

Inglewood/ Ramsay City Projects Update – April 2021

See below for important updates on projects in and near the Inglewood and Ramsay communities.

11 Street S.E. and 17 Avenue S.E. Enabling Works - Construction Update

ENMAX Power Corporation is continuing the relocation of electrical infrastructure to accommodate The City of Calgary's future Green Line LRT route. New self-supporting monopoles have now been installed along15 Street S.E. and Blackfoot Trail S.E. The next phase involves the removal of the decommissioned wood poles along 11 Street S.E. and 17 Avenue S.E. (please see map below).

Construction update

Salvage work is scheduled to begin on April 19, 2021 and will continue in the area for approximately two weeks. Crews will be working Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please note, some weekend work may be required. The following dates are target timelines, dependent on the availability of rail outages.

Please expect the following impacts to traffic and cyclists:

- Week of April 19: Single lane closure and no street parking along 17 Avenue S.E.
- Week of April 26: Temporary lane and multi-use pathway (MUP) closure along 11 Street S.E., south of 17 Avenue S.E. Please follow road signage /detours in place.
- Access to all commercial and residential buildings will be maintained.

For more information, please visit Green Line construction updates.



Historic East Calgary Communities Local Area Plan (LAP) – Project Update

After carefully considering the comments the project team received on certainty for the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives work in commercial areas, we are revisiting the timing and scope of the Historic East Calgary Communities Local Area Plan (LAP). The Historic East Calgary Communities LAP will be on pause.

Area 7 multi-community Local Area Plan

Once the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives work on commercial areas is completed, we will revisit the schedule for re-launching the LAP, as part of the Area 7 multi-community Local Area Plan (AREA 7). Area 7 will include the communities of Alyth Bonnybrook, Burns Industrial, Highfield, Inglewood, Manchester Industrial (northern portion) and Ramsay.

The schedule for launching Area 7 will be considered within the context of the larger <u>Local Area Plan</u> program. When Area 7 is launched, it will follow the phases set out for all Local Area Plans in Calgary. The <u>North Hill Communities Local Area Plan</u> provides an example of the current process. We are continuing to augment, improve and innovate this process, so the current process may be adjusted.

The City would like to acknowledge the considerable effort the public have contributed todate on the engagement for the Historic East Calgary Communities LAP. Your efforts are recognized and truly appreciated.

A Council-approved Local Area Plan is required to implement both policies and direction from the Guidebook for Great Communities and <u>Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives</u>. We will continue to review applications submitted through our Corporate Planning Applications Group.

For more information on our Local Area Plan program, please visit calgary.ca/lap.

Update on Guidebook for Great Communities Public Hearing of Council & Next Steps

The Guidebook for Great Communities was presented and discussed at the public hearing of Council March 22 - 24, 2021. More than 130 citizens provided feedback directly, with additional input also received through written submissions. We want to acknowledge and thank everyone for their time and their passion for their communities. It's exciting to see this level of interest and enthusiasm for Calgary's future.

Next steps

As part of <u>Council's direction (see item 8.2.1) within the official minutes</u>, the Guidebook team is taking the next month to summarize the feedback received through both the public hearing and the written submissions.

We will compile a What We Heard Report, which will reflect the many themes discussed at the public hearing and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development on May 5, 2021. The Report will also demonstrate how the Guidebook addresses those themes, as well as provide options for changes to the

Guidebook in response to the discussion at the Council meeting and input received prior to the public hearing.

For more information, please visit <u>calgary.ca/guidebook</u>.

Jack Long Park - Project Update

Last year we made significant progress on this park redevelopment. However, 2020 was a year like no other, and brought certain constraints that resulted in temporary delays. The global pandemic meant some supply demands couldn't be met. We also had to ensure the park was finished and in a completed state for public use. During the winter, the site was closed for safety but work is anticipated to begin soon. The following components are left to complete:

- Custom concrete pathways embedded with coloured glass and glow stones
- Final installation of the site furnishings, including custom elements like wood and concrete seat walls
- Final grading and sod installation throughout the west side of the park
- Installation of new custom bike racks designed for and with input from the community
- Final installation of plant material
- Completion of the playground

While we have had some setbacks with the timing of its completion, Jack Long Park is still considered a high priority. Currently, the park is anticipated to be completed by the end of summer this year. We've had a few challenges; however, we are moving ahead with our plans and hope to have the community into their new park by fall. We are working closely with the Contractor, and will provide updates to the community on the progress.

Late summer / early fall 2021 will be the opportune time for The City to share this vibrant new space with the community, when they will be able to:

- Enjoy the custom amenities designed for this park, including the play structure, picnic areas and open grass spaces.
- Book the event area for festivals and community events.
- Rent the greenspace for informal events.
- Enjoy the picnic areas, seating options and the bike racks (designed with input from citizens).

See a photo below of what the park will look like when it opens to the public. For more information, please visit calgary.ca/jacklongpark.



The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary Connection- Project Update

The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary Connection project will reconnect the lagoon to the Bow River and make improvements to the area to provide a continuous stream of water to the lagoon. This work will ensure the health and longevity of the lagoon, improve water conditions and fish habitat.

Construction update

Construction will begin July 2021 and will occur in three stages. The final stage is expected to be complete in fall 2022. During construction we will be temporarily closing sections of the park and pathways.

Upcoming information sessions

We will be holding online public information sessions in late May 2021. Information on dates and how to register will be posted on calgary.ca as it becomes available.

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Elbow River Bridge - Project Update

As part of the functional planning for segment 2A (Ramsay/Inglewood station to the 2 Avenue S.W. station) Green Line is now starting to plan the LRT bridge that will cross over the Elbow River between Victoria Park and Ramsay in southeast Calgary. In addition to crossing the Elbow River, the bridge will cross over existing infrastructure in the area—two sanitary lines, a multi-use pathway and the east pathway.

The planning objectives for the LRT bridge include building a simple structure that does not compete with adjacent bridges and provides a safe and comfortable pathway experience under and around the bridge.

Green Line explored a single span bridge across the river and pathway and a two-span bridge with a pier between the pathway and the river. The recommended bridge form is

the two-span slab-on-girder bridge as it allows for three metres of vertical clearance between the pathway and the bridge structure on the west side and is more economical. The pathway experience can be enhanced by an architectural treatment to the pier or opening in the pier to provide views to the river. Pathway lighting was also an important consideration.

More information will be available in late 2021. The image below shows a conceptual rendering for the bridge, which should not be considered final design.

The Green Line segment 2 engagement is entering its final phase—the inform phase. The Green Line team used the input from engagement to refine the concepts, plans and recommendations for several key project areas. We will be hosting a series of virtual events until April 22 to present final project plans and recommendations to the public before they are presented to the Green Line Committee this spring.

View live recordings of events

You can now view recording of the live session on <u>segment 2A</u> of the Green Line that includes the Elbow River bridge at 15 minute mark. For more information and links to recordings of live information sessions happening this week, please visit <u>engage.calgary.ca/greenline</u>.



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