



CHESTERMERE

Municipal Development Plan: ROADMAP TO THE FUTURE

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT ROUND TWO SUMMARY REPORT



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Executive Summary

During round two engagement on the City of Chestermere’s Municipal Development Plan (MDP), a variety of public engagement activities were conducted to gather feedback and insights from the community on the draft MDP. These engagement activities offered diverse channels for input, providing broad representation across the community to help inform the policy development for Chestermere’s new Municipal Development Plan.

To enable the MDP to work towards achieving the needs and aspirations of Chestermere, input was collected on key policy areas within the draft MDP. These areas included:

- MDP principles
- Growth management
- Designing density
- Recreation
- Social and cultural fabric
- Transportation
- Land use concept

Round two engagement activities included:

Community Partner “Draft Directions” Workshop

A “Draft Directions” workshop was held on January 20, 2025, with 25 community partners, representing 16 organizations, including social services, public services, developers, and recreation groups.

Public Open House

An open house was held at the Chestermere Recreation Centre on January 20, 2025. Over 100 people participated in the event, where they reviewed key policies within the draft MDP, spoke with members of the project team, and provided input through interactive engagement boards.

Public Survey #2

An online and hard copy survey collected 89 responses from the public.



Key Findings

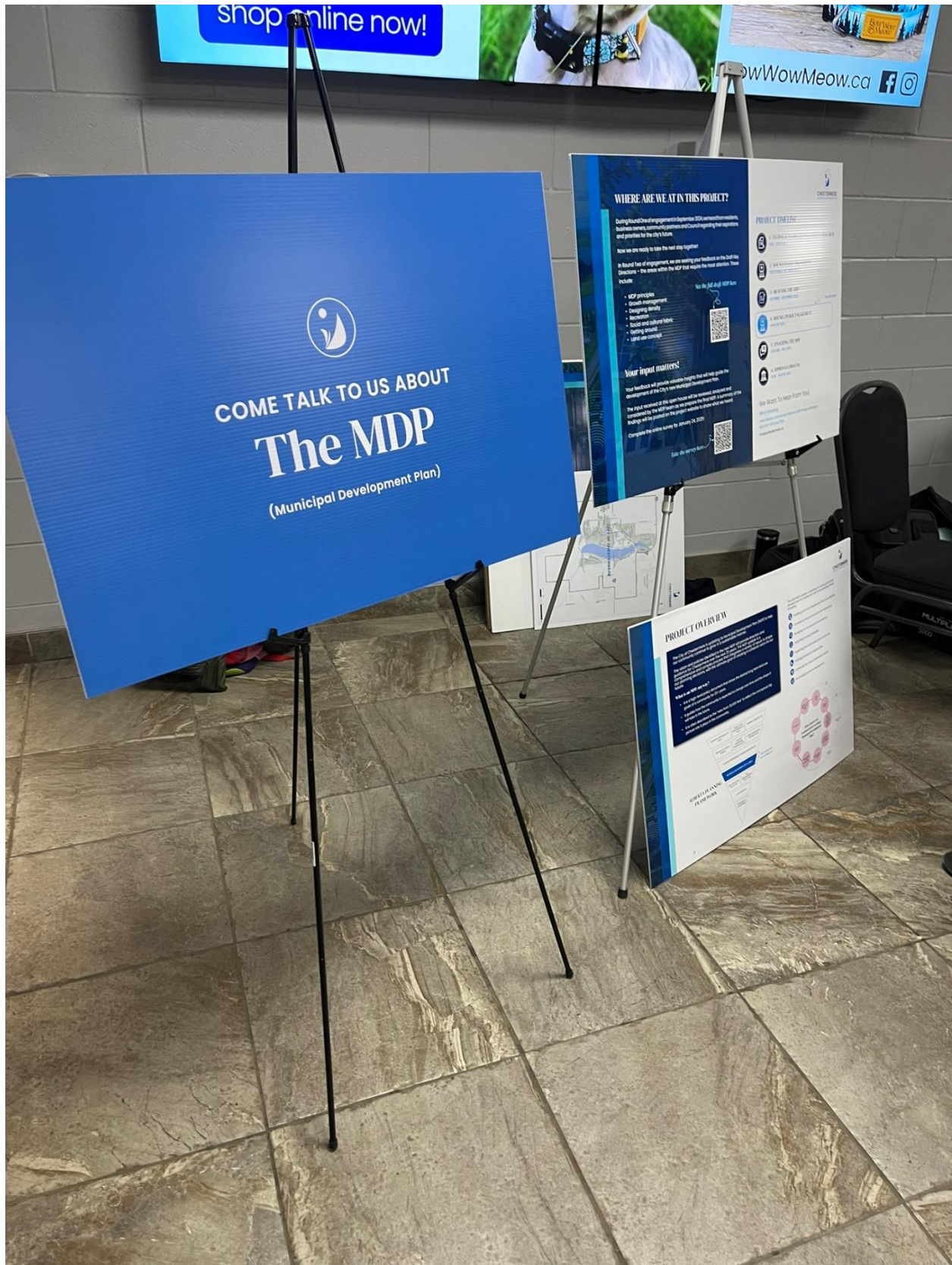
The key findings from Round Two of public engagement included these major themes across different community aspects:

Enhanced Recreation & Community Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant support for new recreational facilities, especially a recreation center with a library and social services integration.• Prioritization of affordable and diverse recreational opportunities, including swimming pools and sports fields.• Community hubs were identified as essential for social service organizations and cultural activities.
Balanced Growth & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on sustainable and responsible growth, balancing residential and non-residential development.• Strong calls for attracting more commercial and industrial businesses to support the local economy and reduce reliance on residential taxes.• Desire for more mixed-use and higher-density developments with walkable amenities, though concerns about over-densification were noted.
Improved Transportation & Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need for better integration of transportation infrastructure, including road improvements and expanded pathways.• Mixed opinions on transit, with some supporting regional partnerships and others expressing concerns about costs and potential negative impacts.
Social & Cultural Fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong advocacy for permanent spaces for social services and community organizations.• Calls for greater collaboration between developers, community groups, and the city to foster cultural and social initiatives.• Interest in incorporating diverse and inclusive facilities, such as spaces for seniors and cultural associations.
Environmental & Green Space Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation of Chestermere's natural assets, including the lake and green spaces, was a recurring theme.• Recommendations for sustainable development practices and maintaining proximity to parks and natural areas within neighborhoods.



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ROUND TWO ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

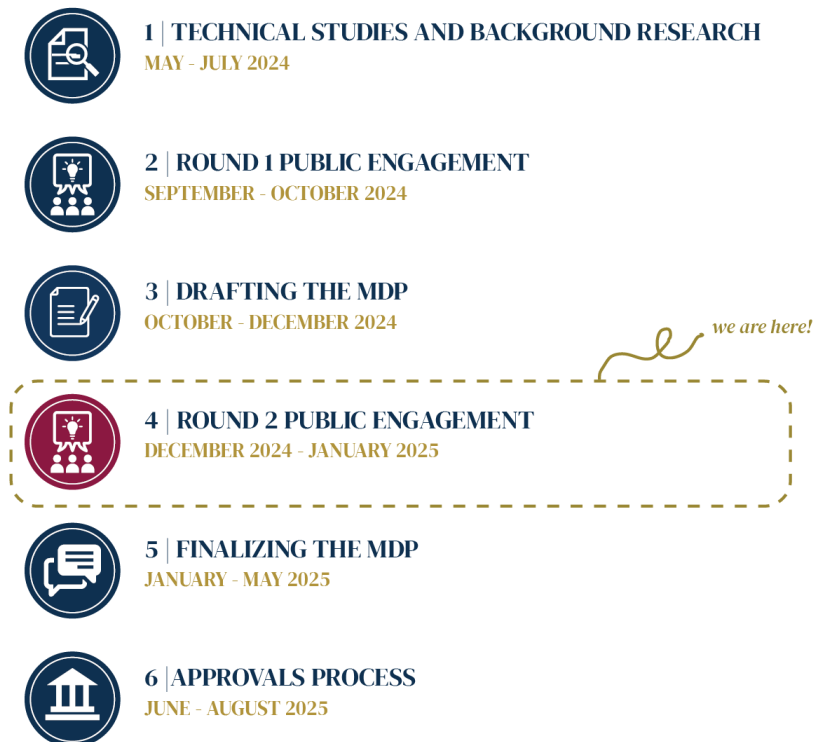
Following the first round of engagement, which centered on identifying community values and priorities, the project team developed a draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to guide Chestermere's growth and development over the next 25 years. Round two of engagement focused on bringing this draft back to the community to obtain additional feedback and illustrate how it addressed their aspirations and priorities.

In round two, the draft MDP was shared in its entirety, allowing the community to review the full document. To facilitate meaningful feedback, key policy areas were highlighted for discussion. These areas became the focus of engagement activities, which included a community partner workshop, a public open house, and an online survey.

This comprehensive approach enabled diverse perspectives were captured to help refine and strengthen the draft MDP prior to the approvals process.

Project Timeline

This report provides a summary of all engagement activities conducted during round two, along with the feedback gathered from the community.





SUMMARY OF ROUND TWO ENGAGEMENT

By The Numbers

1 community partner workshop

25 representatives from
16 organizations

1 public open house

+100 participants
+330 inputs on engagement boards

1 public survey

89 survey responses

PROMOTIONS

A variety of promotions were used throughout round two engagement to raise awareness and encourage participation in the various engagement opportunities:

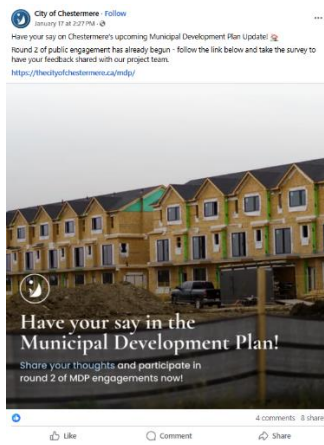
- Project website (www.thecityofchestermere.ca/MDP)
- Two road signs
- Social media posts on the City of Chestermere's channels
- Print advertisement in the Chestermere Wave
- Digital advertisement on Chestermere Anchor
- Article in Chestermere Anchor
- Emails to community partner organizations



Promotions Examples



CHESTERMERE TO HOST COMMUNITY PLANNING NIGHT TO HELP SHAPE FUTURE OF THE CITY



COMMUNITY PARTNER WORKSHOP

On Monday, January 20, 2025, the City hosted a “Draft Directions” workshop with community partners, representing a variety of organizations and groups within the City.

