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:**

1. **Public Comment**
2. **Policy / Direction**
3. **Applicant Ideas**
4. **Staff** make recommendation
5. **City Council**