



This is my neighbourhood Saddle Ridge

Stakeholder Report Back: What We Heard
Initiatives Prioritization Online Survey, April 16, 2018

Project overview

This is my neighbourhood is a program created for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to make their neighbourhoods even better places to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to the first 14 neighbourhoods that participated in This is my neighbourhood. Some examples of the types of initiatives that resulted from the program included building a fit park, adding family-friendly Park n' Play programming options and developing pedestrian pathway maps.

The City is now working with 14 new neighbourhoods and the resulting improvement initiatives will be implemented in 2018.

Engagement overview

The engagement process began with each neighbourhood identifying a vision. Residents were asked what would make their community a better place to live, work and play. They were also asked about their priorities when it came to the vision words accessibility, active, beautiful, clean, connected, diverse, family-friendly, healthy, inclusive, safe and walkable. The input in this phase helped create a number of vision statements from which residents could vote on.

The vision for Saddle Ridge is ***Saddle Ridge values being clean, litter-free and well-maintained with walkable streets that are safe for children, and being beautiful with trees and flowers in their neighbourhood.***

The next step involved community participants and City staff attending workshops to creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision.

In the third and final phase of engagement, The City proposed a number of initiatives based on the creative ideas from Step 2 and asked for feedback to help prioritize those initiatives.





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This report back covers what we heard from participants regarding proposed initiatives for the Saddle Ridge community through an online survey. The survey was available on the [This is my neighbourhood Engage page](https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/saddleridge) (<https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/saddleridge>) from March 19 to April 2, 2018. The survey was promoted online and through the email distribution list.

We received 74 submissions for the Saddle Ridge community initiatives.

What we asked

Saddle Ridge residents were presented with nine different initiatives and asked how they felt each initiative would impact their community. Participants were able to choose if they felt the initiative would have a *low impact*, *medium impact* or *high impact*.



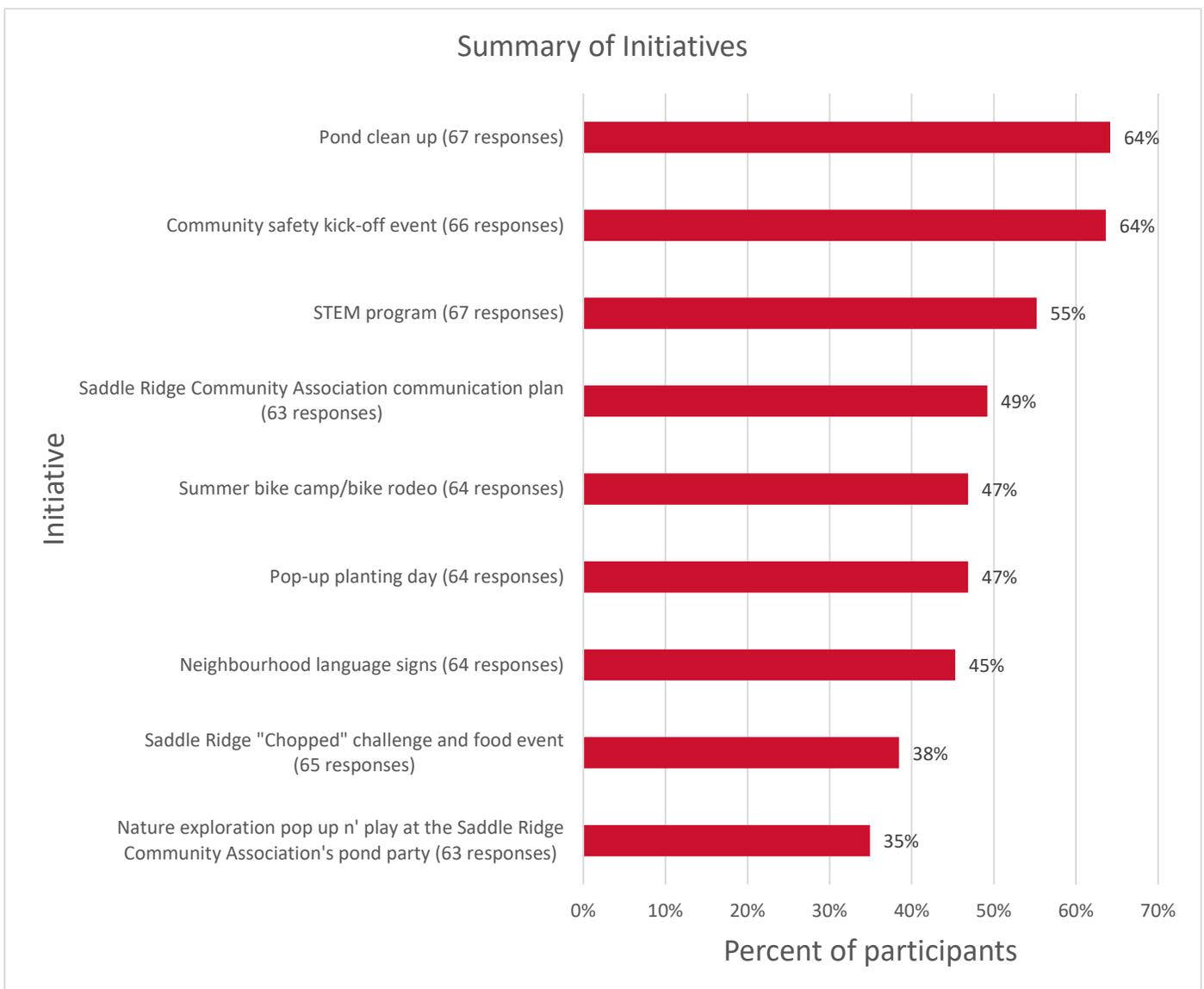
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What we heard

