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Calgary West is currently underserved when it comes to recreation facilities. The only notable center, Westside Recreation Centre, was impressive when it opened 25 years ago, back when the area's population was likely a fraction of what it is today. However, the facility is now outdated, in need of significant renovation, and insufficient to meet the needs of the growing population in Calgary West.

This area requires a modern recreation facility comparable to the YMCA Seton or the Genesis Centre in Northeast Calgary. Unfortunately, it seems that a new center is neither in the City of Calgary's plans nor on their radar.

I'm advocating for municipal and provincial governments to recognize this need and start considering the development of a new recreation center to better serve the residents of Calgary West.



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There will likely be myself and another staff person in attendance.



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Feb 6th 2025
Dean Dodge- Chief Development Officer
Carolyn Long- Director of Wellness Services

In support of the City of Calgary GamePLAN we want to highlight the importance of three areas of feedback from the surveys and the proposed plan that can help the City of Calgary meet expectations for people with disabilities. We are prepared to help to ensure inclusion and access fully incorporated into the plan.

1. Improving Accessibility in Recreation Infrastructure. Many City facilities remain inadequately adapted for people with disabilities, limiting access to recreation and essential health benefits.

City Actions:

- Implement and enforce universal, accessible, and barrier-free design standards across all new and renovated facilities.
- Ensure accessible facility layouts, proper equipment, and inclusive design (e.g., automatic doors, ramps, accessible change rooms).
- Invest in facility upgrades and maintenance to improve conditions and ensure year-round usability.

2. Expanding Inclusive and Adaptive Recreation Programming. There is a clear gap in adaptive programming, making it difficult for people with disabilities to participate in meaningful recreation.

City Actions:

- Increase funding for specialized programs, such as therapeutic exercise, accessible swimming, and recreational sports tailored for different abilities.
- Provide flexible scheduling (drop-in options, daytime/evening classes, trial opportunities) to accommodate different needs.
- Ensure affordability by reducing cost barriers for low-income individuals with disabilities.
- Provide staff training to increase awareness of those with barriers accessing their facilities with the goal of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

3. Sustainable Investment and Equity in Recreation Services. Recreation is a key support for health, community, and inclusion, yet disability-friendly spaces and programs lack sustainable funding.

City Actions:

- Provide long-term funding support to sustain critical facilities similar to Vecova's therapeutic warm water pool, preventing further closures.
- Ensure people with disabilities are prioritized in City recreation strategies and equity plans.
- Partner with community organizations to co-develop and deliver inclusive programs and services.

By focusing on accessible infrastructure, adaptive programming, and sustainable investment, the City can realistically meet the expectations of people with disabilities and ensure recreation is truly inclusive for all Calgarians.



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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Calgary Sport & Social Club. We are the largest provider of adult sports leagues in Alberta and have been operating in 1996. The lack of facilities in Calgary is dire. We are turning away demand at record levels, particularly with the influx in population post-covid.

Facility time is harder and harder to find and we're already far behind the 8-ball for demand. GamePLAN is needed just to meet our current demand, not even future growth. The burden of recreation and available facility space shouldn't fall entirely on the private sector. The City should have sufficient recreational facilities for residents to use for entertainment and health.

This is years behind schedule, get back on track!



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CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 9, 2025

Dear Mrs. Payne,

I am writing this letter to express my full support for the GamePLAN Initiative [Report Number CD2025-0047] Calgary Recreation is planning to launch. As a Director of Learning Services for the Calgary Catholic School District, I recognize the importance of providing young people with access to opportunities that will enhance their physical and emotional well-being, and I am convinced that the proposed GamePLAN Initiative will go a long way in achieving this by delivering swimming programs in schools, and by improving the health and physical literacy of children by encouraging them to participate in swimming now and into the future.

I strongly believe that every child, irrespective of their background, deserves the chance to participate in swimming. Your Initiative aims to provide just that, with a focus on equitable opportunities that will give underprivileged children the chance to explore their potential and learn important skills they may not have had the chance to explore otherwise.

By focusing on developing this important life skill, your program will offer a healthy and fun outlet for the children, keeping them engaged in positive activities, and helping them stay away from negative influences. I appreciate that your Initiative is inclusive, as it encourages children of all abilities and backgrounds to participate, thus fostering a sense of community and belonging.

As a Director, I recognize that the role of physical literacy in education extends beyond the benefits to individual students. Your proposed Initiative also aligns with the district's goals of promoting and enhancing the well-being of our young people so they can reach their full potential. The potential benefits of your program to our district and the wider community are significant, and we would be honored to be a part of this initiative.

I, therefore, offer my full support for the GamePLAN Initiative and am glad to collaborate with you to ensure its success. I am confident that this program will have a positive impact on the lives of our children and contribute to the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helmut Kaiser".

