

RAMSAY STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Tally of information received from 61 surveys filled in by Ramsay community members from November 2002 – January 2003.

Similar responses have been listed separately to help retain the diversity and individual information provided on the questionnaires. This tally information and the original responses have now been sent to Marc Boutin to assist with the next stage of the design proposal. Thank you to everyone who participated!

1. *Do you think there is a heart of Ramsay now? Where?*

no - ////////// (9) + 19 + //// = 33

7-11 store (seriously!) - //// (6)

21st Avenue & Spiller Road - /

Scotsman's Hill - ///

Rink, school, toboggan hill - ////

11th Street and 19th Avenue

The heart of Ramsay is definitely in the hearts of the volunteers.

Ramsay School - ////////// (8)

Outwest Park/ north end of 8th Street SE - //

Ramsay Community Association - ///

8th Street and 17th Avenue - /

Georges Restaurant - /

Shamrock Hotel - /

Store on 9th Street and 19th Avenue (where you meet everyone) - /

The Community Centre and that centre should cater to a starlight lounge! - /

2. *If you were asked to create the heart of Ramsay, where would you put it?*

11th Street (tracks to tracks)

Around Ramsay Design Centre and opposite - ///

Two blocks surrounding Point of Art and Unifeed - /

12th Street and 9th Avenue

11th/12th Street - /

21st Avenue & Spiller Road - ////////// (7)

Spiller Road (whole road) - ///

Midway down Spiller Road

Spiller Road and 25th Avenue

Spiller Road between 16th –17th Avenues - /

Spiller Road between 19th and 21st - /

Spiller Road and 19th Street - //

Spiller Road between RCA and 7-11 - /

8th Street and 17th Avenue - //

11th Avenue and 8th Street - /

Entrance into Ramsay on 9th Avenue and 8th Street

Outwest Park - //

Create green space on 8th Street - /

Ramsay Community Centre - //////////

The Chicken Plant

Use space on hill for sports/community centers

School/rink/tennis court park area - ////////// (9)

Ramsay School - ///

Some place extremely visible so catches and spreads naturally.

The Community Association would be ideal except we don't have any green space there. perhaps we could create something on the Elementary School site (or St. Anne's – is it closing??) Perhaps we should check the status of our schools before deciding where to go.

Alberta Corner Store

George's Steakhouse area

Crossroads Market area

Café/bakery open late and weekends - /

9th Street and 19th Avenue – traffic button - /

Dominion Bridge site - /

not sure - //

3. *If we could beautify one block of Ramsay, which block would you choose?*

Ramsay School - /

Ramsay school/park/rink area - /

11th Street (tracks to tracks) - /

11th Avenue (or Street???) near tracks, north of 21 Avenue

11th Street area, some great old buildings but many are run down – makes people think that Ramsay is run down.

17th Avenue near Unifeed and Point of Art - /

11th Street down from Carline Muffler

Spiller Road - // // // // // (9)

Spiller Road and 8th Street - //

Spiller Road at 7-11- // // // // // (8)

Spiller Road from 6th Street to Constance Avenue - /

Spiller and 23rd – school area - /

Spiller and 17th Avenue - /

Spiller between 24th and 25th - /

Spiller Road between school and 21st Avenue- ///

Spiller Road between 25th and 23rd Avenues - /

8th Street at Dominion Bridge site - /

8th Street

8th Street/Spiller Road – it is one of the saddest looking streets and the most used by outside traffic.

Spiller/8th between 9th Avenue and 16th Avenues - /

1100 block 8th Street SE/ north end of 8th Street - //

8th Street from 11th – 17th Avenue - /

Outwest Park – it requires extensive adornment

8th Street – some improvements needed like in Rideau/Roxboro – more attractive lighting etc.

Entry on 8th Street from 9th Avenue/MacDonald Bridge - ///

MacDonald Avenue /entrance to Ramsay from Victoria Park - //

St. Anne's block – historic and spiritual value to the community

Around Shamrock/Lilydale Plant

Around adjacent industrial buildings – smooth interface

Maggie Street

Bison Street

Salisbury Street

Bellevue/19th Avenue and then no traffic

19th Avenue

19th Avenue SE - //

19th Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street - /
Green space on 6th Street hill - /
21st Avenue between Spiller and Shamrock - /
21st Avenue between Spiller and 9th Street - /
11th Avenue and Maggie Street - /
All of it equally - /
Don't think you can just pick one street - /

