

GREAT ARTS AND CULTURE MAKES A GREAT FUTURE

Great neighbourhoods, the ones that thoughtfully consider people and place, incorporating mixed-uses, walkable spaces, and abundant amenities, are one of the best urban design concepts humans have come up with to support the complex, interrelated needs of a diverse economy and a vibrant culture. When these great neighbourhoods are networked together and located in close relationships with industrial landscapes, the stage is set for society to reap supercharged benefits. At the scale of East Calgary's Ward 9, our communities have shaped, and are actively reshaping the character and destiny of our city.

For several decades in North America, arts and culture has been separated from and set against our understanding of 'economy.' A strong economy was something we needed; a vibrant arts and culture scene was, at best, a nice-to-have, and, at worst, an unserious distraction or partisan misadventure. Luckily, these notions have been challenged and debunked by a growing body of academic research and practical case studies - a consensus has formed that now appreciates how a strong and diversified economy and a vibrant arts and culture sector are inextricable from one another

In Calgary, the question as to whether arts and culture has a role to play in our long-term success has largely been settled: two successive City Councils (with widely divergent political ideologies and agendas) have overwhelmingly supported increased financial backing for our arts and culture sector as an integral part of diversifying our economy. As cities continue to compete against each other on the world stage, they are also laying the groundwork for success (or failure) long into an uncertain future. The ones that will be successful over the long term are the ones actively and deliberately building up their arts and culture sectors today.

Unfortunately, global unease and political discontent has provoked a backlash by those nostalgic for what Calgary once was, or angry with the pace of change. But Calgary's socio-cultural diversity is prevailing. Driven by decades of newcomers choosing our city as a place to establish roots, Calgary is challenging outdated ideas about who we are, and rapidly becoming a beacon of the Canadian project of pluralism.

Our arts and culture sector must take center stage in both accounting for and celebrating who we are - in all our diversity. Creating the stories whereby we will live and thrive together, and, discovering how we best become something greater than the sum of our parts. In acknowledgment and pursuit of these ideals, this map pays tribute to the City of Calgary's flagship work on arts and culture: The Eventful City Strategy. Public art, landmarks, events, and venues - the obvious things that make neighbourhoods vibrant and culturally rich in Calgary - act as an indicator of the state of arts and culture in our city. Like our other Ward 9 maps, this map presents an inevitably incomplete snapshot in time, intended to compile and celebrate what we have, provoke conversations about the gaps we can't help but notice, and act as an origin-point for plans to fill those gaps. By continually investing in and improving our amazingly diverse East Calgary communities, we are setting our beloved Calgary up for long term success.



CIVIC COMMITMENTS TO ARTS + CULTURE

Festivals, events, arts, and culture all help to grow our city and connect communities in meaningful ways. These are some of the policies and programs that ensure Calgary, and Ward 9, continue to be a leader in arts and culture.

Eventful City Strategy - Calgary recognizes that festivals and events enhance quality of life, provide opportunities for celebration and connection, and are essential elements in creating complete communities. The Eventful City Strategy helps us proactively shape the future of the creative sector.

Winter City Strategy - The Winter City Strategy leverages our unique northern climate to make Calgary a more prosperous, vibrant, and welcoming place through year-round programming.

Public Art Program + Collection - With a growing collection of over 1,300 works, the City's public art program is committed to enhancing our urban landscape and transforming the way Calgarians experience the city around them.

Local Area Planning (LAP) - The process of creating a Local Area Plan allows community members to co-create an overarching visio to guide the evolution and redevelopment of the area, with cultural planning being an increasingly integral part of that process.

Municipal Event + Landmark Special Policy Areas - In an effort to better balance the influx of visitors to local landmarks with the needs and enjoyment of local residents, the Landmark Special Policy Area addresses issues related to urban design, parking, social disorder, and street access that often impact adjacent communities.

Calgary Arts Development Authority (CADA) - Through municipal investment, CADA serves as Calgary's designated arts development authority, supporting hundreds of local arts organizations, artists,

downtown eastside, the C+E District is home to the Calgary Stampede and will soon offer an expanded Convention Centre, and a new event centre, supporting residential, office, and commercial development.

Culture + Entertainment District - Nestled in Calgary's resurging

Meanwhile Leases - Working to connect real estate vacancies with interim tenants active in the creative economy. By leveraging lulls in vacancies and development, local groups can access short-term tenancy in otherwise underutilized spaces. The City of Calgary also has a policy to lease city-owned buildings intended for future demolition to applicable non-profit arts, culture, social, or recreation organizations,

WORKSHOP SPACES

75. Alberta Printmakers Society

76. Fairview Pottery Classes

5650C Burbank Rd SE

7865 56 St SE, #104

PUBLIC ART

reminder that extinction is forever.

along the fence on 72nd Ave SE.

87. Dance by V. Tokmaiyan, L. Vera, J. Urria, J. Luc Germain, Z.

88. Dinny the Dinosaur, Calgary Zoo - 210 St. George's Drive NE

Built in 1937, "Dinny" the Brontosaurus is the last remaining

89. Fence Mural by Margo van Lindenberg - 72 Ave SE + 21A St SE

90. Forest Lawn Lift Station by Sans Facon - 19 Ave + 26 St SE

and alerting the community to how water is used

91. Hippo Love by Fuse33 Makerspace - 3710 17 Ave SE

hippo head greets passersby, eliciting many smiles.

92. Kawa'pomahkaiks, Animals that Roam the Prairies

by Adrian Stimson - 17 Ave + 33 St SE

97. Around the World Food Tours - 17th Ave SE

from all over the world.

98. Beakerhead

(Blackfoot) pronunciations.

An ecological narrative of the flora and fauna of the area. Community residents offered input into the design and installation

Embedded in the surface of the station, a color-changing light-

Originally built in 2012 for the Burning Man Festival, the "Hippo

Love" Art Car now calls International Ave home. The giant purple

This installation pays homage to the animals that have inhabited

ANNUAL EVENTS + FESTIVALS

Ward 9 is home to many of the city's most unique events. Along with providing ample opportunities to experience arts and culture, they

also contribute to the vibrancy for which Calgary is known. Here are just some of the annual events that make Ward 9 a great place to live

the plains now known as Calgary and International Ave. Visitors

Calgary's first and best food tour, explore International Avenue

TELUS Spark, 220 St. George's Dr NE + Various Locations

crossroads of art, science, and engineering.

Through year-round educational programs and an annual fall

festival. Beakerhead is working to advance education at the

99. Block Heater - Festival Hall, 1215 10 Ave SE + Various Locations

100. Bridgeland Arctic Adventure - Bridgeland Piazza, 177 9 St NE

season while adventuring in Bridgeland-Riverside.

101. Calgary Expo - Stampede Park, 650 25 Ave SE

102. Calgary Fringe Festival - Various Locations

culture of the Treaty 7 First Nations.

104. Chasing Summer Music Festival

105. Chinook Blast - Various Locations

munity art activities.

Max Bell Centre, 1001 Barlow Tr SE

A family-friendly outdoor scavenger hunt. Embrace the winter

Comics, sci-fi, horror, anime, and gaming - Calgary Expo attracts

hundreds of thousands of people to Calgary each year.

An Inglewood and Ramsay-based uncensored, non-juried

theatre festival, bringing together emerging and established

103. Calgary Stampede + Elbow River Camp - 1410 Olympic Way SE

It's the greatest outdoor show on earth! The Stampede is an

River camp allows visitors to experience the traditions and

annual rodeo and exhibition held for 10 days in July. The Elbow

The largest electronic dance music festival in Western Canada.

