



MILLICAN-OGDEN VISION BRIEF

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We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The city of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ogden is a residential inner-city community in Calgary's south-east quadrant, a legacy of the Ogden Shops Industrial and the employment provided by CP Rail. As an older community, Ogden faces common challenges to similar communities, chief among them an aging and declining population. While Ogden's circumstances are in some ways unique, with soil contamination leading to a loss of nearly 1000 residents in just a few years, there are known solutions to many of the issues we see today. With the approval of the Green Line and two stops in Ogden, it will face inevitable change, and how we manage that change will help direct the evolution of this community.

This document is a comprehensive account of the work done by Prairie Mountain Planning for the community of Ogden, from site analysis through to design concepts, strategies, and interventions which may provide the community with a resource and inspiration to work with the City of Calgary in the development of a new Area Redevelopment Plan. Specifically, our team has addressed concepts of Land Use, Mobility, Open Space and Recreation, Water Stewardship, and Placemaking, with special consideration for Heritage, Climate Adaptive Design, and Winter City Considerations. Our work was driven by the guiding principles of Diversity, Connection, and Ecology, forming the foundation of community resilience in Ogden.

The people of Ogden have the opportunity to direct their community's growth and transformation, creating a resilient and revitalized community into the future. Our design concepts and strategies in this document can provide a framework for this transformation.





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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

As an academic project we are students acting as professionals, learning the process of planning with a real world community. In this final project, we are learning to balance the professional expertise of the steering committee, the lived experience of the community, and the overarching goals of the City of Calgary as they relate to growth and sustainability. The plan has been developed with ideas and strategies driven by the community to inform the City of Calgary's local area planning process, integrating a variety of elements to improve the overall community experience. This document will provide recommendations for the Millican-Ogden Community Association.

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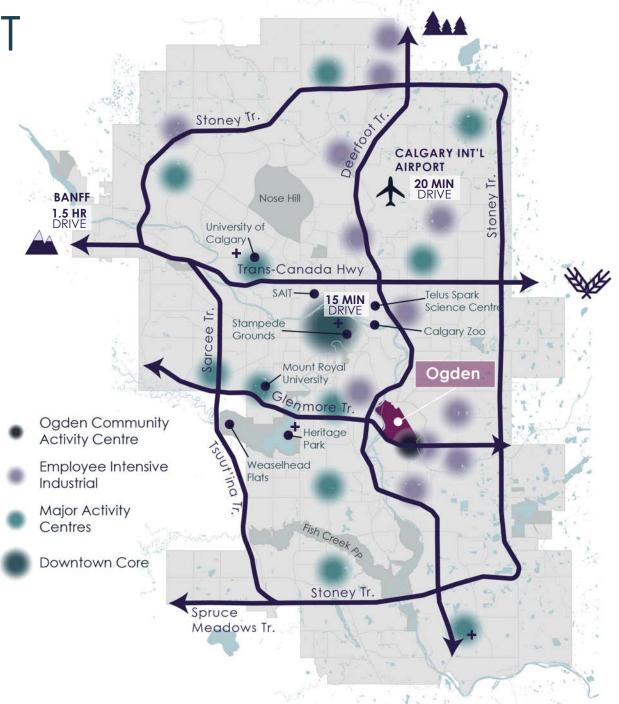
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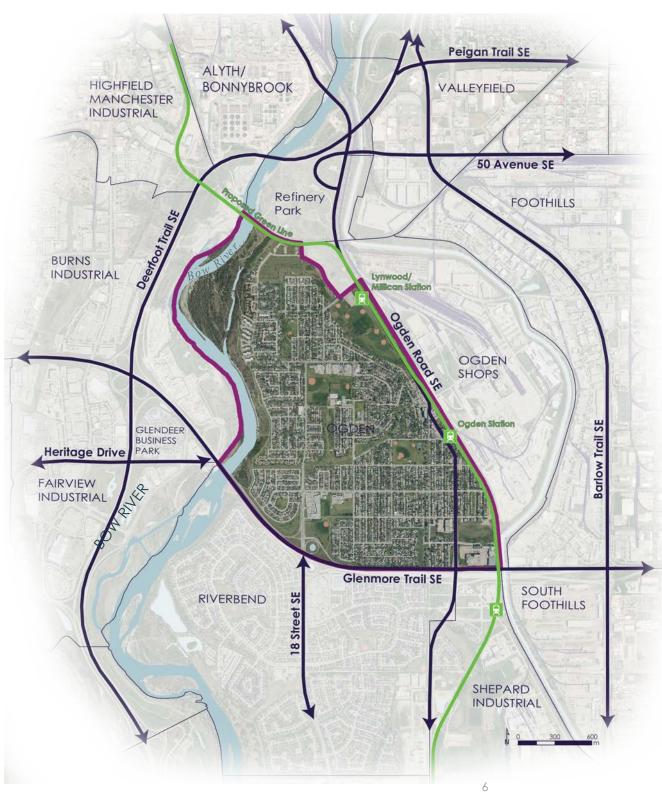


This report is structured as a way for decision makers to understand the rationale behind each design recommendation. The site analysis provides the foundation from which design interventions were made, with understanding of community desires through public engagement guiding each decision. Our design interventions act as recommendations that can be implemented across Ogden, with examples of specific sites.

SITE CONTEXT

Ogden is a residential inner city community in southeast Calgary, east of the Bow River. Major highways connect Ogden to the City of Calgary, such as Deerfoot trail and Glenmore trail, which also present major barriers to non-vehicular mobility.





Adjacent to Ogden are several important industrial areas, including the historically significant Ogden Shops, as well as the proposed alignment of the Green line along the eastern edge.

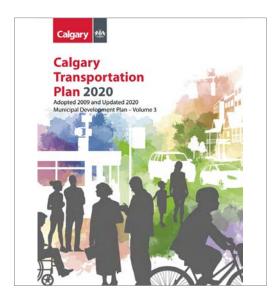
POLICY FRAMEWORK

Several statutory and non-statutory documents from the City of Calgary were referenced throughout this project to provide guidance and direction in order to address the key issues identified within the community of Ogden. The MDP provides high level guidance on housing and mobility to direct community growth and sustainability in the City of Calgary. The City of Calgary is moving towards a more sustainable development pattern. With the Ogden community featuring two new LRT stops along the Green Line, there is strong potential for Ogden to transform into a vibrant, connected, and resilient community.

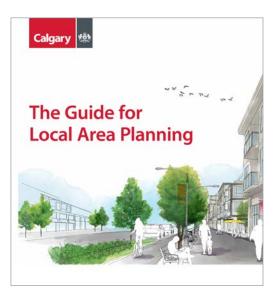
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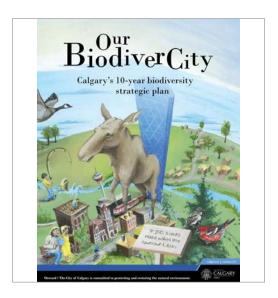
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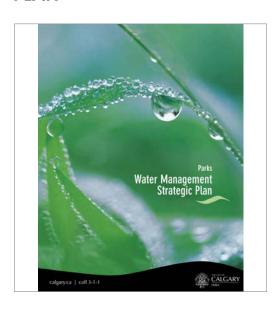
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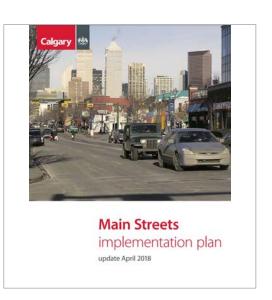
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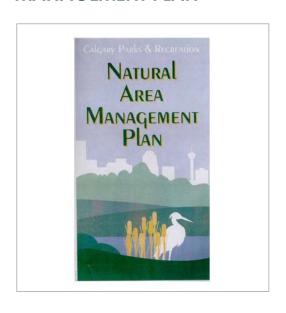
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



MAIN STREETS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



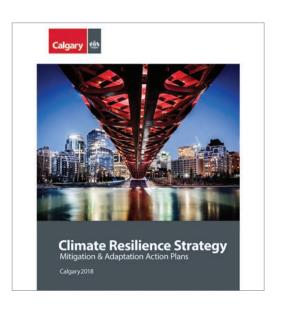
NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN



GREEN LINE LRT FRAMEWORK

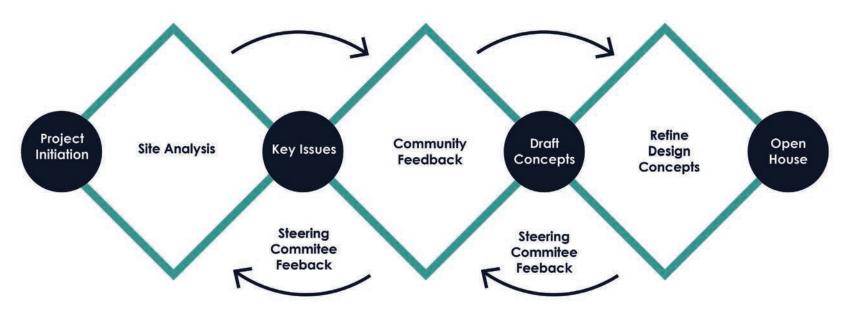


CALGARY CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN

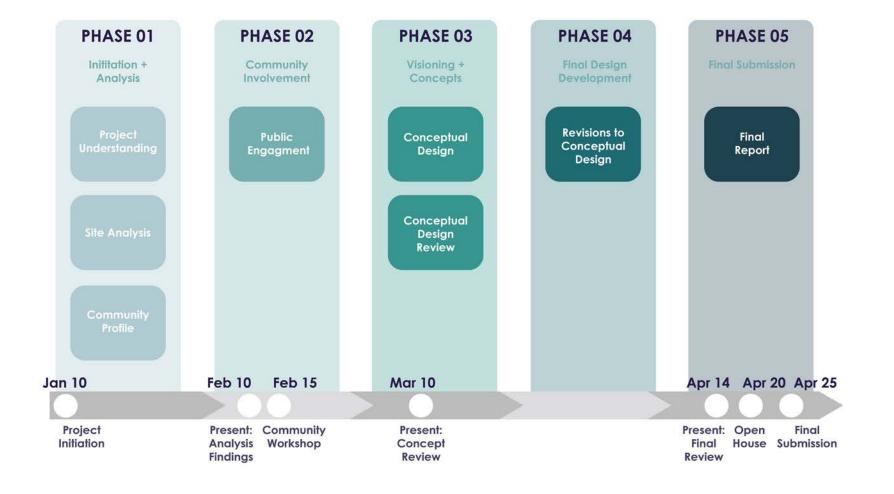


METHODOLOGY

Our process began with a thorough analysis of the Ogden community, through desktop research, various site visits, GIS analysis, and exploration of census data. Through this site analysis we identified key issues to which needed to be addressed in future plans for Ogden. Key issues were revised or solidified through feedback from the steering committee and the community following an initial online open house. With our feedback and key issues in mind we drafted community concept designs to guide the future of Ogden. The steering committee provided comments on initial concepts and these were then further developed and refined for the Final Community Concept. A final open house was held to share with the public and residents of Ogden, as well as to incorporate any final feedback into the design concepts.

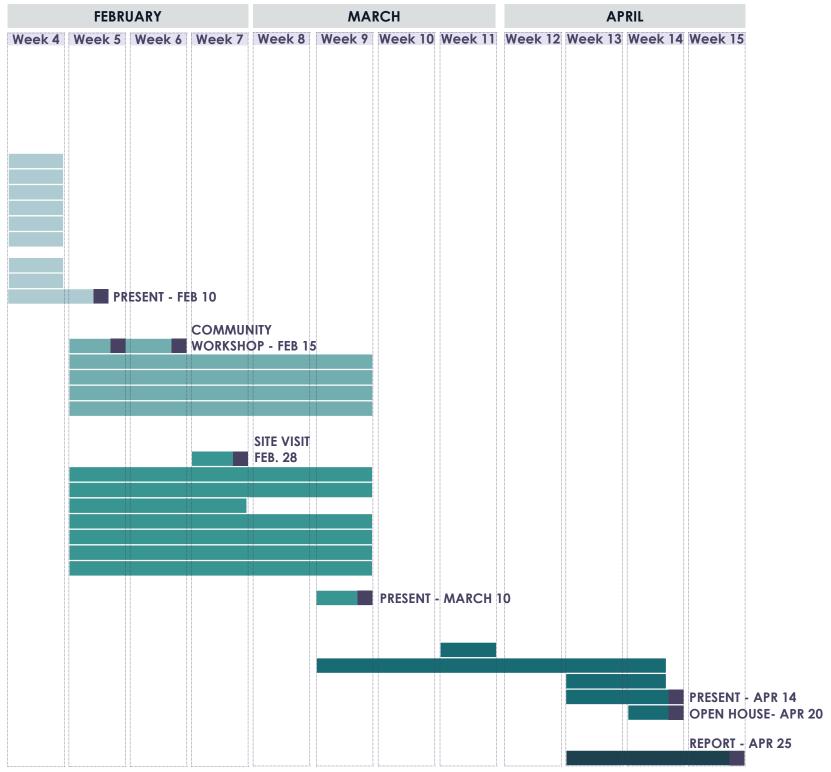


PROJECT PHASING



WORK PLAN

			JANUARY		
Phase 01: In	itiation + Analysis		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Project Understanding	 Legal + regulatory framework Photo inventory Base mapping Project timeline + budget 	Hailey (Jr) Kiran (T) Kiran (T) Megan (Sr)		GUIDEL	1
Site Analysis	 Guided site visit Environmental analysis Land use + functional analysis Historic evolution + timeline Infrastructure + traffic analysis Housing + building typology Public realm inventory + walkability 	Team Kiran (T) Hailey (Jr) Hailey (Jr) Kiran (T) Kiran (T) Hailey (Jr)		VISIT - ,	JAN. 21
Community Profile	Socio-demographic analysisSocio-economic analysisPresentation	Megan (Sr) Hailey (Jr) Megan (Sr)			
Phase 02: C	ommunity Involvement				
Public Engagement	 Online or in-person workshop Review of findings Community mapping Opportunities + constraints What we heard report + open house 	Megan (Sr) Hailey (Jr) Kiran (T) Hailey (Jr) Team			
Phase 03: V	isioning + Concepts				
Conceptual Design	 Site visit Land use + growth Housing diversity Public realm + community Mobility + connectivity Parks, open space + natural assets Climate resilience Digital 3D model 	Team Megan (Sr) Megan (Sr) Hailey (Jr) Kiran (T) Hailey (Jr) Hailey (Jr) Kiran (T)			
Conceptual Design Review	Presentation to steering committee	Megan (Sr)			
	nal Design Development				
Revisions to Conceptual Design	 Site visit Adjust + finalize design concept Physical model Final presentation Final open house 	Hailey (Jr) Megan (Sr) Kiran (T) Megan (Sr) Hailey (Jr)			
Phase 05: Fi	nal Submission				
Final Report	Final report + poster submission	Megan (Sr)			



SITE ANALYSIS



CULTURAL LANDSCAPES



NATURAL SYSTEMS



BUILT FORM



INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT

SITE

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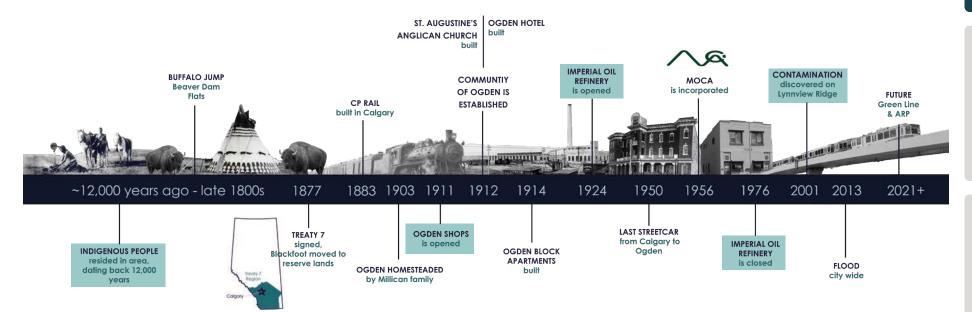
"Future vision is what sets planners apart from other professionals.
We are the stewards of what will be."

-Teresa Goldstein, 2021

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Prior to colonization, the area of Ogden was utilized by the Blackfoot until the signing of Treaty 7 in 1877. CP Rail was established in Calgary in 1883, and Ogden Shops was opened as the only locomotive repair facility between Vancouver and Winnipeg. North of Ogden, in the present day refinery park, Imperial Oil operated an oil refinery from 1924 to 1976. The residential development of Lynnview Ridge was built on the former refinery site, only to be demolished years later after the discovery of soil contamination. The future of Ogden includes the arrival of the proposed Green Line LRT to the community.

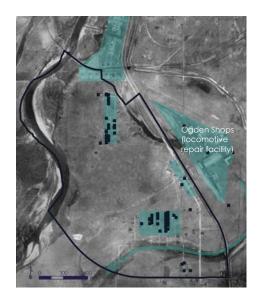
HISTORICAL TIMELINE

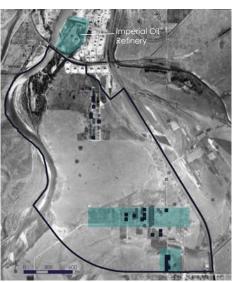


CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Historic structures

1924 1948 1966 1975





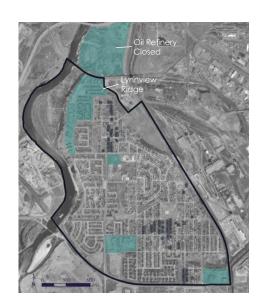




The community was homesteaded in the early 1900s and people were drawn to the area having Ogden Shops CP Rail employment nearby. Some of the historic buildings found in the community were constructed in the early 1900s and many have been identified as potential heritage sites.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

1982 1999 2008 2021









Residential development continued to increase and by 1999 Ogden was nearly built out. A hydroponic greenhouse was built in the late 90s on the former refinery site and this triggered the discovery of soil contamination as the plants were unable to grow. Following this discovery, most of the community of Lynnview Ridge was demolished as it was deemed unsafe for residents to live in the contaminated area.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

The western edge of Ogden provides spectacular views of the mountains and downtown, and connects to regional trail networks via the Bow River and Trans Canada Trails. Small commercial nodes are scattered throughout a sea of low density residential buildings and Ogden Road offers a commercial main street. Major linear paths, such as Glenmore Trail and the Bow River, isolate the community creating a car dependent island in the city. Connectivity to Ogden Shops is minimal as there is currently only one entrance point off Ogden Road.

