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## **BACKGROUND**

In order to maintain consistency in the planning of open spaces, this policy was developed by the Calgary Parks business unit after the corporate reorganization and restructuring which took place in May of 2000. This document provides a single comprehensive and integrated source of policy on open space. It is meant to be a guide and reference for the City's acquisition, development, and use of open space. It was developed to include Provincial Legislation and it outlines the general framework and authority of municipalities.

## **PURPOSE**

This policy was developed to provide direction at a broad level for procedural guidelines that are used for day-to-day decision making in relation to open spaces. The Open Space Plan provides strategies to:

1. Identify and address public needs and priorities by: a) Ensuring decisions are directed towards achieving common and accepted goals; b) indicating the city's open space needs to decision makers, development proponents and the public; and c) addressing emerging open space issues.
2. Provide strategic direction to address long-term open space needs by: a) Identifying the need for different types of open space (city-wide, regional, and local), while allowing for flexibility in open space design and use; b) allowing for the early identification of key parcels of land and strategies to acquire and/or protect them; c) facilitating environmental planning by balancing science, sustainability and public demand; and d) providing direction for other policies and plans.
3. Ensure the efficient, coordinated use of open space by: a) Providing a mechanism for resolving competing demands and conflicts related to open space use; b) encouraging open space efficiency and coordination with other land uses;

and c) increasing use levels on underutilized developed parkland inventory.

**POLICY**

See attached policy document

**PROCEDURE**

See attached policy document

**AMENDMENTS**

2003 March 3

Effective 2016 February 01 Parks became Calgary Parks.