Invitations were sent to over 140 community partners representing:

- Recreation and sports organizations
- Youth organizations
- Multicultural and religious organizations
- Community and Homeowners Associations
- Developers and builders
- Local school divisions
- Social service organizations



- Public service organizations

25 representatives from 16 community partner organizations participated in the workshop. The organizations that participated in round two engagement included:

Organizations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alliston Group• Anthem Properties• Arcadis Professional Services (Canada)• B&A• BILD• Chestermere Food Bank• Chestermere Football Club• Chestermere Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civic Works• Douglas Developments• Gill Developments• Chestermere Lakefront Owners Association• Older Adults Coalition of Chestermere• Qualico Communities• Saint Gabriel Archangel Parish• Synergy

Workshop Format

The workshop began with a brief presentation outlining the MDP project and the key topics for discussion. Following the presentation, attendees were divided into five groups and participated in a rotating series of table discussions. Each table focused on one of the following topics:

- Growth management
- Social and cultural fabric
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Land use concept



Table facilitators recorded notes during the discussions, and participants were also provided with comment forms to share additional feedback. All input collected through table discussions and comment forms has been transcribed and summarized below.

1. GROWTH MANAGEMENT

THEME	DISCUSSION NOTES / COMMENTS
Commercial and industrial development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information requested on Chestermere’s strategy to attract industrial and commercial development. Who/what are we trying to attract? • Request for regional studies for commercial/industrial demand to justify lands proposed in MDP draft. A comparison between what it costs in Rocky View County versus Chestermere would be helpful. • Request for confirmation of the commercial/residential mix (is this land, or a tax-mix ratio?). • Developers want a clear understanding of what the incentives are to provide confidence, as retail and industrial land is not affordable. • Competitive off-site levies are key for continued development. • Recommendation to reduce taxes and levies.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is flexibility in commercial/industrial lands. Permitted uses would result in confidence for developers and reduce red tape.
<p>Growth management policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the City to outline incentives and an action schedule to become “business ready.” • Suggestion to strengthen language of policy: “The City should establish a business-ready framework to attract new businesses, such as identifying incentives to attract and retain businesses and land with minimal physical impediments to development that avoids environmental site constraints or irregular lot design.” • Should there be policies in the MDP for policing growth? Is a compliance officer needed? • Developer would like confirmation that the revised MDP will no longer include lot caps.
<p>Attracting business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to provide what Calgary is not providing to attract new businesses/industries. Who isn’t here that we can attract? How do we compete regionally? How do we keep people in Chestermere, rather than going to Calgary for services? • Is there opportunity to attract businesses to support De Havilland? • Desire for more businesses and more density. • Suggestion for a grocery store model, such as Co-op. • Explore opportunities for a new mall. Could Chestermere become a retail destination? • Explore opportunities for joint projects with the City of Calgary and Rocky View County.
<p>Density and growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for responsible and aesthetically pleasing density growth (spread density, disperse within a community). • Support higher density and suggest removing the narrow lot cap.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference for three stories over five stories. • Would like walkable and diverse density with retail on the bottom and residential above. • Mixed use needs to allow for more floors to allow the ground floor to be successful. • Social services and health need to be integrated into growth. These services need to be within the community and not isolated in commercial or industrial areas. Transportation can be a barrier; therefore we need proximity to services. • What can we do in the short term to ensure infrastructure is available for growth and attraction?
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there strategies to leverage the lake to attract more residents and tourism – making Chestermere a destination? • Growth management needs to consider transportation integration, specifically to further emergency services, which have not kept up with growth. • Support growth management policies as they support employment and the economy. • Suggestion to partner with a national or provincial post-secondary institute to make Chestermere a campus. Opportunities for provincial funding? (i.e. Athabasca College / Lakeland).

2. RECREATION

THEME	DISCUSSION NOTES / COMMENTS
Recreation centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire for a City-owned recreation centre. • Strong support for multi-purpose, joint, all-season facilities including a library and social services within. • Suggestion for an arts centre to be attached to the new recreation centre. • Desire for a community hub and social opportunities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many indicated a swimming pool as their top priority for recreation. • Ensure the types of recreation are feasible and needed in the community. • One recreation centre will not solve all of the recreation and social support service needs in the city. • How does the current situation with the CRCA affect future recreation in the city? • What are the plans for the existing recreation site once the new facility is built?
<p>Recreation policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like clarity on policy, “All residential dwellings in Growing Neighbourhoods shall be within 300 meters of a park to provide equitable access”. (Where did this come from? How do you define a “park”, how does this compare to existing communities in Chestermere? What are the implications on the tax base if more land has to be used for parks than the minimum required under the MGA?) • Developer recommendation to soften this language from “shall” to “where possible” to allow flexibility, as it may not always be feasible to achieve 300m proximity due to MR requirements. • Recommend being more explicit with definitions within the MDP (i.e. what constitutes as a “park”?) • Recreation policy needs tangible details and timelines. • Developers would like to see recreation off-site levies comparable to regional municipalities.
<p>Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on the need for a new library due to being over capacity and under sized. • Strong desire for the library to be a part of the recreation centre. (i.e. YMCA and library models in Calgary). • If not in the new recreation centre, where does it belong? It should be part of a new multi-use space.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation that the City adopt a library design that includes flexible meeting spaces and can adapt to the evolving digital age, rather than adhering to a traditional library model. • It's hard to sell a library as a singular space, as technology changes. • Mixed discussion regarding a proposed separate off-site levy for the library. Developers are looking for competitive levies, while community members would like to see the developers contributing more to the community. • Recommendation from developer for city to collaborate with BILD and developers to identify a funding solution for the new facility. • The library was originally in the recreation plan, but is not in the new one. Suggestion that the library be included in the recreation policy. • The library is undersized and under-funded compared to Okotoks and Cochrane.
<p>School sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for future school sites that are not built yet to be used for recreation spaces. • Encourage dialogue with school boards regarding recreation opportunities on unused or non-optimized school sites through the MDP process. • Suggest opportunities for developers to partner with recreation organizations on future school sites (turf, surfaces, irrigation, lighting). • Existing school fields are underutilized after school hours. Lights and turf would lead to better utilization.
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for an independent dedicated recreation department at the City. • An update to the recreation needs assessment would help inform the MDP.



3. LAND USE CONCEPT

THEME	DISCUSSION NOTES / COMMENTS
Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial is expensive on a small scale. Challenge of commercial when Rocky View County is nearby and cheaper to develop –competition with Prairie Gateway. Support more commercial – employment Request to show more of the Neighbourhood Commercial areas on the map.
Industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial areas require transportation connections. Risk on the Light Industrial area on the north side of the tracks in the south. Request to remove. Light industrial is a hard sale.
Flex Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to extend the Flex area in the northwest to the entire area (replace “Commercial Centre”) Request to look at a Flex policy area in the southeast.
Chestermere Boulevard Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to allow stand-alone residential in the Chestermere Boulevard Corridor. Request to improve the Chestermere Boulevard Corridor policies to clarify uses.
Comprehensive Planning Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to remove the Comprehensive Planning Area and make this residential. Request for strong justification on the large amount of non-residential and how the market will support it. Request to clarify the Comprehensive Planning Area policies.
Flexible land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to reduce approvals process by adopting flexible land use. Would like to see flexibility on density and make it higher level.



<p>Lakeside Greens Golf Course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the Community Partner workshop, 240+ emails were received by the Lakeside Greens Neighbourhood, indicating their desire to continue with its existing character of large lot single-detached residential development. • Request for the Lakeside Greens Neighbourhood to have policies in line with the Chestermere Lakefront Neighbourhood. • Request for the Lakeside Greens Neighbourhood to be designated as a Golf Course Neighbourhood within the MDP.
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to show the large storm pond in the south to the land use map. • Request to show the “green” areas on the land use concept (i.e. wetlands and parks). • Request to improve the colour contrast on the map to make it easier to read. • Request to show the proposed high school and seniors centre near the new recreation centre on the land use map.

4. TRANSPORTATION

THEME	DISCUSSION NOTES / COMMENTS
<p>Transportation policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current transportation policies do not address the 17 Avenue corridor or connection to Glenmore. • There are conflicts between the proposed MDP and approved ASPs for linear transportation. • Are there conflicts between the MDP and City of Calgary standards for the types of roads that should be planned? • Support transportation policies. • Current draft lacks transportation integration – need to further consider emergency services.



Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MDP should touch on a higher order transit plan. • Transit planning to continue. • Concerns expressed regarding increased transit such as violence and homelessness.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion took place around on street versus off street bike lanes. • Reference to ensuring sufficient parking.

5. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FABRIC

THEME	DISCUSSION NOTES / COMMENTS
Space and support for social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary spaces are great, but there is a greater need for permanent spaces for social service groups. • A community hub space is needed for associations/groups to operate out of. Chestermere needs designated space for this. • Developers see the value in providing these spaces, but there needs to be incentives (i.e. Truman/Co-op partnership provides community spaces within their developments). • Could the City play a role in helping develop a social services network to connect groups and resources? • Could the City play a bigger role in spreading community awareness to convey messages from certain groups (i.e. public bulletin boards)? • How can the City better connect developers with prospective community groups? • The City needs a plan to support social service groups – programs need to grow, not just be sustained. • The space needs to be financially sustainable, beyond non-profits, with funding options for growth. • Desire for more in-depth, robust community engagement regarding a social services hub.