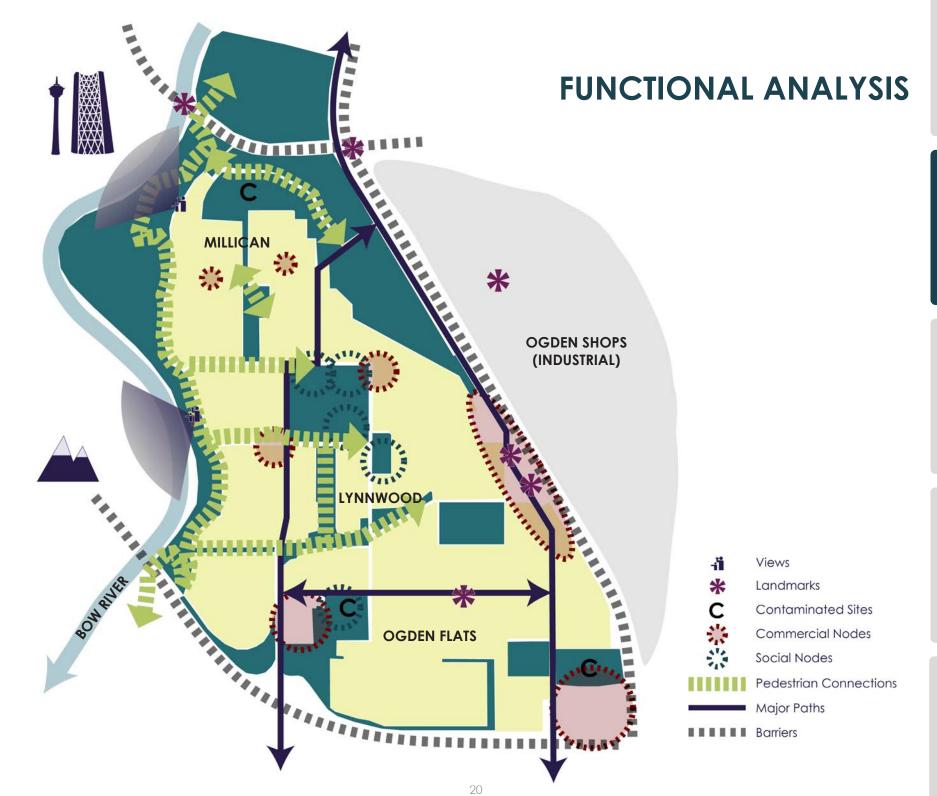








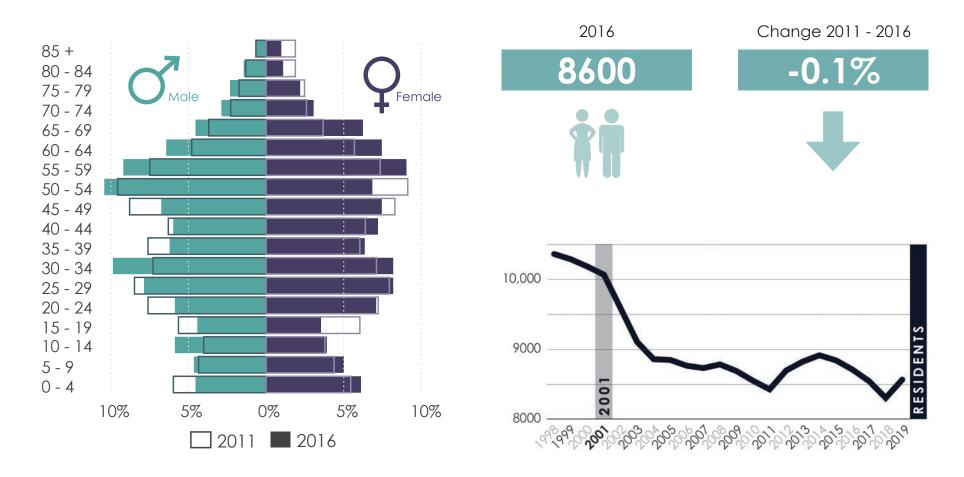
Oggie is a beloved cultural piece for Ogdenites that once greeted residents and visitors along 69th Ave SE.



CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

POPULATION

Ogden's population experienced a sharp decline in 2001 after Lynnview Ridge was forced to evacuate due to discovery of contamination. The population has stagnated since 2011, with no influx of new residents.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

FAMILY STATUS

Most residents of Ogden have children though there is concern around a loss of families and resultant school closures. The average family size in Ogden is 2.3, slightly below Calgary's average.

Census families with children

58%



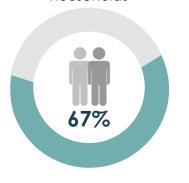
Average Age of Community

40



HOUSING TENURE + DISTRIBUTION

1 or 2 person households



Ogden Home Ownership



FAMILY SIZE

Ogden

2.3



Calgary

2.6





Dwellings with 3 or more bed-

rooms

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES



REAL ESTATE

Current average list price

\$382,782.00

Median sale price 2021

\$327,535.42



AFFORDABILITY

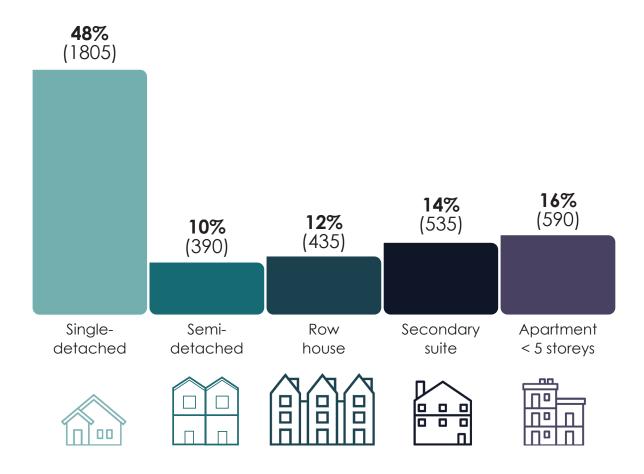
Ogden **26%**

Calgary 22%

Spend >30% of income on shelter costs

HOUSING TYPES

Ogden has predominantly an older housing stock of single detached homes and a lack of housing diversity in most areas of the community. Data shows there is a gap in affordable rental accommodations, especially for seniors.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

EMPLOYMENT

TOP 3 INDUSTRIES

Trades + transport

0-0

28%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Sales + service



24%

OGDEN

~ \$73,000

Business + finance



19%

CALGARY

~ \$98,000

Unemployed

9%

MOBILITY TYPE









Ogden is a car-oriented community by necessity, as most residents must leave Ogden for work.

3%

7%

14%

74%

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

% CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT (2016 - 2021)



SHERWOOD | 4 - 9 **2022** Enrollment: **377**





ST. BERNADETTE | K - 6 2022 Enrollment: 100





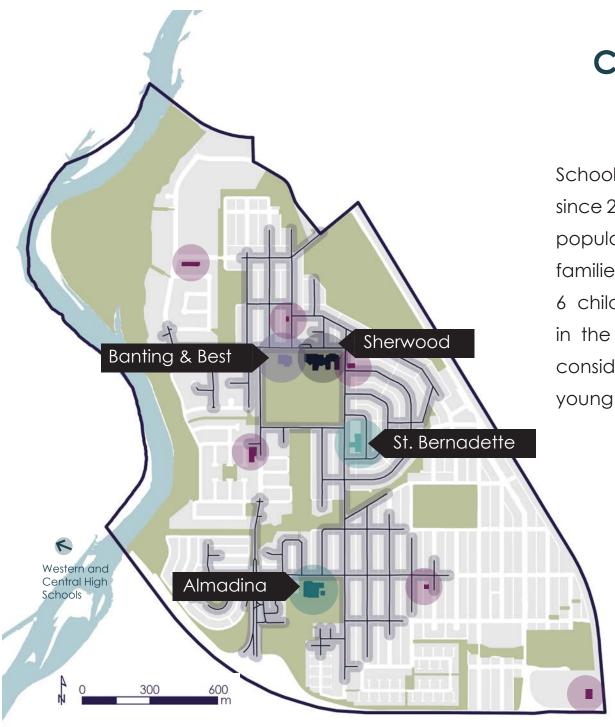
BANTING & BEST | K - 3 2022 Enrollment: 161





ALMADINA CHARTER | 5 - 9 2022 Enrollment: 695





COMMUNITY PROFILE

School enrollment has declined since 2016, likely due to a stagnated population and lack of young families. One youth facility and 6 child care facilities are present in the community, which is a key consideration for attracting new young families.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES/ YOUTH FACILITIES

6 TOTAL



NATURAL SYSTEMS

"First life, then spaces, then buildings – the other way around never works."

-Jan Ghel

NATURAL SYSTEMS

Ogden has ample greenspace, with over 31% of the land being open space and a diversity of park types, from Beaver Dam Flats natural area, to Pop Davies Park Athletic Park. Many of the large open spaces lack programming for a diversity of activities for all age groups. Remediation efforts have been made for the Refinery Park through clay capping, and the city has future concepts for this area.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

Public manicured greenspace accessible to the community for leisurely activities. Some locations act solely as open grass field.

Common Structures: bench, playground



NATURAL AREA

Naturalized greenspace with trails for public use. An endangered bumble bee (Bombus bohemicus) was discovered at Beaver Dam Flats in 2020.



PLAYING FIELD # & ® A &

Greenspace with public sports facilities on site.

<u>Common facilities:</u> Soccer field, baseball diamond, tennis court



GREEN CORRIDORS

A long linear shaped park that often acts as a corridor connecting other green areas.



CITY LEASED LAND

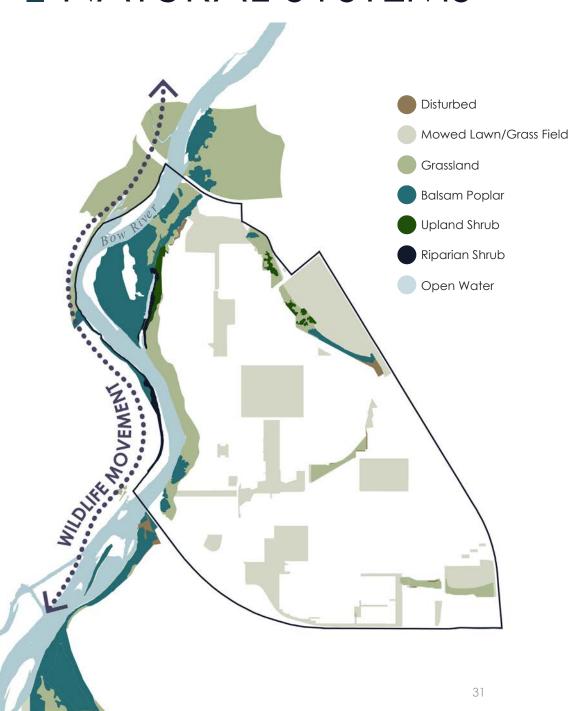
Formerly contaminated land that is limited for development.

Desire paths through many green spaces show a need for more formal pedestrian connections across the community.



NATURAL SYSTEMS

HABITAT TYPOLOGY









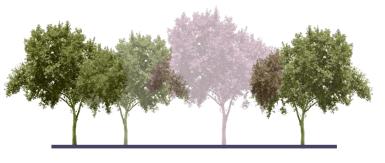


URBAN FOREST



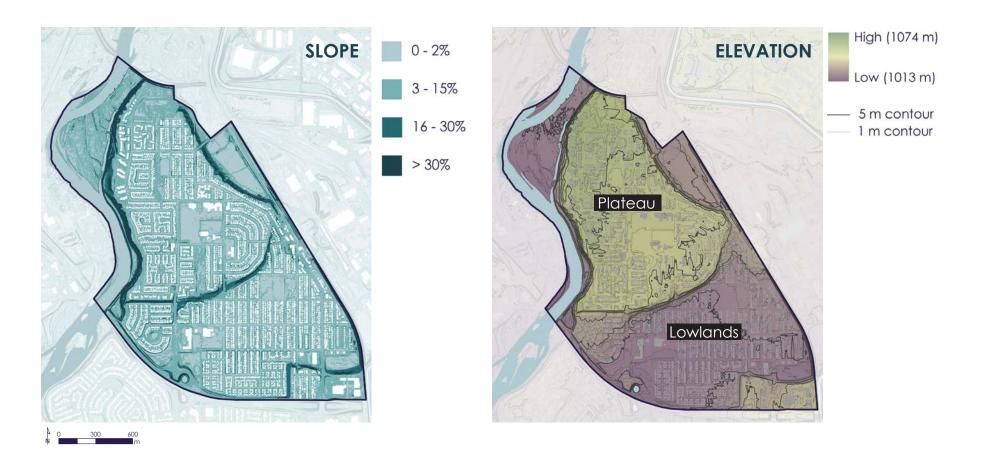
Ogden has good urban tree canopy coverage at 14.6%, comparable to Calgary's 16% goal, though tree canopy is somewhat lacking in the southeast and southwest neighbourhoods, as well as along Ogden road. Redevelopment can pose a threat to the tree canopy and efforts to protect community tree cover should be made.

Tree Condition Land Cover Good Parks Poor Urban area

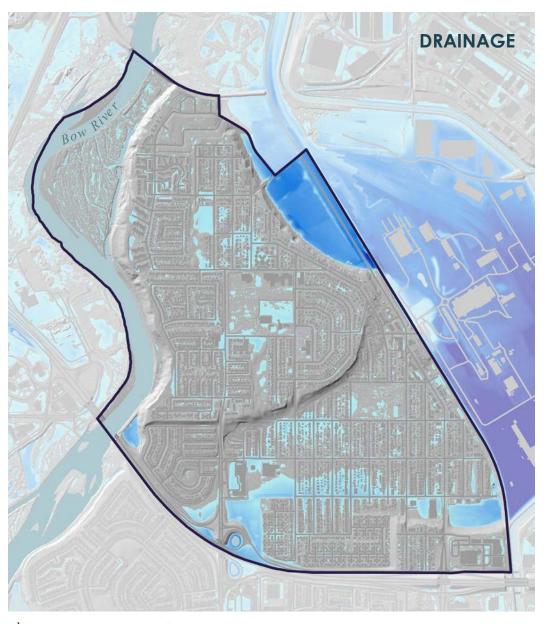


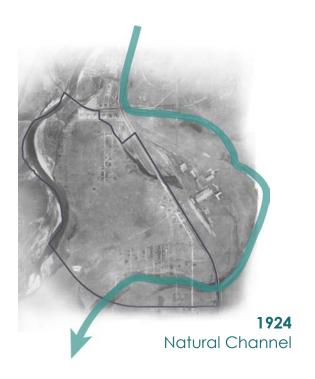
NATURAL SYSTEMS

The Ogden landscape consists of a plateau in the north which sits above the lowland "Ogden Flats" to the south. The plateau is surrounded by slopes exceeding 16%, defining some of the road layouts. There is a lack of natural streams in the area, suggesting water movement is largely through groundwater.



SLOPE + TERRAIN

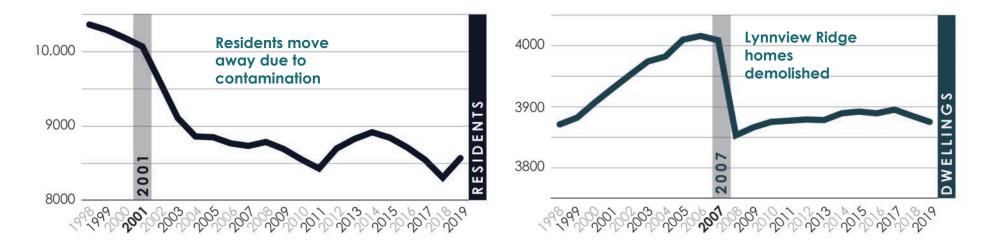




Lack of streams connecting to the Bow River suggests drainage is primarily through groundwater infiltration. Local depressions indicate where water tends to pool on the landscape.

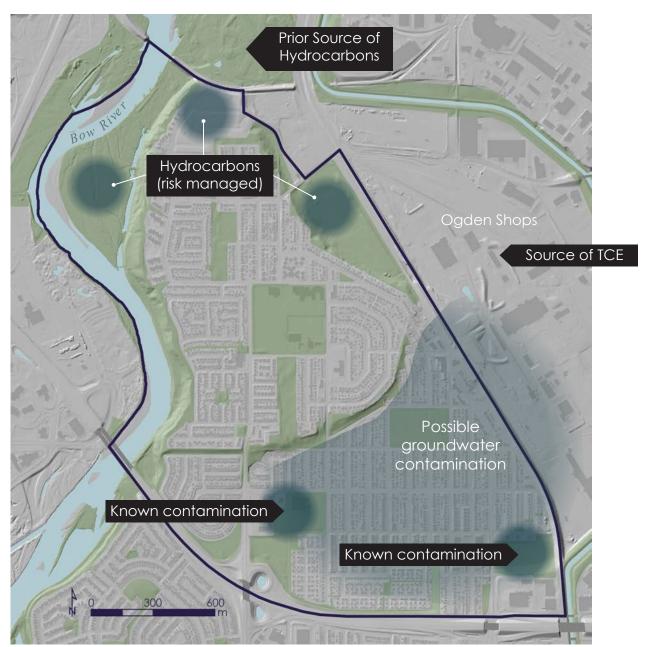
NATURAL SYSTEMS

Ogden has two known sources of contamination: hydrocarbons from the Imperial Oil refinery which led to a buyout and the subsequent demolition of the community of Lynnview Ridge, and trichloroethylene or TCE, an industrial degreaser and carcinogen used by CPR, contaminating the groundwater. There are two known sites affected by TCE, but the entire low lying area in the south of Ogden is likely affected. TCE can be managed with appropriate measures, but does pose a challenge. Bioremediation may be possible, but will require further study for this context.



There was an exodus from the community following discovery of hydrocarbon contamination in 2001 and the population has not recovered after the loss of housing stock due to demolition.

SITE CONTAMINATION



NATURAL SYSTEMS

FLUVIAL PROCESSES

The developed area of Ogden is not impacted directly by floods due to the plateau acting as a natural barrier. However, natural fluvial processes will continue to alter the river shape over time through erosion and deposition, affecting the natural area near Beaver Dam Flats available to the community. The isolation of Ogden was an issue during the 2013 flood as 2 of 3 access points were under water and the community was largely cut off from the city.



1924Rivers slowly become more meandering over time.



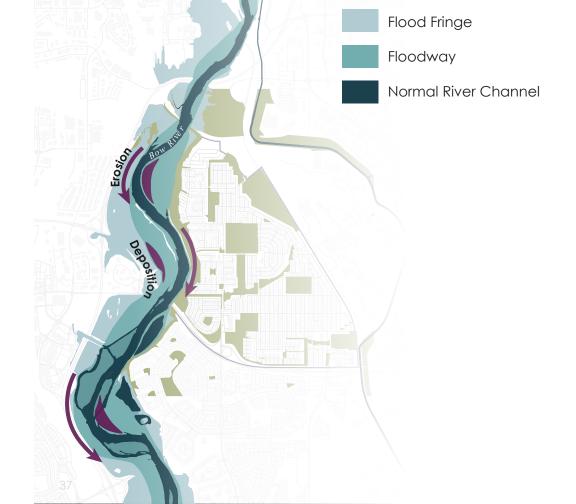
1953
Sediment is deposited along

the slower moving edges, and eroded on outer edges due to greater flow velocity.



2013Following the 2013 flood, erosion and deposition is

erosion and deposition is evident due to fast moving currents.



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EROSION

The western edge of the plateau is at high risk of erosion due to natural and anthropogenic forces. The fluvial processes combined with slumping, pose no immediate risks, though may have a long term impact on the western edge and limit development.

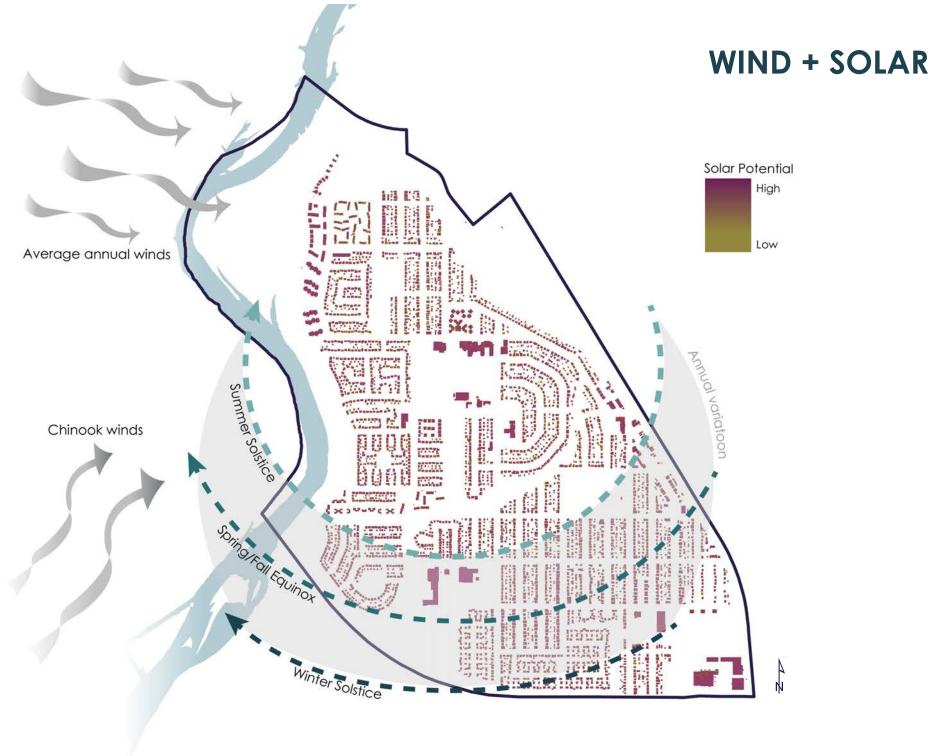


NATURAL SYSTEMS

CLIMATE CHANGE

Much like the rest of Calgary, Ogden has high solar potential, with harsh western cross winds in the winter season. Climate change projections could be planned for within the urban environment through resilient design strategies. On average, Calgary is expected to experience more extreme heat, prolonged drought conditions, and severe storms in the coming decades, which can be strategically planned for at the community scale through urban design interventions.

