



# Confederation Park

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## Project overview

Confederation Park is a popular regional destination park located in northwest Calgary. It is a recognized historic resource and is one of Calgary's significant [cultural landscapes](#). This park was created to celebrate Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Calgary Parks is making some exciting improvements to this park in 2016/2017 in preparation for, and in celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. Lighting, pathway and seating improvements are currently underway as identified in the Confederation Park Management Plan, which guides The City's annual work plans for the management and maintenance of the park.

Additional enhancements include:

- Replacing the playground near 30 Avenue N.W. with a natural play space;
- Repurposing the unused parking area west of the washrooms;
- Creating public art murals inside the pedestrian tunnels at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Enhancing the plantings adjacent to the single flag to showcase a rose garden in the historic form of the Confederation symbol;
- Relocating the kidney-shaped planting bed east of 10 Street N.W. to accommodate a small, grassed amphitheatre for daytime seasonal performances;
- Removing invasive vegetation along the lagoon edge;
- Installing a deck at the lagoon to address erosion;
- Adding interpretive and way-finding signage.

The majority of the work is funded through \$1.1 million of capital funding, with the remainder aligning with The City's Public Art Policy, and playground life-cycle operating budget.

## Engagement overview

In June 2016 The City hosted a public engagement session both in person and online, as well as conducted an engagement session at Rosemont School asking for input from Calgarians on the following improvements:

- ideas for re-purposing the unused parking area west of the washrooms
- suggestions for a city-wide celebration for Canada's 150th anniversary (July 1, 2017).
- designing a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue

## What we asked

### Re-purposing the unused parking area

Participants were asked to share their ideas about ways to repurpose the underused parking area west of the washrooms. Participants were asked to tell us how they would use the area (ex. Social gathering space with tables, an area for food trucks, etc.) This question was asked both online and at an information and engagement session on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



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## Suggestions for a celebration for Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Participants were asked for their ideas about Canadian-themed activities for a city-wide Canada Day celebration at Confederation Park on July 1, 2017. This question was asked both online and at an information and engagement session on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Feedback on designing a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue

Participants were asked for feedback on play elements to include in a natural play space intended to replace an existing playground that is reaching the end of its life cycle. Natural play spaces are alternative playgrounds that use natural elements to inspire active and creative outdoor play, and connect people. This question was asked online through a survey, as well as through a mapping activity that was available online, at an engagement session with students at Rosemont School and at an information and engagement Session on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## What we heard - Summary

### Re-purposing the unused parking area

Participants had varied suggestions for possible use of the unused parking area, including education and interpretive space for live performances, food services and amenities, kids’ space and activities, and activities/features for all.

▶ EDUCATION AND INTERPRETIVE:

- Outdoor classroom
- Solar power demo

- History of area including indigenous history

▶ SPACE FOR LIVE PERFORMANCES:

- Music or busking

- Outdoor theatre

▶ FOOD SERVICES AND AMENITIES:

- Food vendors, including food trucks, stalls, or a café

- Picnic spot with seating.
- Fire pits or BBQs

▶ KIDS SPACE AND ACTIVITIES:

- Splash pad or water play

- Outdoor games, kids chalk area

▶ ACTIVITIES/FEATURES FOR ALL:

- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Space for exercise classes
- Outdoor games (e.g. bocce, life-size chess)

- Water fountain
- Graffiti wall



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## ▶ CONCERNS/THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Traffic in the area
- Get neighbourhood kids ideas

## Suggestions for a celebration for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Participants had varied suggestions for a 150<sup>th</sup> Canadian anniversary event, including historical and environmental, live performances, food services, and other activities.

### ▶ HISTORICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Recognizing the history of the park and the area, including recognition of indigenous history
- Environmental and natural history of the park and the area, including information about the animals who call the park home

### ▶ LIVE PERFORMANCES:

- Music, including local musicians, children's choirs, etc.
- Movie in the park.

### ▶ FOOD SERVICES:

- Food trucks, picnic, ice cream.

### ▶ OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Scavenger hunt, lantern release, time capsule, fireworks, BBQ, kid's games and activities, park improvements.

