RELOCATION GUIDE

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Calgary and Surrounding Area

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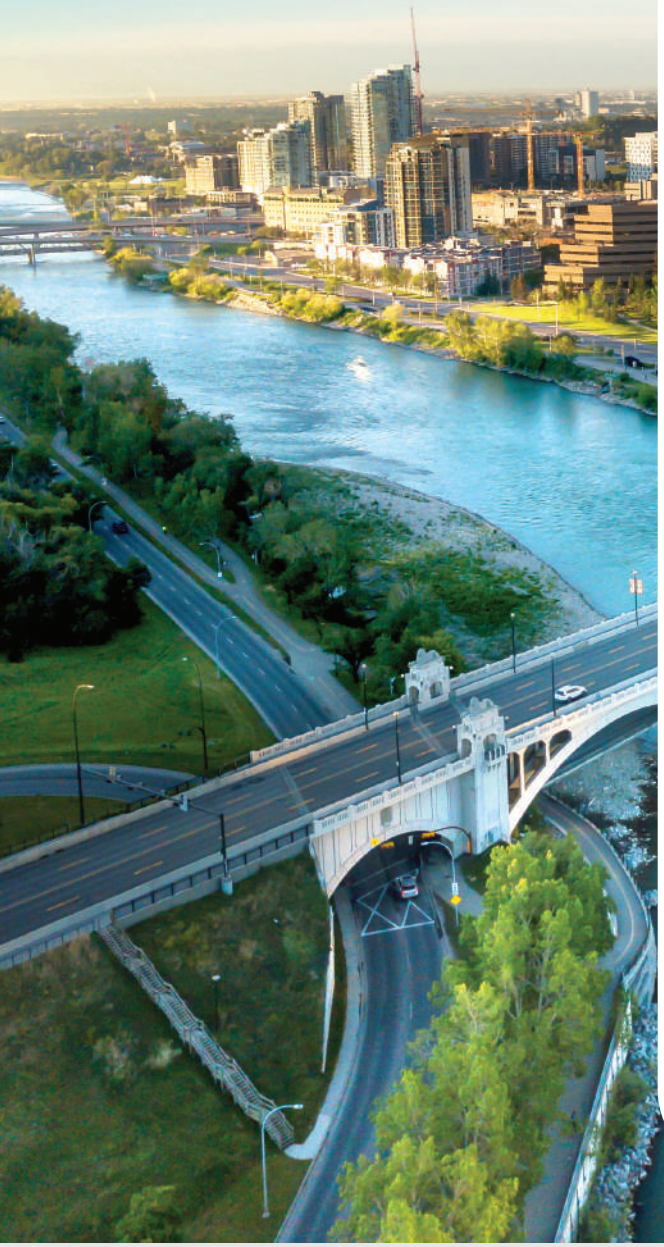


CITY GUIDE

Calgary is a city that stands on its own. It continues to grow with many people moving from other countries as well as other parts of Canada. Space is not an issue here. Lying at the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains, and at the meeting point of the Bow and Elbow Rivers, Calgary is the largest city in Alberta with over 1 million residents and growing.

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Calgary is a diverse and expansive city built on a quadrant system with easy access to the mountains and river valleys. Calgary's appeal goes beyond oil, gas and cowboy hats. This city has something for everyone.



Calgary

Calgary has seen much economic success and is growing quickly. Calgary is experiencing an enormous boost in real estate, employment, and general population wealth.

Alberta tends to have a more conservative or libertarian approach to governing and politics. The province therefore has some of the lowest taxes in all of Canada. Alberta's political climate also ensures very attractive investor incentives and benefits, not to mention comparatively high wages and salary.

Calgary is close by to many national parks. Banff National Park and Jasper National Park are well known for their spectacular natural sites and year-round outdoor adventure opportunities – they are popular destinations for those who love to ski, hike, bike, walk, and enjoy the scenery. In addition to the natural attractions in and around Calgary, the city boasts a bustling nightlife, local theatre, and the world famous Calgary Stampede - an annual event that showcases the Cowboy culture of Alberta.

Calgary is a relatively new city gaining a place on the international stage. It is growing by the minute – expanding its safe and secure residential neighbourhoods, its growing and highly profitable commercial presence, and its continuing promise of happiness and prosperity to all who live within its boundaries. Calgary is a significant immigration destination with about 23% of its population coming from outside of Canada.



Calgary Region



There are 18 very diverse municipalities in the Calgary region, from Banff in the west to Wheatland County in the east, and from Airdrie in the north to Nanton in the south.

You can see why: some of the finest untouched wilderness areas in all of Canada are on the doorstep, with limitless opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing and just about every other outdoor activity imaginable.

These small towns also have all the advantages of modern, well-serviced communities. Schools are well established, and offer a range of specialty subject and extra-curricular choices. Many towns have their own hospitals and municipal services, including recreation facilities, police and fire departments and road links with Calgary.

The Calgary Regional Partnership website at www.calgaryregion.ca/crp also provides valuable information on life just outside of the city boundaries.

When you live in one of the many communities close to Calgary, you enjoy all the friendly comforts of small town living, plus the advantages of nearby big city services and opportunities.



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Leading™ REAL ESTATE COMPANIES OF THE WORLD

CIR REALTY was founded in 1983 and is Alberta's largest and most productive real estate brokerage.

