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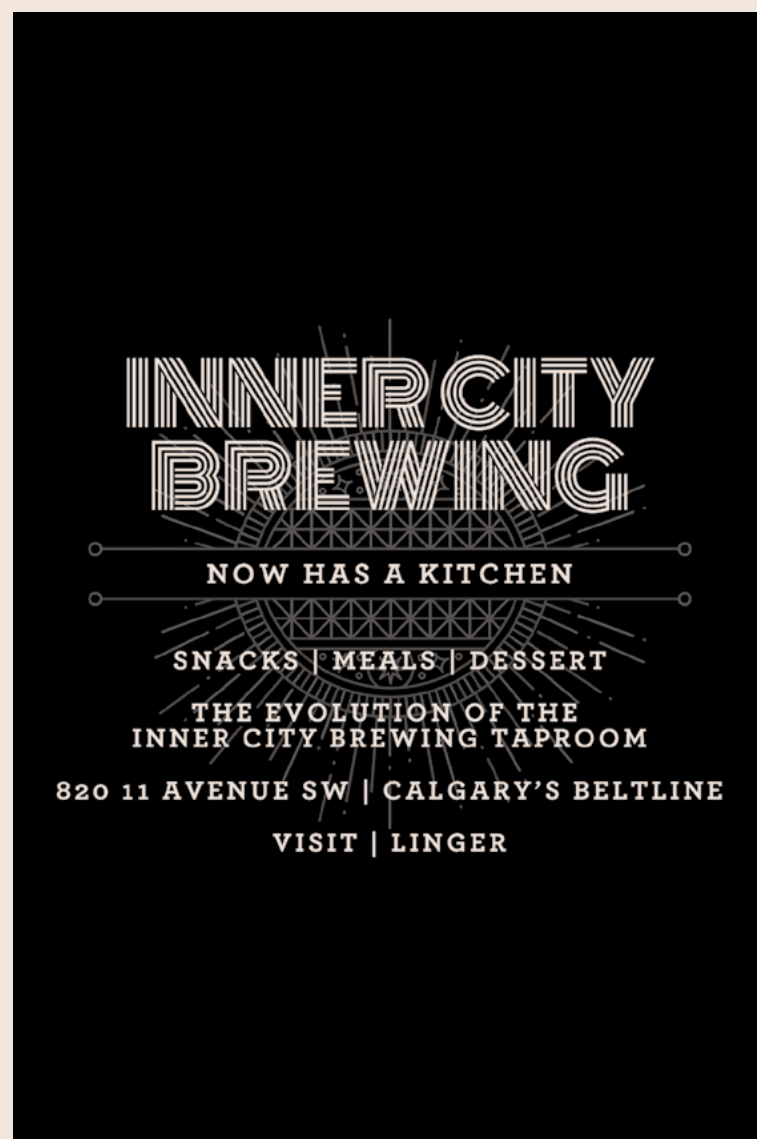
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Welcome to Beltlandia!

The Beltline is home to some 25,000 people, hundreds of local businesses, and many destinations that are woven into the fabric of our city's identity. For those of us living in the Beltline, the streets, parks, cafes and restaurants are often an extension of our compact living spaces at home. We tend to walk more, drive less and experience the city in a way that most Calgarians don't: like a tightly knit village.

In recent years, we've seen tremendous growth. The Beltline is now poised to become the highest population community in The City of Calgary. East Victoria Park and Stampede are set for major redevelopment. The Green Line (see *City Council Can Make Good on the Green Line*) will connect the Beltline to Inglewood and the deep Southeast, and one day provide LRT access up Centre Street North to the airport. The cycle tracks that once dominated opinion columns of the news media are now a way of life for many of us and a draw for visitors exploring our city by bike and e-scooter. The Beltline Urban Murals Project (BUMP) is transforming bland public walls with art each year by the dozen.

The Beltline isn't just any collection of neighbourhoods in Calgary. It's a place we invite the whole city to experience, for work and for leisure. More importantly, it's a place where we can collectively dream up what Calgary will become next. Beltlandia is the fanciful idea of a Calgary of the future and The Beltlandian is a new local voice to share ideas of what that future might look like and how we can build it.



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You spin me round: Beltline Bonspiel 2020

The Beltline Bonspiel is coming back to the Lougheed House on Saturday, February 15th, for the Family Day long weekend presented by Park Central by Hines, an exciting new residence located on the NW corner of 4 Street and 12 Avenue SW.

