

West Elbow Communities Local Area Plan – Proposed Plan Updates

The final draft West Elbow Communities Local Area Plan (Plan), shared in January 2025 has been updated and is now known as the proposed Plan, which is tentatively scheduled to be brought forward to Infrastructure and Planning Committee on April 2. Updates are minor and significant changes haven't been made to the Plan. An overview of the updates to the proposed Plan are outlined below.

Executive Summary

An Executive Summary was added to the beginning of the Plan to provide a summary that highlights the key aspects of the Plan. The Executive Summary includes the addition of a summary of the Plan area, current context and future evolution of the West Elbow Communities, and how to read the Plan.

Check out the new Executive Summary on pages 2 to 13.

Core Value Illustration

The illustration that is used to support the Plan's core values has been added. The new illustration represents the Plan area and better connects the core values at a high-level to the West Elbow Communities.

Check out the new core value illustration on page 18.

33 Avenue SW Main Street Shadow Policy

The shadow policy for the 33 Avenue SW Main Street has been updated to not support shadowing on the north sidewalk of 33 Avenue SW, from 20 Street SW to Crowchild Trail SW, as measured on the spring and fall equinoxes. This is similar to shadow policies that currently exist on 17 Avenue SW between 14 Street SW and 4 Street SW.

Mapping and Clerical Updates

Minor clerical edits were made through the Plan to correct spelling and grammatical errors.

Minor edits to the Urban Form and Building Scale Maps were made to correct mapping errors and improve readability. These edits include:

- Adding a new “modified building scale” layer to the Building Scale Map to clearly indicate areas where the building scale is modified from the typical building scale categories.
- Adding additional maps for locations with area-specific policies to assist with legibility of the Plan and clearly indicate areas where area specific policies apply.

Chapter 3 Illustrations

New illustrations were added to Chapter 3 to help visually support the community improvement and investment ideas that are included in the Plan, linked to each of the core values and goals.

Removal of Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Growth Plan References

The City of Calgary is no longer required to reference the Growth Plan or Calgary Metropolitan Region Board. As a result Appendix B was removed, as were references to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board and the Growth Plan.

Also updated on the project page, but not part of the proposed Plan:

Heritage Guidelines Implementation Guide

This supplementary illustrative Guide demonstrates the various ways that new development can respond to existing heritage assets in Heritage Guideline Areas. While this Guide is not part of the official policy for Heritage Guideline Areas, nor is it part of the Plan, it helps users visualize some of the ways new development can sensitively integrate into Heritage Guideline Areas.