As a selected member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World, CIR is proud to also be one of over 550 affiliate firms in the world-wide organization that holds the number one position in terms of sales volume in more of the top markets than any other national association.

We are an Alberta company and are proud to support Albertans on their homeownership journey.

CIR REALTY Knows Real Estate

You need a real estate company that has experience behind it and practices ongoing innovation to meet new demands. Real Estate Market's change and evolve. This includes changes to industry requirements, to the market and economy, new consumer expectations and behaviours and a realm of other factors that challenge business growth. This is why choosing a real estate brokerage with a strong local history and the power to implement systems and solutions based on what is happening in your own backyard is crucial. CIR REALTY is proud to be one of Canada's largest and most dominant real estate brokerages.

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CIR REALTY® was selected for membership in Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® [LeadingRE] network; the home of the world's market-leading independent residential brokerages in over 70 countries, with 565 firms and 130,000 sales associates producing over 1.1 million transactions valued at $372 billion annually. Our by-invitation-only network is based on the unparalleled performance and trusted relationships that result in exceptional client experiences.

Utilities

The services listed below are of some of the most popular service providers available in our area. Quite often you will be able to find companies which offer package deals and include two or three of these services together.

Recycling and Composting

The city offers a blue cart recycling program for all single family residences, as well as residential buildings with up to four units. The service collects paper, cans, cardboard, glass and plastics on the same day and from the same location as regular garbage collection. If you need a blue cart, please call 3-1-1. As well, there are almost 60 community recycling depots around the city. The city also offers electronics drop-off spots and special seasonal services or events, such as hazardous materials disposal days, Christmas tree pick-up, and fall leaf and pumpkin collection days.

Check out the City of Calgary's website at www.calgary.ca for more information.

There is no curbside organics composting program, but the City of Calgary, working with Green Calgary, www.greencalgary.org, provides subsidized composters for your home for $25 each.

Electricity and Natural Gas

The Utilities Consumer Advocate are our voice when it comes to Alberta's electricity and gas markets. The UCA represents Alberta small consumers by advocating for reasonable costs, empowering albertans, safeguarding consumer interests, providing balanced representation and resolving concerns respectfully. They also provide unbiased information to help you decide which energy providers to use.

Check out their website www.ucahelps.alberta.ca to find out which energy providers are available in your city/town.

Call Before You Dig

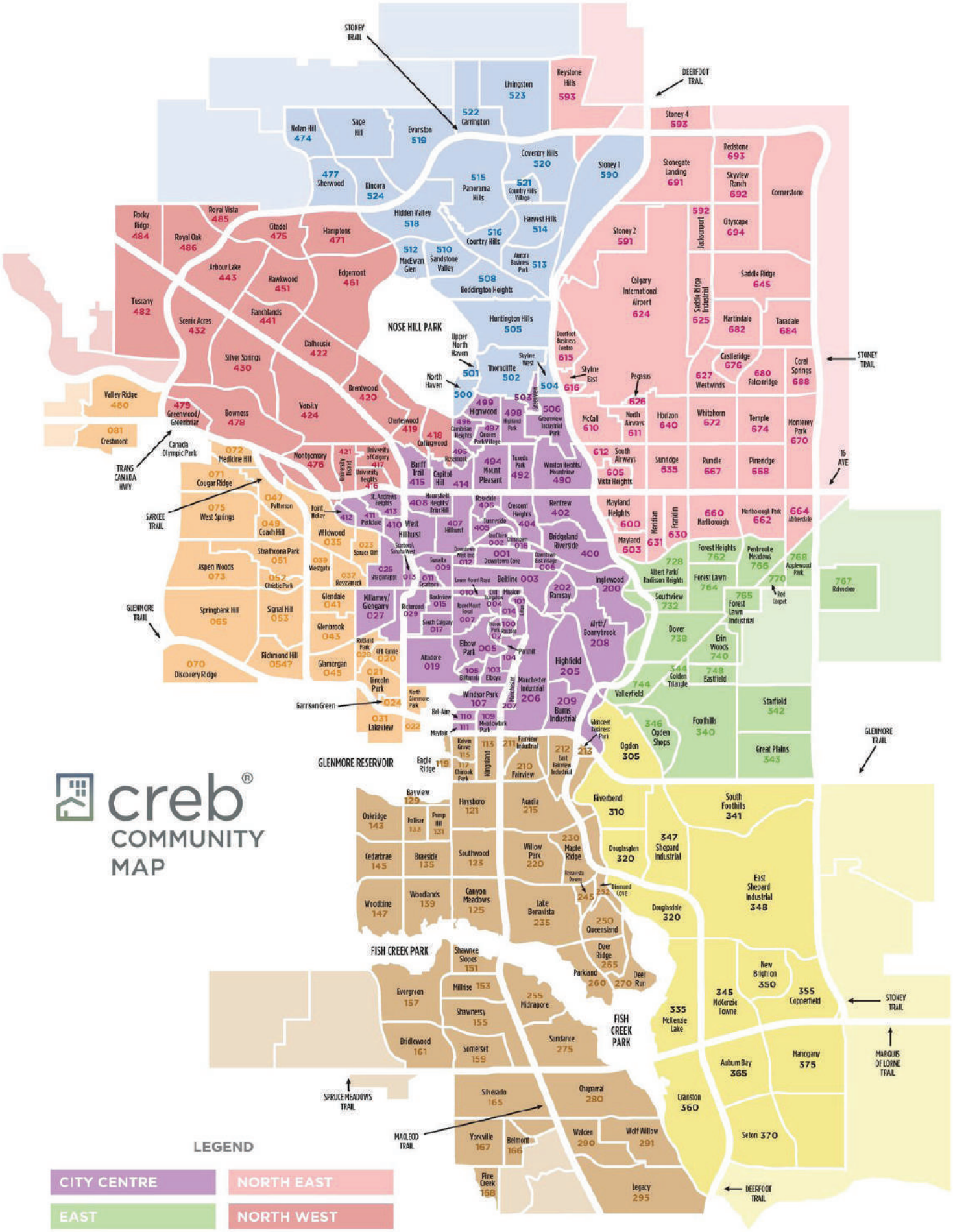
If you plan to disturb the ground, find out where the buried facilities on your property that are owned by the utilities are as part of your project planning process. If, for example, you are planning to build a fence, the presence of buried facilities may dictate where posts cannot be installed, which may affect the design of the fence, including the location of gates.