### ▶ CONCERNS/THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Concerned about money spent.
- Don't want music, as it is too noisy.

## Feedback on a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue

### A: Mapping Activity

Online or at in-person events, participants used the mapping activity to display a great deal of creativity in using natural play elements to build out a variety of play types across the play area.

### ▶ SOUTH QUADRANT OF THE PLAY AREA

Ideas for the south quadrant of the play area predominantly focused on social areas including:

- Sitting
- Picnic Tables
- Theatre/ Stage/ Music areas
- Outdoor classroom
- Food gardens
- Swings



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- Open areas for team sports such as soccer

## ▶ EAST QUADRANT OF THE PLAY AREA:

Climbing, hiding and jumping were featured often in the treed, east quadrant of the play area, including elements such as:

- Tree houses, forts and/or teepees
- Leaf, mud and sand pits
- Zip-lines
- Climbing structures
- Mazes
- Stone circles

## ▶ WEST QUADRANT OF THE PLAY AREA:

In the west quadrant of the play area, ideas generally focused around passive features including:

- Decorative gardens
- Wooden instruments
- Sitting along the creek

## ▶ NORTH QUADRANT OF THE PLAY AREA:

Ideas for the north quadrant of the play area centred on jumping and interactive play including:

- Water features
- Building materials, art and music
- In-ground trampolines
- Fire pits

## ▶ CENTRE OF THE PLAY AREA:

In the centre of the play area (across the center east and center south quadrants), ideas often involved introducing active play structures including:

- Water slides
- Dog parks
- Horse riding (or other animals)
- Climbing structure

## **B: Online Survey**

Using the online survey, participants prioritized types of play and play elements they'd like to see incorporated in the natural play area.

Participants most highly rated physically active types of play – followed by creative types of play. Under each type of play participants further prioritized play elements that should be included within those types of play areas.

1. Balancing and Jumping Play
  - a. Log Jam with rope



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- b. Log Balance
  - c. Natural log
  - d. Logs on end jump
2. Variable Climbing Play
    - a. Climbing Wall
    - b. Monkey Bars
    - c. Climbing Boulders
    - d. Climbing Net
    - e. The Log Ladder
    - f. Log Steps
  3. Swinging Play
    - a. Seat Swing
    - b. Basket Swing
  4. Steps and Slide Play
    - a. Timber Step Grass Hill
    - b. Boulder Hill Slide
    - c. Timber Slide
    - d. Wood Log Climber
    - e. Rubber Mound
  5. Hands-On Play
    - a. Sand Play
    - b. Mud Pond
    - c. Drawing Board
    - d. Log Rolling
  6. Hideout Play
    - a. Wood Cabin
    - b. Door Hut
    - c. Logs on End
    - d. In-Ground Culvert
    - e. Teepee
    - f. Above Ground Culvert
  7. Music Play
    - a. Natural Wood Instrument
    - b. Wood-metal Instrument
    - c. Painted Instrument
  8. Theatre Play
    - a. King of the hill
    - b. Horseshoe arena
    - c. Framed
    - d. The Stage



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## Next Steps

Public and stakeholder feedback was compiled and reviewed, and this What We Heard report outlines the public engagement process and feedback that was received. Decisions made and information about the natural play space and the under-used parking area will be posted when they are finalized later this year, as well as plans for celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary at Confederation Park.

Construction work will occur in the park throughout 2016 and in the spring/summer of 2017. Our goal is to complete as much of the work as possible to celebrate Canada Day in 2017.

## What we heard – verbatim comments

Following is a record of the feedback received through in-person and online engagement sessions.

**Please note:** Personally identifying information, as well as any portions of comments not in compliance with the City's Respectful Workplace policy are removed from participant submissions, the intent of the submissions remains.

