



# This Is My Neighbourhood - Abbeydale

Stakeholder Report Back: What We Heard  
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## Project overview

This Is My Neighbourhood was created to provide an opportunity for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to help make their neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 neighbourhoods.

In 2017, The City of Calgary is working with a new group of 14 neighbourhoods. The City will work with the neighbourhoods to first identify a neighbourhood vision. From that vision, participants, working with City staff, will come up with creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision as identified in the engagement. In 2018 those programs, services and infrastructure projects will be implemented.

## Engagement overview

This report back covers what we heard during the visioning phase for Abbeydale. This is the first step in the engagement for the This is My Neighbourhood program.

## What we asked

Residents in Abbeydale were asked:

What would make Abbeydale a better place to live, work and play? They were then asked to choose their top three vision words from a list (see below), or add their own, and explain why they chose that word.

**Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse • Family-Friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable**



### Step 1 Tell us your vision

What would make your neighbourhood a better place to live, work and play? Choose your top 3 words from the list, **or add your own**, and tell us why.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse
- Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

Vision Word (example)	Why? (example)
Accessible	I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets.
Vision Word #1	Why?
Vision Word #2	Why?
Vision Word #3	Why?



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## How we connected

There were three different ways citizens could provide feedback:

1. Everyone in the neighbourhood was mailed a postcard with the vision question and could drop it off at the Abbeydale Community Association. The postcards were sent to 2547 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through the <https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/abbeydale> portal page from July 10 to October 31, 2017. The survey was promoted on neighbourhood roadside signs, through Facebook, and through the community association website. We received 418 pieces of feedback through online engagement, and 9 comments through Facebook.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. We received 156 submissions through in-person engagement. The table below summarizes the events we attended and how many people we reached at each event.

Event Name	Number of people reached at community events
Park n Play 2017	336
Community Clean Up	150
Abercove Pop Up Event	10
Door Knocking	111
Saint Kateri School Class Visit	54
Saint Kateri School Blog	450
Sparks/Brownies	40
Jelly Bean Dance	100
Community Association Mail Box	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

4. We also asked participants online how they heard about this program. These were their responses:

In the Mail	Social Media	Roadside Signs	Community Newsletter	Word of Mouth	City Website	Other
32	18	9	4	6	5	20

## What we heard

This is a short overview of what citizens of Abbeydale told us this summer and fall. The top “vision words” that were selected were: **Safe**, **Clean** and **Active**. However, many people also provided their own words. When those new words were reviewed there were frequent themes, including nature, playground and basketball.

The most frequent words of safe, clean and active had key some themes within them as well.



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**Safe:** Residents of Abbeydale want to feel safe in their neighbourhood. They would like to reduce crime and vandalism and feel that more police presence is needed to assist with that. Improved street lighting and well lit areas were also mentioned as a way to improve the feeling of safety while walking or playing in local parks.

**Clean:** Most of the comments related to this vision word related to the desire for residents to pick up garbage and litter. Residents feel that a clean community will lead to a safe and beautiful community, and that pride of ownership will be noticed with well-maintained yards and green spaces.

**Active:** Youth activities and places to play are a priority for residents of Abbeydale. More programs and organized activities as well as improvements to bike paths and playgrounds were mentioned as ways to keep kids in the community active and healthy.

For a verbatim listing of all the input for the visioning, please see pages 5-28.

VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	5
VISION WORD: ACTIVE	6
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	8
VISION WORD: CLEAN	10
VISION WORD: CONNECTED	13
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	15
VISION WORD: FAMILY-FRIENDLY	15
VISION WORD: HEALTHY	17
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	17
VISION WORD: SAFE	18
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	20
VISION WORDS: OTHER	21
VISION WORDS: OTHER	22
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## Vision statements

From this information, 3 vision statements are suggested for Abbeydale. A quick poll on the <https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/abbeydale> page will be available from November 17 to November 27 where residents can pick their favourite one. The proposed vision statements come from the vision words and ideas you shared with us through the engagement.

- a) Abbeydale is safe, clean and active.
- b) Abbeydale residents feel safe walking and playing in their community, feel pride of ownership and promote youth activities by providing a variety of programs and diverse places to play.



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- c) In Abbeydale, we value a sense of security while walking and playing in our neighbourhood, having clean and well-maintained public and private spaces, and having the necessary programs and infrastructure in place to keep our youth healthy and active.

## Next steps

In early 2018 we will be planning the creative process. First, we will share with you a number of neighbourhood vision statements and have you select one.

From that vision, members from your community will work with City staff to come up with creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support that vision.

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## Verbatim comments

The following is all of the verbatim comments we received for Abbeydale. The verbatim is broken down by Vision Word and includes the submissions received online and those received in person through the postcards. If an inappropriate word was used, the following is used to indicate that it was removed: [inappropriate word removed]. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

### Selected 25 times

### Answers to “why” below

- Basketball court, hockey, sport equipment. Keep kids out of trouble
- Build Memorial Dr. to hook up with Stoney Tr.
- For bikes, wheelchairs, strollers
- Many of the sidewalks do. It have a ramp to cross the streets so when you are taking a stroller, it's tough to get on and off curbs
- Corner sidewalk ramps so that crossing the streets are more wheelchair/stroller friendly
- We have a lot of parents with strollers and seniors with walkers and not all of our curbs are ramps. This especially needs to be addressed near the schools.
- Strollers and wheel chairs have a hard time getting around on the streets when there is no ramp to cross at the crosswalks.
- Some sidewalks do not have ramps at the corner. This makes it harder to bike on the sidewalks and when crossing the streets. I know a lot of families (including mine) bike around the community, so putting ramps on the sidewalk corners would help.
- often a whole winter goes by without ANY snow removal making getting into a Close or Crescent almost impossible (neighbours always having to help push neighbours). Sometimes this also means the ONLY bus that goes into our neighbourhood (#45) doesn't run leaving us stranded if we don't drive....20 block walk to the bus loop. This neighbourhood REALLY needs better transit like more than just the 45, and more shopping available (perhaps a mall on the NE side of Stoney Trail and 16th Ave.
- During International Fireworks display at Eliston in Aug - control access in an out of Abbercove Dr.
- Easy access to schools, parks and shopping, as well as transportation routes!
- I see a lot of double parking and big trucks parked along corners and cul de sacs. This is dangerous for drivers making a turn as they can't see on coming traffic very well, especially at night or in winter. I believe some drivers with several cars just don't want to use their garages and just park on the streets, would be great if a parking permit be required and limited to one/two vehicles per home.
- Chateau estates is isolated from its own community of Abbeydale. There are no paths or walk way to Abbeydale. Residents that do not have access to a vehicle are isolated from anything outside of the trailer park. We need a path to the rest of Abbeydale!
- paved back lanes so people who can afford vehicles, don't destroy them when they drive in winter.
- More accessible for wheel chaired kids



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- Having a. Accessible play ground would be so helpful to many children including my own. It would give her the opportunity to be able to play and be active like children her own age.
- Availability of public transport
- Transit not friendly.
- I would like to see a ramp installed to allow people coming off of south bound Stoney Trail heading west on 16th Avenue NE to be able to turn left onto 68th Street. As of now you can only turn right at the lights, making you go into the Monterey Square Shopping Center to turn around to go south on 68th Street. Wouldn't a

configuration like at the 16th Avenue and 52nd Street NE intersection work?

