



North Hill Working Group  
April 3, 2019

# WORKING GROUP SESSION 3





WELCOME



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# TODAY'S SESSION

## Purpose

- **Recap Phase 2** – what we've done and heard so far
- **Introduce a shift in thinking** – a new way of thinking as we work to build great communities
- **Validate 'Community Elements/Features' & 'Mobility Network'** – validate and fill any gaps
- **Assign levels of activity** through the area
- **Identify specific attributes, opportunities and ideas** connected to activity areas



# AGENDA

## Working Group Session #3

**6:00pm**

### **WELCOME**

- Phase 2 Recap
- Presentation

**6:35pm**

- Exercise 1: Validate & fill gaps

**6:45pm**

- Exercise 2: Activity levels

**7:30pm**

### **BREAK**

**7:40pm**

- Exercise 3: Activities, attributes, opportunities, ideas

**8:25pm**

- Table report backs
- Next Steps

**9:00pm**

### **SESSION ENDS**



# PHASE 2 RECAP

What have we been up to?



## PHASE 2 | ENVISION

3,400 individuals were involved either passively or actively 500+ individuals provided input online or in-person

1,700+ contributions received via:

- **Pop-up events (x7)**
- **North Hill Communities Tradeshow**
- **Main Street Business Workshop**
- **Greenview Industrial Area Workshop**
- **Online Engagement**
- **2 Working Group Sessions**

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Maximize the opportunity for people to choose to live in close proximity to varied mobility options that safely and conveniently reach a diversity of destinations.
2. Recognize and enhance open spaces, the public realm, the urban forest/tree canopy, natural systems, and the connections between them.
3. Foster vibrant mixed-use main streets that support local businesses and are in turn supported by diverse housing options on tree-lined streets.
4. Build on and strengthen existing clusters of small-scale neighbourhood shops and community amenities outside of the main streets.
5. Enable the creation of housing that fosters accessibility and diversity among people, ages, incomes, and household types.
6. Support the ongoing vitality of the Greenview Industrial Area and its role as an important employment area.
7. Encourage resilience in the built environment that allows adaptability to a changing society, economy, and climate.

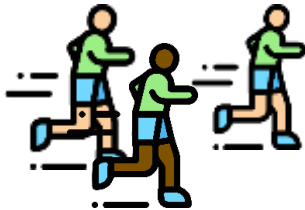
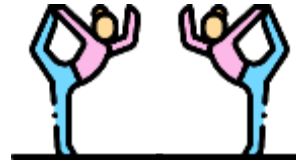