Below is a summary of how participants rated the 9 initiatives overall as having either a *low impact*, *medium impact* or *high impact*.

While the total number of submissions was 74, the number of responses for each initiative varied as all questions were optional. The summary below is based on the percentage of respondents who selected *high impact* for each initiative.





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The following describes the detailed responses for each of the 9 initiatives.

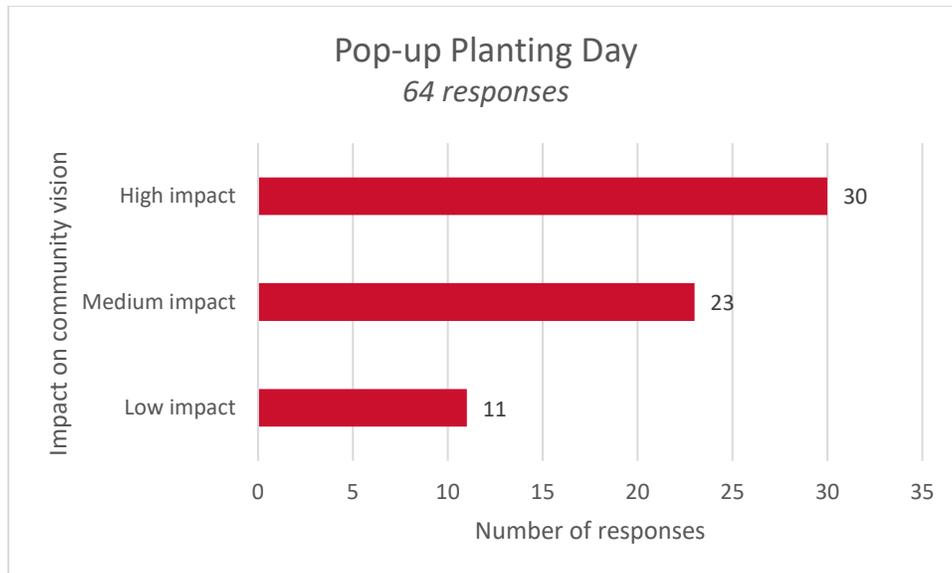
1. Pop-up planting day

Pop-up planting in smaller green spaces through the community to increase beautification and neighbourhood pride. We would need community support to make this initiative happen. If you would be interested in volunteering to help, be sure to answer the Volunteering question below and make sure you've signed up for email updates.

Projected costs: \$4,000 - \$7,000

1a) What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 30 out of 34 participants (47%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision. 11 participants (17%) felt that it would have a low impact.



