



## Inglewood Ramsay City Projects Update – April 29, 2019

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### Open House – April 13

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the open house on Saturday, April 13. The 2019 construction season is ramping up and there's lots happening in Inglewood and Ramsay.

Upcoming construction work includes:

- [Green Line](#) – utility relocations and upgrades
- [9 Avenue S.E. Bridge Replacement](#) – constructing the temporary bridge
- [Inglewood Sanitary Trunk](#) – utility relocations and shaft construction.

This open house provided an overview of what's happening in the community over the next few months. It also provided an opportunity to connect directly with the project teams.

If you missed the open house, you can [view the boards here](#).

It's important to know that we may not have all the answers right now, but we are working to coordinate construction schedules, reduce impacts and maintain mobility through your communities.

We are invested in keeping your neighbourhoods safe, beautiful and vibrant.

## Upcoming Events - Wolfe And The Sparrows

### Artist Talk – Friday, May 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A new public artwork, *Wolfe and the Sparrows* by artist Brandon Vickerd, will be installed in early May at the south west corner of the new 12 Street Bridge in Inglewood.

Join Brandon during the Esker Foundation Community Night as he shares his process designing this intriguing new work and offers a new perspective on the ways in which traditional monuments reflect and celebrate moments from our history.

### Community ribbon-cutting – Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Inglewood's newest public artwork, *Wolfe and the Sparrows*, near the S.W. corner of the 12 Street Bridge. Councillor Carra will be joined by special guest speakers who will offer unique perspectives on this new art work and the importance of art in community spaces.

Following the ribbon-cutting, local historians will provide further context surrounding the monument's connection to Calgary.

## New Playground In Ramsay

We have committed \$135,000 towards replacing the lost playground at Jefferies Park due to the Green Line construction. Ramsay Community Association is working in partnership with the Parks Foundation and Variety Club to secure a new location for the playground and continue fundraising efforts. A potential new location is the green space west of Bellevue Avenue S.E., near the Stampede Enmax Park.

To learn more about the future playground, contact the Ramsay Community Association at [general@ramsaycalgary.ca](mailto:general@ramsaycalgary.ca).

## Installation Of Calgary's First Bike Indicator

You may have noticed the new traffic signal light at the intersection of 8 Avenue and 12 Street S.E., that improves safety for people who walk and bike through Inglewood.

In addition to the traffic light, we have installed Calgary's first bike indicator. When the in-road sensor detects a bike in the intersection, the bike indicator lights up. People who bike know they were detected and that the traffic light is going to change shortly. This eliminates any uncertainty and ensures they don't have to dismount to push the pedestrian walk button.



Inglewood is the perfect place to pilot the new indicator, since the community places such high value on walkability and active transportation modes.

## **Jack Long Park Redevelopment Update And Upcoming Engagement Opportunity**

Jack Long Park, the green space directly west of the Alexandra Centre in Inglewood, has been undergoing a redevelopment to improve the community park space. The new park will feature paved areas that will serve as flexible spaces for small concerts/theatre events, food truck servicing, market kiosks, or other arts/cultural uses.

Work began in October and was on hold during the winter months. Then the discovery of several historical artefacts earlier this year resulted in the need for a historical resource impact assessment (HRIA), as required by the Provincial government. This exciting and unforeseen discovery along with additional stone work required on the Alexandra Centre may cause some delay to the overall construction schedule which is planned to begin this spring.

We are working to mitigate the delay and aim to deliver the completed park later this summer/fall.

The park will have open lawn spaces, picnic areas, a playground, a rain garden, and sculptural elements along 9 Avenue. New seating and a custom family-style harvest table surrounded by trees and shrubs will provide a variety of spaces to sit and enjoy the park.

We will be holding a community pop up engagement event at the park in the spring. This is an opportunity for community members to get more involved and find out more information. Further details about this event will follow soon.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## **7 Street S.E. Closure - Under Review**

7 Street S.E. and the west Elbow River pathway, from 9 Avenue S.E. to MacDonald Avenue, was closed on Monday, April 8. The closure is necessary to make room for both the temporary bridge over the Elbow River and constructing the new 9 Avenue S.E. bridge. A review is being conducted to see how 7 Street S.E. will function in the future between these avenues.

For more information, visit [calgary.ca/9avebridge](http://calgary.ca/9avebridge).

## **8 Street S.E. Closure And Canadian Pacific Rail Bridge Twinning**

Canadian Pacific (CP) is twinning its rail bridge over the Elbow River adjacent to and south of the existing rail bridge between 7 Street S.E and 8 Street S.E.

