

# CREATING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH PARKS

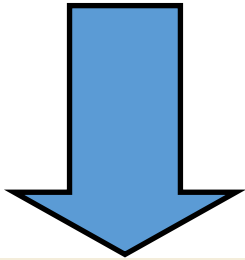


## Developing an Innovative Vision

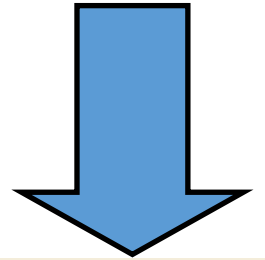


# DEVELOPING AN INNOVATIVE VISION

Start your visioning process by gaining insight into the needs and wants of your neighbourhood. Think outside the box, explore other communities and brainstorm! All ideas are welcome at this stage.



## ESTABLISHING NEEDS VS. WANTS



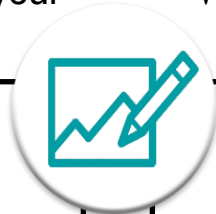
Who is the project primarily for? Students? Teens? The wider community?  
What other playful, or community amenities are within walking distance?  
What is your community or school missing?

Use the boxes below to brainstorm and help define your NEEDS



What are the demographics of your community?

What other amenities are already available to your community?



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## TYPES OF COMMUNITY SPACES



Consider a variety of interactive opportunities that will invite people of all ages and abilities. This will help you design a project that provides opportunities for all Calgarians.

# ACTIVE ~ SOCIAL ~ IMAGINATIVE ~ NATURAL ~ INCLUSIVE ~ SPORTY

### ACTIVE

**Active features** will promote fundamental movement and physical play including running, climbing or jumping. Think things that get your heart beating!

### SOCIAL

**Social options** will encourage collaboration, cooperation and sharing. Spaces where interaction with others is important, such as an amphitheater.

### IMAGINATIVE

**Imaginative play** encourages the possibilities of 'make believe' where a physical object can represent anything. This allows the experience to develop based on a child's (or adult's!) imagination.

### NATURAL

**Natural features** will improve the appeal of your space and allow people to utilize more of their senses. Natural materials can help stimulate children's creativity and provide a tactile experience.

### INCLUSIVE

**Inclusive design** accommodates all users at a variety of developmental levels, where everyone can participate and interact. It means designing the space not just with a focus on physical accessibility but for individuals with other mental or social impairments as well. Consider pathway connections, accessible surfacing and access ramps, community seating and even shade.

### SPORTY

**Sport features** will encourage organized games and athlete development at the community level. Outdoor rinks and multi-sport courts invite kids, teens, and adults to stay active and build their knowledge and skill levels.



## CONCEPTUALIZATION IS KEY!

**DYK?** Parks Foundation Calgary has a Conceptual Drawing Grant that can support this stage of your project?

Visit <https://www.parksfdn.com/conceptual-drawing> for guidelines and more information!

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What active features would you like to include in your project?



# SOCIAL



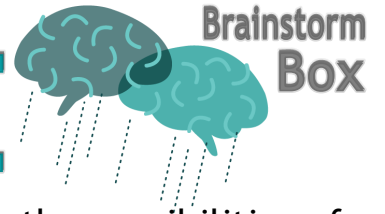
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What social features would you like to include in your project?



# IMAGINATIVE



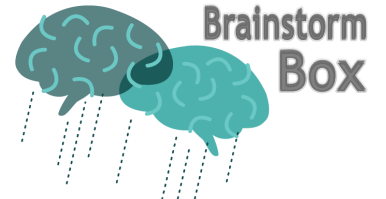
Brainstorm  
Box

**Imaginative play** encourages the possibilities of ‘make believe’ where a physical object can represent anything. This allows the experience to develop based on a child’s (or adult’s!) imagination.

What imaginative features would you like to include in your project?



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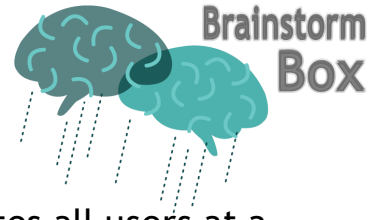


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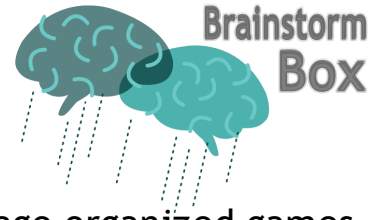
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What inclusive features would you like to include in your project?





# SPORTY



Brainstorm  
Box

**Sporty features will encourage organized games and athlete development at the community level. Outdoor rinks and multi-sport courts invite kids, teens and adults to stay active and build their knowledge and skill levels.**

What sporty features would you like to include in your project?