Website www.albertaicall.com Phone 1-800-242-3447

Sewer and Water

Sewer Phone 403-268-1155

Water Phone 403-268-4355


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Getting Around

Calgary is an expansive city with many unique ways of getting around.

Calgary International Airport (YYC)

Calgary is a transportation hub for much of central and western Canada. The airport, in the city's North East, is the third largest in Canada by aircraft movements and is a major cargo hub. www.calgaryairport.com

Trains

The Rocky Mountaineer, www.rockymountaineer.com, and Royal Canadian Pacific, www.royalcanadianpacific.com, operate railtour services to and from Calgary.

Roads

The city is divided into four quadrants (North East, North West, South East and South West). Much of the city is on a grid where roads are numbered with avenues running east–west and streets running north–south. In Calgary it is not uncommon to find non-numbered streets within a new community that have the same name prefix as the community itself so that streets can more easily be located within the city, but this also makes it very important to make sure you know if it is a Street or Road or Boulevard, etc... that you are looking for.

Transit

Calgary Transit provides public transportation services throughout the city with buses and light rail. Calgary's rail system, known as the C-Train, was one of the first such systems in North America and consists of three lines (two routes) on 90 kilometres (56 mi) of double tracks. It's also the only emissions-free, wind-powered public transit operation in North America. The bus system has over 160 routes and is operated by 800 vehicles.

Pathway System

At any time of the year you can walk, run, ride or rollerblade through the entire city without ever touching a main road. Approximately 700 kilometres of pathways run along the Bow and Elbow rivers, connecting Fish Creek Provincial Park, Nose Creek, West Nose Creek, the Western Irrigation District Canal and the perimeter of the Glenmore Reservoir. Dozens of Calgary communities are linked by the pathway system and the City of Calgary works extremely hard to keep these pathways clear for use.

With another 260 kilometres of on-street bikeways, the city of Calgary can boast the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America.

Schools

Calgary is proud to be home to some of the best primary and secondary learning institutions in Canada. Whether you are looking for Public, Private or Catholic education, ESL classes, or schools that specialize in sports or the arts, Calgary has something to offer.

The websites below are a great place to start searching for a school that is right for you and your family.

Child Care and Preschools

To find daycares, pre-schools, family day homes, out of school care or group family care, the government of Alberta has a great child care search tool at www.child.alberta.ca/home/ChildCareLookup.cfm.

Calgary Board of Education

Website www.cbe.ab.ca Phone 403-294-8255

Calgary Catholic School District

Website www.cssd.ab.ca Phone 403-500-2000

Rocky View School Division

Serving communities west, north and east of the city of Calgary

Website www.rockyview.ab.ca Phone 403-945-4000

Foothills School Division

Serving communities south and south west of the city of Calgary

Website www.fsd38.ab.ca Phone 403-652-3001



Post Secondary

Calgary has a variety of specialized post secondary institutions available providing a wide range of world-class programs that help meet the diverse needs of new students including adult learners.

The University of Calgary

Website www.ucalgary.ca Phone 403-220-5110

Mount Royal University

Website www.mtroyal.ca Phone 403-440-6111

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)

Website www.sait.ca Phone 403-284-7248

Alberta College of Art + Design (ACAD)

