

# Public Benefits

Public benefits and amenities are key components in livable, complete communities, and improve the social and physical well-being of city residents. Public benefits include daycares, parks, community centres, libraries, cultural facilities, affordable housing and street improvements.

Public benefits are funded through three main ways:



## Capital Plan:

Council prioritizes the amenities and infrastructure needed around the city and makes them a part of the City's Capital Plan, which budgets for long-term investments. This is the main source of funding for public amenity improvements.



## Development Cost Levies (DCL):

DCLs are charged on any new development in the city and are determined by the size of a development. These augment the capital budget. DCLs are used to pay for parks, childcare centres, non-market housing and engineering infrastructure. They are limited in how they can be spent.



## Community Amenity Contributions (CAC):

CACs are negotiated from rezonings, and are used to pay for a wider range of amenities and public benefits as part of the planning considerations in a rezoning.



## How Public Benefit Decisions are Made:

