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# BRIDGELAND

Hi neighbours!

The Bridgeland BIA works closely with the City of Calgary to get information about new programs and initiatives that aim to help business owners. From online webinars and resource pages to about new grants and programs - we will send out a timely newsletter that's packed with valuable information and resources.

[Click here](#) to visit the Bridgeland Calgary website for a list of valuable resources and announcements!



## Bridgeland Active Modes Improvements Phase 2 Project update

**Phase Two** of the Bridgeland Main Streets project is moving into the second season of construction this spring, and we want to provide you with an update on what you can expect during construction. Please information to your tenants, residents, and staff as appropriate.

The second phase of the Bridgeland Main Streets was started in Fall 2023 and is expected to be in construction until Fall 2025. You will see operational and streetscape improvements along 1 Avenue N.E. from N.E. to 11 Street N.E., and along 2 Avenue N.E. between 6 Street N.E. to 10 Street N.E. These improvements include:

- Widened sidewalks.
- More plants and trees.
- New street lighting along the road and sidewalks.
- New crosswalks with wheelchair ramps complete with tactile plates to help those with vision loss at intersections.
- Additional/upgraded pedestrian crossing signals at several intersections. Changes to intersection controls on 2 Avenue N.E.
- New waste and recycling bins, bike racks, and benches.

### ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE:

This construction season, you can expect to see work occurring in three-block work area stages along 1 Avenue N.E. from 11 Street to 7A Street N.E. The first stage of construction is intended to start the week on the north side of 1 Avenue N.E. between 9 to 11 Streets N.E., and work is expected to take approximately 2 months. The below map shows the Stage 1 work areas and detour plan.

