

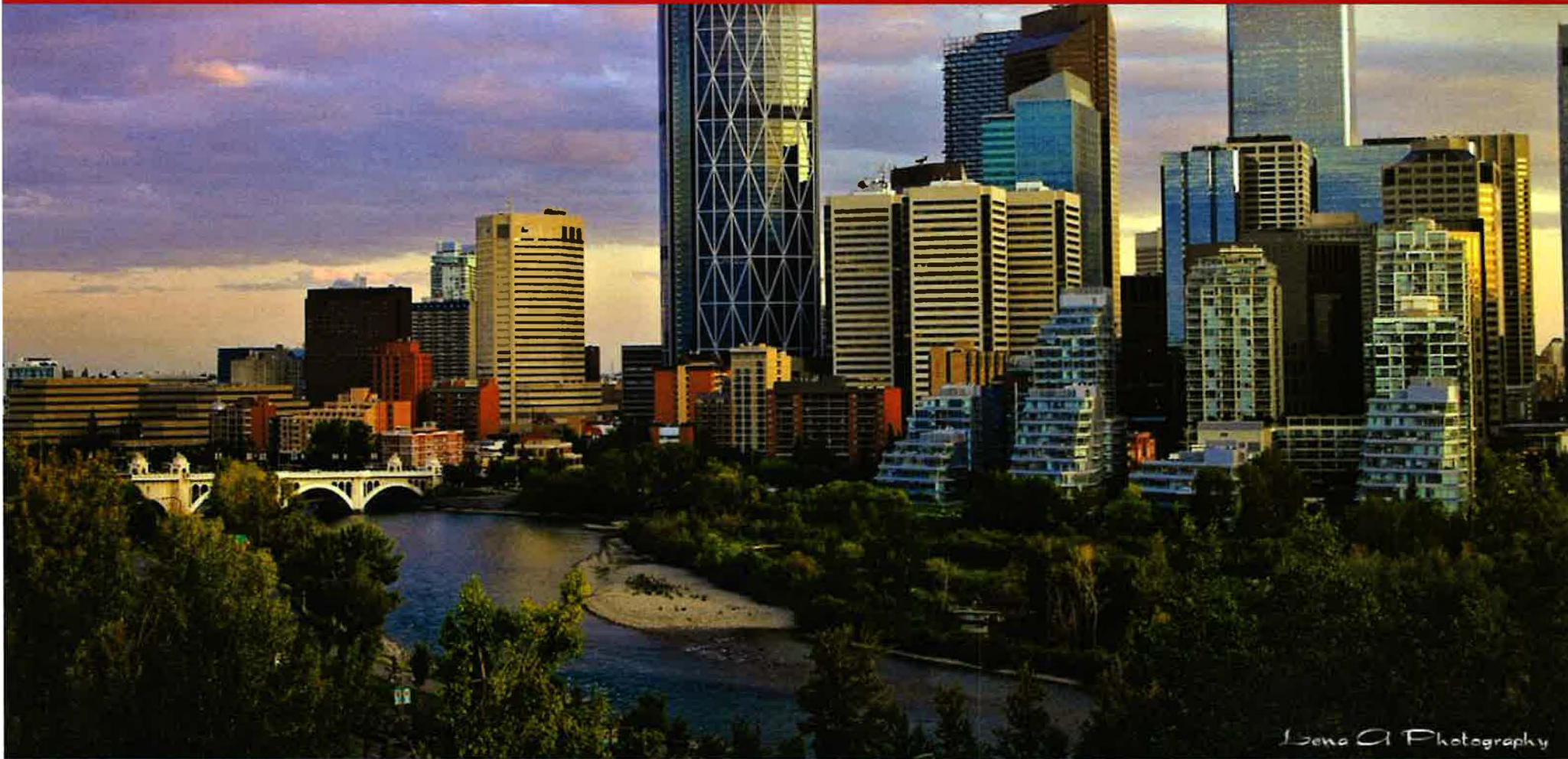
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Crescent Road: Today and Tomorrow

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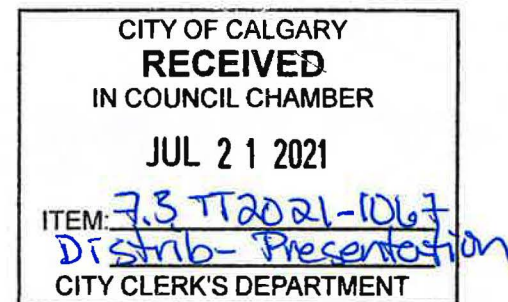
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Why are we here today?



