

# Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan

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*Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan* replaces the Open Space Plan, which was approved by Council in 2002. *Connect* provides modernized policies and an operational framework to address the needs of Calgarians by supporting mental and physical health, conserving the environment, fostering community building and celebrating cultural landscapes.

Although no formal Council direction has been given to develop *Connect*, the plan addresses several Council priorities and updates parks policy to ensure alignment with municipal and provincial legislation, as well as best practices. *Connect* is a city-wide policy plan and supports the implementation of parks-related policies within the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

### Previous Council Direction

The table below outlines the Council direction for the Open Space Plan, approved in 2002, which has guided Administration's policies and operational actions proposed in *Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan*.

DATE	REPORT	DIRECTION/ DESCRIPTION
2002 July 22	Open Space Plan CPS2002-42	That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council adopt the Open Space Plan (CSPS013) as the basis for ongoing acquisition, development and use of open space.
2003 March 03	Sub-Neighbourhood parks Open Space Policy CPS2003-10	That Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council continue to use the existing policy within the Open Space Plan (CSPS013) as adopted by Council at the 2002 July 22 meeting as the basis for the ongoing acquisition, development and use of sub-neighbourhood parks.