



DOUGLAS FIR TRAIL PROJECT NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

Thank you for sharing what Douglas Fir Trail means to you

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first phase of outreach and engagement for the Douglas Fir Trail. We heard how much this trail means to Calgarians and how strongly people care about its future.

Many participants told us they value the trail for its natural beauty, peaceful setting and the opportunity to experience nature close to home. People described Douglas Fir Trail as a unique place that feels more like a mountain hiking trail than a trail within the city, and emphasized how important it is to protect this special experience for future generations.

We also heard that protecting the natural environment while keeping the trail open is a top priority. Participants spoke about the importance of preserving the Douglas Fir ecosystem, addressing erosion and drainage issues, maintaining the trail's natural character and ensuring it remains available for public use over the long term. There was also support for safety and maintenance improvements that protect both trail users and the surrounding environment.

Community participation was strong throughout the engagement. The online engagement portal received 4,564 page views, 3,623 visits and 3,091 unique visitors. More than 300 people attended the Ward 6 Town Hall on June 15, and City staff spoke with almost 100 community members during three park pop-up events held on July 4, 11 and 18.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your experiences, ideas and feedback with us. What we heard will help inform future planning for Douglas Fir Trail alongside technical studies, environmental considerations and safety requirements. Next phase public engagement is planned for the fall 2026.

Construction updates and current closures

While we continue planning for the longer-term future of the trail, work is underway to address an area of slope instability. Over half of the slope stabilization scope is now complete and the work will soon focus on drainage improvement.

This work on the slope is expected to continue through December 2026.

If you are visiting the trail, please follow posted signs, stay on designated open trails and avoid entering closed areas or the construction zone. Respecting these closures helps keep trail users and construction crews safe and protects sensitive natural areas.

What happens next?



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The feedback we received during public engagement will help inform the future of Douglas Fir Trail. The City will consider this input together with technical information about the trail, environmental considerations and the work required to address erosion, drainage and other ongoing challenges.

Our goal is to support a safe, durable and environmentally responsible future for Douglas Fir Trail while protecting the natural character that makes this place so special to Calgarians.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the project moves forward.

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