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	DAYLIGHT HOURS	AVERAGE PRECIPITATION	AVERAGE TEMPERATURE
Summer	16 h	66.7mm	15°C
Equinox	12 h	30 mm	4°C
Winter	8 h	16.7 mm	-8.3°C
Climate Change Projections	N/A	1	



NATURAL SYSTEMS

SHADOW STUDY

Ogden sits at the top of a ridge along the Bow River valley which experiences high sun exposure throughout the year. Longer shadows are evident from taller medium density housing, indicating orientation and setbacks will be important for future development. For pedestrian comfort, there is good sun exposure year round on most sidewalks, though those facing north likely experience ice build up, presenting a safety hazard. One pressing concern with taller buildings is that shadows may block sunlight to the public realm and other dwelling units. This can be mitigated with building orientation, contextual sensitivity, and ensuring height related setbacks.





SUMMER SOLSTICE JUNE 21



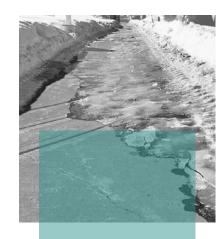
SPRING EQUINOX MARCH 21



WINTER SOLSTICE DECEMBER 21

CONSIDERATIONS FOR WINTER CITIES

North facing sidewalks are likely to experience ice build up, presenting a safety hazard. Drainage issues in Ogden are evident where water collects and freezes in some areas, creating icy patches which has affected mail access in some areas of the community. Windrows are a common occurrence across the city, and harsh cross winds are considerations to be addressed moving forward to create a positive pedestrian experience.







MAIL ACCESS



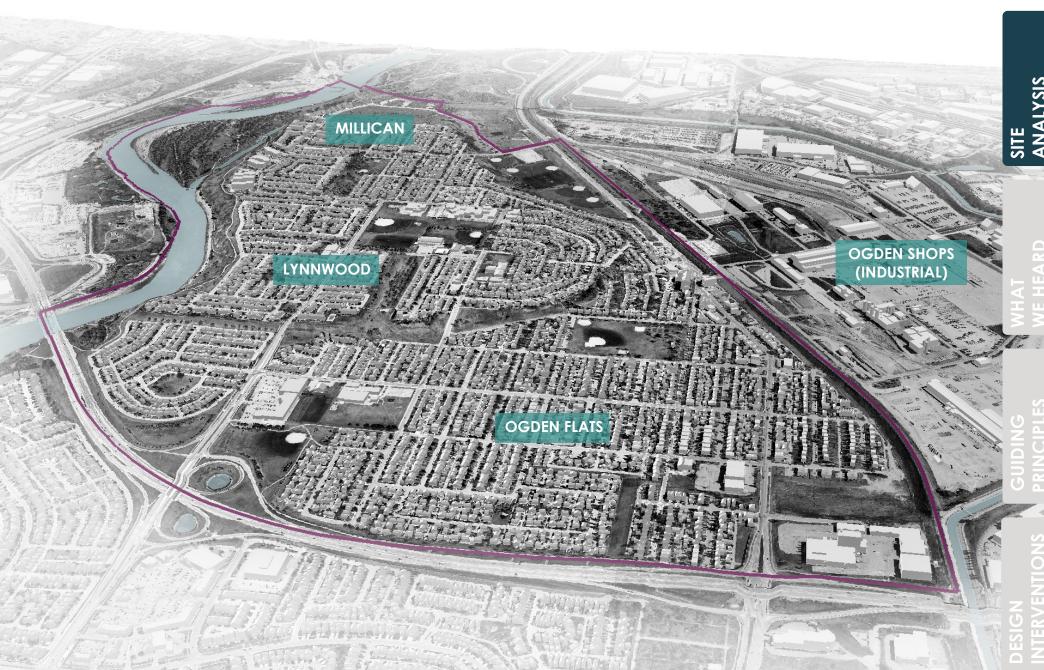
WINDROWS



WINTER WIND

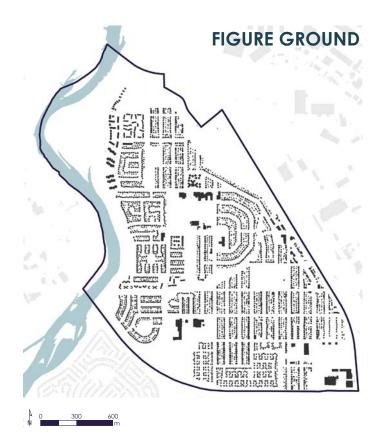
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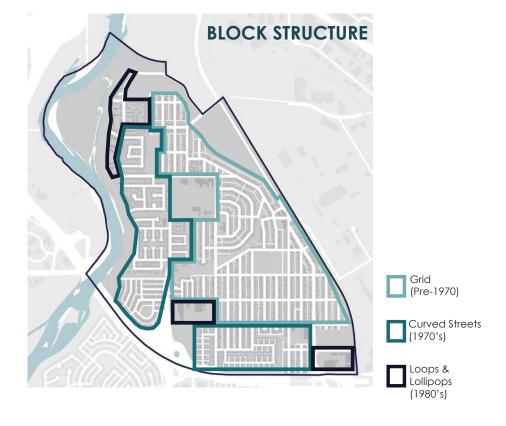
MASSING



BUILT FORM

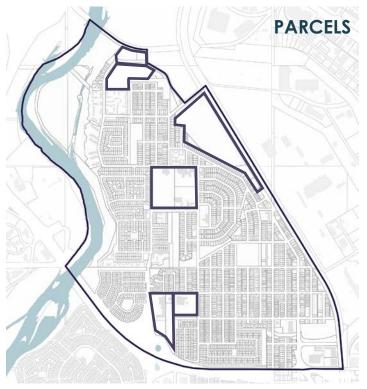
There is a high proportion of open space within Ogden, and predominantly small low density building footprints. Ogden has a diverse block structure. The neighbourhoods built before the 1960's had a classic grid structure, in the 1970's they revolved around a central green space consisting of municipal reserves and school sites, and in the 1980's they followed market demand, resulting in the loop and lollipop formation.





COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Ogden consists mostly of small, privately owned residential parcels. There are many city owned large parcels within Ogden, largely consisting of greenspace and often underutilized public spaces, but valuable pieces in the open space network.



Adjacent to Ogden are large, privately owned parcels, presenting challenges to the connectivity of Ogden to its surroundings, and potentially limiting future development opportunities.

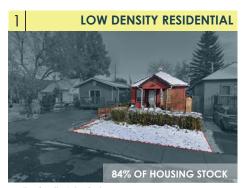






BUILT FORM

Low density residential is the most prevalent building use in Ogden, though some of the land use designations require updating, notably the former Lynnview Ridge neighbourhood. There is a special purpose designation on a portion of Lynnwood Park with scope for community services, and small scale, indoor and outdoor public recreation facilities. Beaver Dam Flats is not zoned as Urban Nature, but rather as recreation which is primarily intended for private recreation facilities. There is no mixed-use allowance currently within the community.



- Typically 1 to 2 storeys
- Predominantly single family



- Typically 3 to 4 storeys
- Share 1 to 2 walls with adjacent properties in a complex, independent entrances



- Typically 3 to 4 storeys
- One structure with multiple units





- Typically 3 to 4 storeys
- Groups of nearly identical low rise attached homes

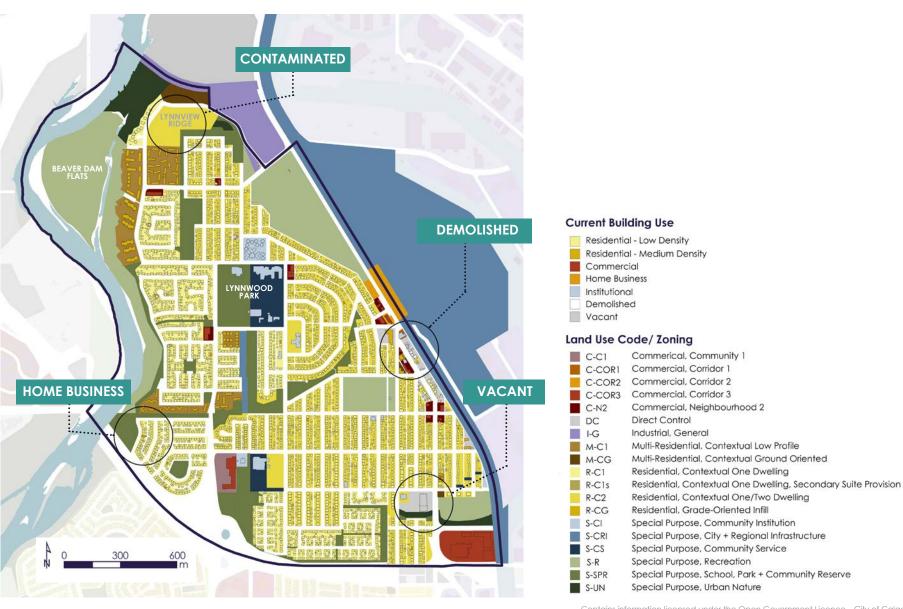


- Local scale, serves immediate area
- · Car oriented commercial block



- Larger scale, serves greater community
- Car oriented commercial block

ZONING + BUILDING USE

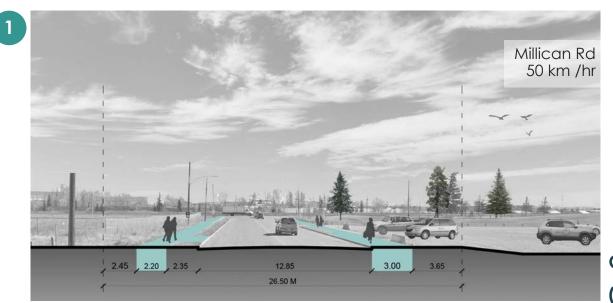


Most streets in Ogden have a speed limit of 40 km / hour, with low traffic observed. Collector roads connect the major arterial roads to residential streets. It is Interesting to note the on road bike way lacks sufficient bike infrastructure: with a unidirectional bicycle gutter on one side for a portion of Millican Road. There is a multi-use path on the other side of the road though it does not extend into the community.





ROAD TYPOLOGY



COLLECTOR
(ON ROAD BIKEWAY)



COLLECTOR (RESIDENTIAL)

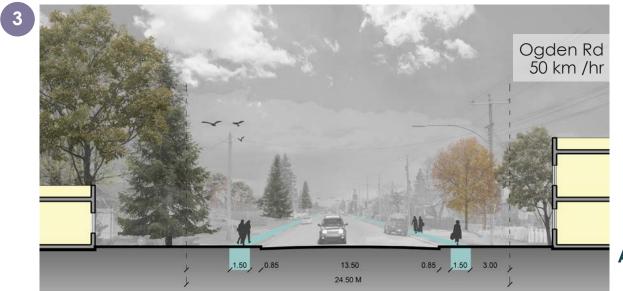
The Ogden Road entry to the community from Glenmore Trail where the speed limit drops from 80 km/hour to 50 km/hour is an issue for pedestrian safety.

There are gaps in pedestrian infrastructure along Ogden Road and an emphasis on the private realm at the expense of the public realm, as evidenced by narrow sidewalks and little to no pedestrian prioritization.





ROAD TYPOLOGY



ARTERIAL



RESIDENTIAL STREET

These gaps in pedestrian infrastructure are even more evident at the intersections posing safety concerns in some areas.

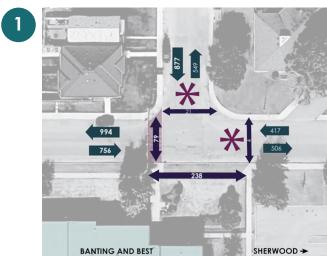
There have been both pedestrian and cyclist incidents within Ogden and opportunity exists to take measures to improve safety.





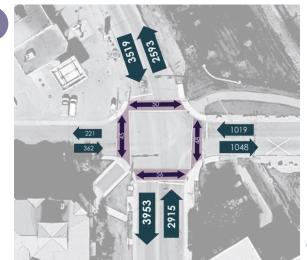
KEY INTERSECTIONS

6 hour intersection counts



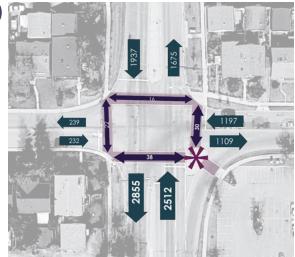
*Limited crosswalks

66 AVE SE @ 19 ST SE

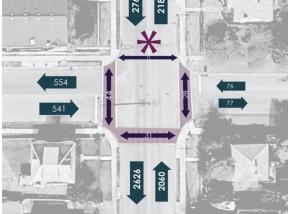


ODGEN RD @ 69 ST SE





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*Pork chop island

76 AVE SE @ 18 ST SE * Limited crosswalks

ODGEN RD @ 76 ST SE

Like much of the City of Calgary, Ogden is a very car-oriented community. This is largely necessitated by the need to leave the community for many amenities and services that are lacking or non-existent within Ogden. Alternatives to driving are limited, particularly to reach common destinations such as the airport, downtown, or the University of Calgary. The arrival of the Green Line to Ogden will provide a much needed alternative mobility connection for some of these destinations.

Future Green Line development will make transit a viable alternative to driving, reducing dependence on personal vehicles.

Driving Times

Ogden to
University of Calgary
18.1 km
19 minute drive

Ogden to
Downtown
10.3 km
17 minute drive

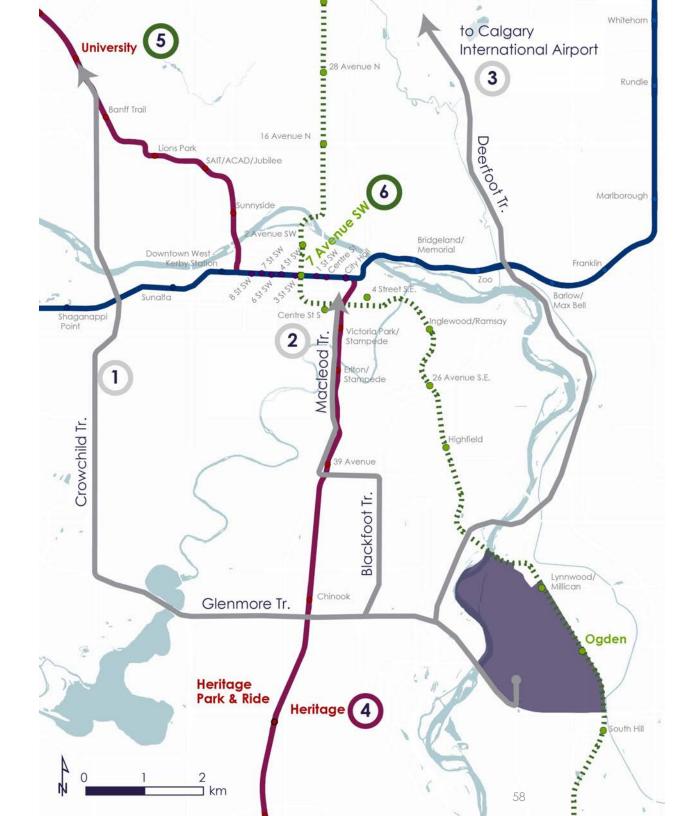
Ogden to
Airport
24.3 km
20 minute drive

Transit Times



Heritage Station to University of Calgary 18 stops 32 minutes

- Ogden Station to
 University of Calgary
 17 stops
 30 minutes
- Ogden Station to
 7th Ave (downtown)
 8 stops
 15 minutes



LRT VS. DRIVING TIMES

Driving Route

Red Line

Blue Line

Green Line (proposed)

COVID-19 related cuts to the transit service led to the cancellation and consolidation of some bus routes, though the level of service provided remains more or less consistent. Infrequent service and long travel times are discouraging, leading people to choose driving as the more convenient option. Public transit is an important mobility option for residents, particularly youths and seniors, to get to facilities and services within or outside the community.

	BUS ROUTE	PEAK FREQUENCY
	302 (BRT)	30 mins
	24	30 mins
	36/41	13 mins
	43	13 mins
	117	2X per day No weekend
	151	2X per day service

Current transit options provide six bus routes, one of which is Bus Rapid Transit. However, some routes have infrequent service which may limit use of this mobility option by the community.

to Downtown 302 24, 117, 151 24, 36, 41 36, 41 36, 41 to Deerfoot Meadows, Chinook 36, 41, 43 117, 151 to Douglas Glen Bus rapid transit Regular/ Express route 24, 36, 41 302 43 to McKnight-Westwinds to Riverbend, to McKenzie Quarry Park Towne

LOCAL TRANSIT

BUS TIMES

OGDEN TO AIRPORT

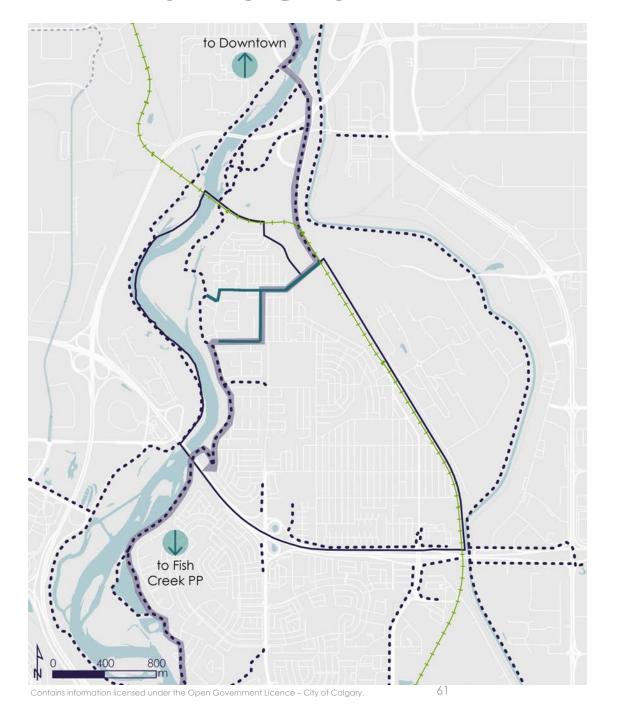
1.5 hrs

OGDEN TO UCALGARY

1.15 hrs

OGDEN TO DOWNTOWN

1 hr

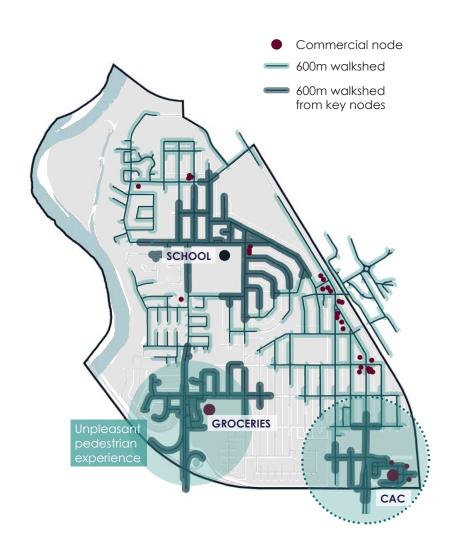


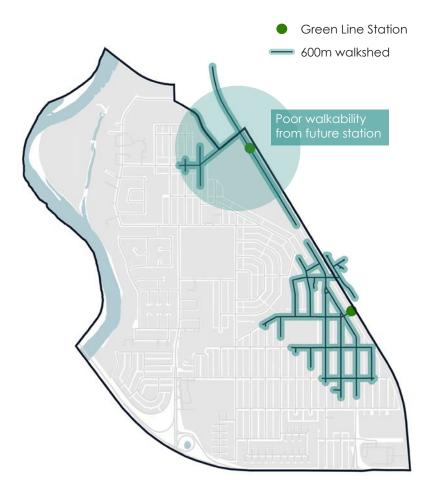
Ogden is connected to the broader city via the Bow River and Trans Canada trails, however, the walkability and public realm within Ogden is lacking in several areas. It is inconvenient or unsafe to walk or cycle through much of the community. Ogden covers a large area, and there is a need for direct and convenient pedestrian and cycling options to improve mobility for all ages and abilities.

