



City Building Program Summary

Overview

We are planning for Calgary’s future. Whether you are a resident of our great city, a business owner or a visitor, the City Building Program is focused on building a better Calgary to benefit everyone. The City Building Program is improving how we move, build, and use land across the city to create a place where everyone can thrive.

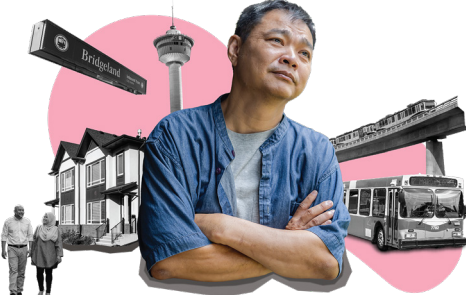
The Program will deliver the **Calgary Plan**, the **Zoning Bylaw**, and the **Street Manual** – three significant components of the City’s planning system. Together these components will create a central 30-year vision and a 10-year focus that aligns our highest aspirations for Calgary with the tools to get there.



1 – Calgary Plan

The Calgary Plan is a shared roadmap to navigate from the Calgary of today into the Calgary of tomorrow. It will shape growth in ways that benefit current and future Calgarians. The updated plan will:

- Simplify goals for land use and planning in Calgary.
- Consolidate and integrate policies from the Municipal Development Plan and the Calgary Transportation Plan
- Update the City Structure map addressing how growth and change of Calgary’s future will be accommodated; and
- Add new policies to correspond with changes in other approved City policy areas.
- Add emphasis to four foundational areas by: embracing growth, turning Truth & Reconciliation into action, creating a more equitable and inclusive city, and adapting to and mitigating climate change.



2 – Zoning Bylaw

The new Zoning Bylaw will simplify zoning rules across the city. This means that starting a business, renovating your home, or building something new will be easier. Changes will enable a responsive and nimble planning process, reducing the cost and complication of development. The rules will be easier for everyone to understand making the document more inclusive. The updated bylaw will:

- Simplify and add flexibility to regulations.
- Reduce the number of zones.
- Simplify the list of uses.
- Add more graphics and plain language.



3 – Street Manual

The Street Manual will be used by The City, developers, and consultants to guide decisions related to the design of all new and retrofitted streets. This manual will consolidate and simplify existing policies and guidelines in this area. The Street Manual will:

- Set standards for new road construction and provide guidance for retrofit projects to best align with goals of the Calgary Plan.
- Focus on creating safe, equitable, inclusive, resilient and healthy streets that integrate well into communities and appropriate land uses.
- Create streets that minimize initial construction costs and ongoing societal costs associated with maintenance, collisions, and pollution.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- Lead Business Unit: City and Regional Planning
- Awareness and Advisory committee members:
Calgary Fire Department / Capital Priorities and Investment / Climate & Environment, Community Planning / Community Strategies / Customer Service & Communications / Development, Business & Building Services / Housing Solutions / Law / Mobility Operations Transit / Supported by consultant group led by O2 Planning + Design

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

- Phases 1–3 now complete; Phase 4 underway between Sept–Oct 2024. Further education and engagement on the Zoning Bylaw will occur throughout 2025
- Engagement emphasis on equity-denied, Indigenous Nations and peoples, partners, industry members and general public
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Bringing it all together

The City Building Program will change planning in Calgary. Administration is developing a clear path towards implementation that involves a transition period, with education and support for community members, staff and industry partners as they put each of these three components into practice. This includes alignment with Local Area Planning, development applications, technical documents and other planning processes and practices.



Anticipated program timeline