4. ***What do you think are the two most important entrances into Ramsay.***

MacDonald Bridge - // (16)
12th Street from Inglewood - ///
11th Street at 24th Avenue (by Market) - ///
Spiller Road – south end - // (40)
9th Avenue and 8th Street - // (35)
21st Avenue and 11th Street - ///
12th Street – 25th Avenue – CPR Bridge - //
8th Street at MacDonald Avenue

5. ***Identify three physical features of Ramsay that you believe are important to the community.***

Scotsmans's Hill - // (40)
Open Space on Hill/park/rink area - // (16)
Toboggan Hill (school) - /
Hockey Rink - ///
Ball Diamonds - /
Diversity of housing styles/older homes/funky - // (10)
Maintaining old housing stock, trees, boulevards
Older houses, mature trees, alternative stores/theatres
Very few apartments or duplexes - /
Historic style
Character homes
Industrial Park/warehouses - //
Ramsay Design Centre - //
Point of Art/Feedmill Building - //
Dominion Bridge brownstones - //
11th Street commercial buildings – 17th – 20th Avenues
Brick and limestone structures
Old community appearance - /
Established quiet community - /
Narrow streets - /
9th Street - /
Elbow River - // (12)
River walkway/bike path - // (6)
Ramsay School - // (23)
Community Centre - ///
Spiller Road - ///
Close to Downtown - ///
Close to major Highway (Deerfoot)
(Mature) Trees - // (8)
Parks - //
Amount of green space - //

Areas for walking - /
 10th Street park - /
 Nature
 Outwest Park - /
 MacDonald Bridge - ///
 Entrances - //
 St. Anne's
 Important community shared buildings
 Colour
 Select historical streets - /
 Trains/railtracks - ///
 10th Street as it egresses to the railyards - /
 People from all walks of life - /
 Shamrock Hotel and Georges Rest (commercial with residential) - //
 Small independent stores - /
 Alberta Grocery - /
 Crossroads Market - /

6. *Identify three physical features in Ramsay that you find beautiful.*

Elbow River Pathway/Valley - ////////////////////////////////// (24)
 View from Scotsmans' Hill/park area - ////////////////////////////////// (43)
 Older Trees - ////////// (11)
 Trees on 9th Street - /
 9th Street between 11th Avenue and 17th Avenue - //
 Intersection of Alberta Avenue, William Street, Elizabeth Street – to lower Elizabeth Street
 Ramsay School - ////////////////////////////////// (20)
 Church
 Mural near 9th Street
 Older houses/historic buildings - ///
 Mixture of old historic architecture juxtaposed with tasteful contemporary development - //
 Mixed Architecture/diversity of dwellings - ////////// (10)
 Character - //
 Age (style)
 School/park/rink/green space - ///
 Parks - //
 Green space - ///
 Park on MacDonald Road - /
 10th Street Park - /
 Gardens - //
 Boulevards
 Views
 People - /
 Convenience - /
 Industrial Heritage (Ramsay Crossing, old soap factory, coop feed mill) - /
 Brick and Limestone structures
 Ramsay Crossing - /
 Ramsay Design Centre/old biker church - //
 Trains/ Railroad tracks - ///
 Feeling of a village - //

Irregular topography - /
Cross House (Inglewood) - /
My home - /
Quaint back streets - /

7. ***Where is your favourite place in Ramsay?***

- toss up btwn George's Pizza and the Shamrock Restaurant
- park with tennis courts and rink - /////
- Scotsman's Hill Escarpment - //////////////// (23)
- Ramsay School - //
- the Rink
- Elbow River - ///// (6)
- 9th Avenue Commercial Block - //
- Kinsman Park
- Every Place - //
- Bison Path - ///
- My home and yard - ///// (6)
- Offleash area/walking path along Elbow River - //
- Green spaces, backyards, parks - /
- Crossroads - /
- 9th Street - //
- CPR tracks

7. ***What street do you live on? How long? Why?***

18th Avenue – 6 years – own local business
10th Street – 5 years – closeness to downtown – bike paths
Alberta Avenue – 46 years – the mixture of residents create a European, old-fashioned, friendly neighbourhood
Ramsay Street – 2 years – quiet, community feel, close to city
22nd Avenue – 8 years – friendly – sense of small town within “big city”
22nd Avenue – 8 years – location (close to downtown)
Ramsay Street – 1.5 years – potential of the community, heritage feel
9th Street – 5 years – diversity, sense of place compared to the ‘burbs
Alexander Street north – 7 years - diversity
Elizabeth Street – 5 years - diversity
Spiller Road – 5 years - ARP
Spiller Road – 1 year – location, price, community, character
9th Street & 11th Avenue – 4 years – bought grandmothers house, so grew up in neighbourhood
Bellevue – 12 years – close to downtown, diversified
22nd Avenue – 3.5 years – proximity to downtown, rivers
9th Street & 11th Avenue – 2 years – location
8th Street SE – 8 months – proximity to downtown, character homes
Ramsay Street – 1.5 years – the property we bought
6th Street SE – 48 years – born and raised here
6th Street SE – 15 years – location
9th Street/22nd Avenue – 5 years – diversity of population, housing types, not suburbs, close to downtown
22nd Avenue – most of life – quiet community character, proximity to downtown, proximity to main arteries
Maggie Street – 23 years – central location for business and shopping