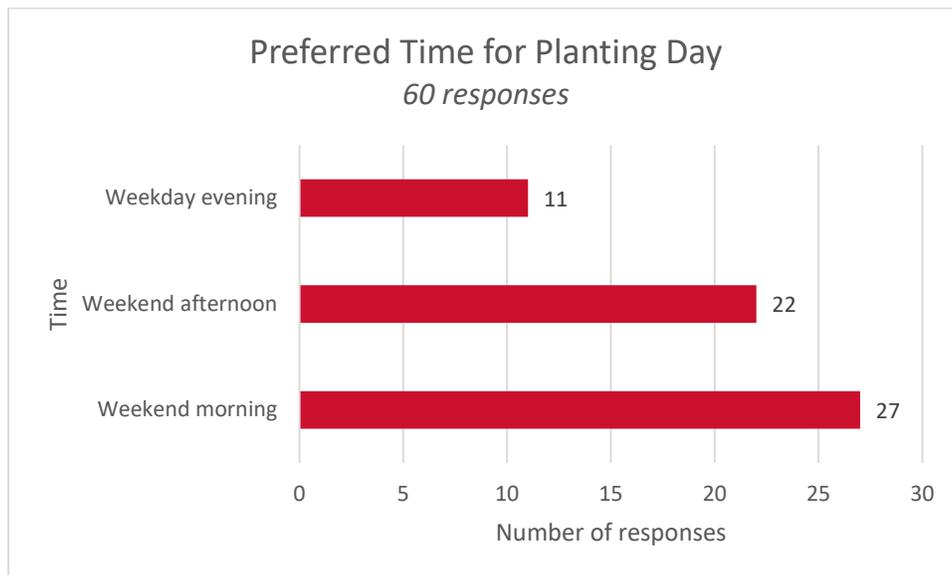


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1b) If this initiative were to go forward, what would be your top preferred option for the time of planting day?

Weekend morning was chosen as the preferred time for this initiative, with 27 out 60 responses (45%).





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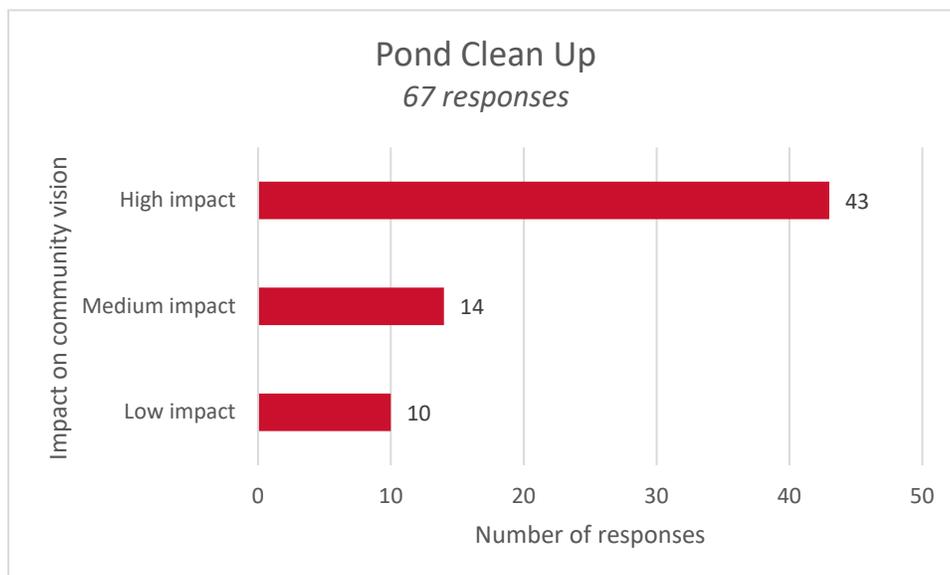
2. Pond clean up

Clean up the green space adjacent to the ponds to increase beautification and neighbourhood pride. An educational component will also be included on the importance of storm water ponds, the benefits and uses of the ponds and the natural wildlife that rely on the ponds.

Projected cost: \$2,000 - \$5,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have in your neighbourhood?

This was the highest-rated initiative, with 43 out of 67 participants (64%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the vision for Saddle Ridge. Only 10 participants (15%) felt it would have a low impact.





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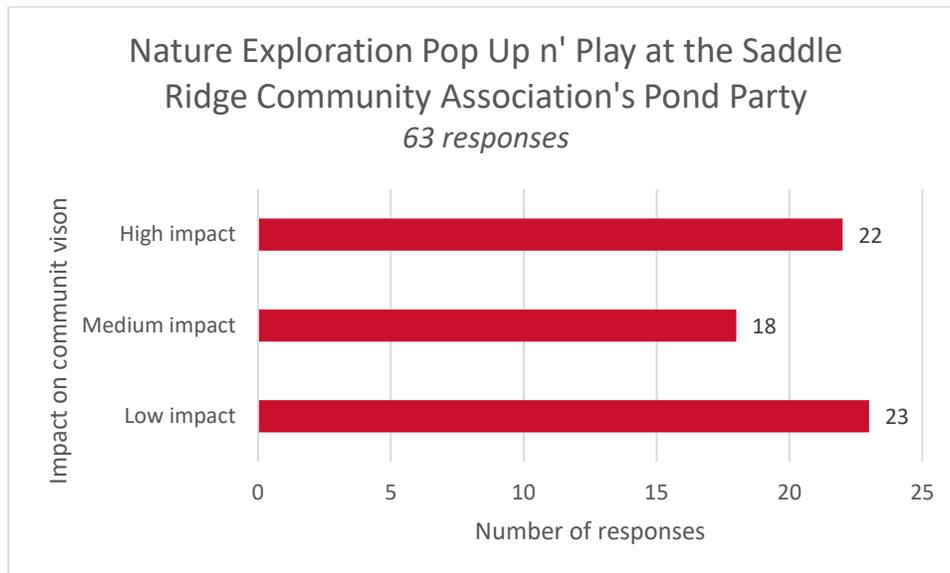
3. Nature exploration pop up n' play at the Saddle Ridge Community Association's pond party

Pop up and play program with a focus on nature exploration during the Saddle Ridge Community Association's pond party this summer. Subject to staff availability.

