

**REIMAGINE BEDDINGTON  
ENGAGEMENT AT THE NEIGHBOUR DAY BBQ, JUNE 2018  
REPORT PREPARED BY JANET HALLS**

Neighbour Day was enjoyed by many residents of all ages who ventured out despite the unpredictable weather. Butterfield Acres' irresistibly cute farm animals added to the enjoyment of the BBQ to make it a successful community event. The Calgary Fire Department drew lots of excitement. The Reimagine Beddington tent welcomed many residents, who *might* have been escaping the weather but gamely gave us their opinions and ideas on improving parks and open spaces in return. Rick from 818 Studio, consulting on our project, joined in, along with our government representatives, Sean Chu and Karen McPherson, and Jillian and Sean from Michelle Rempel's team. Great to have you with us!

We are grateful to Beddington Safeway, Vivo and Pet Planet who donated prizes. Thank you all for your generosity!

**Thanks to all who helped, including:**

Kevin Connelly  
Nancy Connelly  
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Elke Fraser  
Charles Boechler  
Chantel Holterman  
Iain McAuley  
Nathan McAuley  
Michael Sokolowski  
Stephanie Yan

**... alongside Board Members:**

Roy Alexander  
Janet Halls  
Melissa Tan  
Alicia Ta  
Jessica Martin  
Anne McAuley

## Neighbour Day Barbecue

June 16, 2018

### Reimagine Beddington Tent

Our tent had two “interpreters” (Janet and Chantel) and four optional activities. The “interpreters” were busy the whole time, letting people know about the project and explaining the activities. Not everyone did every activity. Some people asked questions and looked about but didn’t have time to participate (children tugging). Although we encouraged each person to participate, couples and families often consulted each other and submitted a joint answer. There were 81 “first choice” stickers placed – the number of people through the tent was much more than that. Overall, it was a good opportunity to build awareness of the project, get a sense of support for the Top 15 ideas generated at the April 21 workshop and pick up new ideas.

#### Sign up sheet for further information

- Alicia has added these names to the Reimagine Beddington Team’s address list (Mail Chimp)

#### Map of Beddington – with stickers for people to indicate where benches were needed

- People needed time to orient themselves on the maps. Many didn’t want to spend the amount of time necessary to think it through. If they did, they seemed to naturally focus on the parks/paths near their homes.

#### 4 questions:

- **How do you currently use our parks and open spaces?**
  - Dog walking (x 6)
  - Social gathering (x 2)
  - Family time
  - Walking with my daughter
  - Walking (4 comments)
  - Walk/sit for fresh air
  - Taking photos of nature
  - Bird watching
  - Exercising
  - Cycling
  - Rollerblading
  - Family time
  - Playgrounds
  - Playing with kids
  - Playground with my daughter
  - Grandkids playing on swings/slides
  - not swinging on swings...

- **What kind of programs would you like to see in Beddington?**
  - Kids and adult soccer
  - Love outdoor fitness idea (Tai Chi, Yoga, fitness classes etc.)
  - Programs for seniors (to meet each other)
  
- **What would you like to see and do in our parks and open spaces?**
  - Keep green spaces
  - More benches/picnic tables (x 4)
  - More benches (x3)
  - Better garbage can placements
  - More garbage containers
  - More garbage cans along dog walk trails
  - Less Tim Horton cups (x2)
  - No Cigarettes
  - More trees
  - Washrooms
  - Community Walks
  - Nature Walks
  - Garden walks (x2)
  - Bird Watching
  - Nature Trails
  - Big Swings (playgrounds)
  - Playgrounds
  - Fenced dog park
  - Off-leash parks
  - Water fountain stations
  - Tool library
  - Art Exhibits
  - Music performances in parks (x2)
  - Crafts, Art Classes (x 2)
  - Community gardens (x3)
  - Kids Gardening
  - Obstacle park
  - A pump track please. Or bike obstacle course of some sort
  - Active living playground
  - Soccer for kids [U4 (?) + Adults]
  - Tai Chi (x2)
  - Women only fitness in the park
  - Outdoor fitness classes (x2)

- **What does community beautification mean to you?**
  - Safe neighbourhood
  - Safe places to meet neighbours
  - Clean/Safe
  - Clean
  - Community Gardens (veggies etc.)
  - Removal of Graffiti
  - Trees/shrubs/flowers
  - Trees
  - More flowers, trees etc.
  - Shrubs, perennials, planters, lighting improvements
  - Enjoy being around outdoors
  - Around St. Bede – open garbage cans create garbage everywhere!
  - Clean up days: dog parks and alleys etc.
  - Art exhibits

**Participants selected their first and second choices, by placing green (1<sup>st</sup> choice) and yellow (2<sup>nd</sup> choice) labels onto a poster of the Top 15 Ideas from the April 15 Engagement Workshop.**

Rank	Idea	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice (x2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice (x1)	“Votes”
1	Splash Park	20 x 2 = 40	11	51
2	Bicycle Pump Track	13 x 2 = 26	15	41
3	Multi-Age Playground	12 x 2 = 24	10	34
4	Community Garden	9 x 2 = 18	4	22
5	Benches & Tables	4 x 2 = 8	9	17
6	Fenced Dog Park	5 x 2 = 10	3	13
7	Community Gathering Space	4 x 2 = 8	4	12
7	Beautification	4 x 2 = 8	4	12
8	Adult Exercise Equipment	4 x 2 = 8	3	11
9	Natural Playground	2 x 2 = 4	5	9
10	Washrooms		6	6
11	Garbage Cans	1 x 2 = 2	2	4
11	More Lighting	2 x 2 = 4		4
12	Wayfinding	1 x 2 = 2	1	3
12	Programming		3	3