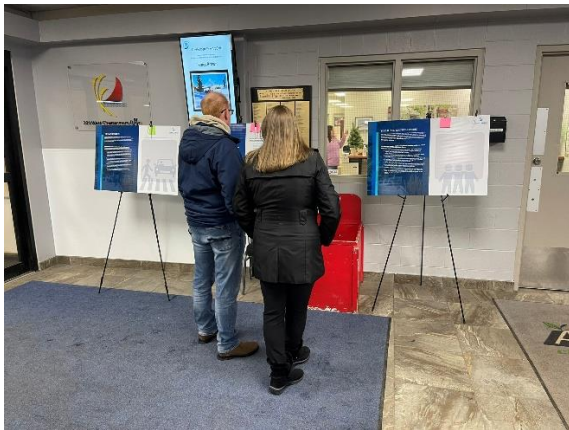
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional funding for social services will be required as the population grows.
Social and cultural policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested edit to policy, “Through the municipal budget process, the City shall provide capital and operating grants to sustain <u>and grow</u> a range of social and cultural programs, services and facilities.”

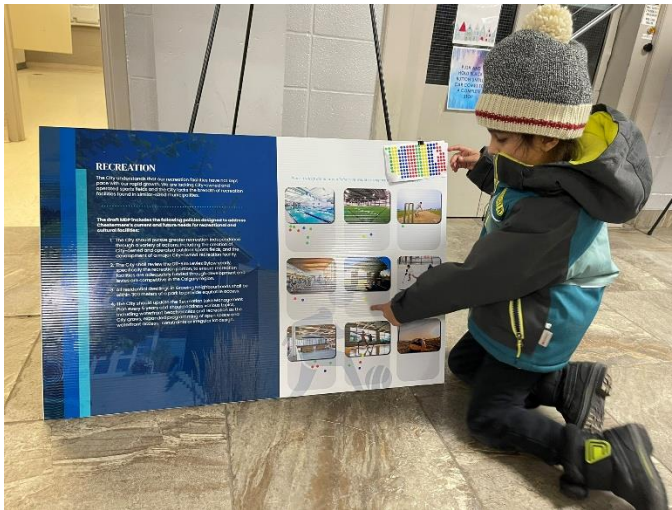
OPEN HOUSE

A public open house was held on January 20, 2025, to share the draft MDP and collect input from the broader public on key policy areas. The open house was held in coordination with the City of Chestermere’s “Big Fun Planning Night” at the Chestermere Recreation Centre, where participants were also engaged on secondary suites and short-term rentals.

The MDP portion of the open house included a series of information boards, project hand outs, and interactive engagement activities to collect input on the draft policies. Hard copies of the draft MDP and the round 2 survey were also available for participants to review and complete.

Over 100 people participated in the MDP portion of the open house.





Open house feedback

All input received at the open house has been transcribed, analyzed and categorized into the following summary.

DRAFT PRINCIPLES: Rank the principles in order of their importance to you (1 – highest priority, 5 – lowest priority)

Total participants: 14

Key Findings

- **Flourishing Educational and Recreational Opportunities** stands out as the clear top priority for most respondents.
- **Resilient Backbone of Infrastructure** and **Growing Economy with Thriving Business** are middle-tier priorities with a more balanced distribution of rankings.
- **Desirable Community** and **Unique Neighbourhoods** are perceived as lower priorities overall, with a significant number of respondents ranking them at the bottom.



Results from ranking exercise

Principle	Rank - 1	Rank - 2	Rank - 3	Rank - 4	Rank - 5
Flourishing Educational and Recreational Opportunities	10	3	1	0	0
Resilient Backbone of Infrastructure	3	5	5	0	0
Growing Economy with Thriving Business	0	6	4	1	1
Desirable Community	0	0	2	8	1
Unique Neighbourhoods	0	0	1	3	8

DRAFT PRINCIPLES: Are there any key words or topics missing?

Total comments: 3

Draft MDP principles	Missing key words or topics
Flourishing Educational and Recreational Opportunities	Places of worship sites
Resilient Backbone of Infrastructure	<i>No comments received</i>
Growing Economy with Thriving Business	Re-zoning of commercial land to residential should not be considered as we focus on growing the economy.
Desirable Community	<i>No comments received</i>
Unique Neighbourhoods	Modern amenities

RECREATION: Place a sticky dot on any/all that you would be supportive of in Chestermere

Total responses: 70

Recreation facility options	Number of dots
Swimming pool	20
Hockey arena	13
Indoor courts / track	10
Yoga / dance studio	7



Outdoor park / gazebo	5
Field house	5
Cricket pitch	4
Beach activities (volleyball, etc.)	4
Gym / fitness facility	2

DESIGNING DENSITY (HOUSING DIVERSITY): Place a sticky dot on any/all that you would be supportive of in Chestermere

Total responses: 66

Types of housing density	Number of dots
Duplex	16
Garage suite	11
Garden suite	10
<i>Citizen add-on: We support single-family dwellings - where are they!?</i>	7
Triplex	6
Basement suite	6
Infill	5
Low-rise apartment	4
<i>Citizen add-on: Bungalow + garage</i>	1

DESIGNING DENSITY (LOOK AND FEEL): Place a sticky dot on the design examples that you would like to see for higher density developments in Chestermere.

Total responses: 108

Design examples	Number of dots
Walkable pathways	19
Pedestrian scale lighting	16
Landscaping buffers	15



Boulevard	13
Planters	11
Benches	8
Pocket parks	8
Mid-block connections	6
Setbacks & step backs	3
Architectural styles & materials	3
Ground-floor commercial	3
Front-facing entrances	3

TRANSPORTATION: *Are we missing anything? Please provide any feedback on the draft MDP policies to support mobility in and around Chestermere.*

Total comments: 8

Comments

- Support for a local transit system within Chestermere was indicated four times
- Health services in Kinniburgh are difficult to access without transit.
- Need more pathway connections.
- Kudos to how well the city integrates trails at the present time.
- Build a sound wall between Highway 1 and the city to address noise, safety and community enjoyment.
- Transit brings city problems here.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FABRIC: *Are we missing anything? Please provide any feedback on the draft MDP policies related to social and cultural spaces and programming.*

Total comments: 7

Comments

- I agree with everything here! Don't know how you define "City Centre" though...
- Prior to 2018, both of the new high schools were to develop next to the new Rec Centre.
- The new library needs to be a key component of the new Rec Centre.



- Grants are a good thing, agreed.
- Library is key.
- Municipal Building to offer space for Rotary Club and other not-for-profits.
- Not sold on policy #4: "Where possible, major community and recreation facilities should be developed with school sites and additional spaces for community groups, cultural organizations, and social agencies".

GROWTH MANAGEMENT: *Please provide any feedback on the draft MDP policies related to growth management.*

Total comments: 7

Comments

- Grow the "non-residential tax base" but NOT our population! 75,000 people?! (one participant agreed with this statement)
- Focus needs to move to non-residential and needs to mirror and eventually exceed residential development (one participant agreed with this statement).
- Comments related to policy: "The City shall prioritize the approval of non-residential and mixed-use developments on any unplanned or undeveloped land within the city."
 - This policy should state "except nearby the lake" (one participant agreed with this statement)
- Comments related to policy: "The City shall encourage and incentivize the redevelopment of vacant or underutilized land that can be serviced from adjacent or nearby existing services and infrastructure, including water, sewer and roads."
 - This policy should state "except nearby the lake" (one participant agreed with this statement)
 - This is a major issue as landowners do not develop land for the purpose it was approved for and then try to rezone to residential to make more money.
 - Do not redevelop as residential. Commercial or recreation is what is needed (two participants agreed with this statement)
- Stop the growth of high density on south side of lake and balance it out with more community features.



Other. *The following feedback was recorded by members of the project team through discussions with open house participants.*

- One participant indicated support for smaller homes, stating that the city should not let developers lead the charge. For example, Dawsons Landing included small homes in their plans, but they were never built.
- One participant expressed concern with environmental impacts from development, specifically referencing Dawsons Landing, which displaced wetlands and many frogs.
- One participant indicated their support for increasing density to cover high costs of infrastructure.
- One participant agreed that the city needs to attract more businesses, specifically large commercial.
- One participant raised concerns about the accuracy of population and housing projections, noting that some single-family homes may house multiple generations or families, which could influence density calculations. They suggested exploring ways to address potential impacts on housing density and neighborhood infrastructure.

PUBLIC SURVEY

An online survey was available on the project website to gather feedback from community partners and the public on the draft Municipal Development Plan.

The survey launched on January 2, 2025, and closed on January 24, 2025. The survey was available online, and hard copy surveys were available at the public open house. The survey included nine sections:

1. **Tell us about yourself** – to gain an understanding of the demographics of survey participants.
2. **MDP principles** – to understand the level of importance of each principle and whether there are any key words or topics missing.
3. **Growth management** – to understand levels of agreement on policies related to growth management.
4. **Designing density** – to understand what types of higher density developments are supported in Chestermere.
5. **Recreation** – to understand levels of agreement on policies related to recreation, as well as priorities to help inform the implementation plan



6. **Social and cultural fabric** – to understand levels of agreement on policies related to the social and cultural spaces and programming.
7. **Transportation** – to understand levels of agreement on policies to support mobility in and around Chestermere.
8. **Draft land use concept** – to understand level of support and satisfaction with the land use concept and designations.
9. **Engagement** – to understand what form of outreach worked the best to raise awareness about the MDP update.

A total of **89 responses** were received.