Trans Canada Trail
Paved Pathways
Bikeways
Future LRT

PEDESTRIAN + CYCLING NETWORK

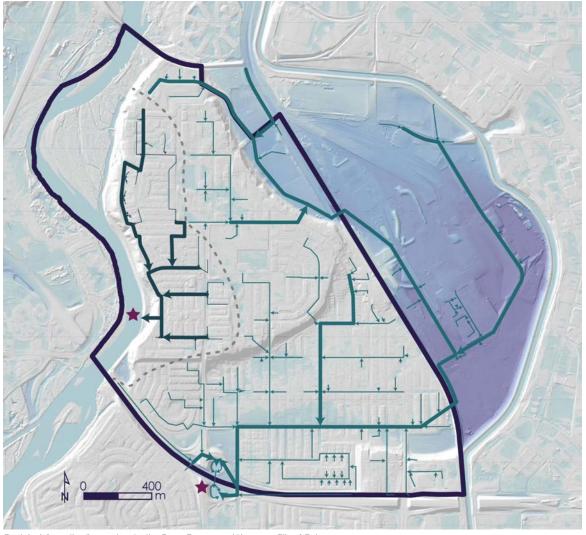
The walkability to commercial nodes is fair though not all daily needs can be met nearby. Many residents still need a car to purchase groceries from the local Safeway or to visit a medical clinic within the community.



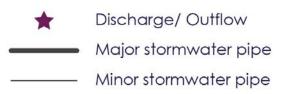


STORMWATER

Stormwater is drained from the community via two separate networks. Ogden Shops and the east side of the community drain to two wet ponds along Glenmore Trail, following a former natural channel, while the western plateau discharges directly into the Bow River.



There is potential for bioswales to clean stormwater prior to entering the Bow River and improve the public realm.



POWERLINES



Ogden has no high-voltage power lines that present developmental setbacks. The overhead power lines are a point of concern for trees.

Older parts of the community are served with above ground power lines, mainly via alleyways. Power lines along some major roadways may present a challenge to public realm improvements.



WHAT WE HEARD



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY



KEY ISSUES



OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Our first community engagement event was held over Zoom on the evening of February 15th, 2022. Approximately 30 community members participated in the activities, which included small group breakout rooms where participants were asked a series of questions about the conditions and experiences in Ogden at present, and what they would like to see in the future. In addition, an online survey was available for one week following the engagement event for community members who were unable to attend. Community feedback was compiled on maps and in written summaries, providing important insight about how the community functions and the lived experience of residents to help us direct our design efforts.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 20, 2022

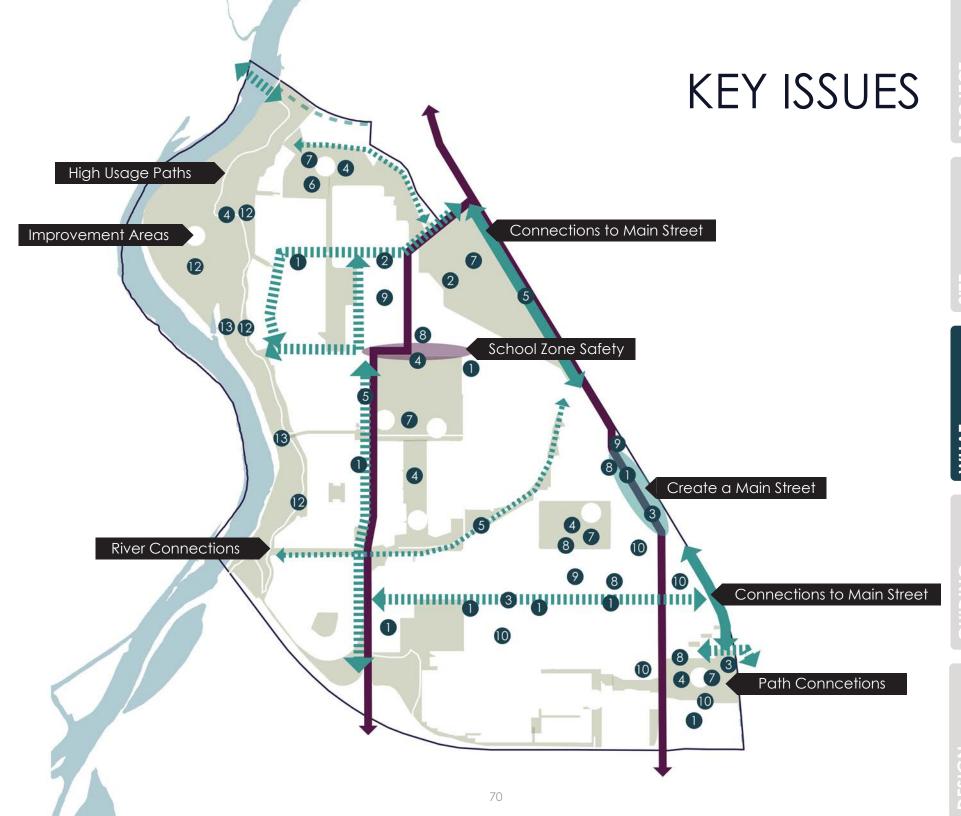
Our second opportunity for community engagement took place at the Millican-Oaden Community Association from 6:30-8:30 pm on Wednesday April 20th. The event was shared with the community via the Community Association and social media, and approximately 34 residents participated. The five project teams shared their work on poster boards. Community members were able to browse student work, leave notes and suggestions, as well as ask more in depth questions of the student teams. Feedback was compiled and incorporated into a written summary, and specific details were added to the final design concepts where possible.



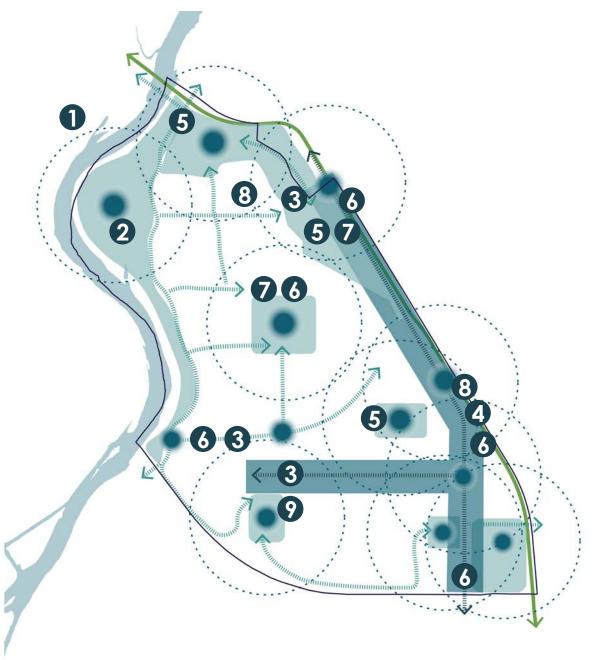
WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY

During our first engagement session, community members shared challenges they experience in their community and their vision for the future of Ogden. Some areas of community input were focused on declining school enrollments, safety concerns, a lack of retail amenities, lower housing diversity, inclusivity for all ages, under programming of parks and open spaces, and a lack of third places. A common theme was a lack of amenities in parks, such as picnic tables, garbage cans, and gathering spaces. More connections to the river were desired, as well as better pedestrian connectivity.





OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

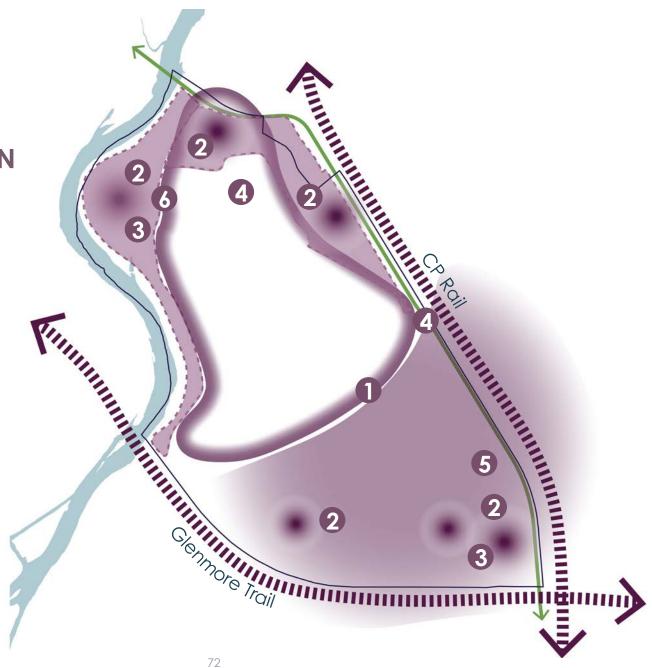


OPPORTUNITIES

- VIEWS
- NATURAL SYSTEMS
- MOBILITY NETWORK
- GREEN LINE
- RECREATION
- ACCESSIBILITY
- WINTER RECREATION
- HERITAGE
- COMPLETE COMMUNITY

CONSTRAINTS

- TOPOGRAPHY
- CONTAMINATION
- FLOODING
- 4 HERITAGE **PROTECTION**
- URBAN FOREST
- EROSION



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



CLIMATE CHANGE + RESILIENCE



DESIGN DRIVERS



KEY THEMES

PROJECT

"The inevitability of future climate change requires The City of Calgary to integrate climate resiliency across the organization to maintain the level of services and minimize costs."

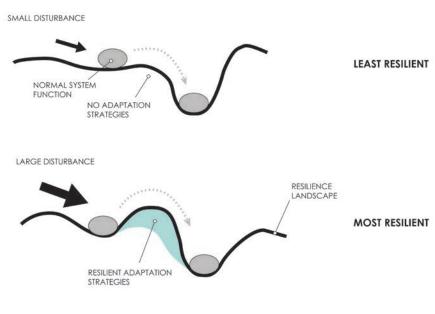
Climate Resilience Strategy City of Calgary, 2018

CLIMATE CHANGE + RESILIENCE

The City of Calgary has prioritized resilience as a key strategy for climate change adaptation. Resilience is a concept that is not well understood, despite how commonly it is used. It has its roots in ecology where it was first coined by Holling in 1973, but has since been adopted across disciplines with varying degrees of vagueness in its conception. In planning, we require a social-ecological definition, which treats humans as part of the natural system. With this definition in mind, we identified three components which form the guiding principles of our design interventions: Diversity, Connection, and Ecology.

WHAT IS RESILIENCE?





Adapted from Döring et al. 2015



DESIGN DRIVERS

DIVERSITY

choice, options, variability

CONNECTION

social networks, mobility, community

ECOLOGY

natural infrastructure, biodiversity, ecological integrity

KEY ISSUES



DECLINING POPULATION



CONTAMINATED LAND



LIMITED MOBILITY OPTIONS



AGEING IN PLACE



HOUSING DIVERSITY



ACCESSIBILITY OF AMENITIES



PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY



COMMERCIAL DIVERSITY



COMMUNITY SPACES



NATURE



KEY THEMES

Communities are not so different from ecosystems. By addressing social and built form diversity and connection, we help create the conditions for a resilient community, with ecology permeating all aspects of the community's evolution.











KEY THEMES

PLACEMAKING

MOBILITY + CONNECTIVITY

LAND USE

WATER STEWARDSHIP

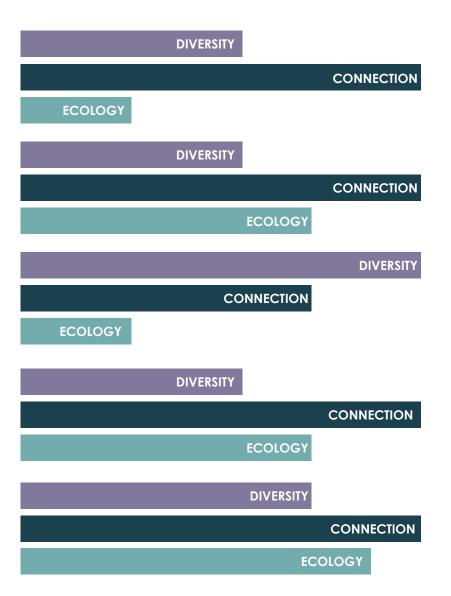
OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

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LEAST PERMANENT

MOST PERMANENT

RELEVANCE OF PRINCIPLES



DESIGN INTERVENTIONS



OPEN SPACE



WATER STEWARDSHIP



LAND USE



MOBILITY



PLACEMAKING

PROJECT

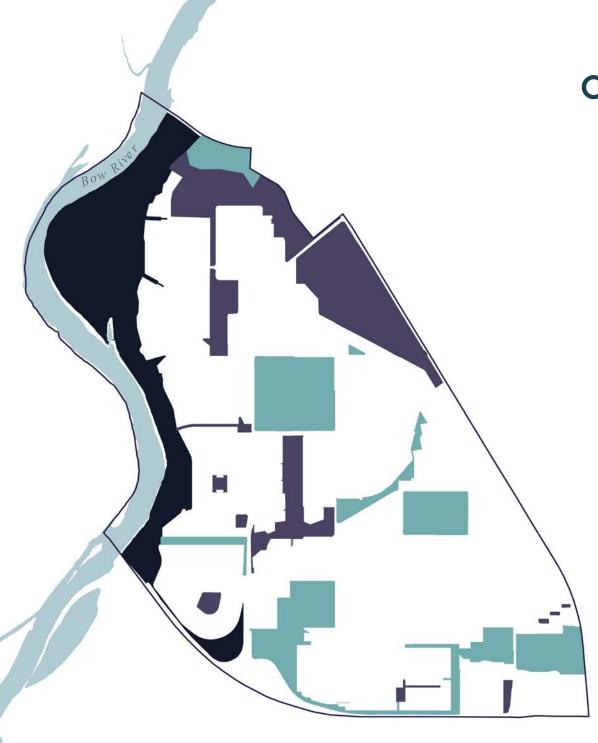
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WHAL

"How do we slow down what matters the most and speed up what benefits change and progress? We don't want to impede progress, but we are seeking reconnection to ourselves, to each other, and with the world."

-John Maeda

Ogdenites value the abundance of greenspace their community offers. The main issues surrounding parks were a lack of programming in most spaces, along with an oversupply of amenities for particular activities. Parks are key amenities for attracting young families to Ogden, but also require programming for all ages and abilities to keep these spaces active across times and seasons. This requires not only a diversity of programming within spaces, but a diversity in the character of parks spaces. The concepts of **Play**, **Connect**, and **Reflect** provide a thematic approach to parks typology in Ogden.



OPEN SPACE TYPOLOGY

PLAY

Providing a diversity of recreation options for all ages and abilities.

CONNECT

Enhancing gathering spaces to connect new and existing community members.

REFLECT

Low impact recreation protects habitat and provides places to learn and reflect.



Parks prioritizing 'Play' provide a variety of sports, games, and other activities for people of all ages, abilities, and interests to meet and interact, and can act as a draw to bring young families to the community.

PLAY SPACE IDEAS



Playfields



Dog Agility Course



Low Intensity Activities



Natural Playground



Adult Outdoor Fitness



All Abilities Design



Winter Programming



All Ages Activities



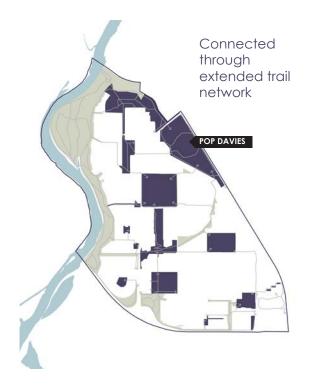


PLAY

SPECIAL SITE: POP DAVIES ATHLETIC PARK

"THE PLAYGROUND"

'The Playground' at Pop Davies athletic park is a special case of 'Play', as it is currently one of 12 athletic facilities which serve the City of Calgary. We are proposing a transition from a Class C facility, to a Class A facility, with the addition of upgraded amenities, and a new recreation centre, which acts as a city wide draw for all-season transit accessible recreation. The upgraded Pop Davies would provide equitable access to recreation within Ogden and across the city.





TRANSIT ORIENTED DESTINATION

larry Jermone Rec Centre, North Vancouver



Adventure play zone
Risskov School, Denmark



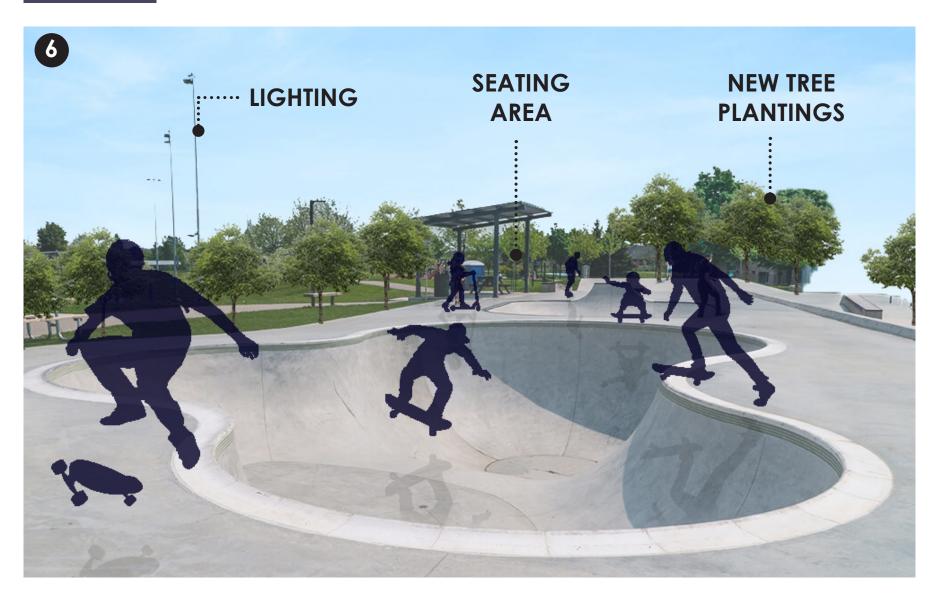
Seating area



Playing fields

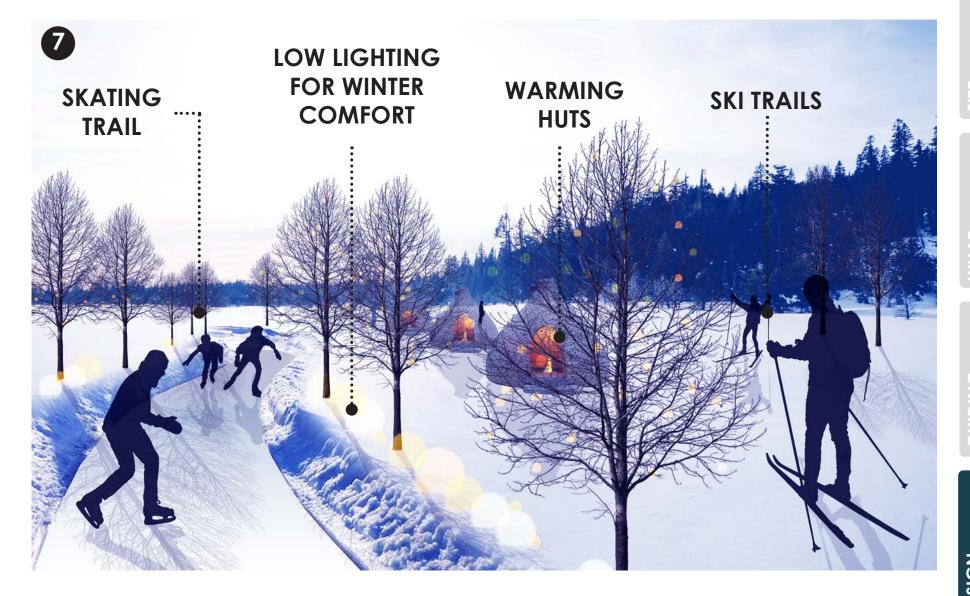


PLAY



SPECIAL SITE: POP DAVIES ATHLETIC PARK

"THE PLAYGROUND"



CONNECT

Community gathering spaces and open spaces which facilitate connectivity of our proposed mobility network (page 157) are at the heart of the 'Connect' concept, helping to create strong and supportive social networks which allow for community resilience.

