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Update on Douglas Fir Trail Project: February 2026

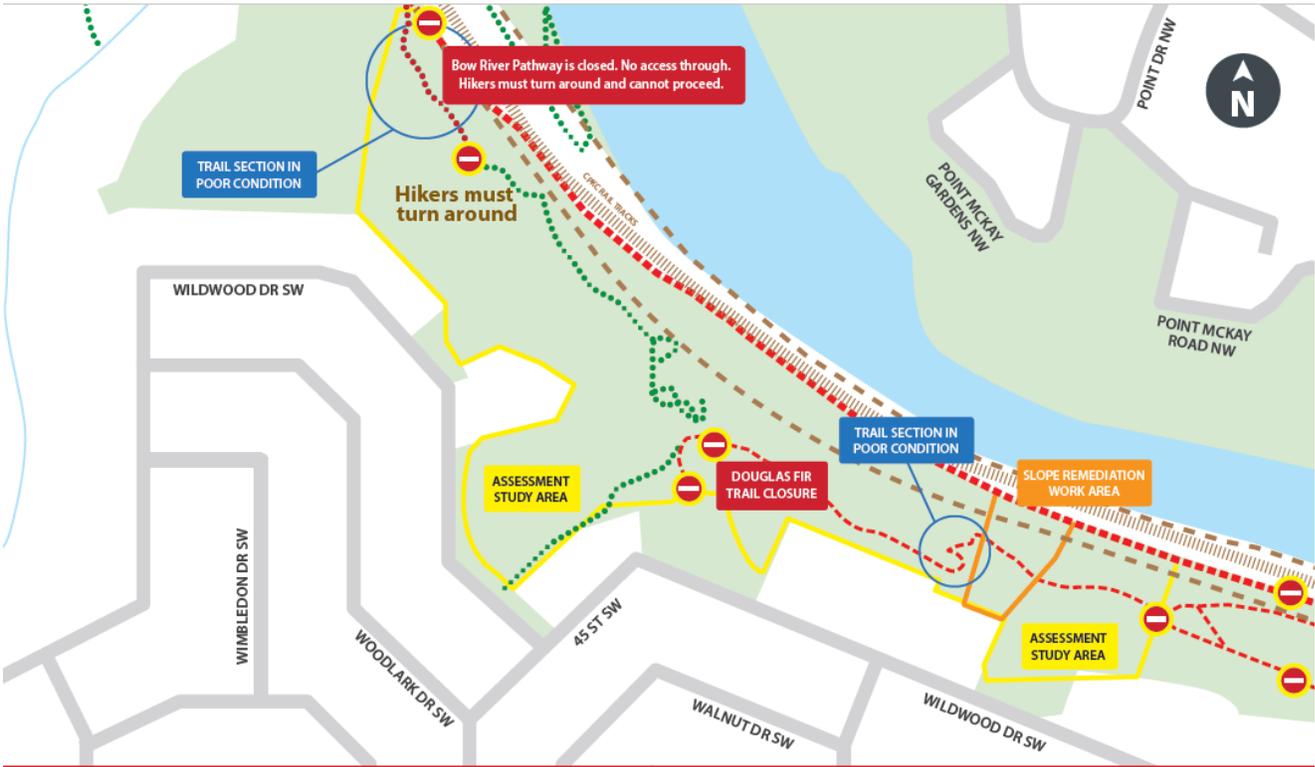
Welcome to the first Douglas Fir Trail Project newsletter. We will be using this newsletter to share construction updates, trail status changes, and next steps as the project progresses.

Project Update

Repair work on the most critical section of slope (*see infographic below*) is progressing as planned. This work focuses on stabilizing an area above the Bow River Regional Pathway to improve long-term safety. Construction in this area is expected to be substantially completed by the end of October 2026.

We are excited to announce that earlier this year, The City secured funding for the detailed design of the broader Douglas Fir Trail repairs! This design work follows on to the Douglas Fir Trail assessment study completed in October 2025 and will help define the future repair scope needed to support long-term reopening as it is our intention to reopen the Douglas Fir Trail with a durable solution. The City is in the process of hiring an engineering firm to take on the task.

Funding for the broader trail construction scope has however not been secured but The City will pursue it through the next budget cycle: 2027-2030. Our funding ask will be informed by the current detailed design stage mentioned above.



Douglas Fir Trail & Pathway - Closure

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Project displayed on map is subject to change in scope.

- CPKC Right-of-Way
- Douglas Fir Trail - Closure
- Asphalt Pathway - Closure
- Assessment Study Area
- Trail OPEN
- Slope Remediation Work Area

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Status of the western portion of the Douglas Fir Trail

Following discussions with the community, The City conditionally reopened the western portion of the Douglas Fir Trail later in November 2025. This is subject to the trail condition, and users following posted signage. This has proven challenging for The City so far. A recent inspection showed unsafe trail conditions in the reopened section. The City had to re-close this portion of the trail as of February 18, 2026 (see *picture below and infographic above Blue circle*). We remind Calgarians that closures are in place for their own and construction safety: please abide by implemented closures.



Why the trail is closed

The Douglas Fir Trail in Edworthy Park has been partially closed since November 2023 due to safety concerns related to erosion, drainage, and trail degradation. The trail is located on a steep escarpment of loose soil and weak rock. The City geotechnical assessment, in consultation with Law, confirmed that safety risks exist in multiple areas along the trail. In September 2025, closures expanded to support active construction and protect both the public and crews.

The City is currently completing funded slope stabilization work on a section of the slope (approximately 150 meters) above the Bow River Regional Pathway. This work began in September 2025 and is expected to continue through October 2026, and includes drainage



improvements, slope strengthening, slope monitoring equipment installation, and habitat restoration where impacts occurred.

Bow River Regional Pathway closure (construction access)

The Bow River Regional Pathway beneath the slope is the only safe access route for construction equipment and crews. As a result, for public safety reasons, the pathway is now closed beyond its typical seasonal winter closure during active construction.

What's next

Between January 2024 and October 2025, The City completed a comprehensive assessment of the full 1.5 km length of the trail. Findings show some sections of the trail are in poor condition and require interventions.

When construction funding for the larger trail repairs becomes available, the work will focus on:

- targeted trail repairs and improvements
- small trail realignments away from vulnerable areas
- drainage improvements to reduce ongoing washouts
- vegetation protection and restoration

While funding is secured for the design scope, construction funding for the broader trail repair work has not yet been secured. Reopening timelines beyond the current ongoing stabilization work remain dependent on future funding. In the interim, the City continues to monitor slope conditions monthly.

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed. The City has various means to reach out to Calgarians and intends on doing so as part of the design process for the overall area mitigation.

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Questions or concerns? Contact the project team:

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