- I. Receive this presentation for information
- II. Provide an update on a coordinated approach for two projects on Crescent Road N.W.

Crescent Road N.W.



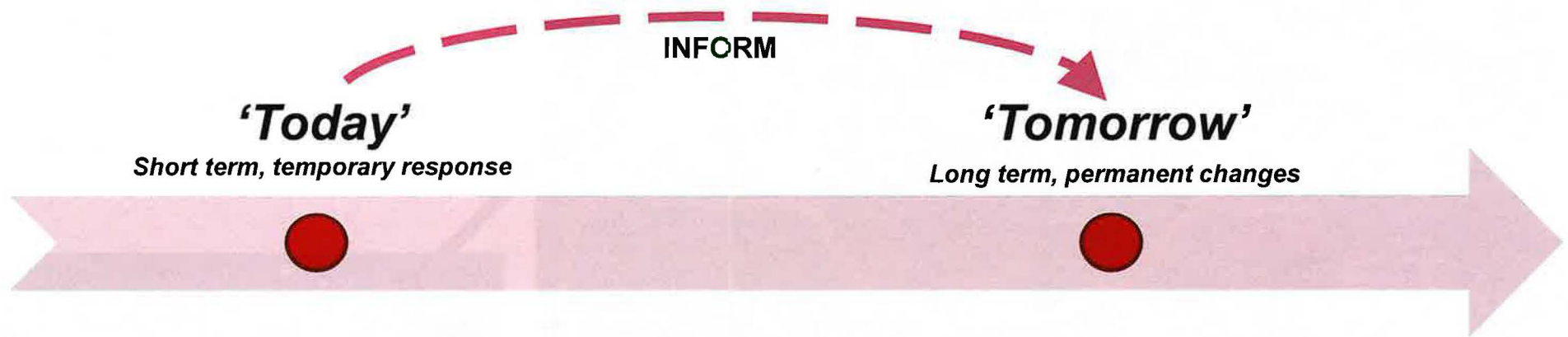
Crescent Road is a **special public space** in our city with natural areas, parks, paths and streets with unobstructed views of the Bow River Valley, downtown Calgary and the Rocky Mountains.



History of concerns:

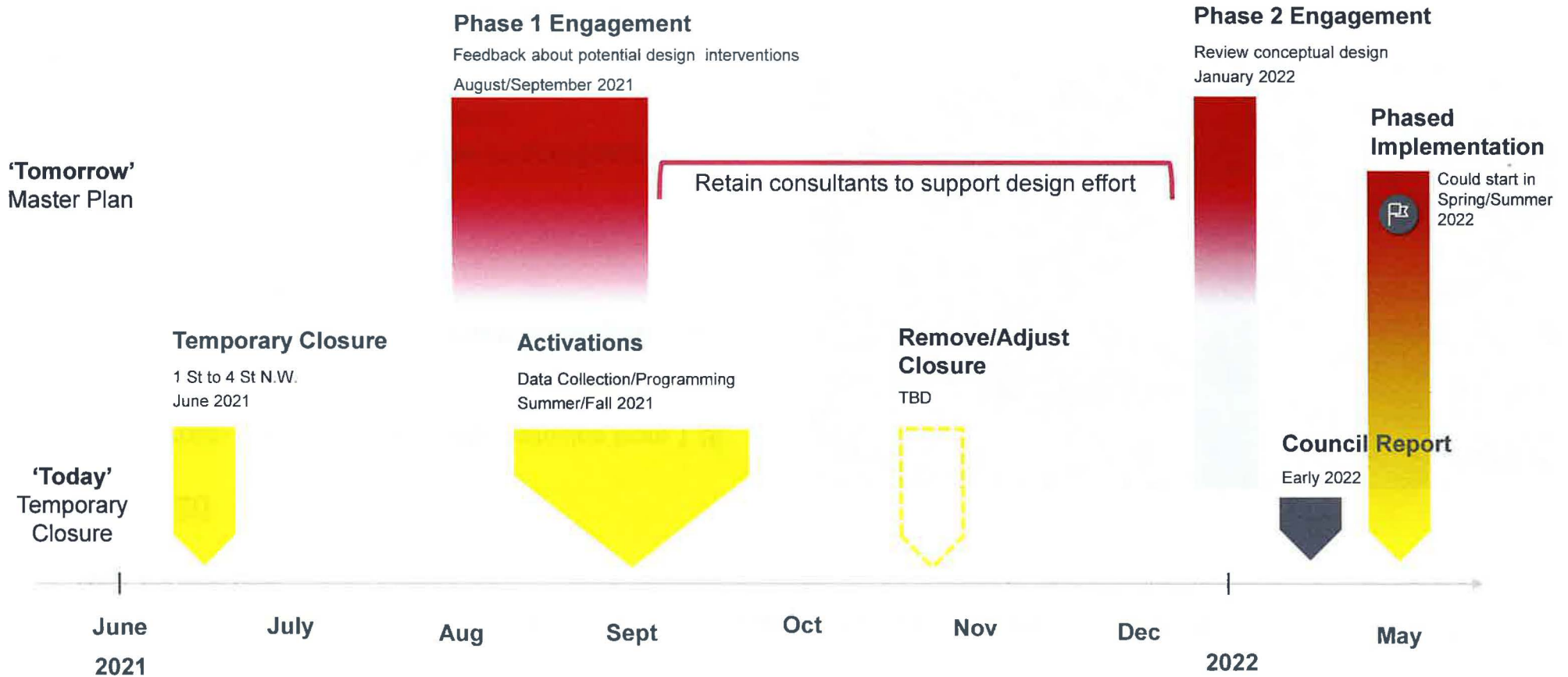
- Late night disruptive activities
- Parking issues
- Vehicle stunting and speeding
- Heavy fitness use
- Waste

Coordinated Approach



- Responsive to amplified issues with COVID-19 pandemic
- Part of ***Adaptive Roadways Program*** since Spring 2020
- The ***Crescent Road Master Plan*** project will create a cohesive vision for the area to guide future investment
- Deliverables include engagement summary, visualizations, cost estimates, technical analysis and a phased implementation plan

Proposed Timeline



Crescent Road 'Today'

Focus on operations and providing a safe space for people to enjoy the views and get exercise

2020

Spring- Road closed to motor vehicles from 1 St N.W. to 6A St N.W.

October- Road re-opened with walking/wheeling lane along south curb



2021

Spring- Renewed concerns around disruptive behaviors with warmer weather

June- Temporary closure from 1 St N.W. to 6A St. N.W (adjusted to 4 St N.W.), adaptive lane maintained

July- Public health restrictions relaxed; McHugh Bluff stairs resume pre-COVID operations