What started four years ago as the first outdoor curling tournament in Calgary in over a hundred years has quickly spun into a premier winter festival! The Beltline Bonspiel features a friendly outdoor curling bonspiel against the backdrop of the historic Lougheed House, with a soundtrack spun by some of Calgary's best DJs, an all-ages local craft beer garden, toasty fires and family-friendly programming. Best of all, it's free admission!

Keep warm beside the fires in the rinkside Inner City Brewing & Last Best Brewing beer garden with a rock solid DJ lineup headlined by none other than Calgary's DJ C-SIK cutting it up between the classics and the latest heaters with skilled finesse. He's guaranteed to keep the crowds moving like the abominable snowman.

Not to be missed in the lineup are Mother Mary, Dr. Space, Myke Atkinson, Archive Pat and Helen Young spinning vinyl compliments of a very robust PK Sound system and CJSW 90.9 FM.

Teams competing in the Bonspiel will play for the glory of the 105 year old Brewery Trophy, created by the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company in 1915. The coveted trophy is generously loaned to the Beltline Bonspiel from

the Southern Alberta Curling Association's museum at the Calgary Curling Club.

Full details at beltlinebonspiel.ca

Play by play of all the action will once again be delivered by the smoky vocals of Calgary favourite western singer, Matt Masters.

The Lougheed House will be open free of admission. Explore the warm ambiance of Alberta's most loved Victorian mansion featuring iconic Chef Judy Wood's pop up french-inspired "family-gourmet" menu. Inside the house, Calgary Public Library will be featuring winter inspired story time readings.

Not just a favourite with the grown ups, the Beltline Bonspiel has fast become known as a Coachella for kids.

City Council Can Make Good on the Green Line

The Green Line is a visionary project. The Beltline Neighbourhoods Association is pleased to have had an opportunity to collaborate with the City of Calgary's Green Line team as a stakeholder over the past several years. Through our Beltline Urban Development Committee (BUDC), we have had a chance to share our insights and the perspectives of the community on numerous occasions through a variety of mediums including public open houses, workshops, and participation in public hearings of Calgary City Council and its standing policy committees.

As a community, we are excited about the Green Line's huge potential to bring about meaningful change to the Beltline through connectivity and investment in our civic infrastructure. Visionary projects on the scale of the Green Line constitute a rare opportunity to make a significant difference to our City and the importance of making the right decisions to arrive at the best outcomes for all Calgarians is not lost on us. While undoubtedly the most challenging segment, we also view the portion of the alignment that passes through Centre City to be of critical importance. Ultimately, we believe that getting the Beltline and Downtown sections right is fundamental to ensuring the success of the entire system.

CHALLENGES WITH THE PREVIOUS DOWNTOWN ALIGNMENT

The Green Line alignment previously approved by City Council in June 2017 included a bored tunnel from 16 Avenue North to East Victoria Park along 12 Avenue South with an underground transition to 10 Avenue SE and portal to a surface station at 4 Street SE adjacent to the CP Rail right-of-way. However, we understand the Downtown and Beltline alignments were re-evaluated for the following reasons:

1. The technical risks and potential for cost overruns associated with deep tunneling under the Bow River and subsequent deep underground stations Downtown and in the Beltline would tie up an impractical portion of the project budget simply managing risk.
2. The placement of stations up to seven-stories below ground would have negatively impacted the convenience and accessibility of the Green Line Downtown and in the Beltline from a transit user perspective.

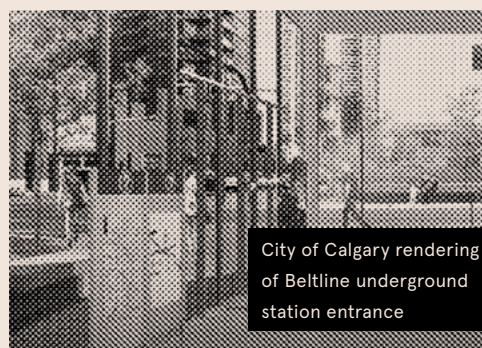
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Recognizing the significant challenges associated with the alignment previously adopted by Council, we have supported the Green Line Project Team's revisiting of the design, especially in light of new developments in East Victoria Park, including:

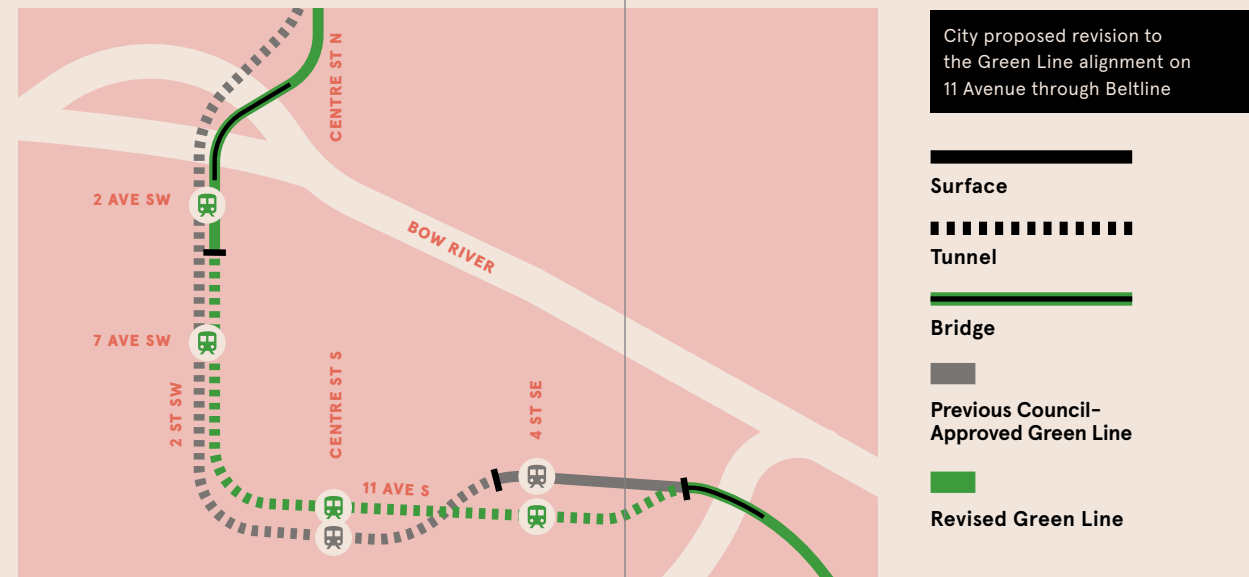
- The new Stampede / Victoria Park Red Line LRT station **scheduled to open in 2023**
- The BMO Centre Expansion **scheduled to open in 2024**
- The new arena in East Victoria Park at 12 Avenue and 4 Street SE **scheduled to open in 2024**.

FULL UNDERGROUND THROUGH BELTLINE

On January 28th, the Green Line Team proposed a revised alignment for the Green Line from 16th Avenue North to East Victoria Park. The proposal keeps most of the previous alignment but would travel over the Bow River, instead of under. Without having to tunnel deep under the river the project is able to instead build a much shallower cut-and-cover route under 2 Street SW downtown and under the CP Rail tracks to 11 Avenue in the Beltline. Cut-and-cover is a lower risk and lower cost construction option with more convenient access for transit riders.



City of Calgary rendering of Beltline underground station entrance



ASK A BELTLANDIAN

What do you think of the new Green Line alignment?

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NCLRT Bow river bridge brainwave: Put bike lanes on it too? Easier grade than the bluff hill, more accessible to all ridership levels than Centre street. #yycbike

Aaron Stayner
@BigtimeYYC • Jan 29, 2020

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This morning's commute serves as a reminder as to how desperately needed #greenlineyyc is.

Architectonics
@JessicaMcCarrel • Jan 15, 2020

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Final thought: This alignment looks mighty familiar from a few years ago. Hopefully we finally settle on something and start building, or Calgary is going to end up like Toronto with a line that is always tweaked and never built. Get. It. Done.

Willem Klumpenhouwer
@wklumpen • Jan 29, 2020

We believe that this alignment creates significant opportunities for city building in east Beltline and will encourage and support development.

The proposed new alignment would maximize the following benefits and opportunities:

- Lower project cost and risk with cut-and-cover over the previous bored tunnel underground alignment.
- Better access and proximity to the new arena and BMO Convention Centre.
- More convenient passenger transfer from the Green Line to the new Red Line at Victoria Park Station.
- Stronger integration with Beltline residents and businesses without disruption to existing transportation modes.
- Improved access to stations one floor below street level rather than the previous deep stations associated with the deep bore tunnel alignment.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY CALLS TO HACK AND SLASH

The Beltline is an integral part of the lives of most Calgarians, and home to 25,000 people and the second highest concentration of offices in the city – who contribute significantly to the City's property tax revenues. We think it is essential that the Green Line development be considered thoughtfully everywhere in the city and would argue that how it travels through and engages with the Beltline will be key to its success or failure. Calls to skip the Beltline and Downtown or run the line up Nose Creek are ill-advised.

