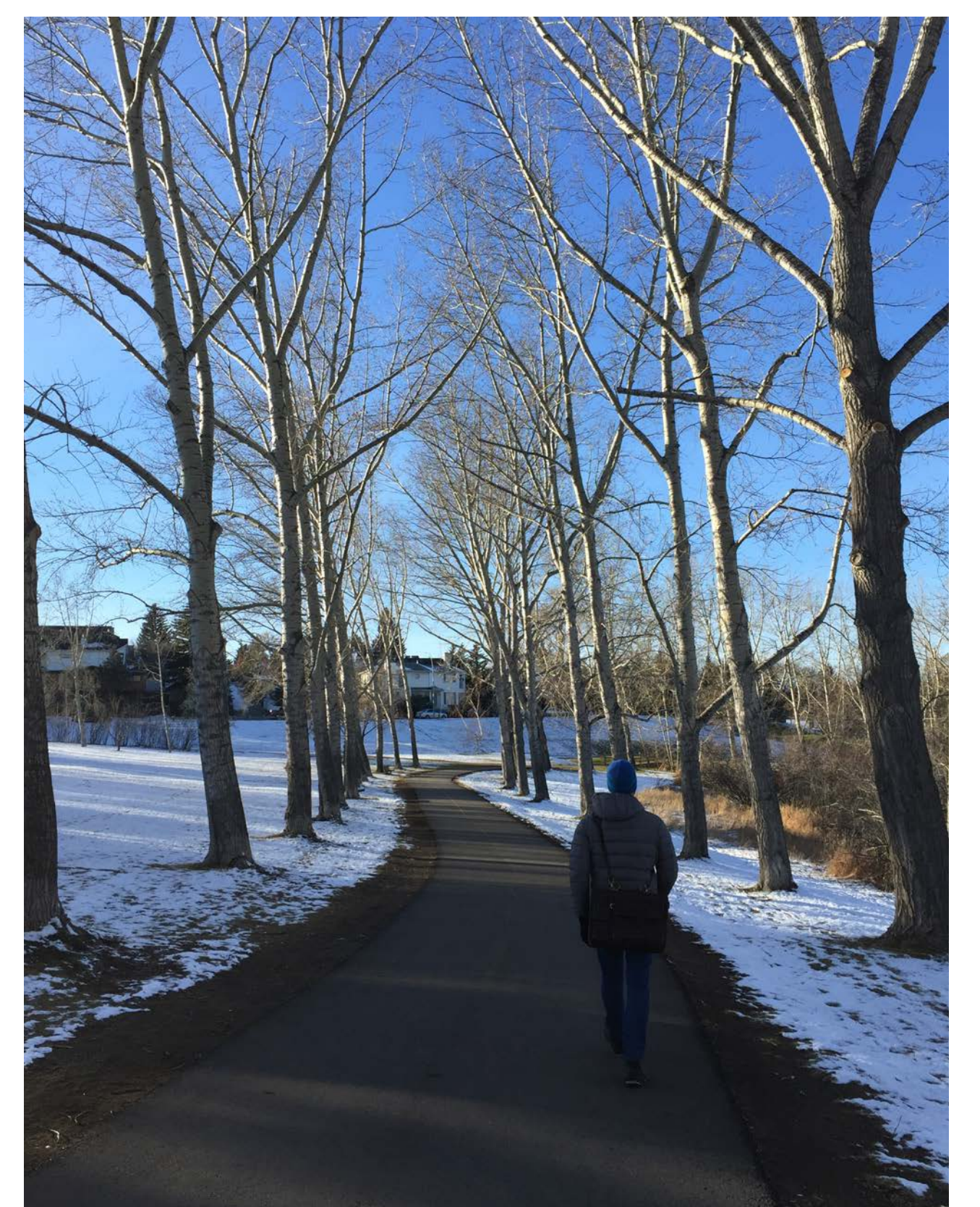


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Confederation Park Improvements

Welcome to this information session!

- In spring 2016, Parks will begin implementing improvements to this historically and culturally significant park to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.
- The Park improvements budget is \$1.1 million.
- This work aligns with the Confederation Park Management Plan.