1. [Information and Engagement Session \(June 9, 2016\)](#)
  - a. [Re-purposing the unused parking area](#)
  - b. [Suggestions for a celebration for Canada's 150th anniversary](#)
  - c. [Feedback on designing a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue](#)
2. [Rosemont School Engagement Session June 13, 2016](#)
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  - b. [Feedback on designing a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue](#)
3. [Online Tools at calgary.ca \(June 10-July 10, 2016\)](#)
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## Information and Engagement Session (June 9, 2016)

### Re-purposing the unused parking area

- Kids chalk area
- Mini town w/ roads for kids on bikes etc.
  - Love!
- Picnic spot w/ shade.
- Tables, chairs & food vendor(s). Ice cream is great on a hot day!
- Food trucks or some form of concession.
- water/splash park
- How about an ice cream/coffee/lemon date spot? A building similar to Annie's in Fish Creek Park?
  - Yes!
- busking venue
  - 3 check marks
- outdoor exercise equipment
- lifesize chess/checker board
- picnic area / tables
- food trucks/coffee / ice cream truck
- shuffle board, bocce
- solar power demo
- orientation "hut" - outdoor classroom space/interpretation
  - Can be dual purposed then! (also pointing at "Other exercise eg. Yoga")
- Wading pool
- Water fountain
- Boot camp site
- Other exercise eg. Yoga
  - Can be dual purposed then! (also pointing at "orientation hut...")
  - 1 check mark
- Outdoor theatre
- Graffiti wall featuring diff. artists.
- Natural native plant &/or herb garden with basic interpretive signage - give spot back to nature - it is a park
  - 1 check mark & 1 star
- Firepit w/ seats
  - 2 check marks
- Covered area "multi-use"
- Community garden - community orchard
- Food truck or wee café
- Barbeques & tables
- Go ask the kids in the neighborhood - they'll give you lots of great ideas!
- Outdoor café
  - 1 check mark
- Great spaces for outdoor theatre: 150 years in 15 minutes!



- All good ideas - providing local residents are considered for traffic short-cut routes along 30th & 31st Avenue away from the parking lot. One way system would be a suggestion.
- Music at the unveiling of the time capsule to entertain as people drift in.
- Celebrate all Canadian history -> eg. Blackfoot confederacy, Canadian confederacy
- Better picnic areas
- Natural playground
- More trees
- Water playground in river.
- Historic features eg. Like old fort
  - Yes | Do it!
  - 2 checkmarks
- Dam the creek use the water to clear the Golf Course.
- "Climate change bunker" like a 1967 bomb shelter
- Social gathering space with picnic tables & gas BBQ outlets
- Community garden space
- Boxwood
- Natural swimming pool ie. Borden Park in Edmonton
  - Yes!

## Suggestions for a celebration for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- Leave playground as is. Leave vegetation as is unless you plan to continue w/ herbicides. Spend less of my \$\$\$!
- Include recognition of indigenous history in this area...may be a stone circle.
  - Agree! | Yes x2 | I agree!
  - 1 checkmark
- Performance in the Park - school children/choirs.
- Lantern release.
- Enough with the noise. No 'music'!
- Embellish flag exhibit with student art.
- A BBQ
  - 1 star
- Live Music - local/youth artists
  - Yes
  - 1 star
- Photos of the area throughout the year - photo timeline
  - Awesome!
- Recognize Eric Musgrave's contribution to start of park.
  - Good idea
- Fireworks
  - 1 checkmark
- 1867 - Let's celebrate the 'people who were here first' Confederation of indigenous peoples? Wonderful opportunity to put Calgary in 1867 into context.



- Natural history tour or park - signage for artesian spring.
- Red & White fireworks!
- Scavenger hunt to show off improvements.
  - Like this!
- Have a live stage with bands & entertainment like we did for the Rosemont 50th.
  - Yes, that was memorable! | Very good idea
- Live music variety - jazz, C&W, etc.
- Bring Confederation Park Seniors Centre into the park plans. It's the centre of this park.
  - 1 checkmark
- Foodtrucks & fireworks
- Picnic in the park
- Line up the old timers in the community and give credit to them for starting this park!
  - 1 checkmark
- ice cream
- Plant the Canada 150 rose in the rose garden - if it will grow here.
- Where's the spot to watch Movies in the Park?
  - 1 star
- Signs right at the lagoon discouraging feeding the ducks and explaining why. An alternative would be to offer a/ multiple dispenser for the purchase of duck-healthy food. People are still bringing tons of bread.
 