Embracing Calgary's winter season, Chinook Blast offers six

with artists working in diverse media, and participate in com-

Taking place on a six-block length of 17th Ave SF, enjoy unique food and drink, intimate venues, and wide a range of local

106. Country Thunder Alberta - Fort Calgary, 750 9th Ave SF

North America's premier country music festival.

107. East Calgary Studio Crawl - Artpoint, 1038 17 Ave SE Visit various art studios in Ramsay and Inglewood to engage

108. Fast Town Get Down - International Ave SF

weeks of outdoor programming in art, music, theatre, sport, and

Calgary Folk Music Festival's annual winter ritual featuring a

variety of artists at venues along the Music Mile and throughout

and learn about the many restaurants, shops, and food markets

are able to learn the names of the animals and the Siksiká

ing system depicts a scaled map of the sanitary pipes and water

flow levels of Forest Lawn, bringing light to hidden infrastructure

structure from the original Natural History Park at the Calgary

Zoo. At 34 feet tall, and 107 feet long, Dinny serves as a symbolic

Created by a multidisciplinary artist team, this artwork cele-

brates dance as a common form of social expression across all

Nguen, M. Loazia - Unity Park, 17 Ave + 30 St SE

77. Fascapple Glass Ltd

4025 4 St SF

to drawing, glassblowing, and traditional beadwork, learn a new skill or master an old one

some of the beautiful art installations that share the unique and diverse story of Ward 9.

Ward 9 has some remarkable organizations offering a variety of arts-focused programming. From pottery, painting, and knitting,

Studio - 646 1 Ave NE

78. Inglewood Art Supplies/B-Side

79. LOUD Art Society - 5319 3 St SE

80. Moonstone Creation - 1219 10 Ave SE

81. Mud Urban Potters - 4111 13a St SE

82. Oak and Bryant - 1922 9 Ave SE, #8

83. Sparrow Artspace - 36 4 St NE

Now a well-accepted principle of urban design, public art plays a vital role in the development of modern, vibrant cities. Here are just

93. Rainbow Trout by Jeff de Boer

Makerspaces - A communal space that offers shared tools and supplies to allow people to enter with an idea and leave with a

Creative Incubators - Projects like CSpace (part arts hub/part innovative venue/part coworking space for creative Calgarians) and Platform (part parkade/part office space/part hub for Calgary's startup tech sector) seek to activate collaborative spaces in unique and

Beltline Urban Murals Project (BUMP) - Started in 2017, this community-led, artist-focused initiative has exploded to become a city-wide street art festival reimagining public spaces through the visual arts. Since its beginnings, over 100 murals have been created.

FUTURE CIVIC COMMITMENTS TO ARTS + CULTURE

Film-Friendly Policy - While Calgary already offers significant supports to the film and television industry, further formalizing policy and strategy to attract more production and eliminate red tape is a positive step to diversifying our economy.

collectives, and the commissioning of new public art projects.

Maker Neighbourhoods - The new land use bylaw will establish areas where the implementation of creative live-work spaces, makerspaces, and light-industrial mixed with residential is allowed.

Preserving Venue Spaces - Calgary is home to many beautiful and unique venues. Creating policy and incentives to safeguard the long-term preservation of these spaces will ensure all Calgarians will continue to have access to the arts.

Dedicated Arts + Culture Funding - Calgary has made significant investments in arts and culture, but more is still needed. By increasing year-over-year dedicated funding allocations and benchmarking these allocations against other municipalities, Calgary can wholly commit to being a world-class leader in arts and culture

ARTS + CULTURE SPACES

Ward 9 houses a wide variety of music, art, culture, and entertainment venues and spaces. There is literally something for everyone!

