

## **Background: Story Behind the Baseline**

**Goal:** Build flood resiliency in Calgary as part of The City's integrated approach to watershed management.

<u>Risk:</u> The City of Calgary's flood risk is influenced by upstream mitigation being undertaken by the Government of Alberta. To address the ongoing risk of flooding, The City continues to develop long-term strategies concurrently with mitigation work, and regularly evaluates its flood resiliency and mitigation program to ensure corporate goals are met.

## What We Did: 2015 Highlights

- Developed a comprehensive community engagement plan to collect citizen input on The City's assessment of flood mitigation measures in 2016. Engagement will ensure The City's resilience work considers citizens concerns and reflects community values.
- The City secured a 10 year allocation of \$150 million from the Government of Alberta for investments in flood mitigation through the Alberta Community Resilience Program. \$27.7 million has been committed to date and will help The City continue to build flood resilience throughout Calgary and its communities.
- Updated and published flood inundation maps for 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100-year return periods for public

## Proposed actions for 2016

- · Conduct comprehensive citizen engagement to seek input on future flood mitigation measures.
- Form a Citizen Advisory Group to provide input on The City's Flood Mitigation Measures Assessment and citizen engagement.
- Strategically evaluate investments based on expected changes to provincial flood protection standards and future upstream mitigation and create a prioritized a list of flood mitigation projects.
- Continue annual Flood Readiness campaign and communications to ensure citizens and businesses are informed about flood mitigation work and readiness programs provided by The City.

## **Strategic Alignment**

**N2:** Build resiliency to flooding

**H4:** Work with our regional partners and the Government of Alberta on an integrated approach to the watershed.

**W5:** Regularly collaborate and engage citizens to encourage participation in City decision-making, and better communicate the reasons for decisions.