Helmut Kaiser
Director, Teaching and Learning



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What a wonderful city it could be if everyone could access the same recreation services. There just aren't enough to go around and it's inspired curious behaviours; ie setting an alarm clock for 5:30 am to register a child in a swimming lesson or a summer camp. We've not been successful and we've tried for over 5 years now to register my daughter in a swim lesson at Killarney pool and it's been over 2 years for a summer camp at the Glenmore reservoir. For myself I've tried at length to access other services like a ladies golf league and have been waitlisted for 2 years, a regular time is just as much a "scramble", with those same full leagues blocking preferred times and what's left is gone in minutes. Our area of town is bursting at the seams with new homes and families and no additional services or recreation to support them. We have a lovely large rec center that's now over 20 years old, it was built at a time when there was a fraction of the people on the west side. We stopped going after we would drive around for parking for 10 minutes), the wait list for the climbing wall is full, and playing badminton requires carrying a pager for 50 minutes to then have 20 minutes of play. Making the best of things we go into the basketball area and it's full more than 60 kids in 1 small area all with basketballs. Too intimidating for a little one. It's like this there every night, they tell me they have over 20,000 members. We hope to access a gym somewhere in the winter time to drop in to play badminton but can't find one anywhere they are booked by clubs, it might sound funny but we drove to Okotoks. Not sustainable as the cost/time of going there and back isn't something we could do on a regular basis. It's overdue and time to invest in recreation on the hill that isn't overcrowded or 30 minute drive across town. In the meantime can we please have some OPEN gym times at schools in the evening for community members to play badminton or basketball in winter. With the serious increases to our taxes you'd think there would be an increase in services, remember each tax increase waitlisted away family income and directly increases need for city recreation. We can't find rec here that isn't overcrowded or booked by a club, going to an Indoor pool in Canmore, outdoor pool in Vulcan, badminton in McKenzie... all of these are over 30 min away and none of them City facilities or paid for by city taxes!! Where is the \$ going? Saddle-dome? What about kids?



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Umoja Community Mosaic

PO Box 86051 SW Marda Loop
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February 4, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support – City of Calgary GamePlan Initiative

Umoja Community Mosaic wholeheartedly supports the City of Calgary's GamePLAN Initiative. A strategic investment in recreation facilities is not just about providing a place to play; it's about creating equity, fostering community, and giving youth a chance to grow into successful contributors to society.

For too long, the approach to recreation spaces has been to locate them where it is most cost-effective to build. The accompanying notion was that parents can simply drive their children to these locations, supervise them, and then take them home. This model excludes many and fails to address the barriers that marginalized families face. Recent facilities built by the city highlight a glaring issue: they are not truly accessible to everyone. Many lack public transit access, and even when subsidies are provided, marginalized families still struggle to utilize these spaces effectively.

Since 2010, Umoja's Soccer Without Boundaries (SWB) program has removed barriers to recreation. We began on a field near public housing in Glenbrook, and we've since expanded to multiple locations across the city. For example, at our location in the NE, we regularly see more than 60 youth aged 16+ show up to play on a soccer field meant for only 12 people. In winter, when weather dictates that programming needs to be indoors - there is no other safe or accessible place for them to play on a Friday evening.

Access to sports addresses numerous social challenges. When SWB began, the neighborhoods we operated in were not considered safe. But then our youth began to thrive. Today, we've achieved a 100% high school graduation rate among our participants, and many of them have gone on to earn university scholarships. Beyond academics, we've trained youth to become coaches and mentors. Rather than simply staying out of trouble, they've become contributing members of society.

With my years of experience working with youth, I can confidently say that if every young person had access to safe, easily accessible recreation facilities, we would see a dramatic reduction in crime, delinquency, and other negative behaviors that we often find ourselves complaining about. Recreation, and sport in particular, empowers youth, strengthens communities, and fosters a sense of empowerment and belonging. These are the reasons we support the construction of adequate new facilities that foster participation in sport and true accessibility for all.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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I personally enjoy being part of a swimming club ,curling club as an adult. It provides me with training, fitness, socializing and team work. My children enjoyed their many sports dancing, ice hockey, soccer, as adults they have carried on with their different interests and have enrolled my grandchildren in activities as well.
It's so important for all to have access to sport facilities indoor and outdoors. The City of Calgary needs to put this issue at the top of the list and stop spending money on art displays, decor and other frivolous stuff. RECREATION is a KEY to a LONG LIFE



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I am a senior who swims with a masters swim club and also takes advantage of lane swimming at available times. It is becoming more difficult to find close by facilities that have lane times available. As a recent retiree I can say that the times available are even more limited for the majority of Calgarians who are still in the workforce. I strongly advocate for making more swimming facilities available for Calgarians. In addition, as a long time runner, I believe the city needs more field houses that cater to a variety of sports. The facilities in Edmonton are far superior to those on offer here in Calgary, even though we are more affluent. I fully support any initiative that will provide ALL Calgarians with sports facilities that are easily and economically accessible to our population.



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The GamePLAN and its direction to eliminate community amenities and amalgamate services in mega facilities is unacceptable. Denser communities require more services, not less. Liveable, walkable communities require services within an acceptable distance. Not all communities will have access to all services, but together community facilities as they exist serve their neighbours. To amalgamate services into mega facilities is to eliminate opportunities for residents to access opportunities. While there is a role for mega facilities, they cannot be prioritize over community-level facilities. These must be maintained if communities are to embrace change and density over the coming years. Please reject this GamePLAN and configure a plan that prioritizes community facility, local services and does not see them as underutilization of the land. Communities must have a mix of service levels and to eliminate facilities in favour of mega facilities is unwise, unacceptable and ultimately destructive of community spirit, connection and liveability. The GamePLAN does not consider what's best for residents, it is prioritizing other issues that are beyond its remit. Going back to the drawing board after the election is the best option before you given the drastic and long lasting impacts that the GamePLAN is proposing.



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In the attached letter, the Calgary Bicycle Track League (CBTL) outlines the concerns our community has with City decisions that appear to be contradictory to the principals of GamePLAN and the vision The City has for recreation. As you consider GamePLAN and what that means for the next 20 years of Recreation in Calgary, we hope that you will consider recommending The City to put resources into finding a timely solution to support longstanding partnerships, such as the one with CBTL, and the Canadian sport legacy that is on the brink of disappearing with the loss of facilities.