- If they could fix the southbound turn from 16th Avenue so you can get into Abbeydale from Stoney Trail like was forecast when the road was built, it would be great and there would be fewer accidents on this corner.
- More cleaning done in winter
- Everytime I go bike with my auntie so many walking, biking and running with their dogs
- When I go on walks sometimes we have to go on the street
- Accessible for seniors
- We need bike paths and walking paths

Vision Word: ACTIVE

**Selected 56 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- So we can be more healthy and happier
- Active is healthy, healthy is good
- Sports, outside facilities, regular activity are all essential for maintaining a good health.
- Children need 60 minutes daily activity. With electronics and tight schedules, this becomes increasingly difficult. When the playground is removed from St Kateri School this is even more difficult
- Possibly updated equipment for kids i.e. basketball nets/playground
- Kids need a basketball court
- Basketball court in playground
- Basketball court in park
- While visiting our neighbouring community, Applewood, I had noticed how much use their basketball court was getting - namely among the teens. It was nice to see so many kids out and about. There isn't anything like that in Abbeydale. The basketball court next to our community is in need of a revamp. Nobody is able to use it because the hoop isn't there. I

also use Erin Woods' basketball court next to their hill as a great example of high usage. Kids and teens love it. The parks in Applewood are amazing and the level of activity there is a benchmark to strive for. I am looking forward to seeing the bike path between Abbeydale and Applewood being completed, as my family of three would love biking there.

- Better equipment
- I don't see many swings in general
- upgrade to the SE Abbeydale park on Abbercove Way SE. Repainting of the old equipment does not make it any better of a place for the kids to play. They need more equipment to keep them active. Playing basketball in the paved back alleys is not safe and is damaging private property
- Bingo games for old people in the park
- It would be great to have a community festival every year. Maybe an annual neighbour market... To trade the harvest from our own



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backyards. Also, if the community association had a more active presence in the community. For example, like marlborough park's community association.

- We need more different types of courts so people would stay active and healthy
- Some people think u need money to be active and if we had a community with a fit park , it would be affordable and accessible
- Any nearby fitness centre's are not an easy walk away. How about some of the outdoor fitness equipment and an outdoor running track big added to the community?
- I would like to see the Greenway Path finished from Abbeydale to Applewood. This is has been "nearly done" for a while, with the final piece still be completed over the CN tracks.
- I see many people out walking dogs, going for runs or walks and riding bikes. It would be beneficial to have the pathways around our community finished so they can be safe. There is a railway crossing behind our neighborhood that is not connected to Applewood, and everyone is going over it anyway. It would be very nice to have this finished so that it is safer for everyone and the path can be fully utilized.
- Getting active in our community helps us feel pride where we live
- Continued improvement of bike paths
- I would love to see some equipment and tending to our ice rink , not many people use it because of the condition of the ice , this would be better managed with good equipment
- People can meet other new people and exercise
- I would love to be more active, but there is no safe place to bike or walk. 84th st is dangerous to walk or bike along - there is no sidewalk or path and the speed limit on the

road is 80 km/hr. A path along 84th that links up to the path along 17th ave SE would make it much safer to keep active.

- Because our community association is struggling and volunteers are tired. More events would bring life into the community. Houses are turning over and new families are coming in and we need to engage them in their community.
- we need things to do
- More greenspaces
- We need more area for physical activities for youths and adults
- More outdoor areas to be a part of.
- Have to advertise more about the community play days and groups for Abbeydale
- More opportunity from the community center, better information stream for activities that are taking place in the community.
- Active so kids and adults can play with sports in our community
- It would be great to have more opportunities for organized physical activity in the community whether at the community centre or in parks. Convenience is key and nearby opportunities for formal fitness classes/meet ups would be much appreciated.
- Add more playgrounds because our playground is old
- i would love to see a new playground with more visual, interactive play.
- Playground being removed from st kateri, they need a new one
- There are few people who walk but not a lot. If people were motivated by items they'd become active.
- The more active people are in our community the more likely it is that people will participate
- Movie in the park and more
- Like a new school playground



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- We have fields and parks that don't get much use
- With the new pathway there is a lot of use on it. From runners, skateboarding, walks ect. The area is full of young families as there are 2 elementary schools in the community
- There is always a game of basketball going on at the schools or a soccer game in the field
- A lot of our parks are outdated and few of them. So more modern ones would be ideal. Also paving the ice rink so kids can roller skate on it or play road hockey would promote an active lifestyle
- More club programs because it is quiet and kids have nothing to do
- There are fun contests and fun games at parks for fun
- More programs to keep kids active
- I would like to see more programs for kids in our community. Once upon a time The City of Calgary used to host programs at our community center that kids could attend, such as 'tiny toes ballet'. I would like to see these types of programs reinstated once again. Programs for adults would be great too (such as pottery, stained glass or dancing and yoga). The city used to put out a brochure with

the classes they were hosting and what venues they were at. It was an excellent venture for The City to do to get citizens out and about in their community.

- More opportunities here in the community to be more active. Open up tennis courts, enhance parks and add more youth opportunities like a bike or skate park.
- So people can exercise and want to come again
- There are few parks and there are no things for parents to do while their kids play
- Swimming pool
- There is a tennis court and basketball hoop near the Abbeydale community centre. The tennis court is neglected and no one uses it anymore. The basketball hoop is always broken and I see children still playing basketball there despite it not having any hoop or net. I think it would be beneficial to the community if the tennis court and basketball hoop could be repaired. People might be encouraged to be more active.
- I feel like we live out of town
- Because kids usually stay inside home in summer so enjoy the summer don't stay inside
- To keep my kids busy

Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

**Selected 37 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Abbeydale barely has anything very appealing
- There isn't a lot of art in Applewood
- Welcoming feel to our neighbourhood
- welcoming
- Trees are a problem in Abbeydale, some trees have been removed and not replaced, some on 68 Street, some on Abbeydale Drive. Also, a lot of people are not trimming back trees,

and that causes problems for people like me who are tall and constantly dodging branches.

- I love the city's effort to make Abbeydale a beautiful community. The trees on the boulevards are fantastic. They are planted at intervals to create a breathtaking environment when walking or driving along 68th St. The problem is that it seems these trees have been planted but not nurtured. Some of them consist of a single trunk without outreaching

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branches, just leaves clamouring up the trunk. They actually look sickly. Its a shame to take the time, money and man hours to plant them but not ensure they mature into majestic towers of beauty they are meant to be. Maybe a little fertilizer would work wonders...