Note: Info board on Ducks & other waterfowl that use the lagoon - both overwintering & migrant....

  - 2 checkmarks
- Have the City take people through the park & explain significance of different gardens (I believe they represent different provinces). Talk about all the different time capsules, the farms, the significance of some of the trees. (They did this for the 40th anniversary of Rosemont Community) (They had a giant golf cart)
- 1867 - snapshot of what is going on in Calgary - 50 years later - 100 years later - 150+ - today/tomorrow
  - How about a 2017 time capsule?
- Name the Creek
  - Confederation Creek!
- I'll really celebrate when we link Confederation Park across 4th Street to Highland Park and the redeveloped Golf Course
- Info boards on Wetland Ecosystems
  - Include artesian spring
- If you are taking out swings etc on 30th Ave then it would be great to improve the Park that is uphill from Rosemont Community Hall. Many neighbours meet & congregate at places where their children like to play however I think the Tot Lot is underused & could be upgraded to include equipment for a wider range of ages.

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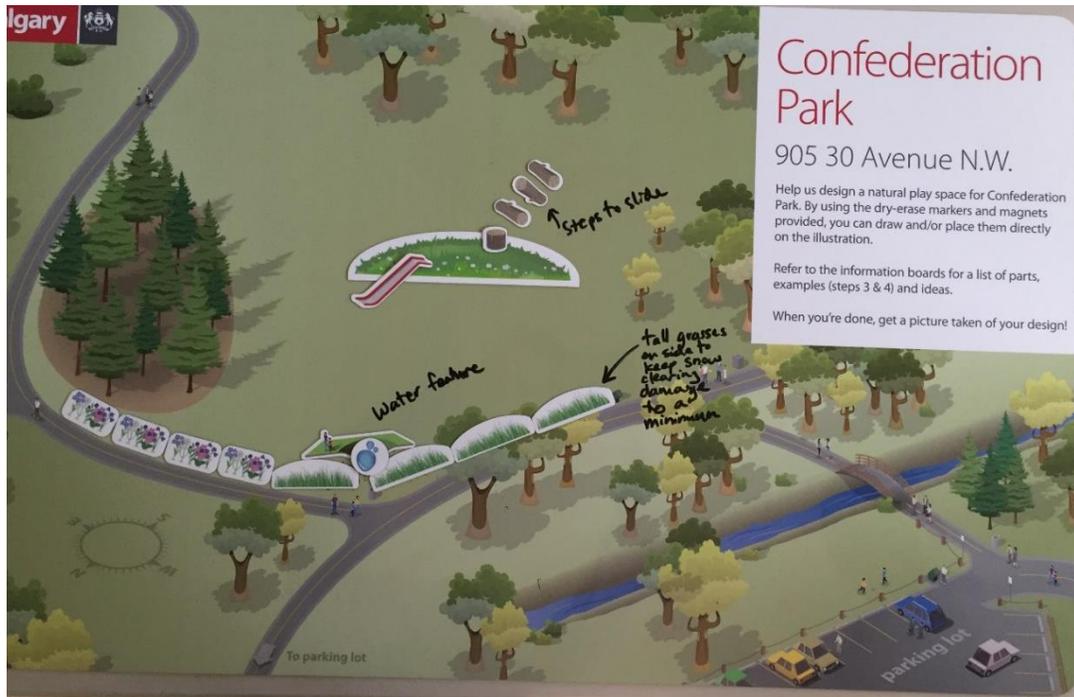
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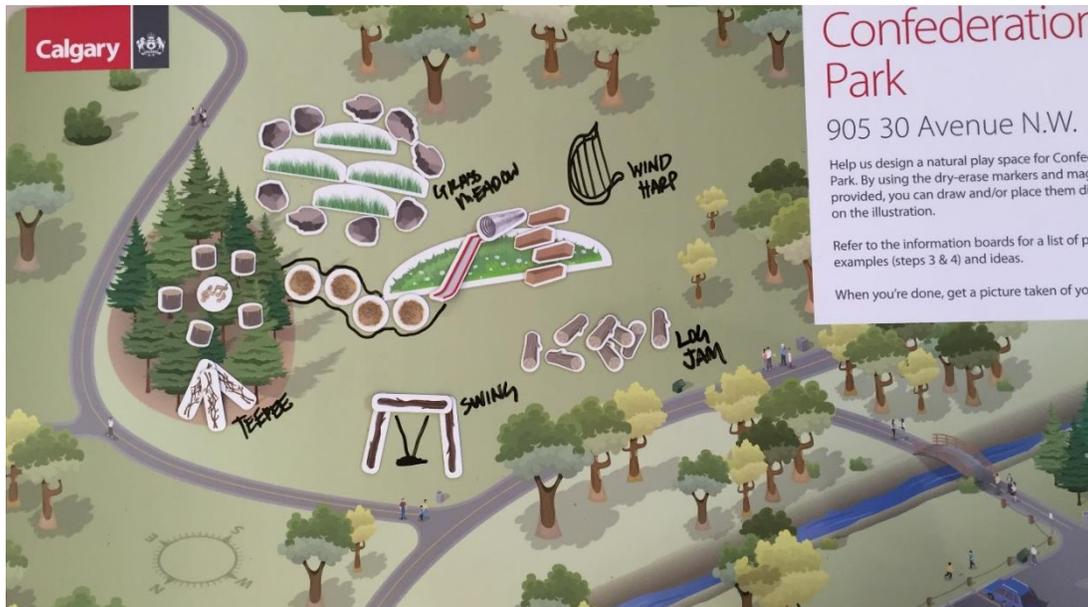




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## Rosemont School Engagement Session – June 13, 2016

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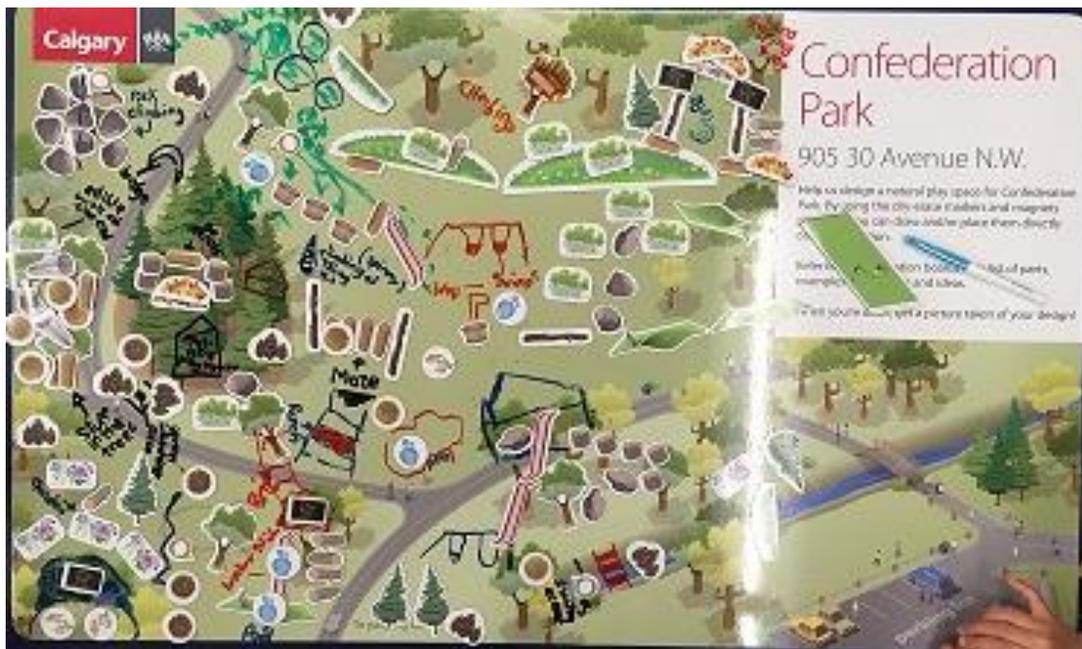
- Canadian pancakes (waffles) w/ maple syrup
- Poutine
- S'mores
- Celebration Cake
- Canadian bacon
- Ice cream truck
- Scratch'n'sniff maple
- No clowns!
- Parade
- Ribbon cutting @ playground
- News/ media release
- Fireworks with (icon of maple leaf)
- Bouncy castle
- Maze
- Bean bag throwing and organized games
- Bubble machine + ring toss + mini golf
- Laser tag + paintball + tag
- Street hockey + lacrosse + sports

