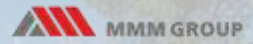


City of Lethbridge Galt Gardens Master Plan Community Design Charrette



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Scope

Develop a comprehensive master plan to improve and invigorate the existing public amenity of Galt Gardens while engaging the community throughout the process

Intent

The intent of the Galt Gardens Master Plan is to develop a strategy for re-design that will:

- Encourage people to spend time in the park
- Ensure their safety and enjoyment
- Enhance the diversity of park amenities in order to accommodate all potential users
- Enrich the Lethbridge urban forest
- Exemplify the most up-to-date sustainable practices



Purpose

Gather input from community stakeholders to expand upon guiding vision from existing studies

As a key stakeholder in this initiative, re-imagine Galt Gardens and how its role as a vital cog in the inner-workings of the City of Lethbridge may be strengthened

Supporting / Background / Studies

- Heart of Our City Master Plan (2007)
- Public Realm and Transportation Study (2012)



Heart of our City Master Plan (2007)

- “To reinforce the prominence of Galt Gardens, four grand Promenades will extend as ‘green fingers’ from all sides of the park and link across Downtown’s districts”
- Public plazas to function as gathering spaces

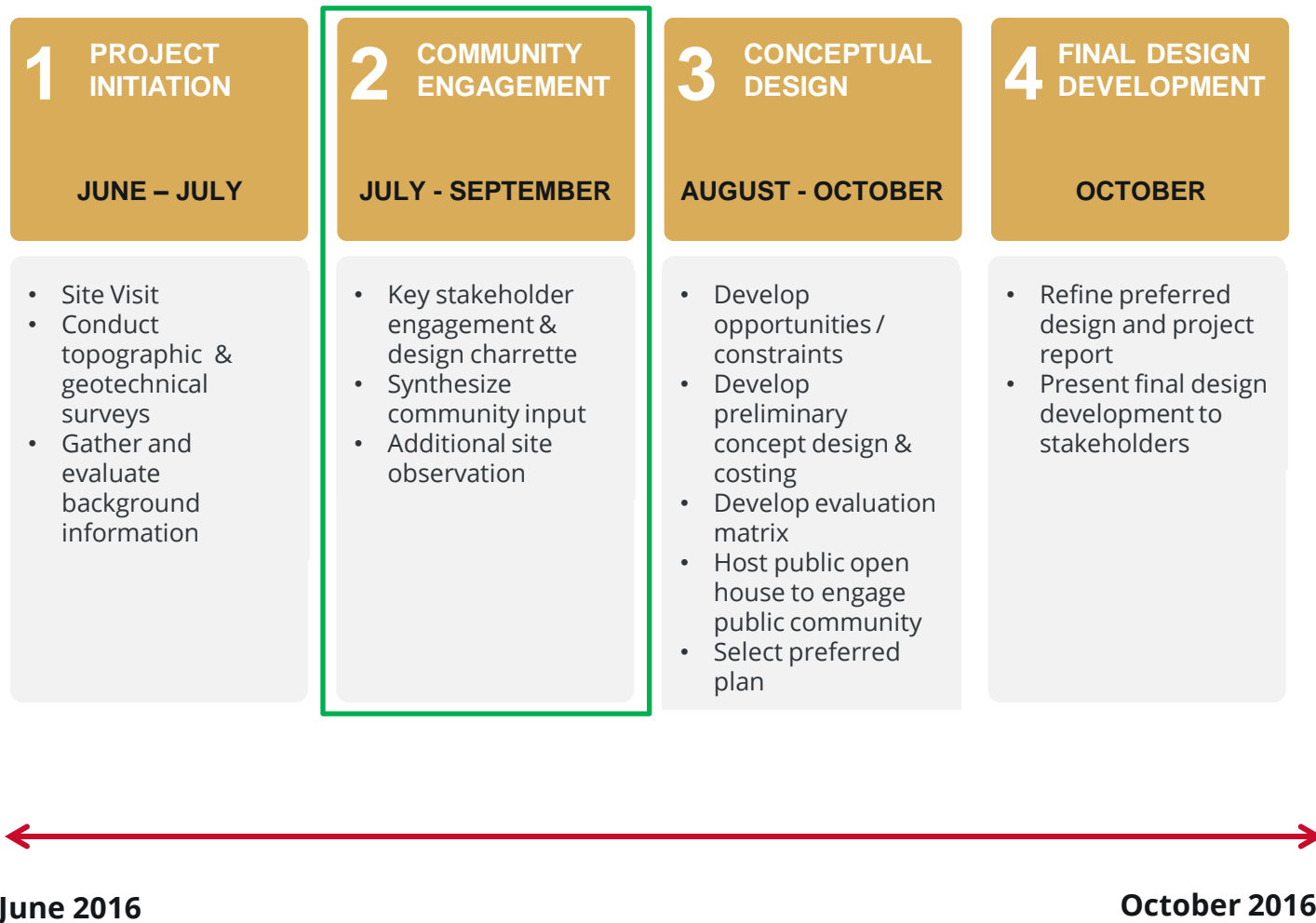


Public Realm and Transportation Study (2012)

- Reinforce Galt Gardens as main public open space within downtown
- Public square; open gathering space
- Create a beautiful downtown
- Create an exciting and vibrant downtown
- Adjacent mixed-use development