Projected cost: \$4,000 - \$7,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

Responses for this initiative were the most evenly distributed, with 23 out of 63 responses (37%) for *low impact*, 18 (29%) for *medium impact* and 22 (35%) for *high impact*.





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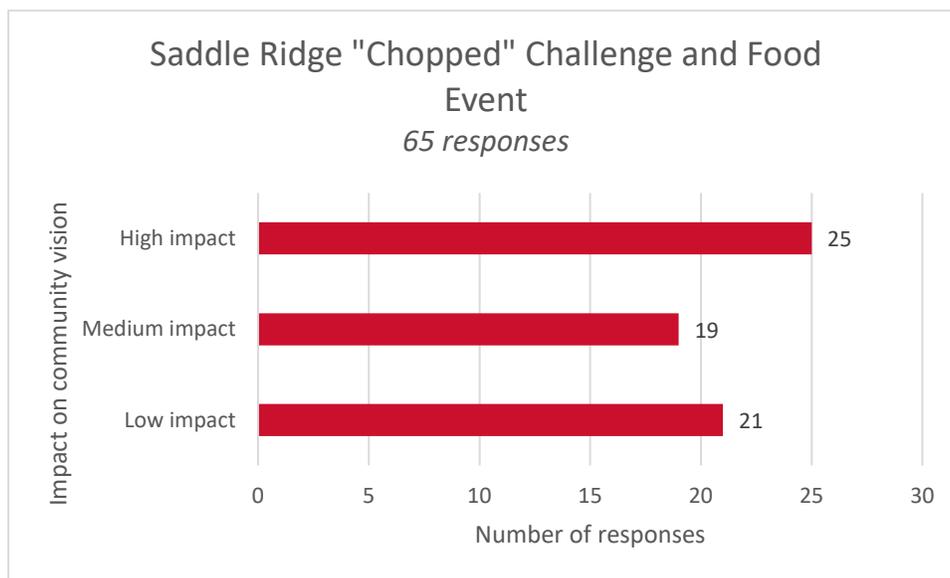
4. Saddle Ridge “chopped” challenge and food event

A recipe exchange and food event including a “chopped” challenge for children and adults to learn about different cuisine and foods. We would need community support to make this initiative happen. If you would be interested in volunteering to help, be sure to answer the Volunteering question below and make sure you've signed up for email updates.

Projected costs: \$1,000 - \$2,500

4a) What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 25 out of 65 participants (38%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision for Saddle Ridge, while 21 participants (32%) felt it would have a low impact.