Confederation Park Management Plan

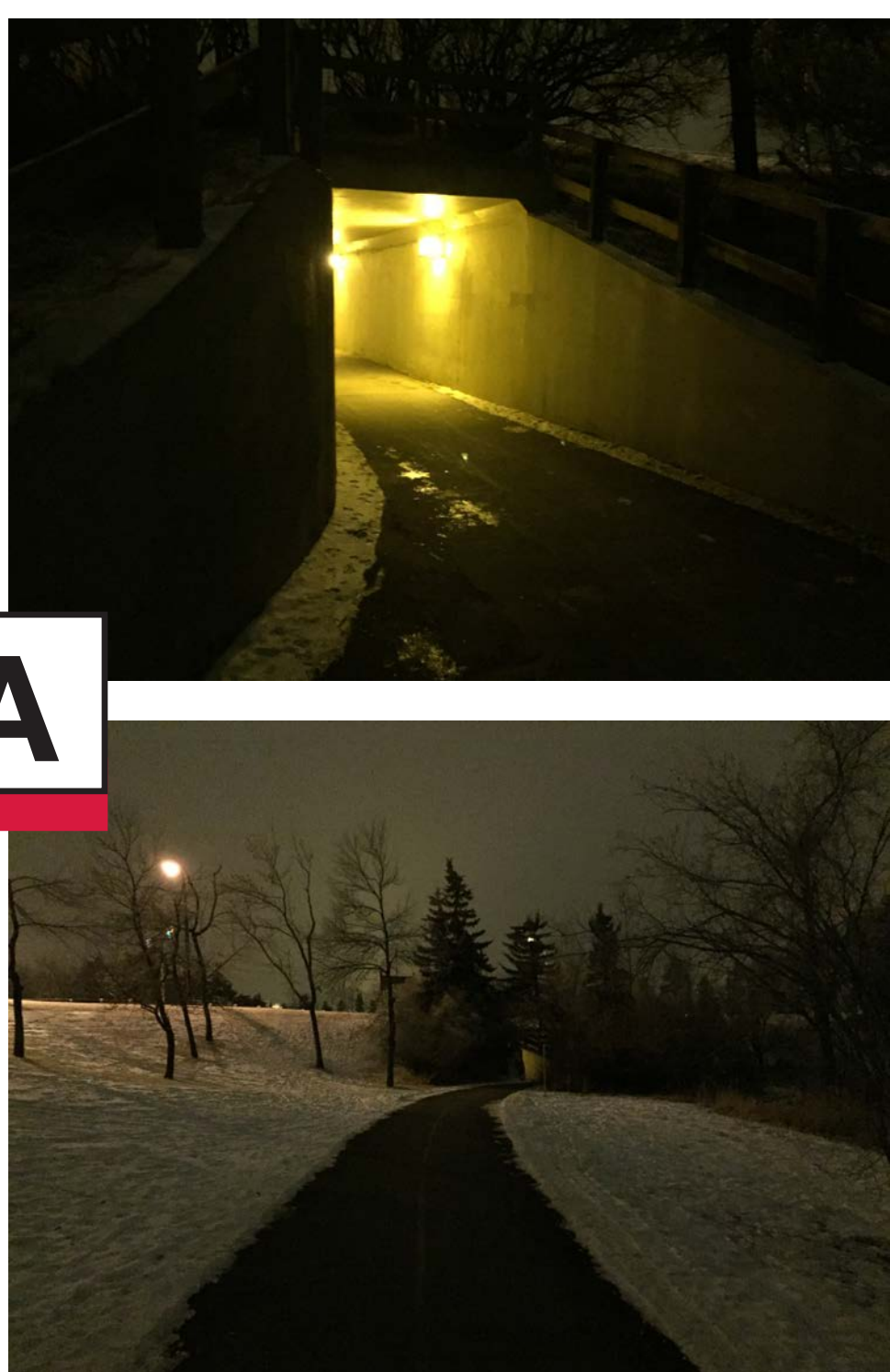
- The Confederation Park Management Plan was created in 2011 to direct future work within the Park.
- It contains information about the Park's history, features, and amenities. It guides development of The City's annual work plans for the management and maintenance of the Park.
- It influences the direction of recommended improvements and implementation.

Please visit calgary.ca and search 'Confederation Park' to view the management plan



Park Improvement Opportunities

Phase 1 - 2016 Work



New Lighting:

- Install new lighting at various locations throughout the park, including:
 - Tunnels
 - Pedestrian Bridges
 - Pathway interesections and stretches of pathway



New Furnishings at Rosemont Community Centre:

- Install moveable seating, firepits, and waste bins to encourage community gathering and year-round enjoyment of the space in preparation for the 2017 celebrations.



