

## Project overview

In 2018 The City did engagement in Ranchlands for the project called *This is My Neighbourhood* (TIMN). TIMN was created as an opportunity for residents to partner with The City to identify ways to help make their neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play. During TIMN residents in Ranchlands outlined what was important to them and came up with a vision. The City then worked with residents to identify projects that would support the vision and be possible in their neighbourhood.

Residents prioritized the projects and City Administration ensured they could be implemented. One project was an open space plan assessment. An Open Space Plan

is a framework for the enhancement of public open space areas in suburban Calgary communities. In 2018, The City developed the Neighbourhood Open Space Guidelines, which provide a general step-by-step process for understanding and enhancing open spaces in all of Calgary. The document will become available in late 2018.



## Engagement overview

From September 8 to October 1, 2018 we held the first round of engagement. To see what was done and what we heard visit the [project page](https://engage.calgary.ca/RanchlandsOpenSpace) (<https://engage.calgary.ca/RanchlandsOpenSpace>).

From November 2 to 12, 2018, we held the second round of engagement. The second round of engagement was done in three ways:

1. In-person through a park sounding board
2. In-person on November 4, 2018 at the Community Association 2018 Annual General Meeting
3. Online through the [Engage Portal](#)

In total we received 16 comments for the creative name idea and approximately 113 responses of prioritization feedback (selecting high, medium, or low priority).



## What we asked

In the first round of engagement you shared with us different ideas that could meet the Ranchlands community vision created during This is My Neighbourhood. Based on what you told us we used your top 12 ideas from the first round of engagement to ask what was high, medium or a low priority for you in the Ranchlands open spaces.

## What we heard

You told us that, most importantly, you wanted to see improved play equipment. Safety was also a high-priority theme, because you told us you wanted more safe pedestrian crossings. The third most popular request from you was a splash park or water element. Another important request was pathway maintenance as well as more pathways. Medium-priority requests were off-leash dog area improvements, a custom park or playground, more trees, and a fitness park. Lower priority items that you asked for included a community gathering space, new / improved community signage, and a fire pit.

- For a detailed summary of the input that was provided, please see the [Summary of Input](#) section.
- For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see the [Verbatim Responses](#) section.

## Next steps

Based on your priorities and site analysis data collected in Ranchlands parks, an Open Space Plan for Ranchlands will be created in Fall 2018, and finalized in early 2019.

## Summary of Input

Below is a summary of the key themes, in order of highest to lowest priority, based on your feedback. The verbatim comments are on [page 4](#). There is also an image of all of the park board dots on [page 5](#).

1. Improved play equipment
2. Safe pedestrian crossings
3. Splash park or water element
4. Pathway maintenance
5. More pathways
6. Off-leash dog area improvement
7. Custom park or playground
8. More trees
9. Fitness park
10. Community gathering space
11. Improved /new community signage
12. Fire pit