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- Softball tournie
- Horses + petting zoo
- Face painting & tattoos
- Splatter painting
- Indoor arcade → Bingo
- Tent w/ events (Bingo)
- Large chess/ checker board
- Auction
- Giant chalkboard w/ names
- Time capsule opening
- Cultural references to history

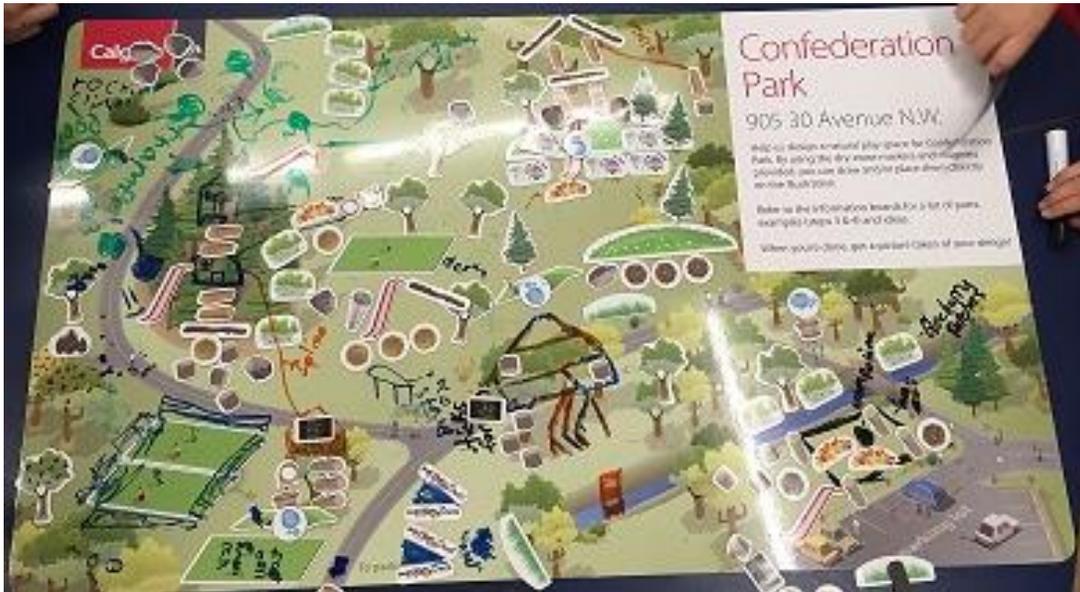
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## Online Tools at Calgary.ca (June 10 – July 10, 2016)

### Re-purposing the unused parking area

- Install some solid steel barbecue pits down by the pond - what a magical spot for a family barbecue!
- Shaded picnic table area would be nice, with a functioning water fountain.
- A stage open to local performers would be awesome
- A splash pad or spray park would be amazing!
- I think it would be a great spot for a small spray park

### Suggestions for a celebration for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- A big community picnic with food trucks, kids games/activities (e.g. face painting maple leaves) and fire works!

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## Online Survey at Calgary.ca (June 10 – July 10, 2016)

### Feedback on designing a natural play space to replace the playground near 30 Avenue

Based on the descriptions on the previous page, rank the type of play you'd like to see in the park, (Choice 1 being your top preference).

