



## Phase 3 Engagement – June 24 to July 21, 2024

**The Calgary Plan. Have your say.** The City is updating plans that will shape the future of Calgary to ensure our city continues to be a great place to live and thrive. The City Building Program is planning for the future of how we move, build, and use land across the city. It will align and strengthen The City's tools and plans that will work together to create a clear, concise, and central 30-year vision and 10-year action plan.

The Calgary Plan sets out direction and policies that help The City make decisions about future land use, mobility networks, servicing, and investment. This is The City's 'north star' in how we plan and grow our city.

Since October 2023, the City Building team has been speaking with Calgarians and working hard to capture what they need and want to see for the future of our city. The draft Calgary Plan is ready for public input, and we want to hear from you. Phase 3 of engagement focuses on reviewing the draft **Calgary Plan** and collecting feedback on the proposed direction.

Calgarians are invited to participate in helping to shape the future of Calgary. To learn more about the draft Calgary Plan, provide your input, or to find the project team at one of many in-person community events, please visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding).

## How You Can Help

As we launch public engagement for the Calgary Plan on June 24<sup>th</sup>, here's how you can help! We have several events you can promote and attend, you can share our video, Engage! portal and other materials through your communication channels, and we have summary and reference sheets along with the draft document to read up on and share with your communities. All this information will be live at [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) starting June 24, 2024.

## Outreach Materials: Ways to Spread the Word

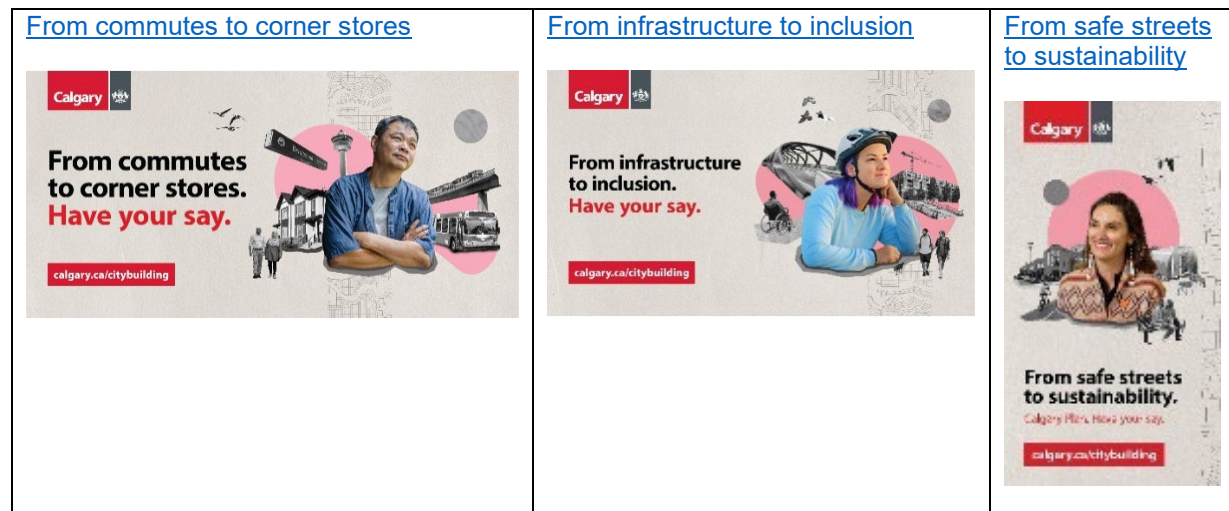
This community toolkit is here to provide you with key messages, graphics and other program information, to make it easy to share the engagement opportunities with your family, friends and neighbours.

Please always include the “[calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding)” URL in all outreach.

### Key Messages:

- The Calgary Plan guides how Calgary will grow and change over the next 30 years and sets out direction for future land use, mobility networks, servicing and investment.
- Addressing the ideas Calgarians have shared over the last two phases of the City Building program, the draft Calgary Plan is now ready for your input!
- The Calgary Plan. Have your say.
- Visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) to share your feedback on the draft Calgary Plan by July 21, 2024.

**Graphics:** Download graphics to share on social media, in community newsletters, or other outreach methods to your networks.



## Education Materials: Ways to Learn

A series of educational materials are available for your use to learn and share information about the draft Calgary Plan. Visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) starting June 24, 2024 to view and download the following resources:

**Video:** [Watch the video](#) for an introduction to why the Calgary Plan is important to the growth and change in our city. Subtitles will be available in multiple languages.