Complete Pathway Loop:

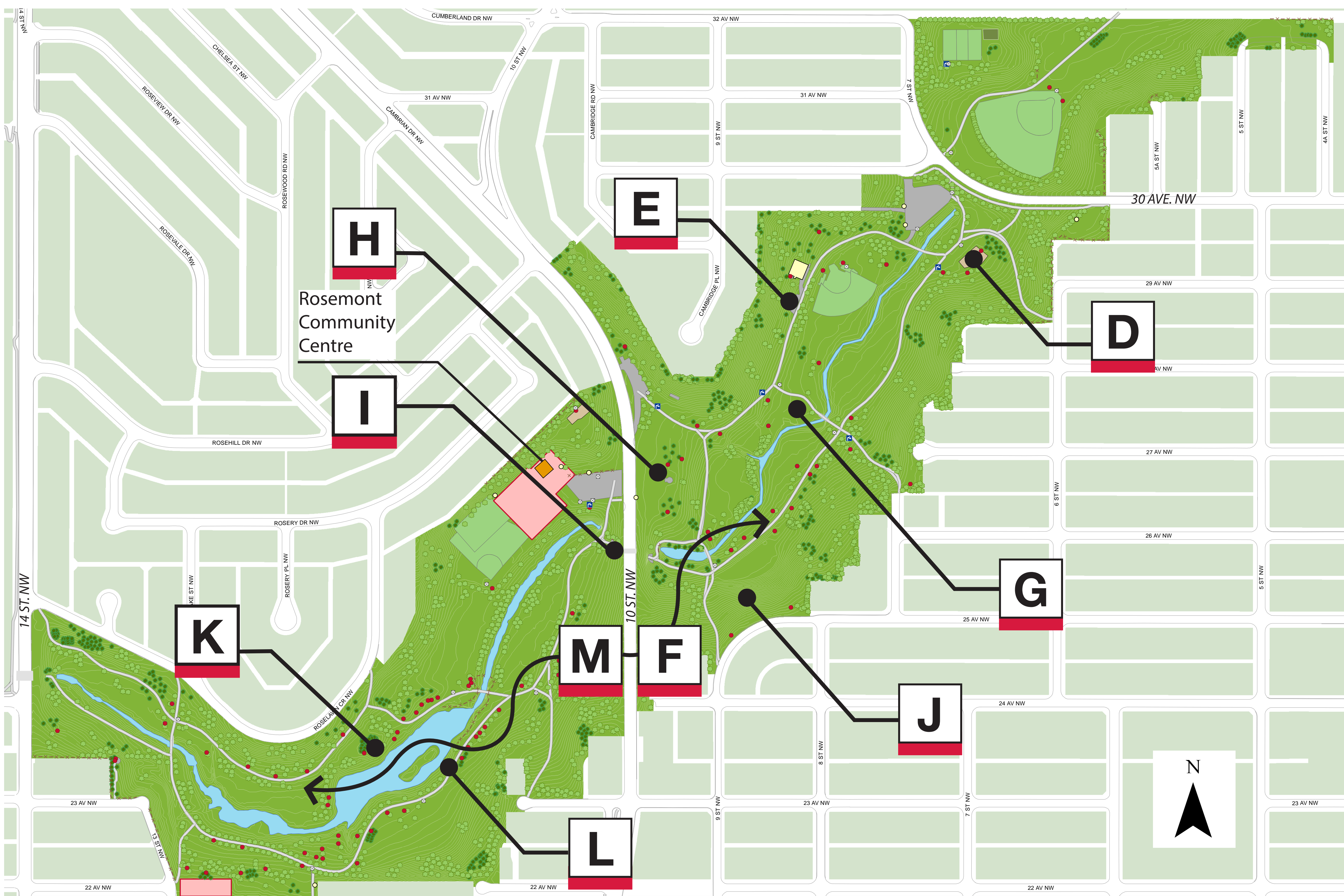
- Complete missing link in the pathway loop near 14th Street NW.

2016 Improvements

- A. New Lighting
- B. New Furnishings at Rosemont Community Centre (Skating Rinks)
- C. Complete Pathway Loop

Possible Future Improvements

Future improvements are being explored, and a combination of factors will be considered when determining the short list. Recommendations made by an external consultant as well as experts from within The City of Calgary will help inform feasible options within our budget. Once a short list is identified, Parks will request public and stakeholder input wherever possible.