Website www.acad.ca Phone 403-284-7600

Bow Valley College

bowvalleycollege.ca Phone 403-410-1400

DeVry

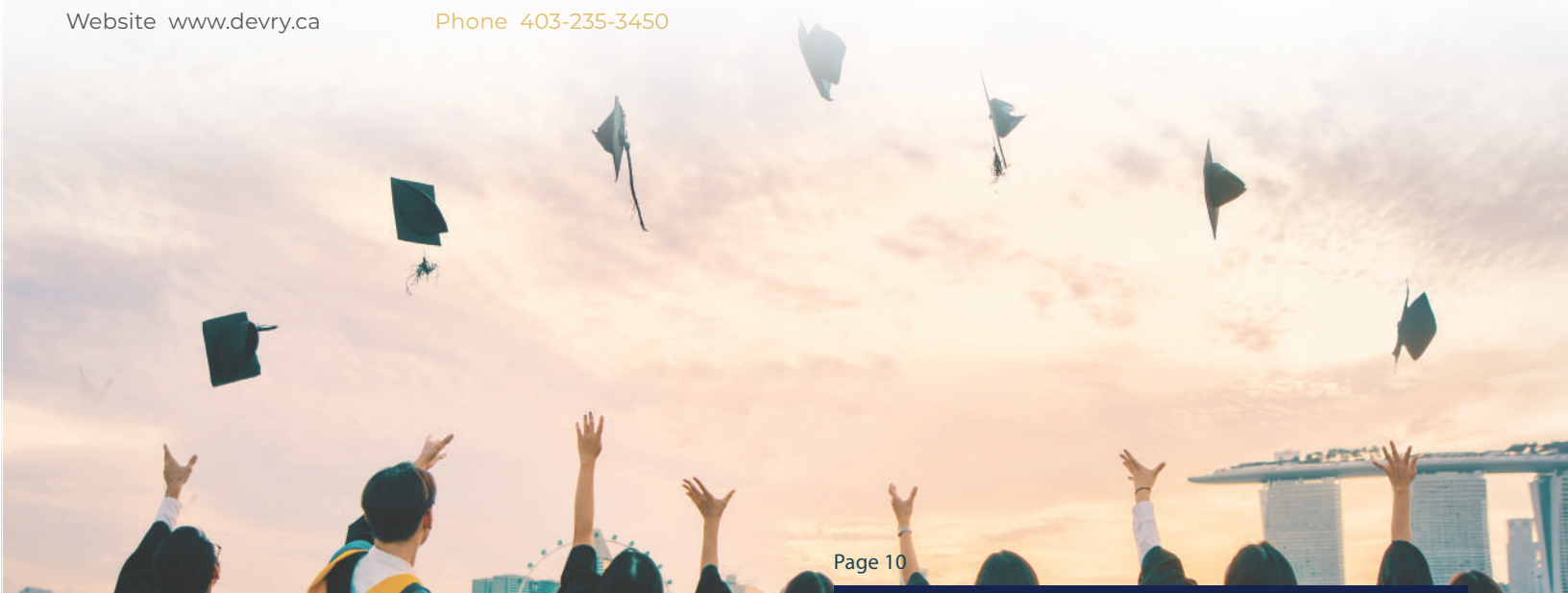
Website www.devry.ca Phone 403-235-3450

Government of Alberta: Alberta Learning Information Service

Website www.alis.alberta.ca

Global Village (Study English as a second language)

Website www.gvenglish.com Phone 403-543-7300





Public Libraries

The Calgary Public Library Branches are:

W.R. Castell Central Library	616 Macleod Trail SE
Alexander Calhoun Library	3223 - 14th Street SW
Bowness Library	7930 Bowness Road NW
Country Hills Library	11950 Country Village Link NE
Crowfoot Library	8665 Nose Hill Drive NW
Fish Creek Library	11161 Bonaventure Drive SE
Forrest Lawn Library	4807 - 8th Avenue SE
Glenmore Square Library	7740 - 18th Street SE
Louise Riley Library	1904 - 14th Avenue NW
Memorial Park Library	1221 - 2nd Street SW
Nose Hill Library	1530 Northmount Drive NW
Shaganappi Library	3415 - 8th Avenue SW
Shawnessy Library	333 Shawville Blvd. SE
Signal Hill Library	5994 Signal Hill Centre SW
Southwood Library	924 Southland Drive SW
Thornhill Library	6617 Centre Street North
Village Square Library	2623 - 56th Street NE

NEW BRANCH **Calgary Central Library** 800 3 Street SE

Website www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

**Additional libraries are available via colleges & universities amongst other specialized institutions.*

There are numerous Calgary Public Library branches sprinkled throughout the city, forming the second most used library system in Canada (after Toronto). Through the Calgary Public Library, Calgarians have access to more than 2.8 million books, CD's, DVD's, books on CD and tape, magazines and newspapers, reference books and ESL materials. With a number of programs going on every day, geared towards adults, kids or teens, there is always something new to learn. Calgarians visit their Library more than 5.5 million times in a year for research, enjoyment and inspiration.

Faith Centres

In keeping with the multi-cultural makeup of Calgary, the city is home to a number of faith communities. To find out more, explore this section and find links for faith communities in Calgary. These websites offer information on beliefs, meeting times, events and provide directories of places of worship within the city. This is just a sampling of what is available. Calgary is such a diverse city that there is sure to be a place of worship to meet everybody's unique needs.