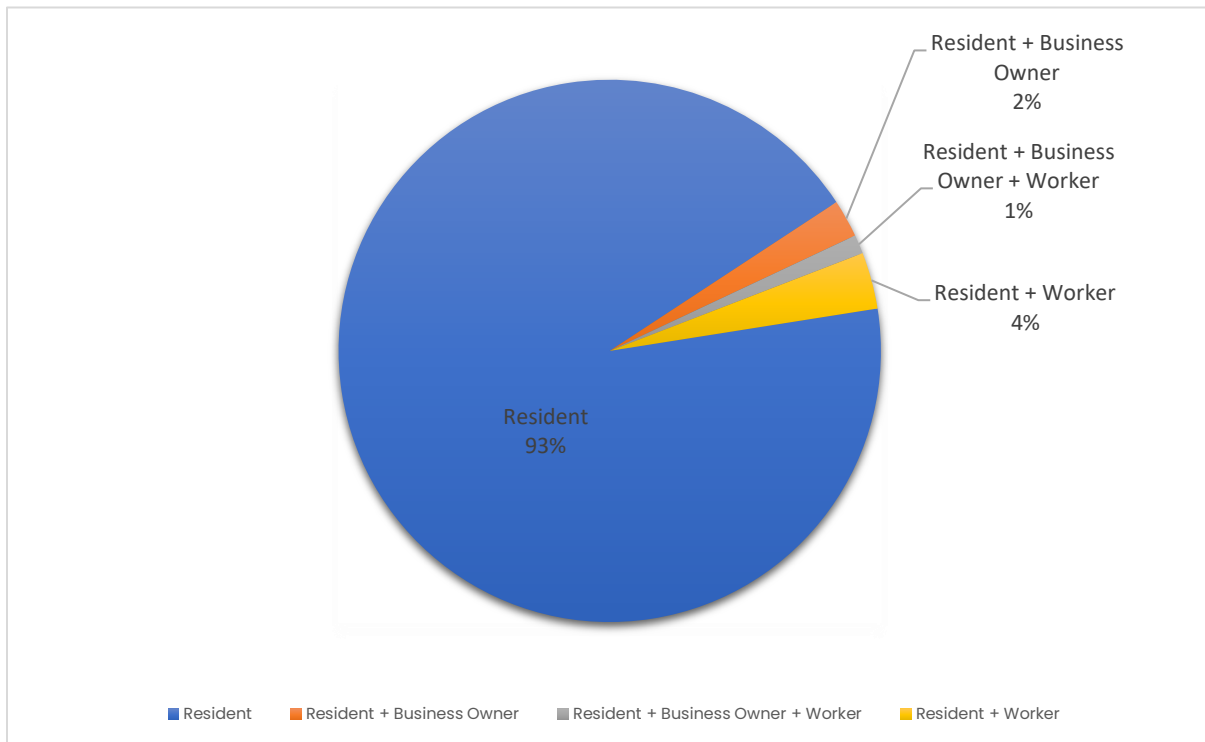


SECTION 1: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

QUESTION 1: What is your connection to Chestermere? (Select all that apply)

The vast majority of participants, 83 out of 89, identify primarily as residents which accounts for over 93% of the responses. A smaller portion of respondents were residents that also contribute to the local economy through business and employment within the community.

Question 1 results

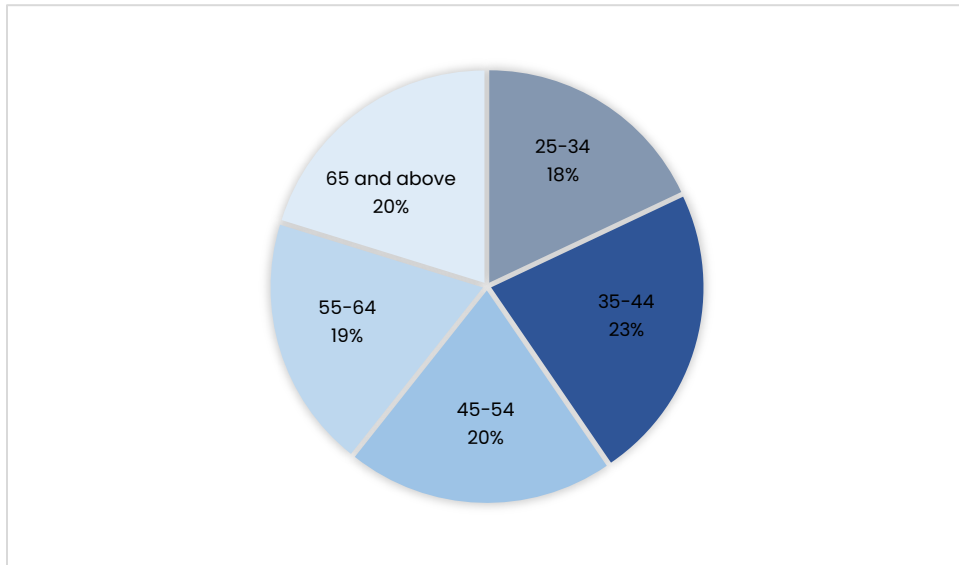


QUESTION 2: What is your age group?

The age distribution of respondents in this survey reflects a broad range of community members, with the largest group between 35-44 years old (23%), followed by the 45-54 year age range (20%), the 65 and above age range (20%), the 55-64 year age range (19%), and then the 25-34 year age range (18%). This indicates a high level of engagement from individuals over the age of 25. There were no respondents below the age of 25.



Question 2 Results

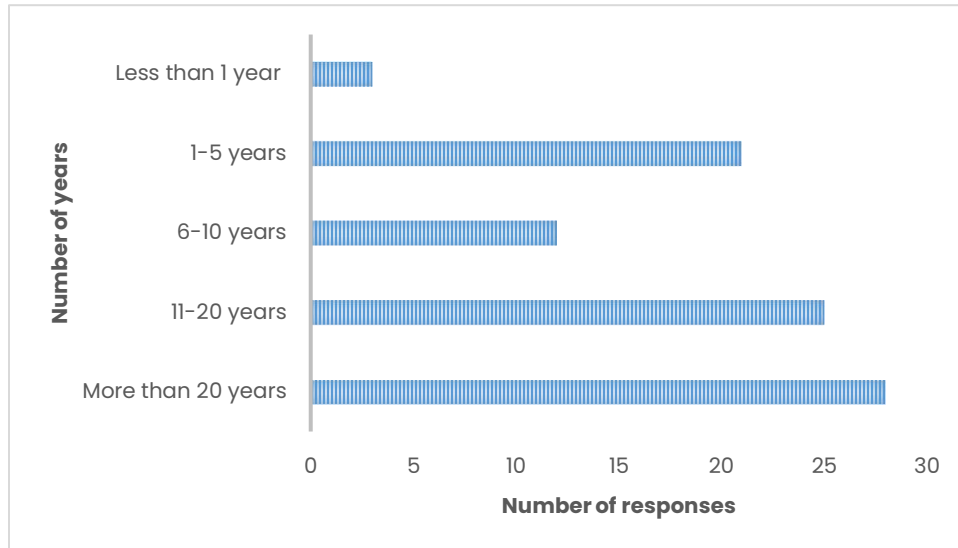


QUESTION 3: If you live in Chestermere, how many years have you lived in the city?

The distribution of respondents in the survey shows that most of the respondents have been living in Chestermere for over a decade, with 28 (32%) respondents having lived there for more than 20 years, 25 (28%) for 11-20 years, and 12 (13%) for 6-10 years. A portion of the respondents are relatively new to the community, with 21 (24%) of respondents having lived there for 1-5 years, and 3 (3%) having lived there for less than a year.



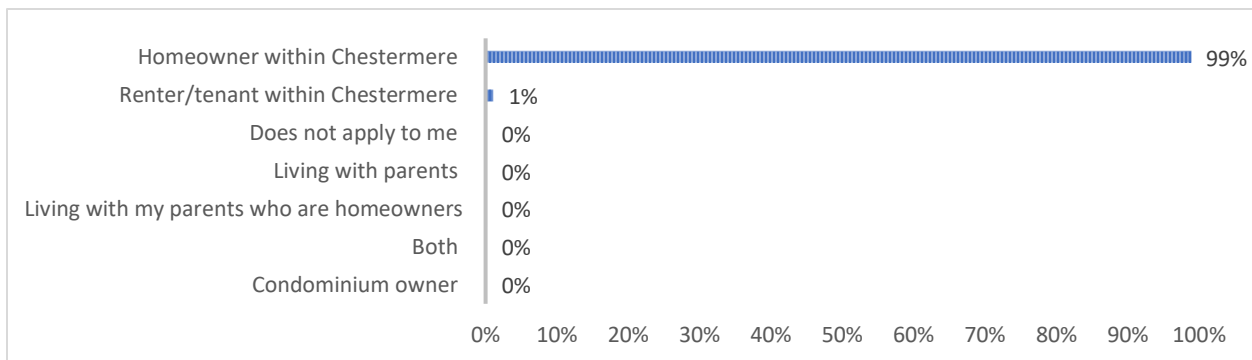
Question 3 Results



QUESTION 4: If you live in Chestermere, what is your current living situation?

A significant majority, 88 (99%) of respondents identify as homeowners within Chestermere out of a total of 89 respondents. The remaining response represents a small proportion of the population that are renter/tenants.

Question 4 Results



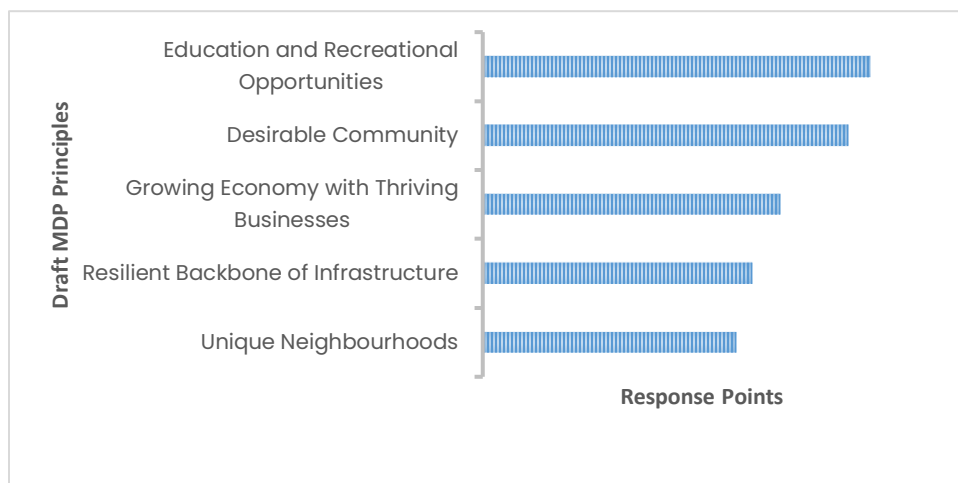


SECTION 2: MDP PRINCIPLES

QUESTION 5: Use the arrows to rank the draft principles in order of their importance to you.