LET'S MAKE SURE COUNCIL FOLLOWS THROUGH

In light of the exciting new developments since 2017 in East Victoria Park (new arena, BMO Centre Expansion, Victoria Park Station) and the new proposed Downtown and Beltline full underground alignment, the BNA fully supports the new Green Line plan. Though much still needs to be ironed out to ensure good station design and an appropriate bridge design over the Bow River, the new proposal demonstrates that Council can now make good on the vision of the Green Line. Let's make sure they follow through.

Provide your support and feedback at:
engage.calgary.ca/greenline

Tyson Bolduc, Chair, BNA Urban Development Committee

Extreme Makeover: Humpy Hollow Park Edition



Yes, you read that correctly. There's a Humpy Hollow Park and it's right here in the Beltline.

In 2016, our Community and Arts Hub, the McHugh House, was saved from demolition and moved to its current location in Humpy Hollow Park on the corner of Centre Street S and 17 Ave. Although the McHugh House Community & Arts Hub has become a hive of activity, the park itself has remained underutilized, unnoticed and underappreciated. In 2018, we set out to change this.

For the past year and a half, we have reimagined what Humpy Hollow Park might look and feel like in the future of the Beltline. We have worked closely with the City of Calgary Parks Foundation and Dialog, the local architecture firm behind the New Central Library, to develop a design concept that encourages safe play, movement through the park, opportunities for community-building and

a seamless extension of all the events programmed in the McHugh House.

In fall 2019, we took an exciting step towards realizing this project when Calgary City Council approved \$1.2 million in funding from the Beltline Community Investment Fund

to carry forward with detailed design and construction of the new park. With this funding secured, Humpy Hollow Park is a-go! Stay tuned for opportunities to have your say and engage as we develop the detailed design in 2020.

What's in a name?

Humpy Hollow isn't your typical park name. Curious to know how the name came to be? Look no further. Back in 1976, the Calgary Activettes, a local women's social and charitable group, hosted a contest to name the park. Area school children were encouraged to submit their park name suggestions. The winning entry was "Humpy Hollow" Park. Following the contest, a review of the park name was requested and the Calgary Activettes brainstormed "more appropriate" names for the park. Despite concerns, the City approved the winning park name for locals to use. And, nearly forty-five years later, we're still using the winning name to identify our slice of paradise on the corner of 17th Avenue S and Centre S.



Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) Update

Since the SCS opened at the Sheldon Chumir Health Centre in early 2018 we’ve been closely engaged with Alberta Health Services, the City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, residents and businesses in the area.

Our January 2020 update on the Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) at the Sheldon Chumir Health Centre shows the latest Calgary Police Service statistics indicated publicly generated calls for service around the SCS are mostly below trends for the Centre City. Meanwhile, the latest Alberta Health Service (AHS) statistics show a continued decrease in the rate of opioid related deaths in Calgary.

When talking with family, friends, fellow residents and business owners, we have found the following FAQ’s prepared by Alberta Health Services (AHS) helpful.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITE?

Supervised consumption services provide a place where people can use drugs in a monitored, hygienic environment to reduce harm from substance use while offering additional services such as counselling, social work, and opioid-dependency treatment.

DOESN’T PROVIDING THIS SERVICE ENABLE PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS?

Addiction is a severe mental illness. Studies show that people who use drugs will keep using unless the root cause of their disease is addressed, which is the journey of working through trauma and mental health issues.

SHOULDN’T WE DEVELOP MORE REHABILITATION AND DETOX FACILITIES TO GET PEOPLE OFF DRUGS INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM A PLACE TO USE THEM?

When people are suffering from trauma and mental illness, they may experience difficulty in making a decision on when they are ready to seek treatment. The supervised consumption service allows staff to meet people where they are and to provide care, compassion, connection and acceptance. This facilitates the process for individuals to seek change in their lives.

Karen Lamola
BNA Director of Social Affairs

It’s swimsuit season, once again!