- Build more child friendly playground.
- Build playground on the vacant lot
- I'm hoping to see more more paved back lanes. Someday, I would even love to have a community garden like they do in Winston Heights.
- Community gardens are a great way to connect beautify community but also connect community. I would love to see more interactive green spaces with picnic tables or benches.
- Keeping the community clean. Skunks are a real problem in the community, it would be great for a lot people to learn strategies for keeping their properties clean and keeping garbage stored correctly.
- More trees along the Stoney trail bike path. Perhaps even fruit shrubs.
- The graffiti has gotten out of hand especially with the signal station with CN and the fences along where there is now a pathway.
- It would be nice to see all the backyard fences that back onto the Greenway Pathway looking the same (as they are in say Monterey Park). At the present time many are in disrepair and lots have been damaged by the drainage from the pathway accumulating at the fence line and rotting out boards. Also, if the city would mow all the grass from the pathway to the fences that would make it look much better. Sometimes the grass is 2 feet tall.
- We could use more touches with landscaping lighting that will encourage the community to do the same

- Love the garden at the community centre and banners - keep going
- The park or green space was once much nicer. Now grass is allowed to go yellow. It is so dry. No sprinklers used. They used to be. Lots of weeds.
- Park that's weed and thistle free plus free from gopher holes
- The park needs weed control and upkeep on 68 Street
- No attractive greenspaces, even the school grounds look dull.
- So that people will be amused. Ex) flowers would appeal them
- Have plant and flowers
- I don't see any beautiful plants that can also give shade
- Planting more trees
- Any chance we could plant some trees along our new greenway path? It's awesome back there, but it's a long stretch with not much cover.
- A few trees would make it look amazing too. It's already very nice, but I think some trees would make it an even nicer place to spend time.
- Nice back and front yards
- Painting trash cans so it looks pretty and colourful
- Park benches, nicer fences
- So that garbage won't affect the community
- One cares about their property
- The community centre could use upgrading inside and out. More plants and lighting
- We have a lovely community centre, however, it is in need of some updates. It would be nice to see a fresh paint job, maybe a beautiful mural on the side that is visible coming into Abbeydale. There are also numerous fixes that need to be done inside the centre, after



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attending a recent event I noticed water stains in the main hall ceiling tiles, wall damages, and little things like that. It would be great to see the entire hall given an update so that people hosting events can feel good in a beautiful well maintained hall.

- People take pride in beautiful, well-maintained areas. They also feel connected to our larger community when their community "counts." Abbeydale is a wonderful place to live, but the perception is we have zero attention from the City of Calgary. Our community centre does not look inviting. Why do some communities have epic community centres and others have run-down, and quite frankly ugly ones? Is it up to the City or individuals to revamp centres? How do communities with less donation \$ have a beautiful place to gather, too?
- The trees planted along 68 St, excellent, but some didn't make it. Could we get either attention to care for them or replant struggling ones? More plants along 68 St would be wonderful! It is such a long stretch just ripe for

care and attention! Our parks have been landscaped at some point (yay!), but there is no upkeep. Again, is that a city task, or are there "supposed" to be community groups tending them?

- Our bus stop shelters are often vandalized, can they be replaced with a clear, shatter-proof material so they are still "clear like glass" but not a target? Even if more costly upfront, in long run wouldn't it be cheaper than replacing so often?
- Thanks!!
- [personally identifying information removed] Need close by park & pond park like in Strathmore Kinsmen Park with paved path and fountains so good for the soul and health.
- It's not that colourful in my neighbourhood
- So people get inspire the beauty of Calgary and do something
- Old & outdated not user friendly
- Creates a better energy all around

Vision Word: CLEAN

**Selected 64 times**

**Answers to "why" below**

- Reduce the skunk population. Garbage cans in parks
- Build more drainage to avoid flood during rainy season and spring.
- Living directly across from the Stoney Trail road and an intersecting road to the Stonet Trail is an absolute nightmare. The noise is never-ending and most of the time extremely noisie. We have no choice but to keep ALL windows and doors closed 365 days of the year. We would like someone to come visit and judge for themselves as to the noise. As well, we live with a driveway between one of our neighbours and ourselves and have the

bicycle trail as well behind our houses. This is a means of people, dogs and, yes, vehicles taking a run around the back. They enter and leave most of the time on the driveway between our house and neighbour's house. Dogs are running lose prior to entering the back field, do their "business" both arriving and/or leaving our area. By the way guess who picks up feces and other garbage (bottles, newspapers, candy wrappers, cigarette butts and so on) WE DO. Have had to call the city to have their garbage cans cleaned out and the bench area clean up. We and our neighbor keep the dividing access



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road cleaned, planted grass many years ago on both sides of the road where the pavement ends and cut the grass I. Order to make things look neat and tidy. No one from the city ever mows the land along the bicycle path which is a total mess. We mow our area behind our back fence and that of our neighbors on both sides of us. We are seniors and will probably never sell this house. We were the first family to move into this area 40 some years ago and were told the area behind up would have an alley (we have no place to build a garage now) and green space. We were told to replace our windows to avoid the noise and conserve energy. Wish we could but we have to pay for a lot of things and need to eat and stay warm. If only we had known 40 years ago what our life would be. Our part of Abbeydale is, sadly, very messy and unattractive.

- One other thing, we have the railroad tracks a little ways from our home and they can be extremely loud but occasionally the warning noise is lower if not need. Also have noise from Hwy. 1 (16th Ave. NE).
- Yards thick with weeds, property and alleys littered with garbage and junk (including appliances like old refrigerators), and illegal cables crisscrossing alleyways and driveways - which is both unsightly and dangerous.
- City clean-up on time
- Clean helps with the overall appearance, appearance leads to pride and less vandalism and crime.
- Presents a better neighbourhood.
- A clean, well maintained community will help with other objectives such as safe, beautiful, etc.
- Because the cleaning you respectful the community of Calgary and anything places

- Street very clean
- Less noise pollution from Stoney
- Regular maintenance of grounds and equipment
- Lots of parks seem to need a clean up
- Medium weeds / garbage
- Old unlicensed cars parked every where, trailers parked on street for weeks at a time, over grown cluttered yards. Bylaw offices to do monthly checks in neighborhoods would be fantastic. To have the city of calgary working with all departments in stead of separation.
- resident of abbeydale for 15 yrs. A huge problem we have is there is not enough city garbage cans e.g. at the bus stops, basketball court, school park.
- Please Please Please set more garbage bins in the community. Abbeydale School's playground has no garbage bins set by the city. What we have is two bins set by school. There was one garbage bin set by city until few years ago, it was never emptied by the city, full of garbage over flowing and wasps were swarming around it. Everyone called they city to take care of it. What happened next?? The city workers showed up and REMOVED the bin away.
- There is a litter problem in Abbeydale, yet there are no public garbage cans available. Some residents get quite nasty when you throw garbage in private cans.
- Also, it would be nice if we can put out more recycle each week. You can put out extra garbage, or compost, but not extra recycle. Why?
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- We should do a neighbourhood walk maybe twice every 3 months