In this question, respondents were asked to rank the draft MDP principles in order from most important to least important. From the data, respondents have indicated that education and recreational opportunities are the highest priority, followed by creating a desirable community, growing the economy, infrastructure, and finally, unique neighbourhoods.

Question 5 results



QUESTION 6: After reviewing the descriptions of each principle, are there any key words or topics we are missing?

Total respondents: 42

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.

Recreation (19 mentions)

- Respondents highlighted the need for more recreation opportunities, including recreation centres, affordable options, and an enhanced focus on the lake and green spaces.
- Suggestions also included reinstating the library and committing to recreation as a core principle.



- The golf course was identified as a key community asset, with multiple comments urging its protection.

Growth / Development (10 mentions)

- Participants expressed the need for balanced, comprehensive, and sustainable growth, while some called for a reduction in housing developments, especially condos and rental units.
- Suggestions included promoting mixed-use development, allowing secondary suites, and fostering public-private partnerships.
- Concerns were raised about overcrowding and high-density housing within neighborhoods.

Road Infrastructure (7 mentions)

- Residents emphasized the need for improved and expanded road infrastructure.
- Concerns about traffic congestion and planning roads well in advance of community builds were highlighted.
- One response raised concerns about the overuse of stop signs.

Business (5 mentions)

- A strong need for a comprehensive plan to encourage commercial businesses and prevent economic leakage was identified.
- Suggestions included expanding the industrial base, attracting retail stores like hardware

Social / Non-Profit (4 mentions)

- Respondents emphasized the importance of including social aspects and non-profit organizations.
- There were calls to address the role of major not-for-profit and government/quasi-government employment in fostering a growing economy and grocery stores, and introducing organic grocery options.



Schools (3 mentions)

- Participants identified the need for more schools to accommodate the growing population.

Community Feel (3 mentions)

- Suggestions included fostering mental and physical wellness, creating a safe environment for raising children, and ensuring Chestermere develops its own unique character as a destination rather than a Calgary suburb.

Religion / Culture (2 mentions)

- Feedback called for attracting cultural associations and providing spaces for places of worship.

Seniors (2 mentions)

- Respondents emphasized the need for more seniors' living options and support for the aging population.

Environment / Sustainability (2 mentions)

- Feedback underscored the importance of sustainability and mitigating environmental impacts.

Other feedback (4 mentions)

- Additional suggestions included enforcing clean work sites (e.g., Rainbow Road construction), ensuring all principles are considered equally important, and clarifying that the principles are vision statements rather than actionable plans.
- Concern about high residential taxes.

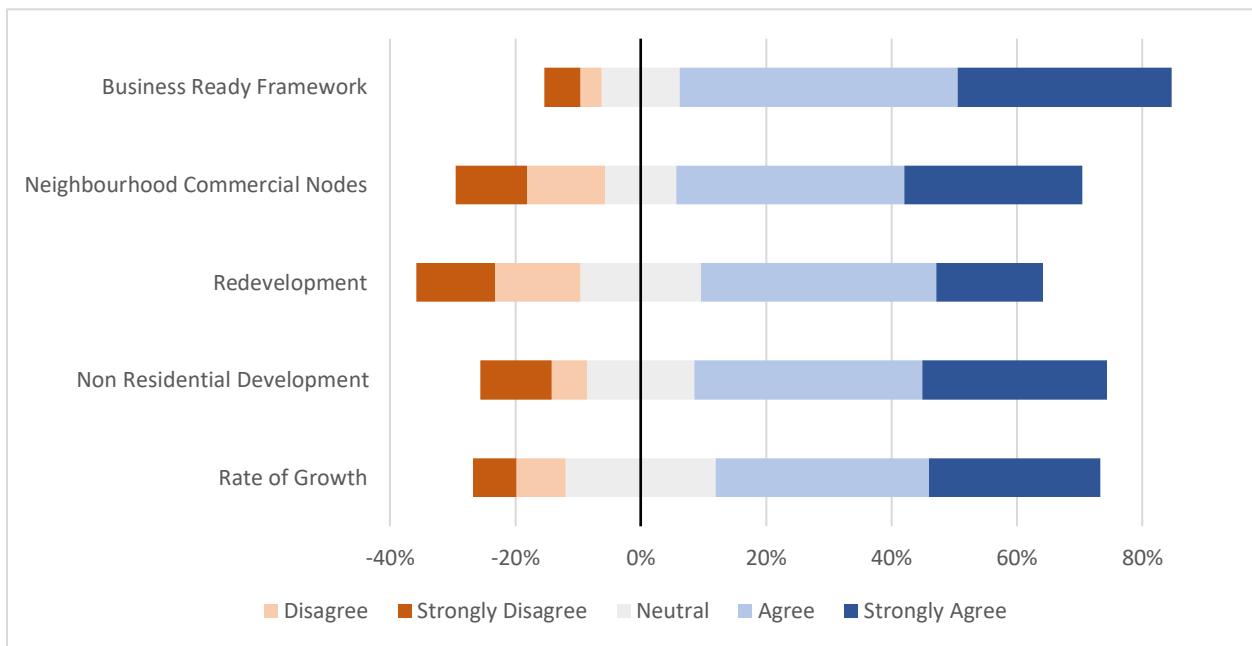


SECTION 3: GROWTH MANAGEMENT

QUESTION 7: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following policies.

Question 7 asked respondents to indicate their level of agreement with a variety of policies, including taxes, non-residential/mixed-use developments, redevelopment of land, neighbourhood commercial nodes, and attracting new business to Chestermere. Respondents were generally in agreement with all of the mentioned policies. In particular, respondents said that they agreed with establishing business-ready framework to attract new businesses in Chestermere. Integration of neighbourhood commercial nodes and redevelopment of vacant or undeveloped lots were two of the policies that received the highest amount of disagreement.

Question 7 Results



SECTION 4: DESIGNING DENSITY

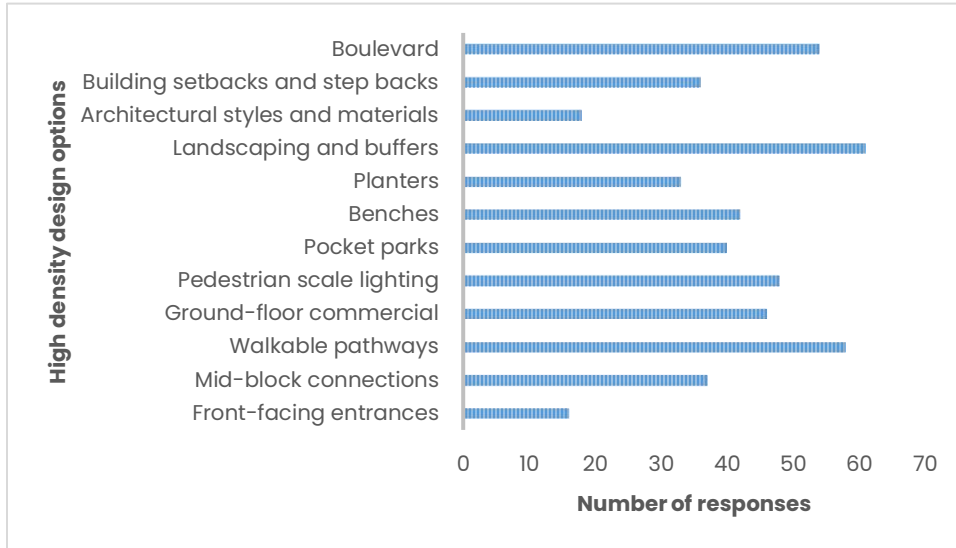
QUESTION 8: Please select any/all that you would like to see for higher density developments in Chestermere.

In this question, respondents were asked to select design options they would like to see for high density developments in Chestermere. Respondents appeared to show a preference for design options that preserved or created green spaces and natural recreation areas, such as boulevards,



landscaping, and walkable pathways. Respondents were less interested in design options such as architectural styles and materials and front-facing entrances.

Question 8 results

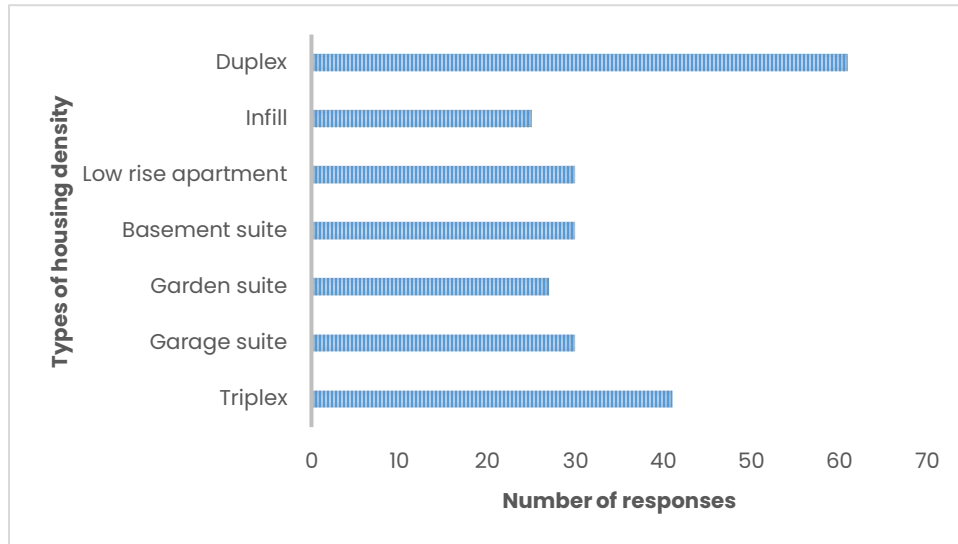


QUESTION 9: *Please select any/all that you would be supportive of seeing in Chestermere.*

This question asked participants to identify which types of housing density they would be supportive of in Chestermere. In this question, respondents were allowed to select multiple types of housing density. From the data collected, a majority of the respondents were in support of duplexes (61) and triplexes (41). Of the listed housing density types, infill (25) and garden suites (27) were the least popular option.