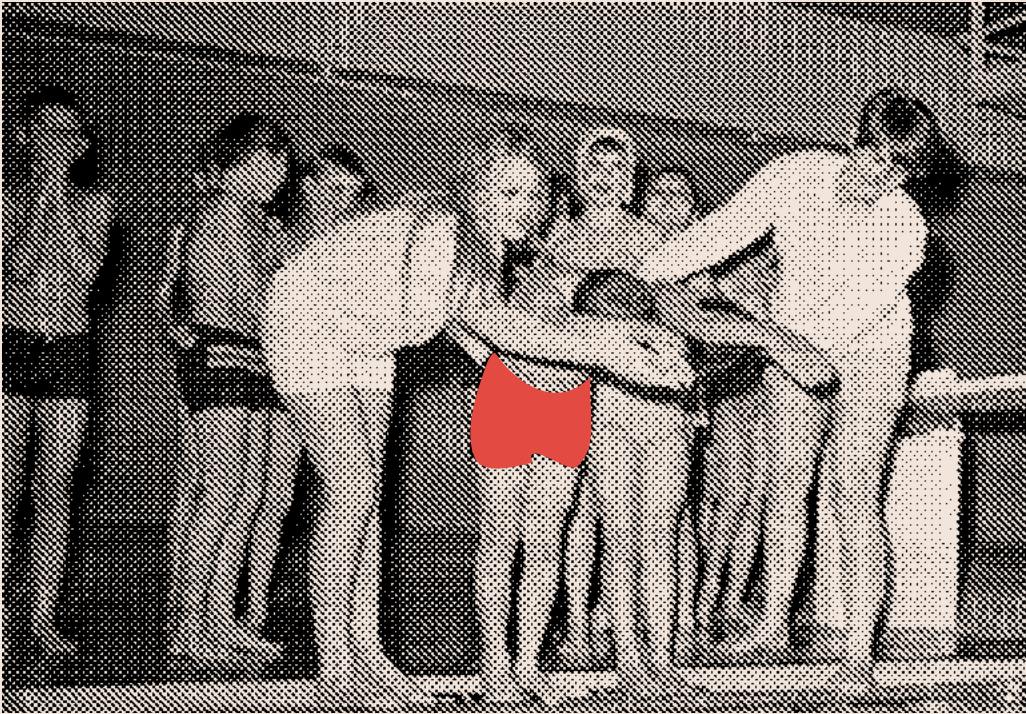


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In case you missed it, this past November City Council backtracked on the ill-advised plan to close the Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre and the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. The two facilities were slated for closure as part of the City’s hasty \$60 million budget cuts. Of the \$1.5 million in cuts to the City of Calgary recreation budget, more than half was expected to be borne by the Beltline and Inglewood rather than spreading the cuts more evenly across the city.

The Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre has been serving residents in the Beltline since 1954 when it was first opened by the YMCA. In 1979, the City took over the operations from the YMCA and completed major renovations in 2014 to update the centre and improve accessibility.

Centrally located in the heart of the Beltline, the Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre today hosts a four-lane swimming pool, dry sauna, outdoor climbing wall, cardio and weight room, full-size gymnasium with an indoor basketball court, and modern change rooms with private stalls.

CITY USED QUESTIONABLE CRITERIA

The previous decision to close these facilities in the Beltline and Inglewood made no consideration of the Beltline and Inglewood’s contributions towards the City’s Municipal Development Plan (MDP) goals of 50/50 growth in existing and new communities. Nor did the City’s decision factor in the disproportionately large residential and business taxes the Beltline and Inglewood contribute towards the City of Calgary’s general revenues.

In the Beltline alone, new developments opening in the next year will contribute millions of dollars in new tax revenue for the City.

While the \$60 million budget cut by the City was across the board for police, fire, and all services to existing communities, what was most surprising was what the cut did not affect: the City’s \$12 million per year subsidies to build 14 new communities. Council has yet to address the millions in subsidies bleeding from the City’s budget to fund new greenfield communities.

NOW’S THE TIME TO DIVE IN

The BNA will be working with Calgary Recreation to help get the word out about the amazing gem of a facility we have at the Beltline Aquatic & Recreation Centre. With an interior decor that beckons back to something straight out of a Wes Anderson movie, it offers a more affordable and rewarding community experience that’s a refreshing complement to other private gym options.

Tamara Marajh
BNA Director of Parks & Public Spaces



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Feb 13 - 403DNB
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Feb 15 - Dustycloud (Paris)
Feb 20 - DOYU
Feb 21 - Field Trip w/ Burchill
Feb 22 - Wax Motif
Feb 28 - Megan Hamilton (USA)
Feb 29 - Vincent (LA / Wpg)
Mar 5 - The Sponges (Miami)
Mar 6 - Deep Vee w/ Ivan Rankic & DJ Heebz
Mar 7 - HUMANS Farewell Tour
Mar 13 - Alix Perez (Belgium) & Tsuruda (USA)
Mar 14 - A Skillz (UK)
Mar 20 - DJ Soup & Ben Fox (Nelson)
Mar 21 - Odd Mob (Australia) Oddities Tour
Mar 27 - Detroit Swindle (Amsterdam)
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