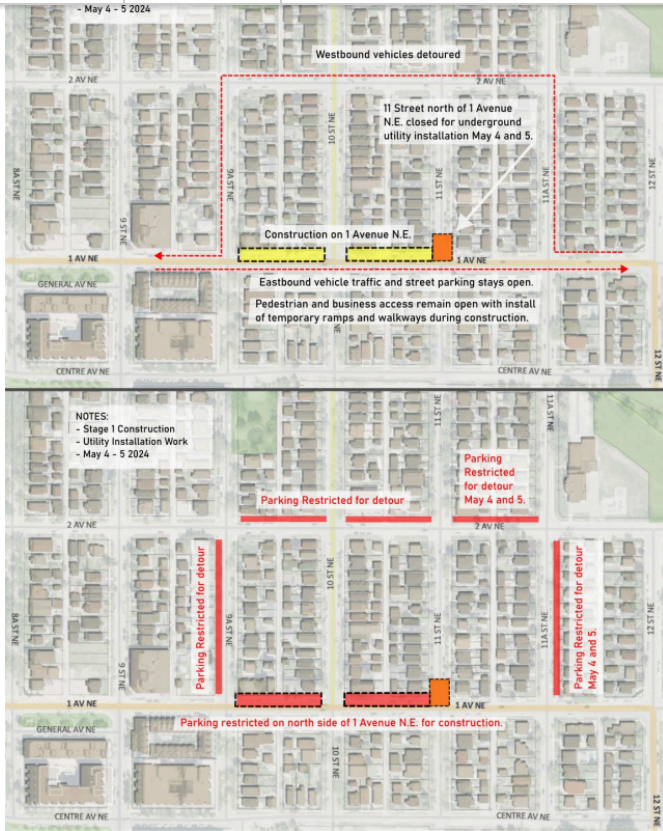
### Week of May 4-5 Construction Map

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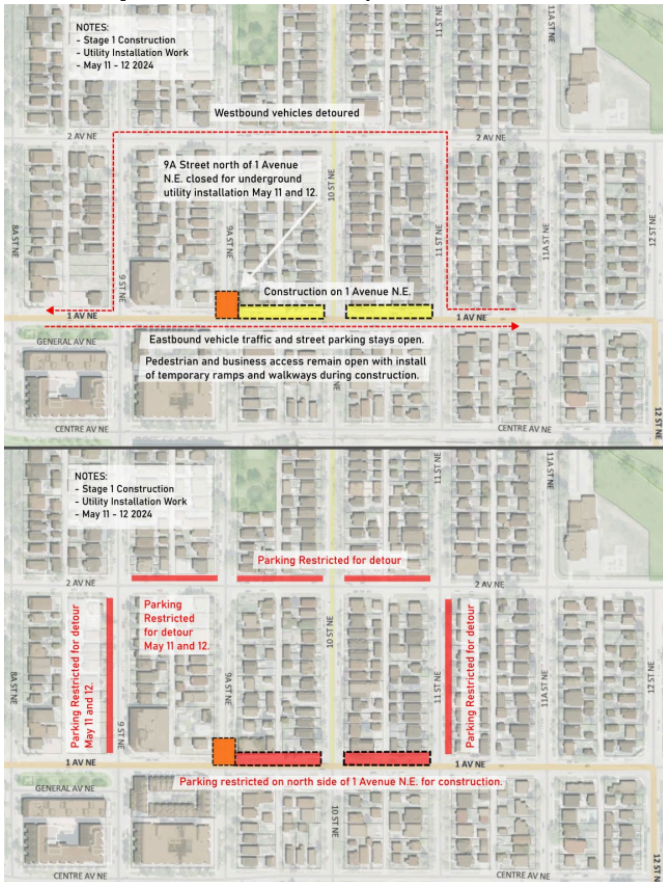
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### Week of May 11-12 Construction Map



#### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION:

The construction work hours for the Main Streets Program are Monday to Saturday from 7a.m. to 10p.m., and construction activity on weekends, weekdays, and overnight as required. Visit [Calgary.ca/bridgeland](http://Calgary.ca/bridgeland) to find ongoing updates on construction activities and detour information.

During construction, here's what you can expect:

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- we will work directly with individual businesses to minimize the impacts of construction and provide continued access to their property as much as possible.
- Temporary closure of some parking, roads, and potential road detours. Traffic will be maintained during construction, by way of local detours.
- Temporary relocation of transit stops, Canada Post mailboxes, and/or Calgary Parking Authority pay machines.
- An increase in on-site construction activity, including construction crews, vehicles and heavy equipment, and an increase in noise and vibration throughout construction.

Please note, construction in an established community like this means that sometimes we run into surprises during construction. We don't anticipate any issues, but the timeline could be impacted should we surprises. We know that construction impacts can be disruptive, and we will work to mitigate impacts as best as we can.

## 4th Ave Flyover Update

4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Flyover Rehabilitation Project. Crews have mobilized on-site and construction began in early April 2024. It will operate with one lane open through the fall of 2025. The lane closure is necessary to contractors to safely replace and upgrade the guardrails along the bridge deck.

Both lanes will be open to traffic during the Calgary Stampede but will then return to a single lane for work to be completed.

Throughout construction, there may be off-peak lane closures of underpass roads for overhead work as well as additional short-term full closures. We will continue to update your office as we move forward.

Understanding this project will be impactful, we kindly ask that you continue to share the project webpage at [Calgary.ca/4aveflyoverrehab](https://calgary.ca/4aveflyoverrehab) for the most up-to-date information including traffic impacts and a link to receive email newsletters.

We understand construction can cause inconvenience and we thank you for your patience as we start this important work.

### Project Background

We are rehabilitating the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Flyover to improve the condition of the bridge. This work will include reconstruction of existing concrete barriers, replacement of the existing concrete paving overlay with Modified Asphalt (PMA) overlay, replacement of existing expansion joints, addition of streetlights, and other general concrete repairs across the structure.

## March 19, 2024: City Council unanimously approves one-time \$5,000 Main Streets Business Support Grant pilot

The City team is now working to finalize the process to administer the grant and is aiming to distribute the grant in Q2 2024.

For more information about the grant, including eligibility, timelines and process to apply, please see attached **Fact Sheet** which should help answer many of the questions. A couple items we would like to highlight:

- Eligibility criteria for the grant were outlined in the terms of reference report that Council approved on March 19 and which are summarized in the attached fact sheet.
- Businesses eligible for the grant will be identified in Q2 2024 once construction plans for the year have been finalized.
- The City will mail notices to all eligible businesses in Q2 2024 to inform them about the grant application process.

