT THIS! Marda Loop, Richmond, Bank view and Rutland / Currie have all done their part with increased densification with no end in sight. The community needs this greenspace. "Adding" the OWC lands when they HAVE TO REMAIN FENSED OFF TO THE PUBLIC is not a trade off - the city claims to be committed to greenspace and the environment, and yet thinks nothing of destroying part of a regional park, with amazing mature trees, in an area already lacking PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE green space, below the city's own thresholds! This deal reeks of cronyism. The argument for retail space is moot with a strip mall across the street - there are abandon school sites prime for development (why sell green space?!) it makes no sense. Also, please take a drive though this area / 33rd Ave. It will take at least 4 lights to cross Crowchild during rush hour to get through to Marda Loop - where people now AVOID due to your shortsighted decision making. Leave this space alone. Reopen the Golf course (with Non-Unionized employees), and use that profit to invest in the park upgrades you are "promising" with this sale. The city council is already a laughing stock with its development approvals (see photo attached). Actual residents who live and use the areas are always getting the short end of the stick.





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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Development |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am stunned that City wants to add Residential units at 29th St and 33 Ave.SW Has anyone gone to see what traffic is like already at that intersection? It gets backed up from 14 St to 37 St on week days. Please rethink this bad idea. We need to look at green spaces !!! |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043- Richmond Green |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please leave Richmond Green as a park. WE DO NOT NEED more townhouses, apartments, commercial space. Calgary has problems renting and occupying what has already being built. The park is a beautiful space that has been used by my family for generations for tennis, baseball and pure enjoyment. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Regional Park, City Council July 26, 2021, Item 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Inglewood Community Association comments attached |



INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 1740 24TH AVE SE CALGARY, ALBERTA T2G 1P9

PHONE: 403-264-3835 EMAIL: info@icacalgary.com

July 16, 2021

City Council
City of Calgary
PO Box 2100, Stn. M
Calgary AB, T2P 2M5

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Re: Richmond Green Regional Park, City Council July 26, 2021, Item 2021-0043

The Inglewood Community Association is writing to express its opposition to the proposed LOC2021-0043. We are concerned for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal represents yet another example of overreach by certain councillors and City Planning administration who have been encouraging developments of intense density in the inner-city, contrary to both the density goals of the MDP and the desires of the affected citizens. The Ward 8 councillor has been calling many communities out for their imagined density shortfalls with arguments that are not fact based for some time. In this case, all the affected communities are well over their "obligations" to density contribution.
- 2. This area is a regional park. It is not a TOD area or main street. The only locations that allow MU-1 development are commercial streets or areas that permit it; neither apply. Even contemplating this overwrite of planning policy is a shocking step that serves no purpose and degrades basic requirements for healthy, sustainable living.
- 3. The future development of Currie means that this area will require much more (65 acres), not less, greenspace to meet its quota in the very near future. There is no evidence that there is a plan to provide for that community requirement. Until there is, no greenspace should be touched.
- 4. Partial use of the funds raised by park disposition to remediate an area contaminated by Roads is the height of irresponsibility: punishing neighbors for the City's own mismanagement is shameful.

Treating the park land as though it is a municipal reserve is inexplicable and will have far-reaching effects for many parcels of land in Calgary. If existing law can be cast aside, no greenspace in the city is safe from assault. If approved, perhaps even riparian lands, which are controlled by the province, will see applications for development. The potential precedent is staggering to contemplate.

As a community, Inglewood has been very disturbed by the logarithmic erosion of existing planning norms, legislation and democratic representation irrespective of the negative impact on affected neighbors. A scant minority of you are running to represent your wards on the next council. Because of the huge impact this will

have on future regional parks, we urge you to reject, or at the least, table, this motion for the next Council who will then be responsible for the consequences. We appreciate your consideration.

Yours very truly, INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

L.J. Robertson

Director, Inner-City Planning and Heritage



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| | I am opposed to the application to sell the baseball diamonds at Richmond Green. How many times do I have to write this seriously. You have made so many people waste their time when this should NOT be happening. Time is precious, as are these diamonds. I love my park. I love my space. I love my greenery. I do not want condos or commer- |
| | cial there. I use the park every day, riding my bike, walking, meditation, yoga, taking my niece and nephew to the slide hill, playing tennis. This is a great space. It is the reason I bought in this neighbourhood. |
| | The trees are very well established and have been growing for over 30 years. Large trees are very slow growing and these are lovely. It would be extremely hard to replace them. I also like to watch the kids play ball on the weekends, and I go there to picnic with my family. |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | We will have parking issues and traffic issues if high density development is put there. |
| | We should NOT be selling any of Richmond Green because it is a regional park and intended to offset the density for the Currie area. The OWC is contaminated and Roads should clean it up. The ball diamonds should not be sold. |
| | The OWC is already S-R and part of the park. There is no gain in open space if the |

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ball diamonds are sold, only a net loss of S-R space for recreation.

This has been a misleading process, as there are NO real upgrades to the park, only remediation of land that Roads has contaminated.

We do not need commercial space to make our community a complete community. There is commercial a block away.

Leave the ball diamonds alone! Clean up the OWC and add it back to the park out of Roads budget. I am opposed to this application. Thank you.

From: laurelkaren@shaw.ca
To: Public Submissions

Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Thu 7/15/2021 7:23:53 PM

Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 7:23:58 PM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Laurel Grummett

Contact Information

Address: 2041 46 ave sw

Phone: 4035547485

Email: laurelkaren@shaw.ca

Feedback:

My husband and I are completely against this. Leave some inner city green space. No more condos Nd retail. There are too many empty buildings already. Stop building!



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I am opposed to the land use redesignation proposal which would see regional park space at Richmond Green changed from S-R recreational use to MU-1 for mixed use residential and commercial. As this is a major/regional park, what happens here sets a precedent for all of our parks.

Things went from selling the baseball diamonds as a 1 time funding source for City Golf, to supposedly now selling them for upgrades to the park. No real upgrades have been proposed out of a \$9.5 million dollar budget. Predominately the funds will go toward remediation of the OWC land and administrative costs. Roads contaminated the land, so Roads' budget needs to cover the remediation.

This is being spun as a net gain of open space. This is not the case. The OWC is already designated S-R for recreational use like the rest of the park. The residential policy area for the OWC is only a suggestion, not a land use. The land should be cleaned up and made accessible to the public, in addition to keeping the baseball diamonds. Selling the ball diamonds is still a net loss of S-R land for recreation. The recent Needs Assessment indicates that Water Resources is claiming priority to almost all of the rest of the park. FAQ point 16 indicates the large ball diamond may also be compromised when Water expands to that site. The upper baseball diamonds are the only large chunk of unencumbered/openly accessible space on the site—this space cannot be lost to development.

All of this regional park needs to be kept to help offset the approved density for the CFB West Policy Area. At final build, with an approved population of 21300 people, the area will be short 65 acres of open space as per City Parks Policy. The baseball

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diamonds need to be retained.

Councillor Woolley indicated in the June 17 CPC meeting that this is NOT a unique situation. Rather he views selling this type of space as a way to add density in that "missing middle". Selling off park land should NEVER be viewed as a way to add density to our established communities. Additional density requires ADDITIONAL green space, not less.

Commercial use on the site is inappropriate. This is not a Main Street or a commercial street. Commercial space is not needed to make our communities complete communities. There is walkable commercial a block over in Richmond Knobhill, in Marda Loop, on 37 St SW, and in Sarcee Plaza. A new Main Street is underway for 37 St SW already. It is especially concerning that a residential poli



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Ken Webb |
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I am 100% opposed to the development of Richmond Green. The development of any green space to residential is a short sighted suggestion which can only lead to this change will put other parks in danger of redevelopment as this will set president for future reductions of Parks/Green spaces. This park is well used in all seasons and to develop it as proposed will put a strain on services to and traffic not only for those immediately affected but down stream not to mention the environmental impact of such a development. With the Currie Development stalled the City should press the developers to proceed or forfeit their permits. To suggest that the Golf course which has always been part of Richmond Green Park increases the park size is a bit of smoke and mirrors. The most public accessible and well used part of the park by the public is the very development proposed the Golf Course site is isolated in comparison to the proposed development site. The fenced ball diamond should not be considered part of the park since it is fenced and is subject to rental fees. This whole boondoggle is a cash grab for developers and a knee jerk reaction by the City, develop the LRT site at 33rd & 17 ave SW as it sits and has for many years. This consultation process is so that YOU the City can claim consultation when the decision has probably already made just like the traffic calming measures Killarney Glengary / Richmond Knob Hill driven by the development of the Currie site. Mac Logan was a city manager for Traffic at the City, he left and received a large bonus for doing so. The same timeline as this was followed, surprising that mid summer when a great number of community members are on holiday. The traffic calming measures the City put in never worked for the



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most part and those that did were removed.

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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds - LOC-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am disappointed that Calgary would be considering a land use amendment to change the land use of the upper baseball diamonds from a recreational use to a residential and commercial development space, The Richmond Green area is a well used popular recreation and sports area. With the development of the Currie Barracks community there is an increase in the traffic and parking activity in this area. There is already an increased use of Richmond Green Park. COVID-19 has proved how important parks are to Calgarians. Changing part of Richmond Regional Park which is being well used to a commercial development is not a good message for the future of our other regional parks in Calgary. |



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| Last name (required) | Ford |
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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Hello, My neighbours and I protest the development of Richmond Green. This is a fantastic green space that is constantly busy and in use by a variety of community members. The baseball diamonds are used regularly by children and adults alike. Additionally, our Richmond Green Golf Course was also recently taken away from us. We cannot afford to lose any further parks and green spaces, especially to condos and townhouses. We need as many trees as possible to keep our air clean. I am also concerned about the increase of traffic that would result from this high-density development. There just isn't the infrastructure to support it. The roads in this area are already overly busy and congested. Kindly reconsider your decision concerning developing Richmond Green and the detrimental effects it will have on the residents of our community. Thank you, Marci Ford |

From: andrea.macneil@hotmail.com

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Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Fri 7/16/2021 12:52:23 PM

Date: Friday, July 16, 2021 12:52:28 PM

Application: LOC2021-0043

Submitted by: Andrea MacNeil

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Feedback:

As a resident of Currie, I do NOT support this land use re-designation. The park is widely used by children and community groups, including youth sports teams, which is something we should all be encouraging. While I generally support the development or redevelopment of inner city land (versus urban sprawl), this needs to be balanced against having accessible green spaces in the community. Further, there is plenty of land within the Currie community that is not yet developed. I would much rather see the vacant land in Currie (along Quesney Wood Drive and Dieppe Drive) be developed first before moving to remove existing green spaces. This undeveloped land would be ideal for a mixed use condo/commercial building. It is completely illogical to demolish park/green space when there is undeveloped land mere blocks away.



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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | RE: LOC2021-0043 Mayor and Council, The Banff Trail Community Association (BTCA) is concerned about the precedent setting nature of this application and city-wide implications for such a land use re-designation that would allow for mixed use residential and commercial use in what is currently regional park space. As such the BTCA supports the Rutland Park Community Association's opposition to both LOC2021-0043 and the changes to the CFB West Policy Area that would allow for residential and commercial development in this space, and further recommends that Council (including and especially our Ward 7 representative) NOT support LOC2021-0043. Thank you, The Banff Trail Community Association |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please don't sell Richmond Green. Park space is an integral part of the city and a reason many of us have chosen to live in the inner city. We do not need more population density but we do need our park space. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Loc2921-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I fail to understand why the well used baseball diamond, tennis courts and playground area has to be changed while the city plans on spending millions on downtown green space which nah or may not be used. This space should be left as a regional park. |



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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | It angers me to see the city trying to build inner city density. Marda Loop area you can hardly move with the increase in vehiclesit is jammedslowly we are loosing the charm in our neighbourhoods. The park that is being proposed to change is used regularlytobogganing, ball games, tennis. It would be very sad to change this area into another high rise condo area. We deserve to have these parks, it is necessary to our well-being. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Richmond Green |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I object to the proposed development. We need regional parks, green space. We do not need the traffic the development will generate. |



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| | I am opposed to the application to change the baseball diamonds from S-R recreational use to MU-1 mixed use residential and commercial. This is well used regional park space and should not be sold. |
| | All of the park including the OWC land is designated S-R for recreational use. The OWC was contaminated by Roads, and Roads should be responsible for cleaning it up. The residents in the surrounding communities should not be penalized because |

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There are no real upgrades planned for the park out of a 9.5 million dollar budget, and the OWC is already part of the park, so there no net increase in open space. In fact, there is a net loss if the ball diamonds are sold.

the City permitted contamination on the site. The OWC should be reclaimed and

added back to the park space. The ball diamonds should be left alone.

The argument is that we need to add density to this area, but the reality is that all 3 affected communities exceed (or will exceed at final build) the MDP density goals that Calgary has set. A high density development at the corner of 33 Ave SW and Sarcee Road would have a huge traffic impact on surrounding communities.

The recent Calgary Herald article by Beverly Sandalack, a University of Calgary professor in the school of architecture, planning and landscape, clearly indicates the importance of this and other park space.





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I am vehemently opposed to this application. Thank you.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to the sale of the baseball diamonds at Richmond Green. At this stage of the game, all I can say is that one Councillor's daydream has turned into a night-mare for the whole community. Any comments or suggestions that we make, Administration says we are wrong and they change the story to suit themselves. We are being ignored and criticized for trying to protect park space. |
| | It is exhausting trying to keep up with the changes on this file. I am 93 years young and it is getting too deep to understand the impact of all these changes. |
| | The ball diamonds need to be kept for the kids. They are loaded with families each night. The games go on all evenings and weekends. It is great to see the kids out there playing and being active. This is much better than sticking a bunch of housing on a regional park. |
| | Selling these would be a reduction in park space. The OWC is already part of the park. We don't want to see this happen to other parks. |
| | We absolutely have enough density here already, and have had for years. |
| | Councillor Woolley should never have brought this up in the first place. Again, I repeat, I want the park to be left alone. Leave the ball diamonds. |





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I am opposed.

Steffie Negrich



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to changing the baseball diamonds from regional park space to development. We have now come down to the point where the city wants to sell the horse before the cart so to speak. Proposal after proposal have been sent out from the city with the haste of having to sell off the park land, even before a master plan has been looked at in detail. |
| | It seems as though this proposed sale to a developer gets priority over any mention of park land or leisure space set aside since the City took over. Even Water Works has future needs for the space. The ball diamonds may be the only unencumbered space left, and should not be sold to a developer. |
| | All of the space including the OWC is part of the park. Roads contaminated the OWC and should clean it up themselves. The rest of us should not be penalized because of their mistakes. |
| | The ball diamonds are well used and should be left alone. I trust this round should be an emphatic NO to the sale of the ball diamonds. I am opposed. |
| | Harvey Negrich |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | future of Richmond Green |
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When I first heard the plans that the city has for Richmond Green I was shocked. I have grown up in Marda Loop and the Richmond Green park area was my favourite place to go. Even into adulthood, I use the park. It is a wonderful place for biking, tennis, sledding, running, walking dogs, and hanging out. Richmond Green is a wonderful haven in the midst of bustling Crowchild trail and Richmond road. It is a much needed and appreciated quiet space in our community. The park area is a gift to all who grow up and live in Marda Loop and surrounding areas. I fear that with the development of this space, this already busy area may be hectic, chaotic, and unpleasant. Our roads are already packed and parking space is incredibly limited. I worry that this development will make these issues worse. It is easier to protect green space than it is to make new green spaces. I beg of you, please protect this park so future generations may enjoy it.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Green spaces are important to the mental well-being of Calgarians, especially in light of all we have had to endure over the past year and a half. Even one more building is the last thing the area needs. Leave Richmond Green alone! |



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Urban green spaces such as parks, sports fields, woods, lakesides, and gardens give people the space for physical activity, relaxation, peace, and an escape from heat. Multiple studies have shown that these spaces reduce stress and boost mental and physical health.

Green spaces are also associated with better air quality, reduced traffic noise, cooler temperatures, and greater diversity. Furthermore, recent estimates put around 3.3% of global deaths down to a lack of physical activity, mostly as a result of poor walkability and limited access to recreational areas.

