

Applicant Outreach Summary



Community Outreach on Planning & Development Applicant-led Outreach Summary

Please complete this form and include with your application submission

Project name: Nostalgia Townlet

Did you conduct community outreach on your application? YES or NO

If no, please provide your rationale for why you did not conduct outreach.

Outreach Strategy

Provide an overview of your outreach strategy, summary of tactics and techniques you undertook (Include dates, locations, # of participants and any other relevant details)

Jayman Living and Telsec actively engaged multiple groups prior to submitting this application.

Indigenous Engagement:

Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Treaty 7 Nations, including the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 and urban Indigenous communities were engaged through the Ricardo Ranch ASP process. This engagement guided the policy development of Section 4.2 of the ASP which provides an intent to recognize and celebrate the Bow River Valley for its significance as a sacred feature for Indigenous peoples. The previous landowner participated in the ASP engagement process, and Jayman and Telsec have continued with Indigenous engagement throughout the development process, with the most recent meetings held in December 2021. On April 12, 2024, Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin from Kainai First Nation held a naató'si (sunrise) ceremony on-site at Nostalgia. Representatives from Jayman, B&A Studios, and Ward 12 Councillor Spencer attended the event.

Further opportunities for Indigenous engagement will be explored through future planning work and in alignment with established ASP policies. There is a potential to incorporate elements from Indigenous knowledge into the public realm through detailed design.

Interest Group Engagement:

Jayman and Telsec engaged with two fishing groups and the River Users Alliance to inform the preliminary design of the boat launch. The boat launch has been designed to accommodate a number of river-access groups.

Public Engagement:

A virtual, public meeting was held October 17, 2022 with Ricardo Ranch Landowners, Councillor Evan Spencer and other interested parties to discuss environmentally significant areas and mitigation measures within the Ricardo Ranch ASP. A second virtual meeting was also held on March 26, 2024, to share information about the Outline Plan, respond to questions and gather input. Both virtual meetings were coupled with a question and answer segment and an online feedback form. In total, 25 surveys were submitted over the course of public engagement. Public engagement will continue throughout the process to ensure all interested parties are given fair opportunity to learn about the project, speak with subject matter experts and provide feedback.

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Affected Parties

Who did you connect with in your outreach program? List all stakeholder groups you connected with. (Please do not include individual names)

Landowners within the Ricardo Ranch ASP
Traditional Knowledge Keepers & Indigenous Elders
City of Calgary Indigenous Relations Office
Environmental Groups
Fly-fishing Community
Councillor Evan Spencer
Calgary River Users Alliance
Alberta Wilderness Association
CPAWS Southern Alberta
Seton Homeowners Association

What did you hear?

Provide a summary of main issues and ideas that were raised by participants in your outreach.

Those engaged were most interested in environmental aspects of the project such as interface with the Bow River, impacts to wildlife and their habitats, and setbacks. There was also some interest in the development timeline and the construction process. Many were also excited about the project and its unique elements, including the pathway system. Most parties were satisfied with responses from the project team. Engagement will continue as project planning progresses so that public questions and comments can continued to be addressed.

Through Indigenous engagement, there was discussion on the development of the lands, areas that will be retained as environmental reserves, studies that were completed and some initial findings, and the plan for continued Indigenous engagement about open space planning, pathways, and education opportunities.
There was mutual interest in holding ceremonies on the lands before any work was completed.

How did input influence decisions??

Provide a summary of how the issues and ideas summarized above influenced project decisions. If they did not, provide a response for why.

We recognize that natural assets in the City of Calgary are valuable for the whole collective. We also understand the desire to retain as much open space as possible. Conversations with interested stakeholders has influenced the design of the fishing village and open space areas.

Through Indigenous engagement there was interest in holding ceremonies on the lands before any work was completed. A Ceremony was held on April 12, 2024 to recognize this request. There was interest in future engagement opportunities through future planning work and in alignment with established ASP policies.

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How did you close the loop?

Provide a summary of how you shared outreach outcomes and final project decisions with those who participated in your outreach. (Please include any reports or supplementary materials as attachments)

Engagement participants will continue to be updated on the engagement outcomes and how the project progresses, and the final plan will be circulated to engaged groups in advance of the public hearing.