-  Current 2021 Temporary Closure
-  2020 Closure/ Initial 2021 Closure

Initial Feedback in 2021

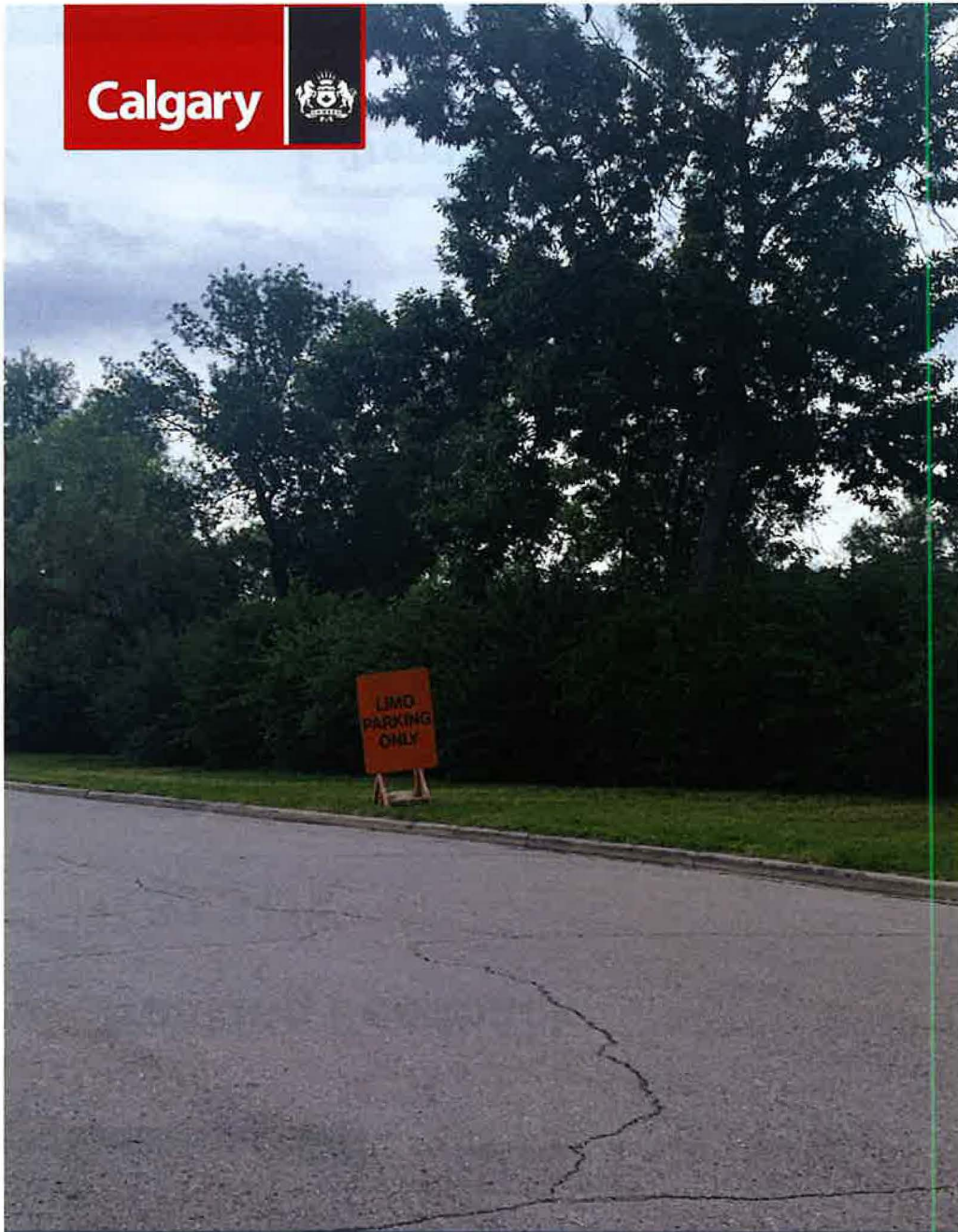
Tracking Feedback

- **33** 311s
- **70+** emails
- **4** tickets & **9** requests Calgary Parking Authority
- **6** requests for Bylaw Services
- **8** requests for Calgary Police Services

Common themes about temporary closure:

- Appreciative of the closure
- Concerns about spillover of traffic and disorderly activity onto adjacent streets and park spaces
- Requests for additional signage to improve wayfinding
- Requests for accessible parking for visitors