CONNECT SPACE IDEAS



Pathway Connections



Fire Pits



Community Gardens



Family Oriented Spaces



Outdoor Yoga



Lighting



Permeable Pavement



Seating Areas



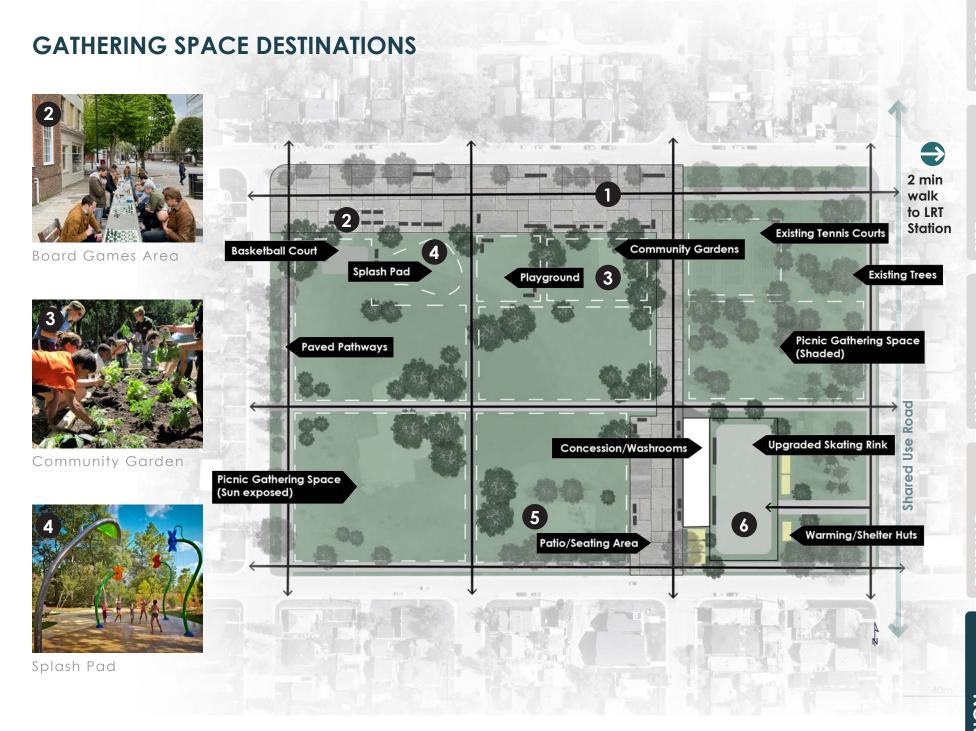
CONNECT

SPECIAL SITE: GEORGE MOSS PARK

"THE COMMONS"

The transit accessible location of George Moss Park allows the opportunity to transform it into a walkable public gathering space for all community members. Additions like a community garden and a paved plaza can give people a place to connect with each other. The community can relax by the fire, or enjoy year round festivals at "The Commons", providing a vibrant, year round destination for all.





CONNECT



"THE COMMONS"



REFLECT

Finally, ecology inspires the reflective nature of the final park concept. Our interventions propose a balancing between human enjoyment of these spaces, and the protection of ecological integrity, through low-impact recreation.

REFLECT SPACE IDEAS



Stairs to Bow River



Osprey Platform



Low Impact Activities



Native Bee Nest Sites



Lookout Platforms



Pollinator Gardens



Seating Areas



Naturalization

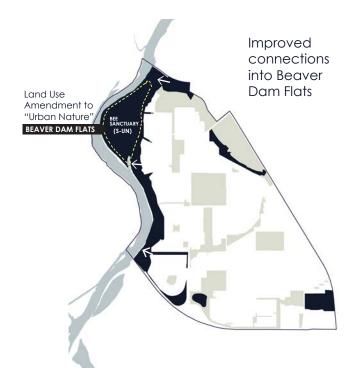


REFLECT

SPECIAL SITE: BEAVER DAM FLATS

"THE SANCTUARY"

Beaver Dam Flats is a cherished space in Ogden with high ecological value that requires protection. While we support the use of more natural spaces, like Beaver Dam Flats, we understand the sensitivity of these ecosystems to human interaction. Educational opportunities are proposed in the form of interpretive trails, such as Discovery Trail, to enhance appreciation and community pride in the unique ecological conditions we find at Beaver Dam Flats.





¹Visit https://beecitycanada.org/ for more information on Bee City Canada

DISCOVERY TRAIL



Picnic Platforms

2 UNSTABLE SLOPE: RESTORATION IN PROGRASS

3 INTERPRETIVE TRAIL SIGNAGE







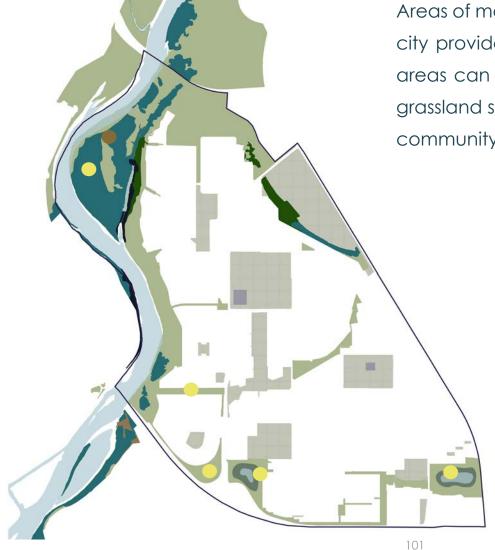
REFLECT



NATURALIZING THE LANDSCAPE

Areas of mowed grass that require maintenance by the city provide little benefit to ecological function. These areas can be naturalized with native drought tolerant grassland species, creating attractive meadows for the community (and wildlife) to enjoy.

- Proposed Bee Nesting Sites
- Proposed Osprey Platform
- Native Grassland (Drought Tolerant)
- Balsam Poplar (Flood Tolerant)
- Upland Shrub
- Riparian Shrub
- Open Water
- Wetland Emergent Vegetation
- Manicured Community Garden



WHY DOES NATURALIZATION MATTER?

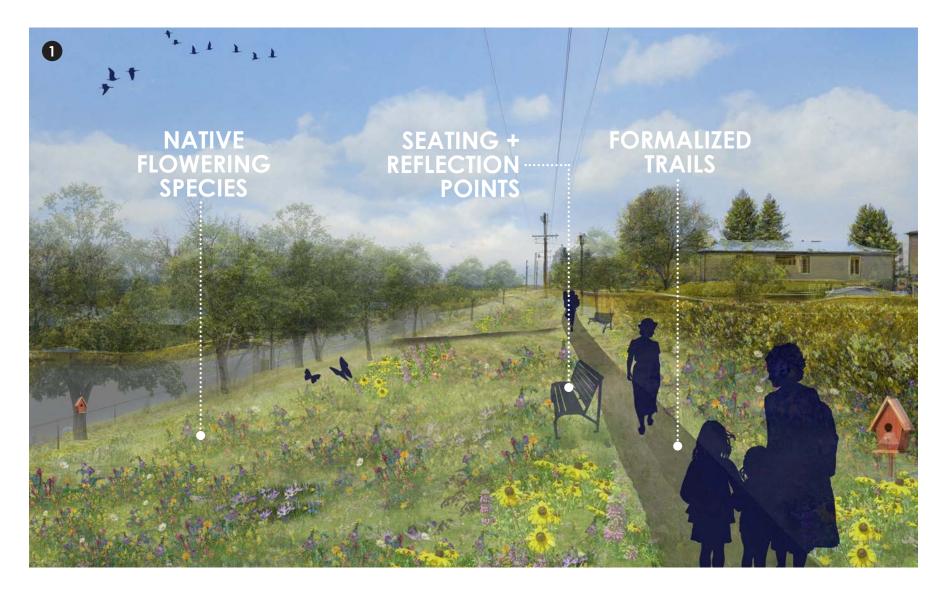
Planting native trees, shrubs, and other plants in otherwise mowed spaces provides economic, social and environmental benefits to the community. Native plants, such as drought tolerant grassland species, require less maintenance and watering, saving the city and citizens on maintenance fees. Native plants also provide essential food for different types of wildlife, stabilize slopes through root growth and act as carbon sinks in the face of climate change. Naturalized spaces can also beautify otherwise empty locations and can create educational opportunities for community members. They are places where people can connect and spend time in nature, producing positive mental health benefits.

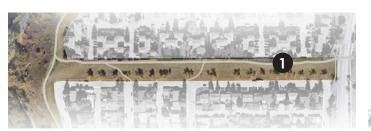


OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

REFLECT

NATURALIZING THE LANDSCAPE









OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

SEASONAL PLANTING GUIDE

GRASSLAND PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPE NATURALIZATION

SPRING

SUMMER



Prairie crocusAnenome patens



Shooting starPrimula conjugnes



Prairie roseRosa acicularis



Alpine aster Aster alpines



Thermopsis rhombifolia



Blue-eyed grassSisyrinchium montanum



BlanketflowerGaillardia aristata

Below is a non-exhaustive list of flowering plants attractive to pollinators by seasonal bloom time. Providing a diversity of flower colours, types, and bloom times offers food for many insects and animals throughout the growing season. This a key component of biodiversity and creating resilient ecosystems.

AUTUMN



BeebalmMonarda fistulosa



Purple coneflower Echinacea purpurea



Goldsturm black-eyed susan Rudbeckia fulgida



Meadow blazingstar Liatris liqulistylis



Shrubby cinquefoil Dasiphora floribunda



GoldenrodSolidago nemoralis

OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

PLANTING GUIDE

TREES



Balsam PoplarPopulus balsimifera

- Full sun
- Flood tolerant, hardy species
- Wind/snow block



Rosthern Crabapple Malus baccata

- Good for small yards
- Plant away from streets and sidewalks
- Full sun, average to moist soil



Trembling AspenPopulus tremuloides

- Full sun
- Well drained loamy soils
- Hardy, drought tolerant
- Reproduces vegetatively



Dropmore LindenTilia x flavescens

- Full sun
- Well drained soil
- Attracts pollinators
- Fragrant



Laurel Leaf Willow Salix pentandra

- Not drought tolerant
- Can withstand flooding
- Wind/snow block
- Support wildlife



American ElmUlmus americanum

- Full to partial sun
- Moist deep soil
- Large with broad canopy
- Excellent street tree



Manitoba Maple Acer negundo

- Prefers full sun
- Good for soil stabilization and wind breaks
- · Hardy, fast growing



Green AshFraxinus pennsylvanica

- Full sun, moist soil
- Extremely hardy and fast growing
- Grows in clay soils, survives extreme climates

SHRUBS



Saskatoon Berry Amelanchier alnifolia



Western Snowberry
Symphoricarpos
occidentialis



Wolf WillowEleagnus commutata

GRASSES



SweetgrassHierochloe odorata



Mountain AshSorbus decora



Red-Osier DogwoodCornus sericea



ChokecherryPrunus virginiana



Rough fescue Festuca campestris

Above are examples of plants that grow well in Calgary's climate and provide habitat for a variety of species. Refer to City of Calgary for complete planting guide¹.

OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

LOCAL PARK POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Development within local park spaces shall:

- a. Ensure pedestrian and pathways connect to other green spaces within the community.
- b. Provide proper wayfinding signage for legibility and navigation of park space and surrounding community.
- c. Provide safe and accessible environments for all abilities through:
 - Adequate lighting
 - All season maintenance
 - Appropriate surface materials (ie. paved pathways for accessibility)
 - Use of permeable paving for park plazas, parking lots, and secondary connections
 - Ensuring a diversity of activities for all age groups
- d. Provide opportunities for all season activities.
- e. Align with community identity.
- f. Provide opportunities for social connection with gathering spaces.
- g. Provide seating near play spaces and in other green spaces.
- h. Provide adequate waste disposal receptacles within park spaces.
- i. Avoid removal of existing trees unless deemed unsafe by an arborist.
- j. Use native, drought tolerant species for planting (refer to Planting Guides on pages 105-108).

NATURAL AREAS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

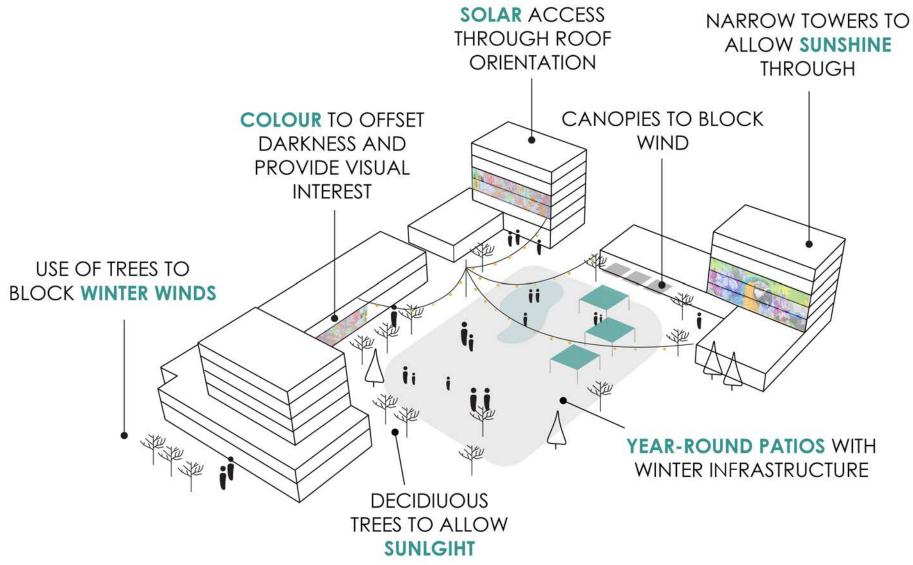
For general natural areas, as outlined on the Habitat Typology map (page 101):

- a. Underutilized degraded land shall be naturalized with native plants based on habitat zone (refer to Planting Guides on pages 105-108 for species information).
- b. Existing trees shall be protected unless deemed unsafe by an arborist.
- c. Habitat areas outline on Habitat Typology map shall be restored and/or protected.
- d. Ridge pathway shall maximize views to mountains and downtown.
- e. River connections shall be improved in strategic locations along ridge pathway.
- f. Provide lookout platforms along ridge pathway at locations which are not susceptible to erosion.

Beaver Dam Flats designation area shall:

- a. be amended to S-UN (Urban Nature) (see City of Calgary Land Use Bylaws for rules and regulations of use).
- b. Ensure seating platforms be placed along trail network to prevent off trail human activity.
- c. Protect existing bee nesting sites throughout the area with signage and fencing.
- d. Provide interpretive signage and wayfinding along Discovery Trail Network.
- e. Provide adequate waste disposal receptacles along trail network.

OPEN SPACE + RECREATION



WINTER CITIES DESIGN GUIDELINES

Winter city design shall be incorporated through:

- a. Providing a diversity of winter recreation opportunities such as:
 - Upgraded outdoor skating rinks
 - Cross-country ski trails
 - Skating trails
 - Winter cycling
 - Sledding hills
- b. Use of snow and ice to create public art.
- c. Providing warming huts and fire pits in public space to offer resting places.
- d. Providing access to year-round public washrooms in public spaces.
- e. Encouraging year-round food and beverage vendors.
- f. Prioritizing snow clearing on pedestrian and cycling paths and ensuring snow is not dumped onto pedestrian or cycling paths.
- g. Creating winter friendly transit shelters (i.e. heated bus shelters).
- h. Creating snow-ways next to cleared sidewalks for winter mobility options (i.e. sleds or skiis).
- i. Providing winter wayfinding resources for ski routes, sled hills, and snow-ways.
- j. Ensuring that all-season storage facilities and changing areas are available.
- k. Providing year round patios.
- I. Ensuring greater use of colour in outdoor design.
- m. Providing pedestrian scale, low lighting for reduced light pollution.

For the Love of Winter: Strategy for Transforming Edmonton into a World Leading Winter City (n.d.)

"Water is the driving force of all [life]"

~Leonardo Da Vinci



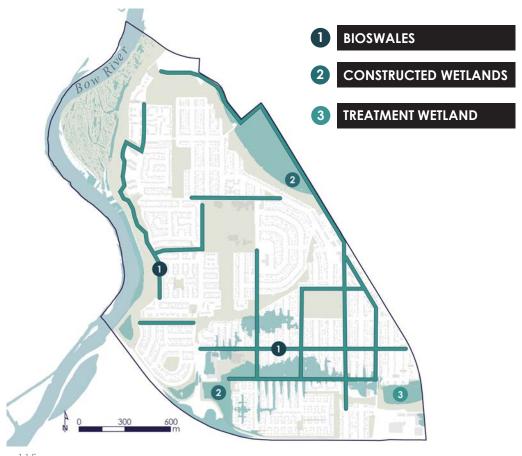
NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Water security is one of the most prominent issues we face in Southern Alberta. It is an already dry prairie climate which projects to experience an increase in drought and extreme weather events. Water is our most valuable natural resource and its stewardship is a key component of a sustainable and resilient community. We need to be proactive to ensure the quality of our water resources for the future.

DRAINAGE ISSUES



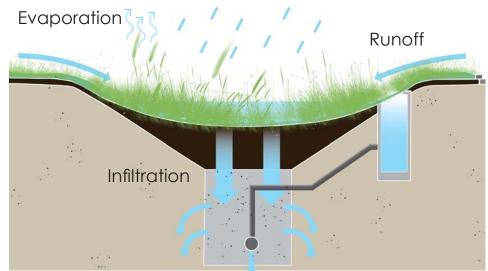
The local depressions identified in the landscape are key areas to improve stormwater management, through natural infrastructure like bioswales and constructed wetlands.



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BIOSWALES

Bioswales are a low impact development practice which consists of gently sloped channels designed to catch, store and filter stormwater. They also beautify streets while providing habitat for beneficial insects and birds, increase biodiversity, and slow the flow of water during major precipitation events.



SLOW THE FLOW







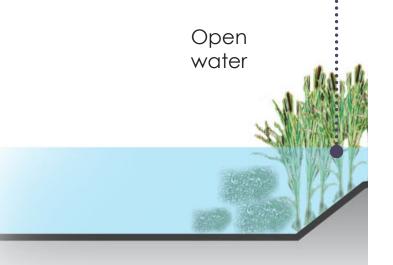
CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS

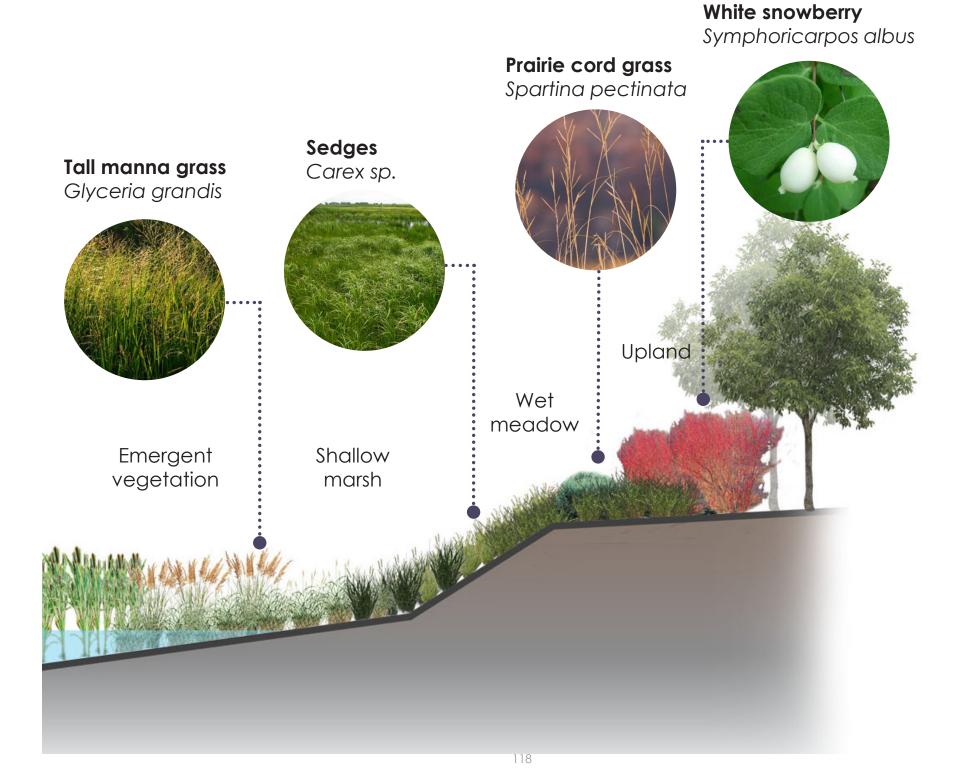
Constructed wetlands provide stormwater capture and treatment, while also creating new habitat supportive of increased biodiversity. Wetland zones identified by key indicator plant species are derived from the Stewart and Kantrud system for wetland classification, mimicing natural vegetation stratification from open water to upland. Low-lying areas and closed depressions in the landscape are ideal locations for implementation of constructed wetlands in the community of Ogden.



