

**REIMAGINE BEDDINGTON  
CUMULATIVE IDEAS FOR BEDDINGTON OPEN SPACES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**OVERVIEW OF PROCESS & ENGAGEMENTS:**

**2015-18, This is my Neighbourhood Project (TIMN)**

Led by the City of Calgary, the goal was to provide a framework for the development of public open space areas in Beddington Heights, i.e. parks, playgrounds, pathways and fields. This framework, the report “Open Space in Beddington Heights”, was created as a tool for the community, to empower it to develop its open spaces in ways that meet its needs. It includes an analysis of current open spaces, possible solutions and resources. **2015-18, Total number of participants in TIMN:**

Key Reports:

- Dec 2015, “What We Heard”
- Dec 2018, “Open Space in Beddington Heights”

**2018 & ongoing, ReImagine Beddington Committee (RB)**

In 2018, as the City was completing its TIMN project, the Beddington Heights Community Association formed a committee to continue working on open space planning: i.e. continue to engage residents to:

- further assess wants and needs (broaden engagement)
- establish a vision
- define priorities for action
- propose solutions.

**2018 Engagements**

<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Engagement</b>
	Jan 13, 2018, Winter Carnival (see TIMN Report, “Open Space in Beddington Heights”)
	April 21, 2018 Spring Workshop (see RB Report)
81	June 16, 2018 Neighbour Day BBQ Tent (see Website)
25	End June 2018 St. Bede Grade 1 drawings, end-June 2018 (See Website)
7	November 20, 2018 AGM (see RB Report)
28	November 30, 2018 St. Bede Parent Teacher Conference (see RB Report)
<b>Total xxx</b>	<b>6 Engagements held in 2018</b>

## **CUMULATIVE IDEAS (from TIMN and ongoing engagements to Dec 31, 2018)**

- **How do you currently use our parks and open spaces?**
  - Dog walking
  - Social gathering
  - Family time
  - Walking
  - Sitting outdoors
  - Taking photos of nature
  - Bird watching
  - Exercising
  - Cycling
  - Rollerblading
  - Playgrounds
  - Playing with kids
  
- **What kind of events or programs would you like to see in Beddington?**
  - Kids and adult soccer
  - Outdoor fitness classes (e.g. “get fit”, Tai Chi, Yoga, women only...)
  - Programs for seniors (to meet each other, e.g. bridge, coffee & chat)
  - Walks: nature, garden, community
  - Art exhibits
  - Music performances in parks
  - Crafts, Art Classes
  - Tool Library
  - Gardening for kids
  - Neighbourhood Clean-up days
  - Festivals in parks
  - Snow and Mow for Seniors

- **What kind of amenities do you want (for safety, comfort, convenience)?**

- Picnic tables + benches
- Benches (paths, parks and fields)
- Wayfinding (Maps/Signs)
- Directional signage for crossings to Nose Hill & Confluence Park
- More lighting
- More lighting at paths and gateways
- More crosswalks, e.g. by bus stops to connect areas
- Connect paths & gateways (for walkers or cyclists)
- Better connected bike paths
- Connect bike trails and pathways to major parks
- Bike lanes and signage
- Pedestrian walkway across Beddington Trail
- More garbage containers & better placement
- Washrooms
- Water fountain stations
- DOGS: Fenced dog park; Off-leash parks; More dog refuse bins.
- More parking for fields
- Trees for shade
- Kids at Play signage (\*at playgrounds)
- Info pack for residents, with map that includes community spaces

- **How can we beautify Beddington?**

- More landscaping & maintenance
- Trees, shrubs, flowers (perennials), planters
- Border parks with trees
- Natural plants
- Weed control
- Better maintenance on City areas such as boulevards, bus stops
- Nature trails, garden walks
- Keep it clean of litter and graffiti
- Park clean-ups

- **How can we make Beddington more social & fun for all ages?**
  - More variety in parks
  - Increased use of fields
  - Gathering space
  - Amphitheatre
  - Community garden
  - Make BEDD 622 & 724 City of Calgary Sledding Areas
  - Playgrounds:
    - Natural
    - Active living (e.g. adult exercise equipment / circuit training)
    - Multi-age (less tot lots!)
    - Adventure
    - A place for risky play (with boulders, tree stumps, logs...)
    - Brainasium-style playground (like Science Centre)
    - LED playground
  - Improved (permanent) skating rink
  - Bicycle Pump Track
  - Obstacle park
  - Skate Park
  - Splash Park
  - Pool
  - Jogging trail
  - Outdoor games, already set up so people can bring their own equipment to play, e.g. bocce ball, lawn bowling, field hockey, basketball hoops
  - for “New Beddingtonians”, Info Pack with Map (Welcome Wagon concept)
  - Little Free Libraries
  - Community Kitchens
  - Adult Events (e.g. Wine & Cheese)
  - Block Parties
  - Educational programs (e.g. Yard & Small Home Repairs, “Monthly Power Hour Talks”)
  - Cultural Events
  - Youth Group
  - Programs for Youth
  - After School Programs
  - Ice Cream Stands
  - Winter Play areas, e.g. x-country ski trails, snowshoeing trails