Dear Community Development Committee,

On January 20, 2025 the Calgary Bicycle Track League (CBTL) received a letter from The City of Calgary (The City), Partnerships team stating that due to the expansion of the Glenmore Water Treatment Centre, The City will be repurposing the land adjacent to the water treatment centre where the Velodrome currently sits within North Glenmore Athletic Park. The letter acknowledged that, in October of 2024, The City sent CBTL a five-year lease extension for our 20m x 90m land parcel on the west side of the Velodrome (Attachment 1), however, it is stated that this was offered before Partnerships was aware of the removal of the Velodrome. Consequently, CBTL has been offered a new lease until October of 2026. While CBTL understands the need to expand critical service infrastructure, the decision to do so has lacked engagement with the impacted community. CBTL has held a lease for the impacted land and managed the programming of the Velodrome since 1975, making our velodrome the longest running velodrome in Canada by 10 years. Based on the information we have been provided, it seems like there are numerous location options for the high-capacity drinking water tank that would not result in the removal of the velodrome. While the proposed location is the most convenient and potentially offers the least short-term impact to recreation paths and soccer fields, this infrastructure exists in many locations throughout Calgary allowing impacted users other options for recreation. The Velodrome is the only infrastructure of its kind for 300km, meaning, the removal of this sport specific infrastructure following the end of our lease term in October 2026 will result in the end of the sport of track cycling in Calgary. With no provisions of support suggested by The City, this timeline is not sufficient to source a new location and build a new velodrome. If The City were to honour our initial lease extension of December 2028, it is likely CBTL could have a facility up and running with minimal loss to our community.

You have been presented with GamePLAN the principles of which are removing barriers to participation for children and youth and leveraging a network of service providers, programmers, facilities, and amenities to continue Calgary's legacy of a livable city. However, annexing a sport with membership that is 65% women and youth and 20% seniors, that operates because of a 50 year partnership with a non-profit service provider is not in-line with the principles of GamePLAN. GamePLAN's proposed service level scenarios range from "maintain" to "increase" bookable athletic park hours. Removing the Velodrome not only drastically decreases the bookable hours of the athletic park, it also significantly reduces the affordable recreation programming available to Calgarians. CBTL offers over 575 hrs of programming on the Velodrome between the months of April to October which is available to anyone for a small membership fee of \$150 (as required by our insurance). This fee includes access to all programs, the use of CBTL's privately purchased and maintained fleet of over 60 track bikes, and support of our nationally certified coaching staff. For Calgarians unfamiliar with track cycling or unsure of the financial commitment, CBTL runs weekly free Try the Track programs to allow folks to "try before they buy", we also offer fee subsidies to those who need it. If The City wants Calgarians to see public recreation as:

- *“Parents being able to enroll their kids in soccer or swim lessons.*
- *Kids learning the value of teamwork and sportsmanship.*
- *Seniors staying physically active and socially engaged.*
- *At-risk youth having access to safe, engaging and creative spaces.*
- *Newcomers finding connection in community.*
- *Everyone having access to opportunities, regardless of income or geography.”*

they need to maintain the relationship they have with CBTL, which has been providing these opportunities, services, and community development for 50 years.

CBTL offers progressive learn to ride programming for women and youth, partners with high schools to provide alternative physical education programs and hosts weekly club races with participants ranging from 8 to 75 years of age, of varying ability levels. We participate in All Sport One Day which enables kids to try multiple sports across the city free of charge. Our regular events bring in participants and spectators from across Alberta and Canada as we host Provincial Track Championships on even years, and annually host Alberta's youth championships "Schools Out Dash". In the past we have hosted National Championships and Western Track Challenge, which bring track cycling talent and up-and-comers in the sport to Calgary. While our track is no longer to the international standard that would enable us to host a World Cup, we own, maintain, and support use of all of the equipment and have the trained officials required to host such events. This investment in equipment, staff, and the community we have built has enabled us to work with National teams from other sports, including Canadian and Chinese speed skaters, Canadian Nordic skiers, Canadian Bobsledders, and Canadian rowers, to provide them world class cross training. CBTL's general membership is made up of 46% youth and 20% seniors showing that we are a community that understands the importance of being active for life. Our head coaches are trained to support athletes with disabilities and our bike fleet includes tandem bicycles, for those with visual impairment, and the parts required to modify bikes for amputees.

Since 1992 we have developed 12 of Canada's Olympic and Paralympic cyclists who have brought home 10 of 22 track cycling Olympic and Paralympic medals, all this despite being the oldest of 7 velodromes operating in Canada. Countless more CBTL members have been on the Canadian National Cycling Team participating at, and winning medals in, World Championships (Attachment 2), Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games, and Canadian National Championships. Our master's level competitors (adults 35 to 90) have participated in Masters Track World Championships, resulting in multiple podiums and titles. This is specifically due to our members ability to train, race, and thrive within the community built around this velodrome. We hold hundreds of Canadian National titles and records, and a few World Records. CBTL's success has been Canada's success, made possible because we have infrastructure on which to run world class programming.

In 2010, CBTL was involved in the 25-year plan for North Glenmore Athletic Park, this included the relocation and build of a modernized indoor velodrome which allowed for the expansion of the water treatment plant without the loss of track cycling. While we understand the needs of the larger community has shifted, we expect The City to hold true to its long-standing commitment to build a modernized velodrome prior to the decommissioning of the current velodrome. This timeline enables us to continue to support track cyclists. At the very minimum, The City needs to support CBTL in finding a suitable location on which to build a new velodrome and expedite the required permits, so this sport and community can continue thriving in Calgary.