CattailTypha latifolia







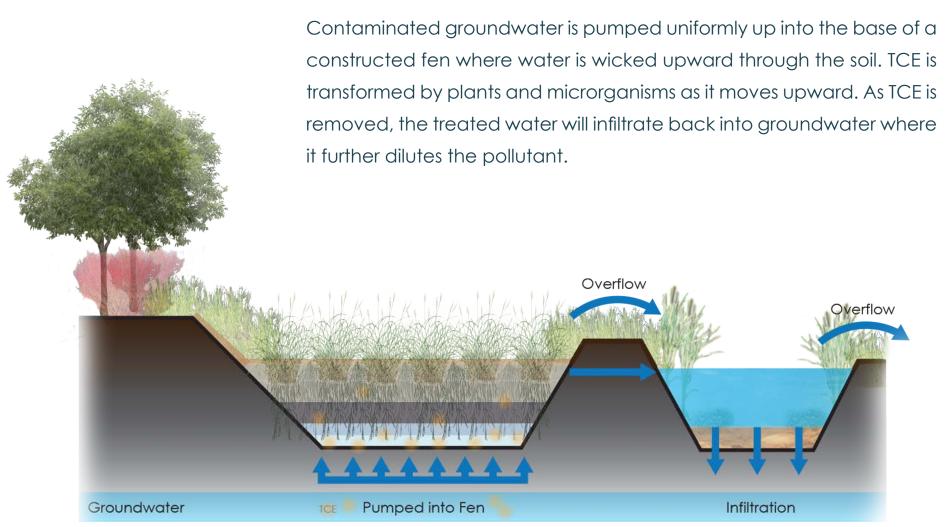


TREATMENT WETLAND

Remediation of groundwater contamination is an example of treating the issues, and not the symptoms. The treatment wetland is a special instance of a constructed wetland, where we are proposing to remediate the TCE from the groundwater supply in a system modelled after a fen. The natural removal of TCE from groundwater using wetlands has been extensively researched since the early 90's and as the most common organic pollutant in groundwater globally, a project of this nature could be precedent setting for future developments facing this challenge.



GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION





TREATMENT WETLAND

Natural infrastructure can be incorporated with recreational opportunities, improving the public realm, air quality and urban heat island effect, which all contribute to the well-being of the community. Fenland Park features a treatment wetland, along with a train of constructed stormwater wetlands, along a gradient of increasing public interaction. A paved plaza space open for a flexiblity of community uses, including a splash pad in summer and skating rink in the winter, offers a human interface for all ages to interact with an ecologically functional park space.

- 1 TREATMENT WETLAND/ FEN
- 2 MAINTENANCE ACCESS
- 3 RESTORED GRASSLAND
- 4 STORMWATER/ HABITAT WETLAND
- PLAZA/ SPLASH PAD/ SKATING RINK
- 6 CONCESSION/ WASHROOMS
- 7 PLAYGROUND
- 8 PICNIC AREA
- 9 SLEDDING HILL



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Water is our most valuable natural resource, and water security in terms of quantity and quality is a pressing issue which can be addressed at all scales, including the community level. Water is impacted by our everyday lives, and strategies which address the quality and conservation of our water resources are key to ensure the sustainable management of this critical resource. Calgary's Source Water Protection Plan outlines key goals for protection of our water resources, and these relate land use planning, innovation in stormwater management, leveraging key partnerships, and community education to water management.



Water stewardship in Ogden shall be promoted through:

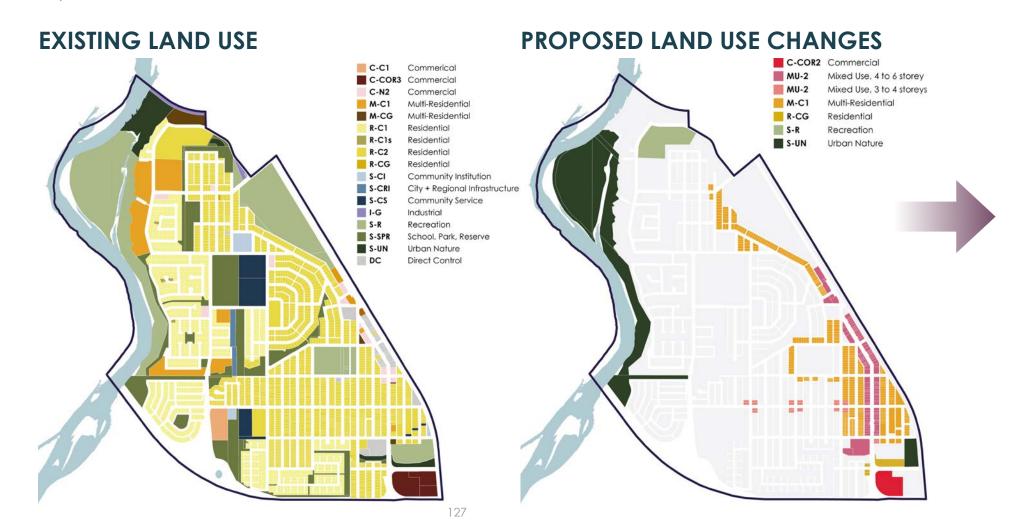
- a. Use of bio-retention and bioswales¹, with priority in locations identified on Natural Infrastructure map (page 115).
- b. Use of constructed wetlands for stormwater treatment and habitat creation² with suggested locations identified on Natural Infrastructure map (page 115) according to local depressions prone to water pooling.
- c. Integration of stormwater management and treatment with recreational opportunities, such as wetland parks which provide opportunity for community interaction with wetland ecosystems.
- d. Promotion of awareness of water stewardship through opportunities for education and community involvement in conservation initiatives.
- e. Seeking academic and industry partnerships and funding to advance innovation in water management through the remediation of groundwater contaminated with TCE.
- f. Protection of riparian ecosystems through promotion of low impact recreation.
- g. Rainwater harvesting for maintenance and watering of parks and community gardens.
- h. Encouragement of rainwater collection on private property for the purposes of yard maintenance.
- i. Drought tolerant landscaping in parks (refer to Planting Guides on pages 105-108)
- i. Encouragement of drought tolerant landscaping on private property.
- j. Implementation of net zero water in all new development.
- k. Promotion of water conservation practices through educational opportunities and incentives.

¹Low Impact Development Guidelines, Module 2 - Bioretention and Bioswales - The City of Calgary (2016)

Resilient communities are better able to absorb the impacts of unforeseen and unprecedented changes in the environment, economy, and society. The global pandemic is a prime example of how quickly our lives and livelihoods can change. We cannot plan for everything, but we can create conditions which can help Ogden survive and thrive through whatever challenges may arise.



One of the challenges for Ogden is the decline in population which creates the risk of school closures. As Ogden moves through its own life-cycle, we need to attract a diversity of people, including young families, to the community. This is achieved through diversity in land use, housing, attainability, and affordability which suit the changing demographic and allow for current and future residents to age in place.



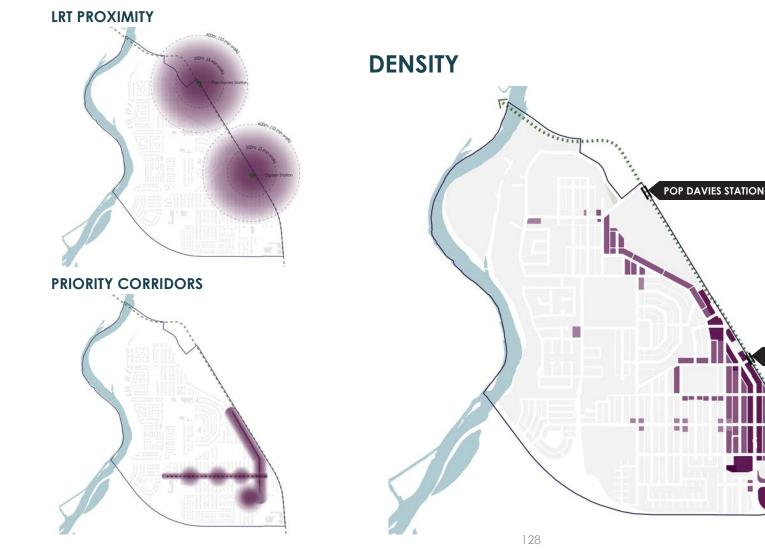
STOREYS

Up to 4

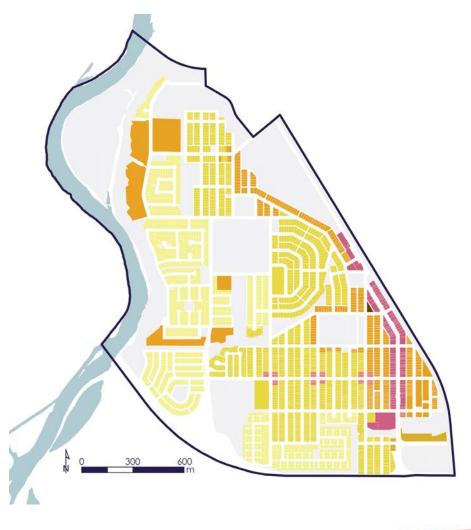
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OGDEN STATION

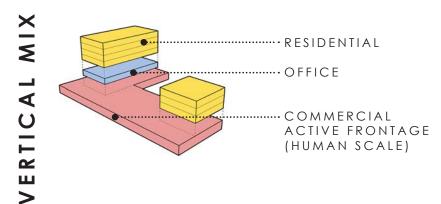
The arrival of the Green Line provides a natural concentration area for added density, appropriate to the scope of Ogden. Drawing people to Ogden is the first step towards community improvement and it starts with where they live and work.

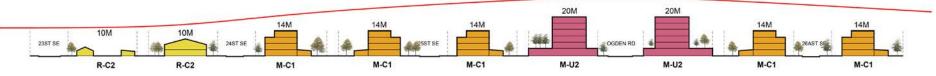


HOUSING DIVERSITY



We propose a vertical integration of land uses, providing diverse uses and services in concentrated activity nodes which offer walkable amenities for residents. Introducing a diversity of housing options, including mixed use integration, provides a housing stock supportive of a wide variety of needs whether the need is for space, location, or attainability.







POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

RC-1



COVERAGE: 45%

STOREYS:1-2

DENSITY: 20 UPH

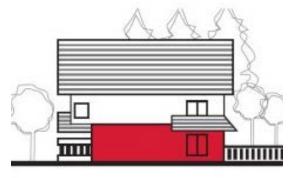


SINGLE-DETACHED HOMES

Make it easier for secondary and laneway units to be added to encourage gentle density:

- a. All RC-1 homes shall have front yard landscaping with drought resistant native species preferred (refer to Planting Guides on pages 105 - 108).
- b. Laneway homes shall be permitted on RC-1 land use, where lots have a laneway access.
- c. High quality public realm should be prioritized. Refer to Mobility + Connectivity section (page 157) for design and policy strategies to calm traffic, enhance pedestrian realm, and improve definition of the public realm on residential streets.
- d.Where a laneway exits, no front garages shall be allowed, and all parking must be located at the rear.

RC-1s



City of Calgary (2022)

SECONDARY SUITES

Utilize the existing housing stock to increase density, without affecting neighbourhood character, and provide an affordable housing option as well as a financial benefit for the homeowner by:

- a. Creating a separate entrance
- b. Not requiring additional parking with 600m from a C-Train station
- c. Allow one additional parking space for the Suite outside of the 600m zone from a C-Train station.





- b. Laneway lighting should be lit downwards to avoid light pollution.
- c. Laneway improvements shall be completed.
- d. No additional parking required with 600m from a C-Train station
- e. Allow one additional parking space for the suite outside of the 600m zone from a C-Train station.
- f. Laneway homes must follow City of Caglary guidelines for backyard suites¹.

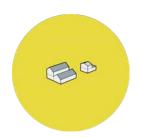


POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

RC-2

SEMI-DETACHED/ DUPLEXES



COVERAGE: 45%

STOREYS:1-2

OF UNITS/PARCEL:

1 MAIN, 1 SECONDARY



MEDIUM DENSITY

RC-G TOWNHOMES / ROWHOMES



COVERAGE: 45 - 60%

STOREYS: 3-4

DENSITY: 75 UPH



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 30% of all housing stock should be dedicated to affordable housing.
- 10 % of affordable housing should be dedicated senior's housing.

SEMI-DETACHED/ DUPLEXES

Provide opportunities to downsize, allowing aging in place, adding gentle density, and affordable housing options.

TOWNHOMES / ROWHOMES

Support affordable "ground oriented" housing with smaller units keeping in line with demographic shifts in population.

Applicable to RC-2 and RC-G, address issues described above by:

- a. Providing independent entrances for each of the secondary units.
- b. Providing independent heating systems for each of the secondary units.
- c. Encouraging front yard landscaping with drought resistant native species preferred (Refer to Planting Guides on pages 105-108).
- d. Prioritizing high quality public realm (refer to Mobility + Connectivity section on page 157).

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

MEDIUM DENSITY

MC-G



COVERAGE: 60 - 70 %

STOREYS: 3-4

DENSITY: 111 UPH



3 TO 4 STOREY APARTMENTS

Provide a mix of housing options suitable for a range of income levels, family units and lifestyles by:

- a. Prioritizing high quality public realm (refer to Mobility + Connectivity section on page 157).
- b. Ensuring some or all units provide direct access to grade.
- c. Ensuring ground accessible follow city design standards^{1,2}.
- d. Providing parking underground or a rear garage accessible through a laneway.
- e. Ensuring all non-grade accessible residential units have balconies for each unit.
- f. Preserving sunlight access and landscape views to all open spaces and parks in the community.

¹City of CalgaryAccess Design Standards (2016) ²City of Calgary Barrier-free Design Guide (2017)

MC-1



HEIGHT: 14M

DENSITY: 148 UPH



3 TO 4 STOREY APARTMENTS

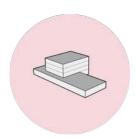
Provide a mix of housing options suitable for a range of income levels, family units, and lifestyles by:

- a. Prioritizing high quality public realm (refer to Mobility + Connectivity section on page 157).
- b. Providing parking in underground or rear garage accessible through a laneway.
- c. Ensuring each residential unit has an accessible balcony.
- d. Preserving sunlight access and landscape views to all open spaces and parks in the community.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

MEDIUM DENSITY

CN-2



ACTIVE FRONTAGE

MIXED USE

FAR: 1

HEIGHT: 10M



3 TO 4 STOREY MIXED USE

Provide affordable housing options suitable for a range of income levels, in close proximity to amenities in neighbourhood commercial zones by:

- a. Providing parking in underground or rear garage accessible through a laneway.
- b. Ensuring each residential unit has an accessible balcony.
- c. Preserving sunlight access and landscape views to all open spaces and parks in the community.

MIXED USE

Choice and variety suit the needs of changing lifestyles as people age, allowing for residents to stay in their community. Mixed uses bring people and services together, keeping streets active, safe, and lively throughout the day and night.

C-COR2



ACTIVE FRONTAGE FAR: 2.0

HEIGHT:14M



4 STOREY MIXED USE

Allow a diversity of uses to activate commercial centres and offer long term resilience by:

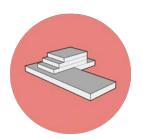
- a. Ensuring a vertical mixed use with active frontage retail on ground floor, with offices and/or residential above.
- b. Encouraging clustered development; buildings shall be located on parcels in such a way to create a defined and continuous block face on the commercial street with permeable and pedestrian oriented active uses at street level.
- c. Discouraging uses that negatively impact on street permeability and activity.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

MEDIUM DENSITY

MU-2

4 STOREY MIXED USE



ACTIVE FRONTAGE

FAR: 2.25

HEIGHT: 14M

*PREFERRED STREET WALL



MU-2 6 STOREY MIXED USE



ACTIVE FRONTAGE

FAR: 3.25

HEIGHT: 20M

*MANDATORY STREET WALL

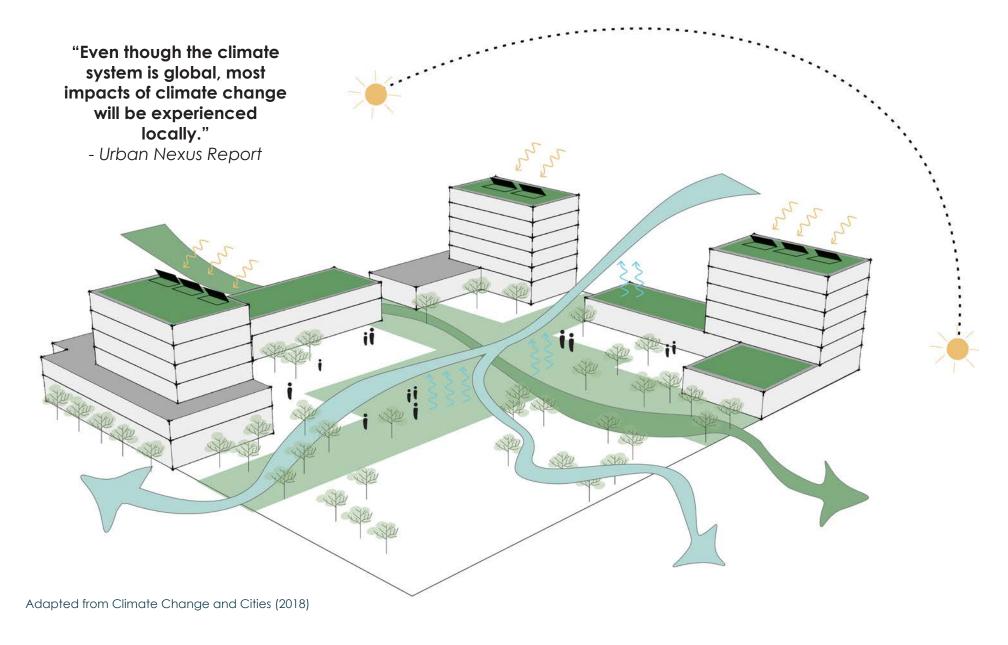


Ensure a diversity of uses to activate the main street and offer long term resilience by:

- a. Ensuring a vertical mixed of uses with active frontage retail on ground floor, with offices and/or residential above.
- b. Encouraging clustered development; buildings shall be located on parcels in such a way to create a defined and continuous block face on the commercial street with permeable and pedestrian oriented active uses at street level.
- c. Maintaining the street wall, which can have gaps up to 20% to allow for high quality pedestrian connections, building entrances and public plaza amenities that enhance the public realm.
- d. Maintaining human scale at the street level; residential floors should be separated from the active ground level street wall, using step-backs or other architectural design elements.
- e. Ensuring buildings respect adjacent built form by maintaining step-backs and rooflines to maintain the quality of massing and character along the active main street.
- f. Prioritizing high quality public realm (Refer to City of Calgary policies, plans^{1,2}, and land use bylaws).
 - Uses that negatively impact the active street frontage are not permitted. Larger stores must allow for greater permeability.
 - Preferred uses are retail shops, restaurants, coffee shops, convenience food stores, fitness centres,
 information service providers, libraries, pet care services, print centres, protective and emergency services,
 retail and consumer services, specialty food stores, takeout food services, artist studios, health care services,
 instructional facilities, offices, service organizations, and veterinary clinics.
- g. Preserving sunlight access and landscape views to all open spaces and parks in the community.
- h. Ensuring parking and entrance ramps are located at the rear of buildings.