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- No smoking zone sign in the park because some parents smoke when children are around
- Should have more paved back lanes. Black green & blue bins everywhere
- Abbeydale has the potential to be a desirable community with mature trees, nearby amenities, quick access to major roads etc. but I find the biggest downfall is the state of some properties. It seems there is no pride of ownership at some of these residences. I would like to see cleanliness enforced more. As you turn onto Abbotsford Dr from 68th st NE, the view is gorgeous with tidy yards, mature trees and I find it breathtaking. As you drive further into the community and onto side streets, the beauty disintegrates. Many of the homes are not cared for, run down and yards full of garbage, old cars etc. I understand with the onset of the recession and people cannot afford to perform upkeep of their homes but there is no excuse for the junk. This severely reduces the value of our properties and community. I find that homes in Forest Lawn are netting higher resale prices than our community. I am a 60 year old single woman and work hard to keep my home presentable and wish others would put in the same effort to make Abbeydale a beautiful and desirable community to live in.
- Overflow of trash in alleys and home owners/renters are not cleaning up the messes of their garbage bins fall over or are too full and gets blown around ...makes for an extremely trashy/ ghetto feel and there are so many young families here. Unclean = Unsafe
- A clean neighbourhood is generates pride to live in it and encourages everyone to participate,
- Too much garbage in the streets
- There are a lot of cigars and other things around
- Lots of people leave garbage around
- Because the schools get junk all over in the fields and basketball courts
- There is a park with old mattresses and tires
- I can see a lot of garbage on the streets
- Because many people just throw it around
- So people don't have to pick it up for other people
- So that the place is not dirty and more people could try to make the world better
- To stop the littering
- It would look nicer with less litter
- So it will inspire people not to litter
- There is pollution and litter in the community
- When you walk around Abbeydale you'll see random stuff on the ground
- I see garbage around
- Put garbage in a garbage can instead of throwing it everywhere
- Clean up garbage along Abbeydale Dr.
- Because coming back to chipped, old, worn infrastructure is disappointing
- The community needs some upgrades. The new rink is nice but would be used in the summer if it was actually paved This would promote a healthy lifestyle as well. In the winter it's always packed with families playing and having some good hockey games with everyone. Would love to see this in the summer
- Weed control on public space
- Cleanliness as this reflects the type of people living there.
- Enforce by-laws
- It is better for animals!
- Keeping mother nature clean
- They will make the community clean



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- To help our neighbourhood be more clean in each place
- I want to clean my house
- Because if the community is clean more people would want to come to the community
- I want the community to be clean so it can attract people to come to our community
- So people want to come and bacteria does not spread

- So people won't complain
- We need to help each others sidewalks so seniors can have a safe trip
- Every Friday they can clean the neighbourhood so they can be cleaner
- Needs newer safer equipment
- My community like it

Vision Word: CONNECTED

**Selected 29 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Accessible to bikes and the path system
- Abbeydale is close but not quite connected to the major transit options nearby. ex1. bus station at the intersection of memorial dr and penbrooke drive se. Ex2. BRT route along international avenue. Improved transit along 68st from international Ave to macknight with stops along the way to all the amenities would be wonderful.
- Also, walking paths are limited. It would help if the pathways connected to each other better within the community.
- Transit / school bus - there should be a bus going through
- I am thankful that Abbeydale has its own newspapers - Abbeydale Crier and FB account for us to stay informed of what's happening along the community and by these we can communicate and give our part to contribute to the community. It is also the step to gain opportunities to build relationships with our neighbours.
- It would be great if we had a central place for finding out about local festivals, markets etc. happening throughout the city. More park benches spread throughout the community.

Creative use of the "park" space at the east end of Memorial Drive leading into our community. Currently being used as an unofficial dog park by people who do not pick up after their pets. Would like to see this space dedicated to activities for residents. Would also like to be able to have a pedestrian crossover of the CN line to access the children's park located on the Greenway pathway from this location.

- To provide families and kids with a facility that provides the most popular activities in that community, i.e. a basketball court that could also double as an area where kids could play some street hockey.
- Also connected to surrounding homes since noise levels can get agitated and in fact kids should be taught to respect that instead of screaming and hollering for no reason.
- we need to know our neighbors
- I do not know all my neighbors on my street. I also know that some of my neighbors do not get along that well. It would be great if we could all be more connected with one another by getting to know each other. The community should have more annual and family-friendly



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activities that will encourage people to meet their neighbors and get to know them.

- Activities for neighbourhood getting to know one another
- Bring life to Community Association
- Would be nice if the NE Abbeydale community association would recognize that the SE part of Abbeydale is part of the community and stop telling us that we are not part of them. Makes this area feel that are families and children don't matter. This makes for bad feelings between the area
- We need more events and activities to bring the community together
- More community events would be nice as this would help people to connect more
- All the neighbours in Abbeydale could get along more if there are more programs of free barbeques
- Better communication of events other than a billboard in front of the community center.
- People may not always drive passed the community center.
- More info for community events
- I would like to see some more walking paths around the neighbourhood so walkability is increased and there is easier access to a path for physical activity such as running and and biking.
- We need more sidewalks
- I would love to see more programming happening here for all ages , some people don't drive and not having recreational or learning activities close makes it some time impossible to participate
- We need more to support each other more. Abbeydale is a thriving neighborhood, but there is a lack of volunteers, and a lack of understanding of what is happening in the neighborhood. I think that our CRIER could

include a lot more information, but that it should be free to advertise community based items. There is so much out there that people are willing to offer to encourage our community but no way to communicate it.

- For instance, there is a new Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry, and no one know about it. Why should the steward pay out of pocket for advertising when it is already a necessary community service?
- Neighbours need to be brought together
- Bring people & kids together as a community
- I think we could do with a fenced off leash dog park. Perhaps that area at the end of Memorial Drive could be fenced in as an off-leash?
- Off-leash parks can be a great casual way to meet your neighbours while your pets play together. Also a fenced off leash could open up some opportunities for folks who are a little less mobile to exercise their dogs.
- An old people park so they can have fun too
- You can only understand the world, when you are in touch with it.
- We are just people that live near each other there's nothing that can bring us together as a community
- NOTHING to do here !! big field a block from my house that NEVER gets used. should turn that into library or something where people have somewhere to go, or do something. VERY boring neighbourhood if you don't drive. No libraries, no shopping, no coffee shops or meeting/get together places. even something like Elliston where you have water and benches, something beautiful like gardens would be wonderful. make you feel included in the city not in the middle of nowhere. I know this is the suburbs, but feels like your stranded on the moon with no where to go and nothing



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to do here even if you went for a walk (no where to walk to even).

- A diverse community has its people connecting with each other and communicating on a new level

- Always felt NE somehow meant poor side of town. Why? Many of our neighbours own "outright" their own homes and drive nice cars. Don't seem poor at all.

Vision Word: DIVERSE

**Selected 14 times**

**Answers to "why" below**

- Plenty of culturally diverse families!
- Because Abbeydale is redneck and needs to offer many things for many lifestyles. Abbeydale needs to lead the way to be a diverse community
- Many different families from around the world
- Everyone notices there are a lot of Filipinos and it would be better for more cultures
- People in every community here in Canada came from different cultures and background. I hope that this community supports and celebrate cultural diversity.
- Diversity helps to enrich the culture of the community

- Maybe plan for more neighbor hood parties that residents can show case their culture and food.
- More activities
- More events for all lifestyles
- Wonderful mix of everyone
- I see people from all walks of life
- Because while we're a predominantly white, blue collar community we have a number of new immigrants moving in. This should be a safe place for everyone to live together
- Because I don't want people to think that only people who work go to Abbeydale

Vision Word: FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**Selected 45 times**

**Answers to "why" below**

- So people will be able to communicate more and be able to recognize and be more friendly
- Good neighbour
- Benches & tables
- Some parks don't have picnic tables or activities for all ages
- Needs brighter lights on streets on dark places
- Beautification and cleanliness of the park.
- Clean the playground especially the weeds
- Encourage young families to buy and stay here
- Make the park more attractive to kids.