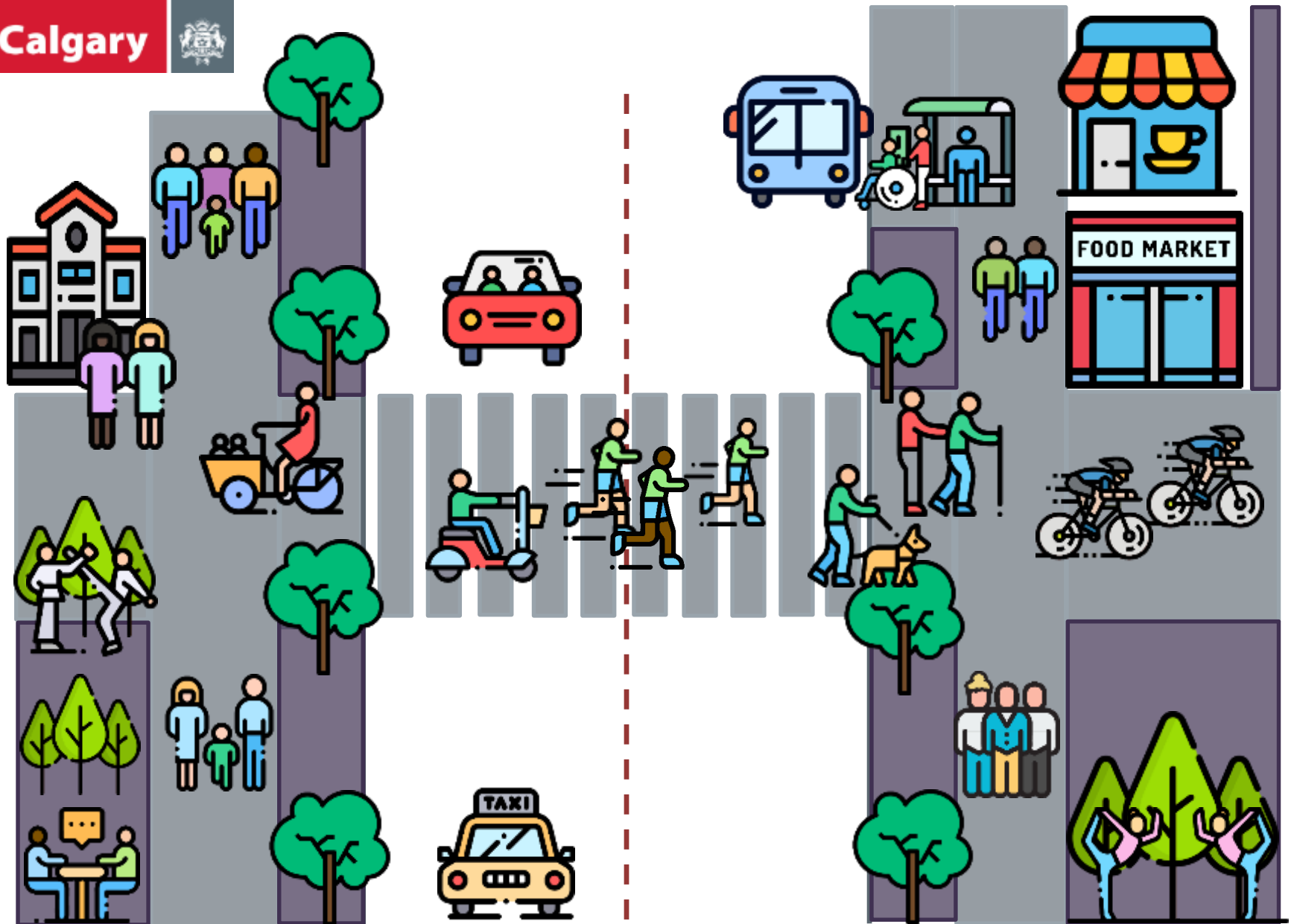
# PRESENTATION

Creating great neighbourhoods – a new way of thinking



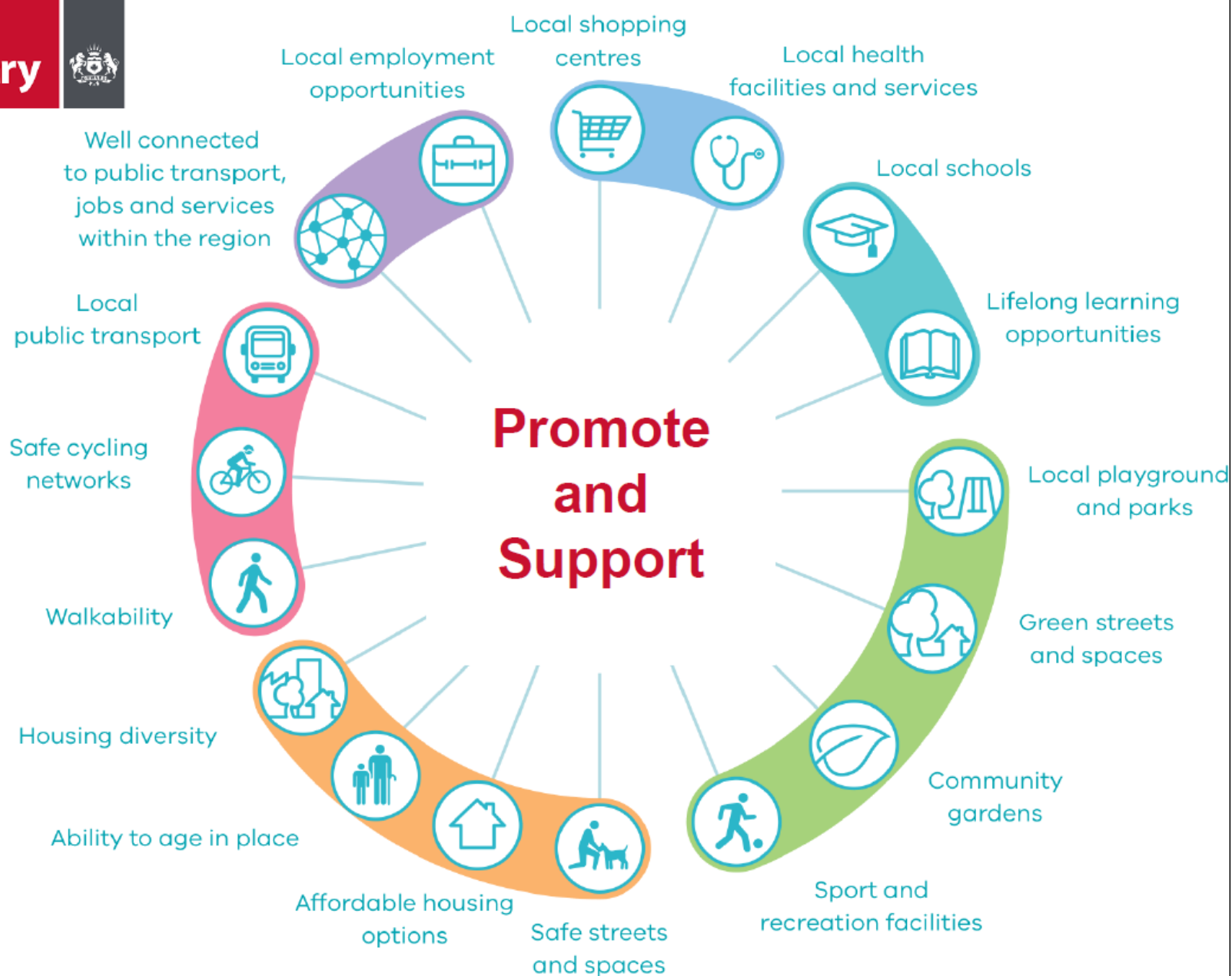
# COMMUNITIES ARE MADE UP OF PEOPLE



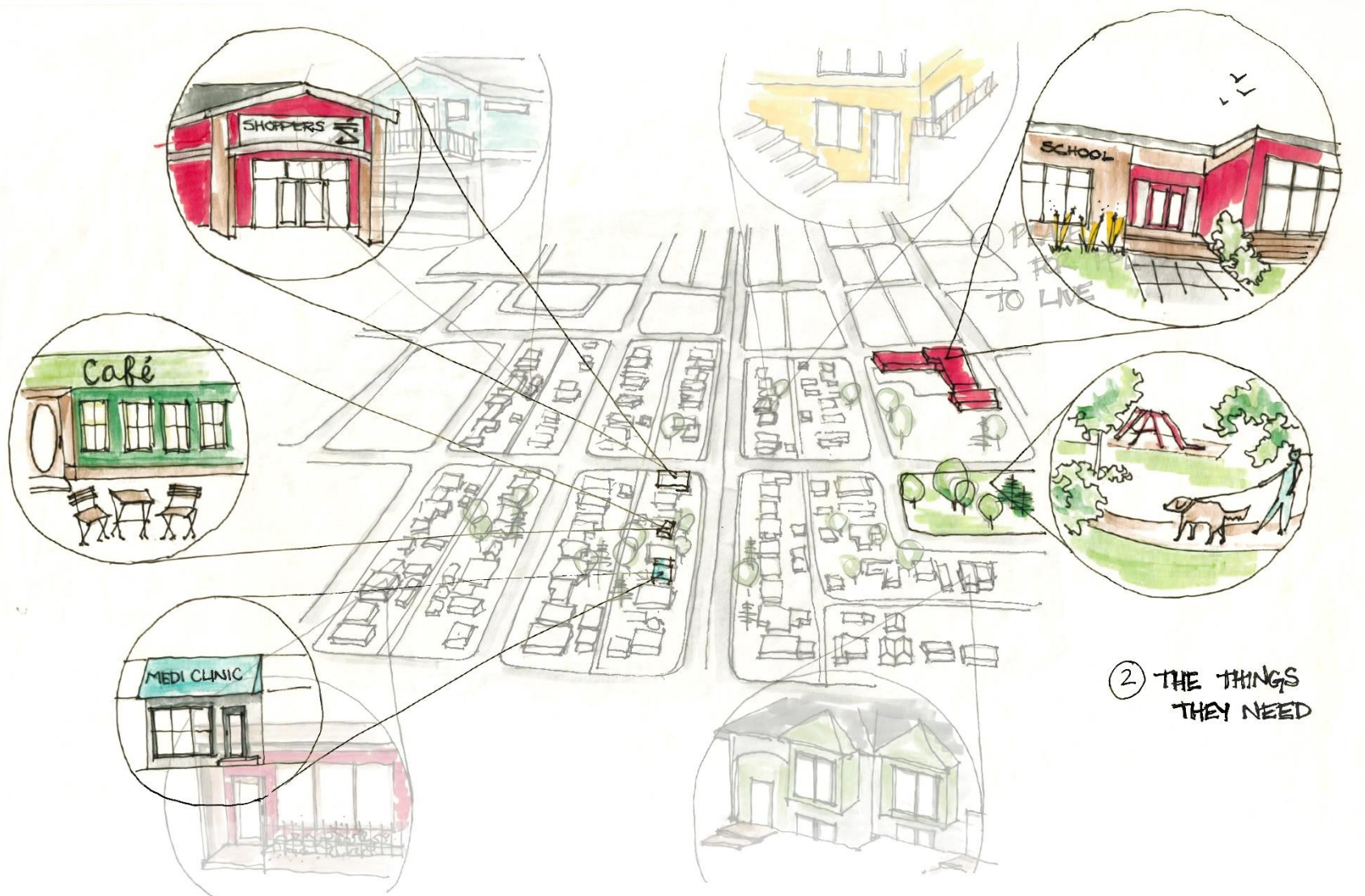


# PEOPLE- CENTERED DESIGN





# WHAT DO PEOPLE DO HERE?



② THE THINGS THEY NEED