¹Complete Streets Policy, City of Calgary, 2014

²Main Street Implementation Plan, City of Calgary, 2018



CLIMATE RESILIENCE DESIGN GUIDELINES

Any future Area Redevelopment Plans should require consideration of climate adaptive design strategies with direction from the City of Calgary and climate change experts.

Community resilience shall be supported through climate adaptive design strategies:

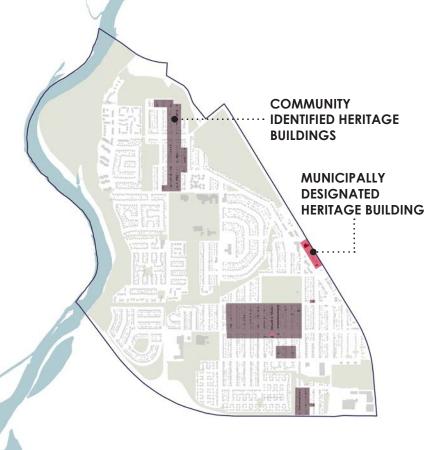
- a. Assess and map current community resilience to identify areas for improvement or intervention.
- b. Engage community members in development of climate adaptive and resilience strategies at the community level¹.
- c. Increase vegetative cover through tree planting and green roofs to provide a cooling effect on the micro-climate through increased evapotranspiration, provides carbon sequestration, and improves water quality².
- d. Ensure thoughtful building orientation to provide cooling and ventilation allowing for reduced energy usage and improved airflow for coping with increased heat stress under a changing climate².
- e. Support energy efficiency in new developments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to the utilization of renewable energy sources².
- f. Explore implementation of storm resistant design of buildings and public spaces².
- g. Support local food production through community and rooftop gardens².
- h. Develop emergency preparedness plan in the event extreme weather events or disasters¹.

¹Resilient Neighbourhoods Toolkit - City of Vancouver

²Climate Change and Cities, Chapter 5 - Urban Planning and Urban Design (2018)

HERITAGE

Heritage is of clear importance to Ogdenites, as they recently undertook a process to identify community heritage assets which are not currently designated by the city or province. A heritage overlay is a tool which would offer protections to these community assets. This is an important aspect of sustainability in city building, as these heritage buildings show their resilience by providing opportunity for adaptive reuse, enhancing sense of place, and offering cultural and economic vitality.









SELF DIRECTED HERITAGE TOUR

With the addition of a self-directed heritage tour, we can encourage cultural tourism and celebrate the pride that Ogdenites feel in their community, while passing it on to future generations.



HERITAGE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Create and enhance a sense of place by preserving streetscapes, historic block patterns, and significant tree canopies. Character-defining elements include materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses, and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to the heritage value of a historic place.

For protected buildings on the Inventory of Heritage Resources, protections are applied through the City of Calgary regulations and Canadian Standards¹.

HERITAGE OVERLAY

COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED HERITAGE ASSETS – NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- a. New buildings in heritage overlay areas should be compatible with the context of abutting sites on the Community Identified Heritage Inventory.
- b. All buildings in the heritage overlay areas should be built to the street line to the same setback from front and rear property lines as their neighbours.
- c. The language and character of the proposed buildings in the heritage overlay areas should use the elements within the existing buildings to inform the design character or proportion of development to maintain heritage streetscapes.

¹Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED HERITAGE ASSETS – EXISTING BUILDINGS

- a. Repairs; Original windows, roofs, materials, cornices, porches, facades, and other heritage features should be repaired, where possible. If necessary to replace, replacement should be done in the same style, materials, workmanship, and colours as the original elements.
- b. Language and character of the proposed additions to heritage buildings in the heritage overlay areas should use the elements within the existing buildings to inform the design character or proportion of development.
- c. New amendments to heritage assets should be built such that removing them does not impact the heritage building.

TRANSFER OF DENSITY

Density unused by buildings on community identified heritage inventory, may transfer unused development intensity to buildings within 300 m of the C-Train station, or in any other such are identified for the transfer of development rights as per the City of Calgary.

ADAPTIVE REUSE

The community heritage buildings are eligible for adaptive reuse to financially incentivise restoration and preservation of such assets.

COMMERCIAL NODES





Retail and commercial options at four different scales, allow for a diversity of retail amenities supported by an increase in population.





NEIGHBOURHOOD NOOK

LOCAL BUSINESS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CREATE SMALL COMMUNITY HUBS

Allow for low traffic businesses and live-work in residentially zoned areas, providing flexibility for people moving to work from home.





NEIGHBOURHOOD NODE

NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMERCIAL WITH RESIDENTIAL ABOVE

Proposed at current strip mall locations, re-purposing these spaces for mixed use development with affordable housing.





COMMERCIAL NODES

3 THE MARKET (COMMUNITY FLEX AREA)

SAFEWAY PARKING LOT TRANSFORMED INTO A VIBRANT POP-UP PLAZA WITH MARKET VENDORS

Transforms the Safeway parking lot into a community flex space, with opportunity for pop-up events without a permanent loss of parking.





4) THE VILLAGE

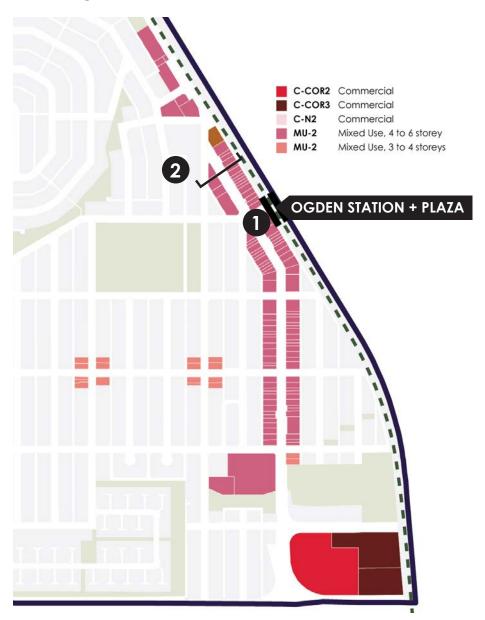
NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVE FRONTAGE, LIVELY COURTYARD

The Village at the former Legion site brings additional density to the community as a book end to the main street, with a vibrant community courtyard.



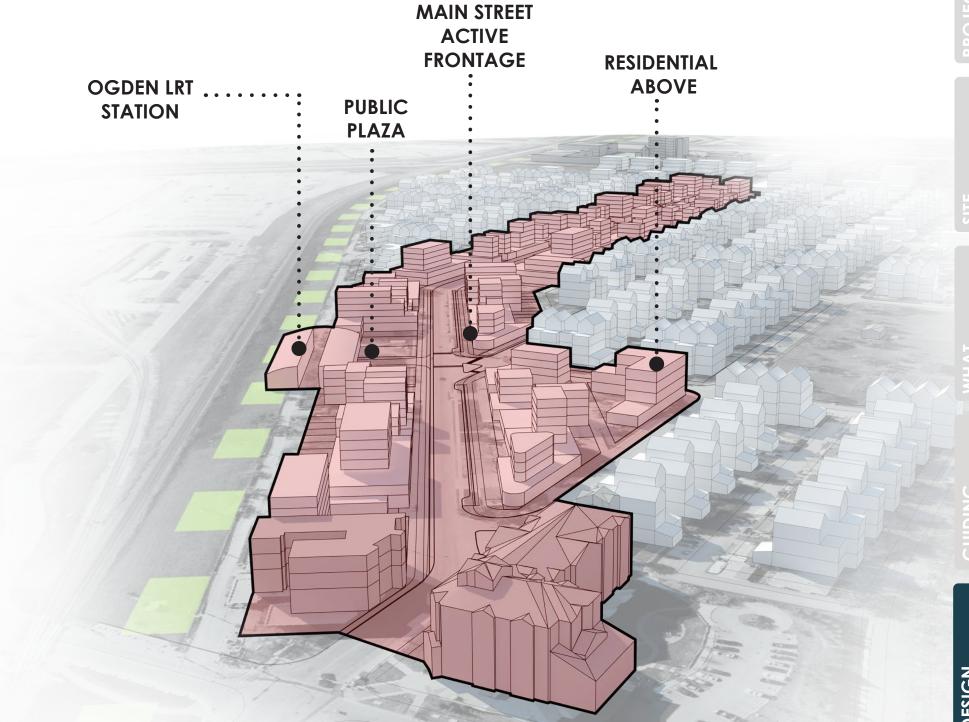


MAIN STREET



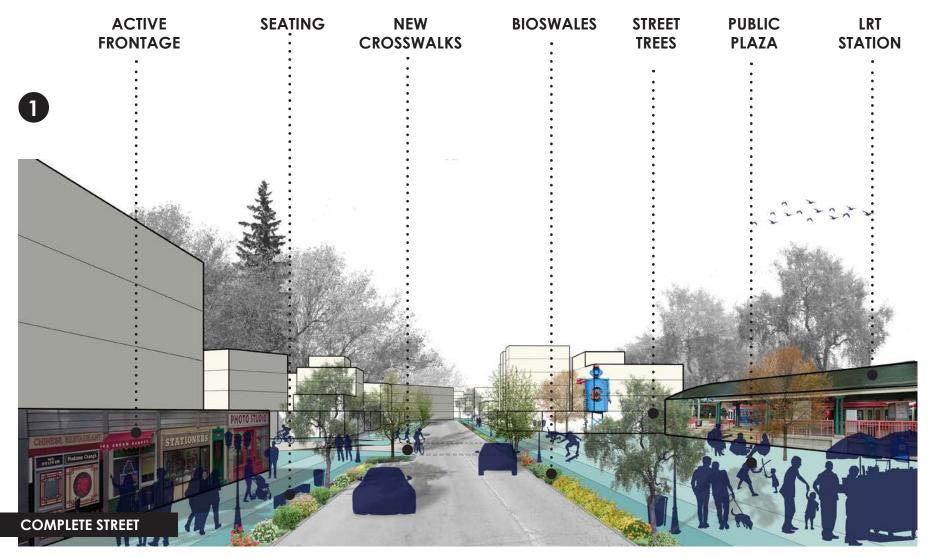


Ogden road presents an opportunity to create a vibrant main street in the community, with a fine-grained pattern of retail and active frontage on both sides, up to 850 m long. The heritage buildings provide a backdrop for new development, highlighting the past while embracing the future.



MAIN STREET

A vibrant main street with easy access to the Green Line LRT can be a catalyst that brings new people to the community.



Street enhancements improve the pedestrian experience, with a reduction of traffic lanes in favour of wider sidewalks, bioswales, street trees, and a public-private flex zone for spillover activity, such as small patios. Public life is additionally supported with a plaza space at the C-Train station. Active street life is supported by mixed use developments up to 6 storeys in the vicinity of the Green Line, with gentle transition from adjacent residential areas.



"The best movement is the one that is not motorized"

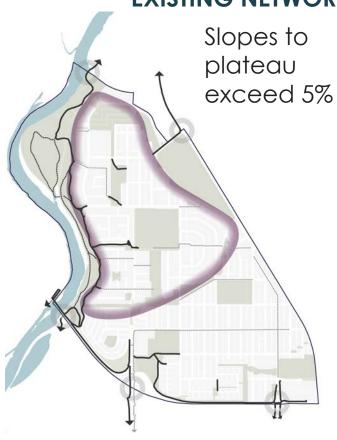
~Catherine Morency Canada Research Chair in the Mobility of People

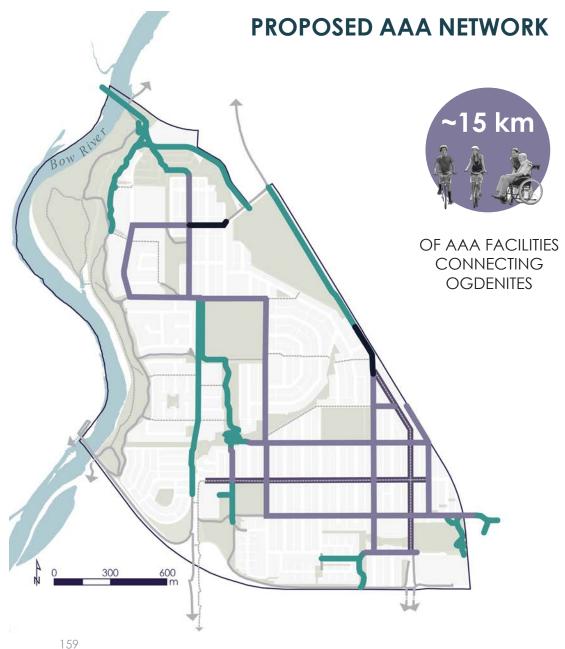
Shared-use road

Bi-directional bike lane

Multi-use path

EXISTING NETWORK









EVEL OF COMFOR



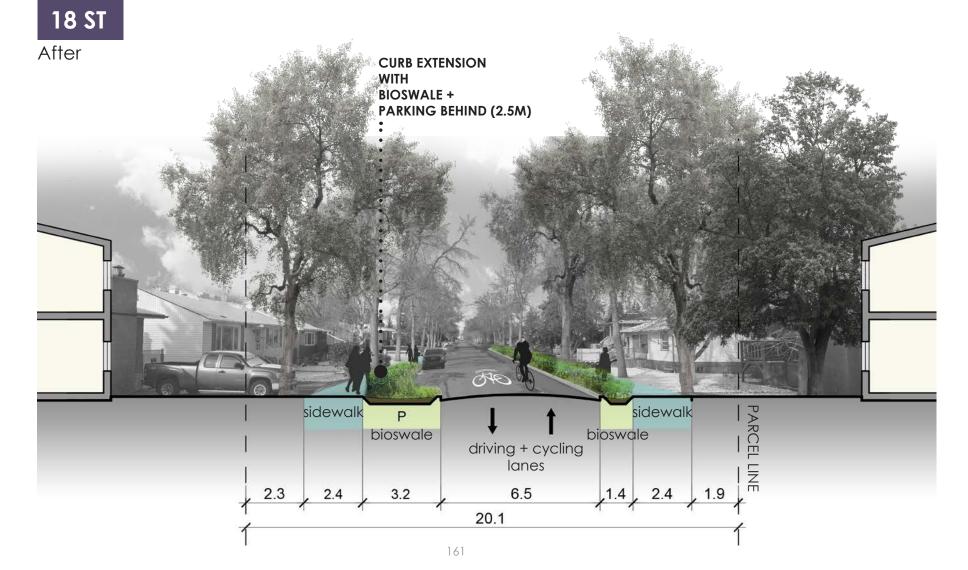
ALL AGES + ABILITIES NETWORK

At the heart of our mobility interventions is the prioritization of pedestrians and cyclists. We recognize that Calgary is a city designed around the personal vehicle, and cars are not going anywhere any time soon. There is a push for electric vehicles to combat climate change, but this does not address other issues that come with vehicles such as traffic congestion, noise, and safety. Our solution is an All Ages and Abilities network to connect Ogden, with precedent from the City of Vancouver, which is all about flipping the priority from cars to people. If we can make the choice to not drive the more convenient, accessible and enjoyable option, more people are likely to make this choice.

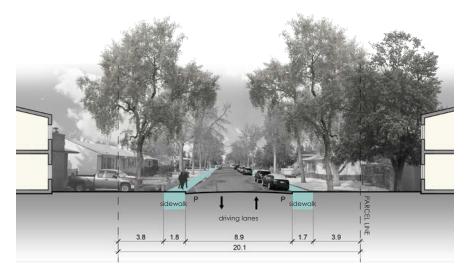


SHARED-USE STREETS

Shared use streets require slow travel speeds (<40km/h) and space for bikes and cars to safely pass, with improvements to pedestrian sidewalks which accommodate the existing tree canopy.

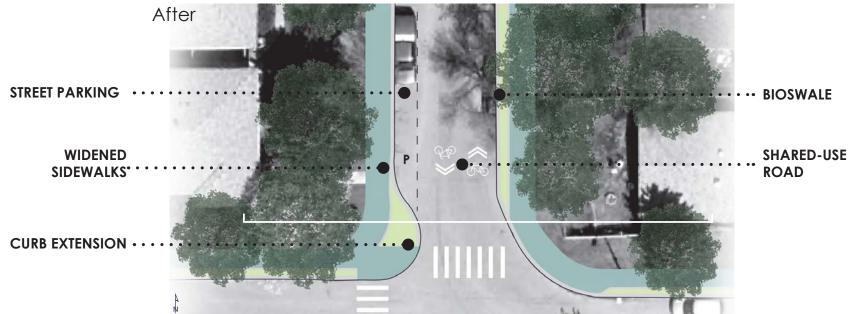


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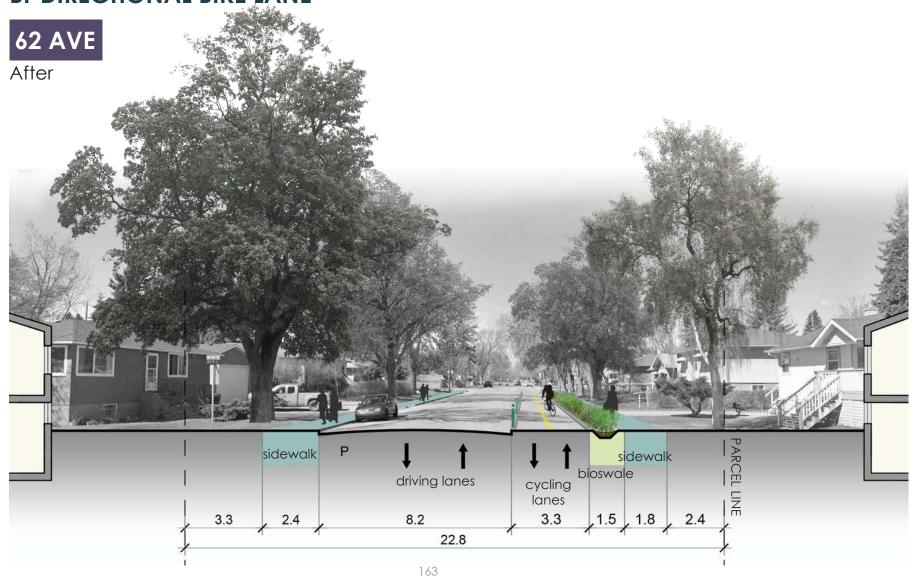


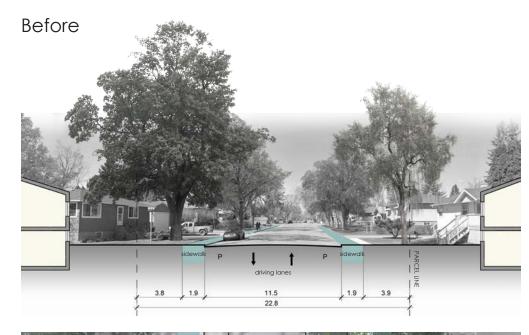
Street parking is retained on half of the street, with flexibility for streets with higher parking needs and the ability to adapt to future needs. Shared use streets require little initial investment beyond some paint and barriers.