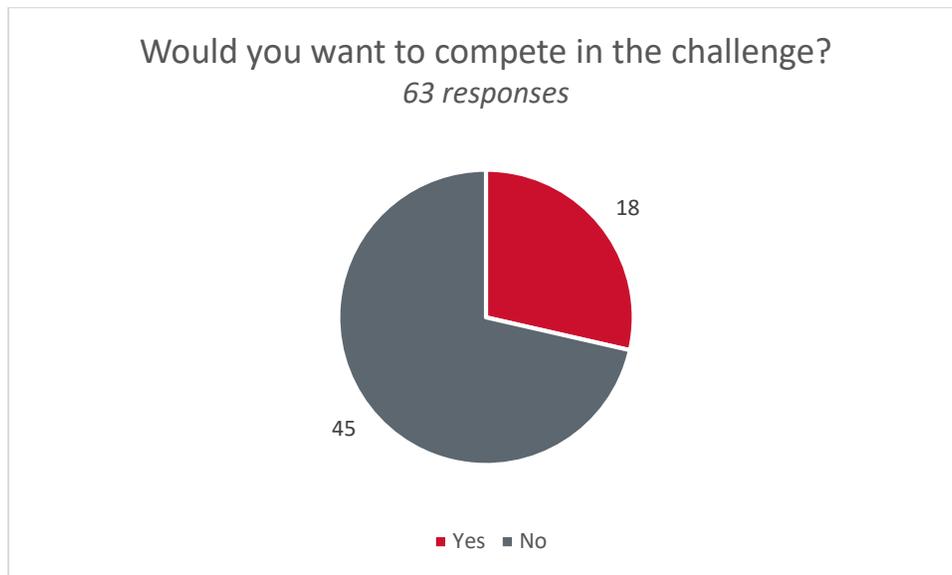


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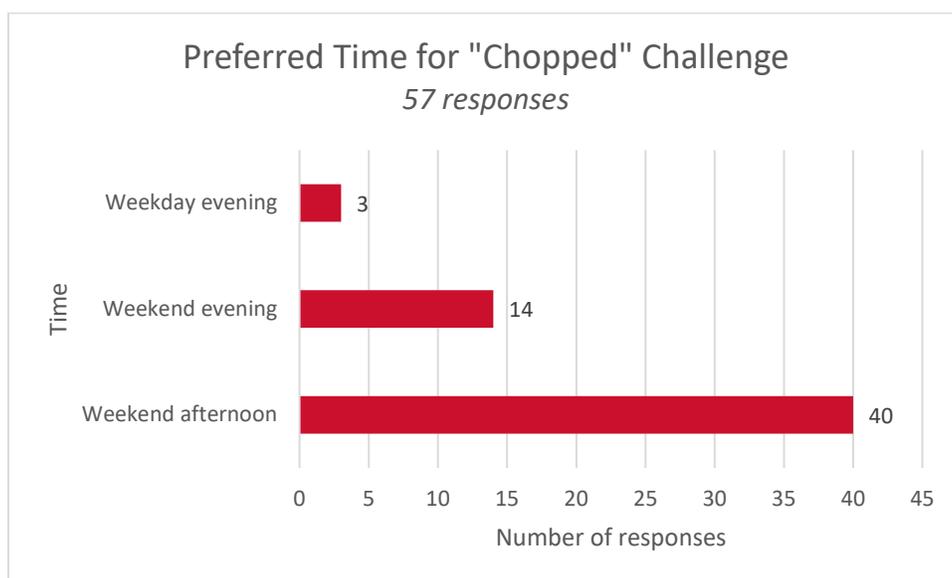
4b) Would you want to compete in the challenge?

18 out of 63 participants (29%) indicated interest in competing in the “Chopped” challenge.



4c) If this initiative were to go forward, what would be your top preferred options for time for this activity?

40 out of 57 participants (70%) indicated a weekend afternoon would be the preferred time for the challenge.





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5. Community safety kick-off event

A fun and interactive safety event with Calgary Police Services, Calgary Fire Department and Calgary Community Standards.

Projected cost: \$3,000 - \$5,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

This was the second highest-rated initiative, with 42 out of 66 participants (64%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision for Saddle Ridge.





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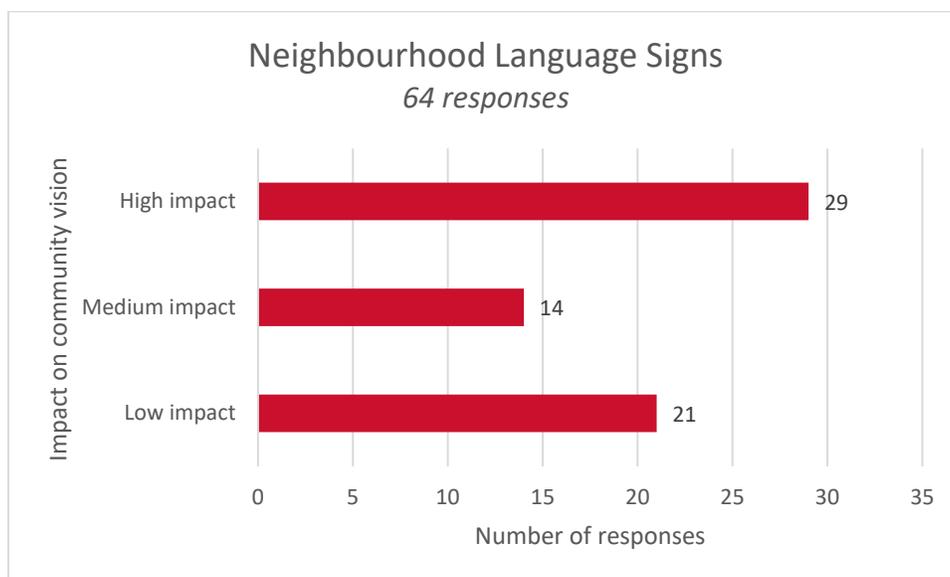
6. Neighbourhood language signs

Saddle Ridge is home to a diverse population with many languages spoken. Neighbourhood language signs could help to bridge the gap in communication. Words could include: Hello, Please, Thank You, etc. This can help neighbours to get to know each other and feel connected to their community.

Projected cost: \$1,000 - \$5,000

6a) What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 29 out of 64 participants (45%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision, while 21 participants (33%) felt it would have a low impact.



6b) What words would you like to see on these signs?

Verbatim comments can be found on [page 17](#).

6c) Where would you like to see these signs?

