How Communities Grow and Change
Roles of The City, Developers & Communities

When communities are places where people want to work and live, they attract more residents that keep local schools and libraries open, support new businesses and ensure parks, playgrounds and other public spaces are vibrant and well used. Vibrant communities, whether they are still being built or have been established for decades, naturally evolve as people's needs change. Investing in new and existing communities throughout their life helps build a great Calgary for years to come.

Growing
A new community is under construction. Population grows as people move into the area for the first time.

Stabilizing
The community is well established and the population stabilizes.

Aging
Community population declines as children leave the family home. Local amenities begin to age and become underutilized.

Renewing
A community experiences revitalization with a rise in redevelopment projects. Population grows as a variety of people move to the neighbourhood.

Population

The City's role
- Review and approve plans for new communities.
- Build supporting infrastructure, like utilities and roads.

The Developer's role
- Build a new community on undeveloped land.
- Invest in marketing activities to attract residents to the new community.

The Community's Role
- Residents move into a new community.

The City's role
- Regular lifecycle maintenance on existing infrastructure.

The Developer's role
- Developer activity reduces as the neighbourhood is established.

The Community's Role
- Residents support local businesses and use local infrastructure and amenities.

The City's role
- Regular lifecycle maintenance on existing infrastructure.

The Developer's role
- Developer activity remains low.
- Developers identify future projects in aging communities.

The Community's Role
- Some residents may move out to match their changing lifestyle needs or reinvest to update their homes.

The City's role
- Approve applications for new development.
- Infrastructure may be replaced or upgraded.
- Invest in public space improvements to accommodate a growing and changing population.

The Developer's role
- Redevelopment projects add new housing and businesses to the area.
- Upgrade public spaces as part of redevelopment.

The Community's Role
- Residents identify local needs and improvements to accommodate growth and change.