

Legacy Parks Phase 3 - Tier 2

OVERVIEW

Recommended Capital Project Description	Legacy Parks Phase 3 – Tier 2 Projects (Haskayne Regional Park Development, Century Gardens Park Redevelopment)		
Executive summary	<p>Council created the ENMAX Legacy Parks Program in 2003, and since that time it has been instrumental in the acquisition and development of new regional parks and the redevelopment of existing regional parks across Calgary. Many of the projects listed in this business case were approved in during Action Plan 2015 – 2018 deliberations as part of Legacy Phase 3 Program (LPC 2014-0823). However, due to the current economic conditions in Calgary, the funding to be allocated towards the ENMAX Legacy Phase 3 projects has been suspended. Calgary Parks developed mitigation strategies to address funding shortfalls of Tier 1 projects that were underway. However, funding shortfalls still exist for Tier 2 and Tier 3 projects.</p> <p>This program supports the systematic, holistic development and redevelopment of regional parks in Calgary which includes all phases including public engagement, detailed design, tendering and ultimately construction.</p> <p>Once approved, the proposed funding request will support the completion of Phase 1 of Haskayne Park and contribute to the redevelopment of Century Gardens. The remaining six projects will remain unfunded until funding becomes available.</p>		
Expected Key Deliverables	#	Project Name	
		Expected Key Results/Benefits	
	1	Haskayne Park Park amenities	To be fully funded through this request directed towards required park amenities). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced connection between Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park and the City proper Phase 1 of a new regional park Fulfilment of private financial contribution
	2	Century Gardens Park redevelopment	After funding Haskayne Park development, remaining balance to be allocated to Century Gardens for park redevelopment activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovation of 50 year old park for current use Improved connectivity with C-Train Improved safety in existing park
	Funding from this request will not be directed to the following six projects. Projects will remain unfunded.		
	3	Edworthy Park Greenway Phase 3 pathway connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing pathway linkage and improved amenities along the Greenway Enhanced accessibility and connection to amenities
	4	Forest Lawn Creek Park - Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing pathway connection along the Greenway between Elliston Park and WID
	5	Bow to Bluff Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repurpose of LRT remnant lands for community Open Space Improved safety in existing open spaces along the corridor Decreased user group conflicts
6	Priddis Slough Concept design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A plan for a new south Regional park based on the management of a regionally significant wetland area Plan to integrate multiple city uses including SW management 	
7	Douglas Fir Trail Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public safety concerns are addressed Protected and restored environmentally sensitive habitat Improved management of the park’s natural areas Improved experience for park users 	



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		8 Paskapoo Slopes Park Park development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive plan for the development of a park which includes extensive public and stakeholder engagement for this environmentally and culturally significant site. Improved cohesion with the surrounding development/land use Protected and restored environmentally sensitive habitat and cultural resource
Benefits	Economic	Gross Output: 16,965,182	
		Gross Domestic Product (GDP): 10,589,280	
		Income: 5,129,041	
		Employment: 73	
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributes to Calgary social fabric and publicly accessible recreation opportunities and open space conservation Accessibility to a high-quality park supports the physical and mental well-being of Calgarians Preservation of archeological, historical and cultural significant sites with educational components Projects contribute to an improved quality of life for Calgarians through education, recreational activity and through providing opportunities to be in nature 	
	Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesign and redevelopment will allow for upgrades and landscape improvements that support green infrastructure leading to water and energy conservation Preservation of a significant natural area that contributes to Calgary's biodiversity Provide opportunities for education and awareness which will benefit the natural environment. 	
Return on Investment		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Haskayne Park - Park amenities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced connection between Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park and the City A new regional park which will explore cultural and environmental forces within the Bow River basin Fulfilment of private financial contribution Contributes to source water protection of adjacent Bearspaw Reservoir Anticipated net-zero Park interpretive building will reduce energy consumption and showcase alternative energy sources. Century Gardens - Park redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced maintenance costs by improving or replacing electrical/mechanical components. Improved connectivity with C-Train Improved safety in existing park Greater efficiencies in water use thereby reducing water waste and saving operating costs. Investment in the conservation of heritage resources provides Calgarians a better understanding of their city and increases their value of Calgary Responding to the input and feedback by our project stakeholders by incorporating supported elements and features into the new park's design and construction, ensuring reputation of The City remains positive. 	
Project location	Address, Ward/Catchment	Wards 1, 8; City-wide catchment	Project type (MUGS) G - Growth
Business Unit (BU)		Calgary Parks	



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Strategic Alignment	Council Priorities	A healthy and green city; A city of inspiring neighbourhoods; A city that moves
	Capital Investment Plan	Parks and Public Spaces
	Calgary Economic Development (CED) 10 year Economic Strategy:	Community Energy
	CED 10 year Economic Strategy: Strategy	Strategy One: Build Calgary as a model of sustainable development and affordable living: Strategy Two: Build and promote Calgary as a city to live a creative, active life
	CED 10 year Economic Strategy: Action	Action One: Direct Future Growth in a way that fosters more compact and efficient use of land, creates complete communities, allows for greater mobility choices and enhances vitality and character in local neighbourhoods. Action two: Address greater connectivity between Calgary's primary culture, recreation and commercial districts in the Centre City (Stampede Park to Calgary Zoo and Inglewood to Downtown West Village).

RESILIENCE

Project / Program Assumptions	Active stakeholders and Calgarians will continue to support regional park development, and the protection and enhancement of environmentally sensitive area, and cultural landscapes
Constraints	Funding availability; Short construction season
Dependencies:	Public and stakeholder engagement; Availability of materials.
Risk(s):	Failure to meet public, partner, and donor expectations; public safety risks; Assets fall into disrepair

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLANS

Completed	<p>1. Haskayne Park - Park amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2014, stakeholder engagement within the City, and through the Area Structure Plan (ASP) process both in The City and the County of Rockyview, has identified support for the Haskayne Park development. • Next phases of engagement to be determined pending scope of site development and resolution of interim site access. • Ongoing coordination with stakeholders including Rocky View County and Canadian Pacific Railway. <p>2. Century Gardens - Park redevelopment</p> <p>The process to develop the Century Gardens Redevelopment Plan included several phases of stakeholder engagement between 2010 to 2014 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An onsite sounding board, surveys, engagement sessions with public and adjacent landowners • Internal engagement with Transportation and Planning, Calgary Police Service, Development and Assessment • Engagement with stakeholders is still ongoing including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing collaboration with Century Tower land owner/developer ▪ Ongoing collaboration/design review with Calgary Heritage Authority
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Proposed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Haskayne Park - Park amenities Site access may require engagement with impacted residents of Rocky View County. Century Gardens - Park redevelopment Very little public engagement remains - parks webpage updates, general communications to the public and project stakeholders on construction and timelines.
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CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Estimate Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Haskayne Park - Park amenities Overall project estimate has been carried out at a Class 5 level, specific items such as the access road and CPR crossing are at a Class 1 or 2 level. Century Gardens - Park redevelopment Class 2.
External Funding (Anticipated / Received)	Private contribution - \$2 million for Haskayne Park.
Operating Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Haskayne Park - Park amenities New regional park development would require growth in a future Parks operating budget as this site became operational. Costs would be mitigated through the use of sustainable design practices, technology improvements, and current horticultural best practices through an asset management framework. Century Gardens - Park redevelopment Administration completed a preliminary analysis of current and future operating impacts as part of the redevelopment plan process and initial estimates were completed. Operating costs were further refined through detailed design and no net operating increases are anticipated.