**Document Library:** Access PDF resources to learn more. View the draft plan and/or use the chapter summary sheets and topic reference sheets for a list of highlights and what's new.

- [Draft Calgary Plan](#)
- **Chapter Summary Sheets**
  - [Chapter 1: Introduction](#)
  - [Chapter 2: Natural Systems](#)
  - [Chapter 3: Built Systems](#)
  - [Chapter 4: General City Policies](#)
  - [Chapter 5: City Structure Areas](#)
  - [Chapter 6: Implementation](#)
- **Topic Reference Sheets**
  - [Truth & Reconciliation](#)
  - [Equity](#): A city for everyone
  - [Climate](#): Net-zero and climate resiliency

**What We Heard Reports:** Results from previous phases of engagement.

- [Phase 1 Public Engagement Report](#)
- [Phase 2 Public Engagement Report](#)
- [Phase 1-2 Equity-Deserving Groups Engagement Report](#)

For background on the entire City Building program and to find the pages for past engagement, visit [engage.calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://engage.calgary.ca/citybuilding).

The Engage portal can be translated into multiple languages using the drop-down menu in the top right corner of the webpage.

## Engagement Materials: Ways to Share

Hearing from Calgarians is an essential step in refining the directions in the draft Calgary Plan. The public can visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) to learn more and share their feedback in the following ways:

**Online Survey:** Share feedback on the draft Calgary Plan through the online survey. The survey is open June 24 to July 21, 2024. Visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) to take the survey.

- The “Chapter 1 Survey” is a quick survey focused on the goals and key directions. If you only have a few minutes, share your feedback here!
- The “Chapter 2-6 Survey” is a detailed look into each policy chapter, where participants are invited to select and respond to the chapters of most interest to them.

**Community Pop-up Events:** Visit the City Building team at an event in the community (including pancake breakfasts, night markets and at recreation centres) to learn more and share ideas about the future of Calgary. Visit [calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://calgary.ca/citybuilding) for the calendar of events.

**Other Targeted Sessions:** To support engagement from a diverse range of perspectives, other targeted engagement tactics in partnership with community organizations are scheduled within the Phase 3 timeframe.

## Background Information

### About City Building

- The City of Calgary is updating plans that will shape the future of Calgary and make sure our city keeps being a great place to live.
- The City Building Program is planning for the future of how we move, build and use land across the city.
- The City Building Program will align and strengthen the City's tools and plans with three new documents that will work together to create a clear, concise, and central 30-year vision and 10-year action plan for Calgary's future.
- The three documents are:
  - **The Calgary Plan** merges the Municipal Development Plan with the Calgary Transportation Plan into one updated document. This plan will guide the way we move and use land across the city.
  - The new **Zoning Bylaw** aims to simplify the rules that govern the use of land and the form of building to effectively implement the goals of the Calgary Plan.
  - The new **Street Manual** provides updated direction for the design of Calgary's streets to support safe travel options for all Calgarians.

## About the Calgary Plan

- The City of Calgary is committed to planning in a way that protects natural systems, makes our built systems more resilient, drives economic growth and enhances the qualities that make Calgary a welcoming place to live and visit.
- The Calgary Plan is the long-term municipal development plan for Calgary. It guides how Calgary will grow and change over the next 30 years. The Calgary Plan sets out direction and policies that help the City make decisions about future land use, mobility networks, servicing and investment.
- The Calgary Plan includes three lenses that are intended to be applied over all policies in the document and help guide the implementation of the Calgary Plan
  - **Truth and Reconciliation:** Indigenous perspectives in city building present opportunities for traditional knowledge and practices in land-use, ecosystem management, and placemaking and placekeeping that brings new and creative ways for urban design and sustainable urbanization.
  - **A city for everyone:** Supported and guided by the City of Calgary's commitments to equity, diversity and inclusion, the Calgary Plan aligns with this direction to ensure equitable planning processes and practices are implemented to build a more equitable and inclusive Calgary.
  - **Net-zero and climate resiliency:** The Calgary Plan is committed to integrating climate action into the policies that will shape Calgary's land use and transportation decisions, recognizing that in some instances trade-offs with other city building outcomes must be made.
- The Calgary Plan's goals are:
  - **Environment:** Calgary respects and protects natural systems as an essential part of our city.
  - **People:** Calgary attracts and supports people of all backgrounds to build a healthy and fulfilling life here.
  - **Economy:** Calgary's robust and diverse economy supports innovation and opportunity for all.
- The Calgary Plan has nine **Key Directions** as to how we will achieve our goals:
  - Accommodating a growing city
  - Protecting, connecting, and integrating natural spaces
  - Creating walkable, complete communities
  - Building around transit
  - Connecting mobility networks
  - Building a strong downtown
  - Expanding housing choice and increasing supply
  - Achieving quality design outcomes
  - Strengthening Calgary's economy

