



PARK AREA



Ramsay park space represents 10.4% (7.24 ha) of the total community area (3.6 hectares of park space per 1000 population). The proposed improvements will result in a net reduction of 2.2%. The above number does not include the amount of green space recovered when the existing rink shack is removed and its footprint is returned to green space.

A key goal of the project is to achieve a step-change improvement in the quality of park space and to encourage increased community use.

To fulfill this goal, the following changes are proposed:

- Playground area will be relocated to the skateway area. It will be close to the new recreational building entrance in the middle of the proposed skateway/running track. The vision is for parents to be near their children as they play while running/skating on the adjacent track;
- A firepit area to enhance the outdoor gathering space;
- Once the new parking lot is in place, the old parking lot area immediately west of the rink, will be returned to green space;
- The new parking lot will use porous pavers for the parking stalls so snowmelt and rain soak into the soil and grasses grow in the parking area;
- Once the new recreational building is constructed, the old skate shack area will be removed and reclaimed to green space;
- The small "little league" ball diamond north of the rink will be replaced with grass cover and the proposed winter skating pathway/summer running track;
- An ornamental garden and pedestrian access linking Alexander Street to the rink, encouraging residents to access the facility by foot through a natural park-like setting;
- The Calgary Board of Education land (to the south of the covered rink and existing parking area) will remain a soccer pitch and a baseball diamond. This area is not part of our City of Calgary lands.
- Tennis courts will remain unchanged