Now, the most comprehensive review to date has analyzed nine longitudinal studies spanning seven countries including Canada, 8 million people, and several years of follow-up. Appearing in The Lancet Planetary Health, the meta-analysis found strong evidence to show that green urban spaces can help people live longer. The Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) in Spain conducted this review in collaboration with Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

The researchers found that for every 0.1 increment in vegetative score within 500 meters of a person's home, there was a 4% reduction in premature mortality. These results show just how important green space is when strategizing public health. Beyond being key to public health and preventing premature death, researchers cite the increase in biodiversity and mitigation of climate change as compelling reasons to

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bump up green spaces and make cities more sustainable and livable.

In addition to the above, one of the lessons from the COVID pandemic was the importance of the outdoors and recreational space for Calgarians to help manage their mental health. Richmond Green is a special space for Calgarians living in Marda Loop and should keep it's designation of S-R Special Purpose - Recreation.



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

I would like to voice my great concern at the potential sale and 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 have a smaller yard and rely on shared access to parks for green space. We use the Richmond Green park 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. Similar to this story, my boys see their access to parks, trees and open spaces decreasing around them and being turned into a concrete jungle.

Selling parkland especially now when the pandemic has shown that larger green and opens spaces are needed particularly 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

Resident of Richmond Knob Hill



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | This is a well used baseball diamond- my child plays in this park. Marda Loop has been completely over developed and Killarney still has a little bit of space to roam and enjoy the outdoors. With this development, not only will traffic become a nightmare, the entire reason for living in Killarney becomes moot. Killarney is supposed to be one of the last salvages of city living without feeling completely overrun by big business and urbanization. This will destroy our commmunity |



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When I first heard about the proposal to sell off part of our precious park I thought it couldn't be true. Who would want to decrease the space available to people in the midst of a large city? The reason for this, I am told, was that the city had closed the golf course to save money. The logical connection here escapes me. Surely if you are already saving money there is no need to sell off park space? On the subject of the golf course I was struck by a remark of one councillor at the finance meeting. He said that the users of the park should be happy because the city was adding 22 acres to the park. The problem here is that the golf course, the grass and trees have always felt like they were part of the green space, visually and psychologically. No addition here! Perhaps, the city wants to increase density and tax income from the area. Look south of the park and you see 20 to 30 thousand people living where the grassland of Currie Barracks once stood. Look east along 33 Ave and you see the condos and apartments in Marda Loop area. Walk two blocks to Richmond Road and you see single family houses replaced by six unit developments. Density and city tax income surround this precious park already.

The contaminated city works yard is a liability and cannot be relied on for anything but problems. The golf course area will probably have to remain as it is, grass and trees surrounded by a fence to secure the water supply.

When I walk to the park from my house I am welcomed by a feeling of green space, grass and trees. Building on this area will destroy this psychological and visual effect and will seriously diminish the park and the neighborhood for ever.

I think it is clear that the vast majority of the people who live around the park and use it





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are opposed to this proposal. What good reason will you give if you vote to override their wishes

We like this precious place as it is. Please don't destroy it.



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I really cannot believe that I have to write an email to the City of Calgary Councillors & the Mayor with this question, "why are you selling part of a City of Calgary Park, Richmond Green to developers"? When we need green spaces more than ever.

This is probably another futile email as I get the impression that most people on Council have already made up their minds. I think that this decision was made before all the input by concerned citizens. I think that the majority of the Council have absolutely no idea where this park is & who it serves. "What does it matter if we sell part of the park and use some of the profits to clean up that hazardous mess that is now present due to the fact that the on-site City Depot, has been moved to another site?"

I attended the rally on Saturday, July 10th at this beautiful park. The baseball diamonds were in use. Lots of green grass, trees etc., a wonderful sight to behold in such a built up part of the City (due to be more built up). We do not need more condos, townhouses, doctor offices, dentists, restaurants etc., in this area of the City. If the sitting counsellors took the trouble to walk or drive around this part of the City they would see unbelievably high density in this area of the City. As an anecdote I am aware of friends who has been trying to sell their condo in Marda Loop that they bought about 8 years ago. They are unable to sell it even at the price they bought it at.

Is there a hidden agenda? Who will profit from the destruction of the park? What's

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the hurry, the majority of this present Council are not running in October . . .?

Please take the time to walk or drive around this area of the City. Go to Currie (old army base) where there are thousands of new developments & more to come; take a walk/drive around Sarcee Meadows, Lincoln Park, Rutland Park & the Marda Loop area. Richmond Green is needed not only for these residents but for the whole City. Save this Calgary Park for this generation and for generations to come. Please keep the golf course padlocked as apparently most of the land is not useable due to the two city reservoirs beneath the ground and another on the horizon and all the security that entails.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043-Richmond Green |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Dear Mayor Nenshi & City Of Calgary Councillors We appreciate having the opportunity to present our Family's Opposition to the proposed plan to sell off a huge plot of land in Richmond Green Park to build 'yet again' another mid-rise, higher density housing & Commercial Space. Richmond Green not only has a 'storied history' as one of our City's largest Regional Parks it provides a wonderful Park and Nature Landscape smack dab in the middle of our City to be enjoyed by all in every Season. Concrete & Higher Density Living vs Richmond Green Park 'living on' as is? The Ord Family wants Richmond Green Park to stay as it is a beautiful Park. Thank You. |



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I am opposed to the sale of any part of Richmond Green Park.

First and foremost I am appalled at the process that was taken to try and sell part of or all of Richmond Green Park, specifically no notice to the residents who live here, or any other resident of the city concerned about the green spaces designated as a major/regional park. Those of who live in Rutland Park only found out through hear-say that a last minute attempt to sell part of Richmond Green Park was being pushed through. This is in my opinion also unethical. This sale must not be rushed through before any new councillors have a chance to vote on it,

This park is used regularly by the residents who live in Rutland Park, Currie Barracks and surrounding communities, not to mention those who reside at the adjacent Carewest facility and use this close-proximity green space for walking and other exercise. The baseball diamonds are in full use, and the space is also enjoyed by many in winter for walking, cross country skiers, and tobogganing.

We highly value this space as a quality green space not only as a park and open space, but it also adds to the urban canopy of the city, for storm water flood mitigation, and air quality. This natural infrastructure contributes to the overall well being of those who use it. My understanding is that the designation of this green space is the same as Nose Hill Park. These spaces are not meant to be sold and must be preserved.

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Further, this space is also for the 12,000 residents of Currie that are still set to arrive. This park area is included in the pathways that lead from Currie.

The cost to clean up the contaminated land by Roads for the OWC space at Richmond Green should come from the Roads department and not through the sale of any of the regional park space.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter,



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Date: Friday, July 18, 2021

Re: Follow Up to Community Feedback for LOC 2021-0043

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors:

I oppose a land use re-designation that would allow for mixed residential and commercial use in what is currently regional park space.

In my earlier letter On Sat, 10 Apr 2021 at 19:08, Slawa g <slawa_g@shaw.ca> I wrote:

Selling regional parks is more than outrageous idea. No sustainability, no positive aspect of this concept.

Parks with diverse amenities serve general populations not only as a preventive measure to maintain a good physical and mental health.

They support first steps of 101 level of variety of outdoor sports for all ages. Allow affordable healthy social interaction to diverse populations.

Green spaces serve as lungs of the urban environment enhancing quality of air.

Provide sites for cultural / sport special events.

Increase the value of real estate, not the other way around.

Attract new populations to Calgary.

Currie's development caused a removal of many original green spaces, and increased the density of duelling's way beyond the original development plan introduced initially.

And now is aiming for Richmond Green Parks to recompense what has been lost in Currie.

While deliberating further on the status of the Park, I am sending additional comments:

Rutland Park, Lincoln Park and Currie communities have and will continue to have several properties available for sell, to accommodate those who wish to live in this part of SW quadrant. There is no need for another high density development, a specially at the cost of losing a park space. And there is no need for more commercial amenities. They already exist.

Yes. Calgary's planners and developers need to find ways to limit the sprawl of the city. It is costly and from many aspects of urban development not a good idea. But at the cost of using park land for development?

May I suggest, that perhaps creative and ambitious developer's minds could redirect their attention to downtown Calgary instead?

Countless, existing infrastructure, in many cases bran new, could be converted into luxurious and very attractive living spaces and /or indoor farming bringing:

- Lucrative income to developers, builders.
- Taxes flow into the City coffers
- Job creation

- Convenient living space for new and existing Calgarians
- Revitalization of downtown
- Outburst of businesses
- Other numerous benefits.....
- And maybe, just maybe there could be an opportunity to create affordable housing options as well. Not subsidized. Affordable. Cooperative housing?

Thank you for your attention to my comments. With sincere regards

Slawa Gruszczynska 403,686-1417



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | NO! the land use should stay the same! The only reason you are looking to sell this piece of land is because you cannot sell the golf course or the contaminated city work site. Who is more important, the residents of Calgary or the developers? How much are the developers paying you to get this rushed through? So, you are going to sell off a prime piece of land to private developers and "trade" the community contaminated land and a fenced area with limited access -NOT in the best interests of Calgarians. Clean up your own mess. Councillor Wooley is not representing his constituents, but his own interests! |



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Enough is enough! This land use change should NOT be supported. Councillor Wooley claims the choice is sell off this parcel of land or do nothing. I say, DO NOTHING – do NOT spend any more money on Consultants and Needs Assessments. The Park serves the current needs – come back in a few years once CFB construction is further along.

There has NOT been enough community engagement – less than a year?!? All virtual and during the pandemic!!! What is the rush? Other land use changes have seen public consultation over a couple of years, and a change this significant and precedent setting as this one should be given the same respect and consideration.

The "Open House" was a joke – no one but city representatives or consultants were allowed to speak, and all the questions were filtered by the moderators. The tough questions were not answered or even allowed to be posted and the resulting comments were biased.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please DO NOT approve this application. This is a valuable piece of green space and if the past couple of years have shown us anything, it is that we need more green spaces. There is enough development happening in the area, we need to breathe! |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | This high density development in this location will restrict park access and cause a major traffic impact in my community (Killarney). This location is supposed to be a regional park. As a member of the immediate surrounding community I oppose this application. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | This high density development in this location will restrict park access and cause a major traffic impact in my community (Killarney). This location is supposed to be a regional park. As a member of the immediate surrounding community I oppose this application. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC2021-0043 Richmond Green baseball diamonds and regional park |
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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I have lived in Rutland Park for 27 years and raised three sons. Our family loves the green space in our community for bike riding and dog walking. All our sons played little league baseball and we love the baseball diamonds at Richmond green. We are tax payers and good citizens. Our family does not want Richmond green or the baseball diamonds to be developed. No to Development. No to Rezoning. Please just leave the area so that families can enjoy the area. |





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The application to sell this City Park should be denied, or at least be adjourned so that it can be an issue for this fall's municipal election. Given the number of councillors who are not standing for re-election, it is not appropriate for them to be making such a controversial and important policy decision when there will no opportunity to hold them accountable through the democratic process.

In addition, the City has pursued a policy of increasing density in inner city areas, such as the areas surrounding Richmond Green. This is likely good public policy, but there needs to be increased, not decreased, green space made available to support this increased density. The City should not be selling off parks in order to fund environmental liabilities that it is has created - Parks are not Piggybanks!



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds LOC Application 2021-0043 I am absolutely opposed to the change of land use designation to facilitate the sale of recreational areas. You are selling our birth rite of green spaces for a few shiny silver coins!! These Ball Diamonds are very popular and well used – they are not being immediately replaced or may never be replaced. Destruction and loss of old growth trees, younger trees, pine trees, and bushes – going by City of Calgary levies for removing trees from city boulevards in front of our homes: \$900 Thousand - \$1.4 Million. Green Space is being removed when the current allotment does not even meet the requirement for current density, let alone future rising densities. You can try to analyze, plan, and take surveys as much as you like trying to push any program into existence but this should never have even been considered in the first place. | |



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I opposed any rezoning, development or sale of Richmond Green.

Selling off this well-used green space only benefits a handful of people, who might buy a condo there. The park is where people from all the surrounding communities go. Unlike a lot of greenspace, I'll often see people there enjoying the park every day, multiple times a day, and in all seasons.

If none of this has convinced you so far then consider these points:

- —as our local park it is well-loved and used by residents for a number of activities including baseball, tobogganing, and a walking circuit
- —this is a major/regional park and selling any park space sets a dangerous precedent for our other parks
- —this space is intended to be enjoyed by the 12000 Currie residents that will one day call Currie their home; don't sell off the space before they arrive
- —the new Guidebook for Great Communities is intended to add density throughout the City; existing green space needs to be maintained
 - —the City is trying to rush this through before the new Councillors will have a vote
 - —the pandemic has shown we have a GREATER need for parks/green space
 - —City Policy in the 2020 MDP is to preserve parks and open space
- —parks contribute to our urban canopy, air quality, and stormwater management
- —the City's 2020 Climate Review recognizes Calgary's natural infrastructure as key assets for resilience

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- —our parks are highly valued resources and contribute to the well-being of all Calgarians

 - —major parks are a legacy for future Calgarians—once park space like this is lost, it is impossible to replace
- —moving the park away from the community to closer to Crowchild will make it less used (look at any in the city near a major road)
- —despite the water reservoir until the golf course, be creative (look to other cities for inspiration) on how to utilize it
- existing property values will go down with less greenspace and more high-density housing nearby thus affecting city income
- -current revitalization in the surrounding communities will slowdown or stop or won't be of such a high value with high-density housing and less greenspace nearby, thus affecting the property value and the amount the city will get in revenue

Please don't develop Richmond Green. It's too valuable for so many Calgarians.

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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I enthusiastically support the city and their Richmond Green parcel sale and park improvements inititative. I approve the plan and support the sale of the parcel in order to put the plan into action. I completely undestand the opposition to this initiative, but know that overall improvements will outweight the concerns and impact of a few. Make this land sale happen in order to improve this usable park space! |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I vehemently OPPOSE this application. The engagement on behalf of the city was flawed, secretive and contained lies, omissions and mistruths. Re-do and update the engagement before this even goes to council. Start telling the truth about shadows, security, fencing and the potential for upgrades. Stop this madness. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please see attached letter of opposition. |



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

July 19, 2021

To: Mayor, Councilors, City Clerk

Re: July 26 Council Meeting – Richmond Green Baseball Diamonds LOC2021-0043

Dear Mayor and Council:

As the Development Director of the Elbow Park Residents Association, I would like to express our continued opposition to the land use redesignation/sale process of the 5 acres of Richmond Green regional park. This is not only about Richmond Green, but about ALL our parks.

I submitted a letter regarding the same issue last month, but communities' voices seem to fall on deaf ears lately.

- The proceeds from this land sale will predominantly be used to remediate the contaminated Roads Depot Land (OWC) and build 1 new substandard baseball diamond, replacing 2 well-used ball diamonds, one of which is full size. Some of the money will go to other communities to upgrade their ball diamonds. <u>NO</u> 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! Richmond Green park is the only space with the potential to offset that deficit.

- 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.)
- We are now very concerned that this will set a precedent for other similar Regional Parks (i.e. Stanley Park, Nose Hill,)
- It is not very clear what the intent is of the Joint Use Agreement, but that also seems to play into the hands of developers. School Reserve areas are part of the 2 hectares/1000 people mandatory Open Space requirement (as per MDP). Selling off and developing parts of these areas would DECREASE Open Space while INCREASING density! How does that work!

We can NOT allow developers to take away our parks to build high density projects in our neighbourhoods. This is not good planning and goes against the principles of the MDP, which promotes the importance of green space for the health of our citizens and CO2 reduction. As has been proven over this past year: green spaces are very much needed and valued.

If you allow this once, where does it stop? Please vote against this proposal.

Sincerely, Margo Coppus EPRA Development Director



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My suggestion is to alter the location of the planned development site to be directly adjacent to Crowchild trail. With the multiunit residential building, my proposed new location would allow for access from the road without the need to bisect the park with a traffic circle on Richmond road. If additional neighbourhood access is needed for currie barracks, a road can be constructed twinning with Crowchild trail running North/South. This location is already developed and no park land would be damaged. If the new suggested location is selected the building would not cause issues with shading for their neighbours or traffic disruptions to the quiet surrounding streets. If access from crowchild is not available a flyover could be constructed on the currently present light intersection at Richmond road to allow for access to currie barracks and the development without a traffic circle causing issues with the increases flow of traffic from the higher density. A flyover would also be an opportunity to display local art and shield the multiunit development from crowchild noise. The current underground water could be day lighted to allow for a water feature accessible to the high density building and the neighbourhood. I am not against the development, I am against the currently proposed plan since it would be needlessly detrimental to the neighbourhood in many aspects. The old golf course has a lot of rundown concrete and buildings which could be revitalized for use with a multi- unit development. I ask that my suggestion to change the proposed development location be considered.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | My name is Will and I play for CWLL, I can walk to this park and we have heard that the upgraded one being offered is far away from where we currently live. That means we now have to drive. We liked being able to be close to the ball diamonds and I'm sad that it is not being fully replaced at this location. If you cannot even replace both the ball diamonds here what kind of other new sports can you offer on the new land? I don't know if you have looked at those options yet since there is no plan for it yet. Please don't sell. Did you know it has been baseball there for more than 60 years? My mom looked up a photo for me. |



For over 60 years, this has been a spot for the neighbouhood to play baseball. Please do not sell this land. We need ALL the space!