Baha'i Faith in Calgary
Website www.calgary-bahai.org
Phone 403-278-7307

Myanmar Buddhist Temple
Website www.calgarymyanmartemple.ca
Phone 403-568-7205

Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Website www.calgarydiocese.ca
Phone 403-218-5500

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Website www.ldschurchtemples.com/calgary
under construction - completion mid-2012

Jehovah's Witnesses
(Watchtower Bible and Tract Society)
Website www.watchtower.org

Presbyterian Synod of Alberta and the Northwest
Website www.synodabnw.ca

Seventh Day Adventist
The Alberta Conference
Website www.albertasda.org/index.php
Phone 403-342-5044

Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada
Western Region
Website www.western.canada.taoist.org
Phone 403-240-4566

Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance
Website www.cmawdo.org/index.html
Phone 403-265-7900

Hindu Society of Calgary
Website www.calgarymandir.ca
Phone 403-291-2551

Canadian Jewish Congress
(Alberta synagogue directory)
Website www.cjc.ca/community/synagogue-directory/alberta
Phone 403-255-8688

Muslim Association of Calgary
Website www.muslimassociationofcalgary.ca
Phone 403-242-1615

Alberta Baptist Association
Website www.nab.ca
Phone 780-438-8852

Anglican Diocese of Calgary
Website www.calgary.anglican.ca
Phone 403-243-3673

The Calgary Presbytery
Website www.calgaryunited.ca
Phone 403-287-0375

Mennonite Church of Alberta
Website mca.mennonitechurch.ab.ca

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Alberta & NWT District
Website www.ab.paoc.org
Phone 780-426-0018

Sikh Society of Calgary
Website www.sikhsocietyofcalgary.org
Phone 403-246-1776

Health

Calgary is one of the safest and healthiest cities in the world. With an abundance of health resources and many safety contacts, we consistently rank near the top in global quality of living surveys.

If you are looking for a specific health, safety, government or social service you can dial 2-1-1 in Calgary or visit the Inform Alberta website at www.informalberta.ca, Alberta's province-wide service directory.

Alberta Health Care Insurance

The Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan is a service available to all permanent residents, and their dependants, of Alberta. There is absolutely no charge for this service, not even a monthly premium. You may choose to opt-out of the program, but every Albertan must register. You will find the application forms and more information on the program at:

Website www.health.alberta.ca/health-care-insurance-plan.html.

Alberta Health Services

Website: albertahealthservices.ca

Hospitals

Foothills Medical Centre	1403 - 29 Street NW	Phone 403-944-1110
Rockyview General Hospital	7007 - 14 Street SW	Phone 403-943-3000
Peter Lougheed Centre	3500 - 26 Avenue NE	Phone 403-943-4555
Alberta Children's Hospital	2888 Shaganappi Trail NW	Phone 403-955-7211
South Health Campus	4448 Front St SE	Phone 403-956-1111

Healthlink

Healthlink provides access to health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phones are always answered by registered nurses and anyone can call.

Phone 403-943-LINK (5465)

Find a Doctor

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta provides a very handy online search tool that
you can use to find a doctor in Alberta.

Website www.cpsa.ab.ca

Safety

Below is basic contact information for medical and safety emergencies. For further information on preventative measures, please contact the departments at the NON-emergency numbers.

Emergencies

If you are experiencing or witnessing a medical or safety emergency in Calgary, you should immediately
dial 9-1-1. This phone number will put you in contact with the Calgary Police, who will direct your call to the appropriate dispatch unit (Emergency medical services (EMS), The Calgary Fire Department, Emergency police Services).

The Calgary Police

Emergency Contact Number 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Contact Number 403-266-1234

The Calgary Fire Department

Emergency Contact Number 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Contact Number Dial 3-1-1 (The City of Calgary) and ask to be put through to the Fire Department

Emergency Medical Services (EMS / Paramedic)

Emergency Contact Number 9-1-1

For more information on Public Safety, visit the City of Calgary:
Website www.calgary.ca

Poison Control

Emergency Contact Number 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Contact Number (24 hr) 403-670-1414



Family Activities

The Calgary Zoo

Saying there is so much to see and do at the zoo doesn't begin to describe everything that you can do there. Besides getting to see some amazing animals from all over the world you can journey through the dinosaur park and learn about the giants from the past.

Heritage Park

This is Canada's largest living history museum. Meet friendly pioneers, ride the steam train or cruise Glenmore Lake on the SS, enjoy the antique midway and be a part of the old west.

Canada Olympic Park

This is a great place to visit at any time of the year. Whether you enjoy skiing or snowboarding in the winter or mountain biking or checking out the Skyline zip line in the summer.

Telus World of Science

Here is a unique way to learn through creative exhibits and shows. This gives everyone an opportunity to learn and grow through science.

Peter's Drive-In

There is nothing better than a cold milkshake on a hot day. Maybe you are hungry for a little more. Then you will have to try their burgers, fries and onion rings. You will definitely come back for more.

Village Square & Southland Leisure Centres

There is so much to do and a whole lot of fun to be had. From the water parks with a wave pool, dive tank, kiddies pool and hot tub to the gymnasium, weight rooms and fitness studios.

Butterfield Acres

Butterfield Acres is a great place to take the family and just watch animals eat hay and forget about the city! It is like a small farm which can be a lot of fun for little kids who have never seen live farm animals before.

Shakers Family Fun Centre

Shakers is a seven acre indoor and outdoor fun park with attractions and fun events for all ages, including two go cart tracks, mini golf, laser tag, a climbing wall, huge indoor playground and 60+ game arcade.