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5	Choice 6	Choice 7	Choice 8	Total Responses
Balancing and Jumping Play	12 (40.0%)	8 (26.7%)	4 (13.3%)	3 (10.0%)	2 (6.7%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	30
Variable Climbing Play	9 (30.0%)	9 (30.0%)	2 (6.7%)	4 (13.3%)	3 (10.0%)	3 (10.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	30
Theatre Play	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.4%)	2 (7.4%)	5 (18.5%)	2 (7.4%)	5 (18.5%)	11 (40.7%)	27
Music Play	0 (0.0%)	3 (10.3%)	2 (6.9%)	6 (20.7%)	4 (13.8%)	3 (10.3%)	7 (24.1%)	4 (13.8%)	29
Hideout Play	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.4%)	4 (13.8%)	3 (10.3%)	5 (17.2%)	9 (31.0%)	2 (6.9%)	5 (17.2%)	29
Steps and Slide Play	6 (21.4%)	3 (10.7%)	4 (14.3%)	4 (14.3%)	2 (7.1%)	2 (7.1%)	7 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	28
Swinging Play	2 (7.1%)	3 (10.7%)	9 (32.1%)	5 (17.9%)	4 (14.3%)	2 (7.1%)	2 (7.1%)	1 (3.6%)	28
Hands-On Play	2 (6.5%)	2 (6.5%)	3 (9.7%)	3 (9.7%)	4 (12.9%)	6 (19.4%)	5 (16.1%)	6 (19.4%)	31

Please rank the options, from 1 to 4, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Total Responses
Log Balance	10 (33.3%)	12 (40.0%)	4 (13.3%)	4 (13.3%)	30
Log Jam with rope	18 (62.1%)	6 (20.7%)	4 (13.8%)	1 (3.4%)	29
Logs on end jump	1 (3.4%)	3 (10.3%)	9 (31.0%)	16 (55.2%)	29
Natural log	2 (6.9%)	8 (27.6%)	12 (41.4%)	7 (24.1%)	29



Please rank the options, from 1 to 6, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5	Choice 6	Total Responses
Climbing Boulders	10 (37.0%)	7 (25.9%)	3 (11.1%)	2 (7.4%)	4 (14.8%)	1 (3.7%)	27
Climbing Net	3 (11.1%)	5 (18.5%)	8 (29.6%)	5 (18.5%)	3 (11.1%)	3 (11.1%)	27
Climbing Wall	10 (35.7%)	7 (25.0%)	5 (17.9%)	3 (10.7%)	2 (7.1%)	1 (3.6%)	28
Log Steps	1 (3.8%)	4 (15.4%)	2 (7.7%)	5 (19.2%)	8 (30.8%)	6 (23.1%)	26
Monkey Bars	3 (10.7%)	2 (7.1%)	5 (17.9%)	8 (28.6%)	5 (17.9%)	5 (17.9%)	28
The Log Ladder	1 (3.7%)	2 (7.4%)	4 (14.8%)	5 (18.5%)	5 (18.5%)	10 (37.0%)	27

Please rank the options, from 1 to 4, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Total Responses
Framed	6 (22.2%)	8 (29.6%)	6 (22.2%)	7 (25.9%)	27
Horseshoe arena	9 (32.1%)	6 (21.4%)	7 (25.0%)	6 (21.4%)	28
King of the hill	8 (28.6%)	9 (32.1%)	5 (17.9%)	6 (21.4%)	28
The Stage	5 (17.9%)	5 (17.9%)	10 (35.7%)	8 (28.6%)	28

Please rank the options, from 1 to 3, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Total Responses
Natural Wood Instrument	15 (57.7%)	6 (23.1%)	5 (19.2%)	26
Painted Instrument	4 (15.4%)	6 (23.1%)	16 (61.5%)	26
Wood-metal Instrument	7 (26.9%)	14 (53.8%)	5 (19.2%)	26



Please rank the options, from 1 to 6, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5	Choice 6	Total Responses
Above Ground Culvert	2 (7.7%)	6 (23.1%)	11 (42.3%)	2 (7.7%)	2 (7.7%)	3 (11.5%)	26
Door Hut	5 (18.5%)	5 (18.5%)	5 (18.5%)	7 (25.9%)	4 (14.8%)	1 (3.7%)	27
Logs on End	7 (26.9%)	3 (11.5%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (19.2%)	7 (26.9%)	4 (15.4%)	26
In-Ground Culvert	5 (19.2%)	5 (19.2%)	4 (15.4%)	1 (3.8%)	4 (15.4%)	7 (26.9%)	26
Teepee	0 (0.0%)	4 (15.4%)	2 (7.7%)	4 (15.4%)	7 (26.9%)	9 (34.6%)	26
Wood Cabin	9 (33.3%)	3 (11.1%)	4 (14.8%)	7 (25.9%)	2 (7.4%)	2 (7.4%)	27