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| | This process should never have come to a council decision. There are decades of the City's own policy that prevent the conversion of park space to development, and the MDP has strict clauses for that as well. The land "swap" is for a contaminated parcel that is going to be a water reservoir, NOT a new park. Completely disingenuous engagement and misrepresentation to the surrounding communities. |
| Comments - please refrain from | Please answer the following questions: |
| providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | What are the fencing and security requirements when the 90% of the "new park" is for water reservoirs What amenities can said water reservoirs support, if any (since they could not support baseball?) Why was public engagement cut off? I waited 6 weeks for a answer from the "dedicated email address" and got a reply on May 25 that there was a survey open until the 30th. Then, only comments until May 25th appeared. |
| | A sad day for the City when profit trumps park space. |

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)**

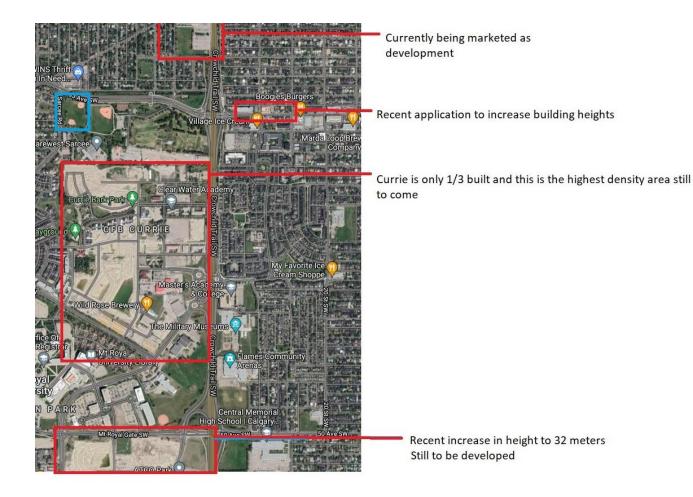
- Loss of 10% of S-R space
- <u>Loss</u> of recreation amenities. After being promised "not net loss of diamonds" its not no net loss of playing time.
- OWC "land swap" is a swapping ROS (recreational open space as defined in the MDP) for a gain of AOS (alternative open space) and a roadway, not public, 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 <u>approved</u>, <u>massive</u> and <u>as yet unfinished</u>, 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. Fencing, security and the ability to support new park amenities are paramount of these.
- Huge rush to get this approved. Why?

1. Issues with the Needs assessment

- There are <u>almost no improvements</u> 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?
- 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 <u>missing</u> open space. We are <u>NOT</u> meeting the goal of 2.0 hectares/1000. This contravenes the MDP Policy to "Ensure sufficient community open space in <u>Inner City</u> 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 <u>immediate risk</u> 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.
- Surrounding community associations were opposed.
- 620 Questions received during the open house, only partly responded to.
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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:

| "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) | This application is in direct conflict. |
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| "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) | This application is in direct conflict. |
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| Reference | | |
| imagineParks-30 Year | Vision: Calgary's parks and open space are cherished places that | https://www.calgar |
| Vision for Parks: | connect us to nature, our heritage and one another. | y.ca/csps/parks/ima |
| | Mission: We enable, contribute and sustain dynamic communities | gineparks.html |
| CPS2015-0259 | through great parks and open space. | |
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| | Intended Outcomes: Conserving the natural environment results in | |
| | personal, social, economic and environmental benefits. Parks, open | |
| | space and biodiversity are recognized as critical to quality of life as | |
| | Calgary develops. Accessible, connected, healthy, diverse, beautiful | |
| | and vibrant places define Calgary's parks and open space | |
| | Goal 2.1 Natural Environment Conservation Calgary's natural | |
| | environment is conserved through stewardship, planning and | |
| | management | |
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| Long Range Urban Sustainability Plan Social System Goal 1 | Strategy 5: Create and protect developed and uncultivated natural areas to ensure we can enjoy these areas now and in the future | Imagine Calgary 2007: https://www.calgar y.ca/pda/pd/office- of- sustainability/imagi necalgary.html |
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| Plan it: Sustainability Principles for Land Use & Mobility LPT2006-121 | Principle 5: <u>Preserve open space</u> , agricultural land, natural beauty and critical environmental areas. | https://www.calgar y.ca/content/dam/ www/pda/pd/docu ments/municipal- development- plan/plan-it- sustainability- principles.pdf |
| | | |
| Open Space Plan: | Open Space Plan: 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: Provide and maintain the integrity of a high-quality and diverse park and open space system. Protect and enhance the urban forest and natural environment areas. Provide environmental stewardship, education, programs and services. | https://www.calgar y.ca/csps/parks/pla nning-and- operations/parks- planning.html |
| | 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. a. Calgary's open space and facilities resources should be protected by encouraging preventative, rather than mitigative, approaches in planning, design, and operations; Redevelopment of Calgary's inner city suburbs has resulted in significant changes in land use, population density and demographic characteristics. The following issues need to be addressed in the inner city: • The inner city has less open space land than newer areas 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). Page 39 3. A commitment to the conservation of environmental open space should be demonstrated through the following activities: • long-term management of "developed" open space for long-term viability | |
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| Administrative Report to the Calgary Planning Commission with regards to the CFB West Master Plan | The current Community Association services as well as the lack of recreation services in the immediate area are of concern 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 |
| CFB West Master Plan | | |
| Sport for Life Policy CP2018-03 | 5.1.1 The City will coordinate with Partners to: <u>iii. activate Open Spaces</u> , in support of Calgary's Play Charter. 5.2.1 The City wil l <u>develop and enhance Recreation</u> infrastructure to support the delivery of Introduction to Sport and Recreational Sport | https://www.calgar y.ca/content/dam/ www/ca/city- clerks/documents/c ouncil-policy- library/cp2018-03- proposed-sport-for- life-policy.pdf |
| Sports Field Strategy | Management of Public Assets Principle: Public assets have a value and The City has a responsibility to recognize this value and protect these assets 97% of survey participants said that Ensuring Sports Fields are Sustained in Established Communities was Very Important (77%) or somewhat important (20%) ensure that existing sport field assets can be sustained | https://www.calgar y.ca/csps/parks/pla nning-and- operations/sport- fields.html |
| Parks Mandate/Council Direction | Council direction: Council has directed us to make parks and green spaces a priority, and proactively seek to increase green space in neighbourhoods | https://www.calgar y.ca/ca/city- manager/about- us/our_services/ser vice-parks-and- open-spaces.html |
| Guidebook to Great Communities Myths and Facts | Myth: The Guidebook will decrease green spaces and natural areas. Fact: | https://www.calgar y.ca/ca/city- manager/our- |

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| | communities b | eautiful and vibrant, and to ens | sure that there | | ths.html | |
| | are places for p | people to gather, socialize, play | and relax. | | | |
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| Climate Resilience | Program: Cons | erve and manage green spaces | and natural ar | eas to | https://ww | w.calgar |
| Plan (2018) | support climate | e change mitigation. Protecting | and maximizi | ng the | y.ca/uep/e | sm/ener |
| | use of these na | atural assets can also offset cos | tly investment | s in new | gy-savings/ | <u>'climate-</u> |
| | hard infrastruc | ture by absorbing emissions an | d providing ad | ditional | change.htm | <u>nl</u> |
| | benefits that re | educe energy consumption with | nin Calgary. | | | |
| | Given that mor | re frequent and severe summer | storms are a h | nigh risk | | |
| | for Calgary, inr | novative solutions to manage s | tormwater vol | lumes and | | |
| | to incorporate | natural infrastructure will be i | required. | | | |
| Next 20 Core | Calgary is failing | g on its goal to decrease impe | rvious surfaces | s. Has increa | ased from 33 | % in |
| indicators: | 1998 to 44% in the current 2019 update. That is far from the goal of 10-20%. | | | | | |
| https://www.calgary.c | This amendment would increase the impervious surfaces. | | | | | |
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| planning.html | Urban Tree Car | nopy has only increased by 1.25 | 5% over 10 yea | rs, and is fa | r from the go | oal of 14- |
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| | 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% | |
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| First name (required) | Nichole |
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| Last name (required) | Quail |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Presentation attached for the record Thanks |

Richmond Green Park



60 years of History...



But wait, surplus land? Your FAQ States:

Will the two smaller ball diamonds be replaced?
The baseball diamonds are well used and thus this project is

Also...This process no longer has ANYTHING to do with City Golf!

Now its Surplus Land?

Faced with a continued economic downturn and the impacts of COVID-19, The City of Calgary continuously seeks to deliver services more affordably and to strengthen our community's future. This includes, where it makes sense, positioning surplus City-owned lands and real estate expertise

Calgary actually posted \$219M surplus in 2020

Does this look like surplus land? It looks like this every day of the season.



Did you know?

Richmond Green Park (Parcel A) on July 6th





- You are about to approve the destruction of almost 100 mature trees?
- That this site is a thriving community recreation site, has a long history and excellent utilization?
- This isn't or "Parcel A" or "a very small portion of Richmond Green Golf Course land" as you have been told.
- You are permanently removing inner city recreation amenities.

Need Tax Uplift?? Just be patient...!



Currently being marketed as development

Recent application to increase building heights

Currie is only 1/3 built and this is the highest density area still to come

Recent increase in height to 32 meters Still to be developed

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 MDP (2020) does NOT support this

MDP was JUST PASSED in Feb 2021

How will this project support the objectives of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP)?
 This project supports the MDP by adding density to an established area immediately adjacent to transit and open space.

MDP supports developments <u>adjacent to</u>, NOT on top of parks!

This is twisting the intent of the MDP.

MDP in fact, PROTECTS these assets

What about the rest of these City policies?

- Developed Areas Guidebook, LPT2006-121
- Imagine Parks- 30 Year Vision for Parks
- Long Range Urban Sustainability Plan, Social System Goal 1
- Plan it: Sustainability Principles for Land Use & Mobility, LPT2006-121
- Bylaw19P2017
- Open Space Plan CSPS013
- Revised CFB West Master Plan
- Administrative Report to the Calgary Planning Commission with regards to the CFB West Master Plan
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- Mayor Comments on RG in 2019
- Next 20 Core indicators
- Climate Resilience Plan (2018)

- Ensure sufficient <u>community open space in Inner City and Established</u>

 <u>Areas using 2.0 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents</u>. MDP, 2020 (2.3.4 h, page 44)
- Protect the basic social and environmental functions of City parks and public open space and <u>prevent parkland conversion to other uses</u>." – MDP, 2020 (2.3.4 (f)
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Still a net loss of 10% SR space and loss of 33% of the ball diamonds, but okay...

Potential Park Elements & Experience

Park Use & Amenities

And what
you are
promising us
(open house
on May 4):

PARK USE & AMENITIES

Picnic Areas Playground Workout areas Skating path Sports Fields

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Frisbee
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Basketball
- Pump track











REALITY: This is what we are worried about

- This went to the PFC/council but this was <u>not shown or discussed</u> in the open house
- Are wegoing to lose the large ball diamond and clubhouse, and parking in the future (guessing, since no one will answer Q's)
 - No new amenities are possible
 OR budgeted
- Only 5.19 ac of 42.73 shown in the open house are truly open space (only 10%)
- Where is the transparency?



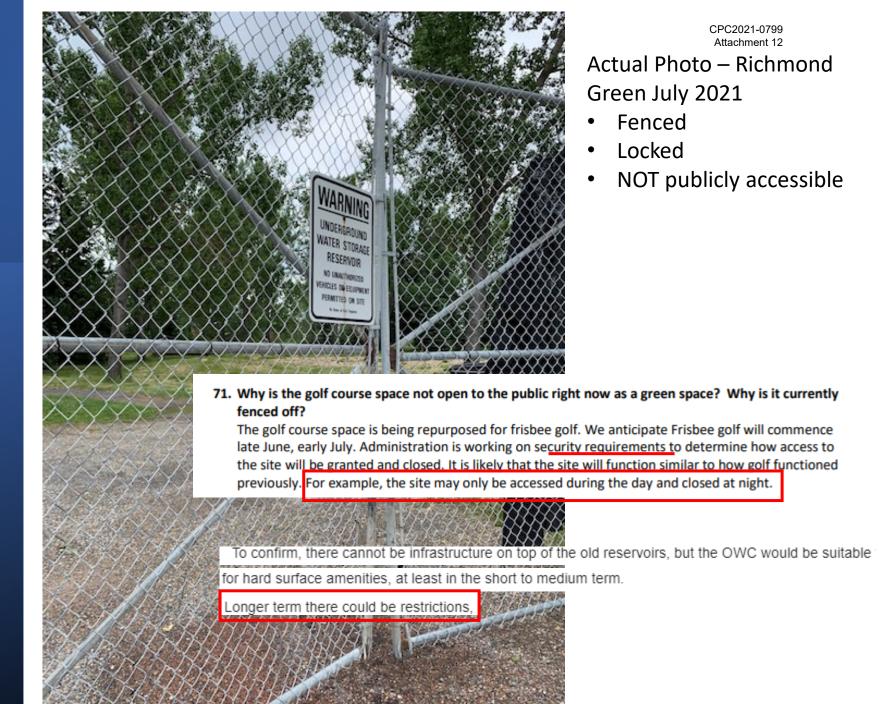
REALITY: Out of almost 10 million dollars, there are no new amenities

- We still lose 1 ball diamond; and
- Only 5% of the proceeds are going to "future open space amenities" (some offsite!!)
- You are spending more on consultants and realtors than on the park
- See any mention of GOLF here?

That is NOT an upgrade.

| Second Consulting Fees \$750,000 RE&DS incurred and 3rd party fees | Description | Amount | Notes |
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| Tree Canopy Compensation \$254,000 Compensation paid to Urban Forestry loss of trees at Parcel 'A' Demolition Costs for Operations Workplace Centre \$700,000 For demo of outdated Roads buildings dome, trailers / panabodes / misc equipment removal. Low-cost option for remediation of salt contamination at OWC Stripping/Grading/Topsoil/ Seed, at the OWC Replacement of one (1) ball diamond at OWC Upgrades to future open space amenities Up to \$500,000 Funding for tot lot improvements and channelities Total Development Costs \$8,504,000 Funding for tot lot improvements LAND TRANSFER COSTS Book Value of OWC \$644,000 To be paid to FM for OWC lands 50% to Parks and 50% to WR for loss ball diamond land Land Transfer Costs \$647,036 FUTURE PLANNING COSTS Future OP/LUR application \$300,000 To provide for the LU changes require dedicate the MR/road ROW and Chan | • | \$750,000 | RE&DS incurred and 3rd party fees |
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| TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$9,451,036 | | | |

Water Reservoirs are utilities with grass and trees NOT PUBLIC Open Space.



REPEAT: The OWC and the former golf course are NOT PUBLIC Open Space.

Water Infrastructure cannot be publicly accessible, and can it have amenities over top??

That's almost 90% of this site.

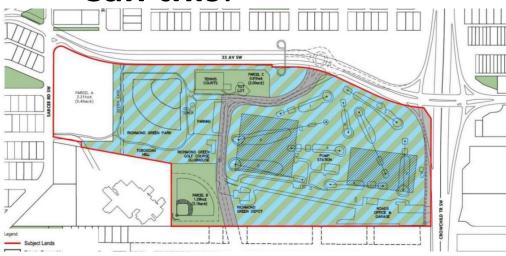


Questions Unanswered, we deserve to know!

- How much of the OWC, old golf course, and large ball diamond needs to be fenced off and have secured/controlled access today and in the future?
- Are you taking away the ONLY truly accessible park space (Parcel A)?
- Are we going to lose the large diamond? Is CWLL aware of this?
- What kind of amenities <u>can</u> water reservoirs support? <u>If any??</u>
- Interim vs. Permanents uses/open space
- What's the RUSH?

| Land Use Application Development Planning Process / Timeline | | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------------------|--|---|
| November 2020 | March 2021 | March - May 2021 | May 2021 | Q2 / Q3 2021 | Q3 / Q4 2021 |
| Council directs Administration to prepare Subdivision & Land Use application | Land Use Amendment and Outline Plan application submitted | Application Circulation and Review | Public Consultation | Response to Circulation Comments | Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) and Council |

Can this:



Support this?

