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Good morning

I am Moraig McCabe, community volunteer in the Northern Hills communities.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

One of the City's priorities (from the presentation) is *"We apply an equity lens to guide our work so that no resident or neighbourhood is left behind."*

Our communities in the Northern Hills no longer have a community social worker as they are already stretched thin. This means we rely heavily on our NPC (Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator), and other Neighbourhood and Recreation support services.

As we also have no community hub building (except for Vivo, which functions more as a hub than just a rec centre), we also rely heavily on our outdoor amenities, which comprise a few LOCs for volunteer-built community gardens and rinks, plus our rec fields and parks.

The service level needs to increase to help community groups to help the City to attain their goals, as not all communities are able to take part in programs such as This is My Neighbourhood.

### CITY PLANNING AND POLICY

Communities are crying out for new or updated ARPs. Increasing funding to achieve this is vital.

With regard to planning policies, focusing on the aims of the MDP and complete communities, making them more walkable should be a priority. Many residents feel this is not always happening.

Improving neighbourhood connections is indeed a priority, not only through supporting community hubs, but also physically through missing link pathways, which support more complete and inclusive communities.



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Obviously, some of this overlaps with other areas. However, hopefully the One Calgary vision will allow spending in one area to help make long term savings in another. For example, yesterday I was here and explained about how Creating Coventry is helping to reduce Parks maintenance costs, while giving residents what they are asking for (in our community parks and playgrounds). However, without the help from our Neighbourhood Support team, and without helping to connect our parks by filling in missing link pathways, the whole project fails in those aims and in helping to make our community more connected and safe.

Thank you.