# WHAT WE EXPERIENCE

Story about Maria & David





# ...WHAT WE EXPERIENCE



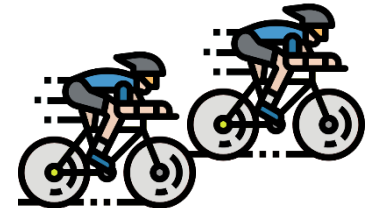
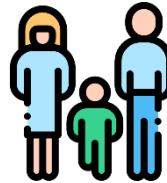
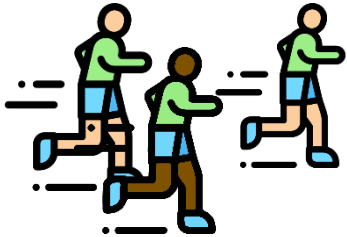
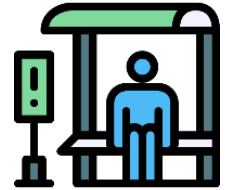
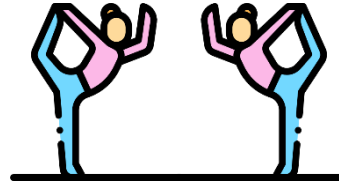
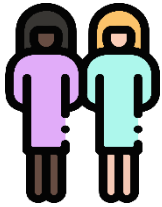
# ...WHAT WE EXPERIENCE



# PERSONAL MAP (example)



# EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PERSONAL MAP



# HOW DOES THIS ALL COME TOGETHER?



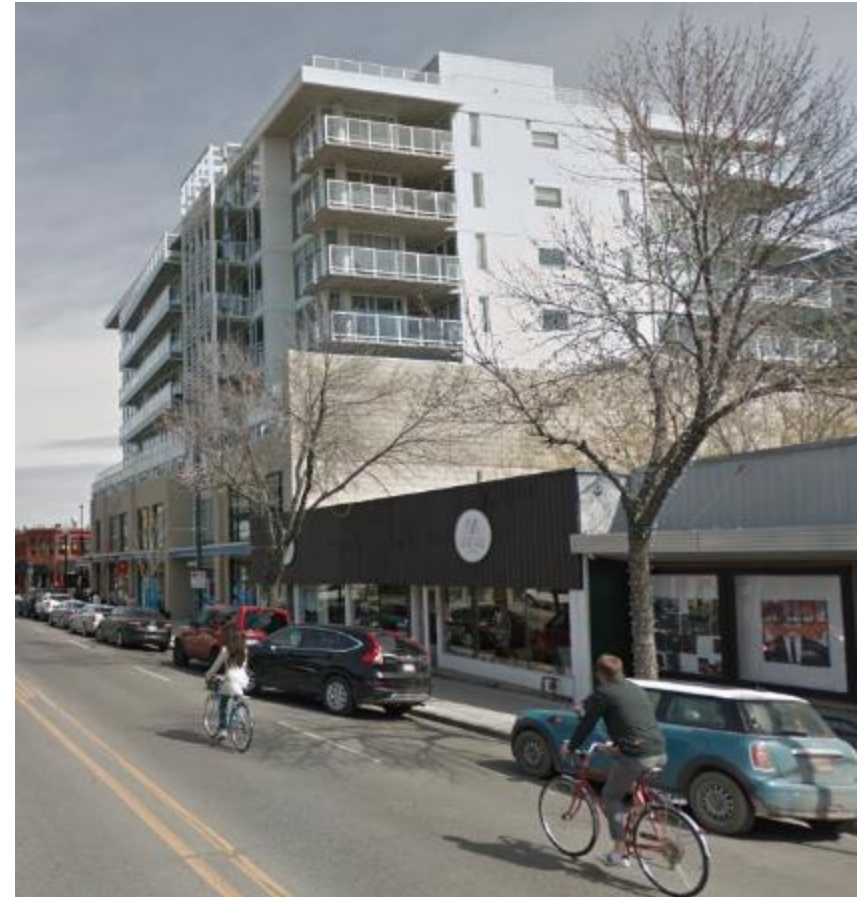
# HOW DOES THIS ALL COME TOGETHER?