Potential Park Elements & Experience

Park Use & Amenities

PARK USE & AMENITIES

Picnic Areas Playground Workout areas

Skating path Sports Field

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Cricket
- Durahu
- Frisbee
- Tennis
- Pickiebali
- Pump track







- Signs on site were hidden from street view
- ONE City presentation, NO dialogue
- Complete lack of responses from "dedicated email" (over a 6 week delay, many unanswered)
- Cut off a week of your own citizen engagement in the what we heard report!
- Turned around the needs assessment at lightning speed
- Documents consistently were delayed until after the comment period closed for meetings (PFC, Needs assessment at council)
- CPC cited 95% opposition, 316 letters AGAINST this development
- Over 200 pages of comments submitted on PFC2021-0834

Public input as of May 25 2021

PFC2021-0834

Attachment 5

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

Mon. Apr 12, 9:11 AM

If you haven't already, you may wish to view the recording of the virtual open house on the project, which can be accessed here: https://youtu.be/yTxforgOYxA.

Upon viewing, we would appreciate you taking the time to submit input via the survey on https://engage.ca/garv.ca/RichmondGreen; the deadline for submissions is sunday. May 30 at 11:59 p.m.

You are also welcome to provide input for/against the planning application directly to the file manager, Tom Schlodder (tom.schlodder@calgary.ca).

If you have any specific questions about the application or process that aren't addressed in the video or FAQ document, let me know and I would be happy to follow-up.

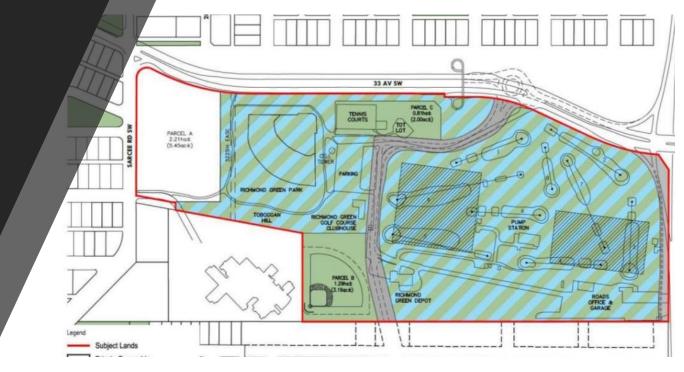


Do you plan for today, or for the future?

In 20, 30, 40 years...

- When the OWC becomes water resources and is fenced off,
- and the large ball diamond is lost and fenced off,
- and the only public open space is one small ball diamond, tennis and tot lot...

Citizens have researched and listened and asked questions and do not like where this is going. This "trade" is not a good one. Trading a park for water reservoirs is NOT a win for the community.



When the site looks like this.. will we wish Parcel A's 5 acres was still park space?
YES.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | July 26 Item 17 LOC2021-0043 CPC2021-0799 Bylaw 125D2021 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Letter from CKE CA attached. |



The City of Calgary (via email) P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5 July 19, 2021

Mayor and Council,

Re: LOC2021-0043

The Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge (CKE) Community Association supports Rutland Park Community Association's <u>opposition to both LOC2021-0043 and the changes to the CFB West Policy Area</u> that would allow for residential and commercial development in this space.

This is valuable regional park space that benefits all Calgarians. There are many opportunities for residential and commercial development on vacant or underutilized commercial space without having to sell limited and valuable regional park space. The pandemic has underscored the great value Calgarians have for their public open space. Disposition of this land would be short sighted.

We are also concerned about the precedent setting nature of this application. It is therefore our request that council refuse this application.

Thank you,

CKE Community Association

Daniel Kowall

CKE, President

cc: Councillor Jeromy Farkas (Ward 11)



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | With due respect, Evan Woolley is not running for council again. He is going to vote yes on this and then be long gone when it comes time for complaints and implementation. Hold this off until the next council is in place. If this is the great plan Mr. Woolley thinks it is, there should be no issue with waiting until then. Very disappointed with this council and this decision. |



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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Re zoning of Richmond Green Park is an irresponsible plan put forward by City administration and elected council. It goes against the best interests of surrounding communities; and Calgarians in general. It is required green space for the future high density development of Currie West. Development of this park will create traffic nightmares for 33rd ave and Sarcee road, which, even with upgrades, will only demonstrate the poor planning of this development idea. Recent heat waves in Calgary have shown how important green space is for helping control urban development temperatures. Building concrete structures and parking lots will create heat islands. This is a well known phenomenon in urban planning and was not mentioned in this rezoning idea. This rezoning plan is short sighted, poorly planned and not what Calgarians want. |



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Item 17 LOC2021-0043 regarding Richmond Green Regional Park |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please see attached letter. |

July 18, 2021

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors:

Re: Combined Council Hearing on Monday July 26, 2021

Item 17 - Policy Amendment, Land Use Amendment and Outline Plan in Currie Barracks (Ward 8) at multiple addresses, LOC2021-0043, CPC2021-0799 Bylaw 125D2021

I wish to register my strong objection to the LOC Application 2021-0043 proposal to change the land use of the upper baseball diamonds from the current recreational use of S-R to MU-1, which would allow for residential and commercial development in the space. Richmond Green is a well loved, well-used Calgary regional park that is appreciated by area residents as well as those of us who live further away. This land use proposal, if approved, would set a dangerous precedent for all City of Calgary parks which have been much needed and used during the pandemic. Furthermore, there would be a loss to the local area for informal baseball games as well as scheduled ones. Once the green space is lost it will be gone forever. Calgary needs more, not fewer local parks.

I am writing as a beginner golfer who, along with my family and friends, was a user of the Richmond Green Golf Course including some of the beginner nights for families and women. Since 2018 the plans for this site have taken many twists and turns such that they currently bear no resemblance to the original plan of closing of the golf course and using the money saved to support other City of Calgary golf courses. The course was hastily shut down after the 2019 season in spite of the recommendation to do a full review of City golf courses. Early in the 2019 season (May/June), I tried to book golf games at Richmond Green through the City website and was dismayed to read that the course was only open to the public on weekends and would not be open daily until August. Sometime during the summer the website was changed but we were unable to golf there until August. Unless there were a massive number of private bookings for schools and other groups in the spring of 2019, I find it hard to believe how any golf course could operate under such circumstances. Furthermore, the operations of all the City golf courses would have been severely impacted by the forest fires in 2017 - 2018 resulting in financial losses. I filled in a survey as a user in the summer of 2019 but have never seen the results. The suggestion of putting disc golf on the site has not happened to date. Is this now viewed as a permanent solution or not? City documents have been inconsistent on the topic. People will still not be able to circulate at will in the east area of the park with disc golf in place. Further, the issues of security for the underground water supply will need to be properly addressed. Safety will be compromised by running a road through the middle of the park.

Richmond Green was never a school site, is not a brownfield or a TOD. The argument at the May 4/21 information session that it was functioning as a "private" golf course because people had to pay to use it is utterly false. Using the same logic, are City pools and other recreational facilities PRIVATE because people have to pay to use them? Of course, users expect to have to pay something for the services, especially in our current economic situation. There are alternate methods for those in difficult circumstances to use City facilities. Furthermore, the housing proposed is market-based, will not be affordable, and will be adjacent to the already busy and noisy Richmond Road.

I feel that the engagement on Richmond Green has been another top-down process in which citizens are told what will happen and maligned if they disagree. At this point, I have no idea of the real truth about the decisions behind the proposal. I do know that beginner golfers of all ages now have fewer options where they can improve their play without being rushed around the course. I urge council to vote against this land use proposal.

Sincerely,

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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | RICHMOND GREEN REGIONAL PARK - LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Please include the attached letter from the Brentwood Community Association for the Public Submission items for LOC2021-0043, Richmond Green Regional Park. Thank you. |



Brentwood Community Association

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July 19, 2021

The City of Calgary P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Attention: Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors,

Re: The future of Richmond Green - Public Hearing at City Council on July 26, 2021

The Brentwood Community Association opposes the land use application to enable the redevelopment of ±5 acres of land on the current Richmond Green site.

Why do we care? Because we understand the importance of park spaces like Richmond Green. Park space is a valued feature in Brentwood – and lots of it! Nose Hill Park is "our" park because of its proximity to our community, but it is also a park well-used and loved by all Calgarians.

Every bit of park space matters! Nose Hill Park is the fourth-largest urban park in Canada, and one of the largest urban parks in North America, and yet, the parking lots are often overflowing (even after being expanded) because so many people want to experience and enjoy the park.

Calgary needs more park space, not less.

Try as they might, builders and developers cannot build more park space. No architect can improve on what nature already provides: trees and shrubs, birds and insects, fresh air, and open space in which to play or relax.

Richmond Green – in its entirety – should be preserved and saved for all Calgarians. There is no justification for destroying existing baseball diamonds in order to create more "mid-rise, higher density" housing, when just down the road at Currie, empty lots abound and much of the Currie master-planned community remains unbuilt.

Many letters have been written opposing a redevelopment of the Richmond Green site, and a public rally was held by nearby residents. This is similar to what happened in 1980 at Nose Hill Park when residents rallied for their park, but thankfully, the Council of the day supported the park rather than a development.

The City of Calgary recognizes this on its own website for Nose Hill Park:

"In the '80s, much of the park was destined for residential development. **However, vigorous citizen action saved the land for the magnificent park we have today."**

https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/locations/nw-parks/nose-hill-park.html

"Vigorous citizen action saved the land", resulting in a "magnificent park we have today". Powerful words that saved a park in 1980; a park that is loved and enjoyed by so many Calgarians even now, 41 years later.



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For an interesting history of the park, see the Friends of Nose Hill Society link at: http://www.fonhs.org/history.html

This is an excerpt:

1979 - United Management and Hartel Holdings proposed a zoning reclassification of the land on Nose Hill. In response, in early April of that year concerned citizens collected over 5,000 signatures on a petition opposing the zoning reclassification proposal and organized a march along John Laurie Blvd in defence of Nose Hill Park. Subsequently, City Council voted against any rezoning of Nose Hill Park lands.

1980 - City Council adopted the first Nose Hill Park Master Plan which recommended the preservation of a 2,740 acre (1109 hectare) park.

For another viewpoint supporting the retention of **all of the Richmond Green park space** over redevelopment, see Bev Sandalack's column in the Calgary Herald on July 17, 2021. Sandalack is a University of Calgary professor in the school of architecture, planning and landscape, plus a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and a board member of the Green Cities Foundation.

https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-you-know-whats-really-cool-building-more-parks-in-calgary

As Sandalack stated so well, "Loss of even a small amount of park space is a negative proposition — once it's gone, it's gone."

In 1980, for Nose Hill Park, Council had the choice to allow for a zoning reclassification or to preserve the park. They voted to save the park in its entirety.

In 2021, the current Council will have the same decision to make for Richmond Green. We hope that the entire park space will be preserved for all Calgarians to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Brentwood Community Association Board members:

Bonita McCurry, President

Kirk Osadetz, Vice President

Lisa Boychuk Treasurer

Melanie Swailes
Peter Johnson
Development and Transportation Committee



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I am writing Council to express my deep concern and opposition with any proposal to convert greenspace to developable area in Calgary. Greenspace and public parks form an integral part of what makes Calgary special and significant. Greenspace is a significant tool for climate sustainability by reducing urban heat, contributing to permeable land, mitigating flooding, and multiple other important benefits. The emotional and societal importance of greenspace is well documented and vastly important to wellbeing. With increased density and compact housing, especially in established areas of Calgary, publicly accessible greenspace is even more valuable and important as personal open space shrinks. This cannot be stressed enough and has been even more emphasised during the pandemic. Calgary needs to choose to be a green and sustainable city and increase, not decrease, meaningful and varied greenspaces to meet and exceed the needs of its population.

Council, be a leader in protecting our Greenspace for now and future generations and oppose LOC2021-0043.



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am opposed to the change in the Land use: LOC 2021-0043 Richmond Green I strongly feel the City needs to step back and review its overall green space development, after the fall election. This is too important a decision for an outgoing Council and Mayor to make that will impact Calgarians for the next 50-100 yrs. As the pandemic has shown us, our green spaces are more valuable to Calgarian more than just in a monetary way. They encourage people to make Calgary their home (tax base) but they also impact our daily lives physically and mentally and on the environment. Just because on paper it ticks all the boxes doesn't make it a good fit for now or more importantly for the future. Thanks for the time you give to make out this decision aside until after the election and include it in an overall city green space study. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I wish to NOT allow the Richmond Green LOC 2021-0043 project to happen. I've lived in this area for over 35 years and it is already too congested. There are too many homes, too much traffic and too much construction in this area. This will have a major traffic impact on the surrounding areas as well, not to mention restrict park access. |



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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I am a resident of Rutland Park, and am absolutely opposed to this development. I encourage council to vote against allowing this Land Use application to go forward. The city is going in the wrong direction to think that selling off cherished public parkland will benefit our citizens. Once this park is gone, it's gone forever. As sad as that would be for this part of the city, the precedent that this action would set is deeply troubling. Considering that there are still many questions that remain unanswered, along with a lack of commitment and transparency about how any such sale would be used to benefit the remaining parkland in Richmond Green, I do not believe that the city has been honest and fair with the people of Calgary. Shame on you for even considering this land sale. |



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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 detail the proposed plans and the city's process.

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 residential/commercial redevelopment of Park 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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| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | There is already too much traffic in that area. Adding more homes/ multi residential properties would make it impossible to enjoy the roads. The green space is great for families to enjoy. It will be ruined with added residential homes. |



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They paved paradise, put up a parking lot With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swingin' hot spot

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Joni Mitchell

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Why do you choose to live in a particular community? I chose to live in a community that feels safe, not crowded, lots of space, parks and scenery to walk around. When I come home, I need to feel that I am surrounded by a quiet peaceful environment.

Public space is all around us, a vital part of everyday urban life: the streets we pass through on the way to school or work, the places where children play, or where we encounter nature and wildlife; the local parks in which we enjoy sports, walk the dog and sit at lunchtime; or simply somewhere quiet to get away for a moment from the bustle of a busy daily life. In other words, public space is our open-air living room, our outdoor leisure centre.

Intuitively, we all understand the benefits of open space: a walk, a breath of fresh air, a change of scene. We know we feel better for it and research from Japan goes to show that good neighbourhood green spaces promote longer life expectancy for local people.

Existing Park is good for Calgary's Economy

A good public landscape also offers very clear benefits to the local economy in terms of stimulating increased house prices, since house-buyers are willing to pay to be near green space. A view of a park was shown to raise house prices by 8 per cent, and having a park nearby by 6 per cent. This compares with a view of an apartment block, which can reduce the price by 7 per cent. (Luttik, J. (2000) 'The value of trees, water and open spaces as reflected by house prices in the Netherlands'. Landscape and Urban Planning, Vol. 48, pp161-167.)

Creating tax revenue

By helping to increase the value of homes in this way, parks and other public spaces bring wider benefits in terms of increased taxes paid to government.

The Social Dimension of Public Space

Public spaces are open to all, regardless of ethnic origin, age or gender, and as such they represent a democratic forum for citizens and society. When properly designed and cared for, they bring communities together, provide meeting places and foster social ties of a kind that have been disappearing in many urban areas. These spaces shape the cultural identity of an area, are part of its unique character and provide a sense of place for local communities.

Value from Biodiversity and Nature

The significant increase in hard surfacing and the reduction in green spaces lead to higher temperatures in towns and cities than in the surrounding countryside. This is known as the 'heat island effect'. Vegetation, whether in public spaces or private gardens can help to redress this imbalance. It brings many important environmental benefits to urban areas, including the cooling of air and the absorption of atmospheric pollutants. Vegetation also provides an opportunity for people to be close to 'nature', with the associated positive impact that this can bring in terms of mental health and the simple pleasure of experiencing trees, birds, squirrels, ladybugs and other wildlife in an urban situation.

