

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TO DATE AND NEXT STEPS

The following details engagement completed to date, what we heard from the public and future steps.

### COMPLETED ENGAGEMENTS

2017 June 21 – Symons Valley Community Associations Focus Group #1	
<b>Purpose</b>	Members of the project team met with several members from the Community Associations serviced by the Symons Valley Centre site (Sage Hill, Sherwood and Kincora; Nolan Hill and Evanston were invited but did not attend) in a large format meeting. Community needs were explored for the site including Arts & Culture, shared community space and a public plaza.
<b>Outcome</b>	<p>Attendees expressed interest in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Changing the project name from ‘Sage Hill’ to ‘Symons Valley’ to reflect the inclusion of the surrounding communities in the proposed development</li> <li>○ Establishing a <b>new gathering place</b> that would allow all five Symons Valley communities to better connect and grow relationships</li> <li>○ Incorporating a <b>broader range of community activities</b> that can cater to all demographics and cultures in the community</li> <li>○ Providing <b>space for more multi-cultural events and celebrations</b> to celebrate and learn about the different cultures within the community</li> <li>○ Considering space that can better <b>accommodate events in all four seasons</b></li> <li>○ Having a <b>hub and gathering places</b> to connect</li> <li>○ Providing an outdoor plaza with a number of uses to bring together recreation, family and arts and cultural activities – whether outdoor markets, cultural events, fitness or simply an area for relaxation</li> </ul> <p>A full What We Heard report was posted on the public project webpage (<a href="http://Calgary.ca/symonsvalley">Calgary.ca/symonsvalley</a>).</p>
<b>How input was used</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input received will be utilized in the development of the Master Plan, land use redesignation and future work regarding building and site design where relevant</li> <li>• Changed name of development from ‘Sage Hill’ to ‘Symons Valley’ in response to community request</li> </ul>

<b>2018 April 4 – Symons Valley Community Associations Focus Group #2</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	10 members of the project team met with four members from the Community Associations serviced by the Symons Valley Centre site (Nolan Hill, Evanston and Sage Hill; Kincora and Sherwood did not attend). Strengths and benefits of the draft Master Plan were discussed and suggestions for the public open houses were recorded.
<b>Outcome</b>	Attendees had questions/comments about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The outdoor space</b> – public art, sheltering, maintenance</li> <li>○ <b>Affordable Housing</b> – size of units, positivity and support for low income earners</li> <li>○ <b>Library</b> – parking</li> <li>○ <b>Transit</b> – impact to transit times</li> </ul>
<b>How input was used</b>	Suggestions to share specific information regarding the Master Plan process, Capital Development timeline, future development possibilities, next steps, etc. were considered for the 2018 April 24 and April 28 sessions.

<b>2018 April 24 and April 28 – Symons Valley Centre Drop In Session #1 and #2</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	The project team met with members of the communities to give a project update and request input on the draft Master Plan's strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement.
<b>Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens from the area expressed concerns over parking, transit connectivity, road capacities</li> <li>• No objection to development of services</li> </ul>
<b>How input will be used</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input relevant to the Master Plan will be used to refine the proposed Master Plan (which will in turn be used for future project phases)</li> <li>• Input relevant to design phases will be forwarded to the Phase 1A design team when onboarded</li> <li>• Input relevant to other service lines in The City (e.g. transit) were forwarded to the relevant business units</li> </ul>

<b>2018 April 24-May 11 – Online Engagement</b>	
A What We Heard Report is was drafted to summarize feedback collected from the public sessions and online portal (completed 2018 June).	

## **FUTURE PLANNED ENGAGEMENTS**

Details for future planned engagements have yet to be determined, as they are based on project direction and milestones; engagement timelines may be affected by funding decisions, resourcing, project needs or other factors. At this time, the next known engagement will be:

- **design phase** – community input on design