Question 9 results



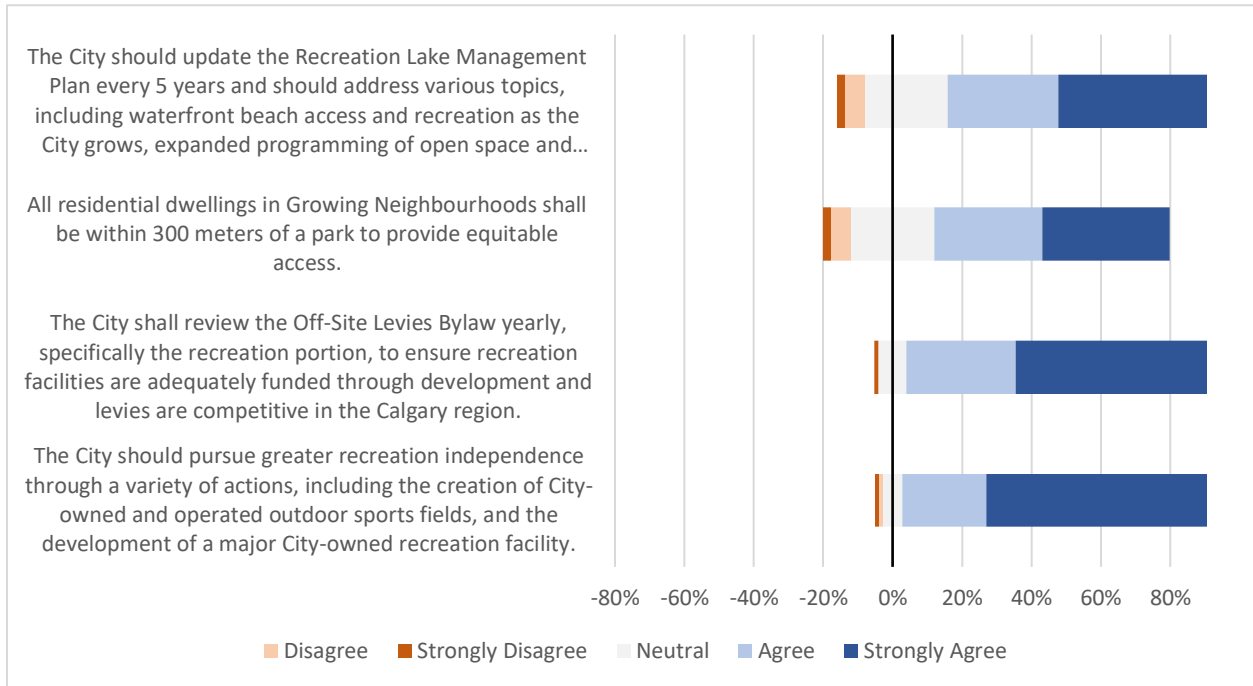
SECTION 5: RECREATION

QUESTION 10: *Please indicate your level of agreement with the following policies.*

Question 10 asks respondents to indicate their level of agreement with recreation policies regarding recreation independence, adequate funding of recreation facilities, equitable access to parks, and updating of the Recreation Lake Management Plan every 5 years. Respondents were generally in agreement with the recreation policies discussed. There were few respondents that disagreed with greater recreation independence, and ensuring the adequate funding of recreation facilities. There was more variety in response for the two policies regarding equitable access to a park, and updating of the Recreation Lake Management Plan, however, the results were still greatly in agreement with the policy.



Question 10 results



QUESTION 11: *If you disagree with any of these policies, please tell us how we could improve them.*

Total respondents: 15

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.

Parks / Green Spaces (12 mentions)

- Some residents expressed that not everyone values parks equally, with concerns about the mandatory proximity of parks (300m) being an impediment to development and potentially unattainable due to cost and maintenance challenges.
- Small parks were criticized for being underused, with suggestions to focus on creating larger green spaces away from highways and power lines, allowing for wildlife and walkable areas.
- Feedback emphasized the importance of connecting all areas with walking paths and preserving green spaces instead of eliminating nature.



- Suggestions included exploring public-private partnerships for shared park and recreation facilities and adopting a phased approach to implementing new facilities to ensure budget compliance.
- Statement that developers should be required to integrate parks and recreation facilities into new developments.

Lake / Waterfront (6 mentions)

- Opinions on lake access were mixed, with some residents opposing additional access points and others suggesting different costs for residents versus non-residents.
- Concerns were raised about parking, disruption to lakefront residential areas, and safety considerations.
- Participants highlighted the need to update the lake management plan as needed, with recommendations for annual reviews and updates every two years.

Recreation Facilities (5 mentions)

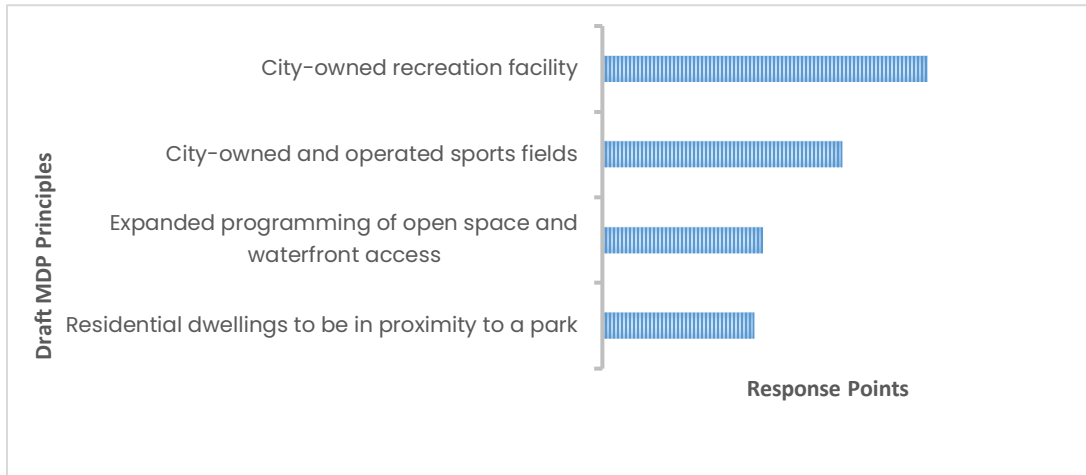
- Concerns were raised about the lack of new recreation facilities in the past decade, with Chestermere being perceived as lagging behind other municipalities.
- Suggestions included funding a City-owned recreation facility primarily through offsite levies, with preferences for developer or corporate sponsorship to reduce public costs.
- One respondent emphasized prioritizing the field house over a swimming pool.
- Reviews of recreation policies and facilities should be comprehensive and inclusive of all recreation aspects.

QUESTION 12: *Use the arrows to prioritize the following policies.*

In this question, respondents were asked to prioritize the following policies related to recreation in order of importance to themselves. The vast majority of respondents answered that developing a major City-owned recreation facility was their highest priority. This was followed by the creation of city-owned and operated outdoor sports fields, expanded programming of open space and waterfront access, and ensuring all residential dwellings in growing neighbourhoods shall be within 300m of a park.



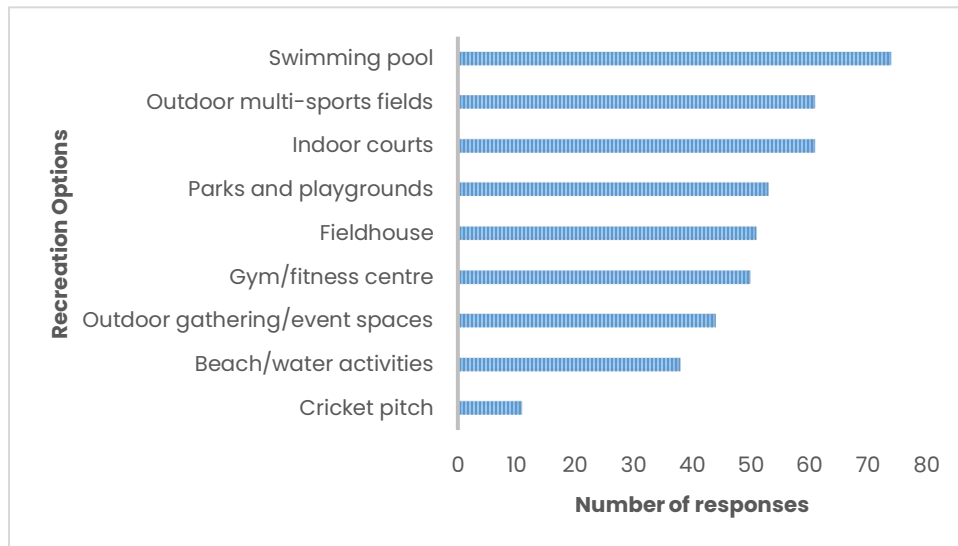
Question 12 results



QUESTION 13: Please select any/all that you would like to see for recreation options in Chestermere.

Respondents were invited to select recreation options that they would like to see in Chestermere. Swimming pool (74) was the top option, followed by outdoor multi-sports fields (61), and indoor courts (61).