20. Forest Lawn Library - 4807 8 Ave SE

22. Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Society

+ Men's Shed - 3425 26 Ave SE

23. Max Bell Centre - 1001 Barlow Tr SE

25. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #275-

27. Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth -

31. Ironwood Stage + Grill - 1229 9 Ave SE

33. The Alexandra Centre - 922 9 Ave SE

34. The Attic Bar + Stage - 1413 9 Ave SE

35. The Lantern Community Church -

24. Métis Local 87 - 1539 43 St SE

19. Elliston Park - 1827 68 St SE

21. Fuse33 Makerspace -

1713 36 St SE

INGLEWOOD

28. Blues Can - 1429 9 Ave SE

29. Festival Hall - 1215 10 Ave SE

32. Jack Long Park - 920 9 Ave SE

SUPPORTING WARD 9 EAST CALGARY

- Arts Commons 205 8 Ave SE
- BMO Centre 20 Roundup Way SE
- Fort Calgary 750 9 Ave SE
- Glenbow Museum 130 9 Ave Si
- National Music Centre 850 4 St SE
- Platform Innovation Centre
- Scotiabank Saddledome
- 10. Stampede Park 650 25 Ave Si 11. St. Louis Hotel - 430 8 Ave SE

BRIDGELAND + RENFREW

- 12. Calgary Zoo 210 St. George's Dr NE 13. MAUD Collective - 409 14 Ave NE
- 14. Murdoch Park -
- 9 St NE & Centre Ave NE 15. St. Patrick's Island - 1300 Zoo Rd NE
- 16. Telus SPARK 220 St. George's Dr NE 17. Trellis Renfrew Club - 731 13 Ave NE

MANCHESTER, HIGHFIELD + 18. Bob Bahan Park - 4812 14 Ave SE

- BONNYBROOK **36.** BonnyBoom - 3640 15A St SE
- 37. Bonnybrook Junction 4108 17 St SE 38. Colony Studios - 122 4029 8 St SE
- 39. Shedpoint 1212 34 Ave SE
- 40. The Prairie Emporium -334 53 Ave SE, #300
- 41. 500 Collective 321 50 Ave SE, #500
- 26. Twin Views Communal Garden -

OGDEN

- 42. Lynnwood Ogden Community Garden -
- 43. Ogden 50+ Activity Centre -2102 69 Ave SE

RAMSAY

- 30. Inglewood Bird Sanctuary + Nature 44. Crossroads Market - 1235 26 Ave SE **Centre - 2425 9 Ave SE** 45. Enmax Park + Sweetgrass Lodge
 - Elbow River Pathway & MacDonald
 - 46. Loose Moose Theatre 1235 26 Ave SE
 - 47. NyrInd Arts Foundation
 - 48. The Commons, Ramsay Design

FUTURE ARTS + CULTURE SPACES

1401 10 Ave SE

- structural failure in the mid-2010s. When Bishop Kidd School reaches its end-of-life cycle, these lands present an incredible celebrate the community's diversity
- Formerly a significant arts and culture hub in our city, the redevelopment of the Brewery Rail Lands site will ideally include an arts campus to support a keystone arts organization in Calgary. 51. Calgary Event Centre - At the junction of 12 Ave + 4 St SE

50. Brewery Rail Land Arts Campus - 17 Ave + 14A St SE

- Future home to the Calgary Flames and other professional sport teams, the new event centre will host global and local
- 52. Community of Belvedere East of Stoney Tr + North of 17 Ave SE
- The East Calgary neighbourhoods of Belvedere are set to be built as transit-oriented complete communities that will include thoughtful mixed-use residential and commercial choice, next-generation schools and community halls, and integrated
- 53. David D Oughton School Site 1511 34 St SE The City of Calgary has put these former school lands under the purview of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation with the mandate to set the bar for redevelopment in Greater Forest Lawn in terms of quality, variety of housing choices, and celebration of

- 30 years in the making, the GFL Multi-Service Centre will create a hub for art, culture, community, and recreation. Along with home for ethno-cultural groups in the area.
- 55. Indigenous Gathering Place -Potentially near the confluence of the Bow + Elbow Rivers A dedicated gathering place for all Nations and Indigenous peoples' to share ceremonial practices, and transfer language,
- 56. Millican Ogden Brownfield Site (MOBS) -Refinery Park - Ogden Rd + 50th Ave SE Through remediation and redevelopment of Refinery Park and

knowledge, and culture to Indigenous youth.