Public green spaces are diminishing in cities, leading to the loss of ecosystem services that humans receive from natural systems. These 5 acres may not seem like a lot to someone that does not live in the area, but this change will have a huge negative impact on the quality of life and desirability of the community. Incremental changes of greenspace trigger baseline shifts, where each generation of humans tends to take the current condition of an ecosystem as the normal state, disregarding its previous states. Even well-intended political land-use decisions, such as current privatization schemes, can cumulatively result in undesirable societal outcomes, leading to a gradual loss of opportunities for nature experience. Alfred E. Kahn referred to such decision making as 'the tyranny of small decisions.' This is mirrored in urban planning as problems that are dealt with in an ad hoc manner with no officially formulated vision for long-term spatial planning.

Respectful Development

This requested change is about greed. There is a nice piece of land in a perfect location, and a lot of money could be made selling high end commercial and residential real estate at that location.

Sometimes decisions cannot be made based on making money. This is a public park. Important space that needs to be preserved for generations to come. I pay taxes to help protect and maintain these existing green spaces.

The green space that used to be the golf course is covering critical infrastructure, and the city said at the open house that because if this and the hazards that stick up above ground, the general public cannot have unmonitored access to it. The little strip of land that is used by city roads should also be turned into additional park space. It is unacceptable to think that adding grass to the roads parcel would justify the sale and development of the only usable 5 acres of developed park space in the area.

I understand the City mandate to densify, but there are currently 1000 condos for sale in the surrounding area listed on realtor.ca at the time of this letter. With the large Currie Barracks development, this area needs to stay park space to offset that dense development.

Protection of community assets

Calgarians community assets need to be protected. When hard working Calgarians choose a community to invest all of their savings and purchase property because of certain amenities, those amenities need to be protected. This requested change will negatively affect all community members, but the single-family bungalows surrounding the park will be negatively impacted financially. Those residents' lives will negatively change. They purchased their homes knowing that they would be facing a beautiful protected park, and now you want to build a large scale commercial and residential tower that will add thousands of residents, traffic, parked cars.

I am alarmed and concerned that every piece of green space in the city could be in jeopardy with this type of request being considered.

Please deny this Land Use Change request of Richmond Green Park for the benefit of all Calgarians. Save and protect Richmond Green Park.

Thank you,

Christine Eskrick



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| | We continue to be opposed to the selling of the Richmond Green Upper Ball fields regional park space proposal that's being considered by council. The bottom line is that |

this is not whats best for our communities.

the very heart of this park.

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I want to specifically raise my concerns about the proposed design of this park space and the safety of our community residents. Safety should be a top priority in the design of any densely populated city of Calgary parks, as it is in other urban cities in Canada. Richmond Greens north west corner of the park - the upper ball fields parcel currently proposed for disposition is on higher ground and offers the best lines of sight to residential and street view of any part of the park. The OWC lands and the golf course lands simply do not offer this essential features. I would like to talk more about this at the meeting, but I believe that designing this park space for current and future use must keep this consideration in mind. Seeling off this part of the park with take away



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April 11, 2021

Tom Schlodder
Planning Development and Assessment
City of Calgary
Tom.Schlodder@calgary.ca

Dear Tom Schlodder:

RE: LOC2021 - 0043

The Richmond Knob Hill Development Committee ("RKHDC") has reviewed the above noted land use amendment application requesting a change from S-R to MU-1h25 and the cities reasoning and concluded we do not support the request.

Our analysis reviewed the Cities reasoning for the request and a holistic impact to the community in the present / future. The City has stated the reasoning for the land use amendment is a sale of the underlying land. We assessed the pros and cons of the potential rezoning/sale and noted that it would lead to an overall net loss for the community in the present and in the future.

The following were the issues that were analyzed to come to our conclusion:

1) On the Engagement website, FAQ 1 states, "Faced with a continued economic downturn and the impacts of COVID-19, The City of Calgary continuously seeks to deliver services more affordably and to strengthen our community's future. This includes, where it makes sense, positioning surplus City-owned lands and real estate expertise to increase the tax base, generate revenue and leverage existing infrastructure in support of the growth of our city. This approach recognizes that City-owned lands are valuable assets that provide long-term and strategic benefits – economic, environmental and social – to current and future generations."

The land in question, is purported to be, "surplus city-owned land", and it makes sense to sell it to increase the tax base. Firstly, the land is not surplus land as stated because currently the city has not met it obligation to Richmond Knob Hill as it relates to community space statistics and their requirement to provide a minimum amount of green space per hectare (10%) and a minimum amount of green space per 1,000 people (2.0 hectare). Although Richmond Green Park is not included in community space statistics, that is not relevant because with all future densification that the City is projecting for the inner city, we need to increase the amount of green space to ensure that we continue to maintain a great community in the future by

having sufficient outdoor space. In addition, the current epidemic should not be forgotten in our analysis, as the world has fundamentally changed, and people are demanding more green space / recreation space.

Secondly, this park space, the baseball diamonds and pathways, are well utilized and selling them off will be a detriment to the community. This is especially compounded by the fact that there is no guarantee that the pathways / baseball diamonds will be replaced.

- 2) There have been discussions that the loss of the 5 acres of park space will be replaced by use of the old golf course as recreation space or potential green space elsewhere, but there have been no guarantees. As the city has stated in FAQ 4, "How the remaining 46 acres at Richmond Green will be used remains to be seen." In addition, FAQ 12 states, "It is too soon to say what amount of open space dedication will be at Richmond Green.
- 3) The old Richmond Green Golf Course land should not be considered guaranteed open space / recreation space and communities should not take this area into account when considering the loss of the 5 acres and potentially getting year around access to this space. It is extremely important to note that classification or the steward of the area of the old Richmond Green Golf Course does not dictate future use because the City has stated its, "primary need for the former golf course lands and City depot site is to preserve lands for future critical water infrastructure and reservoir expansion at Richmond Green"(FAQ 9) and any alternate use will be temporary until Water Resources needs it.

Therefore, any use of it as recreation space is temporary and this is clearly outlined in responses to FAQ 15, "...preserved until such time that Water Resources needs the land for future water infrastructure expansion." In addition, the area could be fenced off at any time for the primary needs of the Water Department.

This area is the only critical Water Resource asset that is not fenced off in the City. We cannot predict the future and when it could be fenced off due to security, construction, upgrading, or repair purposes – eliminating access.

4) The consideration of the sale of Richmond Green Park, a recognized regional park, has raised the question of the protection of greenspaces. Based on the direction/actions of Council there appears to be none.

In the FAQ's it is made very clear that the sale of the land is being considered because the City is, "Faced with a continued economic downturn and impacts of COVID-19." In FAQ 8, it is stated that the City is not looking to develop other parks and the Richmond Green opportunity is rare. But in FAQ 27, the City appears to contradict itself and states that

there is always potential for revision and nothing is protected, "the potential for future revisions is why the Development Authority has land use amendment process".

How the City can take the position, we are only looking to sell Richmond Green given this unique economic downturn and it is not going to ever happen again. But then admit, things change, and nothing is protected. This contradiction is extremely distressing. Given the history of Calgary being a boom bust economy, allowing council access to parks as way to raise money should never be allowed.

5) The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a strategic policy document that guides Calgary's growth and provides vision. A key point referenced by the City to support the rezoning is that the project supports the MDP, by adding density to an established area immediately adjacent to transit and open space. While this is a single point in the MDP, a major overtone of the document is sustainability of green spaces. The MDP outlines Major Sustainability Principles, and a Key Direction of those principles is to preserve open space, agricultural land, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas. The MDP also states specifically, a key principle is to, "Protect the basic social and environmental functions of City parks and public open spaces and prevent parkland conversion to other uses".

With the current crisis we are going through parks and green spaces are more important than ever and the MDP recognizes this importance by the definition. The MDP defines, "Parks and open spaces are special places within the urban environment. These spaces enrich the fabric of our city and provide a unifying framework across neighborhoods and communities, a means of orientation and special places for gathering, relaxing or active recreation."

Based on holistic analysis of the MDP, densification should not come at the expense of parks and green space.

- 6) The Richmond Green Park and Golf Course are a part of the CFB West Master Plan Policy Area. The proposal does not comply with the Non-Statutory CFB West Revised Master Plan;
 - Section 12.3.4 "any reconfiguration of an existing park area should NOT reduce either the overall recreational functionality of the area or the total amount of open space".
 - This park space, including the 22.1 ha of the Richmond Park/Richmond Green Golf Course, has been factored into Stormwater Management as a catchment area as part of the Master Drainage Plan and Stormwater Management Systems for Currie were developed based on including this space for water absorption.

- The support of the development of Currie was obtained with the promise that these areas would be preserved as green space.

The CFB West Master Plan was recently amended and adopted on October 5, 2020. The Plan should not be amended again as nothing has changed in such a short period of time; other than that fact they want to sell the Richmond Green Park space. The CFB West Master Plan is in line with the MDP, in the preservation of park space.

7) The suggested land use amendment of MU-1h25 is inappropriate because it is intended for property along commercial streets. Furthermore, it does not appear to have a limit for its FAR / maximum lot coverage. Based on experience, the city may present potential development concepts, but the developer always maximizes size/densification for profit. The only thing that protects residents is the appropriate zoning to begin with and not trying to work with developers to restrict the size of their developments after the fact.

Furthermore, there is currently major development in Marda Loop and traffic issues along 33rd Ave / Richmond Rd. A comprehensive traffic study should be completed by the City before any rezoning is considered that may increase the traffic along these routes.

Based on the analysis above the City could meet its goal of raising the tax base while increasing densification near park space/transit by looking into block rezoning existing homes near desired areas. For example, instead of trying to sell the Richmond Green Park, focus on the homes across the street and change the zoning. The landowners home values would increase, their taxes would increase, and they would eventually sell. This approach to raising money for the city would be in line with the MDP and not contradictory.

In conclusion, the Richmond Knob Hill Community Association Development Committee does not support the land use amendment application or sale of Richmond Green Park.

Gary Sarohia

Director of Development

Richmond Knob Hill Community Association

cc: Councillor Evan Wooley

Development Advisor Ward 8

Member of the RKHCA Executive Committee



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 Richmond Green Ball Diamonds to Council |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I would like to have the opportunity to speak at the public council meeting July 26 in regards to the proposed redevelopment of Richmond Green Park. |

July 19, 2021

Re: Follow Up to Community Feedback for LOC2021-0043

Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors:

I am opposed to a land use re-designation that would allow for mixed use residential and commercial use in what is currently regional park space. I am also opposed to changes to the CFB West Policy Area that would allow for residential and commercial development in this space.

There is strong opposition from the communities of Currie Barracks, Lincoln Park and Rutland Park to this proposal. Opposition form additional stakeholders include Richmond Knobhill, Glamorgan Community Association, Grace Lutheran Manor, and Sarcee Meadows Housing Cooperative.

This is a major/regional park—one of 34 identified in our Land Use Bylaw. All of the land including the OWC site is designated S-R. The sale of any of it is a reduction in S-R land for recreational use. What happens here sets a precedent for ALL of our other parks. We believe that regional park decisions affect all Calgarians, and would like the City to consider a Regional Park Policy, starting with a referendum in our upcoming election around the sale of regional park space to address budgeting shortfalls.

I am opposed to any land use which would permit commercial use on the site. Changing the policy area would open up ALL of Sarcee Road for commercial development based on the new Guide for Local Area Planning, before we even get to the LAP process for our community. I am extremely concerned that the proposal includes overwriting a RESIDENTIAL land use policy area to allow for COMMERCIAL development.

This proposed land use amendment is asking the surrounding communities to embrace a lot of additional density, but nothing is being provided to residents in return. The sale of this site is predominantly intended to remediate the OWC site, replace 1 of the 2 well used baseball diamonds and provide upgrades to ball diamonds in other communities as an offset for the loss of the second ball diamond. This would still see a net loss of 1 inner city baseball diamond. If Cal West has no need for these diamonds, we would be happy to see them converted into general green space.

This park space is very well used. In addition to serving as baseball diamonds, this space is used by our residents of all ages, for a number of different activities. In addition, the utilization rate of the diamonds is in excess of 400 booking hours per year which is higher on average than other diamonds in nearby communities.

Commercial space is not needed in this area to create a complete community. There is already plenty of access to commercial development for the affected communities—there is a strip mall in Richmond (a block over), Marda Loop commercial is within walking distance, Currie Barracks commercial is within walking distance, main street shopping on 37 St SW/Richmond Rd is within walking distance, and Sarcee Plaza is located on 37 St SW as well. Commercial space is unnecessary and inappropriate for this site. This application will allow for 580,000 sq ft of development on the corner of Sarcee Road and 33 Ave SW, approximately 100 townhomes, 250 multi-residential units and 25,000 sq ft of commercial, to replace 2 well used ball diamonds. A high density development in this location will not only restrict park access, but will have a major traffic impact on the surrounding communities.

The City has recently revised their shadow studies in the FAQ. The new shadow studies clearly indicate that a number of properties in both Rutland Park and Richmond Knobhill will be negatively impacted by overshadowing in the winter months.

All of Richmond Green Regional Park is part of the CFB West Policy Area and is intended to offset the massive density (21300 people) that has been approved for the area. Regional pathways in the area are designed to connect to this space. Based on this approved population, at final build, the Policy Area will be short 65 acres of open space as per Parks Open Space Policy. This is the ONLY space that has the potential to offset that population, even though regional park space is not intended to be calculated into community open space statistics.

The argument that is being put forward is that we need to densify in this area to meet our MDP density targets. The 2009 MDP set a 60 year city wide density goal of 27 people per hectare. The 3 communities which are directly impacted ALREADY EXCEED or will exceed these goals. Rutland Park at 38.2 exceeds the goal by almost 50%. Lincoln Park at 82.6 exceeds the goal by over 300%. The CFB West Policy Area at final build with 145 people per hectare is set to exceed the goal by 500%. It is UNREASONABLE to expect these communities to take on even more density.

In addition, any potential residents would not likely contribute to BRT ridership. There is a local bus route bordering the site, and the south bound BRT stop is 800+ meters away, while the north bound stop is a kilometer away. This high density development would also have a significant traffic impact on 33 Avenue SW which is already a site of major congestion, as well as a very detrimental impact on the residents located beside and across from the site.

What should be of great concern to both Councillors and Calgarians everywhere is that this is not intended to be a unique situation, but rather a plan moving forward. If Council is successful here, there are endless possibilities throughout the City, as clearly stated by Councillor Woolley in the June 17 CPC meeting at 4:19:01 in the video—

https://pubcalgary.escribemeetings.com/Players/ISIStandAlonePlayer.aspx?ClientId=calgary&FileName= Council Primary Calgary Planning Commission 2021-06-17-02-59.mp4

"We need to work really hard to think of creative ways to densify and particularly on TOD sites and brownfield sites and old school sites like this. We have to get there; we have to support these kinds of applications to meet our municipal development targets... The only way that happens is through some of that missing middle; densifying along our corridors and creatively using a site like this that are all over our inner city established communities. This application is not within a TOD site, or even on a Main Street, nor is it a brownfield site or an old school site. It is a well used regional park. Park space on a residential street is preferable to reclaimed land along Crowchild Trail. If any land is to be considered for sale, it should be the OWC land."

I feel there are still many unanswered questions which are very concerning such as the issue of contamination on the OWC site, water security and fencing requirements both for the existing reservoirs/reservoir expansion, and stormwater concerns.

These baseball diamonds are the only significant chunk of unencumbered park space in the regional park—they should NOT be sold for development.

The 2020 MDP prioritizes the ecological protection of parks and open spaces. Existing well used park space should NOT be sold off on the premise that it will remediate contaminated Roads Depot land. Once space like this is lost, it is nearly impossible to replace. If the City doesn't have the budget to address the contamination, the area should be securely fenced off until such time as it does.

In addition to the above comments from Rutland Community Association, the below article from Beverly Sandalack also expresses my concerns regarding this proposal.

Opinion: You know what's really cool? Building more parks in Calgary

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Beverly Sandalack is a professor in the school of architecture, planning and landscape at the University of Calgary, a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and a board member of the Green Cities Foundation.

I have long been an advocate of a more compact and efficient city, which usually means absorbing some density in the established city. But not when it destroys existing park space.

Richmond Green had a civic purpose even before the Department of National Defence developed Currie Barracks in the 1930s. Calgary's municipal water came from the Elbow River, supplying reservoirs still in place under Richmond Green. As the city and its recreation needs grew, ball diamonds, tennis courts and a par-three golf course were built, along with a city office and works area. By the 1970s, Richmond Green was one of Calgary's largest regional parks. In 2019, the city closed the un-performing golf course, and it remains as green space. With the redevelopment of Currie Barracks, a road will connect through the park. Plans show housing in the northwest 2.2 hectares and park space replacing the city works area. Although a net gain of green space is projected, is this really the best option?