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Ricardo Ranch Area Structure Plan

Indigenous Outreach Summary

Updated July 2024

Background

Brookfield Residential, Genesis Land Development Corp., and Jayman Living and Telsec, are the landowners of 635 hectares (1,570 acres) in southeast Calgary in the Ricardo Ranch Area Structure Plan. Starting in 2019, the landowners undertook an Indigenous engagement program with Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Treaty 7 Nations including the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), Tsuut'ina First Nation, Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations), the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3, and urban Indigenous community members.

During engagement, Traditional Knowledge Keepers shared their worldviews, experiences and knowledge based on their connections to the land, environment and other living beings. Each landowner worked with the City of Calgary's Indigenous Relations Office and Blackfoot elders to hold a ceremony at their respective sites. The landowner team is committed to continuing engagement with these representatives and communities as project planning continues.

About the Ricardo Ranch ASP

The Indigenous engagement program supports the following ASP policies:

- The open space network within and adjacent to the Bow River valley is encouraged to be planned and designed with collaborative input and insight from Treaty 7 First Nations and the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 in sustained, respectful, and appropriate ways.
- The open space network is encouraged to incorporate the worldviews, oral histories, understandings, and traditional practices associated with the Bow River valley. Application of elements may include, but are not limited, to the following:
 - Creating interpretative signage and/or design elements that enable Indigenous worldviews from the Treaty 7 territory in relation to the Bow River valley to be understood and respected by a wider audience.
 - Integrating wayfinding that accounts for Treaty 7 First Nations and Métis languages.
 - Providing visual and physical connections to key natural landscape features through ecological corridors.
 - Recognizing and celebrating the sacredness of water through protection, restoration and/or enhancement.
 - Protecting or re-establishing native plant and tree species that reflect the biodiversity of the Treaty 7 territory, which also act as seasonal markers and attractors of fauna.
 - Designing place-based public art and monuments; and
 - Preserving and celebrating historic resources.

Engagement Summary - 2019

Below are the topics for engagement, preliminary feedback and context, and corresponding questions that guided dialogue and gathered input.

During the engagement held in 2019, we received preliminary responses, reactions, and direction on the topic areas. These topic areas provide an opportunity to incorporate feedback directly into future planning. Indigenous outreach will continue throughout the development of the communities

Topic	Preliminary Feedback/Context	Engagement Questions
<p>Interpretive and Wayfinding Signage The landowners would like to include interpretive signage that incorporates Indigenous design elements, language, history and/or worldviews.</p>	<p>Preliminary feedback from Treaty 7 representatives is that each nation will have different perspectives, languages, and worldviews that cannot be bundled together.</p>	<p><i>* Please see the row below titled 'Celebrating Water' for related engagement questions</i></p>
<p>Natural Landscape Features The landowners wish to provide visual and physical connections to key natural landscape features through ecological corridors.</p>	<p>The most significant ecological corridor within the plan is the Bow River. The landowners have committed to a minimum setback of 50 m along the river however the setback exceeds that throughout most of the project. There is a heron rookery along the river as well which will be protected by a 750 m setback.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any stories about herons or other wildlife in the area that we can include as part of our interpretive signage? - Do you have any other feedback regarding the preservation of ecological corridors?
<p>Celebrating Water The landowners would like to recognize and celebrate the sacredness of water through protection, restoration and/or enhancement.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can the project team celebrate the sacredness of water and the Bow River as part of the project? - Would you like to share stories or perspectives about the sacredness of water? This information can help inform programming including interpretive signage.
<p>Native Plant Species The landowners are dedicated to protecting or re-establishing native plant and tree species that reflect the biodiversity of the Treaty 7 Territory, which also act as seasonal markers and attractors of fauna.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please identify native plant species that can be restored within the subject site. - Can you share stories and perspectives about native plant species that exist or could be restored at the site? This information can help inform programming.