- served by the future GreenLine LRT, the Millican Ogden Brownfield Site is earmarked to become the city's largest outdoor
- 57. Renfrew Athletic Park 814 13 Ave NE Envisioned primarily as a recreation facility, the future buildout of the Renfrew Athletic Park provides ample opportunity for supportive cultural uses.



ART GALLERIES

Galleries play a pivotal role in nurturing and incubating both emerging and established artists. In addition to providing space for artists to show and sell their work, they also help collect, preserve, study, and present arts and culture to the community.

- 58. Artpoint Gallery & Studios Society -
- 1038 17 Ave SE 59. ASA Gallery, Alberta Society of
- Artists 1235 26 Ave SE, #222
- 60. Burns Visual Arts Society 282 24 Ave SE
- 61. Christine Klassen Gallery 321 50 Ave SE, #200 62. Circa Vintage Art Glass
- 5338 1A St SE
- 64. EA Studios Calgary 3750 46 Ave SE, #311
- 65. Esker Foundation -1011 9 Ave SE, 4th Floor 66. Gibson Fine Art -

- 63. Dean Miller Fine Arts Gallery
- 523 Cleveland Cres SE
 - 67. Inglewood Fine Arts 1226A 9 Ave SE 68. New Edward Gallery - 827 4a St NE
- **69.** Norberg Hall 333B 36 Ave SE 70. The Collectors' Gallery of Art -
- **71.** The New Blank 915 9 Ave SE 72. Van Ginkel Studio + Gallery -1212 34 Ave SE, Unit 145
- 73. VivianeArt 1018 9 Ave SE 74. White Rabbit Atelier - 1034 21 Ave SE

COMMUNITY CENTRES, SCHOOLS +

ventures such as cafes, restaurants, or co-working spaces, will help support their long-term viability.

FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS

Often used as a central hub where neighbours can gather, community centres, schools, and faith-based institutions provide a space

civic facilities that include multiple resources such as libraries, recreation spaces, emergency services, housing, or even for-profit

Faith-Based Institutions

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84. STASH Needle Art Lounge

2501 Alvth Rd SE, Bay 3

86. 4Cats Art Studio - 1218B 9 Ave SE

1237 9 Ave SE

85. Workshop Studio

Enmax Park, Elbow River Pathway + MacDonald Ave SE

94. Vietnamese Boat People Monument by TB Tran

95. Wishing Well by Living Lenses - 939 McDougall Rd NE

Journey to Freedom Park, 1907 17 Ave SE

Canada after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

96. Wolfe and the Sparrows by Brandon Vickerd -

SW corner of 12 St SE Bridge

say about our history.

As one of the most sought after catches by anglers along the

Flhow River this artwork serves to reflect the vibrant ecosystem.

and assert the importance of environmental protection of urban

A monument honouring the Vietnamese Boat People and those

who tragically lost their lives on their journey to freedom in

A community wishing well where your words become music

experience the message translated into light and sound.

and colours. Participants can text a wish to the sculpture then

Inspired by an existing statue of General James Wolfe, "Wolfe

and the Sparrows" seeks to transform the look of traditional

109. Global Fest - Elliston Park, 1827 68 St SE + Various Locations

110. Inglewood Sunfest + Car-Free Sundays - 9th Ave SE

111. Inglewood Night Market - 1107 10 Ave SE

112. Jane's Walk Calgary - Various Locations

114. July 1st Canada Day - Various Locations

115. Orange Shirt Day - Various Locations

heart of Ramsay.

commemorate those who didn't return home.