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7. Saddle Ridge Community Association communication plan

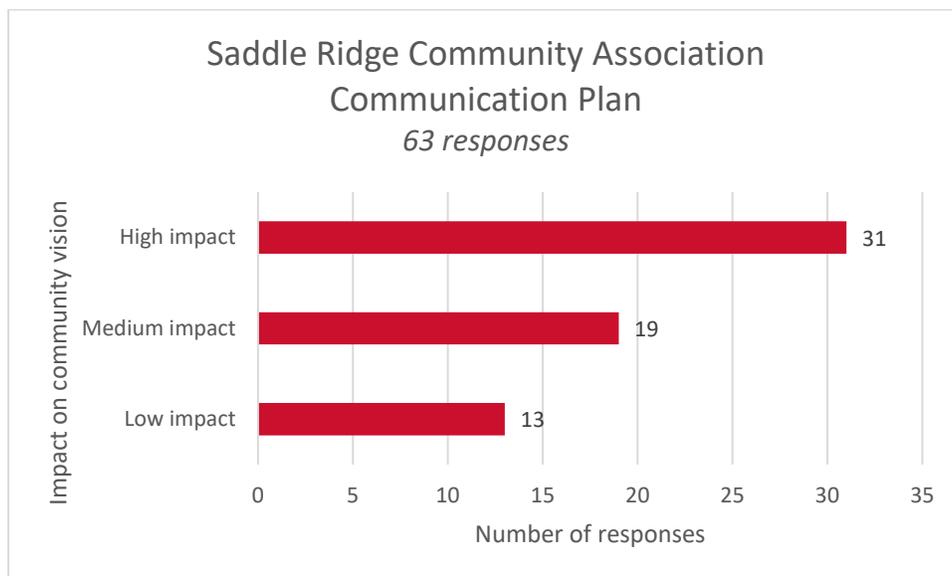
The development of a communication plan for the neighbourhood will allow for residents to be better informed and engaged. This can result in more connections between the community association and residents for better delivery of programs and services.

This would be subject to the commitment from the Community Association to support the development and implementation of the plan.

Projected cost: \$5,000 - \$10,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

High impact was chosen most often, with 31 out of 63 participants (49%) indicating this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision for Abbeydale, while 13 participants (21%) felt it would have a low impact.





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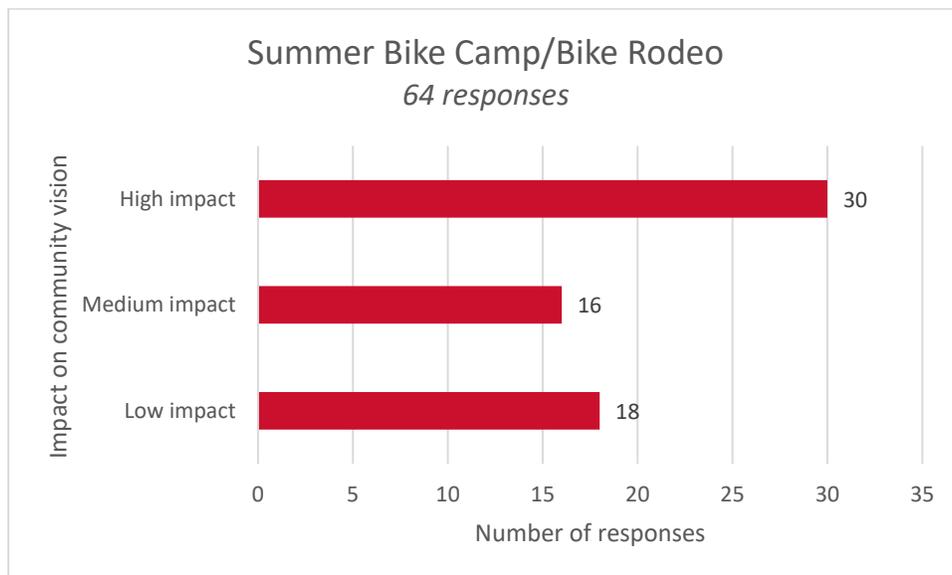
8. Summer bike camp/bike rodeo

This program would focus on encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle while providing technical instruction on how to cycle safely.

Projected cost: \$4,000 - \$7,000

What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

Almost half of participants (30 out of 64, or 47%) indicated this initiative would have a high impact on the vision for Saddle Ridge. 18 participants (28%) felt it would have a low impact.