# HOW CAN AREAS WITHIN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS EVOLVE?



10 Street NW, 2012



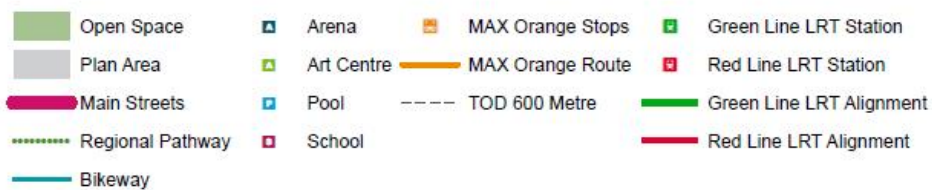
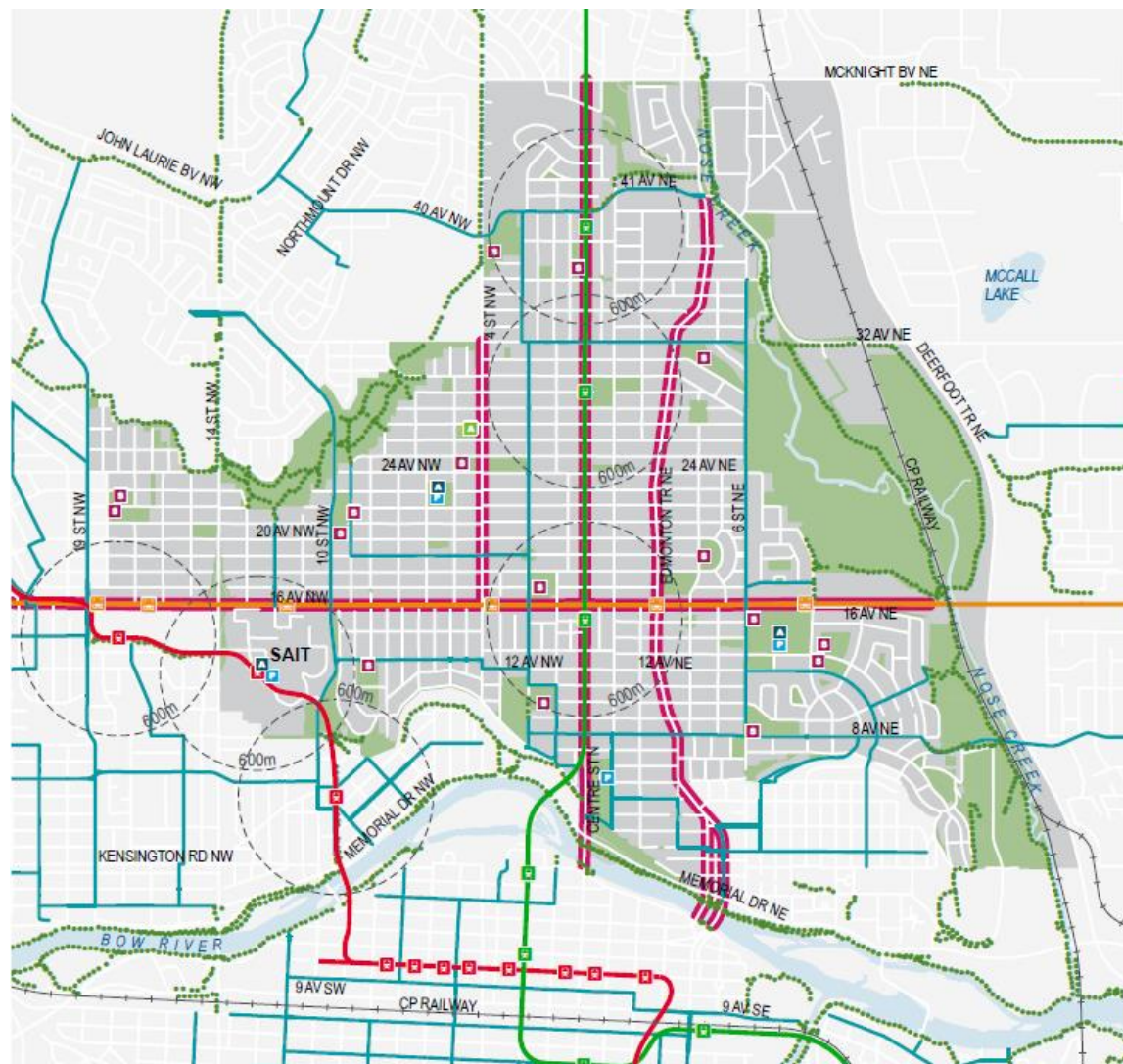
10 Street NW, 2017



# EXERCISE 1: VALIDATE & FILL GAPS

Community Elements/Features & Mobility Network





## Phase 2 Feedback - Community Elements / Features

The following are summarized themes of what we heard through Phase 2 of engagement:

- Value the character of the existing Main Streets and would like to see historic buildings protected and incorporated in redevelopment.
- Ensure amenities like community spaces, courtyards and seniors housing are included in development in the North Hill Communities area.
- Improve amenities for all ages of Calgarians utilizing parks including more playgrounds, skating rinks, amenities for pets and outdoor gym facilities.
- Improve the existing urban forestry in the area and promote development that incorporates green spaces and landscaping.
- Value the character of the different communities in the area and would like to see existing heritage homes preserved and incorporated into the area redevelopment.
- Preserve existing trees, increase green spaces and require new trees as part of development along the Main Streets.



