



APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

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Date of Submission – May 14, 2024

Name of Project – Parkland Community Association Outdoor Gathering Hub project

Sponsoring Councilor(s) – Councillor Peter Demong, Ward 14

Applicant Name – Erika Diaz

Applicant Contact Number - *Include area code* - 4032785330

**Applicant Business Unit or Name of Organization –
Calgary Parkland Community Association**

**Affected or Supporting Business Units and/or Departments –
City of Calgary : Parks and Open Spaces, Partnerships**

**Amount of Funds Requested - *please include your budget breakdown details, in an attachment* -
\$110,000**

Draft EC cover report attached – Yes No

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Please list supporting documents provided:

Community Engagement Results

Drawings of project

Cost Estimates

Fee Schedule

Budget

Provide a summary description of the project to a maximum of 2 pages –

The intent is to expand the public use of our facility by transforming a space situated on our licence of occupation. Our aim is to rejuvenate the community center grounds by transforming a specific site. This revitalization will enhance an existing amenity space, creating more opportunities for community members to gather, play, relax, and enjoy year-round. Here are the key enhancements we plan to implement:

Accessible Tiered Structure (Outdoor Classroom): We will install a large, accessible tiered structure in the open field space. This trellis structure will serve as a gathering space with harvest tables, it could be used as an outdoor classroom, drawing people into the area for various programming opportunities. It will provide shelter and shade, making it an inviting spot for community members to learn, engage, and connect. Existing renters, such as preschool programs, can utilize this space to enhance their programming.

New Benches: To improve outdoor seating options around the building, we will add new benches. These will encourage people to linger, chat, and enjoy the surroundings.

Toboggan Hill: We recognize the importance of play for all ages. Therefore, we'll construct a toboggan hill specifically designed for small children. This feature will add excitement during winter months.

Outdoor Lighting: To ensure safety and extended usability, we will also install year-round outdoor lighting along the building's perimeter, inviting everyone to enjoy a welcoming and well-lit outdoor space. The existing light standards will undergo refurbishment by applying a durable coating to enhance both aesthetics and functionality. These lights will contribute to the beauty and usability of the amenity space.

By combining these elements, we envision creating a welcoming, safe, and well-utilized outdoor space that enriches the lives of community members.

We will expand the landscaped areas near the building, creating a cohesive space that serves as

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a refuge and provides shade for seating areas. Durable and low-maintenance trees and shrubs will be planted to enhance the natural beauty of the site.

Additionally, a new pathway system will connect the main features, leading from the parking lot to the newly constructed tiered structure and weaving through the landscaped areas. This strategic pathway design will increase overall access to the amenity space. Notably, where the pathway width is 5 feet, we will ensure it is an accessible surface, allowing community members of all ages and abilities to enjoy the space comfortably.

This thoughtful approach will enhance the community experience and create a welcoming outdoor environment for all.

Identify how this project meets the criteria as outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Council Innovation Fund. *Please attach additional information as required.* -

This project marks the a significant development of the site. As a community-based initiative, local residents identified a pressing need for the area’s revitalization. Encouraged by feedback from our community engagement survey, we are now moving forward with the project.

In close collaboration with our landscape architect, we carefully determined the project’s scope and size. Our primary focus was on the resources required for both construction and long-term maintenance. The resulting scope reflects this deliberate approach, ensuring that our community benefits from a range of options within the available resources.

The site’s redevelopment will foster a sense of togetherness among residents. Under the newly constructed tiered structure, outdoor programming opportunities will be created for renters such as Parkland Preschool, Sparks and Embers, the book and knitting club, the Baha’i group, and our faith communities. Beyond functionality, we also anticipate that this outdoor project will serve as an additional revenue stream. We intend to market the space for outdoor weddings and parties, further enhancing its utility and appeal.

This thoughtful project promises to enrich community life and create a versatile outdoor space for various activities.

Outline the proposed timeline for this project, including the final report back date -

Fall 2024 completion

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Final report back in 2025

Identify what success looks like, and how it will be measured -

As highlighted in the community engagement survey, residents expressed a strong desire for an outdoor space that surpasses the current functionality and flexibility. The proposed enhancements, including accessible pathways, a tiered structure, and additional seating, will not only benefit our local Calgarians but also extend a warm invitation to visitors from beyond our community.

Summer Soccer League: With over 150 enthusiastic children participating in our recreational soccer league during the summer months, this underutilized space will soon transform. Families will gather, cheer, and celebrate victories, creating a true sense of neighborhood camaraderie. The construction of this recreational site will provide much-needed seating, accessibility, and a welcoming spot for immediate use by soccer enthusiasts and other community members. This is a measurable success.

Year-Round Events: Our grounds host several outdoor events throughout the year:

- **Winterfest Celebration (February):** As children sled down the small toboggan hill, we'll know our efforts have delivered the desired outcome. When Winterfest participants find comfortable seating alongside fellow residents and family members, we'll celebrate our success.
- **Summer Soccer:** We imagine soccer participants and their families sitting together under the tiered structure, enjoying the game and each other's company. The new benches on the grounds will witness laughter, conversations, and shared memories.
- **Canada Day Extravaganza (July):** Providing additional seating and shaded areas through the tiered structure will enhance our celebrations. Families and friends will gather, creating lasting moments.

Outdoor Classroom: By offering outdoor classroom space to our existing renters, we empower them to enhance their programs. Learning and growth can happen in this inspiring environment.

Food Truck Nights: The additional seating will foster connections. Residents will forge friendships over delicious meals, deepening community bonds.

Accessibility Matters: When individuals with mobility challenges can seamlessly access the area from the parking lot to the back of the building, we'll know our project is truly successful.

Together, we're creating a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving outdoor space—one that reflects the heart of our community.

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