Bowness Park

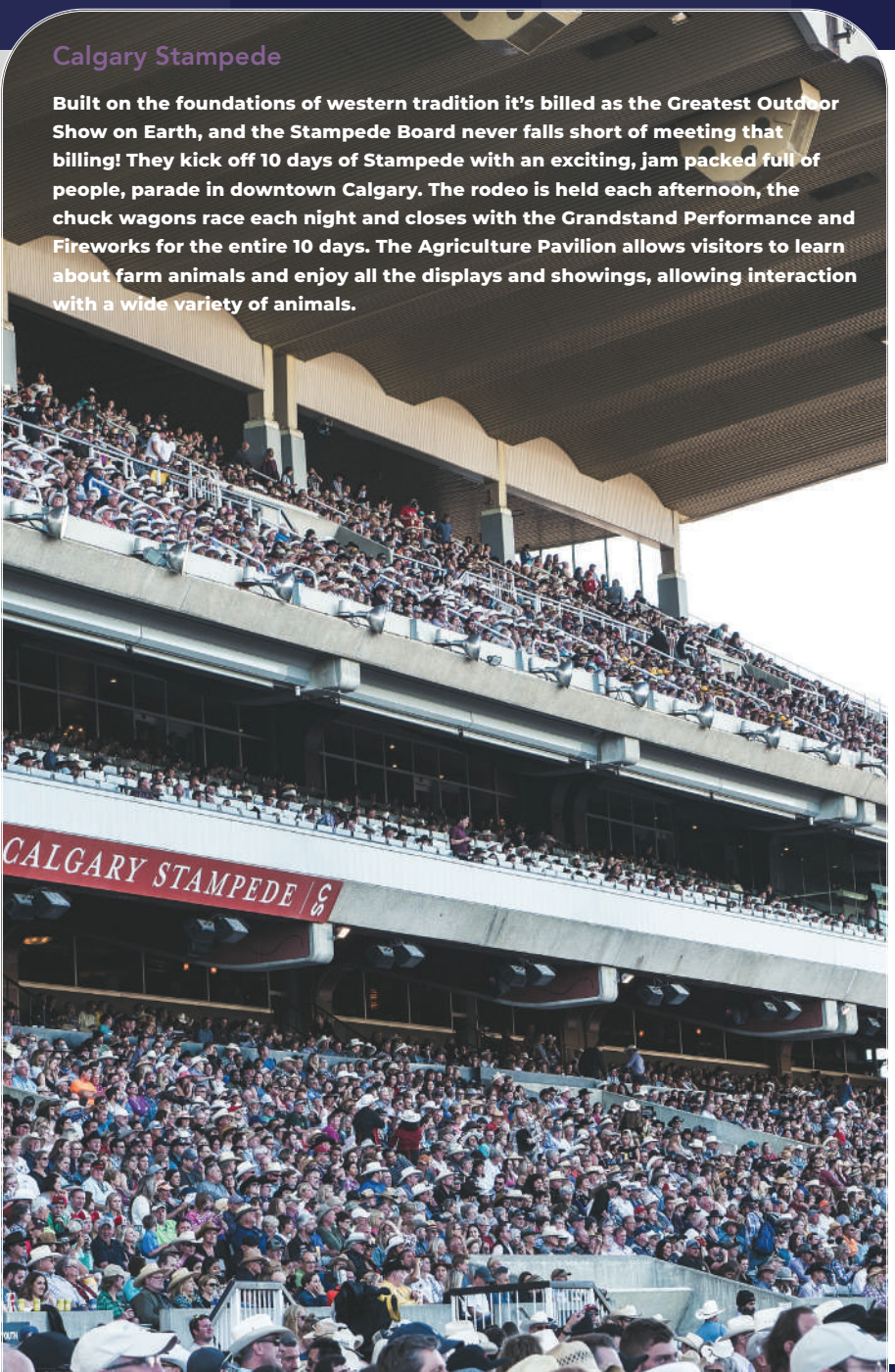
Bowness Park is located in NW Calgary along the Bow River. A shallow lagoon runs along the park's southern edge, a favourite spot for paddle boating in the summer and ice skating in the winter. Bowness Park is highly used for picnicking and accessing the Bow River.

Fish Creek Provincial Park

Fish Creek Park is Canada's largest urban park. The park contains a mix of forest and open prairie. Historic Bow Valley Ranch House (now a restaurant), archaeological sites, visitor centre and extensive environmental education programs are some of the parks attractions.

Festivals

There is a variety of festivals and various expos offered in Calgary. Below is a short list of some of the options available throughout the yeat, the most popular being the Calgary Stampede



Calgary Stampede

Built on the foundations of western tradition it's billed as the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, and the Stampede Board never falls short of meeting that billing! They kick off 10 days of Stampede with an exciting, jam packed full of people, parade in downtown Calgary. The rodeo is held each afternoon, the chuck wagons race each night and closes with the Grandstand Performance and Fireworks for the entire 10 days. The Agriculture Pavilion allows visitors to learn about farm animals and enjoy all the displays and showings, allowing interaction with a wide variety of animals.

Calgary Winefest

Winefest is one of the most distinguished all inclusive wine events in Calgary. You have a chance to sample hundreds of international wines, ports, sparkling and dessert wines from the world's most celebrated wine regions.

Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo

Where else can you dress up like your favourite comic character and walk amongst your heroes? If you do dress up be sure to enter in the costume contest. You can go down for just one day or get a weekend pass.

Chinatown Street Festival

This celebration is located in Chinatown and gives everyone the opportunity to experience traditional Chinese culture.