## FAQ

### What is the scope of the City Building program?

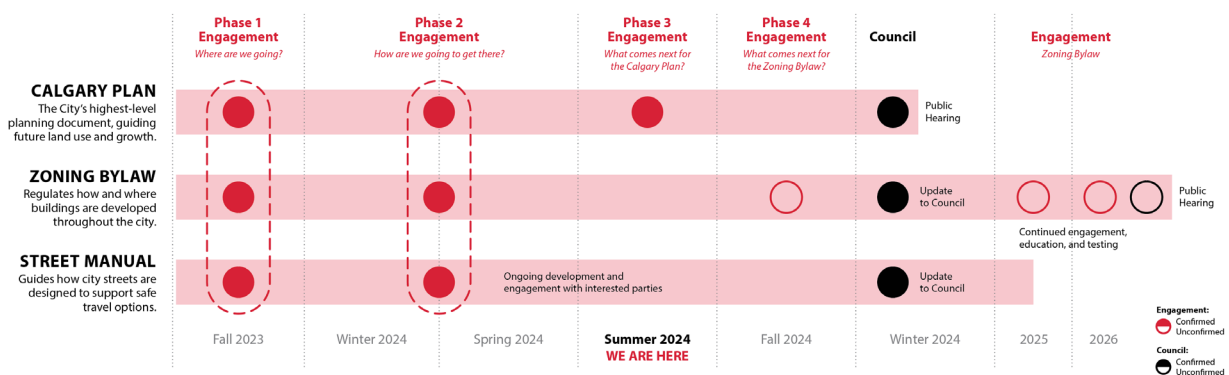
The scope of this program is to update and align citywide plans and tools, like the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual, so that they work together seamlessly. We won't be changing the direction and vision that was approved in 2020 but targets and wording will change to make these plans and tools easy to use, implement and understand.

### What is the timeline schedule of the City Building program?

The Calgary Plan is scheduled to be go before Council in December 2024. An update on the Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual will also be provided at this time. The Street Manual is scheduled for completion in Spring 2025 while the Zoning Bylaw is on track for a 2026 public hearing. Following Council's approval, we will focus on implementation and training.

- **Phase 1: Where are we going?** October 23- December 3, 2023 (COMPLETE)
  - Learn about the City Building program
  - Share your values and experience of living in Calgary
- **Phase 2: How are we going to get there?** January 29-March 3, 2024 (COMPLETE)
  - Engage on specific City Building topics
- **Phase 3: What comes next for the Calgary Plan?** June 24-July 21, 2024
  - Review the proposed direction of the draft Calgary Plan
- **Phase 4: What comes next for the Zoning Bylaw?** Fall 2024
  - Review the draft zoning concepts
- **Council – Winter 2024**
  - Public Hearing on the Calgary Plan
  - Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual key concepts and updates
- **Zoning Bylaw Engagement & Testing**
  - Engagement in 2025 and 2026
  - Public Hearing on Zoning Bylaw expected in 2026

A visual of this timeline has been included below.



### **Why is the Zoning Bylaw not included in Phase 3 engagement?**

Engagement on the Zoning Bylaw has been postponed to Fall 2024. As a result of feedback received from partner organizations and internal program team, an adjustment is being made to the timing of the Zoning Bylaw deliverable. An adjustment will result in a superior bylaw, as well as greater internal and external support. This change will also provide time for more fulsome engagement, testing, and implementation, especially given the Zoning Bylaw work is affected by the additional recommendations approved by Council during the Rezoning for Housing decision.

### **What are some of the achievable outcomes that we anticipate by strengthening these plans and tools?**

Creating straightforward plans will support more of what makes this city great and benefit all Calgarians by:

- Improving ways to get around by providing safe, efficient, and appealing travel options for all Calgarians.
- Building attractive neighbourhoods and spaces that offer lifestyle choices to residents, families, and businesses.
- Supporting economic development by building a city that attracts talent and investment. Simpler processes, more flexible rules and a quicker path to saying “yes” will make it easier to start or grow a business.
- Improving housing security and choice by increasing the amount and variety of market and non-market homes in Calgary.
- Acting boldly on climate change by supporting more resilient and sustainably built homes, offering more sustainable mobility options and protecting our trees, parks and rivers.
- Enhancing relationships with Indigenous communities by reflecting community priorities, honouring places of significance and incorporating Indigenous knowledge. This brings together both Indigenous and western worldviews to achieve a more equitable and inclusive city.

