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Changing the Way Calgary Plays

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The City of Calgary is embarking on a new play initiative - one that encourages greater independent play, riskier play and a reconnection with nature. Our mission is to challenge children and parents to 'rethink' outdoor play. Calgary Parks and Calgary Recreation are working on a number of play-related initiatives that aim to transform attitudes around play and to revolutionize the face of playgrounds in our city, from building new capital infrastructure to researching parent barriers; from developing a Play Charter to modifying Parks standards and guidelines on city playgrounds and challenging CSA Guidelines. The City

is providing opportunities for play by designing playgrounds that are more conducive to natural outdoor play in our parks, providing free Mobile Adventure Playgrounds throughout the year at outdoor sites across the city, leading the development of a Play Charter with over 25 Calgary and area organizations, and training summer camp and program leaders in creating environments that support child-led play. We want to promote and broaden the understanding, value, importance and participation in, for, and about PLAY.