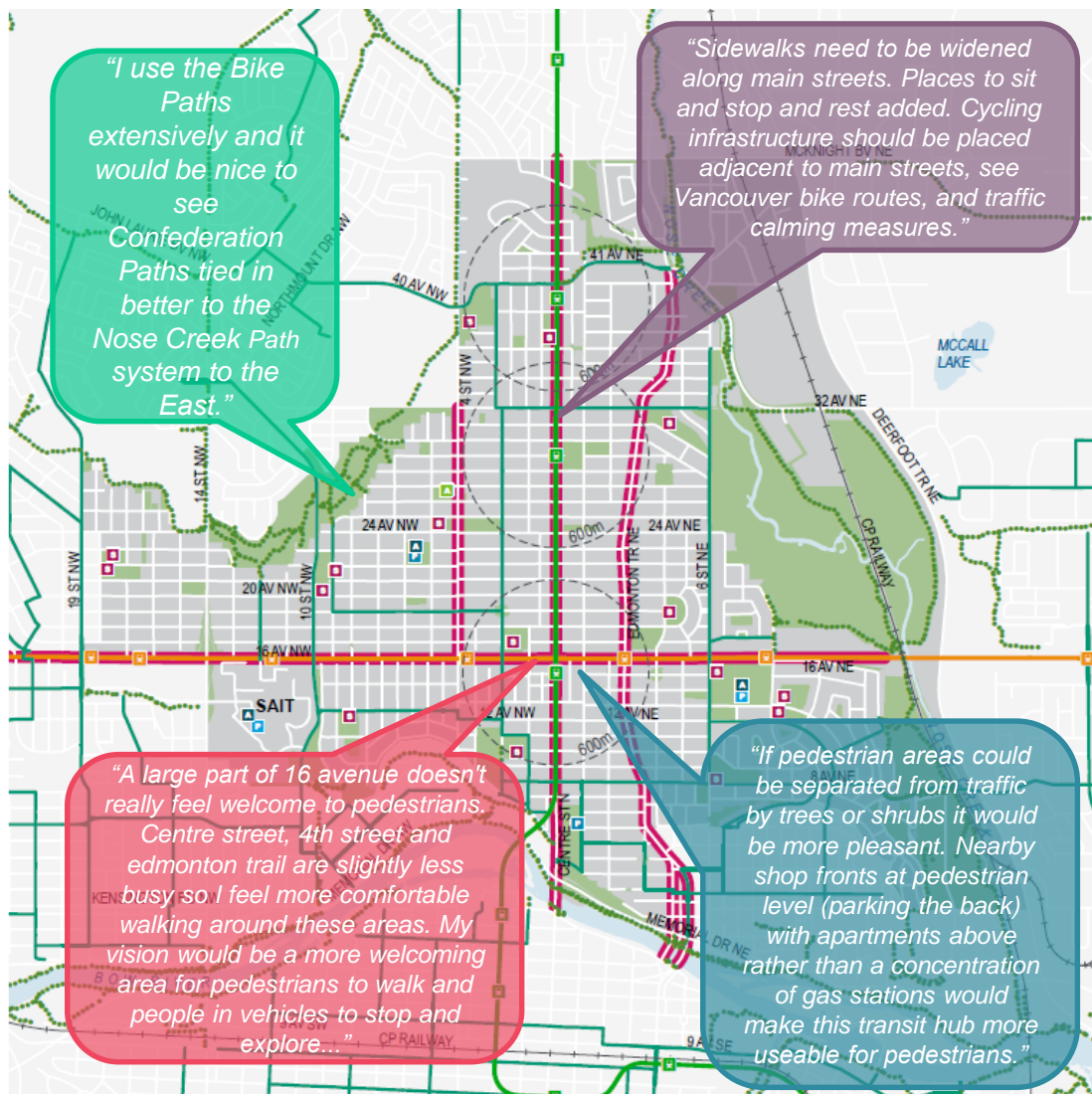
# Phase 2 Feedback - Community Elements / Features

- Provide a mix of mid to high density residential options with commercial and business uses below in proximity of Transit Oriented Development areas and main streets.
- Develop 20th Avenue as a Neighbourhood Activity Centre over improvements and development on 16th Avenue.
- Provide commercial and retail options and an increase in mixed use developments to encourage shopping opportunities within walking distance for residents and for visitors to enjoy.
- Transition out of strip malls and upgrade Neighbourhood Activity Centres to make them more recognizable.
- Provide suitable parking for higher density residential development, educational institutions in the area and secondary suites.
- Locate a variety of services near jobs and residences making transit the most attractive travel mode.
- Provide higher densities on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Centre Street, with lower densities on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Edmonton Trail.