The new bridge will be constructed on the same timeline as the 9 Avenue S.E bridge replacement. This will minimize impacts to the community and avoid a second closure of the Elbow River bike path.

In November 2019, we will be closing 8 Street S.E. at the Canadian Pacific (CP) rail crossing, south of 9 Avenue S.E. The closure will accommodate CP's bridge reconfiguration and operations, and is part of the Green Line construction. The CP rail crossing will be closed to people walking, biking and driving.

For more information on the CP Elbow River rail bridge twinning, please [visit CP's website](#). For general railroad inquiries please contact CP Community Connect at [community\\_connect@cpr.ca](mailto:community_connect@cpr.ca) or 800.766.7912.

## **9 Avenue S.E. Bridge Replacement – Construction Update**

With the contractor onboard, crews are working on preparing the site for the temporary bridge. Below is an update on the work that's underway and what to expect over the next few weeks:

- Locate underground utilities
- Begin pile driving for the temporary bridge foundation, the week of May 6.
  - Pile driving can be loud. Pile driving is scheduled to occur on Mondays, between 7 a.m. to early evening, and between 7 and 10 a.m., on the other weekdays. No weekend piling is scheduled.
  - This construction will take place over the course of two weeks.
- Clear area west of river for the detour road leading up to temporary bridge.
- Determine number of statues to relocate from Sculpture Garden in OutWest Park.
  - Statues that are relocated will be put back in the park once construction is completed.

Pathway detour signs are in place with maps onsite to help people travel around the construction area. For more information, visit [calgary.ca/9avebridge](http://calgary.ca/9avebridge).

## **12 Street S.E. Bridge Replacement - Construction Update**

The final landscape work is scheduled to begin the week of April 21, 2019. It is anticipated that this work will take approximately two weeks. Construction work will include:

- Installing a concrete bench in the seating area on the southwest side of the 12 Street S.E. bridge.
- Cleaning-up landscaping that was damaged in the winter.
- General work around the site.

*Construction work is dependent on weather and site conditions, so timelines may change.*

[Click here for more information.](#)

## 17 Avenue S.E. BRT (MAX Purple) – Construction Update

As crews continue work for the MAX Purple line, the following traffic impacts will be in effect:

### Blackfoot Trail and 17 Avenue S.E.

On Monday, April 22 from 8 p.m. until midnight, eastbound 17 Avenue S.E will be reduced to a single lane of traffic, east of the Cushing Bridge, with reduced speeds.

This lane closure is to facilitate the installation of a new overhead sign along 17 Avenue S.E.

### 19 Street and 17 Avenue S.E.

From now until early mid-July, crews will be doing road and concrete work in the southeast corner of the intersection, and the median of the westbound to southbound left-hand turn lane.

For the work in the median, the leftmost left-hand turn lane will be closed during non-peak hours so crews can complete this work.

Pedestrian detours will be in place while crews complete this work, and access to the north side of 17 Avenue S.E. will be from the west side of 19 Street S.E. You can see the [full pedestrian detour here](#).

Most of the pathway detours are now removed and the [BRT bridge multi-use pathway](#) is now open for people who walk and bike.

## West Bow River Pathway Planned To Open In Summer

At the end of June, we are planning on reopening the multi-use pathway on the west side of the Bow River, from the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary to the area south of the 17 Avenue S.E. BRT construction.

## Main Streets Update

The 9 Avenue S.E. Streetscape Master Plan was approved last year and the project team is working on finding long-term funding to begin construction of the design recommended in the plan. The allocation of funding for Main Streets construction is determined by several factors – community readiness, existing conditions, anticipated return on investment, and equity.

With that being said, we are getting started on two short-term improvements in the interim. On the east end of the Main Street area, we're working on intersection improvements at the corner of 9 Avenue and 15 Street, in front of the new YWCA building. These improvements are focused on making it easier for people who walk and

bike to get across this busy intersection and through the Blackfoot Trail underpass safely.

Our second project is a pilot for permanent parking on the north side of 9 Avenue, through Inglewood's busy retail corridor. We want to see if this is something that works for the community and has a positive impact on all modes of transportation. We're currently working on logistics, with the goal of launching the pilot in spring 2020. Ultimately, if this change to parking is deemed successful, it could be put into place permanently.

To learn more, please visit [calgary.ca/mainstreets](https://calgary.ca/mainstreets).