

# Growing Glencairn

Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary  
November - December 2024

## How we engaged



### Interactive Map Activity | Nov 8 - Dec 11, 2024

Participants used an online interactive map to identify places that are important to them, areas they would like to see improved, and how they envision growth taking place.

213

comments added to the online map



### Planners in Public Spaces | Nov 9, 2024

City staff hosted a pop-up event in Benner Park to spread the word about the Growing Glencairn study and invite residents to participate in engagement opportunities.

30+

people engaged at local pop-up event



### Community Advisory Circle | Nov 27, 2024

A Community Advisory Circle (CAC) was established to provide community and business/organization perspectives, insights, and information to the City and Project Team to help shape the Growing Glencairn study.

21

CAC members recruited to reflect diverse perspectives



### Community Design Workshop | Dec 4, 2024

All were invited to attend an in-person Community Design Workshop to learn about the Growing Glencairn study and share their vision, ideas and priorities for the future of the area.

200+

comments and ideas added to workshop maps

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In Phase 1 of the Growing Glencairn study, the community was invited to share their vision, ideas and priorities for the future of the area across the following themes:



Housing and Jobs



Community Services and Facilities



Mobility and Public Realm



Environment and Sustainability



Parks and Open Space

## Most Discussed Themes



### More housing options supported by infrastructure

New housing options are needed, including affordable, rental and family-sized units, supported by adequate infrastructure, services and facilities that benefit a growing community. Concerns were raised about high-rise buildings changing the existing neighbourhood character.



### Marlee Avenue as the heart of the community

Marlee Avenue is envisioned as a vibrant and walkable commercial hub with an enhanced public realm, featuring wider sidewalks, more seating options, improved lighting, tree planting, public art and a diverse range of retail and dining options.



### Safe, connected and accessible streets

Improvements to mobility and connectivity are needed to create a more accessible and safe community, including better sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, and design to alleviate traffic congestion.



### Protecting and enhancing parks and open spaces

Parks are recognized as important gathering spaces. Protection and enhancement of parks is desired, including additional park amenities and facilities, naturalization and transforming underutilized spaces into more functional green spaces.



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