

ACADIA POP ROCKS

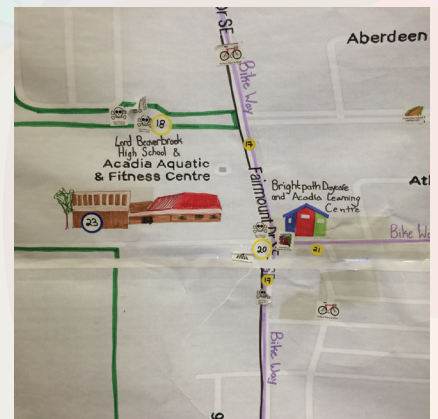
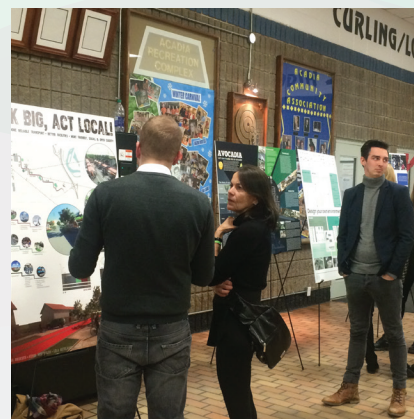
Why we're here

Acadia Pop Rocks is the result of community feedback and good partnerships. It's a prototype – an experiment to help us develop the changes Acadians want.

Since at least 2005, local residents have been concerned about speed on residential roads. Safer Calgary and Active Neighbourhoods Canada (ANC) – both projects of Sustainable Calgary – got involved in 2014 and 2015 respectively, partnering with the Acadia Community Association. We've since joined forces with many more groups and volunteers, including all those who contributed to Acadia Pop Rocks today.

ANC helps neighbourhoods identify strengths and weaknesses in their public spaces, explore design possibilities, and work towards making change on the ground. Funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, we're aiming to make it easier for people to stay active. Sitting is the new smoking! Our philosophy is that people will walk more if they have destinations nearby to go to, and great pathways – safe, accessible, beautiful – to get there with.

Locals have been concerned about high speeds on Acadia Drive for years. More recently, they've also said there should be more local hangouts – places to run into neighbours, sit, chat, drink and eat. They suggested that the Acadia Pop Rocks site could be one of those places, and voted to try something out here. In 2017, Sustainable Calgary received a grant from the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund to do just that! While this event is just a day long, much of the furniture will stay in Acadia, both here and at the Community Garden. Keep an eye out!



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