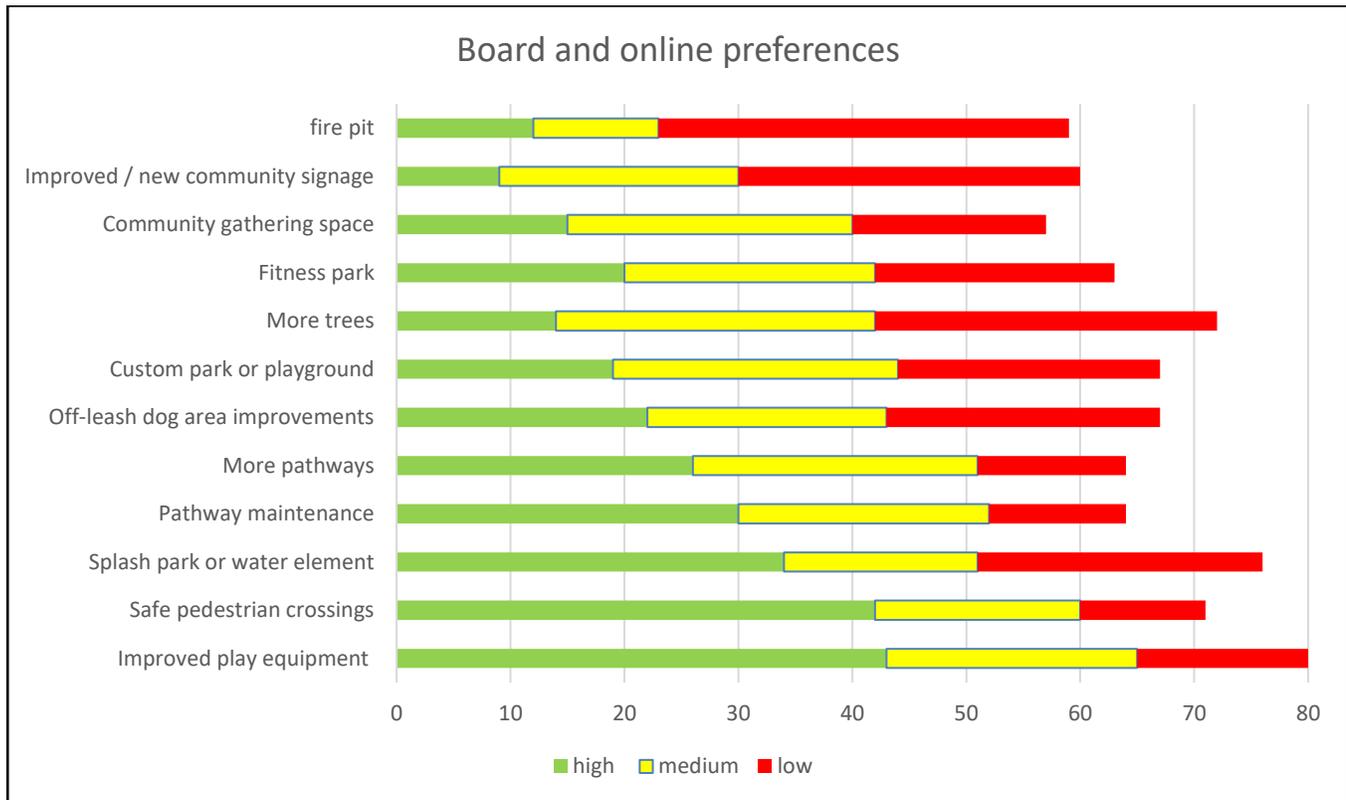


# Ranchlands Open Space Plan

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

December 19, 2018

The table below shows your preferences by improvement. The table is a collection of the dots you shared in-person, and your online preferences. Please note that in person participants had one of each of the dots (low, medium and high) and online you could rank all of the options.





## Verbatim Comments

Below is a summary of the verbatim comments in response to the question: “We are looking for some creative naming ideas for the Open Space Plan in Ranchlands. Please write any creative names you may have in the space below.” Everything is as submitted, unless there was inappropriate language, indicated as [inappropriate language removed] or something was illegible, indicated by [sic].

### Online:

- Re-energizing Ranchlands, Ranchlands Reboot, Re-imagining Ranchlands.
- ranchlands park
- Ranchlands hummer
- Graces Park
- The Ranch
- “Ranchlands” is pretty awesome all on its own!
- Ranchlands where the land meets the sky
- Just a suggestion: Ask Blackfoot Elders please. Get their input and the name should be in Blackfoot.
- Ranchlands Legacy development
- The Ranch
- Do not take away any off leash parks, they are used by many and not just from people in Ranchlands.
- WALKWAYZ EH?
- Ranchlands gathering gardens
- Prairie Kettle Lands

### In person:

- Rejuvenating Ranchlands
- Cut down big, old poplars so we can have sunny places for gardens particularly around the church yard areas. Not for sun but to save out pipes!



Image of sounding board responses (gathered from November 4 - 12, 2018)

