

Cultural District Planning Summary
Presentation to Arts Commons Advisory Committee
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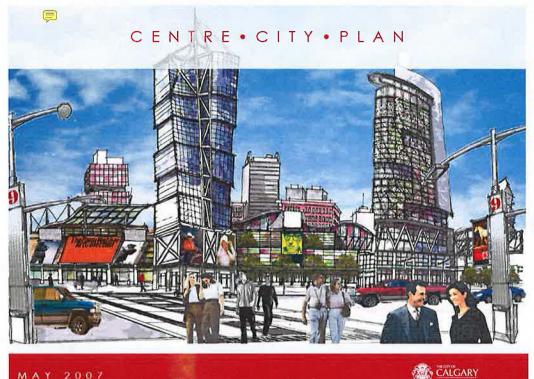
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# **Cultural District Planning Summary**





- Establish Downtown as a series of unique Districts that:
  - Reinforce and enhance the role that the Olympic Plaza Cultural District contributes to the civic and cultural vitality of the Downtown through its programmatic and artistic opportunities;





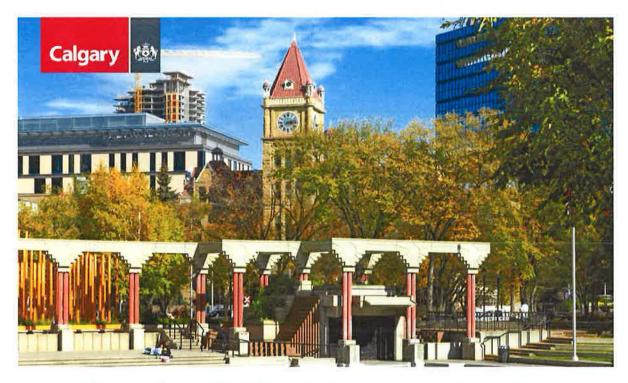
Approved by Council in January 2016

A guideline that describes how public spaces can be enhanced and provides a framework to connect the various cultural institutions in the area.

Identifies Arts Commons, Olympic Plaza and the Municipal Plaza as the Cultural Heart.

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Olympic Plaza Cultural District Engagement & Design Report
October 2016

Intensive engagement work undertaken to understand what is treasured about Olympic Plaza and what could make it more successful in the future.

Over 2,300 Calgarians took part in the engagement.

Can be used for future design work for the Plaza and Stephen Avenue.





Stephen Avenue Master Plan -Understanding Public Life + Public Space

The City of Calgary is undertaking a Master Plan for Stephen Avenue

A Request for Proposals will be issued in March of 2019 to select a lead design consultant to re-imagine Stephen Avenue for the future.

Engagement has already been completed to provide the consultant with an understanding from Calgarians about the importance and role of Stephen Avenue in the life of our City.



### Other Work

#### **Work Completed:**

- Re-design ideas for renovation of Municipal Plaza and the Municipal Building
- Business case prepared for One Calgary for Phase 1 of Olympic Plaza Master Plan and Construction (in alignment with Phase 1 of Arts Commons).

#### Work Underway:

- Notice of Motion regarding the merits of establishing a Convention District (Update to PUD in Q2 2019)
- Short term/interim underpass makeover for Macleod Trail and 1 Street SE
- + 15 Policy review and refurbishment of bridge from old library to Rocky Mountain Plaza

#### **Planned Work:**

- Full underpass redesign and construction for Macleod Trail and 1 Street SE
- Reconstruction of Stephen Avenue
- Redevelopment of old Library site



### **Next Steps**

### Produce a public realm implementation plan:

- Phaseable
- Aligned with Arts Commons Phasing
- Includes costing and possible funding strategies
- Considers impacts on area users and stakeholders

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