

# ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



## Brookwood-Fernridge Neighbourhood Plans

Engagement opportunities during Phase 1 of the Brookwood-Fernridge Neighbourhood Plans (May to July 2019) focused on identifying specific values, assets and opportunities for the neighbourhoods of Booth, Fernridge and Rinn. Phase 1 included a series of Neighbourhood Dialogue Sessions, a combined Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT) and Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Teams (NPSTs) meeting, an Open House and an Online Questionnaire.



215+

Attended the Public Open House or completed online surveys



158

Participated in Neighbourhood Dialogue Sessions



27

Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Team and Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Teams who contributed in the inaugural meeting



### KEY THEMES:

#### Maintaining Green and Natural Spaces

Many expressed a need to protect and maintain the existing ample park and green spaces and were concerned that increased growth and development would result in a loss of local natural areas and negatively impact the surrounding wildlife.

#### Preserving Neighbourhood Character

A strong community character was identified as both a key existing asset and a feature that should be preserved. Many valued the "small town feel" that gives residents a sense of safety, remoteness and social inclusion.

#### Housing

Participants indicated that although single family housing was an existing asset, a greater variety of affordable housing types is necessary to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population.

#### Providing Multi-Use Transportation Networks

Respondents value the existing walkability of the community, including bicycle and pedestrian pathways and trails. Many also expressed a need to preserve and provide additional active transportation and public transit options while also managing vehicular road traffic to accommodate future growth.

#### Creating Complete Communities

Many respondents valued the proximity of local shops, businesses and amenities in each neighbourhood. Many also supported future mixed-use development as a way to provide additional opportunities for retail and commercial uses and ensure accessibility to essential services.

#### Implementing the Neighbourhood Plans

There is a strong desire to implement the neighbourhood plans without delay. Many hoped that development would begin soon after plan adoption and that leadership would remain committed to ensuring practical outcomes of each plan.

### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

Respondents identified Booth as a community hub of mixed uses and an opportunity for more affordable housing

**BOOTH**

Respondents supported the protection of green and natural spaces and preservation of "horse country" character

**FERNRIDGE**

Respondents prioritized a need for greater expansion of the trail network and protection of natural and green spaces

**RINN**