Question 13 results



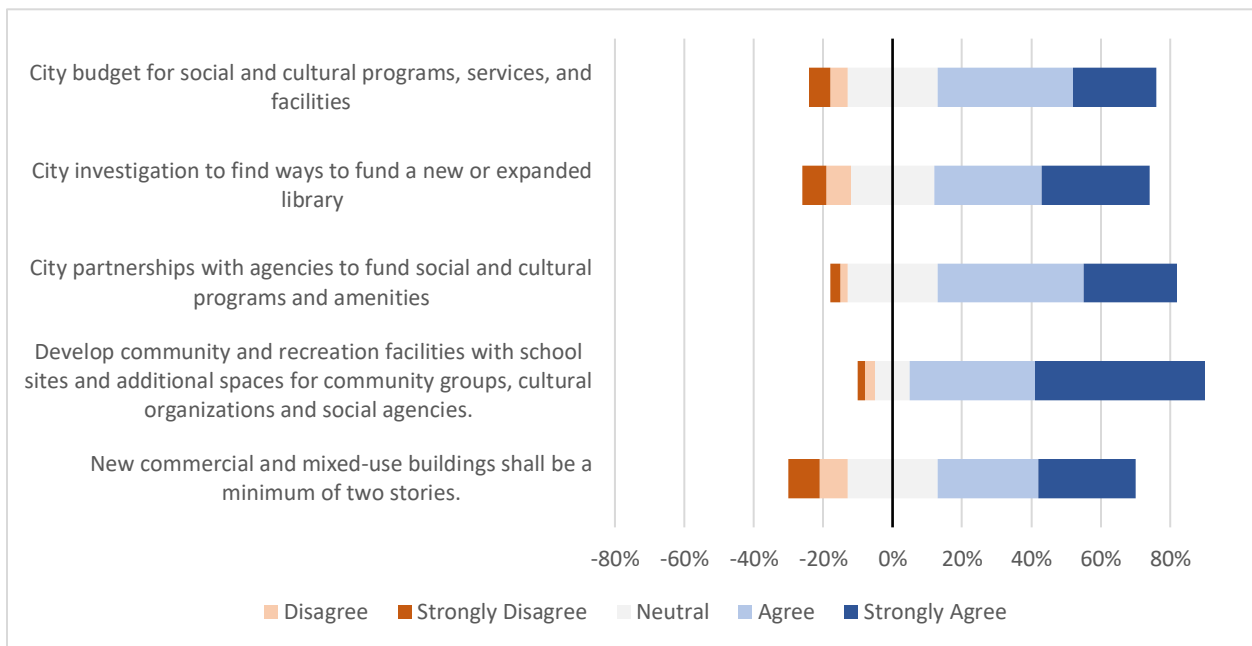


SECTION 6: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FABRIC

QUESTION 14: *Please tell us your overall agreement with the following policies.*

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with a variety of policies relating to the social and cultural fabric, including various means of funding social and cultural facilities. Respondents were generally in agreement with all of the mentioned policies. In particular, respondents said they agreed with developing community and recreation facilities with school sites and additional spaces for community groups where possible. The results of this question show the respondents are generally in agreement with policies that enhance recreational, social, and cultural services and facilities.

Question 14 results



QUESTION 15: *If you disagree with any of these policies, please tell us how we could improve them.*

Total respondents: 19

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.



Grants / Collaboration (6 mentions)

- Two comments suggested that capital and operating grants should aim not only to sustain programs but also to support growth.
- Two comments opposed funding for cultural programs
- Collaboration efforts should include creating community spaces that accommodate multiple supports, such as the library and other services.
- Respondents emphasized that developers should play a mandated role in funding and supporting social and cultural initiatives.
- Policies should provide more specifics about how funding would be used, with particular support expressed for youth groups.

Commercial / Mixed-Use Building Height (6 mentions)

- Feedback indicated that building height policies should be location specific, rather than a blanket rule for a minimum of two storeys.
- Concerns were raised about large multi-storey buildings, with a preferred maximum height of three to four storeys to avoid parking issues and visual impact (5/6 storeys were described as an eyesore).
- Some respondents questioned how dictating building height would help businesses offer affordable rents.
- There were concerns about excessive residential development without addressing infrastructure, roads, recreation, schools, and hospitals.
- It was noted that Chestermere has significant vacant commercial space, but affordability remains a barrier.
- Forcing a mix of social spaces and commercial/mixed-use buildings was not universally supported.

Social / Cultural Facilities (6 mentions)

- A phased approach to facility development was recommended, considering costs, sustainability, and maintenance. Leadership should focus on evaluating impacts on the budget and taxes while ensuring developers include facility provisions in their proposals.
- Residents noted that priorities for facilities may vary, with immediate needs for schools being emphasized.



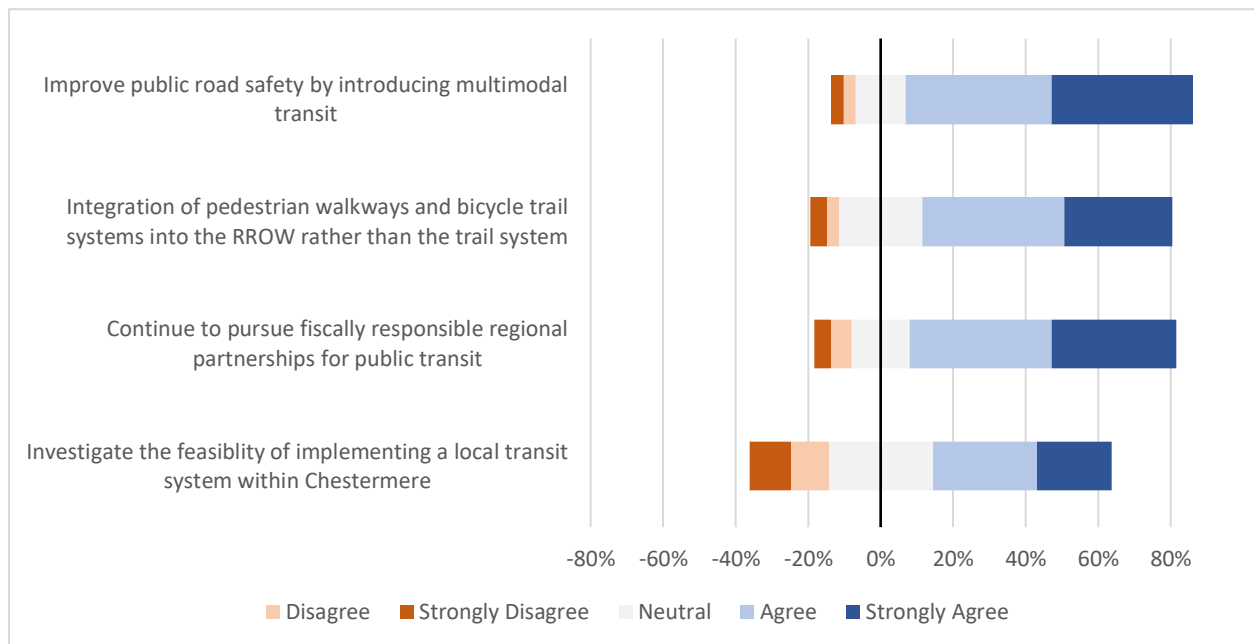
- Suggestions included focusing less on the library and more on non-profit organizations lacking space. The Medicine Hat model (Root Cellar Food & Wellness Hub) was highlighted as a good example of a holistic approach.
- It was suggested to amalgamate Chestermere’s library with the Calgary library system.
- It was proposed that a recreation centre should be built on the outskirts of the city to reduce congestion in the core.

SECTION 7: TRANSPORTATION

QUESTION 16: Please tell us your overall level of agreement with the following policies.

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with a variety of policies relating to the transportation, multimodal transit, integration of pedestrian walkways and bicycle trails into the road right-of-way (ROW), pursuance of fiscally responsible regional partnerships for public transit, and implementing a local transit system within Chestermere. Respondents were generally in agreement with all the mentioned policies. The data shows that participants value public safety, multimodal transit, and pursuing regional partnerships for public transit. The data also shows that the respondents had mixed opinions regarding the implementation of a local transit system.

Question 16 results





QUESTION 17: *If you disagree with any of these policies, please tell us how we could improve them.*

Total respondents: 21

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.

Transit (13 mentions)

- Multiple respondents expressed opposition to a dedicated transit system for Chestermere, citing the city's population and concerns over cost and tax implications.
- Some opposed continual transit between Calgary and Chestermere, citing concerns about homelessness, vagrancy, and crime.
- Suggestions included partnering with Calgary Transit to leverage their existing system instead of creating a standalone Chestermere system.
- While a local transit system was not widely supported, a few respondents suggested minimal services, such as a single bus running hourly, to meet local needs.
- Suggestions to improve connectivity included better bus services to East Hills and expanded Calgary Transit hours to include early mornings (5-6 a.m.), evenings, and weekends.
- Park-and-ride facilities and improved bus connectivity were also recommended.

Bike facilities (3 mentions)

- Multiple respondents opposed the addition of bike lanes, citing underutilization in Calgary, traffic issues, and safety concerns.
- Suggestions included keeping bike paths off major streets and prioritizing off-road bike paths.

Other (2 mentions)

- Recommendation to add streetlights to major thoroughfares such as Chestermere Boulevard to enhance safety.
- Expanding 17th Avenue to a double lane was also proposed to address traffic flow and congestion.

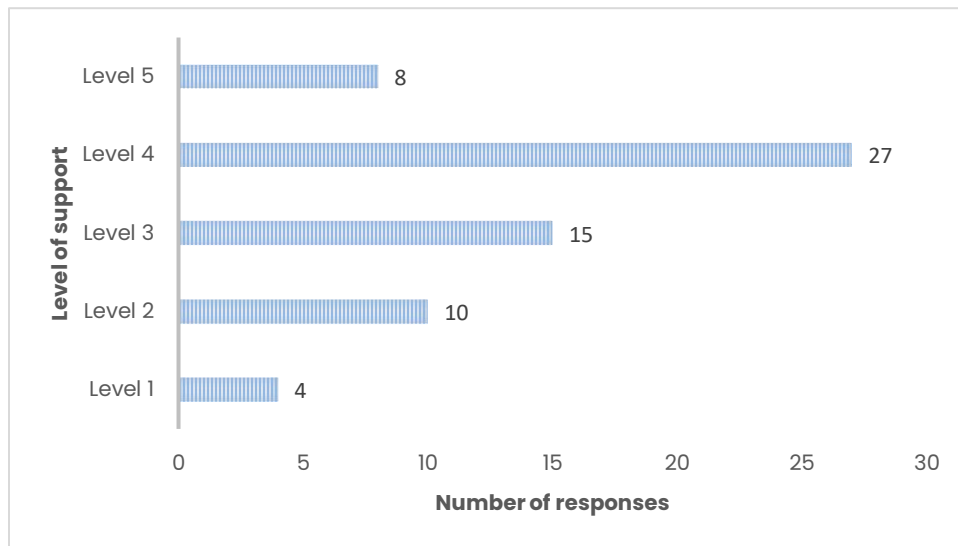


SECTION 8: DRAFT LAND USE CONCEPT

QUESTION 18: *After reviewing the draft land use concept and policy highlights, please share your overall level of support.*

This question asked respondents to share their level of support, on a scale from Level 1 to Level 5, for the draft land use concept and policy highlights. From a total of 64 responses, the average level of support was found to be 3.39. This indicates that the respondents are generally in support of the concepts and policies that have been discussed in the draft land use concept.