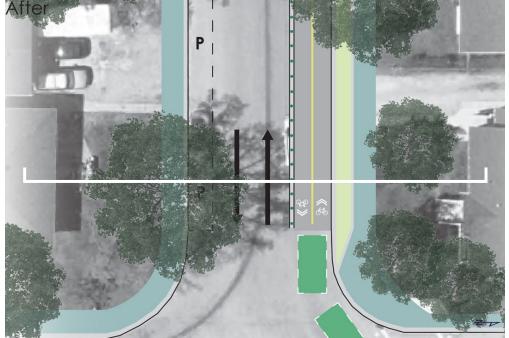


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BI-DIRECTIONAL BIKE LANE





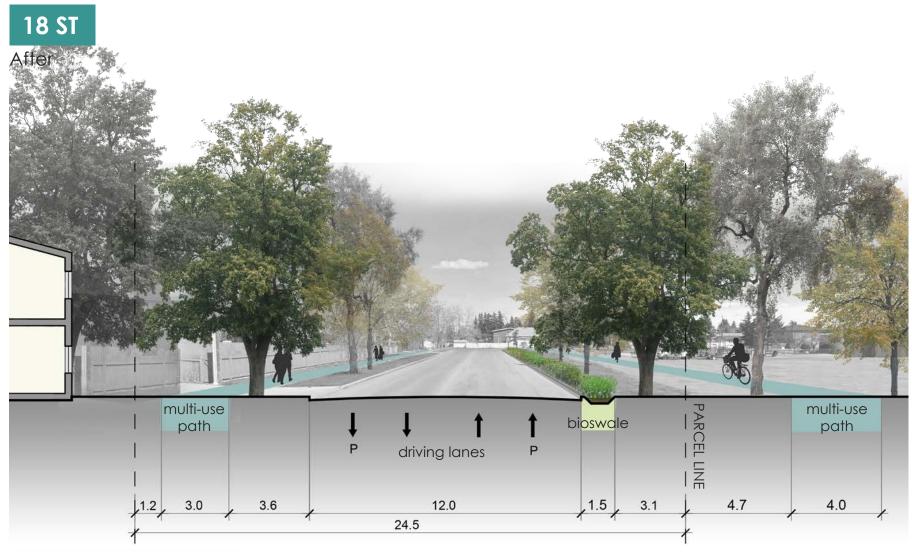




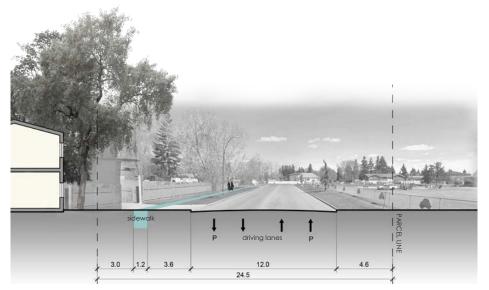
Bike lanes and multi-use paths offer greater user comfort than shared streets, but both require greater investment in infrastructure. In Ogden, we propose bi-directional bike lanes only in areas where a transition is required between a shared street and a multi-use path, with the flexibility to expand into shared streets if demand exists in the future.

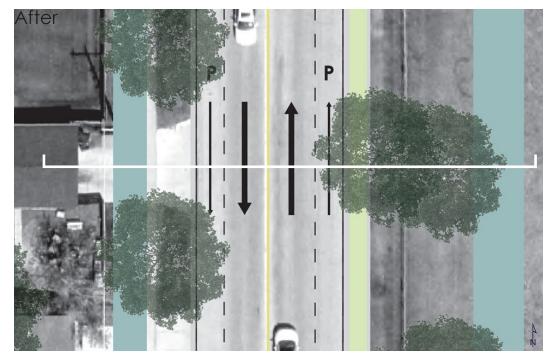


MULTI-USE PATHS



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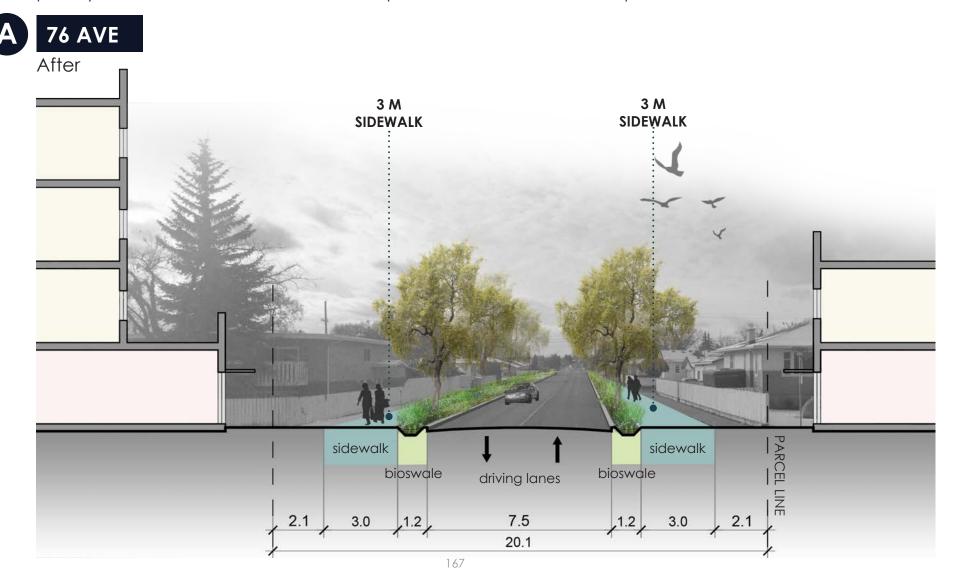




Multi-use paths the are most comfortable for all users, providing ample space for side-by-side riding and passing. The open space network provides opportunity for implementation of multi-use paths which provide important northsouth linkages through Ogden. Bike parking and repair stations should be provided at key locations throughout the network. Together 15km of AAA network will help provide Ogden with a diversity of mobility options.

PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

We propose to establish pedestrian corridors along 76 Ave and the Ogden road main street, with priority around intersections where the pedestrian corridor meets portions of the AAA network.

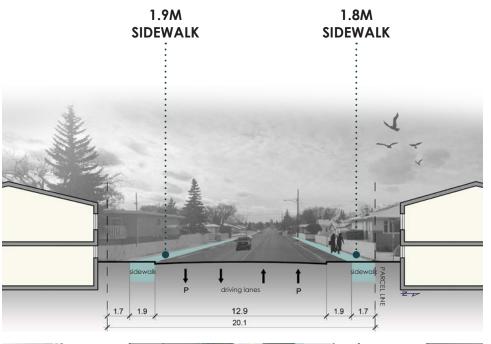


















Pedestrian corridors transform vehicle space into a comfortable oriented pedestrian experience, through widened sidewalks, seating at regular intervals, trees and bioswales, and improved lighting. At key intersections the neighborhood nodes provide commercial opportunities and active frontage contributes to a vibrant street life.

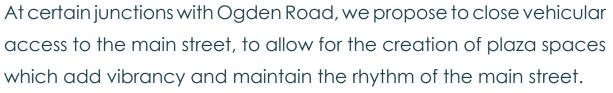
PRIORITY INTERSECTIONS + PEDESTRIAN CORRIDORS

Intersections are often areas of conflict between motorists and pedestrians, and minimizing conflicts is essential to ensure the safety and comfort of the pedestrian.



TRAFFIC CALMING

access to the main street, to allow for the creation of plaza spaces





Intersection with Ogden Road



STREET TREATMENT

The issue of traffic and safety around the school zone at the north end of Lynnwood Park is addressed with traffic calming measures at two intersections along 62 Ave, to create safe spaces for pedestrians and children to access Banting and Best and Sherwood Schools.

RAISED CROSSWALKS

















SCHOOL ZONE INTERSECTION TREATMENT

Raised crosswalks provide a clear indication to vehicles that they are in a pedestrian zone, and fun painted designs can be co-designed with input from children, the community and the schools.



PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

ALL AGES + ABILITIES NETWORK

The All Ages and Abilities (AAA) network shall:

- a. Consist of shared-use streets, bi-directional bike lanes, and multi-use paths as identified on Proposed AAA Network map (page 159).
- b. Shared-use streets should be designed to slow traffic to maximize cyclist comfort by:
 - Being located on residential streets with a speed limit of < 40 km/h.
 - Allowing for street parking on one or both sides, dependent on road width (8m accommodates one parking lane, 10m accommodates two).
 - Utilizing road paint and clear signage to indicate the shared nature of street.
- c. Bi-directional bike lanes should provide a safe transition between shared streets and multi-use paths with:
 - A minimum width of 3m.
 - A physical barrier providing separation from vehicular traffic.

- d. Multi-use paths should be primarily located in the open space network with:
 - A preferred width of 4m and minimum width of 3m.
 - Provide separation of pedestrians and cyclists in high traffic areas and where space permits.
 - Provide smooth surfaces and transitions for comfortable cycling and walking.
 - Consist of grades less than 3% for longer distances (> 1km) and up to 5% over short distances (up to 500m)¹ where grades exceed 5% make use of switchbacks, provide flat landings every 100m for resting, and a widened
 - path to allow for weaving.
 - Provide clear signage on direction of movement and right-of-way, particularly at intersections.
 - Be prioritized for maintenance, such as snow clearing.
 - provide bike parking and repair stations at key destinations and rest locations, and in particular at the C-Train stations

MOBILITY + CONNECTIVITY

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

Pedestrian comfort and safety shall be promoted through:

- a. Prioritization on pedestrian corridors identified on Priority Intersections + Pedestrian Corridors map (page 169) and shared streets identified on Proposed AAA Network map (page 159) using:
 - Widened sidewalks with a minimum width of 2m
 - Seating at regular intervals along the AAA and pedestrian network
 - Reliable and consistent lighting along the AAA and pedestrian network, with special attention on lighting at intersections
 - Planting of street trees to impact micro-climate through shade and evapotranspiration (refer to Planting Guides on pages 105-108)
 - Bioswales for street beautification, micro-climate conditions, stormwater management, and habitat creation
- b. Traffic calming interventions with priority at school zones and where the AAA network intersects the pedestrian corridor using:
 - Raised crosswalks which match the height of adjacent sidewalks
 - Painted crosswalks which define higher pedestrian traffic zones
 - Curb extensions which reduce driving lanes by creating a permanent parking lane



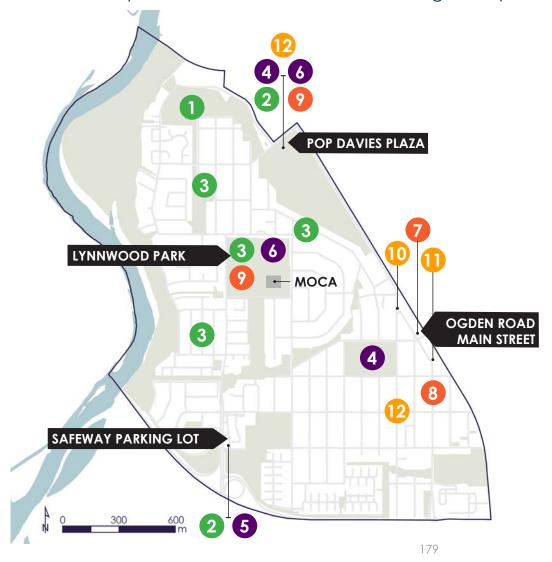
"Cultures and climates differ all over the world, but people are the same. They'll gather in public if you give them a good place to do it"

~Jan Gehl



TACTICAL URBANISM TOOLKIT

As a final ingredient for creating a vibrant community atmosphere which will attract people to Ogden, to live, work or play, we propose a range of tactical urbanism interventions, along with the addition of community amenities which add value to Ogden's public spaces.



We draw inspiration from within Calgary, with pop-up basketball travel courts which can underutilized surface parking lots to activate these spaces when not in use. These community flex areas can provide on-site storage adding ease to the flexibility of uses. More permanent installations, like public art, help create a sense of place in Ogden, especially Oggie at the entrance plaza of Ogden Station. These ideas form a toolbox for the community to pick and choose as they see fit, with suggestions provided by our team.

ACTIVITY

EXERCISE





SOCIAL











DEGREE OF PERMANENCE











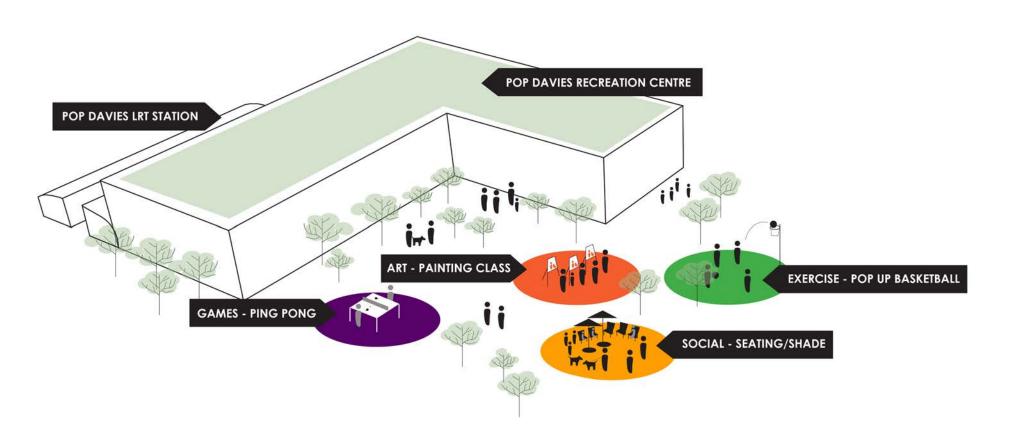




EXAMPLE:

POP DAVIES ACTIVITY PLAZA





RECOMMENDATIONS

Placemaking in Ogden can be accomplished through a tactical urbanism approach to activate underutilized public spaces and create community gathering places. Space activating interventions can range from pop-up games and markets in surface parking lots, to more permanent installations such as public art. The versatility of tactical urbanism solutions can empower community members to take charge on implementation, with many cost-effective options from which to choose. Our toolkit provides suggestions at a range of scales and permanence, but is merely a launching point to provide inspiration.

A tactical urbanism guidebook¹ provides helpful strategies on materials, budget, and implementation to assist the community in activating the public realm.

WAYFINDING + AMENITIES

Improved entrance signage and consistent wayfinding throughout Ogden will help residents and visitors navigate the community. Signage can be co-designed by the community through a design charette or competition. Key locations for signage are indicated on the map, as well as key destinations for inclusion. Signage should be clear and vibrant following the hierarchy outlined below:

PUBLIC ART

LEARNING CENTRE

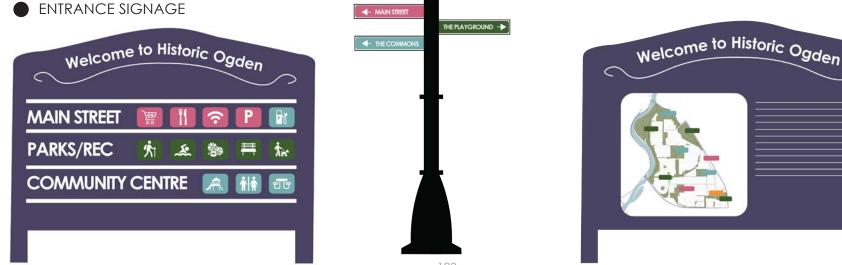
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COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE

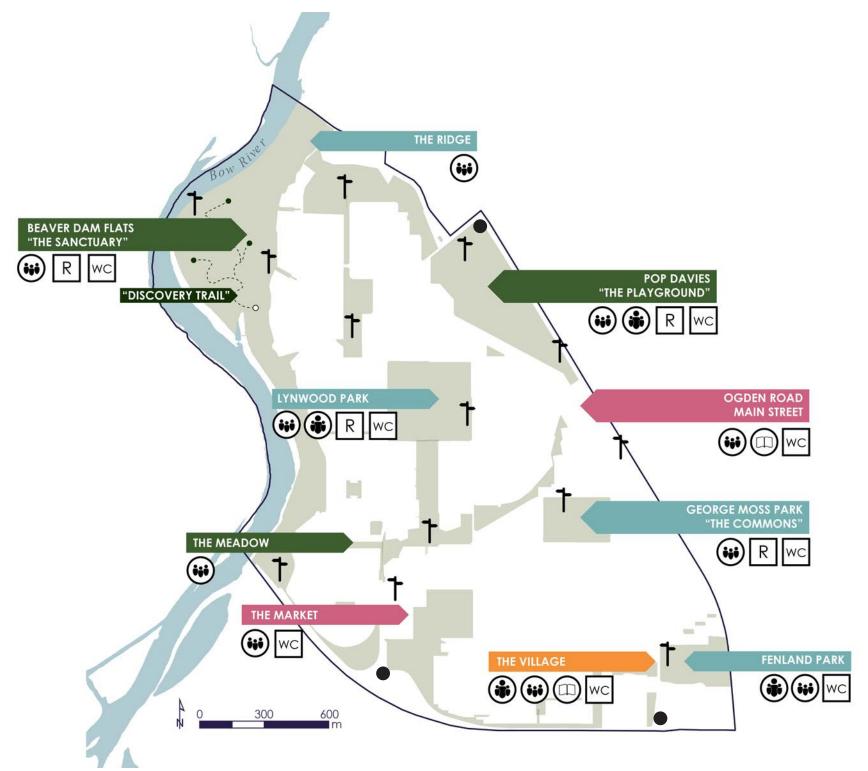
WC PUBLIC WASHROOMS

R PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

Wayfinding tools support the legibility of the community, helping residents and visitors alike navigate the future of Ogden.



SIGNAGE



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GENERAL

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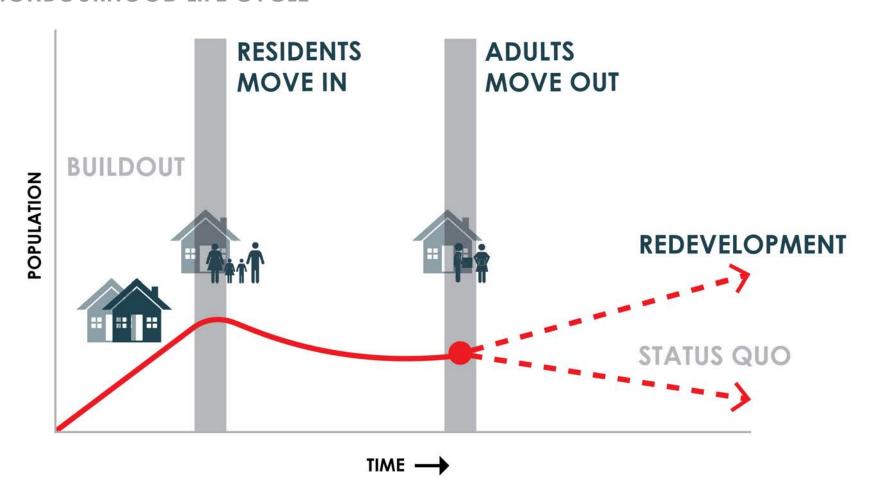
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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

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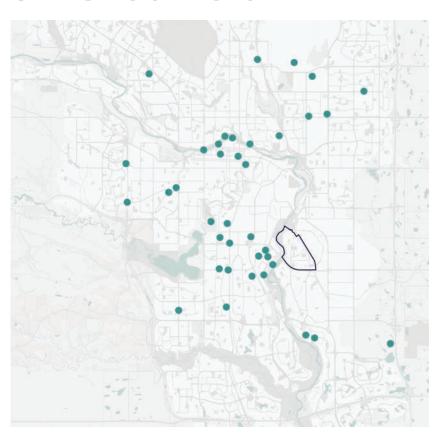
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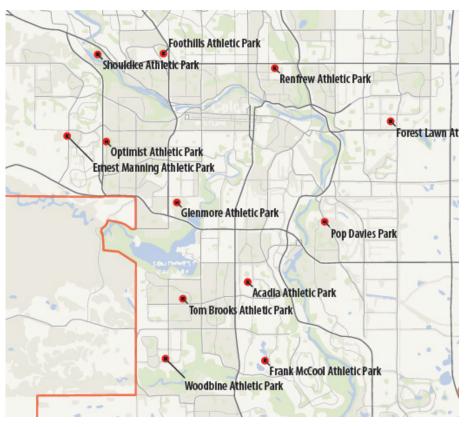
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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

CALGARY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS



CALGARY ATHLETIC FACILITIES



City of Calgary Sports Field Strategy Research Document (2016)

OGDEN BIODIVERSITY WITH NATURALIZATION