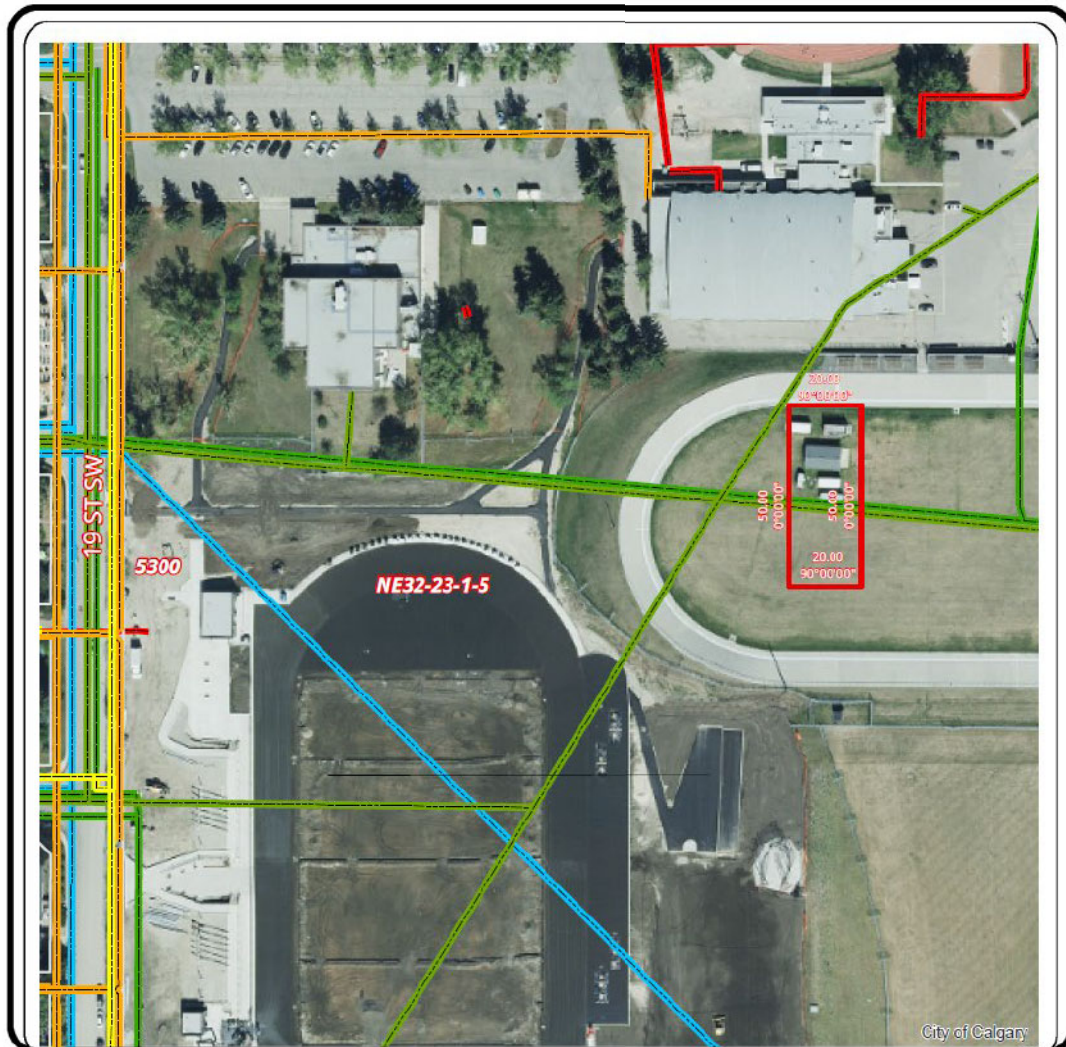
As you consider GamePLAN and what that means for the next 20 years of Calgary Recreation, we hope that you will consider recommending The City put resources into finding a timely solution to support a longstanding partnership and Canadian sport legacy that will disappear should we lose this infrastructure. CBTL is eager to find a solution that will enable us to continue to operate. We hope you can help us by guiding The City towards one of the many options available that will not result in the end of this sport.

Sincerely,



Erin Ruttan,
President, Calgary Bicycle Track League

ATTACHMENT 1: CBTL Lease Boundary



CALGARY BICYCLE TRACK LEAGUE

LEASE SITE PLAN

	June 3, 2024	
President Calgary Bicycle Track League	Date	
_____	_____	
Manager Parks South Region, Parks & Open Spaces	Date	
_____	_____	
Manager Community Partners, Partnerships	Date	

Legend

- CALGARY BICYCLE TRACK LEAGUE
- GAS (ATCO) PIPE
- TELUS CABLE
- SANITARY PIPE
- STORM PIPE
- CITY WATER MAIN
- ENMAX CABLE

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ATTACHMENT 2: Calgary Bicycle Track League Athlete’s Competing for the Canadian National Team in the sport of track cycling at Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, and Elite/Para/Junior World Championships