5 Street S.
North Gateway Downtown
Shuttle and Tourism Office





Galt Gardens Master Plan

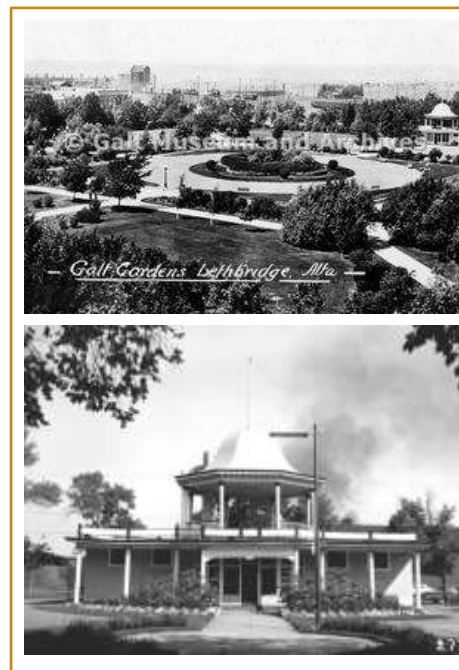
Stakeholder Engagement

History

Project Introduction



Historical Photography

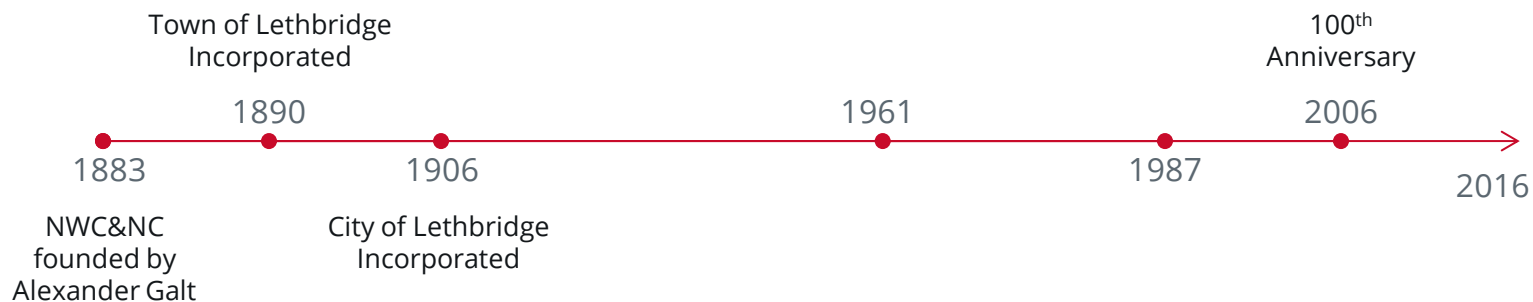


*Bandstand / Board of Trade / Gurney's Museum
Demolished in 1961*



*Andrew Joseph Staysko
standing with Locomotive
3651, relocated from Galt
Gardens in 1987*

Notable Events Timeline





1. Easy to Access
2. Places to See & Places of Refuge
3. Colour & Excitement
4. Interpretation and Education
5. Comfort and Safety
6. Place for all Ages & Cultures
7. Attract Visitors in all Seasons
8. Flexibility in Layout
9. Attractions and Destinations
10. Identity and Image
11. Strong management
12. Environmental, Social and Financial Sustainability



Easy to Access

- Parking access
- Street Parking
- Public Transit
- Mini Bus Parking
- Pick-up/Drop-off
- Pedestrian Connections
- Pathways / Circulation
- Ramps & Handrails
- Universal Accessibility



Places to See & Be Seen / Places of Refuge

- Active Edges
- Meeting places
- Quiet spaces
- Plant buffers
- Seating areas
- Prospect and refuge
- People Watching
- Safety
- Places to be alone
- Places to congregate



Colour and Excitement

- Public Art
- Plant variety / flowers
- Event spaces
- Community events
- Music
- Family gatherings
- Attraction
- Lively
- All Seasons



Interpretation & Education

- Interpretation panels
- Outdoor classroom
- History
- Commemorative structures and statues
- Telling local stories
- Banners
- Lighting
- Kinetic Movement



Comfort and Safety

- CPTED
- Visibility
- Microclimate
- Shade / Sunny areas
- Wind protection
- Lighting



A Place for All Ages and Cultures

- Play Equipment
- Passive recreation
- Gatherings / Picnics
- Active recreation
- Cultural sensitivity
- Age appropriateness



Attract Visitors in All Seasons

- Seasonal interest
- Edge conditions
- Technology (WiFi)
- Food vendors
- Community gardens
- Plant material (blooming)



Flexibility in Park Layout

- Sport related activity
- Adaptable seating
- Multi-function spaces
- Varying microclimate
- Moveable seating
- Scheduled event times



Attractions and Destinations

- Planting displays
- Focal points / Art
- Water features
- Technology
- Special events
- Vendors / Services



Identity and Image

- Wayfinding
- City identity / signage
- Historical references
- Gateway structures
- Special events
- Focal points



Strong Management

- Regulatory signage
- Community needs
- Community changes
- Park hours
- Amenity maintenance
- Community reporting



Environmental, Social, Financial Sustainability

- Effective amenities
- Priority fiscal prudence
- Ongoing improvements
- Community feedback
- Short-term improvements
- Reflect values



Next Steps



Conclusion

Thank you

Your participation is greatly valued and an integral part of the project process.

Your ideas, insights and opinions will inform the project design and ensure a final product closely aligned with your community values.



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