Instead of nibbling away at our current parks and open spaces, what would happen if we zoomed out and thought bigger? Rather than selling off pieces of current open space, what about looking for ways to build on what we already have and make a more extensive and interconnected park system?

Calgary actually scores well in many parks metrics. According to the 2021 Canadian City Parks Report, Calgary has the most hectares of parkland per 1,000 population of cities over 500,000, with seven hectares per 1,000 people, although 53 per cent of this is natural areas such as Nose Hill and Fish Creek Provincial Park. With 1,000 kilometres of regional pathways and 96 kilometres of trails, it also has the most extensive urban pathway network in North America. At the same time, many neighbourhoods are under-supplied, including the Beltline, the city's densest area, with only 0.33 hectares per 1,000 people.

Currently, the main acquisition strategy for parks is the 10 per cent municipal reserve dedication, which supplies new communities. The city can also purchase land for regional parks or to protect environmentally significant lands, but, in practice, making new parks in established areas is very difficult.

Here's a thought experiment: imagine if Richmond Green Park linked up with the Glendale ravines to the west, the green spaces of Currie Barracks and Mount Royal University and Glenmore Park to the south, and North Glenmore and River parks to the east. It would mean acquiring many pieces of land to link up the existing open spaces with new parks and greenways but would create a more ecologically connected landscape network that a huge population would have easy access to. Expand that network thinking to the city as a whole, and we have a very different park system and ecology.

If it is simply an economic question, then the value of landscapes and their ecological function need to be included. Yes, they have capital value, with sports, recreation and aesthetic purposes. But they also provide a wide range of ecosystem services, such as climate regulation, wildlife habitat and nutrient cycling that are harder to put a price tag on.

The perils of the 21st-century city include the uncertainties of climate change, decline in species diversity, concerns about sustainability, loss of sense of place and now pandemics. The last year and a half showed us that parks and open spaces are even more important than we thought, as we relied on them in new ways for recreation, exercise and distanced social interaction. The last heat wave made climate change more real to us, with parks a matter of life and death.

Walking across a parking lot versus a park is an uncomfortable demonstration of how vegetation is so much cooler. If the surface is pervious — grass, trees or shrubs rather than asphalt or concrete — water can percolate and the sun's rays aren't reflected back towards us. This urban heat island is reduced every time a tree is planted or park space is added, but it increases whenever a natural area or park is made into a road, parking lot or building. The effect is dramatic and measurable: every 10 per cent increase in impervious surface results in a 1 C degree increase in temperature.

Trees further reduce air temperature, and shaded areas can be even cooler. The city's urban forest coverage is currently at 8.25 per cent canopy level. Calgary's goal is to increase that to 16 per cent by 2060, still below the 20 per cent minimum recommended by American Forests, an organization concerned with the urban tree canopy, for grassland cities. We are challenged by chinooks, which are hard on trees, but we are also a wealthy city, by world standards, and could achieve higher coverage with more investment in planting and maintenance.

American Forests compared tree canopy data with income, employment and ethnicity in several U.S. cities, highlighting the inequity of neighbourhood urban tree distribution. The City of Calgary Urban Forest Management map shows the distribution in our city, and there is an appalling variability among neighbourhoods in the number of city-owned street trees per hectare, with highs of around 1,500 trees/ha and lows around 500.

With all of this as background, the 2.2 hectares of Richmond Green Park take on more significance. Loss of even a small amount of park space is a negative proposition — once it's gone, it's gone. By now, Calgary's planning commission and city council will have debated this specific issue, but there are probably many other sites like this one — tempting to sell or to develop. Yes, those two hectares are important, but not as a trading card or a parcel of developable land, and not even simply as a piece of Richmond Green. What if Calgary decided to define its branding around a bigger vision of landscape?

Calgary is one of the richest cities in one of the richest countries in the world, a place where the very idea of the landscape attracts people to its river paths and parks and nearby natural environments. The

heroic efforts to build a park system in this prairie city need protecting and sustaining, and perhaps also a new vision. Systematically acquiring more parks and greenways could over time add up to an interconnected landscape system of patches and corridors and perhaps a new defining characteristic of our city into the future.

Otherwise, worst case, park space might just be a land bank used to plug holes in the budget. So, is it really that tough a call to make? If it is just a question of land and money, then the call is easy. But if it is a bigger question about human health, environmental health and vision, then the call is different.

Please do not re-designate this land.

Sincerely,

Mark Schipper

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Subject: [EXT] 2539 33 AV SW - LOC2021-0043 - Comment from Development Map - Mon 7/19/2021 11:09:39 AM

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Feedback:

We are opposed to the proposed application based on the following:

- 1) It makes no sense to eliminate two baseball diamonds that are used extensively over the summer months. If anything there should be more outdoor recreational facilities in the area, NOT LESS.
- 2) The idea of putting in a hundred 100 townhomes, 250 multi-residential units and 25,000 sq ft of commerical space that has only TWO ACCESS ROADS (33 AVENUE & SARCEE ROAD, will lead to increased traffic congestion. The reality is Calgarians prefer their own vehicle to drive to and from work, shopping and transporting their children to school and various activities. And we know that one houshold has a MINIMUM of 2 or 3 CARS! And considering the one artery in question, SARCEE ROAD, IS A SINGLE LANE in each direction makes this plan unworkable.
- 3) There is ALREADY SO MUCH CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT around the surrounding communities. Take for example KILLARNEY where all the bungalows have been replaced by INFILLS and SIDE/SIDE DUPLEXES some of which are 3 STOREYS HIGH. In addition, the CITY has also increased density by allowing 4 TOWNHOUSES on an average 50 x 120' lot.

Developers have created monstrous homes and large garages such that there are no more yards left and trees have been cut to allow for every maximum space for residential dwelling.

For this very reason, we need more green space and not less.

Thank you. Steve and Maribel Benson



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April 15, 2021

To: Tom Schlodder, City of Calgary Via email tom.schlodder@calgary.ca

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Re: Richmond Green LOC2021-0043 - Proposed change from S - R (Special Purpose Recreation) to MU - 1

One can understand the City's desire to increase its tax base considering the impacts from structural changes in the oil and gas industry, the subsequent economic downturn and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One can also appreciate the goals of the Municipal Development Plan to reduce sprawl, increase density and encourage transit-oriented development.

However a bleeding tax base and low barriers to development represented by open park space should not be considered sufficient rationale for removing designated green space from City of Calgary Parks' inventory, including Richmond Green. Parks or any portions thereof should not be sacrificed, especially when there is available inventory of city- and publicly-owned land primed and waiting for development to occur or be completed. The adjacent Currie Barracks is a case in point.

Green space is a rare commodity within established areas of Calgary. As such they should be protected as green spaces in perpetuity. Green spaces and parks are highly valued in Calgary as evidenced by many civilian surveys and promoted by City of Calgary Parks. Once developed, parks are gone forever along with the social, cultural, physical, emotional and environmental benefits for which green spaces are noted.

Furthermore, no consultation occurred with the communities surrounding Richmond Green or Calgarians at large (as it is a regional park) regarding a change in landuse. The proposed sale and land use rezoning began with a motion passed at a Priorities and Finance Committee meeting, held October 13, 2020 on the heels of the golf course operations review and real estate assessment, <u>PF2020-0952</u>.

Consultation with surrounding communities and Calgarians, after the fact, is not due process nor fair engagement. Failure to acknowledge constituents results in mistrust, anger and dissatisfaction of government, its processes and representatives, similar

to Albertans' reaction to the 1976 Alberta Coal Policy cancellation or Calgarians' reaction to the Community Guidelines initiative.

Currie Barracks is not fully developed nor full impacts of development realized. Until that time any urgency to rezone the northwest corner of Richmond Green is premature and should not be contemplated.

Closure of the Richmond Green Golf Course on which the rezoning is predicated should not result in the piecemeal development of Richmond Green. Richmond Green requires a holistic planning approach including all its aspects (in situ water infrastructure, future water infrastructure build-out, the road alignment connecting Currie Barracks to 33rd Avenue SW, the future use of the golf course and the Operations Workplace Centre, and designated active and passive recreational uses) before any development is considered. Fragmented planning decisions do not create cohesive or creative results.

Of further concern is the precedent the City might be establishing. Who is to say that other parts of Richmond Green, not affected by water infrastructure, will not be subjected to the very same rationales used for the proposed rezoning of the northwest corner of Richmond Green. This is alluded to in 6B of "Frequently Asked Questions: The Future of Richmond Green" (FAQ). There are no guarantees that green space will remain except for where water infrastructure exists or might exist in the future. Taking the reasoning even further what might happen to other City parks, especially parks without critical underground infrastructure?

As an aside the City of Calgary in its review of City golf courses missed a huge opportunity to promote the Richmond Green Golf Course as its only pesticide-free golf course. Due to the underground water infrastructure there is a pesticide use exclusionary zone (30m?) setback. The golf course represented an ideal opportunity for children, whose health is particularly vulnerable to pesticide use, to learn the game of golf in an healthy, pesticide-free environment.

Statements from the Municipal Development Plan such as encouraging "the concentration of residential density in areas adjacent to open space, parks, wetlands and sports fields especially where the area is served by transit services and other community amenities," (FAQ 19) can be applied easily to many areas including other parks in Calgary. However it is disingenuous to apply such rationale to the proposed landuse application at Richmond Green. Richmond Green is surrounded by communities that are in transition and undergoing development intensification. For this very reason it is even more important that Richmond Green is maintained as a regional park for the benefit of present and future citizens locally and further afield.

There are too many pieces of the jigsaw puzzle that require positioning before any judicious decision can be made to remove rare green space, forever, from Richmond Green. COVID-19 has illustrated just how important accessible green spaces are to the well-being of Calgarians. The City risks raising the ire, mistrust and dissatisfaction of its constituents if the landuse application, LOC 2021-0043, is approved.

We therefore urgently request that the Calgary Planning Commission and City Council do not approve the land use application, LOC2021-0043, at Richmond Green.

Yours truly,

Robin McLeod Brian Peacock Brenn Peacock 3119 35 Ave SW Calgary, AB T3E 0Z8

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Honourable Mayor Nenshi and Councillors

Richmond Green LOC2021-0043

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. 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.

It appears from the PFC 2021-0834 Needs Assessment that Water Services has the highest need with 2 underground reservoirs currently (site of the decommissioned golf course) 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 was to be further expansion of water services these lands would also be fenced for security and protection of infrastructure.

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, arbours, stone work, etc. it would be folly to invest millions of dollars from the sale of 5 acres only to rip it up for future expansion of water services. Furthermore, where would these elaborate capital upgrades take place when development is so restricted by underground water infrastructure?

The current facilities including the three baseball diamonds, tennis courts, tot lot and pathways are more than adequate and well-used. Improvements could be made but it is hard to justify spending millions of dollars other than a healthy dose of life cycle maintenance, at a much less onerous cost. The undulating land of open and treed space with designated activity sites and unspoiled by off-leash dogs makes Richmond Green a treasured park in the southwest.

In reality there are but 2 needs with which the City has to make decisions and possibly fundthe 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 or does the
City need to pay Canada Lands for the land swap?

Finally the needs of the surrounding communities require acknowledgement. Developing the westend of Richmond Green creates a barrier to the park, especially to the residents of Rutland Park who enjoy beautiful and treed, open access to the park. Giving direct access to the park is elitist. Exchanging the proposed 5-acre development for a site at the far southeast end of Richmond Green (Operations Workplace Centre) is not exactly convenient to residents on the west side of Richmond Green nor to the adjacent seniors community. In the future if water service requirements expand most of Richmond Green could be fenced

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leaving the passive park user stranded. In the process of development many beautiful trees will be lost.

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? Funding ought to be available from the closure of City-operated golf courses and one hopes that the City has a remediation fund for City-contaminated sites. Long may Richmond Green lay intact.

Respectfully,

Brian Peacock Rutland Park 403-809-6119



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I do not support the change in use LOC Application 2021-0043. This proposal is a change for the land use of the upper baseball diamonds from the current recreational use of S-R to MU-1, which would allow for residential and commercial development in the space. Calgary is a great City because of its park spaces. Changing the policy area would open up ALL of Sarcee Road for commercial development based on the new Guide for Local Area Planning, before we even get to the LAP process for this community. All of Richmond Green Regional Park is part of the CFB West Policy Area and is intended to offset the massive density (21300 people) that has been approved for the area. Regional pathways in the area are designed to connect to this space. Based on this approved population, at final build, the Policy Area will be short 65 acres of open space as per Parks Open Space Policy.

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Given the public outcry about this matter, Council very much needs to listen to residents and communities, take a step back, stop the process, and start it again from scratch. Next time the public needs to be involved from the very beginning starting with the open, undirected question of how the public would like to see this park land and recreation space used going forward. Part of the reason we are presently at this untenable crossroads is that the City started with a pre-identified idea of what it wanted to do with this site and has only asked for feedback on this idea. Green spaces, parks, and recreational facilities are very important to the future of our city and as such Citizens need to be comprehensively consulted with their views determining the direction forward. This is far to important to be decided by City bureaucrats and as the Director of Strategic Planning for the Hounsfield Heights Briar Hill Community Association I implore City Coucil to apply the lessons it learned early on with the debacle around Crowchild Trail Corridor improvements. As was done in that instance, in this case everything currently undertaken with regard to Richmond Green needs to be scrapped and started over as a completely blank slate to be painted by the perspectives of everyday Calgarians.



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Attention: Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors

Re: The future of Richmond Green - Public Hearing at City Council on July 26, 2021

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed land use redesignation application to enable residential and commercial development on a portion of the Richmond Green park site. This is an important regional park within an established area that is well used by Calgarians. The City should not sell valuable greenspace for commercial and residential development. Instead, the City should encourage developers to utilize vacant or brownfield spaces already designated for commercial use.

Our urban greenspaces are a non-renewable resource that should not depleted for commercial and residential development. The societal and community value of those spaces, including the benefits of our urban tree canopy within our city, cannot be under-estimated and should be protected for the collective benefit of all citizens.

The approval of the Richmond Green application would create a negative precedent for the future of our city greenspaces that cannot be remediated through other proposed improvements to the remaining greenspace area.

Richmond Green, in its entirety, should be preserved and saved for all Calgarians. There is no justification for destroying existing baseball diamonds and park space to create more "mid-rise, higher density" housing, when there are available empty lots in the Currie area and much of the Currie master-planned community remains unbuilt.

Many letters have been written opposing a redevelopment of the Richmond Green site, and a public rally was held by nearby residents. There is significant public opposition to the Richmond Green application. Council should oppose this application and put the interests of Calgarians and valuable park and greenspace ahead of development at this location.

Bev Sandalack, a University of Calgary professor in the school of architecture, planning and landscape, wrote an excellent article exhorting us to be bolder and more pro-active in not only preserving but also growing our greenspaces and parks within our cities:

(https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-you-know-whats-really-cool-building-more-parks-in-calgary)

I oppose the redesignation of a portion of Richmond Green to allow for residential and commercial development. The City should impose a moratorium on the redesignation of any park or greenspace in established urban areas and should develop a policy to protect and expand our city greenspaces.

Patricia McCunn-Miller



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I am against any type of residential or commercial development in Richmond Green Park. There are strip malls at both the north and south ends of Sarcee Road. More businesses are not needed in this area. I used to be supportive of initiatives that sought to reduce urban sprawl by developing inner city spaces, but after experiencing the nasty tangle that is now the Marda Loop area, I have changed my thinking. Increasing density lowers the quality of life for people already living in the area. It increases traffic and parking snarls. There are so many cars parked on the streets in Marda Loop, that two way traffic is no longer possible on side streets. I do not want to see this happen to communities surrounding Richmond Green. The proposed road and traffic circle are not sufficient to mitigate this. Calgary is a cold city. Most people do not ride the bus. They want to own cars, and most families have more than one vehicle. In addition, experiencing the recent extreme heat temperatures in Calgary, watching the province of British Columbia burn, seeing the effects of flooding in Western Europe - shouldn't this cause us to plan our city differently, and to focus on factors that can help to mitigate the extreme and devastating effects of climate change? We already know that green spaces help to control flooding and water run off, help to maintain considerably cooler temperatures than pavement, and serve to clean the air of smoke. Shouldn't we be looking at our green spaces in a new way, preserving and promoting them to help protect us from the ravages of climate? Please leave the ball diamonds and mature trees that make this corner so lovely and reinvigorating to both park users and passers-by.



