

Goals

The goals of the Calgary Plan serve as the foundation for land use and mobility planning. They are informed by Council’s strategic priorities and engagement with Calgarians.

Environment

Calgary respects and protects natural systems.

Outcomes:

Calgary Plan policies work towards the following environment outcomes:

- 1. Respect for and integration of natural systems:** Indigenous worldviews and the needs of all living things guide natural system stewardship and integration into public spaces for healthy, climate-resilient communities.
- 2. Sustainable water resource management:** Waterway and watershed protection maintains water quality, improves flood and drought resilience and supports human well-being, ecosystem health and economic activities.
- 3. Equitable access to nature:** All Calgarians have equitable access to nature for health and well-being.
- 4. Net-zero emissions and efficient urban growth:** Calgary’s sustainable urban form focuses on compact growth that respects natural systems and integrates transit, walking and wheeling connections.
- 5. Healthy and connected natural ecosystems:** Healthy and connected natural systems support biodiversity and provide ecosystem services, like climate adaptation and carbon sequestration.

People

Calgary is a healthy, vibrant city for people of all backgrounds.

Outcomes:

Calgary Plan policies work towards the following people outcomes:

- 1. Equitable access to public services and mobility:** Calgarians have access to safe, affordable, accessible and reliable public services and travel options.
- 2. Affordable and resilient housing and resources:** Calgary offers a diverse housing supply with convenient access to employment, food, childcare, services and amenities that support healthy lifestyles.
- 3. Recognition and inclusion of Indigenous worldviews:** The Calgary Plan respects and acknowledges Indigenous worldviews and perspectives, and recognizes their contributions to the shared history and present landscapes.
- 4. Climate-resilient and adaptive communities:** Calgarians’ exposure to climate impacts is reduced, particularly for those most vulnerable to its effects.
- 5. Inclusive and safe communities:** Calgary is welcoming for people of all cultures, backgrounds, abilities, ages and incomes, offering year-round opportunities for recreation, arts, cultural expression and social connection.

Economy

Calgary’s robust, competitive and diverse economy supports innovation and opportunity for all.

Outcomes:

Calgary Plan policies work towards the following economy outcomes:

- 1. Resilient and sustainable economic development:** Calgary adapts to stresses and shocks, including climate change impacts, and capitalizes on new energy markets and emerging industries.
- 2. Inclusive economic participation and growth:** Calgary’s economy is where all residents, including Indigenous people and equity-denied groups, can participate fully and share prosperity.
- 3. Strong regional and industrial economic hub:** Calgary is the hub of the regional economy with a thriving industrial sector and an efficient goods movement network connected to regional, national and international networks.
- 4. Enhanced connectivity and accessibility:** The transit network conveniently and affordably connects people to employment, education and amenities.
- 5. Thriving cultural and recreational sectors:** Calgary boasts a dynamic arts and culture sector and diverse amenities and recreation facilities that attract visitors, stimulate economic activity and enrich the quality of life for everyone.

Key Directions

The Calgary Plan sets nine key directions to guide City priorities over the next decade. These directions support the Plan's three main goals—People, Environment, and Economy. Each direction integrates land use and mobility planning and is grounded in growth principles that promote sustainable, efficient, and fiscally responsible development. These principles guide how the directions are applied in planning and decision-making.



Accommodating a growing city

The Calgary Plan directs a balanced approach to growth.



Creating inclusive, resilient and healthy communities

The Calgary Plan enables complete and walkable communities in all areas of the city, by supporting a diversity of housing, land uses and scales of development.



Protecting, connecting and integrating natural areas

The Calgary Plan can help protect natural systems, increase connections between them and increase access to natural areas for Calgarians.



Building around transit

The Calgary Plan prioritizes building around transit, enabling growth around all rapid transit stations and connecting people to where they need and want to go.



Expanding housing choice and increasing supply

The Calgary Plan can help enable increased housing choice and supply by making it easier to provide different types of housing across the city.



Connecting mobility networks

The Calgary Plan supports safe, affordable and convenient travel options for all Calgarians.



Strengthening Calgary's economy

The Calgary Plan supports innovation and creativity to modernize the economy and increase economic participation.

Achieving quality design outcomes

The Calgary Plan sets direction for achieving design excellence, building a city that is livable, attractive, memorable and functional.



Building a strong downtown

The Calgary Plan supports a people-focused downtown that is safe and welcoming for everyone, with connected neighbourhoods, active streets and well-used, accessible public spaces.