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Public Art The landowners wish to incorporate place-based public art and monuments within the site.	Consideration should be made if one significant piece of public art or a monument is preferred (perhaps as a gateway to the community), or if various unique monuments are preferred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you have any preliminary ideas about potential concepts for public art? - What would you like to commemorate through public art? - Do you have any artist recommendations?
Celebrating Historic Resources The landowners are committed to both preserving and celebrating historic resources within the site.	The best way to preserve historic resources is by leaving them in place within open spaces and not disturbing them. Sometimes, we will remove resources and they will be properly cataloged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would participants like to be notified of what artifacts are found within the site? - Can we celebrate artifacts through interpretive signage at the site? - Is there an opportunity to integrate site findings into future curriculum in local schools?

Engagement Summary – 2021 -2024

Outlined below are recent milestones of the Indigenous Engagement Strategy for the Ricardo Ranch ASP.

Milestone	Notes	Date Completed
Connected with The City of Calgary's Indigenous Relations Office to initiate engagement planning	Harold Horsefall is the established lead from the IRO.	August 2021
Began outreach to previously engaged Indigenous Knowledge Keepers	Email notification sent to the previous contact list to re-introduce the project and invite a kick-off meeting.	November 2021
Held meeting with Indigenous Knowledge Keepers	The purpose of the meeting was to re-introduce the project and team, describe feedback process and questions, gather input and initiate relationship building.	December 14, 2021
Informal meetings with some Knowledge Keepers to provide honorariums and to further discuss the project	Led by B&A engagement representative Bridget Naud.	December 2021
Reconnect with IRO	B&A connected with the City's Indigenous Relations Office for guidance on future ceremonies for each project.	October 2022

Meetings with IRO and Genesis	Meetings were held to introduce Genesis to IRO representative and formally start the process of hosting a ceremony at Logan Landing.	Spring 2023
Ceremony for Logan Landing Outline Plan, Genesis Land Development	With the guidance of Stewart Breaker from the City's Indigenous Relations Office, a pipe offering ceremony was held at Logan Landing. Representatives from Genesis, B&A Studios, Bison Historical Services, and Ward 12 Councillor Spencer attended the event.	June 22, 2023
Meetings with IRO and Brookfield	Meetings were held to introduce Brookfield to IRO representative, provide a site tour, and start the process for hosting a ceremony at Seton Ridge.	Fall 2023
Meetings with IRO and Jayman Living and Telsec	A meeting was held to introduce Jayman Living to the IRO representative who connected the team to Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin.	Spring 2024
Ceremony for Nostalgia Outline Plan, Jayman Living and Telsec	Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin from Kainai First Nation held a naató'si (sunrise) ceremony on-site at Nostalgia. Representatives from Jayman, B&A Studios, and Ward 12 Councillor Spencer attended the event.	April 12, 2024
Ceremony for Seton Ridge Outline Plan, Brookfield Residential	Elders Lesley Wolf Child and Shelayne Wolf Child held a pipe ceremony on-site at Seton Ridge. Representatives from Brookfield, B&A Studios, and the Ward 12 office attended the event.	April 19, 2024

The Knowledge Keepers were appreciative of the 2021 outreach and updates on the area. A general discussion occurred related to where development will be on the lands, areas that will be retained as environmental reserves, studies that were completed and some initial findings, and the plan for continued engagement about open space planning, pathways, education opportunities, etc. It was concluded that this was the beginning of the relationship, and we would seek more input on the projects at future stages of development. The landowners look forward to more opportunities to engage with the Traditional Knowledge Keepers as their projects progress.

There was mutual interest in holding ceremonies on the lands before any work was completed, hosting a site visit, discussing historical findings, and future opportunities for input into open space elements. The landowners coordinated ceremonies for each of the projects during the Outline Plan process. Each landowner received guidance from the IRO office representative and worked with an Elder to hold ceremonies at the sites.

Next Steps

Outreach with Indigenous communities will continue as the projects progress. Now that the Ricardo Ranch outline plans are approved, further opportunities for Indigenous engagement will be explored through future planning work and in alignment with established ASP policies.

The landowners will continue to liaise with the City of Calgary Indigenous Relations office as their projects develop.