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Bearspaw South Feeder Main Update

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Bowness - Montgomery - Parkdale



Community Resource Centre now open at Bowness Community Association

A new **Community Resource Centre** dedicated to supporting neighbourhoods impacted by the Bearspaw South Feeder Main repairs and replacement projects is officially open. You'll find it conveniently located inside the **Bowness Community Association** at 7904 43 Avenue NW during these times:

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The Centre will remain open until the end of the project (anticipated for the end of 2026). You can also continue to contact us through 311 or by emailing BSFMPProject@calgary.ca.

This welcoming drop-in space keeps residents connected, informed, and supported throughout the repair and replacement projects. City staff will be on-site to answer questions, listen to concerns, and help you understand what's happening in your community. They can also connect you with City programs and services for additional support. Your comments and questions will be passed to the project team to help shape future planning.

The Centre has only been open for two weeks and already staff have chatted with a couple dozen neighbours about traffic detours, project timelines, and construction impacts.

The Centre will be home to the City's Community Integration Services team. Their role is to:

- Support residents and local businesses experiencing construction-related disruptions.
- Work closely with community organizations to connect people with essential social support.
- Provide access to crisis intervention specialists right on-site when needed.
- Collaborate with partners to spot service gaps, reduce duplication, and ensure those most affected get the help they need.

Drop in, say hello, and get the support you need — your voice matters, and the team is ready to listen.

Please **save water**
during the water
main reinforcement

Every flush
counts



Every minute
counts



Every load
counts



Every cycle
counts



Keep up the great work!

By keeping our water demand below 500 ML of water, we stay in the green zone. This means demand can be met by the drinking water system during the reinforcement work.

Please remember

No outdoor water use is permitted at this time. We're also asking Calgarians to take steps to reduce their indoor water use by 25 litres per person each day.

Go to calgary.ca/water-restrictions for all the details on how you can do your part.

A Mini Bridge with a Big Purpose

Recently, The City had to place large sandbags across the pathway at 32 St. N.W. and Parkdale Blvd. It was a precautionary move, in case of flooding.

To keep traffic flowing smoothly — and keep everyone visiting their favourite local spots — The City has now installed a ramp over the sandbags. Think of it as a mini bridge, ready to help cyclists and pedestrians safely across.





This sturdy steel ramp is built for sharing, so both pedestrians and cyclists can use it comfortably. And as always, cyclists are asked to give pedestrians the right-of-way, because a little courtesy goes a long way in keeping the pathway experience enjoyable for everyone.

And pop in for a coffee at Nova Nine Locals Diner & Coffee while you're there.

Reinforcement project - detours maps

We appreciate your patience as construction moves forward. We are mindful of how our work impacts traffic in the community and want to keep you informed of detours and delays so can plan ahead. The maps below highlight what to expect, and the latest updates are always available on [The City's traffic map](#).



BSFM reinforcement work is ongoing in the area and a detour around the 16 Ave. N.W. exit off of and onto Sarcee Trail N.W. is in place.

2026 Bearpsaw South Feeder Main Reinforcements Traffic Impacts – 16 Avenue N.W. and 43 Street N.W.

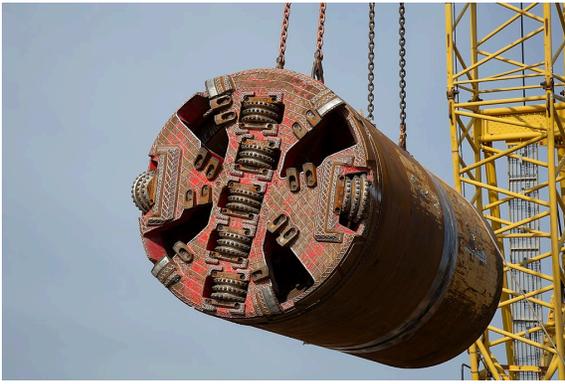


Reinforcement construction is underway in Point Mckay Park and there is an eastbound lane closure on 16 Ave. N.W. at 43 St. N.W.

2026 Bearpsaw South Feeder Main Reinforcements Traffic Impacts – 83 Street N.W. and 33 Avenue N.W.



Valve replacement construction is ongoing at the intersection of 33 Avenue N.W. and 83 Street N.W. Please expect traffic impacts in the area.



Fun Facts

A closed-face Microtunnel Boring Machine (MTBM) is used to tunnel safely underground.

Its sealed cutting head controls ground and groundwater pressures, helping protect the surface above and minimize impacts.

Cutting through soil and rock

As the cutting head rotates, it breaks soil and rock into small pieces called cuttings.

Moving material with a slurry system

The cuttings are mixed with water to form a slurry and pumped through enclosed pipes back to the launch shaft, allowing efficient underground transport without surface disruption.

Separating and reusing materials

At the surface, the slurry is processed at a separation plant where soil and rock are removed from the water. The water is treated and reused, reducing waste.

Removing excavated material

The separated solid material is loaded into trucks and hauled to approved disposal or reuse sites in line with environmental regulations.

Launching from deep shafts

The MTBM is lowered into vertical shafts typically 16–30m deep and 6–14m wide, depending on location and ground conditions.

Installing the tunnel lining

As the machine advances, steel pipe segments are pushed into place behind it and welded together to form the permanent tunnel lining.

Creating permanent access points

Projects at a glance

We've built a one-stop hub on [Calgary.ca](https://calgary.ca) to make it easier than ever to find everything you need to know about the Bears paw South Feeder Main construction.

Head over to [Feeder Main Area Construction](#) — your go-to spot for all things project-related, including:

-  Where construction is happening in Bowness, Montgomery, and Parkdale

-  Road closures, detailed detour info, anticipated schedule dates, and an up-to-date closure map

-  Quick links to the Replacement Project, Reinforcement Project, Water Restrictions, and more!

Community Information Session Presentation – March 2026

Thanks for coming to one of our recent community information sessions. If you missed it, no worries — we've got you covered! [Watch the short video on the web page](#) to get up to speed on the Bears paw South Feeder Main. You'll learn a bit about the project background, what work is coming up, what to expect along the way, and the community resources available to you. We hope to see you when we come back later this spring.

More questions? We've got you.

Reach out anytime through 311 or email BSFMproject@calgary.ca

After tunnelling is complete, the shafts are converted into manholes for future pipeline access.

WATCH THE VIDEO

VISIT AREA
CONSTRUCTION WEBPAGE

Calgary.ca/BSFMProject

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