Please rank the options, from 1 to 5, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5	Total Responses
Boulder Hill Slide	6 (23.1%)	13 (50.0%)	4 (15.4%)	3 (11.5%)	0 (0.0%)	26
Rubber Mound	1 (3.7%)	5 (18.5%)	4 (14.8%)	5 (18.5%)	12 (44.4%)	27
Timber Slide	3 (11.5%)	3 (11.5%)	8 (30.8%)	6 (23.1%)	6 (23.1%)	26
Timber Step Grass Hill	16 (59.3%)	2 (7.4%)	5 (18.5%)	3 (11.1%)	1 (3.7%)	27
Wood Log Climber	2 (7.4%)	4 (14.8%)	5 (18.5%)	9 (33.3%)	7 (25.9%)	27

Please rank the options based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Total Responses
Basket Swing	12 (44.4%)	15 (55.6%)	27
Seat Swing	16 (59.3%)	11 (40.7%)	27



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Please rank the options, from 1 to 4, based on your personal preference

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Total Responses
Drawing Board	5 (19.2%)	7 (26.9%)	6 (23.1%)	8 (30.8%)	26
Log Rolling	5 (19.2%)	3 (11.5%)	12 (46.2%)	6 (23.1%)	26
Mud Pond	10 (38.5%)	3 (11.5%)	4 (15.4%)	9 (34.6%)	26
Sand Play	6 (23.1%)	13 (50.0%)	4 (15.4%)	3 (11.5%)	26

Please let us know if you have any other thoughts or ideas for the natural play space in Confederation Park.

#	Response
1	giant chair, child size seating, log slices or boulders (or combo) put in a circle so kids can have a continuous loop obstacle course (ground is lava!) lots of trees and plants for shade and beauty, Please spend as little as possible on this playground. Property taxes are slowly crushing my family and the cheapest option is probably the best for this area.
2	
3	how about a "flying fox", or a "waterworks" where they can manipulate water with dams and direction etc..we see these all over in Germany I fully support natural play spaces but make sure it's still things that kids will find fun and will enjoy coming back to. Kids still like traditional elements like
4	swings and slides and want more than just a pile of logs. Pleaase consider all age groups when designing the park. My daugther is 18 mts and loves to play outdoors at parks, I hope the park will still be age appropriate for her and not just for older kids. Otherwise i think this is a wonderful innitiative and look forward to seeing hoow it turns out. Thanks! A WADING POOL OR SPLASH PARK WOULD BE AWESOME! I would also like to see some things that can entertain toddlers so that they can still play while their older sibling is playing. Like very small slides, or some things you see in the indoor playgrounds for toddlers. very soft sponge floor would also be great for falls. A truck that sells ice cream or water or other snacks just during summer hours. Lastly, it would be AWESOME if you could make an
5	
6	enclosed off leash park for dogs!!!
7	my kids loved the fort in the 1970's It is a great park and I think anything that can be used by many kids of varying ages at once would be fantastic! It can get very busy at times and if you have a very young or not so adventurous child something they don't get to play as much. Please keep in mind that in only children scenarios it is often
8	the parents that are also playing (can an adult get onto at least some of the equipment please?) Look at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg as a model - the hideout play also includes shrubs grown around metal loops to make tree tunnels. It is the best
9	example of a designed natural playground I have seen and experienced in Canada.
10	Zip line, Tarzan rope-type swings, hollow cylindrical drum on rollers - like a wooden stationary hamster wheel for kids



Why not let kids find things to play with in the natural setting instead of building weird replicas of the natural setting. Many playgrounds exist in surrounding area already. I live by King George and know when school is not in the playground is under utilized and the same goes for many other playgrounds whether they are updated or not. What is wrong with the existing playgrounds? When it comes to children they are not the ones who think

11 we need an overhaul of playground equipment. Consider that we may just be providing another place for vandals to spray paint and sabotage.

12 What an exciting project! I'm very appreciative to have this kind of upgrade to the park in our community.