Lilac Festival

The Lilac Festival is a one day event held along 4th Street with a variety of entertainment, great food and shopping to enjoy. With usually over 500 vendors along the street there is something for everyone!

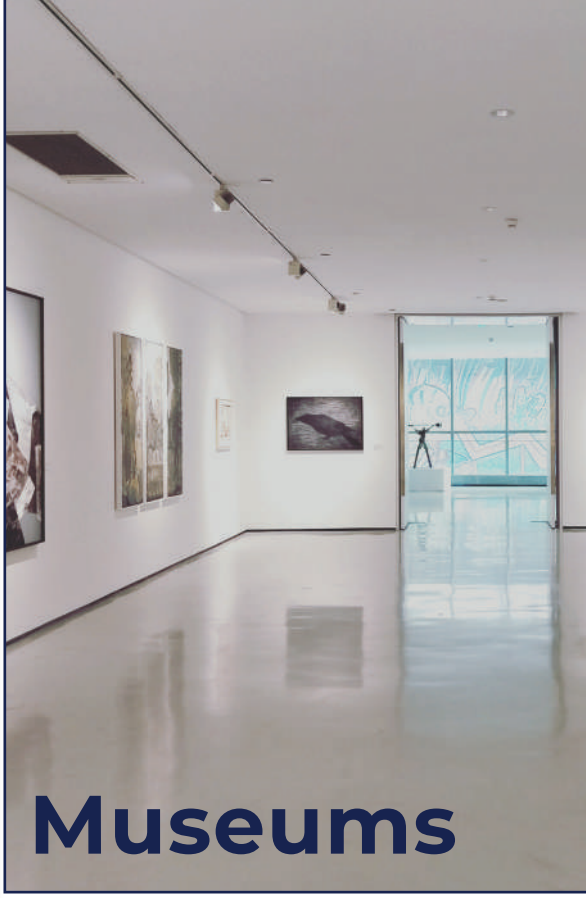
Calgary Greek Festival

OPA!! This is your chance to join in on the festivities and celebrate the very best of traditional Greek food and entertainment.

Expo Latino Festival

When they say this is the hottest outdoor festival they don't mean the weather! They celebrate and party at Princes Island park come rain or shine, their goal is to make sure everyone has a great time!





Museums

The Lougheed House

The Lougheed mansion was built in 1891 and was originally known as Beaulieu, which is French for beautiful place. During the early years the Lougheed house, many of the elite of society were guests of the Lougheed family, royalty, celebrities and politicians

Glenbow Museum

One of the great things about the Glenbow is that it brings together a museum, library, archives and an art gallery all in one place. Their artifacts are extensive and their art collections are nothing short of brilliant.

Aero Space Museum

An afternoon spent at the aerospace museum is a chance to take a walk back in time through aviation history. The hangar presently used to house the museum pieces was used as a training hangar in WWII and then as a helicopter hangar.

Military Museum

The Military Museum is Western Canada's largest military museum. Go and discover the victories, the tragedies and the sacrifices of the Canadian Forces.

Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump

Plan to spend the day at this attraction, it is well worth it! Native guides will take you through the center and go back in time. Learn the history of the Blackfoot nation and the importance of the jump to its people, see important artifacts and discoveries.

The Royal Tyrrell Museum

The Royal Tyrrell Museum is the only museum in Canada which is entirely about paleontology and this place is over the top! Besides having the largest display of dinosaurs there is the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun and creative programs that take you back in time.

Fort Calgary

Fort Calgary is the only National, Provincial and Municipal Historic Site in the city. North West Mounted Police built their fort at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in 1875. You can discover stories of Calgary's past from 1875–1914 at the lively interpretive Centre.

Deane House

The Deane House was built in 1906 for the superintendent Captain Richard Deane of Fort Calgary. he Deane House hosts Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre year round.

With all of its rich history there are bound to be a few haunt-ings. The Calgary Association of Paranormal Investigations deems the Deane house as definitively haunted.

Cantos Music Foundation

They have interesting exhibits and displays, which are diverse and celebrate all types of music. On the last Monday of the month enjoy the All Ages Blues Jam, everyone regardless of age can participate, each month features a special guest.



Calgary is a rich with a diverse Arts and culture scene. There really is something for everyone to enjoy!

Performing Arts

Stage West Theatre Restaurant

Taking in a show at Stage West means that you can expect to be entertained and very well fed! With six shows scheduled to run during the season there is a lot to choose from. Prepare to thoroughly enjoy the buffet which is always delicious and afterwards sit back and enjoy the show.

Jubilations Dinner Theatre

A fun night out where you will be treated to a delicious four course meal as well as an amazing theatre production. As far as the show goes, they do things a little differently which is what makes a production at their theatre so unique. Tickets for their productions can be purchased by contacting the box office.

Loose Moose Theatre

If you are looking for something different than the usual theatre you attend then head to the Loose Moose! This theatre company offers improvisational theatre at its best and has an international reputation for their work. They also have a training centre in place for anyone interested in doing improvisational theatre.

Yuk Yuk's

Get out for a night of hilarity and treat your funny bone to a good time. This, of course, means lots of laughter and enjoyment on your part. The club features and promotes mainly Canadian comics and gives you a chance to see some great standup comedy.

