

# 2023 Progress Update Snapshot

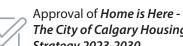
All further details on each of these items are found in either Attachment 3 - Progress Update or information submitted in the Attachment 4 - Service Updates.

#### Housing



## Responding to the housing crisis

2023 Housing Starts record **16,679 units ↑** 31% since 2021.



The City of Calaary Housina Strategy 2023-2030.

Agreement for \$228 million to create over **6,800 units** in the next three years through the Housing Accelerator Fund Contribution.

### 57 affordable housing units were opened from the Non-Market Land Sale.

227 new non-market	
housing units approved.	

33,100 people are estimated to have moved to Calgary in 2023 – population growth of approx. 3 per cent.

2023 annual unemployment rate in Calgary is 6%.

In 2023 Calgary was named

- Friendliest city in the world<sup>1</sup>
- 7th most liveable city in the world <sup>2</sup>
- 3rd most diverse in Canada<sup>3</sup>
- most dynamic growing tech community<sup>4</sup>

Footnotes for award

- 1. Condé Nast 2023 Readers Choice Awards, 2. Economist Intelligence Unit's 2023 Global
- Liveability Index
- 3. Statistics Canada, Census 2016
- 4. 2023 Global Startup Ecosystem Report by Startup Genome



# Addressing public safety concerns

**Public safety** 

In 2023, 69 per cent of Calgarians agreed that Calgary is safe.

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Implemented The Public Transit Safety Strategy, perception of safety among transit users on CTrain Platforms increased from

> 65 to 71 per cent. .....

Continued recruiting additional police and peace officers to improve public safety.

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Through the *Community Safety* Investment Framework, \$17.8 million was invested in 37 community initiatives with the long-term outcome to improve the wellbeing of Calgarians.

Addressed over 125 vacant and problem properties, with demolition of 31 and the remediation of nine derelict or abandoned properties across the city.

Enhanced 5A (Always Available for All Ages and Abilities) pathway and bikeway network by:

- Replacing 5,650 metres of
- deteriorating pathways
- Removing **134 posts** to improve accessibility
- Adding 1,200 metres of new pathways for better connectivity

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# Transit



# **Keeping Calgary** moving

71 per cent of Calgarians agree that Calgary Transit fares are affordable (2023 Fall Survey of Calgarians).

Total ridership reached 90 million, ↑ 21% from 2022.

Hired 800 new operators and added 27 new specialized transit vehicles to meet service demand and growing ridership.



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\$38 million annual subsidy for sliding-scale low-income transit pass program.





# Building a more inclusive and connected community

**67 per cent** of Calgarians agree they feel accepted regardless of their background, identity or lifestyle.

#### 77 per cent of Calgarians agree

they feel a sense of belonging in their neighbourhood.

Increased support and removed barriers to access social services.

Served **113,000** low-income Calgarians through Fair Entry program, seeing an increase in demand.

Libraries attracted **6.74 million** visitors ↑ 37% since 2022. Adding a record 148,000 new members covering 56 per cent of Calgary's population.

17,800 visits to FREE summer parks and recreation programs by over 7,000 people.



The Indigenous Calgary After School Pilot Project involved 120 children across six locations.



# Investing in our future through climate action

Community-wide greenhouse gas emissions 16.35 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e ↑ 3.5% since 2005.

Community-wide greenhouse gas emissions per capita 12.12 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/person ↓ 26.7 since 2005.

#### Approved 113 energy efficient and renewable energy projects under the Clean Energy

Improvement Program, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 30 per cent for those homes.

Opened the 126-hectare Haskayne Legacy Park with Calgary's first net-zero 2,400 square-foot pavilion building.

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Restored approximately 65 hectares of park habitat.

Saved over 1.5 billion

litres of water during

(August to October).

stage 1 water restrictions

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Planted 91,000 seedlings and 6,385 large trees to restore Calgary's natural infrastructure.



#### **Downtown revitalization**



## Reimagining a vibrant core

In 2023, the total downtown taxable assessment base **^** 3.5 %.

11 conversion projects approved anticipating a removal of approx. 1.46 million square feet of vacant office space.

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre brought \$17 million in economic impact in 2023, catching up pre-pandemic levels.

**BMO Centre Expansion Project** reached significant milestones in 2023 achieving weather tightness and full energization, is on budget and schedule for an anticipated grand opening during Stampede 2024.

207 festivals and events in 2023, **1**2% from last year.

The Festival & Event Subsidy Funding and Arts & Culture Microgrant Funding supported. • 2,073 local artists • 634 community groups • **530** local businesses

### Land use and local area



Modernizing community and industrial lands

\$5.9 billion total building permit values in 2023, the highest value since 2015.

A total of 82 communities and industrial areas were involved in creating modernized local area plans in 2023.



29 additional communities with approved modernized Local Area Plans.

Issued 19,500 building permits, granted occupancy on

15,600 new dwelling units. ↑ 9% from 2022.



Registered a record 2,915 suites through the Secondary Suite Program.