### **Who are we engaging in this process?**

- **General public:** Engagement with the public will occur through three phases. We want to gather input from Calgarians through a variety of online and in-person opportunities across the city, including surveys, community pop-ups, drop-in events, webinars, interactive displays and other activities.
- **Equity-deserving communities:** Engagement with equity-deserving communities in Calgary will focus on under-represented and historically marginalized populations to build trust, understand lived experiences, and ideate solutions. We want to understand the ways our current policies have affected Calgarians living with vulnerabilities, the implications of implementing changes to these policies and how best to prioritize these changes.
- **Indigenous Peoples:** Engagement with Indigenous communities, including the Blackfoot Nations of Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai, the Stoney Nakoda First Nations tribes of Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley, the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 5 & 6. This strengthens relationships, reflects community priorities, and incorporates Indigenous knowledge.
- **Interested parties:** Engagement with organizations and representatives (such as the development and building industry, community groups, and non-profit organizations)

expressing specific interest in one or more aspects of the project. These entities are providing valuable subject matter expertise into the City Building program.

- **Internal City staff:** Engagement with City of Calgary employees and partners who will play a role in influencing and utilizing the deliverables from the City Building program. This stream ensures internal alignment and collaboration.

### **How will public input be used to inform the plans?**

During project engagement, the Engage Resource Unit (ERU) works to create transparency by ensuring that Calgarians involved in the process understand why they're being engaged, what will be done with their feedback, and when they can expect to see how their feedback was incorporated. If changes are made to the engagement program once underway, Calgarians involved are informed of the reason for this change, and how it will impact scope and timelines. In subsequent phases of engagement, or at the end of a single-phase engagement program, we communicate to Calgarians how their feedback was used, as well as reasons for which certain feedback could not be incorporated. When combined, these efforts provide clarity and transparency for Calgarians throughout an engagement process.

### **What is the budget for this program?**

The program budget was council-approved at the [2023 – 2026 Service Plans and Budget](#). The program budget is \$17-million dollars that is funded through taxes and fees. The budget funds the work for these plans, which includes engagement activities, research, outreach and writing the updates to these three documents.

### **How does the City Building program align with other City plans and projects underway?**

We're planning and building our city to ensure it is sustainable, diverse, accessible, equitable and livable. Some current initiatives underway work together to achieve this vision.

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#### [Home is Here: The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy](#)

This strategy aspires to ensure that everyone living in Calgary has an affordable place to call home.

City Building and Housing Strategy teams will be working together to keep each other informed of progress, major decisions, and opportunities for the public to receive information and provide feedback.

Some of the Housing Strategy actions approved by Council will fall into the scope of the City Building program, including:

- residential parking requirements
- exploring more permitted housing uses in new districts
- making non-market housing easier to build

- improving policies and land use districts to increase affordable housing supply and housing choice in every community

The City Building team will be updating policy and all zoning regulations (including all residential zones). Changes proposed through City Building will be part of the education and engagement campaigns for the program.

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### [Rezoning for Housing](#)

For additional information about Rezoning for Housing visit <http://calgary.ca/rezoning>.

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### [Local Area Plan Program](#)

Local area plans provide area-specific direction on redevelopment and reinvestment that will guide livable, equitable and diverse growth in our communities over the next 30 years.

We are collaborating and getting feedback from other internal projects and departments to ensure we have alignment and coordination between other bodies of work. Visit [Local Area Planning in Calgary](#) for more information about the plans currently underway.

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### [Calgary River Valleys Project](#)

Directs land use policies and building regulations in flood hazard areas to guide how we plan and develop in river communities to make them more resilient.

As our city continues to grow and the information available about flood risk evolves, it is important that we continue to revisit our land use policies and building regulations in flood hazard areas to guide how we plan and develop in river communities to make them more resilient.

Key outcomes of the Calgary River Valleys Project include adding updated river valley and flood hazard policy content in the Calgary Plan and updating Flood Hazard Area regulations in the updated Land Use (Zoning) Bylaw.

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### [Calgary Climate Strategy](#)

The City Building team will incorporate the relevant policies and actions from Calgary's Climate Strategy.

- In general, housing development initiatives that provide densification in established areas and are oriented around public and active transit opportunities are in alignment with Calgary's Climate Strategy.

- Housing development initiatives, however, should all consider building energy performance, as building performance needs to improve rapidly to hit our emissions targets.
- Housing development initiatives should also incorporate climate resilience measures to reduce climate risk and susceptibility to increasing extreme weather events.