116. Sled Island Ramsav Block Party - 126 Hurst Rd SE

117. Stampede Pancake Breakfasts - Various Locations

free pancake breakfasts happening during Stampede.

113. JazzYYC Summer Festival - Music Mile, 9 Ave SE

out the year.

An annual celebration of Calgary's multi-cultural communities

featuring performances, international food, and world-class

Sunfest is modern day street fair that closes 9th Ave SE to

vehicle traffic, reclaiming the space for pedestrians, local

businesses, vendors, live music, and expanded patios, Car-Free

Sundays (with various dates throughout the summer) expand

Bringing live music, local artisans, great food, and family fun to

the nighttime streets of Inglewood on specific Fridays through-

A global event of free neighbourhood walking tours held each

May. Inspired by and in honour of urbanist and activist, Jane

The JazzYYC Summer Festival features both ticketed and free

events at various venues along Calgary's Music Mile.

monuments, offering new ways to reflect on what monuments

Landmarks are areas, objects, or landscapes that can easily be seen and recognized, that mark or memorialize a significant turning point or cultural moment, or that enable someone to establish their location. Calgary is home to many iconic landmarks - here are just some that are important to Ward 9.

118. Calgary Tower - 101 9 Ave SW Originally named the Husky Tower, the Calgary Tower was built in 1968 to promote the downtown core as a part of a Calgary urban renewal program. Despite no longer being the tallest building in the city, it still plays a prominent role in Calgary's striking downtown skyline and can be seen from most vantage

LANDMARKS

- 119. Central Library 800 3 St SE Just outside Ward 9, the Central Library serves as the flagship branch for the Calgary Library. The award-winning architecture has rightfully landed this location on a short list of notable buildings in the world.
- 120. Confluence of the Bow + Elbow Rivers -

points throughout Ward 9.

Fort Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE In 1875, Calgary was founded by the North-West Mounted Police at the Fort where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet. More recent understanding is challenging that timeline as this location has been a meaningful gathering place for Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial.

121. Scotiabank Saddledome - 555 Saddledome Rise SE Since 1983, the Saddledome has been Calgary's gathering place for large-scale events as well as an iconic element of Calgary's distinct skyline. Most notably, it serves as home ice for the

DISTRICTS

Brewery Districts - Areas where many of the best breweries reside. Ward 9 happens to be home to most of Calgary's local

Culture + Entertainment District - The resurging downtown eastside in Victoria Park is helping to define Calgary as a hub of arts and culture, sports, and business.

- 122. Scotsman's Hill Salisbury St SE Arguably the most iconic lookout point in the city, Scotsman's Hill offers a striking view of downtown Calgary, and a perfect vantage point for watching fireworks or getting a behind-thescenes peek at the Stampede.
- 123. Saint Dunstan's Memorial Site -

Close to what is now Deerfoot Tr + Glenmore Tr Saint Dunstan's Industrial School operated from 1892 to 1907. As one of the 94 Truth & Reconciliation calls-to-action in the White Goose Flying Report, the City of Calgary is working with Treaty 7 Nations to respectfully memorialize the site.

124. Tom Campbell's Hill Interpretive Exhibit -25 St Georges Dr NE

In addition to offering a beautiful view of the Calgary skyline, the park features an interpretive exhibit sharing information about the park's history and the unique rough fescue grassland



Film District - Home to world-class facilities for creative excellence in film, television, and digital media.

International Ave - 17th Ave SE hosts the city's most culturally diverse businesses, restaurants, and multi-cultural spaces.

Music Mile - 9th Ave SE offers live music at more than 20 venues, and countless parks, patios, and pop-ups.



- BOLEX SYINTE-MARIE

FUTURE."

THE CULTING EDGE OF THE CHIPDREN. EVERY ONE OF US IS ON PAINTINGS, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR WE CREATE OUR SONGS AND OUR

"EVERYBODY'S CREATIVE,