Olympic and Paralympic Games

Name		Event	Years Attended
Tanya	Dubnicoff	Olympics	1992, 1996, 2000
Kurt	Innes	Olympics	1992
Jim	Fisher	Olympics	2000
Monique	Sullivan	Olympics	2012, 2016
Kristi	Lay	Olympics	2012 (Bronze), 2016 (Bronze)
Laura	Brown	Olympics	2012 (Bronze), 2016 (Bronze)
Allison	Beverage	Olympics	2016 (Bronze)
Georgia	Simmerling	Olympics	2016 (Bronze), 2020
Sarah	Orban	Olympics	2024
Mike	Sametz	Paralympics	2016, 2024
Kate	O'Brien	Paralympics	2020 (Silver), 2024 (Bronze)
Keely	Shaw	Paralympics	2020 (Bronze), 2024 (Bronze)

Track Cycling World Championships

*denotes where records of dates and medals are incomplete

Name		Event	Years Attended
Tanya	Dubnicoff	Worlds	*1993 (Gold), 1997 (Silver), 1998
Doug	Baron	Worlds	*1999
Jim	Fisher	Worlds	*
Travis	Smith	Worlds	2007, 2010, 2012
Doug	Baron	Para Worlds	2011
Laura	Brown	Worlds	2013 (Bronze), 2014 (Silver)
Stephanie	Roorda	Worlds	2014 (Silver), 2015 (Bronze), 2016 (Bronze)
Allison	Beverage	Worlds	2014 (Silver), 2015 (2x Bronze), 2016 (Silver)
Kristi	Lay	Worlds	2015 (Bronze), 2016 (Silver)
Monique	Sullivan	Worlds	2016
Kate	O'Brien	Worlds	2016, 2017
Jackson	Kinniburgh	Junior Worlds	2018
Keely	Shaw	Para Worlds	2018, 2019 (Silver), 2020, 2022, 2023 (Silver), 2024 (Bronze)
Kate	O'Brien	Para Worlds	2020 (Gold), 2022 (Silver), 2023 (Silver)
Jackson	Kinniburgh	Worlds	2021
Sarah	Orban	Worlds	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Lowell	Taylor	Para Worlds	2023, 2024
Kaden	Colling	Junior Worlds	2023 (Bronze)
Anabelle	Thomas	Junior Worlds	2023



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Last name [required] Dezan

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[required] - max 75 characters GamePLAN: Reimagining Public Recreation, CD2025-0047

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Calgary’s public recreation system is at a crossroads. As our population grows, demand for bookable athletic fields has outpaced availability, leaving many youth sports programs, like ours struggling for space. We support GamePLAN's initiative to “level the playing field” and double or triple the number of bookable athletic park hours to match demand.

Our flag football program, one of Calgary’s largest, relies on access to high-quality fields, yet we face growing challenges due to limited availability. The recent proposal to convert a field at Acadia Athletic Park into pickleball courts is just one example of this issue. While Calgary has steadily increased pickleball facilities, the number of available B- and C-class fields suitable for football, soccer, and other youth sports remains critically low.

We urge the City of Calgary to:

- Prioritize investment in multi-use, high-quality athletic fields to match population growth.
- Ensure no net loss of existing sports fields when repurposing space for other activities.
- Expedite planned upgrades to Glenmore Athletic Park to expand capacity.
- Provide consistent, priority booking for youth sports leagues to maintain programming.

Flag football is experiencing rapid expansion, especially with its inclusion in the 2028 Olympics. Our teams compete nationally, and demand continues to grow. Without increased access to fields, hundreds of youth athletes will be turned away. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on solutions that align with GamePLAN's goal of creating recreational opportunities for all Calgarians.

Sincerely,
Kimberley Dezan for
Calgary Indoor Flag Football League
Calgary Elite Flag Football League
Calgary Youth Flag Football League
Coach Throw Flag Football League
Calgary Stampeders Flag Football League
Calgary Fall Flag Football League



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February 3, 2025

City of Calgary Development Committee

Subject: Feedback on the GamePLAN – Aquatic Facilities and Service Standards

Dear Members of the Development Committee,

On behalf of the Foothills Masters Swim Club, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the GamePLAN as drafted. As a community-based recreational organization, we recognize the City of Calgary's commitment to enhancing public recreation and applaud the GamePLAN's focus on access for children and youth, affordability, increased sport opportunities, and improved facility availability and performance.

However, we have identified concerns regarding the current and planned service levels for aquatic facilities, which we believe may not fully align with these priorities.

Key Concerns Regarding Aquatic Facility Access and Service Standards

- While Calgary's 13 indoor aquatic facilities are among the most affordable in the city, three of them remain closed on weekends when children and youth are most available to use them. Notably, the [GamePLAN What We Heard Report](#) highlighted public concerns about limited access to swimming lessons for children.
- Expanding access to aquatic facilities is critical for fostering active lifestyles, which research shows contribute to lifelong fitness and overall well-being.
- Swimming is an inclusive, low-impact sport that benefits individuals with mobility issues and chronic injuries, providing a crucial recreational option for diverse populations.
- Aquatic facilities play an essential role in supporting the health and social well-being of seniors. Many rely on these spaces not only for exercise but also for social connections, reducing isolation and enhancing community engagement. Our club, with over 60 senior and near-senior members, has seen firsthand how shared aquatic activities build lasting friendships and foster a sense of belonging.

Service Standard Targets and Facility Operations

- We seek clarification on the rationale behind the aquatics service standard of 1:75,000 residents, which is significantly higher than the benchmarks used for other facilities:
 - The proposed aquatics standard is 50% higher than the largest benchmark cities referenced in the GamePLAN.