- lots of active families in our community. would love to see a beautiful common area where families can come and play.
- Abbeydale has a lot of families with children but not much space to play.
- Having a new park at St Kateri will draw more crowds and families, much like the new park in Applewood does
- We need parks for kids to burn off their energy
- A community farmers market, perhaps in Aug, when people gardens are bountiful. It can be money based, where you buy fruit and vegis, or it can be trade based, without money,

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where you swap extra carrots for someone else's green onions.

- Everything will follow like beautiful, accessible and safe if it is family friendly as you want to raise a family at the said community.
- Lots of kids and families of all types. Great place to raise kids
- There are a lot of families with small children in the neighborhood.
- Lots of children in the area
- There are so many families in this community. We need more family friendly options that can be enjoyed.
- I would like to see more events and more parks in Abbeydale. More things for people to do as a community. Maybe an annual block party, or some cultural days to encourage sharing of our cultures. A parade of garage sales would be a great way to get people together too.
- We need to connect with each other. Tot lots, fields, benches, amphitheater, green, spaces are drawing cards. Please help us find reasons to gather. The community center is far from north east side homes.
- We need to create a better enviro. Socials between our neighbours
- I would love to see an off leash dog run put in somewhere. Maybe even along the narrow stretch of green along 68th street that parallels the community.
- Kids play basketball in the alley
- Playground equipment for all ages from toddler to adult (exercise equipment)
- An accessible play ground would help connect many family and friends.
- Lots of young families in the neighbourhood!
- The children in the neighborhoods are engaged with each other in activities including playing in safety.

- Families need safe places for kids to grow up
- Feeling safe
- More random games on streets
- Abbeydale has 2 elementary schools so the community is full of young families
- Better playgrounds, spray decks, extra clean up
- I'm a senior who enjoys taking my granddaughter to the park. I would like to see updated playground equipment along with covered picnic areas. I often drive to Applewood to have a picnic and she enjoys playing at the playground there.
- Please update our playground :)
- We have a lot of families with children in this community. I would like to see ramps on sidewalks at every intersection of the community. I see families with little kids in wagons and strollers walking all over the area.
- Also, it would be wonderful to see some of our playgrounds get upgraded. Our neighbouring community Applewood has two big playgrounds that are amazing, and why not in our community? The tennis court by the community association is abandoned. Could something be done about it? I would like the hockey rink to have the concrete floor so that it can be used in the summer time too. Kids love playing ball hockey!
- More equipment, safety for the kids
- Kids are the future of a neighbourhood.
- Good neighbourhood
- Lighting
- More kid friendly
- Broken, old
- Encourage anyone to want to live / rent / buy in the area
- Clean up Calgary housing



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Vision Word: HEALTHY

**Selected 17 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Live life work ... we should be working to have a healthy life. The community should support that by adding a fit gym to the community centre... the addition of the rink is great in the winter months there is always a game of shimmy going on for anyone who wants to join. I would like to see the rink paved so it's also used in the warmer months
- Can we please get a community garden? Teaching folks urban farming, and that healthier eating is possible, even beautiful, and building community spirit and connections? That would be amazing. Please help!
- Like get greener grass and mow the ground
- More bike paths
- More walkable pedestrian pathways.
- A fit park would be great! Along with a healthy lifestyle type of educational introduction
- To me healthy means places & parks for exercise and relaxation
- So many broken booze bottles BT some homeless people
- Recreational spaces help kids maintain good health
- The community center needs to be better utilized for more events and family activities
- A comfort and peaceful community makes for good health
- Healthy is a state of mind and body. Being outside contributes to this. Being together also contributes. We connect socially, we draw toward one another. We are visible n our community. We make the community more vibrant, safe and vital.
- Many people lives at downtown trying to make money for their children and some people just die at the street or sidewalk
- I want our community to be healthy so that there won't be germs to our community and no sickness
- Use some of our park for a basketball park

Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

**Selected 8 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Right now, the community Facebook page is a "friend" only status which refuses to friend people. I couldn't even give notice when doing the Heart & Stroke canvassing.
- I was fined for parking in front of my own home and denied an appeal on the grounds that notices were present. This is problematic, since not everyone leaves the neighbourhood everyday, and some of those people live alone. Therefore, only posting notices for city work at each end of Abbeydale Drive is not sufficient to inform those who work from home and/or are disabled or retired, nor is relying on the city's website, since not everyone has regular access to the internet (i.e. my retired senior neighbours). These fines are expensive, especially considering how much we already pay in property taxes, and do nothing to address the real issues or true offenders.
- Residents of chateau estates are not included with Abbeydale in any way outside of a



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political boundary. Community events for Abbeydale are not accessible to residents who don't have access to transportation. Perhaps community events can happen here instead.

- More programs available to community hall would be nice...we have lived in this neighbourhood for 35+ years band rarely see the community flier anymore and therefore don't get notice of any community events going on throughout the year.
- Would love to see more community rummage sales, farmers market, recycling programs (household electronics and donation collection to a descent charity like the drop in centre donation warehouse), seasonal events like a Stampede breakfast (always had a parade and breakfast when I was a kid growing up here)...

- A park/playground open to children of all ages, younger one supervised by parents, not older siblings. Also open to people and children from close by communities. Perhaps less so called "PLAYGROUND" since a lot of times it is not used or vandalized.
- Make the parks more stuff so kids can have more fun
- I love abbdale but I would love to she more inclusive all accessible to all skills playgrounds that in courage families to interact.
- The playgrounds are out dated And only cater to a very few .
- I have a son with a disability and speak for other moms who kids can't safely play at abbeydale parks.

Vision Word: SAFE

### Selected 99 times

### Answers to "why" below

- The crosswalk across the street from St. Kateri Tekawitha School would greatly benefit from crossing lights. I have noticed many vehicles speed through this 3-way intersection while in my car or on foot, especially when school is out of session. Additionally, the crosswalk being in the midst of a street curve makes it almost impossible for drivers to see pedestrians waiting or starting to cross from the southwest side, and vice versa, even at lower than recommended speeds. Further, our neighbourhood is extremely dark in the evenings, especially in winter. The street lights are so dim that it's difficult for drivers to clearly see crosswalks and pedestrians, for pedestrians to spot other people, pets, and even vehicles, depending on whether or not the road curves.

- Some streets could use lighted crosswalks
- Sidewalks are not in good repair, many people walk with kids & pets. Especially in the dark.
- Sidewalk levelling and maintenance
- Make more crosswalks
- Making alleyways safe by putting more pedestrian signs
- Police Visibility for safety because of marijuana user sightings in the neighbourhood.
- Increase police visibility around the community for possible marijuana dealings on the streets.
- More pedestrian signs near schools please. Tree branches maintenance to keep the playground zone signs visible would help too.