# Phase 2 Feedback – Mobility and Street Activity

- Provide convenient, safe and welcoming pedestrian considerations in the proximity of transit stations.
- Create wider sidewalks, increase maintenance of main access walking routes and increase crosswalk connections and lights for main roadways.
- Improve bike infrastructure to enhance cyclists experience throughout the area, moving biking away from busy main roads.
- Enhance traffic calming measures and roadway developments that address traffic volume increases on Main Streets.
- Recognize the use of cars in the area but would like to see other modes of transportation emphasized and improved.
- Mitigate the negative impacts of the Green Line LRT and enhance bus based transit options.
- Improve pathway connections for walkers, bikers and joggers in parks and community green spaces.



## Phase 2 Feedback – Mobility and Street Activity





- Provide a variety of parking options near main streets to support businesses.
- Integrate the Green Line with business and surrounding communities.
- Maintain public realm improvements to enhance the feel of Main Streets.
- Improve pedestrian and cycling friendly infrastructure and parking to promote the use of NACs.
- Promote walking and cycling by providing large parking areas underground and at the rear of buildings.

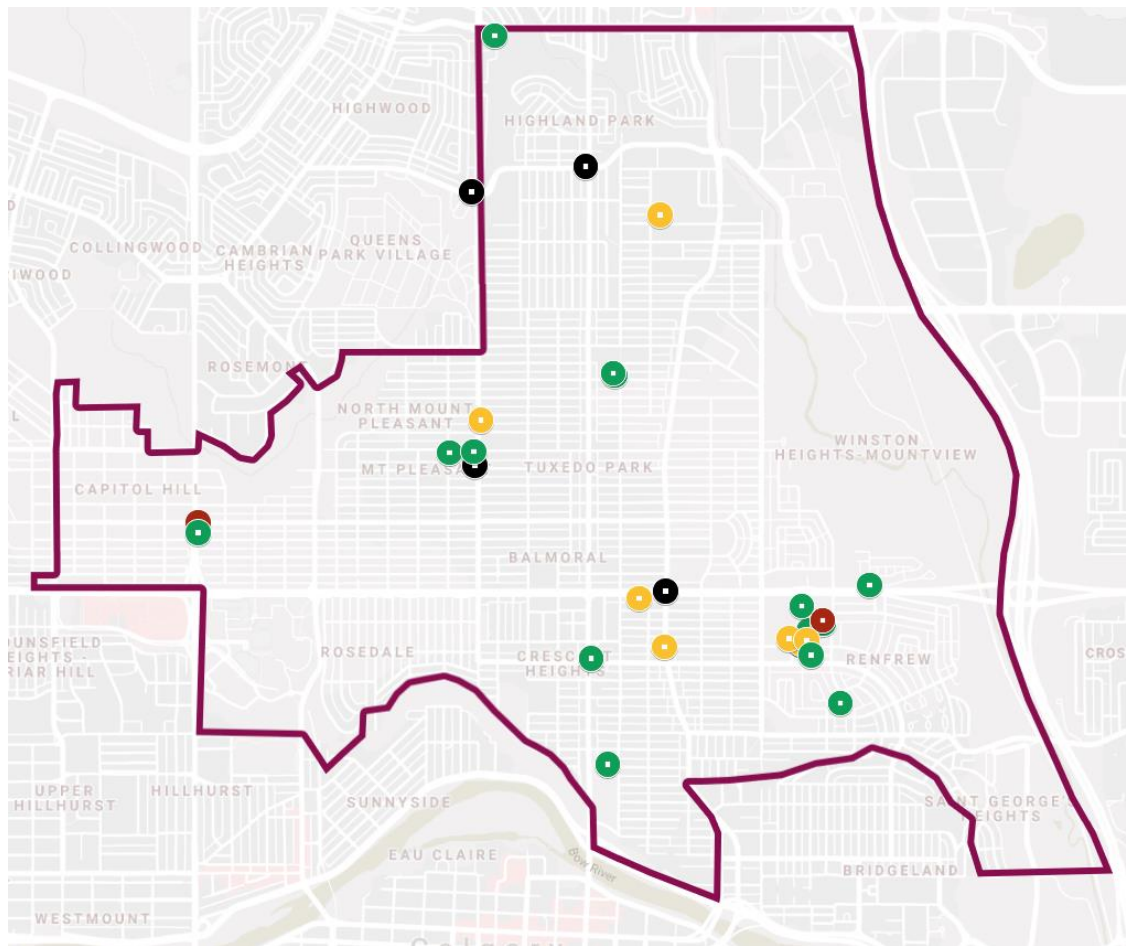


# Phase 2 Feedback – Neighbourhood Activity Centres

**Neighbourhood Activity Centres** are smaller mixed-use areas within neighbourhood districts that are appropriate locations for local job and population intensification, in scale with neighbourhood context.

The following is a high-level summary of what we heard through Social Mapping:

-  **New NAC:** identified as ideal locations to develop a new activity centre
-  **Upgrade to NAC:** identified as already having some activity centre characteristics that should be promoted
-  **Existing NAC:** identified as current activity centres
-  **No NAC:** identified as locations that should be maintained and not converted into activity centres





## EXERCISE 2: ACTIVITY LEVELS



## ACTIVITY LEVELS

Assign levels of activity through the North Hill Communities area.



