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Planning & Development Services are gathering community feedback

The City of Calgary is conducting a Planning & Development Public Service Satisfaction Survey to better understand the experience of Community Associations and how information from The City related to local planning and development is used. Feedback will be reviewed to improve City service offerings. Comments and suggestions aim to help improve:

- The clarity and accessibility of planning information available to the public
- The types of information related to planning and development provided by The City
- How we communicate opportunities for public participation
- Overall experience of interacting with our services

Complete the survey at calgary.questionpro.ca/CalgaryPlanningSurvey until Dec. 31. The survey is available online only and can be completed anytime. It will take approximately 5 to 20 minutes to complete depending on your responses, and your participation is entirely voluntary. Answers and comments will remain confidential, and you will not be personally identified.

For more information about our survey and to register for the Partners in Planning (PIP) free certificate program that helps you understand how planning and development works in your community, go to calgary.ca/planning/planning-liaison-program.

Join the Calgary Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week

Learn about the dangers of lithium-ion batteries and how to use, store and dispose of them safely. Lithium-ion batteries power everyday electronics such as phones, laptops, power tools and e-bikes and can cause fires or explosions if not used correctly.

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Did you know?

- Battery fires at City landfills and recycling facilities are increasing due to improper disposal, with over 50 fire incidents reported at City landfills and recycling facilities in 2025.
- In 2025 alone, Calgary has seen estimated fire-related property losses of over \$32 million due to lithium-ion battery fires.
- An estimated 88 per cent of estimated losses due to battery fire since 2015 have already occurred in 2025 alone.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 4 to 10 and your local firefighters are hosting several community events to help Calgarians stay safe when using or disposing of lithium-ion batteries.

To learn more, visit calgary.ca/firepreventionweek.

Fireworks safety: a message from Calgary Fire Department:

Fireworks safety is a year-round issue in Calgary. Whether you're celebrating a holiday, festival, or special occasion, it's important to understand the rules and choose safe ways to celebrate.

Personal fireworks are not permitted because they can quickly ignite fires, damage property and put people at risk. Consumer fireworks, display fireworks and firecrackers are all prohibited, even if purchased outside Calgary. Only novelty devices with limited effects, such as sparklers and party poppers, are allowed.

Any fireworks, pyrotechnics or movie special effects must be installed, ignited or fired by a trained and certified professional operating under a valid fireworks permit. Permits are required for all fireworks and pyrotechnic displays.

The Calgary Fire Department responds to many fireworks-related incidents every year. In 2025, personal fireworks caused four major fires – two vehicle fires and two residential building fires

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— and generated more than 200 complaints in Calgary. Fires can spread rapidly from balconies, yards, vehicles and nearby vegetation, putting neighbours and their property at risk.

There are so many ways to celebrate without fireworks! Enjoy local events, connect with family and friends, explore cultural traditions, or brighten the occasion with festive lights and displays.

To report illegal fireworks, contact 311 and include the location. Call 911 if fireworks have caused an out-of-control fire or emergency.

Learn more at calgary.ca/fireworks.

Keeping bus zones clear near schools

School and transit buses rely on clear bus zones to safely load and unload passengers. When vehicles stop or park in bus zones, buses may be forced to stop in traffic, putting children and passengers at risk.

Bus zones are designated safety areas that must remain clear at all times. Respecting these zones helps protect children, supports accessible transit and keeps traffic moving predictably.

Parking legally and avoiding bus zones—even for short stops—helps create safer school environments for everyone. Learn more: calgarparking.com/safeschools.

Urban Forest Strategic Plan update

The City of Calgary held engagement for a new Urban Forest Strategic Plan (The Plan) this spring and a What We Heard Report summarizing findings is now available at calgary.ca/UrbanForestPlan.

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The Plan's project team is currently reviewing and considering all feedback as they develop the new Plan. A status update, including the approach to finalizing a new Plan, will be provided by the end of 2026. This will include information about the timing of the What We Did Report, which will explain how public feedback helped shape the Plan. For all the latest information, please check back at calgary.ca/UrbanForestPlan.