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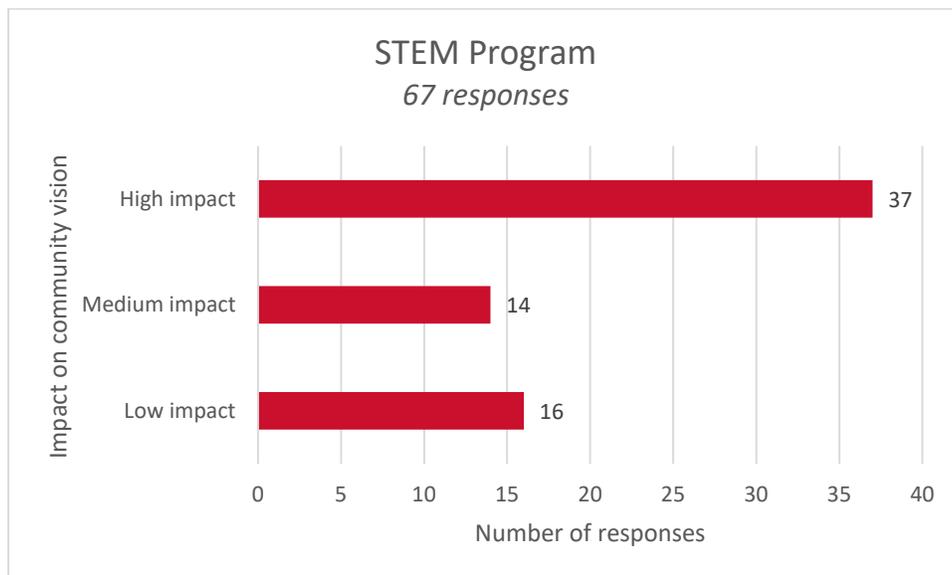
9. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program

This program is a curriculum-based program that integrates the four disciplines into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world.

Projected costs: \$3,500 - \$7,500

9a) What impact do you feel this initiative would have on the vision for your neighbourhood?

Over half of participants (37 out of 67, or 55%) indicated that this initiative would have a high impact on the community vision, while 16 participants (24%) felt it would have a low impact.



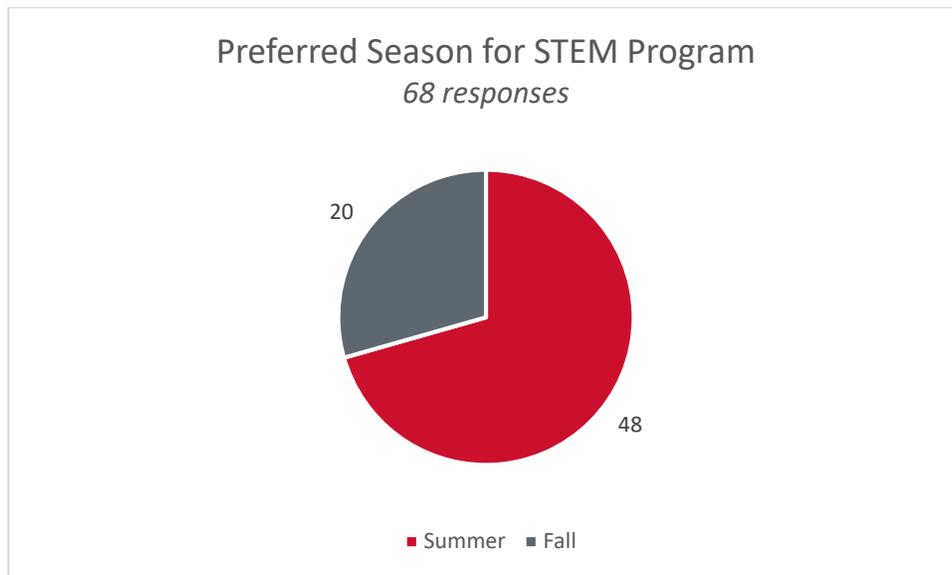


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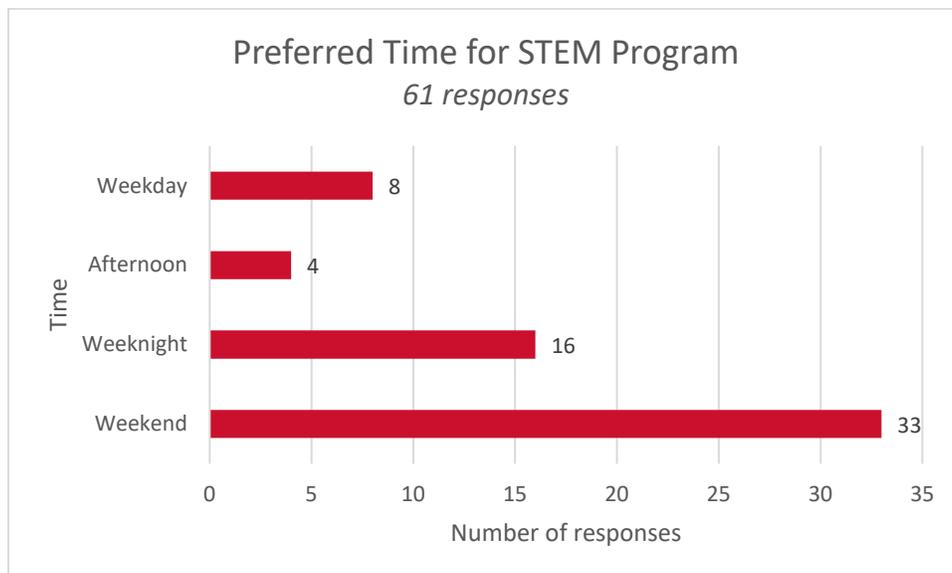
9b) When would you like to see this program offered?