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- Also, more police patrol in the community please!! I know there are many dealers are present in our community. I have seen them dealing whatever (god knows what) many times in broad daylight right beside elementary schools.
- B&e (lots!), car prowling, half-way house - potential increase in crime. More police presence on 68 St. + community
- Police checks - lots of break-ins lately
- Police everywhere
- The police can patrol around Abbeydale to make sure it's safe
- Because of break-ins - more police presence
- Park lighting way dark
- Playground is dark at night
- Put traffic lights in at 68 St. & Abbercove Drive SE
- Get rid of crack heads
- Less criminal activity in the area
- The recession has increased crime, in my opinion
- Less home invasion, car thefts, fights
- Due to car theft and marijuana users.
- Marijuana smell especially at night
- Many bus shelters are being destroyed by vandals; many cars had windows destroyed by vandals
- Bus stop every year someone break it!
- Because there been a lot of crimes so we must help to protect our community and city
- We watch our street and keep an eye out on who is coming or going from our little cul de sac...lots of kids play in the street as there is not much else to ride bikes/ skateboards etc...people speed into the cul de sac well above 15km / hour
- I see early morning kids on the street playing. Driver speeding.
- Crosswalk are not properly painted many cars do not stop for pedestrians. worst intersection being Abbeydale Dr and Aboyne
- Help create and take action for a safe community for our children
- So when kids want to play they can safely walk alone
- Safe for the kids
- My kids deserve
- the children in the SE part of Abbeydale are left to play in the alleys as there is nothing engaging for them in the small park that we have. A area for them to play basketball would be awesome.
- Update equipment for their safety
- Old equipment currently
- This is the neighbourhood that Colton Crowshoe was murdered. When the family tried to have a vigil, the police surrounded it and the community hall wouldn't open. The police presence was unnecessary but a reflection of how not inclusive the community is and how police were used to as an intimidation tactic. How are Indigenous suppose to feel safe and included?
- This community is peaceful has low or almost zero crime rate
- Lived in Abbeydale almost my whole life never felt safer walking the neighbourhood at any time of day
- For the most part. You can go out at anytime of the day and feel safe
- You need to feel safe in you and neighborhood
- Feelin secured
- Obvious concern where people, family, kids can feel safe against crime, or bullying and if possible provide volunteers to oversee park and those that use it.



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- I love Abbeydale, but I don't feel safe walking/running by myself, especially in the early morning or after dark. I rarely see police cruisers drive by and have never seen them bike along the TUC Greenbelt pathway. I don't know how to feel safer, but any ideas to improve safety are welcome!
- PS Thank You for the pedestrian light crossing across 68 St!! Folks would stand there for ever when it was "just" a crosswalk waiting for traffic to allow them to cross.
- So people don't have to be afraid
- So I feel safe when I am walking I the dark
- To feel secure around our neighbourhood. Without crimes.
- So everyone is secure and protected
- There is a lot of families who might not feel safe
- Because I see strange people and kids are terrified
- If they could put up the wall like was forecast when they built Stoney Trail and took down the burm from 16th Avenue, it would make less foot traffic coming in and going over our fences in our back yards and thefts occurring.
- To check prospect marijuana dealers.
- I think this community can be a bit safer
- Make it safer
- People feel more at home when they feel safe
- Because every morning there is police doing patrol to safe all my neighbourhood
- I heard a man calling for help somewhere near the school
- One time someone who was driving unsafely began to crash parked cars on purpose
- One time someone died in a pond/lake
- So people feel safe when they're going outside
- If someone gets hurt have officers or people around or even a centre to help
- Because there are some non-paved roads
- So that old people cross to the other side of the road
- I see kids in parks get hurt
- Because I don't want people talking about Abbeydale that not safe to go
- When old people first cross the street, make a railing so they can push off
- So there's less problem
- Maybe because some people don't look both ways before crossing the street
- Because elderly need help crossing roads and traffic congested ares
- Because more older people can cross with no problem
- Safer ground (rubber floors)
- Unsafe, old, outdated
- Large teen population using alleys as basketball courts
- I have noticed kids playing basketball on streets
- Safety

Vision Word: WALKABLE

**Selected 18 times**

**Answers to "why" below**

- So that when people are in wheel chairs they can ride up the curb
- The gas line corridor along 68st is well positioned to become a "park" instead of a bare patch of grass
- The Mattamy rotary Greenway does not have many access points from within the community. Perhaps addig some fenced/gated entryways would increase the pathways use in the community



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and also keep the wildlife from wandering into  
tears community.

- During winter, it's hard to walk in the neighbourhood because of black ice of unclear pathways.
- Clean the pathways during winter
- Install more street lights.
- Many sidewalks in disrepair
- I have noticed over the years that many pedestrians in this neighbourhood walk on the streets because the sidewalks are either not there or not well maintained (overgrown trees etc).
- Too many dogs running free, dirty,
- There are a lot of young families in Abbeydale. and young children playing. I would like to see speed bumps put in at our crosswalks along Abbeydale drive. There are too many near misses that I have been witness to. I think that we young families would feel a lot better if there were some more protection around our crosswalks, especially

in front of the hall and the 2 schools. I have seen cars pull out and pass on the right when there are pedestrians in the crosswalk. I see, too often, cars speeding through the playground zone by the hall. Abbeydale drive is not a safe place to cross the street. speedbumps at these intersections would help make the young families feel confident in letting their children be independent.

- Coffee shop would be nice.. somewhere to walk to, not just aimlessly walk
- Is good for my health
- Need convenience store within walking distance of Chateau Estates Mobile home park. Builds community.
- More areas for off and on leash. Dogs are family. Bur by-law needs to be more present
- Make the walking trail safer
- Because it is safe you will not be afraid to walk around
- Love the new stoneytrail path

### Vision Words: OTHER

**Selected 112 times. We asked if people had "other" words to share. When "other" was selected people gave these other words:**

- ACCESSIBILITY AND BEAUTIFUL
- ACTIVE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY
- ACTIVITIES
- ALL
- ALLEY PAVING
- APPEAL
- APPEASABLE
- ATTRACTIVE
- BASKETBALL
- BASKETBALL COURT
- BASKETBALL PAD AND NETS
- BB PAD INSTALLED
- BEAUTIFY
- BETTER BASKETBALL PARK AND HOOP
- BIKE ACCESSIBLE
- BIKEABLE
- BIKES FOR RENT
- BREATHABLE
- BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT
- CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL
- CLEAR SNOW
- COMFORTABLE
- COMMUNITY
- COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
- COMPLEX CLEANED UP
- COURTEOUS
- CREATE
- CREATIVE
- CREATIVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
- DAY CARE FACILITY
- DIVERSED PLAYGROUND
- DOG POOP BAGS, DISPENSER IN PARK
- EDUCATION FOR YOUTH
- EQUIPMENT
- FANTASTIC
- FIELD