Theatre Calgary

Large stadium style theater in Downtown Calgary which puts on various shows for your entertainment. One of the most popular being the longtime running "A Christmas Carol" that plays during the holiday months.

Immigrating

You've made a big decision in choosing to immigrate to Canada, and there are a lot of questions that you probably want answered before, during and even after the big move.



Immigration Alberta

Alberta's official immigration website has important information on moving to the province. Their checklists are excellent for planning all aspects of your new life in the province.

Website www.albertacanada.com/immigration

Career Connect

Career Connect helps newcomers upgrade or transfer work skills, relaunch careers or enter brand new professions.

Website www.calgarycareerconnect.com

Citizenship & Immigration Canada

There are a few different ways to apply for immigration to Canada: this Canadian government website will give you all of the information you need, as well as the relevant application forms.

Website www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate

Going to Canada

This invaluable resource includes information on immigrating to–and living and working in–Canada.

Website www.cic.gc.ca/english

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

This important card is required if you want to work in Canada: all employers ask for it.

Website www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin



Moving Out Checklist

Purchasing a new home is exciting. To help save you time, stress, and money, we've created this handy Moving Checklist, giving you a detailed overview of what you need to do prior to your move, broken down into weekly tasks.

As you begin thinking of moving...

- [ ] Create a "move file" to keep track of estimates, receipts, and other important information
- [ ] Start researching your new community
- [ ] Draw out a floor plan of your new home. Start deciding which function each room will serve
- [ ] Budget for moving expenses and start collecting estimates

7 weeks before moving...

- [ ] Start pulling together medical and dental records including prescriptions and vaccination records.
  If necessary, ask your existing doctors if they can refer you to a care provider in your new neighbourhood
- [ ] If you have children and they need to change schools, have school records transferred to their new school district and/or daycare
- [ ] Get copies of any legal and financial records you need
- [ ] If you have a pet, arrange for their veterinarian records to be transferred
- [ ] Call your insurance agent to see what changes to expect in your policies for changing locations. Ask if moving is covered and arrange for insurance for your new home
- [ ] If you are a member of a gym or an organization, ask how you can end, sell, or transfer your membership

6 weeks before moving...

- [ ] Make a list of things that are valuable or difficult to replace. Plan on shipping these by certified mail or carrying them with you
- [ ] Make a list of friends, relatives, and businesses who need to be notified of your move
- [ ] Start planning a yard sale or contact your local charities
- [ ] Start working your way through each room taking inventory, deciding what to get rid of
- [ ] Think about subscribing to the newspaper in your new hometown to start learning about events and the local culture



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5 weeks before moving...

- [ ] Start collecting boxes and other packing supplies
- [ ] Start packing items you don't use often. Also start disposing of the items you've designated for a yard sale, donation, or the junk yard
- [ ] Plan ahead for parking for the move, making sure that your movers are able to easily access your home
- [ ] Plan for short-term or long-term storage at destination if needed

4 weeks before moving...

- [ ] File a change of address
- [ ] Schedule disconnection of all utility services at your old home, and connection of them at your new one. Be sure to disconnect the day after you leave and connect the day before you arrive. If you have "last month" deposits with services, such as the water or gas company, request your refund
- [ ] If you are not moving yourself, make a reservation with a reputable and reliable moving service
- [ ] Make any necessary travel arrangements for your pets
- [ ] Advertise and host your garage sale
- [ ] Call your newspaper courier and set a date to cancel your subscription

3 weeks before moving...

- [ ] Make sure all library books have been returned and all dry cleaning or items out for repair have been picked up
- [ ] Retrieve any items out on loan to friends, etc...
- [ ] Decide if you will keep your plants or give them away
- [ ] Dispose of flammables, corrosives, and poisons
- [ ] If you are moving out of town, have your automobile(s) serviced
- [ ] Prepare auto registration to be transferred
- [ ] If you are moving into or out of an apartment, arrange to use the elevator on your move day



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2 weeks before moving...

- [ ] Contact your bank and/or credit union to transfer or close accounts. Clear out safety deposit boxes and notify creditors of your move
- [ ] Confirm travel arrangements for pets and family
- [ ] Confirm parking for your mover
- [ ] Plan meals for the last week of the move to help empty the refrigerator and avoid using appliances that will already be packed
- [ ] Assemble a folder of important information about the house for the new owner of your home

1 week before moving...

- [ ] Finish packing and prepare an "essentials" box. Designate several boxes and items as "last load" items. Pack your suitcases and valuables separately
- [ ] Drain all gas and oil from your mower and other motors. Gas grills, kerosene heaters, etc...need to be emptied as well
- [ ] Drain water hoses
- [ ] Empty, defrost, and clean your refrigerator at least 24 hours before moving day
- [ ] Fill any prescriptions or medications you will need for the next couple of weeks
- [ ] If necessary, make childcare arrangements for moving day
- [ ] Notify friends and family of your new address and phone number

Moving out...

- [ ] Load your goods in a pre-designated order, saving "last load" items for the rear of your shipment. This might include your vacuum cleaner or bed sheets
- [ ] Check every room, closet, and cabinet one last time before deciding everything is loaded
- [ ] Take note of utility meter readings
- [ ] Leave a note with your new address in the house so that future residents can forward any stray mail
- [ ] Let a friend or family member know of your plans and whereabouts in case of an emergency or unforeseen event



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