

SLOW THE BOW

BOWNNESS **R**ESPONSIBLE **F**LOOD **M**ITIGATION SOCIETY

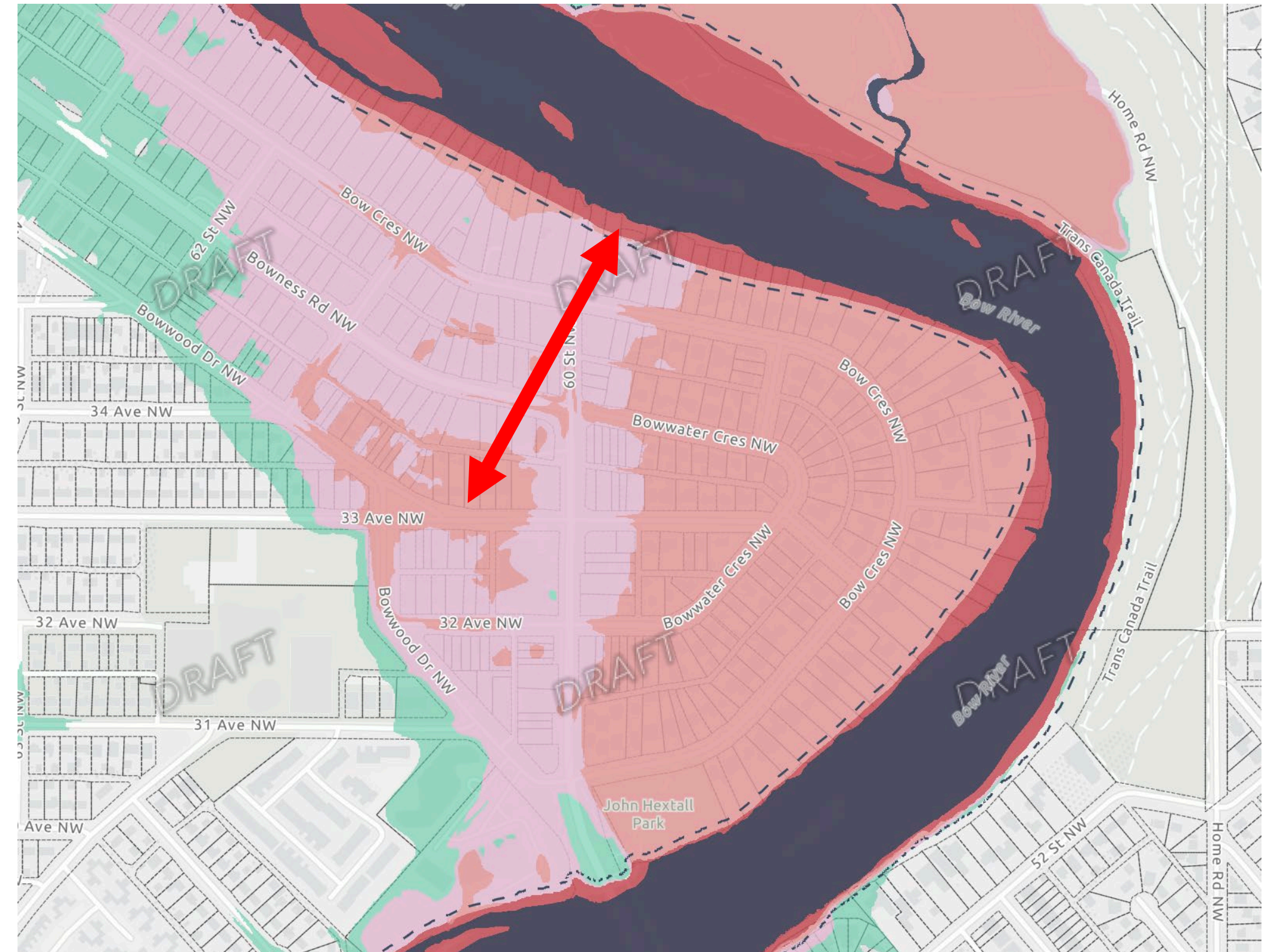


IPC Meeting

Response to Recommendations for Development in Flood Hazard Zones - April 15, 2026

Communication & Engagement – To Date

- Very few people are aware of the proposed changes
- Methods of advertising were inadequate
- Engagement was not meaningful due to low participation
- Request for a letter drop during engagement phase was denied
- The magnitude of the effect to individuals requires a higher responsibility to ensure people are informed
- The public was not advised of the April 15 IPC meeting and has therefore not been given a meaningful opportunity to participate



Communication – Oversimplification

- Given the significance of the proposed bylaw changes, it is very important to make sure the public is fully informed

Communication – Oversimplification

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Protected Flood Fringe (*new*)

What is the Protected Flood Fringe?

Protected Flood Fringe applies where there is a barrier to mitigate flood risk (e.g. berms, concrete walls, etc.)

Protected Flood Fringe is a new flood hazard zone, and therefore has no existing regulations in Calgary's Land Use Bylaw (Zoning Bylaw).

Protected Flood Fringe:

Applies to locations protected by a barrier. Residual risks remain.



Communication – Oversimplification

Protected Flood Fringe - The Full Story

Protected Flood Fringe requires:

- Infrastructure that protects to 1:100
- Has to be fully constructed and certified

A 1:100 berm in Bowness is a huge undertaking with technical complexities and upstream mitigation or a combination of upstream mitigation and a berm is likely required

It will be years and years before Bowness is designated Protected Flood Fringe

Calgarians need the whole story so they can advocate for themselves and make informed decisions

Communication & Engagement – Going Forward

- We ask that the City take a step back and restart the Engagement Phase so Administration can become fully informed on site specific realities
- Letter drop should take place prior to engagement or info sessions
- Not just a standard notification letter, but a booklet to fully inform
- The letter drop should take place well in advance to give people a real chance of attending

Separation slide