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- FOOD ACCESS
- FRIENDLY FUN
- FUNCTIONALITY
- GREEN
- GREEN GRASS
- GROCERIES CLOSER TO HOME
- GYM
- HEARABLE
- HELPFUL
- ICE RINK
- INTERACTION
- INTERESTING
- INVITING
- KID-FRIENDLY
- LEAVE IT ALONE
- LIFESTYLE
- LIGHTS AT 68TH & ABBERCOVE DR.
- LIGHTS AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ABBERCOVE & 68 ST.
- LITTER FREE
- LITTERLESS
- LIVE
- MAINTAIN BIKE TRAIL ACCESS
- MODERN
- MORE ART
- MORE FLOWERS
- MORE SERVICES
- MORE TREES
- NATURE
- NEW PARK/PARKS
- NOISE
- ORGANIZATION
- PARKS
- PATROLS (ON DIFFERENT CROSSWALKS)
- PEACEFUL
- PEST-FREE
- PICNIC FIELD
- PICNIC TABLES
- PICNIC TABLES AND BENCH
- PLAY
- PLAY SPACE
- PLAYGROUND/PLAYGROUNDS
- PLAYGROUND (NEW)
- PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
- POLICE PATROL
- PUBLIC WASHROOM IN PARK
- QUIET
- RAMP
- REGULATED
- REMOVE GRAVEL / TIRE RUBBER
- REMOVE SNOW, SAND WALKWAY STREETS
- RESOURCES
- SENIOR CENTRES
- SERVICES
- SKATE RAMP
- SKATING RINK
- SMELL-FREE
- SNOW REMOVAL
- SOCCER FIELD
- SOCCER NETS
- SOUND BARRIER
- SOUND BARRIER - 68 ST.
- SPEED BUMP IN PARK STREETS
- SPORTS FACILITIES
- STONEY TRAIL
- TENNIS COURT
- TRANSIT
- TRANSPORTATION
- TREES
- UPGRADE PLAYGROUND
- UPGRADE
- UPGRADE STAKEBOARD
- UPKEEP FOR LOCAL PARKS
- VISUAL
- WATER ISSUES
- WATER PARK
- WEEDS

Vision Words: OTHER

**Selected 214 times**

**Answers to “why” below**



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- accessibility and beautiful
- need sidewalks between Chateau Estates and East Hills
- need sound barrier fence on Stoney Trail and Hwy 1
- Active and Family Friendly
- We have a beautiful rink that was built recently, however, it is only available to use on cold days in the winter when the ice is maintained properly ... maybe 4 weeks total a year. I would like to see this rink utilized year round. Many communities have a cement floor in their rinks making the rink usable for road hockey, basketball and ice hockey, year round. We also have tennis courts that are unavailable to the public. It would be nice have the courts up and running. There is a young family population in Abbeydale who are going elsewhere for activities. We have a lot of space in Abbeydale that could be used to keep the families in the community, if fixed up ... maybe a splash park?
- Sometimes there is nothing to do
- Activities because we have 2 big greens spaces nobody uses. Abadan Place SE is where the green space is.
- All because we need to improve on all of them. We need more accessible, family friendly, cycle friendly, inclusive spaces & dog parks.
- It needs to be all of the above. I want a closed in off leash dog park so I don't have to worry about my dogs getting hit by a car, a path to walk on to get to the off leash area and this is something my family can do together. We need more safety so my indigenous daughter is safe here.
- Dust suppression
- Makes the neighbourhood look better
- Need trees for beauty
- So more people can visit Abbeydale and see the beautiful things that are in Abbeydale
- Kids area
- For the youth to play. Keep them out of trouble
- Lots of teens (20+) playing basketball in alleys
- So all the kids have a play for them to play ball they love
- So the community can play together and we can have a proper place to play
- Kids have a place to play basketball
- Older kids need a place to play
- Abbercove green space
- We need new stuff for sports
- I'd bike to work if there was a path, instead of the road
- Commuter biking to downtown
- So when someone is late, you just take a bike and rush to school
- Need trees to help keep down emissions
- Some homes have excess debris in back alleys & front yards
- I need more bylaw enforcement as identified by bylaw - waiting on them to come after a call is awful & does not lend itself to enforcement & compliance
- Clean and beautiful.
- I see that the city allows residents to park on their front lawns and this is causing untidy property.
- Streets are sometimes littered with paper trash. The city needs to trim grass and weeds around fence posts along Abalone Way NE and the boulevard along 68 Street behind the Abbercove townhouses. The garbage/recycling/compost bins are sometimes stored in front. There are a number of untidy properties/broken fences, trees that need care and diseased hedges

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- (especially cotoneaster hedges) that need cutting down.
- Help to clean the walk way during winter
  - I want people to feel comfortable and not think something bad will happen to them when they go outside
  - More family activities for Abbeydale families
  - Community- areas such as school playgrounds fields where community can come together to play, recreate, socialize and enjoy.
  - Keep up the good work
  - Complex cleaned of garbage
  - Speeding in playground zones
  - Art classes for all ages
  - Because the creative we need helpful for the community of Abbeydale
  - I see less parks that are not big
  - Make it creative so I can be unique
  - To help keep kids in the community
  - We need more of diversed playgrounds
  - Too much dog poop on sidewalk & playgrounds
  - Frequently we see youth at are in need for guidance
  - There more generations coming and coming
  - Because it is a great neighbourhood so we can build this great community
  - So people can play and have fun
  - Community gardens, orchards
  - People don't talk to each other anymore
  - I don't see that much playgrounds or kids
  - More events like Jellybean dances i.e. pizza party, xmas parties + ice cream sundaes on Sundays
  - Not enough play areas for kids
  - Playground it distractes you, soccer field, basketball
  - Make a new playground
  - Because if it's fun lots of kids and partents would like to come here
  - The fun is the kids for the SKT people because the kids helpful and happy for the kids of the other people of all kids in St. Kateri Tekakwitha
  - Basketball court
  - Trees, garden spaces community include garden areas
  - Tired of looking at dirt and mud
  - Better bus access
  - Keep people active
  - Need trees to help keep down noise from Stoney Tr.
  - More opportunities for people to sell their crafts
  - Because people with wheelchairs have a hard time crossing the street
  - Block party or equivalent to engage neighbours
  - Cause some parents sometimes get bored so some activities
  - Inviting: All people feel safe and enjoy the attractiveness of a clean and beautiful community. The pockets of criminal activity are gone. The rental properties are all meeting a new standard of cleanliness and weed control.
  - Kids sometimes get hurt so we can have soft playground
  - We have lived here 51 years and its great
  - Lifestyle- areas where children and adults can access facilities which promote healthy active and outside lifestyles.
  - Fast moving cars especialy from Memorial & 68 result in near miss
  - The bus stop in front of our home is subject to frequent littering
  - So our neighbourhood is clean