18th Avenue – 4/5 years – its eclectic character
 18th Avenue – 4 years - unique
 6th Street – 5 years – age of the homes and it's central and quiet
 Spiller Road – 4 years – historical buildings
 20th Avenue – 8 years – lots of character, both in homes and people, and great central location.
 22nd Avenue – 11 years – would never want to be a suburban dweller
 10th Street – 7 years – old area and unpretentious
 Alexander Street – 9 years – proximity to everything/heritage
 8th Street between 21 and 22nd Avenues – about 50 years – my father grew up here and so did I
 8th Street – 1-2 years – cheap
 Alexander Street – 4 months – my two sons live here
 9th Street – 10 years – location, close to downtown
 Maggie Street – 5 years – interesting community with lots of potential
 23rd Avenue – 5 years – old village feel
 Alexander Street – one year – for my work
 Spiller Road – 7+ years – relatives nearby
 Spiller Road – 1 year – bike path, mix of people and housing and industrial
 Alexander Street – 3.5 years – like inner city
 Alexander Street – 4 years – walking distance to work
 6th Street – 6 years – people, close to downtown, varied mix of houses old & new
 Spiller Road – 8 years – chose this community, nearness to city centre
 Alexander – 1 year – work
 6th Street – 11 years – central location
 19th Avenue – 6 years – central, old houses
 18th Avenue – 3 years – central
 18th Street – 4 years – feeling of community
 Bellevue – 4 months – the school
 9th Street – 1 year – diverse community, location, close to downtown & bike path
 9th Street – 12 years – close
 19th Avenue – 5 years – close to river and downtown
 8th Street SE – 4 weeks – the remoteness from downtowns bums.
 6th Street – 10 years – village feeling, diversity, central location
 20th Avenue – 11 years – diversity, economy, location
 8th Street – 18 years – close to downtown and Stampede Park, where I've worked for 18 years part time.
 19th Avenue – 1 year – character of homes
 Elizabeth Street – 4 months – eclectic environment, close to city, community concern
 10th Street – 3.5 years – lived here a few years before, brother lives in area too
 8th Street – 13 years – location to downtown

8. *Further suggestions or comments which can help us define our neighbourhood and improve it as a place to live.*

- I would like to have a marked walk from Inglewood up to the Crossroads Market, back to Dartmouth up 24th Avenue and back tot the Elbow pathway. I would like hanging baskets, park benches, possibly signs describing how the area was in the early 1900s.

- reduce smell from chicken plant – repair retaining walls along 8th Street – plant more trees
- encourage community pride and cleanliness. There is considerable litter on streets and poorly kept yards and boulevards.
- centralize facilities and integrate with park and green space. Reduce traffic cut through.
- work to link the Crossroads market with the bike trail system, work with surrounding industry to improve air quality (ie: Canada Malting)
- would like to see 7-11 out one day and a warm community store – Ramsay Groceries – that would benefit the street, children, community members and style of Ramsay
- set boundaries at perimeter
- traffic on Spiller Road/8th Street corridor needs to be slowed. A couple of hangouts like a coffee shop or two would be a welcome addition.
- most important thing is to get some trees on 8th Street. It would be nice to see some innovative redevelopment of the warehouses down by the tracks, similar to the redevelopment done in the Pearl district in Portland, Oregon.
- need to slow traffic down on one street and then invest in it – 19th Avenue SE
- clean up railway tracks, esp. at 8th Street and Adelaide (weeds)
- change part at river to discourage vice/vagrancy
- move Lilydale out
- Improve area at tracks near Shamrock – 11th Street and 21st Avenue
- Plant trees along fence across from Lilydale (playground)
- It is absolutely imperative that the entrance into Ramsay on 9th Avenue and 8th Street be cleaned up. It is an absolute eyesore. We need to add some class to it so that people do not get the wrong impression of Ramsay (never get a second chance to make a first impression).
- we need to attract some conveniences – service station, grocery store
- slow traffic on the hill – 6th Street and Salisbury
- less overhead wires
- Ramsay is great because of its diversity. It's an edge community, integrating residential with other uses (commercial/industrial). It has a great potential to be unique.
- We have to eliminate the drug/hooker trade, not by moving to other areas. Zero tolerance would be the goal although we may be able to suppress the activity if we all work together.
- “great walk” of Ramsay path to define boundary – about half already exists
- encourage colourfully painted homes and businesses
- build a central meeting landmark, such as a clock in a plaza or a fountain
- commission landmark sculptures for Scotsmans Hill and main entrances and parks
- encourage an “Artist Mile” on 11th Street and historic “MacLeod Mile” on Spiller with plaques and signs
- keep it unusual
- more trees should be planted in Ramsay
- Ramsay school building should be preserved
- F&D should clean up their yard – this is very unsightly as its located along one of Ramsay's points of entry
- We all need to send our children to our local school . It is indeed a jewel in the heart of the city. It would improve our community if we worked together to

