



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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First name [required] Joanne

Last name [required] Nowak

How do you wish to attend?

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Standing Policy Committee on Community Development

Date of meeting [required] Feb 6, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

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



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Dear Council,

I'm writing in support of GamePLAN and the recognition that parks and recreation are not just amenities, but essential city infrastructure. Too often, these spaces are treated as nice-to-haves rather than as fundamental to how we build a thriving, future-ready Calgary. The depth of research in this plan is encouraging—it takes seriously what many residents already know: parks, pathways, and recreation centers are core to a well-functioning and thriving city.

Recreation spaces are where community life happens. They shape how people experience the city, how neighborhoods stay vibrant, and how we attract and retain families. But like other infrastructure, they need sustained investment, long-term planning, and coordination to ensure they can meet the demands of a growing population. Strengthening the teams that run these spaces and fostering more collaboration between sectors will help build a more resilient system—one that doesn't just keep up with growth but enhances Calgary's ability to compete as a livable, world-class city.

I encourage Council to elevate recreation as a core pillar of city-building. A Calgary that prioritizes these spaces isn't just investing in leisure—it's investing in the foundation of a connected, healthy, and dynamic city. One where we invest in what makes a neighbourhood a home.

Sincerely,

Joanne (Joey) Nowak
Calgary Resident



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First name [required] Marina

Last name [required] Ortman

How do you wish to attend? In-person

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Council

Date of meeting [required] Feb 25, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

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

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Madam Mayor and Members of Council,

The research conducted by the Department of Recreational and Social Services is insufficient, as it is based on input from only 0.004% of the city's population. This sample size is far too small to make informed decisions that affect the entire community, particularly when it comes to the diverse needs of inner-city residents.

I advocate for a delay in the GamePLAN, an expansion of the research process, and a revision of the service standard for aquatics. To truly ensure that public recreation services are inclusive, accessible, and sustainable, it's crucial to involve more voices and gather data from a broader cross-section of the population. Expanding the research and updating the service standard will help create a more effective and equitable plan that better serves all Calgarians, particularly in underserved inner-city areas.

Sincerely,

Marina Ortman