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Warm up to winter in Calgary parks

Winter makes it possible to enjoy Calgary parks in a different way than during any other season. Many cold-weather park activities are also free with minimal equipment needed. Only in winter can you skate on outdoor rinks, marvel at beautifully lit ice trails, play Crokicurl and ride an ice bike in our parks.

We have several established outdoor, natural ice skating rinks, over 65 volunteer-run Adopt-a-Rinks and indoor skating at 12 arenas with 19 rinks. Plan an afternoon at your local community park snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. For easier skiing, visit a park or golf course that has groomed cross-country trails.

Take a walk through a park on a sunny winter day. You are sure to see birds and other wildlife. You can also pre-book an outdoor firepit at a park and have a winter picnic with friends.

Use your five senses to experience winter by taking a stroll along the Forest Bathing Trail at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Guided invitations will help you practice mindfulness while observing the peaceful park surroundings.

For more ideas about how to stay active during cooler temperatures at City parks, visit calgary.ca/winteractivities.

Planning something? Start with an appointment.

Thinking about renovating your home, building a garage or deck, or finally getting started on that project you've been considering? Maybe you're opening or expanding a business, planning a development, or simply have questions about permits, approvals or what to do next.

Whatever you're planning, getting the right information early can help you take your next step with confidence.

Planning and Development Services makes it easier to connect with us at a time that works for you. Book an appointment in advance and spend less time waiting and more time moving your plans forward.

Choose the meeting option that works best for you. Appointments are available in person, by phone or virtually, so you can get answers in the way that's most convenient for you.

Skip the line. Save your time. Get the answers you need.

Ready to get started? Visit appointment.calgary.ca to book your appointment today.

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Customer Review Period (Jan. 13 to March 22) is your opportunity to review and ensure the accuracy of your 2027 property assessment

Your 2027 property assessment was mailed out January 13. The 2027 Customer Review Period (CRP) runs from Jan. 13 to March 22. CRP is your opportunity to review and ensure the accuracy of your 2027 property assessment and learn more about how your assessment was determined.

What to look for when reviewing your assessment

- Is your market value assessment a reasonable estimate as of July 1, 2026?
- Are the property details we have on record, correct?
- Is your assessment fair when compared with others in your neighbourhood?

Each year, The City and the Province separately set a budget and decide how much money they need from property tax. Your share of property tax is based on your assessment class and the assessed value of your property. Your 2027 property tax bill will be mailed in May, but you can get an estimation of it now by visiting calgary.ca/taxcalculator.

To help you review your property assessment, we offer general resources on calgary.ca/assessment and property specific tools through the secure logon feature of calgary.ca/mytax. By logging onto myTax you can:

- Check your property details and ensure they're correct
    - Incorrect property details can result in your assessment not accurately reflecting the value of your property.
- Compare your property's assessed value to similar properties in your area.
- Review real estate market trends and learn how your property was assessed.

Questions? Visit calgary.ca/assessment or call 311. Customer Review Period ends March 22.

Nominate someone for the Calgary Awards by Feb. 7, 2027

Community contributions deserve recognition. Did you know you can nominate a person, company, community group, or organization for their outstanding achievements in Calgary?

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Since 1994, the Calgary Awards have celebrated Calgarians whose great ideas, hard work, and innovative programs make our city a better place to live.

We are accepting nominations for the 2027 Calgary Awards from Jan. 13 to Feb. 7, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. for the following award categories:

- Community Achievement Awards:
  - Arts
  - Calgarian of the Year
  - Community Advocate – Individual
  - Community Advocate – Organization
  - Education
  - Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement
  - Heritage
  - Social Impact – Business
  - Youth
- International Achievement Award
- Environmental Impact – Non-Profit Award
- Award for Accessibility – Universal Design

Check out the award categories, eligibility requirements and nomination steps at calgary.ca/calgaryawards.

Green Line Builds Momentum with Major Progress Ahead

2026 was a year of significant progress for the Green Line LRT project, and 2027 will build on that momentum by awarding contracts, continuing construction on important infrastructure, and planning for future phases to connect Calgarians.

Several major contracts are expected to be awarded in the first quarter of 2027, including the main construction contract for the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF); the Shepard to Bow package, which includes six at-grade stations; and the Elevated Stations package, which includes two elevated stations.

Construction in 2027 will include continued work at the MSF and installation of the structural steel that will shape the facility's frame—set to begin in early 2027 and continue through spring and into summer. The Bow River package will also be under

construction this year, which includes three major structures: the Ogden Road bridge, the Bow River bridge and the Deerfoot Trail bridge, and a multi-use pathway that will improve mobility for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

Construction of the elevated guideway in Ramsay that will connect the future Ramsay/Inglewood and 26 Avenue stations is anticipated to start in early 2027, while work will continue to progress on the elevated guideway at 114 Avenue and Barlow Trail SE, which started last summer.

We know construction can be impactful to the communities we work in. Please watch for detour signage and take care when travelling through construction areas. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Stay up to date! Visit calgary.ca/GreenLine and sign up for our newsletter.