save this heart of our neighbourhood instead of bussing our future (our children) elsewhere.

- Landscaping our entrances to define that this is a neighbourhood you are driving through, and to make it a more pedestrian focused community. Example: if you drive through Mount Royal (Earl Grey elementary) there are raised brick areas to slow traffic down and provide more unique pedestrian crosswalks.
- While some residents are making a great effort to improve their property, others are letting theirs get very run down, eg: several on 8th Street and several on 21st Avenue. Lanes and back yards are often like dumps. Even Ramsay school yard has been neglected this past year. What has happened to the front garden created a few years ago? Also, lower level of RCA hall, library etc. needs sprucing up!
- give the heroin users a safe place to hang out. I am sick and tired of picking up needles.
- cleaning up the litter in the streets and alleys (some of them). Clean up Outwest Park (I am willing to help out)
- Hang on to the school, keep the open spaces, get rid of the Stampede, get rid of the chicken factory. Lack of a commercial cluster means the community has no centre.
- Malting plant industrial noise is out of control and needs to be buffered!! Keep it old fashioned and village feeling.
- I like Ramsay the way it is – a mongrel type of neighbourhood. I wish we had a Coop store nearby.
- more trees and green spaces, less traffic
- safer roads (reduce speed limit, add traffic bulbs), more trees, clean up Ramsay Crossing grounds on Spiller Road
- Traffic on Spiller Road has to be “calmed” – like all the different housing styles (not cookie cutter)
- more green space
- keep quiet family oriented focus, improve green spaces and gardens, encourage neatness and pride in individual residences
- keeping it as green as possible, parks/trees
- keeping it as free from litter as possible. Annual clean up making people proud to have well kept yards.
- Like view from hill both east and west.
- Turn 19th Avenue into a park. Uncover old streetcar lines under the street, gas lamps, green space.
- Enhance green spaces and recreation spaces. Put exercise pathway on top of Scotsmans Hill, have a bakery/café.
- I would make a huge circle park on the corner of 9th Street and 19th Avenue that also served to slow traffic down on 19th Avenue
- cut shortcutting of traffic, and slow traffic down, more trees on Spiller and everywhere, re-develop Outwest Park, make community centre a more attractive place.
- We need to slow down traffic and put “buttons” at major intersections which will beautify the street and slo down traffic that cuts through our community at rush hours. We need tree lined blvds along 8th Street and Spiller and 19th Street and landscaped entrances. Redevelop Outwest Park.
- A starlight lounge planetarium above the community hall, a future rail transport site on 9th Avenue that would make people aware of turbo train

possibilities. A greater matrixing of major business with community needs.

The chicken slaughter house is a major enterprise that I like to reflect on!

- utilize artists in community, maintain diversity and funky feeling of area, build a heart/gathering place, where people could walk to and visit, possibly coffee shop etc., consider roundabout for 7-11 intersection.
- more stop signs, lower speed limit, and fewer busses on 8th Street
- I often run along the river towards Inglewood and I am offended as to the debris and often, drunkards, I come across. It is a shame that I will not allow my children to venture out on their own in those areas and frankly in Ramsay per se.
- The Great Ramsay Clean-up – litter/debris removal day
- Ramsay Block Parties in summer
- Neighbourhood Watch type of activities to (a) reduce prostitution and drug selling activity, (b) to get to know neighbours, and (c) reduce crime and vandalism.
- I would like to see small shops or cafes open up along Spiller Road or open up along 11th Street.
- Shut down Lilydale, narrow 19th Avenue
- Defining a centre is difficult as there are little businesses sprinkled throughout the community. Perhaps this is what makes it more special.
- Vacant city lot (1001 – 8th Street SE) could be a nice park and entrance to Ramsay from north end of 8th Street