- It is also triple the GamePLAN's service standards for arenas (1:28,000) and athletic parks (1:22,000). Given the high demand for aquatic programs, we believe a reassessment of this standard is warranted.
- Several City-operated aquatic facilities are currently open less than half-time, impacting accessibility:
 - Of the 11 flatwater pools, only seven operate seven days a week with an average of 96 hours per week.
 - Inglewood Aquatic Centre, scheduled for closure within the next 1-2 years, currently operates at 58% of the hours of full-time pools.
 - Acadia, Foothills, and Shouldice Aquatic Centres are open only four days a week, averaging 48% of full-time pool hours and remaining closed on weekends.
 - Given these reduced operating hours, we estimate the effective number of indoor aquatic facilities should be reduced from 23 to approximately 20 full-time equivalent pools, resulting in a current service standard closer to 1:75,000 rather than the stated 1:65,000.
- While it is understood that many aquatics facilities are operating at 90% of their targeted operational hours, Acadia, Foothills and Shouldice Aquatic Centres and Southland and Village Square Leisure Centres are operating below the targeted hours. Could you clarify the targeted operational hours for these five facilities, the rationale for their current schedules and whether there are plans to address this shortfall soon? It would be helpful to understand how these targets are being determined and what steps are being taken to ensure that all residents have equitable access to aquatic resources. Aquatic facilities provide significant value to the community and many residents rely on them for recreation, fitness and water safety programs. It is crucial that all facilities operate to meet the diverse needs of the community.
- Utility costs for part-time pools are incurred regardless of opening hours. Would it be feasible to extend their schedules to optimize cost recovery and better serve residents?

Addressing Public Concerns Identified in the What We Heard Report

- The [What We Heard Report](#) emphasized a strong public demand for increased access to aquatic facilities, yet the City has reduced service levels in some locations, despite the fact that Calgary is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada.
- Survey respondents expressed frustration with program availability, noting difficulty in accessing swimming lessons and recreational swim times.
- Many residents requested more drop-in swim times, alternative scheduling options, and additional facilities to meet demand.
- Reducing operating hours or closing pools disproportionately affects inner-city communities with increasing density, forcing residents to travel to newer suburbs or forgo recreational activities altogether.

- In northwest Calgary, extending the operating hours of Foothills and Shouldice aquatic facilities would significantly improve access to swim programs, pool rentals, and open swim times. At least two local swim clubs (serving both youth and adults) are seeking additional rental hours but have been unable to secure them.

Recommendations

We strongly support the City's commitment to enhancing recreational services and appreciate the efforts made to engage the public in shaping the GamePLAN. To better align with community needs and priorities, we respectfully recommend:

1. **Revising the aquatic service standard to 1:50,000 residents**, in line with benchmarks from cities such as Toronto and Edmonton.
2. **Increasing operating hours at existing facilities (Acadia, Foothills & Shouldice Aquatic Facilities)**, particularly those that are currently underutilized, to maximize accessibility and community benefit.
3. **Reassessing the potential impacts of facility closures** to ensure that growing and established communities maintain adequate access to aquatic recreation.

We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations and welcome the opportunity to collaborate on strategies to enhance aquatic services in Calgary. Thank you for your time and commitment to supporting recreational access for all residents.

Sincerely,

The Membership of the Foothills Masters Swim Club

cc: City of Calgary Council Members

Reference Materials:

- *GamePLAN: Reimagining Public Recreation* (presentation)
- *GamePLAN: Reimagining Public Recreation – What We Heard Report*



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Last name [required] Jordan

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February 4, 2025

Dear Sir/Madame:

During a recent meeting, it was announced that the Vecova facility with the only therapeutic swimming pool in Calgary would be closing June 2025. I was very disturbed to hear this and went to tour the facility January 9, 2025. Dean Dodge, Chief Development Officer of Vecova showed me the facility, which I expected to be partially dilapidated and deteriorating, but it was well maintained and greatly used. This facility was built primarily for special needs individuals, but is openly shared and enjoyed by the general public as well.

The following day, I toured the Village Square Leisure Centre with a wave pool, water slides, a dive tank, etc. It is a beautiful modern indoor water park for people of all ages. I asked the tour guide, "How many people show up in wheelchairs to be wheeled into the wave pool?" He laughed and answered, "I can almost say pretty much none." Although the facility is fully wheelchair accessible (except the water slides), why do special needs people not attend? Consider the following colloquial expression:

"If Mohammed doesn't go to the mountain, then the mountain must go to Mohammed."

That is the importance of the Vecova facility and in this case the mountain (society) does go to Mohammed (special needs people) and is integrated into their lives where they can feel safe and secure in their own facility, which they are readily prepared to share. However, at the Village Square Leisure Centre, they would stick out like a sore thumb. Nobody wants to be an object of pity or someone at which to be stared. This facility only reinforces the prejudice of others, "You don't belong here!"

Therefore, if we are going to write letters, why not write to provincial and federal authorities since the City of Calgary supports this facility already. How many of us realize that an individual strapped into a wheelchair may have the freedom to move on their own (swim) and possibly walk with the use of a buoyant aid?

Sincerely,

Randall Jordan,
Former Municipal Recreation Facility Manager/Aquatics Director, Special Needs Swimming Instructor

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Umoja Community Mosaic

PO Box 86051 SW Marda Loop
Calgary, Alberta T2T 6B7

February 4, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support – City of Calgary GamePlan Initiative

Umoja Community Mosaic wholeheartedly supports the City of Calgary's GamePLAN Initiative. A strategic investment in recreation facilities is not just about providing a place to play; it's about creating equity, fostering community, and giving youth a chance to grow into successful contributors to society.