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**HIGH ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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**MEDIUM / MODERATE ACTIVITY  
LEVEL**



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**LOW ACTIVITY LEVEL**

# FOCUS AREAS



Transit Oriented Development Areas



Neighbourhood Activity Centres



Main Streets



Established Areas



## EXERCISE 3: ACTIVITY AREA ATTRIBUTES



# ACTIVITY AREA ATTRIBUTES

Identifying specific activities, attributes, opportunities and ideas that might happen within specific activity areas

## THINK ABOUT

- How will these areas change?
- How do these areas look and feel?
- What kind of things will people do here?
- Who will come here and why?
- What's missing and needs to change?

## SHOW US

- Using the pictures, show us how you envision the specific activity areas you have identified.

## TELL US

- Using sticky notes, tell us what is it about these pictures that you like, why did you choose the specific picture and what is important for us to note?











# REPORT BACK

3 minutes per table



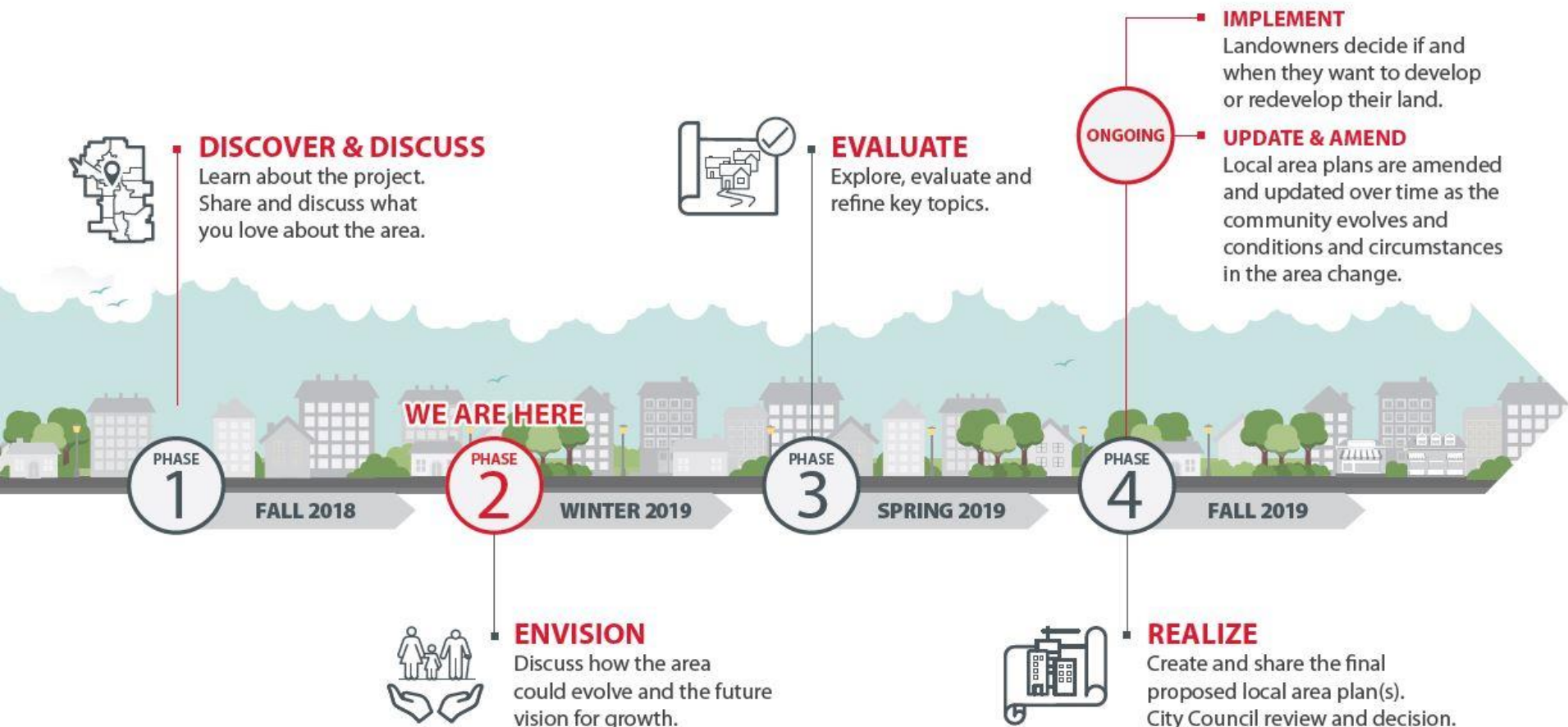


# NEXT STEPS



# North Hill Communities

## local growth planning





# WORKING GROUP SESSION #4

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m– 12:00 p.m.

Winston Heights Community Association





THANK YOU