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 - Richmond Green park land sale |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |

There is strong opposition to losing any of the Richmond Green park space for real estate development by selling off five-acre parcel of land at the Sarcee/33 avenue. At best, there is thin support for "upgrading and developing" Richmond Green as presented. 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.

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I recognize that the Needs Assessment (Scope 2) was prioritized slightly ahead of the Land Use / subdivision Application (Scope 1), 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 re-engage with this process are not clearly outlined.

It has been recommended that a portion of sales proceeds from Parcel 'A' "should be



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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 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 with too many details missing on next steps. To be clear, park space cannot be replaced once it is gone.

Re: The Future of Richmond Green (LOC2021-0043)

This letter outlines my concerns and thoughts about the future of Richmond Green. I have taken the past few weeks to review the information from the on-line presentation by the City on May 4, 2021 (where I also posted comments in the chat section), from the materials made available by the City, and from the area community associations. In short, I believe the proposal to sell and redevelop the five-acre parcel of land for commercial and residential use is a shortsighted one and fails to recognize the intangible benefits of keeping this area a park. This proposal is strongly opposed by a majority of both residents and community associations and yet a clear path forward to solicit input from concerned citizens or community associations after this initial engagement period is not clearly outlined.

Reallocation of tax dollars to develop Richmond Green myth

I have lived in the Killarney area since 1999 and have been a Richmond Green Park user since the 70's when I was a child. Listening to Councillor Wooley at the on-line open house, I recalled the many experiences I too enjoyed at this park. As I listened to the presentation, I heard numerous speakers say that failure to support this proposal would result in a loss of financial support from the City, presumably from newly generated property taxes, to reimagine and redevelop the park and existing recreational infrastructure. Councillor Wooley even went as far to outline a projected amount of "6-7 million dollars" would be lost if this proposal is not put through. This has been promised in the past and has not been fulfilled.

I recall the exact same pitch when it was made at a Killarney-Glengarry community meeting in the early 2000s when the Currie Barracks land was being first developed. The assertion was that once all that land was developed, the surrounding communities of Killarney, Rutland Park, RichmondKnob Hill, and the new communities on the Canada Lands property would all see property tax dollars reallocated to revitalize Richmond Green. Knowing the scope of development on the former Currie Barracks land and the value of said properties in this community, this should have been a windfall of financial support to upgrade the Richmond Green park facilities. Instead, here we are again listening to the same suggestion that was shared over twenty years ago. I do not believe that the selling of the five-acre parcel for development nor the new property taxes generated by developing this land will lead to Richmond Green improvements based on the City's previous statements. The City's FAQ sheet (March 29, 2021) offers no promises either as it states "How the remaining 46 acres at Richmond Green will be used remains to be seen". This shows that there simply is no obligation or mechanism to

ensure reinvestment will happen once this land is sold for development. Further, there is little mention of how community input can shape or even oppose this development or improvements to the park space after this initial phase of engagement. It is increasingly clear that this is a real estate deal, one that is solely positioned to "increase the tax base (to) generate revenue" (City of Calgary FAQ sheet, March 29, 2021). Improvements to Richmond Green are secondary to the goal of selling this land and I do not believe any improvements will happen within the next five to ten years, if ever at all.

Unfulfilled Development in the Area

The "pressure" to sell this five-acre parcel is artificial because there are still many swatches of land in the surrounding communities that remain undeveloped. The LRT land at Westbrook Mall, parade square on Currie Barracks, the south side of Currie close to Mount Royal University continue to be undeveloped, as they have been now for several years. The sale of the parcel of land at Richmond Green does not need to be rushed in order to increase the chance it will be purchased and developed by developers. I take issue with the claim made by Councillor Wooley during the on-line presentation (City of Calgary engage website, video of the Open House – 8:45 mark) that this is a necessary sale or else any improvements to Richmond Green will move to the back of the line to gain approval for development, remaining unfunded for many more years to come. If this is true, then, as I stated above, why would anyone in this community believe this development timeline will be any different? Why is there no obligation to do anything to the green spaces now, without having to sell the five-acre parcel?

Lack of Community Support

From reading all of the comments posted during the on-line presentation and reading the survey results from the Rutland Park Community Association, it is clear that there is significant opposition to this proposal. The City should not be surprised that over 90% of survey respondents want to keep this area a green space. If this sale were to go through as-is, I would be disappointed that this groundswell of opposition was ignored by the City.

Better Design

I am not clear on how the community and Richmond Green stakeholders would be able to share their comments and ideas on how to improve the redesign of the park. I do not believe splitting the park in half with a road to connect Richmond Road with the Currie Barracks neighbourhood is a wise idea long term. If it is for the BRT, then it should be restricted as such, with accommodations made to allow better bike access

or allow the paved area to be utilized for street fairs and "people-use" over just being a roadway. Cutting a park in two with a roadway is poor design and must be reexamined.

I would like to see more attention given to adding cultural infrastructure to the Richmond Green area such as a performance spaces (amphitheater, landscape design to encourage performance), festival activations (stage, power outlets for vendors, etc.), a library or community resource centre to house workshops, art galleries, and indoor performance/presentation spaces. Further, what considerations are there to make the park more accessible for people with physical disabilities and for groups that require transitional living accommodations such as seniors and low-income families? If this site "absolutely" needed to be developed, why not mandate that any future residential/living spaces be designated as accessible housing options, a market that is in desperate need of affordable housing options in established communities? Why must everything be "market-driven", especially at the expense of losing inner city park space?

There is enormous potential for Richmond Green and I trust that the City will reconsider the proposal to sell any part of this green space. There needs to be longer engagement with the communities affected by this development to make a plan that is more sustainable and enriching for the people who use the park now and for those who will use it in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely, Chad Saunders



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| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I hereby OBJECT to the development, sale or any related activities leading to residential development of Richmond Green. The baseball diamonds is part of a park and is well-used. Residential development will lead to significant increase in traffic and lowering of house prices in the area, aside from reduced green space. |



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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I wish to voice my strong displeasure over this proposal to sell off part of Richmond Green Park for the purpose of condo development. These baseball diamonds are a very important asset to our community and are used constantly. At a time when child obesity is a huge concern, I do not understand why council would consider reducing opportunities to be active! This park is heaving used by both children and adults in both summer and winter. I personally enjoy walking my dog there and see so many other people taking advantage of this lovely park while I am there. You have already closed the golf course, please don't get rid of the ball diamonds too! As well, condos in this location would result in traffic congestion and a much higher density in our neighbourhood. The loss of the space and the trees would mean poorer air quality. Please do not allow any part of Richmond Green Park to be sold! |



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| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | Attached are four submissions concerning LOC2021-0043. 1. "The Top Ten Reasons for Saving Richmond Green" - My reasons for why the application should not be approved 2. "Is This the Legacy You Want?" - The undesirable precedents that will be established if the application is approved 3. "A Sales Job Not Engagement" - My professional assessment of public engagement related to this application 4. "Outstanding Questions and Information Needs" - The many issues that should have been resolved before the application was even considered |

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.

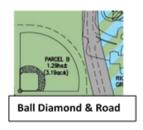
There is no compelling reason for proceeding and many reasons for Council to walk away. Along with my support for the submission from the Rutland Park Community Association, here are my top ten reasons:

- **#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.



- **#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 <u>CFB</u> <u>West Master Plan</u>, 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 <u>oversupply of multi-family houses</u>.



#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



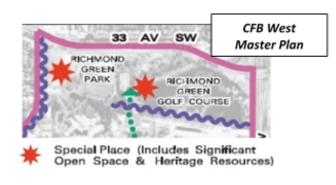
#2. The Prime Directive: Administration has been less than candid about its job under the Municipal Development Plan. Key Direction #3 under the MDP requires Administration to "Direct land use change within a framework of Activity Centres and Main Streets."

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.



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

Bob Morrison, Currie

Is This the Legacy You Want? Proposed Richmond Green Land Rezoning

The land use change proposed in LOC2021-0043 has city-wide implications. Approval of the application will establish far-reaching precedents for Calgary.

Specifically, approval will:

- Open up **all** parks to privatization and housing and commercial development.
- Reduce and limit access to open space in existing communities, forcing people to travel further for recreation and natural areas.
- Allow individuals or departments to improperly manage City land, knowing that remediation of contamination will be paid for out of land sales and/or general revenue.
- Permit specific direction in the *Municipal Development Plan* to be overridden by piecemeal development by City departments.
- Sanction modifications to zoning, neighbourhood character, and the road hierarchy without complying with an existing local area plan or before a new local area plan is completed.
- Lower the bar for developing and evaluating the risk and implications of land use change.

Information related to these precedents is provided in the other submissions I provided. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further on July 26th.

Bob Morrison Currie

A Sales Job Not Engagement Proposed Richmond Green Land Rezoning

I am a planner with over forty years of experience in water management, transportation, and, since my retirement, municipal sustainability. During my career, I have been regularly involved in public engagement: as a facilitator, a manager or supervisor of engagement initiatives, and, more importantly, being able to work with or observe some of the best practitioners of public engagement in Canada.

I have evaluated the public engagement related to the proposed rezoning of Richmond Green land. In my professional opinion, the engagement was incomplete, one-sided, inflexible, superficial, lacked full and timely information on public views, and did not provide an objective, impartial consideration of the proposal and its implications. In short, it was a sales job, not engagement.

Assessment

Public engagement is successful if it can provide people, including decision-makers, with

- complete, objective, balanced information
- the opportunity for all to be heard and to work together toward common ground
- rigorous evaluation of options and effective methods to explore problems and solutions unconstrained by predetermined outcomes
- feedback, in a timely manner, on views and ideas

In evaluating the engagement, I considered all aspects related to both the needs assessment and the proposed rezoning. I also considered the full process including engagement with City Council and sub-groups that report to it.

Based on the information available to me and my personal participation, the engagement on the needs assessment and the proposal to re-zone Richmond Green land failed to meet the objectives for successful public engagement.

This failure was due to

The engagement process - through the web site, on-line survey, and a virtual town hall was almost exclusively one-way communication. As well, most of the communication
from The City was promotion of or justification for what was being proposed with
limited mention, much less evaluation of options or disadvantages.

The opportunity for two-way communication was limited to the virtual town hall through responses to on-line "chat" questions/comments screened by City staff.

Presentations from those opposed to the proposal were not allowed nor was interactive discussion between staff and members of the public.

Despite requests, the public was not allowed to speak at the June 8th Priorities and Finance Committee meeting, the June 17th meeting of the Calgary Planning Commission, and the June 21st Council meeting.

- 2. There was incomplete and little timely feedback to the public and decision-makers.
 - The first "What We Heard" report was superficial, vague, and incomplete.
 - A second "What We Heard" report was released after the Needs Assessment was completed and the land use proposal was approved by the Calgary Planning Commission.

It included comments from the public and the results of an on-line survey. However,

- The report was organized and focused almost exclusively on use of and improvements to the park. Although that information included breakdowns of public responses, no breakdowns were provided related to the proposed land use change. The statistics provided were on two questions on the future, not the proposed land use change:
 - whether there were "enough details to provide clarity as to the process – The need for scoping of the project in order to proceed with future planning"
 - whether people "support the plan as an avenue to explore future opportunities"

Comments on the proposed land use change at the beginning of the report were qualitative with **no information on the strength of support or opposition to the proposal**. Comments on the proposed land use change in later sections of the report were buried under themes related to park use.

 In addition to the sample comments provided, the report said "full verbatim of those questions [sic] ... in completely unedited format" was included at the end of the report. This was not done.

- o In the "Engagement Summation,"
 - The results of the two questions on the future were misrepresented as a measure of support or non-support for the proposed land use change.
 - This was followed by a comment that promoted proceeding with the land use proposal:

"Perhaps of noted significance were those equally represented comments and feedback that sought to provide suggestions/solutions or were seeking further information, or assurances, in moving forward with the project." [emphasis added]

- 3. The May on-line survey contained questions that were ambiguous and ineffectively proofread and comment boxes that did not work.
- 4. The video of the virtual town hall did not include the chat screen that showed public comments. Several comments and questions from the chat were not reflected in the report and the chat comments appear to have been excluded entirely from the "What We Heard" report.
- 5. The Planning Commission refused a request to speak and did not accept for the public record an e-mail stating that "material related to City-led outreach and planning evaluation neither acknowledges nor reflects the serious issues" raised in a submission to the file manager. At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair advised members that the Commission "is a technical review committee." The e-mail in question specifically identified technical issues with the role of Main Streets and Activity Centres, interpretation of the Municipal Development Plan, the applicability of the proposed zoning, and the need for the development.

Bob Morrison Currie

Outstanding Questions and Information Needs LOC2021-0043 - Richmond Green & PFC2021-0834 Richmond Green Needs Assessment

1. Water Resources Infrastructure

- Q. Has the issue of security to protect the existing and expanded water reservoirs been resolved? If so,
 - Will water reservoir security require closing off land to public access above and adjacent to the water reservoirs?
 - o If so, which land would that be?
 - o And during what times of the day or year or under other circumstances?
- Q. Water Resources has advised they anticipate that the current large baseball diamond, former golf course lands and only the east portion of the OWC site may be required at some point in the future for work related to the expansion of the existing and future water infrastructure within the overall site.
 - Has Water Resources revised its estimate of the amount and location of land that could/would be required for existing and new/expanded water reservoirs?
 - o If so, which land could/would be required for expansion?
- Q. How can this proposal be considered an increase in park space given the many unanswered questions about the water reservoirs?
- Q. Along with new water service for park irrigation, the LOC application indicates that a water main extension may be required for the site.
 - Has a decision been made as to whether or not the water main extension is required?
 - What is the cost of an extension and new water service?
 - Who will be responsible for covering the costs, if required?

2. OWC Site

- Q. What are the estimated repurposing costs (upper, lower, & mid-range) needed to prepare the OWC site for open space uses?
- Q. What are the standards and legal requirements on the depth of excavation for contaminated land to be converted to open space?
- Q. What is the depth of excavation required to ensure safe installation and operation of water reservoirs?
- Q. Only a low-cost option for remediation of the OWC lands has been submitted to Council.
 - Is there a lower cost option available?

- What are the costs (e.g., upper & mid-range) of other remediation options if the low-cost option is not feasible?
- Is the low-cost option in compliance with provincial and federal requirements for land remediation?
- Q. Which department, Roads or Parks or another, was responsible for management of the OWC lands?
- Q. Why has it been determined that the responsible department should not pay for OWC land remediation out of their budget?

3. Former Golf Course

- Q. What is required, including cost, to convert the former Richmond Green golf course to disc golf?
- Q. The Golf Course Sustainability study was intended to close certain golf courses, sell them, and use the funds for the other courses. Administration knew they could never sell Richmond Green Golf Course, so why was it considered as part of their investigation?

4. LOC Application

Q. The revised LOC application indicates there will be a land use change with a reduction/cap on the FAR since this application first came forward. What is the potential impact on the sale price?

Information Request: Please provide us with a copy of these documents prepared for the proposed land sale:

- o Transportation Impact Assessment
- Edge integration report
- Analytical reports on density, stormwater management, roads and pathways, transit coverage, and trees and vegetation

5. Road Infrastructure

- Q. What further work is required to determine the final alignment for the extension of Quesnay Woods Road, including making it BRT-compliant?
- Q. Quesnay Woods Road extension costs
 - What has been and will be the cost to The City for planning and designing the extension of Quesnay Woods Road?
 - What will be the cost to The City for operating and maintaining the extension of Quesnay Woods Road?

- Are there additional costs to The City associated with the extension of Quesnay Woods Road?
- Which of the costs above will be charged to Canada Lands?
- Q. What are the current alignment options for the extension of Quesnay Woods Road?
- Q. If the clubhouse/CNS building is demolished for the extension of Quesnay Woods Road, how much money would be provided to The City and how would it be used?
- Q. The LOC application indicates that there will be a possible extension to 34 Ave SW through the existing park space. Why is this being proposed? What will determine whether this extension will proceed?
- Q. How is a street designated as a commercial street?
- Q. Additional road work is being proposed as part of this application a dedicated right turning lane off of Sarcee Road on to 33 Avenue and modifications to Hampton Crescent. What are the taxpayer costs associated with these additional changes?

6. Land Use

- Q. As per PFC2020-0952, REDS is supposed to provide
 - Current public utilization rates of the amenities in Richmond Green Park. What are those utilization rates for all amenities?
 - The list of highest and best uses for public service by BU for Richmond Green Park. What are those uses for each BU and how was highest and best use determined?