For too long, the approach to recreation spaces has been to locate them where it is most cost-effective to build. The accompanying notion was that parents can simply drive their children to these locations, supervise them, and then take them home. This model excludes many and fails to address the barriers that marginalized families face. Recent facilities built by the city highlight a glaring issue: they are not truly accessible to everyone. Many lack public transit access, and even when subsidies are provided, marginalized families still struggle to utilize these spaces effectively.

Since 2010, Umoja's Soccer Without Boundaries (SWB) program has removed barriers to recreation. We began on a field near public housing in Glenbrook, and we've since expanded to multiple locations across the city. For example, at our location in the NE, we regularly see more than 60 youth aged 16+ show up to play on a soccer field meant for only 12 people. In winter, when weather dictates that programming needs to be indoors - there is no other safe or accessible place for them to play on a Friday evening.

Access to sports addresses numerous social challenges. When SWB began, the neighborhoods we operated in were not considered safe. But then our youth began to thrive. Today, we've achieved a 100% high school graduation rate among our participants, and many of them have gone on to earn university scholarships. Beyond academics, we've trained youth to become coaches and mentors. Rather than simply staying out of trouble, they've become contributing members of society.

With my years of experience working with youth, I can confidently say that if every young person had access to safe, easily accessible recreation facilities, we would see a dramatic reduction in crime, delinquency, and other negative behaviors that we often find ourselves complaining about. Recreation, and sport in particular, empowers youth, strengthens communities, and fosters a sense of empowerment and belonging. These are the reasons we support the construction of adequate new facilities that foster participation in sport and true accessibility for all.

Sincerely,

Jean Claude Munyezamu
Executive Director

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Last name [required] **Katyal**

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Shivalika Katyal
Active Member
Calgary Women's Cricket Organization

February 5, 2025

City Clerk's Office
The City of Calgary

Dear Members of the Community Development Committee,

I am writing as an active member of the Calgary Women's Cricket Organization to express my strong support for the GamePLAN proposal. As someone passionate about the growth of women's cricket in our city, I have personally experienced the challenges that come with limited access to quality recreation facilities. GamePLAN represents an important opportunity to create more inclusive, sustainable, and well-maintained spaces for sports like cricket.

Many cricketers in Calgary, including myself, have seen firsthand how the lack of adequate facilities can limit growth, particularly for women and underrepresented groups. As the GamePLAN proposal emphasizes, "Level the Playing Field" is a crucial guiding principle. Increasing safe and welcoming spaces is critical for the development of women's cricket. One key example is Riley Park, originally donated as a cricket field, yet it has not been maintained as one. While the women are often assigned to play there, the field conditions are not conducive to quality cricket, often leaving players feeling demoralized. Uneven ground and poor upkeep limit the level of play and increase the risk of injury. On the other hand, Riley Park is the only field in Calgary with access to functioning washrooms. The fact that we have to choose between a proper playing surface and basic facilities speaks to the need for improved investment in recreational infrastructure. This disparity discourages participation, particularly among women and newcomers to the sport, who may already face barriers to involvement. Without well-maintained grounds, players struggle to develop their skills, teams find it harder to compete at higher levels, and overall enjoyment of the game diminishes. Investing in quality infrastructure would not only support existing players but also inspire the next generation of cricketers in Calgary. With greater investment, facilities like the Northeast Athletic Complex could provide the necessary resources for cricketers of all genders, ages, and backgrounds to train and compete at higher levels.

Beyond local league play, enhanced facilities would also enable Calgary to host higher-level tournaments and attract regional, national, and even international competitions. Cricket is a fast-growing sport within Canada, and having well-maintained grounds would put Calgary on the map as a serious cricket destination. This would not only benefit players but also boost community engagement and economic activity through sports tourism.

Additionally, the principle "It Takes a Team" resonates with me and my experience in cricket, a team-

based sport that relies on individual performance. While cricket is a collective effort, every player has a role to play, and the team's success depends on each individual fulfilling their responsibilities. Similarly, an initiative like GamePLAN requires a coordinated effort, each contributing their expertise, support, and commitment to achieve a shared vision. Just as in cricket, where strategic collaboration and strong individual performance lead to victory, GamePLAN's success will depend on a well-coordinated approach where all partners are actively engaged in delivering the best possible recreation infrastructure and services for Calgarians. With the right support and infrastructure, we could expand opportunities for more players, particularly at the grassroots level, build stronger programs, and elevate the overall standard of play. Public recreation should be accessible and beneficial to all, and I truly believe GamePLAN's vision will help achieve that.

Further, I strongly support GamePLAN's approach to addressing equity and inclusion. As the proposal mentions, enhancing access for underserved communities and ensuring affordability are key areas where public recreation can make a lasting difference. Women's cricket, like many other sports, should be available to all, regardless of background or income level. The vision of GamePLAN, which aims to remove barriers to participation, is one I wholeheartedly support.

In conclusion, I urge the Community Development Committee to adopt GamePLAN's recommendations and prioritize investments that will allow the growth of sports like women's cricket. This initiative has the potential to reshape the future of recreation in Calgary and ensure that all residents, regardless of gender, background, or ability, have access to the benefits of public recreation.

I appreciate your consideration and, as a proud Calgarian, I look forward to supporting this important work as it progresses. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Shivalika Katyal
Active Member
Calgary Women's Cricket Organization



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Community development

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I'm in favor of increasing the budget for recreation in the city. As a coach who has been active within the community and in other province and territories. I know first hand the impact that sports can have on both the youth and adults. It can bring purpose to people's lives, enrich their souls and keep them out of trouble. We understand the importance of teamwork. By having team related sports. It helps people with communication, leadership and working together as a team which is very important in the workplace. As someone who grew up playing many sports. I am forever thankful for the friends I've made along the way, the memories I'll cherish the rest of my life and the good/bad of sports that have shaped me into the positive/respectful/encouraging person/coach I am today.



