

The Glenora Building – former Royal Alberta Museum

Public Commenting Opportunity

What We Heard



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Introduction

Following the closure of the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton's Glenora community, the Government of Alberta invited the public to comment on the future use of the building.

Through the online opportunity, which was open from November 2017 until June 2019, government received 481 submissions from the public. This report outlines "What We Heard".

Data Collection

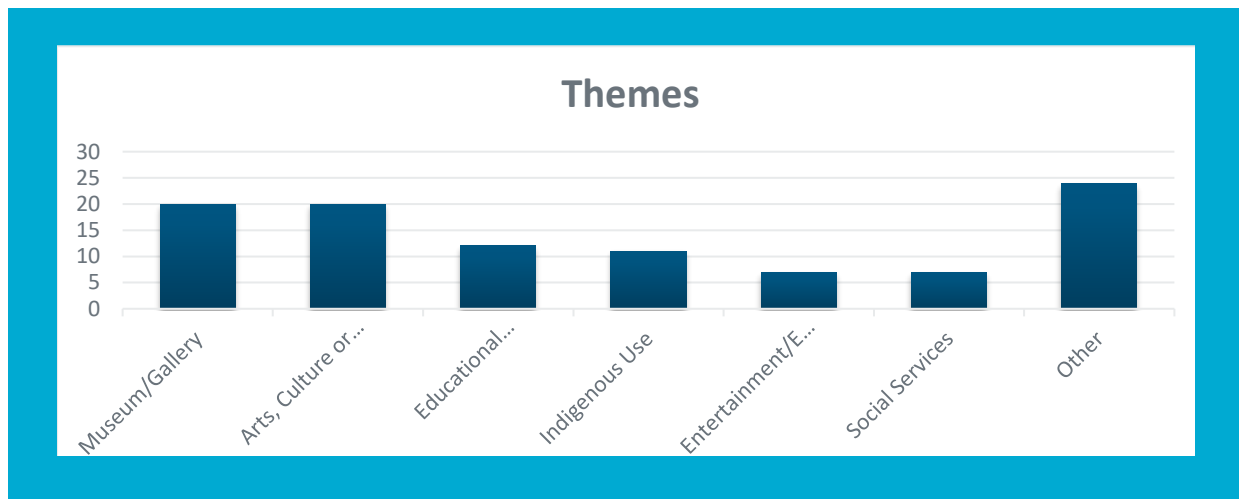
Through the online commenting opportunity, Albertans were invited to submit a comment or upload a proposal to share their ideas about the future use of the Glenora building.

Albertans provided 481 submissions with 603 suggestions for the site. The majority of submissions came in during two peak times, December 2017 and January 2019, when articles about the Glenora building appeared in the Edmonton Journal. The submission process was anonymous – which results in limitations of data that can be collected, thereby affecting its role in a decision-making process.

The Responses

In our review of the submissions, we separated the feedback received into three categories: “Preserve Architectural Heritage & Repurpose Site”, “Demolish Building” and “Sell Building/Site”. 95% of the suggestions were to preserve/repurpose, 4% to demolish, and 1% to sell. We then separated the preserve/repurpose responses (95% of responses) into 7 themes of uses:

- Museum or Gallery 20%
- Arts, Culture or Community Hub 20%
- Educational Facility 12%
- Indigenous Community 12%
- Entertainment/Event Space 7%
- Social Services 7%
- Other 24%



The category “Other” denotes ideas that were unique, hence not fitting other categories, or did not specify use but reaffirmed preserving/repurposing the site.

Summary

The majority of submissions received suggest some form of public access or public use of the Glenora building. Albertans want to preserve distinct features including the Tyndall stone and various sculptures. This information will help inform the Government’s approach to evaluating potential public-use opportunities for any future development opportunities for the site.

We appreciate and are thankful for everyone who took the time to comment on the future use of the Glenora facility.