[CLICK HERE to review the Fact Sheet.](#)

## Crime Prevention Support for Businesses from District 3 Calgary Police Service

Greetings everyone,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to let you know of a couple programs that I can offer your businesses when it comes to Crime Prevention.

The first is called Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design or CPTED. The goal of applied CPTED principles is to prevent crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior. It is based on five principles: Natural access control, Natural surveillance, Territory, Activity support and Maintenance.

The second is called Crime Prevention Risk Assessment Tools or CPRAT. The principals around CPRAT are as follows: Site location, CPTED, Cash/Product control, Operations, Video and Process/administrative.

For both above options, I would attend your location and do an evaluation based on the principals of each program, provide feedback, and offer tips and strategies to address any items that may cause safety issues.

If you have any interest in either of the above programs, please reach out to me either by email at [dharms@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:dharms@calgarypolice.ca) or by phone at 403-428-6344 which is my direct office line.

Thanks,  
Cst. David Harms #4625  
Calgary Police Service  
District 3, Community Engagement Team





## 2024 Bridgeland-Riverside Community Clean-up

**SATURDAY MAY 4th, 9AM-1:30PM.**

How can you get involved?

- The **ANNUAL LITTER PICK UP**
  - Please click the link [HERE](#) and register online. **Please register one person per family** (all family members are welcome, but you do not need to register everyone separately)
  - Then join us Saturday morning at the [Community Hall \(917 Centre Ave NE\)](#) to receive equipment and be assigned an area. Get started anytime between 9-11am. Please come dressed appropriate for the weather.
  - You can also [show up Saturday morning](#) to register.
- The **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING DROP OFF**
  - This happens at the [Rehabilitation Centre at 7, 11 Street NE](#). Please see the poster for acceptable and unacceptable items, including recycling electronics and metal and donations of used household items (good condition). Please be prepared to unload your own vehicle.
- We also need more **VOLUNTEERS** at either our registration station, or our waste and recycling station, please email [membership@brccalgary.org](mailto:membership@brccalgary.org). There will be a set up shift and a tear down shift.
  - Registration station- approx 8 people needed (8-11am)
  - Traffic control -approx 4 people 8:30-11, and 10:30-1:30 for each shift
  - Car Unloading (please note, you need to be able to lift and carry heavier objects) -approx 4 people 8:30-11, and 10:30-1:30 for each shift

If you have any questions please contact [membership@brccalgary.org](mailto:membership@brccalgary.org) or [events@brccalgary.org](mailto:events@brccalgary.org)

For more information go to [www.brccalgary.org](http://www.brccalgary.org)



## The Calgary General Hospital and Bridgeland Businesses

By Deb Lee, BRCA Heritage and CGH Commemoration Project Committee

In 1910 Bridgeland became home to the third edition of the Calgary General Hospital. Serving a city of 40,000, CGH was comprised of 160 beds and quite modern for the day, with elevators, telephones and bells as well as running water. The surrounding community was sparsely populated, predominantly with immigrants from a number of European countries especially Germans from Russia, Ukrainians and Italians and visitors arrived at the hospital via the new streetcar that crossed over the upgraded Langevin Bridge or by horse and carriage. In those early years there were only a few doctor's offices and the Jeffreys located in buildings such as the Armour & Reliance on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Riverside.

As Calgary's population grew, so did the hospital, with a small addition in 1944 and then a large expansion of 582 beds and a 10 storey School of Nursing residence in the 1950's. Many of the newly arrived immigrants who had settled in Bridgeland found employment at the hospital. Luke's Drugstore opened on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Bridgeland Pharmacy was closer to the hospital at 829 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The cool, bustling place!

The coming decades saw ongoing growth in Calgary and major change in the hospital and community. Outpatient programs opened and several new hospital buildings were added in the 70's, bringing even patients and visitors to the community every day. Bridgeland experienced significant impact in the early 1980's when all the small businesses (hardware store, Co-op, sausage and barber shop, etc.) on the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 7A and 9A Streets were removed. Along with all the homes between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Centre Avenue this major change was made to clear the way for a new parking lot. This must have been a bummer for some locals who had seen their streets filled with parked cars, but our population decreased and the remaining local businesses were negatively affected.