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- Job opportunities
- Move points so that I can access from my neighbourhood
- Modern
- Updating the community center,
- Adding a splash park
- Painting schools, pathways, empty walls
- Because it will look more clean
- Convenience stores so you don't have to go driving to shop
- More plants so that bees would pollenate more of the flowers
- It's enjoying seeing nature
- Have an activity where the community can plant on empty spaces
- More trees
- More trees to stop pollution
- More flowers and trees because you could go under a tree and cool off from playing
- More green space
- In most communities there is no natural areas that are not polluted
- Park outdated/not safe
- Because it will bring kids together and play outside
- Sound of bikes + racing down 68 Street. Excessive noise from Barrio Fiesta restaurant from 11 - 2 am F & Sat.
- Heavy traffic use which will only get worse when new 1245 unit complex is completed on the west side of 68 St.
- To make more outdoor parks and recreational centres
- Throughout the neighbourhood there are lots of parks but there is usually nobody there. We need a way to spread recognition of parks, maybe with flyers or online posts
- So it will be more safe and no one will get hit by cars
- PEACEFUL
- This is probably beyond the scope of this project, but it would be really great if anything could be done about the noise level from Stoney Trail.
- When I first moved here in 2006 I remember noticing how quiet and peaceful it was. I love having the accessibility of Stoney Trail, but it has come with that one drawback.
- Too many gophers in the park - Abbeydale Way
- Skate shack for rink
- So that other kids don't get left out
- Better playground. Eastside church playground gates are closed often, too hard to access their park
- Equipment is outdated & has been in place for yrs. Next generation needs new and different equip.
- Nobody gets bored
- It's fun and safe for kids
- A bigger playground for all ages from toddler to youth
- Playground updated
- To make it a better fun place
- To have a safer and newer playground
- Old one now, has never been updated
- Dangerous
- Putting playgrounds and other things in empty spaces
- We had 5 incidents alone at our house
- Ball games & soccer - people need facilities, older people too
- Loud cars racing down 68 Street
- Quiet
- We need sound barriers, whether it is trees, concrete, etc. from Stony Trail.
- The houses that back onto the CN rail line need a proper sound barrier fence or a



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- repaired fence between their properties and the CN line.
  - Kids area
  - [personally identifying information removed]. Should be assigned parking in "Crescent"s and "Close"s where space is already limited.
  - Too dangerous to walk or jog in winter
  - Resources- Availability of facilities and equipment which allow for free and creative play.
  - We need more for the future
  - More people = more consumables needed
  - Safety area for kids
  - Smell-free
  - Abbeydale has a large portion of skunks that are living in the area. They lower the quality of life and breed quickly causing a bigger problem. The city should really take a big look at this and change their stance on skunks.
  - Improve snow removal in winter time
  - Kids need a place to be active
  - I asked our kids and these 3 things is what kids around here like
    - Lots of kids like to play soccer
    - Increased noise
    - Reduce traffic noise associated with traffic
  - Cars too fast
  - Improve outdoor sport facilities
  - Tractor trailer combo noise...engine breaks
  - Improved Transit frequency
  - To make it more safer
  - Plz put trees behind pounds and Stoney
  - Round the new pathway
  - Ensure safety for kids
  - Playground Abbercove
  - Sometimes weeds in park are extremely bad
  - Weeds all summer & spring
- Water issues: There is more water pouring into the back of Abbeydale from somewhere and causing driveways and road ways to upheave and should be looked into. Also there is a huge iron deposit in the water coming into Abbeydale and it makes the water taste awful and smell awful coming from our taps.
  - Kids area
  - Spray weeds - dandelions
  - Spray dandelions
  - Angle Parking Availability on cul-de-sac because we cannot park anymore in front of our house. It was allowed before but after an accident collision they blame the car parked in the streets though it was their fault due to speeding.
  - Too Much Wood Burning Fire Pit Smoke Pollution Problems in the community of Abbeydale.
  - We have had chronic problems with out door back yard wood burning fire smoke pollution and smoke
  - nuisance problems for the adjoining property owners living next to people who are excessively burning
  - back yard wood fires non stop for hours on end. We need to have fire pit fires put out at 10:00 pm, have
  - wood banned as a fuel for these fires ( use natural gas or propane), have the fire pit owners require a
  - city fire burning permit each and every time they start an out door fire ( to restrict the burn time ) and start
  - to have the City of Calgary Bylaw Enforcement Officers to seriously fine fire pit burning violators.
  - Im talking about the Abbercove Park at Abbercove Way SE. This Park is not healthy and safe for kids at all as all the park are full



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of Hundreds or even thousands of holes for mammals like mice and Weasels who live under the ground and runs all the time and my kids try to discover these holes and have risk with bite/infected from them if I'm not with near to them. This Park needs to be fully treated by putting adding lots of decks or benches so families can sit while the kids are playing and can do Picnic. So please please talk this in your consideration.

- personally identifying information removed].
- the Kids play ground at Abbercove Park at Abbercove Way SE, need to replace the play structures to match with the others area like Apple-wood as the kids can play more and more as the one in Abbercove Park it just swings and slides but we need the play structure that have climbing, walking, slides ..etc. please please do it ASAP [personally identifying information removed].
- More large scale community events. We have a few fairs throughout the year at the community centre however it would be fantastic to host, possibly, an outdoor family friendly event/fair. Perhaps a sports day, winter festival, etc. A more accessible community market/farmers market for ward 10.
- A fenced strip along Stoney trail bike path as an offleash area. Or a community off leash park that is within walking distance (We always have to drive to get to offleash parks).
- Those outdoor exercise parks would be neat to have nearby
- No accessible walkway
- No help - lots don't care about the old
- A lot of trees/shrubs extend onto the sidewalks
- Police
- More money
- Less taxes
- Bike access for small kids
- Noise from Stoney Trail getting worse with more volume - sound barrier needed
- 68 St. access to 16 Ave northbound - extend right turning lane off 68 St. onto 16 Ave.
- More bylaw enforcement in laneways - junk vehicles lot
- Clean the weeds
- No wasting on art
- No more bikes road
- Off-leash dog park!?! It's about time...lots of space adjacent to pathway next to Stoney Trail. Whatever happened to the electronic signage at the community hall...very expensive lacking electricity!
- Better equipment - more fun
- Better swings
- Change gravel
- More for teens, more exercise
- Basketball nets
- A set of lights for pedestrians and cars to get across
- A better park for young kids to play
- Water park / swimming pool
- More equipment
- Basketball
- Benches for seniors
- Safety for kids
- Safe equipment new
- Trampoline
- Skating rink in park
- Dogs messing on yards & barking
- Speed zones
- Park like Applewood
- Basketball
- Skatboard / ice rink
- New playground, infant, toddler friendly
- Update park. Get rid of the 80s park



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- Basketball is popular in the area
- Speed limit not observed
- Upgraded playground
- Crossing - 68 St & Abbercove Dr. SE
- Skateboard park & basketball, upgrade of equipment
- Bike paths
- Park equip
- Soccer field / trampoline
- Slides for kids
- Better play surface
- Younger kids play things
- Playground
- Basketball nets

### Verbatim Facebook Comments

- Give each household two parking permits. Put speed bumps on the streets that are known to be problems for speeders. Hold landlords accountable for maintaining the property (1 like)
- Have a water park or community lake
- Empty the garbage cans in the little parks (1 like)
- Improve the bus service
- You have to get ahead of the 'new hood' designation for Abbeydale and Applewood (1 like)
- Is this a trick question? You're not fooling me that easily...
- Thank you for that you make us a partner in your decision
- Only I hope there should be a train, thank you
- Wow