Possible Future Improvements

- D. Playground replacement / enhancement
- E. Repurpose the unused parking area south of the public washrooms
- F. Additional seating and picnic areas
- G. Enhanced landscaping at time capsule site
- H. Improved access to Confederation Circle Monument (flags)
- I. Public Art (mural artwork)
- J. Small, grassed amphitheatre for daytime seasonal performances
- K. Lagoon edge: remove invasive species and restore vegetation
- L. Install lagoon viewing deck to address erosion control
- M. Addition of Interpretive Signage



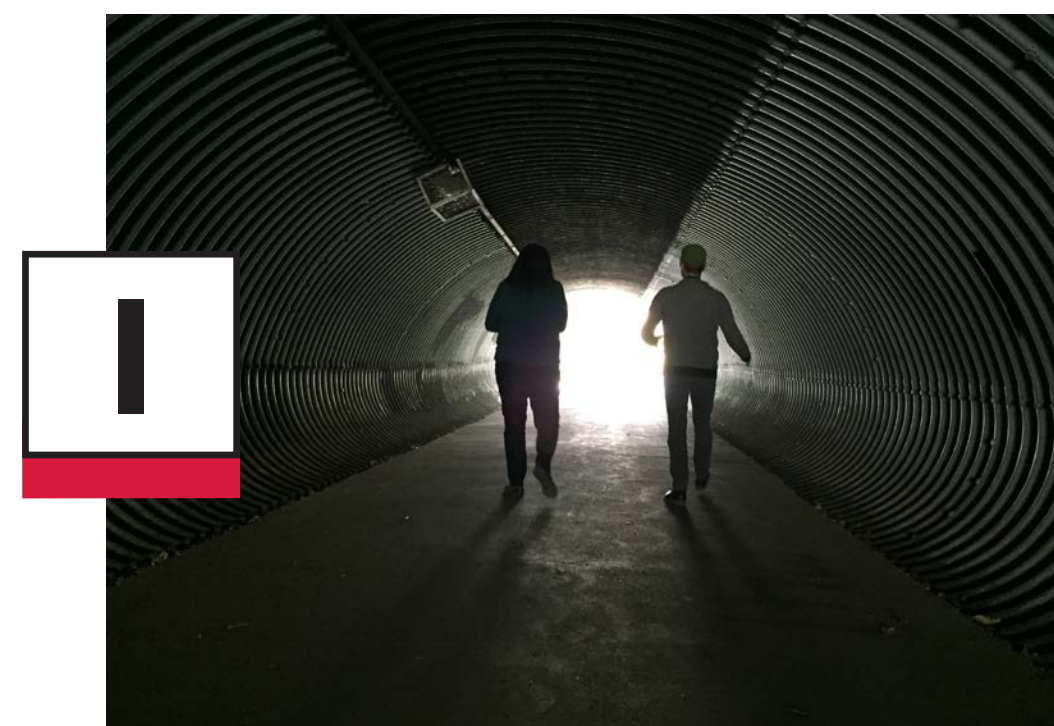
Possible Future Improvements, additional information



D

Playground enhancements

- Playground lifecycle work is required in the near future.
- Location of north playground provides convenient access to washrooms and public parking lot.



I

Incorporate Public Art

- Several frequently used park locations lend themselves to public art installations (eg. mural artwork inside 10th Street pedestrian tunnel).



E

Maximize under-utilized parking lot space

- Parking area south of the public washrooms is no longer in regular use.
- Space could be repurposed to enhance park visitor experience.



J

Create temporary performance area

- Use small grassed bowl-shaped area for seasonal daytime performances.



F

Provide additional park furniture

- Add picnic tables, barbecues, moveable seating and fire pits, to accommodate larger groups.



K

Lagoon restoration

- Canada thistle, and other invasive weeds have overtaken portions of the lagoon embankment.
- Removing invasive weeds and planting native vegetation will help restore the health of this important natural area.



G

Enhance this time capsule site

- Explore design enhancements that reflect the monument's substantial significance within the Park.
- Increase pedestrian accessibility to the site (eg. strollers, wheelchairs).



L

Install an accessible observation deck

- The south lagoon bank is a popular area for wildlife watching. Heavy use has resulted in erosion of the water's edge.
- An observation deck will prevent erosion and encourage nature appreciation and passive social activities.



H

Increase the prominence of Confederation Circle

- This monument is an understated but distinctive park feature.
- Incorporate pedestrian friendly access from the pathway to explore the monument's features.



M

Install interpretive signage

- Educate with Interpretive signage about the unique cultural, historical, and environmental landscape of Confederation Park.