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Community Development Committee

City of Calgary

800 Macleod Trail SE

Councillors Walcott, Wong, Carra, Dhaliwal, McLean, Penner, Mayor Gondek

February 06, 2025

My name is Ariana Kippers and I am currently employed with City of Calgary, in the office of Ward 9. I am here on my own time to speak on behalf of myself, and community members who have shared their comments with me.

I fully support the GamePLAN proposal before you today and the opportunity it presents to create meaningful change. We must choose to Make Waves so we can book 40% more swim lessons, and 25% more ice time for hockey, ringette, skating etc. During my time as a Community Connector, I had the privilege of engaging with a diverse range of residents, many of whom expressed concerns about the lack of recreational facilities and sports options. These concerns were voiced by individuals and families alike. Our community recognizes the pressing need for spaces where people can connect, stay active, and enhance both their physical and mental well-being—especially as these challenges continue to rise. In East Calgary, we currently have only one indoor facility—Bob Bahan—which is insufficient to serve the needs of our rapidly growing population. As our community has diversified, investments in public recreation have failed to keep pace. Residents are eager for facilities like the Genesis Centre, which regularly sees large turnouts for events, programs, and social activities. While we are making do with limited resources, the reality is that we deserve a more expansive space that can serve even more individuals, ultimately enriching the lives of all who participate.

The current state of our recreation facilities also means that opportunities, such as swimming lessons, are limited. On more than one occasion, I've missed out on registering my child for swimming lessons simply because I was unable to secure a spot during the early morning registration window. These are essential, lifesaving skills that many children in our community are missing due to insufficient resources. Similarly, our seniors lack access to aquatic exercise programs, which are vital for maintaining mobility and strength. Moreover, we lack accessible spaces where young children, like a young girl in my neighborhood, can safely splash around with friends and siblings from her wheelchair. Expanding our recreational facilities will also bring additional employment opportunities, creating jobs for lifeguards, instructors, and staff to ensure these spaces are well-maintained and operate smoothly. I echo the sentiments of the General Manager Katie Black: we must seize this moment to invest in the future—one where recreation enriches lives, strengthens communities, and ensures equitable access for all. It's time for us to make waves in our city's future. No matter what community you live in, this is how you put communities, and every single resident living in them, first.

Thank you,

Ariana Kippers

Ward 9 resident



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I may have a Power Point slide or two - they are still in progress. I presume someone representing the committee will be in touch with those who wish to speak to the agenda item?

WHO IS CALGARY UNITED SOCCER?

- ▶ 11,000 players + coaches in two seasons: OUTDOOR AND INDOOR.
- ▶ Over 600 teams across the two seasons.
- ▶ Programming for Adults, 17 years+ all the way to players in their 80's.
- ▶ Programs include indoor and outdoor soccer for men and women, futsal for men and women, co-ed league and lots of divisions for play from ultra competitive to ultra recreational.
- ▶ CUSA's Broadview Soccer Park hosts games for League 1, AMSL, APDL and other soccer teams and clubs from around the City.



- ▶ CUSA schedules approximately 4600 games annually, across our seasons, for over 600 teams of soccer-playing adults.
- ▶ We are changing the rules of soccer to accommodate the space we have – that means we are changing the dimensions of our game space, we don't practice where we play, we try to put more teams on the space – which means our team rosters are smaller.
- ▶ Our numbers would be even higher for indoor soccer, but there are not enough facilities and many of our teams don't enjoy playing late night games (games scheduled after 10pm).
- ▶ GamePLAN recognizes a hard truth that without immediate action our sport system is on the verge of collapse.

THE CURRENT STATE



- ▶ Thank you for your leadership through GamePLAN in addressing the urgent decline of Calgary's recreation system.
- ▶ Your commitment to securing long-overdue investment in vital infrastructure is a critical first step toward ensuring all Calgarians have the facilities they need.
- ▶ This type of investment is about our city's livability, the health of our citizens and building our communities.



OUR WORK TOWARDS THE FUTURE STATE

- ▶ The Soccer Community is aligned with **GamePLAN's "Making Waves" scenario.**
- ▶ As **Calgary's largest and fastest-growing sport**, soccer serves a diverse community and provides an accessible, affordable pathway for the young and the old alike, to pursue sport. The accessibility and familiarity with soccer, will also benefit many of the newcomers to our city who originate from countries where soccer is the primary sport.
- ▶ It is a global game that fosters inclusion, belonging, and economic opportunities through sport tourism and events.
- ▶ We urge **City Council to adopt the Making Waves scenario** and direct **City Administration to prioritize the development of soccer facilities**—a critical investment that will support thousands of players, address infrastructure inequities, and ensure a financially sustainable model that benefits Calgary for generations to come.

CHOOSE TO 'MAKE WAVES' !



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As the condition and availability of the recreational facilities continue to decline, it becomes increasingly difficult to get kids involved in all sports, such as soccer or hockey, this initiative is more important than ever. The expansion of sport is on the rise, the development or feeder programs to the national sports team are undefined or underdeveloped, the spaces to learn and play these games are overcrowded and over-used. The accessibility to facilities is limited, therefore all the programs suffer, and a decrease in participation, this is at all levels.