

# Springbank Hill Community Association



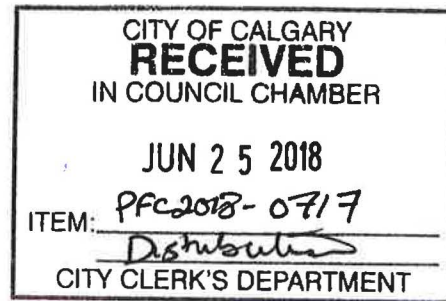
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June 20, 2018

Councillor Jeff Davison  
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RE: SPRINGBANK HILL COMMUNITY PARK PROPOSAL

Dear Jeff,

As the President of the Springbank Hill Community Association (SBHCA) and on behalf of the entire board of directors of our organization I wish to confirm you of our full support for the community park project.

Our community association board has been working on this project over the past 10 years, from initial concept, to consultation with the community, fundraising, detailed design and preparation for construction. We are fully committed to this project and excited to be able to finally get the shovel in the ground and make it a reality in 2018!

Our extensive fundraising efforts over many years, combined with a recent CFEP grant has allowed us to commit funds totaling \$500,000 towards this project. While this is sufficient to initiate phase one of the project, we continue to seek opportunities to top up our funding to allow us to complete the entire project in 2018. We would truly appreciate any help that the Mayor and Council can provide through the Council Innovation Fund.

We do believe that our park concept and design is unique and innovative, and we trust that when completed it will strengthen our community by providing a new focal point that everyone will be proud of.

We look forward to hearing the results of the June 25 Council meeting.

Sincerely,

*Elio Cozzi*  
*President, Springbank Hill Community Association*

Cc: SBHCA board members

Visit our website at [www.springbankhill.org](http://www.springbankhill.org)

Hello Councilor Davidson,

I wanted to pass on a letter of support for the Springbank Hill Community Association's natural park that is planned for development on the property adjacent to Valleyview Church.

We have always had a good neighborly relationship with the Community Association and we are pleased to see that this land will be maintained in a park format and encourage people from the community to come and walk and enjoy the beautiful Creation where we are situation.

We speak strongly in favor of the City approving their plans as they present them to you and hope that you will enable this project to begin soon.

Blessings,  
Rev. Grant Gunnink  
Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Valleyview Community Church

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Dear Councillor Davison,

Please accept this email as support for the park for which the SBH Community Association has been diligently saving. I understand that you will be presenting before Council on June 25 to approve a grant from the Mayor's Innovation Fund. This natural park fits perfectly with the mandate of the fund, and will also be a convenient natural area across from the new school with the very innovative "nested spaces". What a wonderful way for the children to explore!

I hope you are successful in your bid before Council!!!

Regards,  
Colleen & Sean Blanchette  
Residents in Ward 6



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June 22, 2018

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RE: SPRINGBANK HILL COMMUNITY PARK PROPOSAL

Dear Councillor Jeff Davidson,

We are writing to you on behalf of our school, Griffith Woods, an amazing Kindergarten to grade 9 campus residing in the heart of Springbank Hill. We will have 900 students attending this fantastic school next year that come from the communities, of Springbank and Discovery. We have built our school around an environmental focus and take classes outside frequently. Our mission and vision includes building scientific literacy and enhancing the level of environmental stewardship/ citizenship among our K-9 student leaders.

We feel extremely fortunate that the Springbank Hill community has taken initiative and laid out such an incredible plan for use of the naturalized area directly across the street from our school. We are thrilled with the plans and know that the trails and loop system, interpretive area, active space, and natural area will be extremely well received by both communities we draw on as well as the public who live nearby. Given our focus and the value in having students explore in the outdoors, we know this area would be used daily and appreciated by our whole school. Our teachers were hired to lead work around outdoor education and have planned thoughtful learning tasks connected to the natural world this year. We can only imagine what possibilities lay ahead with direct access to such a vital park near our school! We feel we are an important part of the community and know that our parents work tirelessly on behalf of the betterment of this community as well as Calgary residents who could also benefit from use of such a delightful naturalized area.

We have met with community association executive and have seen the promise and hope around this fantastic project. We whole heartedly support this endeavour and hope that the grant sought can help the dream come to fruition. Currently we spend school funds to travel to Griffith Woods Park by bus frequently to honour our goals. Monies spent on bussing, could be put to other use, as the plans for this park offer extensive curriculum supports from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

As the principal of Griffith Woods School along with our entire staff, as members of the Calgary Board of Education, we wish to offer you our full support for the community park project.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Choate  
Principal  
Griffith Woods School

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**Mike Ellis, MLA**  
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To Whom it May Concern,

**Subject: Community Facility Enhancement Program | Community Park Project**

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of my support for the development of the Springbank Hill Community Park by the Springbank Hill Community Association (SBHCA) in the Calgary West riding.

The proposed park is on 6.29 acres of land reserved by the City of Calgary for the sole of establishing a central place for community activities and engagement. The SBHCA, after 10 years of consultation and reflection, has put forth a compelling vision to create a natural community park accessible to the general public, particularly in the communities of Springbank Hill, Christie Park, Aspen and Signal Hill.

The project aligns well with the desire to promote, develop and support programs and services that encourage Calgarians to enrich their lives through recreation, sport, and events to improving the quality of life.

The level of professionalism, due diligence and integrity that the Association has undertaken to realize their aspirations for their community is inspiring and an example to other communities. I am wholeheartedly in favor of the plans that are coming to fruition on this project and very excited that this initiative that will benefit the community for decades to come. I am happy to discuss further as required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Ellis'.

Mike Ellis  
MLA, Calgary West





June 4, 2018

To: Mayor Nenshi and Members of Council

Re: **Springbank Hill Community Park Redevelopment Proposal**

Staff from Calgary Neighbourhoods and Calgary Parks have been involved in the design process for the proposed redevelopment of the Springbank Hill Community Park and the Council Innovation Fund application that is going forward to Priorities and Finance Committee on 2018 June 5.

Early phases of the project were supported with funds from This is My Neighbourhood. The proposed park design considers the natural topography of the area, will serve diverse user groups, and the design process has been a collaborative effort between the local Community Association, residents, and internal City business units.

By way of this letter, we are reiterating our support for the proposal and we look forward to seeing this park evolve over time.

Regards,

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