Question 18 results



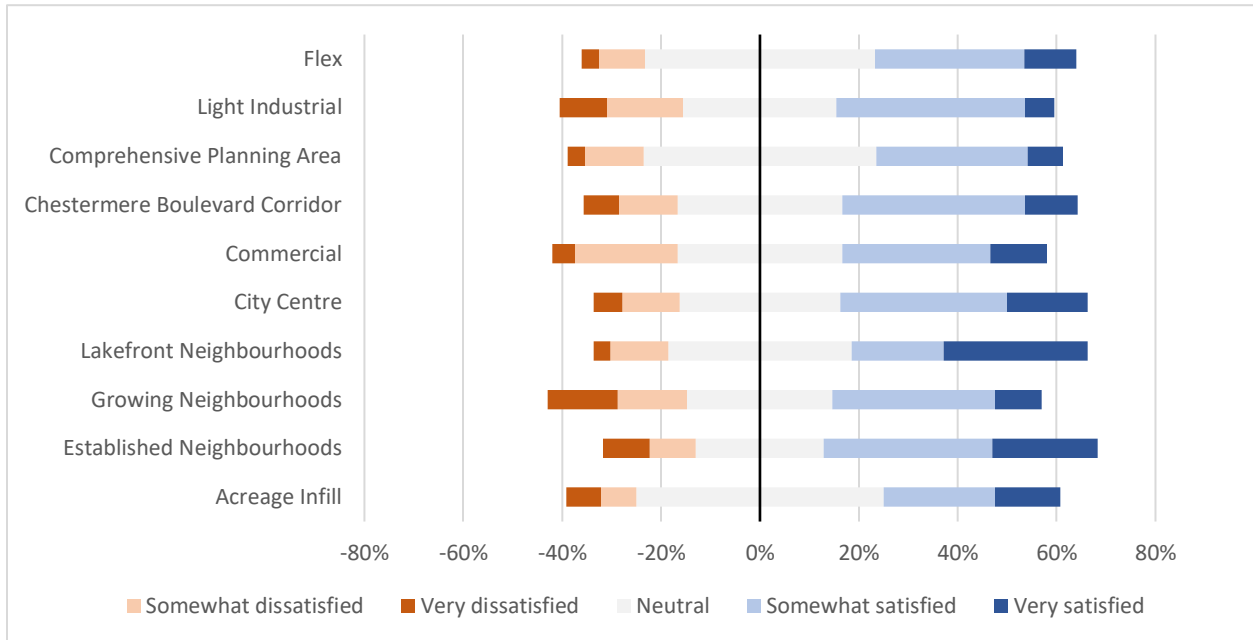
QUESTION 19: *To better understand your response above, please rank your satisfaction with the placement of each land use designation*

This question asked respondents to rank their satisfaction with the placement of each land use designation on a scale from very dissatisfied, to very satisfied. From the data, the satisfaction with the land use designations was moderately consistent amongst the various land use types.

Further analysis of the data shows that respondents tended to feel somewhat satisfied to very satisfied rather than somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied regarding placement of the land use designations. A significant portion of respondents felt neutral regarding the land use designations.



Question 19 results



QUESTION 20: if you are not satisfied with one or more of the land use designations, please tell us why.

Total respondents: 39

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.

Residential (15 mentions)

- Many respondents raised concerns with introducing more high density residential land use designations.
- Concerns were centred around stressing the existing infrastructure.
- Many respondents were concerned with secondary suites, stating existing issues with residential parking would be exacerbated due to additional suites per lot.
- Several comments mentioned that residential development should stop until more infrastructure is built to handle the additional residential development.
- There were several comments that suggested that secondary suites not be allowed.
- One comment stated that there is too much high density, which results in cookie cutter neighbourhoods.



Light Industrial (4 mentions)

- Two comments provided recommendations on how to more creatively use the light industrial area.
- One comment suggested that there is more of a focus on light industrial. This comment also suggested that all residential development be halted until more schools are built.
- There were several respondents that suggested more light industrial be included.
- One comment stated that the light industrial is too close to the residential area. There was a suggestion to add a buffer between them.

Commercial/Mixed-Use (7 mentions)

- There were several respondents that stated there should be more commercial and mixed-use areas.
- There were several comments that suggested there should be more rec centres, hospitals, and schools.
- One comment stated that there should be more neighbourhood commercial areas.

Green Space (4 mentions)

- Respondents mentioned that green spaces should be protected.
- One comment mentions that the description of the comprehensive planning area doesn't specify parks and green space.
- There was a suggestion to add outdoor recreation in combination with residential areas.

City Centre (1 mention)

- One comment stated that no buildings should be over two stories tall in the city centre as it is an eyesore.



QUESTION 21: For those who have reviewed the draft MDP in its entirety, please share any additional comments here.

Total respondents: 26

All responses were reviewed and organized into key themes to highlight community priorities and areas of focus. Below is a summary of the feedback received, categorized by topic.

Recreational Facilities (7 mentions)

- Multiple respondents expressed the importance of having a recreational centre in Chestermere to create additional gathering spaces.
- Suggestions included various recreational facilities, both indoor and outdoor.
- Respondents expressed the value of funding the library as it as the hub of the city.

Infrastructure (8 mentions)

- Multiple respondents expressed concern that Chestermere needs more schools.
- Respondents expressed concerns regarding insufficient stormwater infrastructure.
- Respondents expressed concerns regarding insufficient transportation infrastructure.
- Suggestions included the addition of roundabouts to increase safety and alleviate traffic concerns.

Greenspace and Parks (2 mentions)

- Multiple respondents expressed concern that Chestermere needs more schools.

SECTION 8: ENGAGEMENT

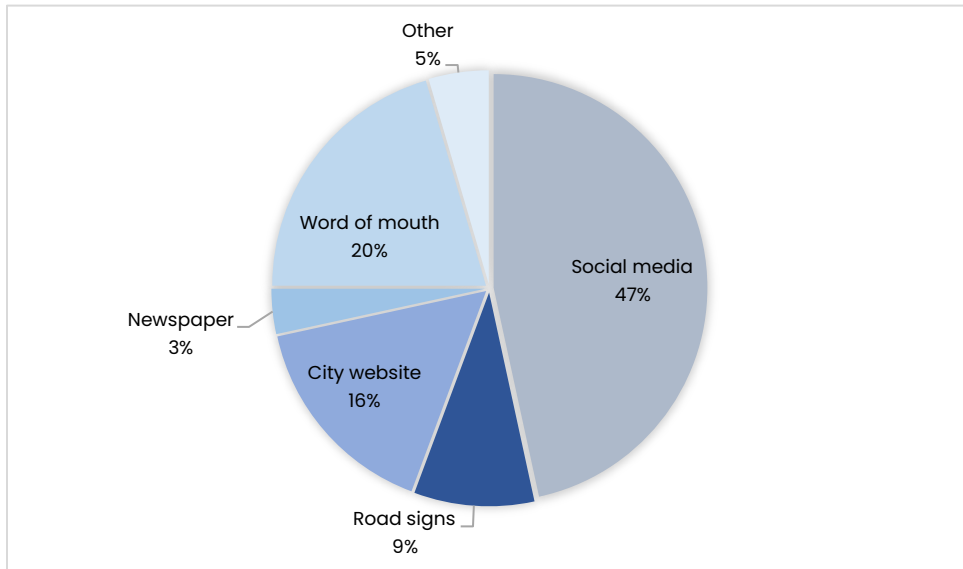
QUESTION 22: Please tell us how you heard about the MDP project.

This question asked the respondents to select their source for hearing about the Municipal Development Plan project. The results show that social media played a large role informing respondents about the MDP project, with 41 out of 88 indicating that they found out through this platform. The next highest source was word of mouth (18 out of 88), followed by the city website (14 out of 88), road signs (8 out of 88), other means (4 out of 88), and finally, the newspaper (3 of 88).



This data suggests that social media, word of mouth, and the city website are the most effective means of engaging the community.

Question 22 results





CONCLUSION

The feedback process itself was highly valuable in building understanding of how aspirations translate into policy. Overall, participants appreciated the opportunity to share their views and contribute to the City's future.

Feedback gathered during Round Two has provided valuable insights on possible further refinements to Chestermere's new Municipal Development Plan. Feedback from the community was gathered through various methods:

- Opinions given at pop-up events
- Participation at community partner meetings
- Ability to weigh in on the public survey
- Ability to email the project team

Feedback revealed several key themes. Participants highlighted the need for sustainable growth, with a focus on balancing residential and non-residential development to support the local economy. There was support for mixed-use developments and higher-density housing, though some expressed concerns about over-densification. Recreation and community spaces emerged as top priorities, with strong interest in a city-owned recreation center that integrates a library and social services, along with accessible options like swimming pools and sports fields.

Transportation improvements were also a major focus, with calls for better road infrastructure, pathway connections, and thoughtful transit planning. Opinions on transit were mixed, with some supporting regional partnerships and others raising concerns about costs and potential challenges. Residents emphasized the importance of preserving Chestermere's natural assets, such as the lake and green spaces, and promoting sustainable development practices.

Additionally, there was strong advocacy for permanent spaces for social services, community hubs, and inclusive cultural facilities. The community's feedback reflects a shared vision for a vibrant, balanced, and sustainable future for Chestermere, which will guide further refinements to the MDP.



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