Next Steps

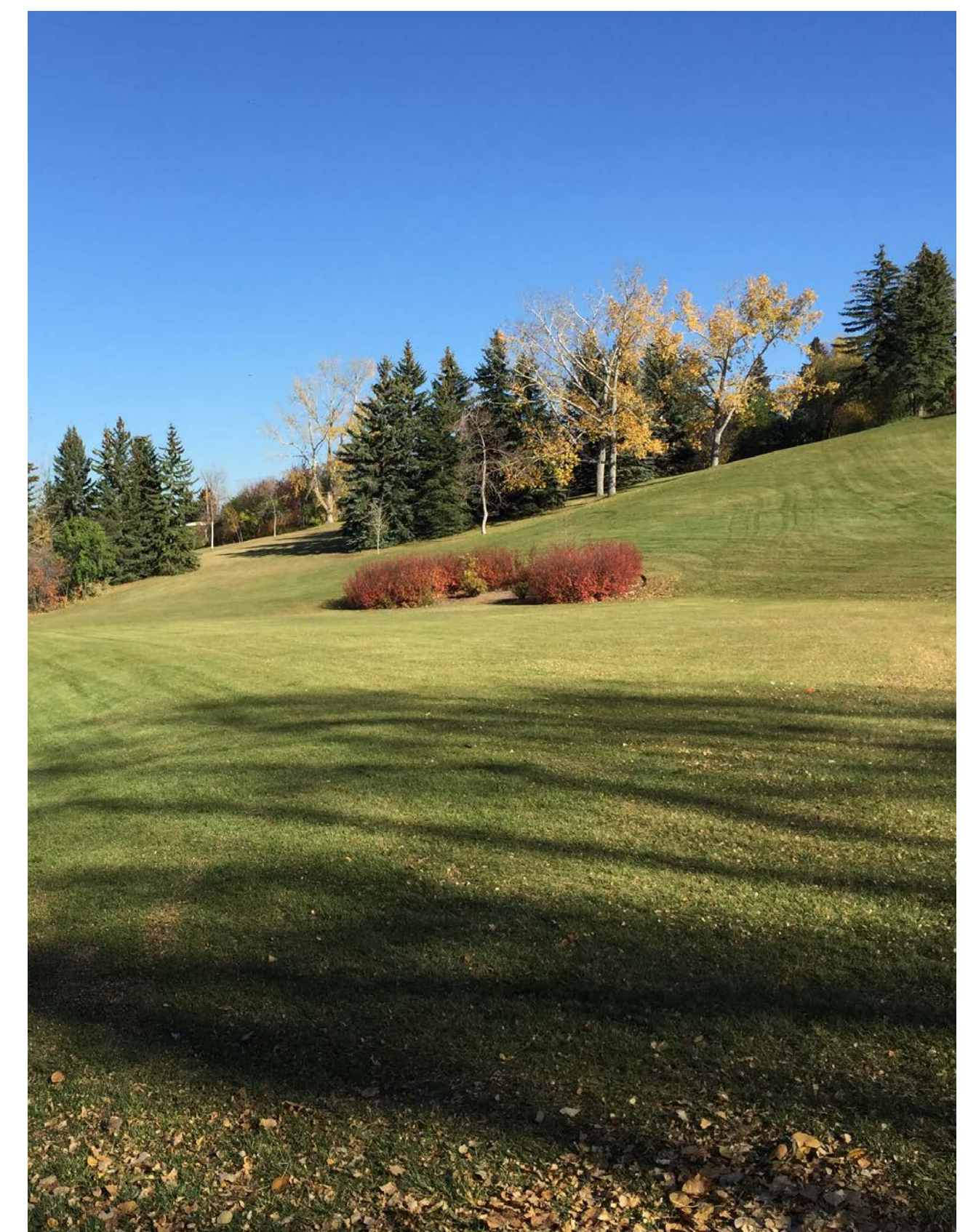
After Phase 1

Details for future timelines and scope of work are being explored.

Fall 2016	Public engagement/information session outlining the scope and future phases of work
Winter 2016	Finalize short list of possible future improvements to be completed before the 2017 celebrations
March 2017	Prepare construction documents Start construction!
July 2017	Celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary at Confederation Park!

For more information please contact 311 or visit calgary.ca

Thank-you!





Other Improvements

Additional work is occurring outside the scope of this project. Watch for these additional enhancements as work progresses:

- Ongoing work is underway to replace sidewalks and curbs adjacent to the Park.
- Upgrades to the stormwater outfall are 95% complete. Landscape rehabilitation is scheduled for spring 2016.
- Tennis Courts – *completed in 2015*

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available throughout Calgary's parks. Visit calgary.ca and search 'volunteer in parks' for more information.