



**FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE: ALBERTA COMMUNITY RESILIENCY PROGRAM  
PRIORITY PROJECTS**

ACRP will not meet all of the financial needs of the priority projects in The City and in our communities. It would be challenging to proceed with The City resiliency priorities without alternate funding sources. On 2014 June 23, Priorities and Finance Committee received the final report from the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation with 27 recommendations aimed at making Calgary more resilient to flooding. In 2014 October, a report will be brought to Priorities and Finance Committee outlining resource requirements and recommendations for actions in order for the 27 recommendations to be initiated in 2015-2018 Action Plan. Administration continues to focus and refine resiliency goals, strategies and optimize funding opportunities. Until such time, Council will consider The City's priorities for resiliency and efforts to meet funding opportunities for 2014 September 30.

Resiliency projects that have been identified for possible inclusion in ACRP are improvements for flood mitigation at the Bonnybrook and Fish Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants, permanent flood barriers on the Bow and Elbow rivers to protect communities, as well as critical transportation and transit infrastructure; municipal and critical infrastructure including power and heat, riparian restoration sites plus infrastructure for The City of Calgary Civic Partners.

**Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Stakeholder engagement has been ongoing through a variety of initiatives over the past 14 months, including the open houses sponsored by the Recovery Operations Centre (ROC) and the investigative work of the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation. Additional stakeholder outreach will be a component of future capital construction programs, as necessary. A well-established, on-going working relationship exists with the Province as work continues through policy reviews, symposiums, direct meetings, the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation's recommendations and other regional initiatives that affect a broader audience in the watershed.

Resiliency is an important component for sustainability in our community to empower, reduce impact and facilitate a quicker recovery from future disaster. Resiliency measures will need to include initiatives in the community for both citizens and businesses, in addition to The City's priorities. Future public consultation will be a key component to a resiliency strategy to establish priorities for capital and to improve the resiliency for The City over time.

The Community Resiliency Table is an initiative of Calgary's non-profit sector over the past year, jointly led by Community & Neighbourhood Services, The United Way, the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO). It is a plan for the future "to ensure effective planning and response to diverse emergencies, disasters and/or major interruptions by building preparedness and supporting enhanced coordination and communication between neighbourhoods, non-profits and government systems." Calgary Economic Development, the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) have recently announced a joint initiative for outreach to the business community to develop business continuity strategies. These approaches, combined with physical mitigation against future disaster, contribute to a more resilient Calgary.