Information Request: Please provide the following data and analysis that were used to prepare the Needs Assessment for Richmond Green:

- Current and projected population city-wide and in the local area
- Current and projected building approvals and permits, zoned capacity, and vacancies for commercial and multi-family development city-wide and in the local area
- Current and projected supply and demand assessment for commercial and multifamily development city-wide and in the local area

7. Public Engagement

Information Request: Only a brief and incomplete "What We Heard Report" has been provided. Please provide us with all comments, questions, letters, survey responses, and other submissions from the public that have been received or collected during all phases of public engagement.

8. Baseball Diamonds

- Q. What are The City's and best practice benchmarks/thresholds/standards for providing ball diamonds?
- Q. How were City and best practice benchmarks/thresholds/standards applied to assess the current and proposed ball diamonds at Richmond Green in terms of current and future (10 to 50-year) population?
- Q. PFC2019-1227 (Attachment 3B) recommended that "the relocation of the ball diamonds to the [former golf course] would result in no net loss of ball diamonds from a quantitative standpoint for Richmond Green Park and qualitatively, would provide ball diamonds that meet The City's current standard specifications."
 - Why has the not net loss of ball diamonds at Richmond Green not been implemented?
 - Based on the information available, the proposed replacement diamond on the OWC land is non-standard. What is the evidence that the replacement diamond meets The City's standard specifications?
- Q. Has The City consulted directly with the Westgate Community Association about the impacts of selling Parcel A on open space, ball diamond utilization, traffic, and parking in their community? If so, what were the results of the consultation? If not, why not?

9. Parks

- Q. Prior to this year, why wasn't Council informed that Richmond Green is a regional park?
- Q. What are the standards, rules, and responsibilities for using and managing regional parks?
- Q. How do those standards, rules, and responsibilities compare to the use and management of other parks in Calgary?
- Q. Why should Richmond Green be treated differently than other regional parks?
- Q. All of this work is being undertaken as part of the direction of PFC2020-0952. The EOI Attachment 2, end of page 2 indicated that further investigation was required to provide the City and interested parties with required details of a proposed contract structure to assess impacts to operations and finances...
 - Has this investigation been undertaken?
 - o If not, why not?
 - o If the investigation has been undertaken:
 - What were the results?
 - Why did RE&DS turn to the sale of baseball diamonds in a regional park instead?
- Q. Up to \$1.175 million has been allocated for replacing one existing ball diamond, tot lot improvements, and offsite ball diamond improvements.

- What are all the improvements (renovated or new) that are needed, planned, and were considered for park and recreation activities and infrastructure at Richmond Green?
- What are the estimated costs (upper, lower, & mid-range) for those improvements?
- Q. The proposed sale of Parcel A creates the precedent that privatizing parkland is a model for how The City should be doing things.
 - What analysis has been done to assess the desirability of this precedent?
 - Has Administration drafted a policy to manage the privatization pf parkland? If not, does it intend to do so?
 - Which parks in Calgary require capital and/or operational funding not covered by the current budget?
 - Has Administration identified other parks that
 - o have land that could be privatized?
 - o require funding that could be provided through selling parkland?

If so, which parks are they?

- Have Calgarians been consulted concerning this precedent?
 - If not, has Administration evaluated the options for such consultation, including for example:
 - standard City engagement techniques
 - independent public opinion surveys
 - public hearing
 - commission of inquiry
 - referendum or plebiscite

10. Financing

- Q. Value of Parcel A.
 - Which department's budget will pay for and which will receive the \$3,036 Book Value?
 - What are the estimated net proceeds (upper, lower, & mid-range) from selling Parcel A?
- Q. OWC land is contaminated and will only be usable as open space, if at all.
 - On what basis was the Book Value of the OWC lands determined?
 - From which department's budget will the OWC lands Book Value come from?



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| Last name (required) | Wong |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | LOC 2021-0043 |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I support the concept of this approval as long as all funds from the development are invested in replacing the facilities and expanding the park and the BRT road is removed - it makes no sense to have buses bisecting a park. The administration has made a complete hash of promoting this project as a land sale rather than the improvement and expansion of the park. Perhaps the City of Calgary needs to hire some of the same consultants that developers use when they are advocating their projects. |



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| First name (required) | Carol |
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| Last name (required) | Andrews |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | We need to keep the baseball diamonds to keep our kids in the community. |
| Date of meeting | |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | All of the baseball diamonds are very well used and always have been. It is never under-utilized. It is an important part of our community. We need to keep the green space and parks we have. What we don't need is more condos on park space. We pay high taxes in order to live in this community and we should have a voice in what happens to the land. I am absolutely against the condominium project. |



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| First name (required) | Mark |
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| Last name (required) | Yobb |
| What do you want to do? (required) | Request to speak, Submit a comment |
| Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) | Concerns regarding the Richmond Green Park LOC for sale of 5 acre section |
| Date of meeting | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) | I have had trouble with the form. Please let me know if this will be present to councilors at the meeting. I have been advised the at noon is a cut off but I was unable to get things working until now. I can forward to councilors individually if required. Mark Y |

July 19, 2021

Re: Council Meeting LOC for Richmond Green Park

Dear Council Members:

The Rutland Park Community Association conducted an online survey of our communities regarding the sale and / or repurposing of the 5 acre section on the west side of Richmond Green Park. Ninety (90) percent of respondents are fully opposed.

In addition to the interests of the community council should be aware of the following issues associated with the current proposal: The rational put forward to turn the investigation into disposition of the Richmond Green Golf Course into an investigation into the disposition of the adjacent regional Richmond Green Park was:

"Aside from the closure of RGGC, the relocation of the ball diamonds to the RGGC lands would result in no net loss of ball diamonds from a quantitative standpoint for Richmond Green Park and qualitatively, would provide ball diamonds that meet The City's current standard specifications;" PFC2019-122 Attachment 3B:





Figure 1 – Site composite

The idea that the site of the Richmond Green Golf Course could ever be sold was totally unfeasible from a security perspective in the first place unless the water storage facilities in Calgary were going to be privatized. The old Richmond Green Golf Course was located in a fenced secured area, on top



of the Currie finished potable water storage basins 103 and 104. Figure 1 shows a composite of the site. The use case was that patrons would were allowed to enter the secure area to play golf under the supervision of golf course staff. The facility was secured and locked outside of golf course operational hours. The general public were never allowed unsupervised access to the site.

This facility is schedule to be further expanded within the next 10 to 12 years. The current proposal results in the entirety of what will be the remaining park land effectively becoming part of a finished potable water storage facility. This is shown in Figure 2 which was included in the latest proposal to Council.



Figure 2 – Latest Proposal

Once this facility is expanded in 10 or so years all land on the site will be taken up by water storage facilities.

Similar finished potable water facilities exist on the south end of Nose Hill (water storage basins 118 and 119) and in Panorana Hills (storage basin 120). Despite being directly adjacent to park space both the Nose Hill facility and the Panorama facility are fully enclosed and fenced.

Modern potable water storage facility security requirements is informed by modern model standards such as the EPA referenced ASCE/AWWA Draft American National Standard for Trial Use,



Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities. This standard for example provides tables detailing benchmark security measures that identify countermeasures for identified threats.

| Security Measure | System Objective ^a | | Vandals | | Criminals | | Saboteurs | | Insiders | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| | Delay | Detection | Base Level | Enhanced Level | Base Level | Enhanced Level | Base Level | Enhanced Level | Base Level | Enhanced Level | Applicable Sections in Appendix A, Physical Security Elements |
| Perimeter | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic perimeter fencing or perimeter walls | • | | ✓ | | | | | | | | 1.0, 1.1, 8.1 |
| Enhanced climb/cut- resistant fencing | • | | | 1 | ✓ | 1 | ✓ | 1 | | | 1.2 |
| Foundation enhancements for fencing to prevent tunneling | • | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1.7 |
| Bollards or vehicle barriers limiting vehicle access | • | | | | | | | 1 | | | 5.0 |
| Intrusion detection at perimeter | | • | | 1 | | 1 | ✓ | 1 | | | 1.6, 3.0, 7.0, 9.1, 9.2, 11.0 |
| Key-locked entrance gate | • | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 2.1, 10.2 |
| Electronic access- controlled entrance gate | • | • | | 1 | | 1 | | * | | 1 | 2.2, 2.3, 10.4 |
| Perimeter site lighting | | • | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 7.0 |
| Gate entrance lighting | | • | | ✓ | | V | V | V | | | 7.0 (4), (5), (6) |
| Hardened site openings larger than 96 sq. inches (62,000 sq. mm.) in area (e.g., grates on vents) | • | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | · | | | 1.1, 13.2, 14.3 |

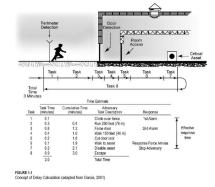


Figure 3 - AWWA Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities

Figure 4 – Threat Assessment

An example page of one of these tables is included as Figure 3. This standard talks about the need to complete a vulnerability assessment for determination of threat countermeasures. This includes for example determining the time it would take for a perpetrator to contaminate water or damage equipment. Figure 4 is an example tool used for such a vulnerability assessment.

Other combined use case sites (water / sports facility) currently exist in Calgary. Soccer pitch 10 at Glenmore Athletic Park is located on top of a water storage basin.



Figure 5 a - Underground Tank at soccer field 10 Glenmore Athletic Park – Secured



Figure 5 b – Secure brick structure around vent



Access to this soccer pitch is only allowed based on bookings and the site is vacated and secured (locked) once the booking is over. At this site the basin vent is secured by a brick structure built around it. See Figure 5a and b.

Based on this and discussions with security staff within the city it is clear that any of the remaining space at the facility, if accessible, will only be accessible at specific times and with supervision of a "capable guardian." The site will have to be secured in the evening and various security measures like monitored cameras and security alarms will be required.

The latest proposal includes for provision of only a single, substandard, ball diamond located on the side of a hill on the South West corner of the OWC site. The site will be located directly beside a new BRT route. In addition to the safety concerns, constructing a ball diamond in this location will require a substantial retaining wall. There are concerns whether based on the retaining wall requirements if a ball diamond would ever be constructed on this site. The red cross and arrow in Figure 6 shows the location and direction of the site photo shown in Figure 7. There is an approximately 20 feet change in elevation on this site. Construction of this proposed ball diamond will require a retaining wall that would cost on the order of \$500k. Figure 8 shows a retaining wall of the expected scale. Tie backs for this retaining wall may have to be driven under the existing Westcare facility.



Figure 6 - Red arrow indicates photo location



Figure 7 - Propose Mini Ball Diamond Site



Figure 8 – Expected ball diamond retaining wall size. (Located at Aspen Landing Safeway)



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 in prior consultation documents. This is shown in the proposal image provided in Figure 9.

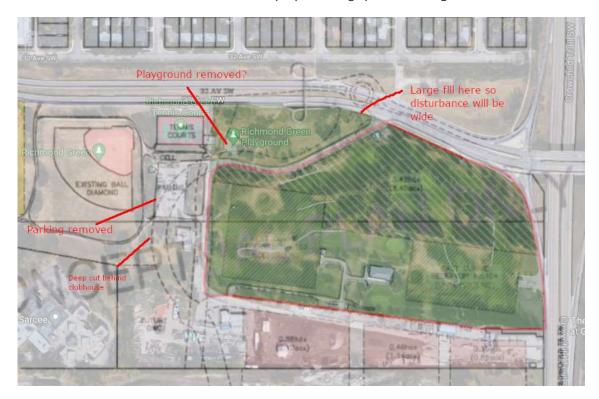


Figure 9 – Prior proposed Quesnay Wood Drive

Seemingly based on identification of the essential nature of the parking facilities for the existing ball diamond, tennis courts and sliding hill the current proposal now shows the road following the path of the existing OWC site access road. This is shown in Figure 10.

The proposed change is appreciated only from the perspective of as an attempt to preserve existing facilities but there is concern that with the CFB West Policy Area being home to over 21,000 people that such a facilitating revision to the Quesney Wood Drive plan will not be feasible. 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 tight left turn facilitate BRT traffic? Will this cause traffic to back up onto Crowchild Trail?



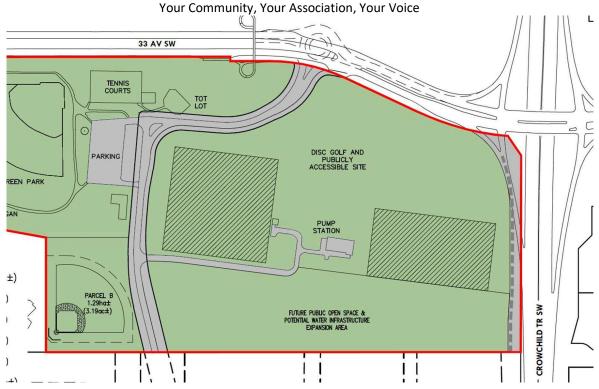


Figure 10 – Current Quesnay Wood Drive proposal

The communities that border Richmond Green Park are opposed to development of the 5 acre portion of the west side of the park.

The proposal as it stands does not address the potential uses of the remaining space specifically in regard to the security requirements.

Selling of the ball diamonds mean a net loss of 1 inner city ball diamond (as the Aspen ball diamond is not inner city). Future expansion of water storage will likely mean a net loss of 2 inner city ball diamonds. The ball diamond being proposed is set on the side of a hill and will be extremely expensive to build (if possible). The proposed site is located between a retaining wall to the west and a BRT route to the east. The northern border of the ball diamond will be a water storage security fence. It is difficult to see the logic of this site just based on it use let alone consideration of where users will park to access this site.

Is it nots the city's policy to add density adjacent to traffic through fairs as is the case with the OWC site? In contrast to city policy this proposal adds density adjacent to a quiet city street, Sarcee Road that is not designed to accommodate the associated traffic. If any density is to be added should it not be to the OWC site?

If this project moves forward the only remaining green space at Richmond Green Park will be encumbered by water storage facilities. The OWC land is located adjacent to an 80 km/hr road way



and is physically distant from the communities that currently use Richmond Green Park. Accessing the OWC space will mean passing through or into the secure water storage facility. Once the water storage facilities are completely built out the entirety of the park will have to be fenced. Access will be during specific hours and a capable guardian will have to monitor the site at all times. The current proposal does not provide any additional space as all of the (contaminate) OWC land is already designated S-R.

This proposal was introduced as a complete rewrite of a nonsensical proposal to sell off the land on top of a secure potable water storage facility. It should be abandoned as original proposal should have been. How is it that 5 years after green space has been promised as an offset in the CFB West Master Plan is it now being offered up for sale?

Sincerely and with kind regards,

Mark Yobb

From: Flora Gillespie

To: <u>Councillor Web; Public Submissions; City Clerk</u>

Subject: [EXT] Paving Richmond Green

Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 2:22:45 PM

July 19, 2021 The City of Calgary

Attention: Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors

Re: DO NOT PAVE OUR PARKS

I would like to register my opposition and my dismay that the City Council is allowing residential and commercial development on a portion of the Richmond Green park site. This is an important regional park within an established area that is well used by Calgarians.

I have heard no reasons from our elected officials as to why it is in the citizens of Calgary's best interest to sell valuable greenspace. Developers should be encouraged through whatever incentives necessary to FIRST develop vacant or brownfield spaces. This is best practice in many Cities. Why is Calgary's Council not doing the same?

Furthermore, the City must modernize Calgary's plan forward and ensure all major projects are subject to mandatory environmental impact assessments and that there be an appropriate balance between environmental protection and economic growth. In the current Richmond Park plan there is a retired four-hectare roads depot designated as park space. Councillor Woolley has stated that it could be turned into park space and that the land doesn't need to be reclaimed, "as it's really only salt that's there". This is completely false. Remediation of salt contaminated sites is required or should be. More importantly, the fact that Richmond Green sits on two crucial water reservoirs.makes this pending environmental issue more of a concern.

Without a proper environmental assessment I doubt very much that the sale price of the NW corner of the park will cover the damages they will be left in taxpayers laps. One has to only look to Highland Park golf course as an egregious example of the City's environmental mismanagement. The City shirked their responsibility to place a moratorium on development knowing the environmental issues on the site. Now the City is facing a lawsuit because they did not disclose this fact to the property owner. And City taxpayers are still on the hook to remediate the environmental issues.

Our urban greenspaces are a non-renewable resource that should not be depleted for commercial and residential development.

Sincerely Flora Gillespie