Trend: Fewer requests for enforcement since closure installed



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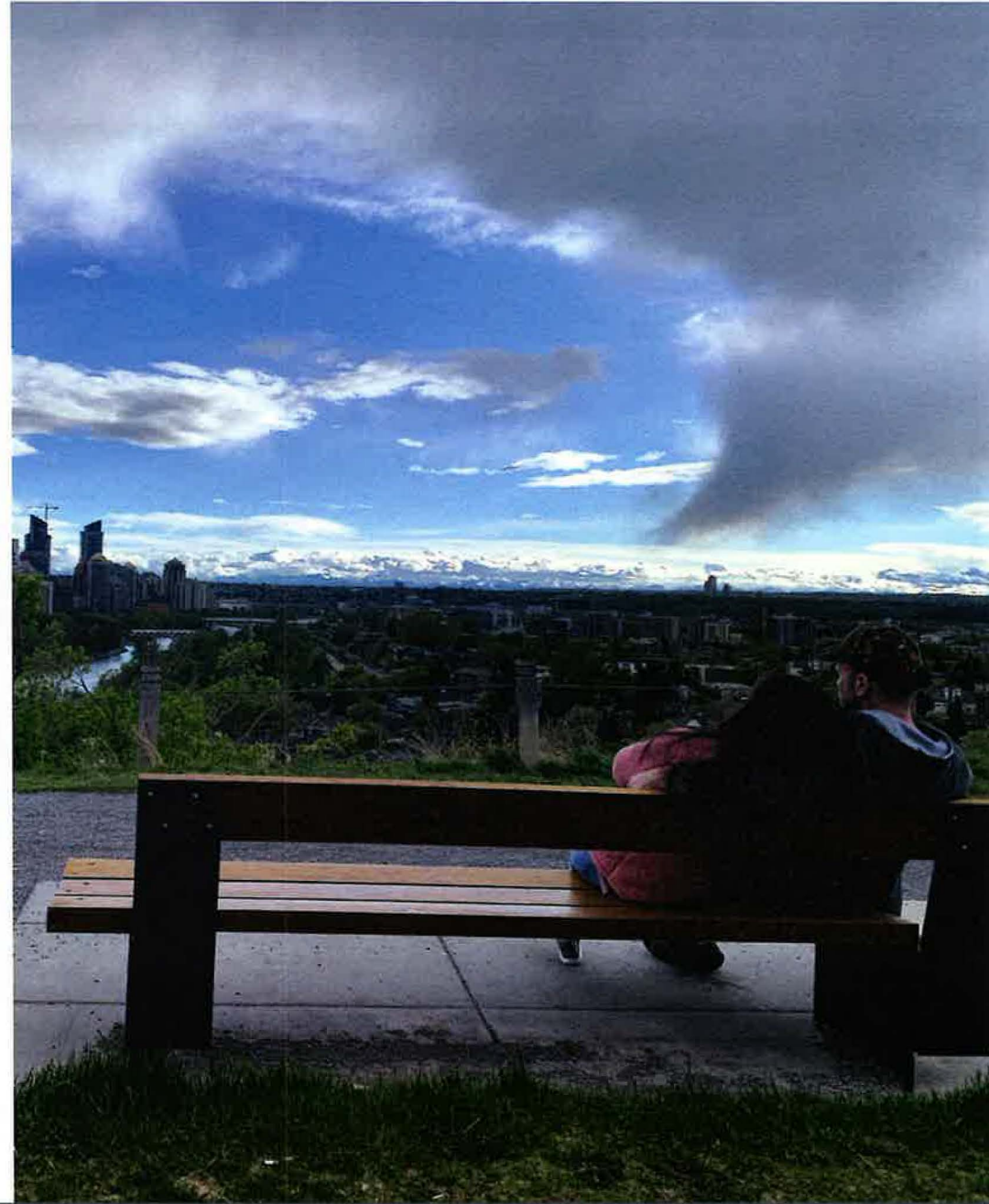
Adjustments made to date:

- Shifted closure from 6A St N.W. to 4 St N.W.
- Provided a Limo Parking zone for the busy graduation season
- Reviewing locations for accessible parking
- Upgrading closure barriers
- Additional temporary closure of 100 block of Crescent Road N.W.

Crescent Road 'Tomorrow'

Focus on creating long term vision through the Crescent Road Master Plan

- Engagement will gather feedback from **broader community and visitors** to the space.
- Multi-disciplinary project team will consider how to **thoughtfully balance** experiences with the adjacent neighbourhood and natural areas.
- Create a **place that feels welcoming and safe** for people of all cultures, ages, genders, abilities and backgrounds.



Master Plan Scope

Primary Study Area:

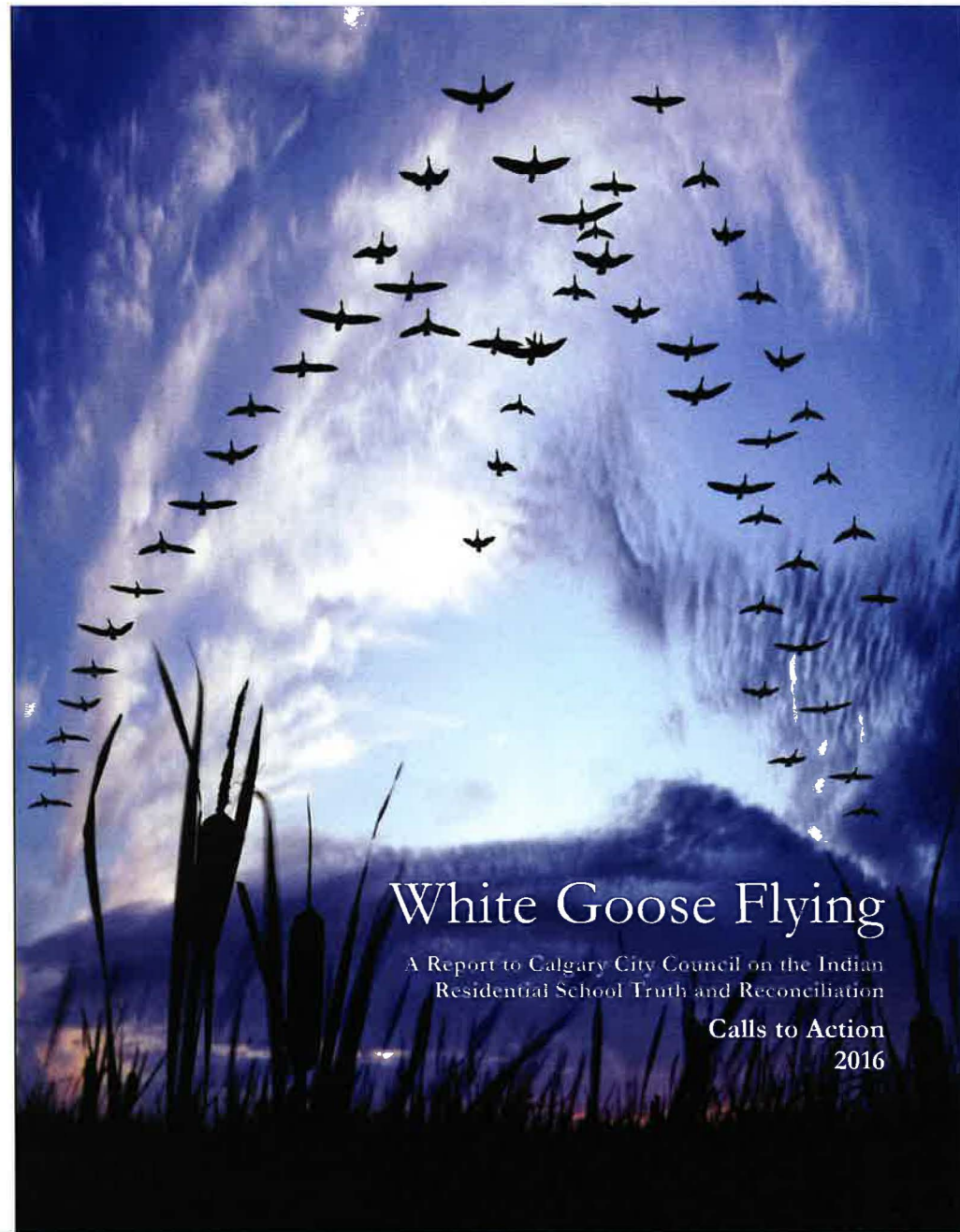
- Amplify this as a 'special place' in Calgary
- Re-design the park and street
- Identify opportunities for placemaking, economic development and indigenous interpretation



Indigenous Engagement

- White Goose Flying outlines the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Call to Actions within the purview of City and could include:
- #83 ' Create collaborative art that contributes to reconciliation
- #87: celebrate Indigenous athletics history
- #92: provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools

Art is the story-telling of a history



Indigenous Engagement

- Work with Indigenous Relations Office to determine appropriate timelines and coordinate knowledge sharing between Elders, staff and community

Best Practices

- **Deep listening:** ensure respectful, culturally specific, personal engagement.
- **Shared benefits:** ensure Indigenous people share in the benefits from the use of their cultural knowledge
- **Self-determined:** respect the rights of Indigenous peoples to determine the application of traditional knowledge and representation of their culture in design practice.



Looking West-Northwest Across Victoria Park Toward Calgary City Centre as seen in 1885
Source: Glenbow Archives NA-670-53

Next Steps

- Launch Phase One engagement
August/September
- Retain multi-disciplinary design consultant
- Report back to Council in early 2022

Recommendation

- Receive this presentation for the
Corporate record



Thank you!

Questions