Soon after, two large 3 storey professional buildings were constructed – at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Street (still here today). They were soon filled with doctor's offices, lab/ X-ray and other services. While some local businesses benefitted from the extra traffic, others did not, so there was considerable optimism in the early 90's when plans were being proposed to revitalize the district. Before projects could be started, the newly formed Calgary Regional Health Authority decided to completely close the hospital. All hospital and health services ended in 1997 and the next months were spent preparing for the campus for the implosion that took place on October 4, 1998.

Needless to say, the loss of the hospital left a gaping hole in the community and this once vibrant area went into quite a slump from 1997 till almost 2005. Numerous businesses left the community and the area deserted. Fortunately the city proceeded with a new development, called "The Bridges" on former hospital land. Phase one of the "exciting urban village" was completed by 2006, filling the area along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue where the hospital parking lot had been. Phases 2 and 3 of the project have taken longer than expected but by 2023 multi-family housing developments filled all but one land parcel. Bridgeland is buzzing with people once again. To the east of the Bridges project along Centre Avenue, we see the construction of a new health facility, known as the Complex Continuing Care Centre. When it opens in the future, the transition will be complete and hopefully our people and our businesses will continue to thrive!

A new plaza is being planned as an enhancement to Murdoch Park to commemorate 'the General'. For information about the Calgary General Hospital Commemoration Project check out the QR code. All donations (tax deductible) are graciously accepted. Also see the poster for the dates of our Info sessions about the history of the hospital and the Commemoration project. You're invited to be a part of this worthwhile project.

Email - [heritage@brccalgary.org](mailto:heritage@brccalgary.org)

# History in the Hood

## Bridgeland Riverside Community Centre

### 917 Centre Avenue NE

Get to know your neighborhood a bit better and the impact the Calgary General Hospital had on our community and greater Calgary.

Deb Lee, Bridgeland and local historian, will share the evolution of the Hospital from its very humble beginnings and the important role it played in the development of Bridgeland Riverside and health care i

There will be an opportunity to share personal stories of the General Hospital at the event. If you are not able to attend, feel free to email your story to [CGHproject@brccalgary.org](mailto:CGHproject@brccalgary.org).

If you cannot make this event, this talk will be available on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 14 - 1-3pm
- Thursday, June 6 - 1-3pm

Brought to you by the Calgary General Hospital Commemoration Committee. For more information on this initiative, click [HERE](#).

## CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL

A Story of Our Neighborhood & Calgary  
1910 - 1998



JOIN US!

Bridgeland Riverside Community Centre  
917 Centre Avenue NE

Learn about the evolution of the Calgary General Hospital from its very humble beginnings thru 1998. Share your memories of the hospital. Hear about the plans to commemorate it - creating a place to pause, remember and learn about the Hospital's important role in the neighborhood and health care over its many years serving Calgarians.

**Choose one from:**

February 13 (Tuesday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
March 4 (Monday)	7:00 - 9:00 pm
March 14 (Thursday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
April 24 (Wednesday)	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 14 (Tuesday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
June 6 (Thursday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm

Find out more:



Contact us:  
[cghproject@brccalgary.org](mailto:cghproject@brccalgary.org)

**By Car**  
Parking available on south side of the community hall

**By C-Train**  
Blue Line - Bridgeland Memorial Station

**By Bus**  
#90 - Bridgeland/University of Calgary



**HELP (formerly DOAP) Team**  
**(403) 998-7388**  
 24/7 mobile, non-emergency assistance serving vulnerable individuals under the influence of alcohol or other substances city wide

**Needle Response Team**  
**(403) 796-5334**  
 mobile response unit for safe clean up and disposal of needle debris on public or private properties

**Encampment Team**  
**(403) 805-7388**  
 mobile response unit supporting individuals who are rough-sleeping or living in encampments

**Calgary Police/Fire/EMS**  
**911**  
 for all emergency situations including violence, involvement of weapons, and medical emergencies



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