48 out of 68 participants (71%) indicated summer as the preferred season for the STEM program.



9c) What time during the week would you like to see this program offered?

33 out of 61 participants (54%) indicated a weekend as the preferred time of week for this program.





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10. Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering to support the initiatives below that will help us gauge interest to know if the program should go forward. Please choose the initiatives you would be interested to support (check all that apply). Then be sure to click the link below and sign up for the email updates and watch for emails that ask for volunteer support.

28 participants indicated that they would be interested in volunteering to support the Saddle Ridge “Chopped” challenge.

Next steps

The initiatives and survey results will be reviewed and some initiatives will be selected to move forward for implementation. Initiatives will be announced in Spring 2018 at www.calgary.ca/myneighbourhood. Watch for these initiatives to start in 2018.



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Verbatim Comments

6b) What words would you like to see on these signs?

- ?????? ???????? (please) in urdu
- Punjabi
- How are you
- Slow down, cross walk, bike path,
- Welcome sign and roads sign in Punjabi .Warning and information sign in Punjabi.Welcome,thanks you,Good luck,Stay healthy ,in punjabi
- Hello, goodbye, thank you, please
- it could start with English, french and the rest will be based on profile of origins of community members,
- Welcome to Saddleridge/Savanna in urdu and pinjabi
- Kids playing, slow, thank you, welcome
- Greenspan, Please don't litter, Keep your neighborhood clean. Plant more trees , Cut the grass regularly, Garden of flowers or Vegetables
- salam ale kum
- Basic communication to help those who may have just moved here from another country
- Hello, Thank you
- Beautiful day. Nice to meet you. My name is_____; what is your name?
- Hello Thank You Please Sorry
- Street names
- Punjabi
- Welcome, Family, Danger, Caution, Helping you
- Sat Sri akal As A Welcome
- "Definitions" would be better; ie define a GOOD neighbor in all languages; "friendly" "shovels their sidewalk" OR signs with pictures
- Please slow down. Thank you. Please report suspicious activity or crimes.
- Thanks and welcome in punjabi
- Punjabi
- I would like to see simple greetings that most people would use in their own household following with an English translation.
- No signs
- Welcome to YOUR Saddleridge community'
- Hello, please, thank you, cheers, best wishes
- You have a beautiful home. Could you clear your sidewalk?
- Waste of taxer payers money



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- Punjabi
- SAT SRI AKAL
- Stop. Yeild. Pedestrian.
- excuse,help
- Hey, that's not a yield sign
- SAT SHRI AKAAL
- Asalaamualaikum(hello),Shukiriya(thanks)Allah Hafiz(god keep u safe),khushamdeed(welcome)

6c) Where would you like to see these signs?

- Around ponds and walking paths. Near schools and bus routes.
- Asking the community to use the bins
- On main intersections
- Bus stop, street light post, on back of benches
- Saddletowne circle, Saddlehorn Dr, 60th street
- Parks,streets and roads,community centre and school,health center and all govt &city building.
- Periodically placed throughout the community
- in common spaces, transit stations, halls
- At main community entrances, and falconridge north and meti north before hitting 80 ave.
- None
- Parks , Ponds, Rain Gardens , Road Side sings.
- parks
- Close to community centres and stores
- Train Stations and Genesis Centre
- On major walking paths and sidewalks.
- Saddletowne circle and in the buses so people can read of their next destination in their domestic language and get off on the right stop
- Less signs
- On every street sign
- By schools, street corners, ctrain
- Where it's possible
- Playgrounds, Hugh Bennett pond, Saddlecrest pond, major intersections (88ave etc) & around saddletowne circle (cTrain station)
- On street corners and main roads.
- On roundabout
- All over



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- I would love to see them on the lawns of homeowners, lamp posts, public places such as the Genesis Center or the Library
- Nowhere
- Safeway, ponds, shoppers, YMCA
- Near shopping areas, main roads etc
- In my neighbourhood.
- These should not be installed
- Everywhere on streets
- Na
- Everywhere the signs are now.
- Next to the throughput sign
- Saddletowne circle
- Enter & exits location of the community