

Livability

The best place to build a life

Priorities

- 01.** Build a city with a net-zero economy.
- 02.** Create a city where everyone is welcome, safe and able to build a meaningful life.
- 03.** Build vibrant, healthy and accessible communities.
- 04.** Be known as an inviting city with year-round experiences for everyone to enjoy.



Data sources are available in the Uplook 2024 progress report. Access the [full report here](#).

Livability impact

Calgary was named the

7th most livable city in the world 

in 2023 on the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Livability Index.

While Calgary has experienced 3.5 per cent higher total emissions than the benchmark 2005 levels due in part to a 40 per cent growth in population

 **Calgary's per capita greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by**
27%

The Calgary Foundation's Quality of Life report found

87% 

of Calgarians think Calgary is a good place for young people to live.

Stories from the Community

Calgary's Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050

92 / 120

actions are underway or completed

Climate Action Initiatives: Working towards net-zero

The City, through the commitments in the *Calgary's Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050* and through excellence in reporting and transparency, earned an **"A-list" ranking** on a global climate leadership survey (CDP Worldwide), showcasing the city's leadership in building towards a net-zero economy. The city was also selected by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to pilot a toolkit for its Horizontal Project on Building Climate and Economic Resilience.



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Tackling housing affordability

City Council approved a comprehensive new housing strategy: *Home is Here, The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy 2024-2030*. The strategy will guide a range of measures to collectively improve housing affordability for Calgarians. The City of Calgary also received a **\$228-million** investment from the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund, which will fund seven initiatives to build more than **6,800 housing units over the next three years**.

Entertainment and culture: Amenities for everyone

Several major revitalization projects into entertainment and cultural assets for downtown Calgary are now underway:

- Expansion and modernization of Arts Commons and redesign of Olympic Plaza.
- Redevelopment of Stephen Avenue.
- Redesign of the new RiverWalk West.
- The City came to agreements in principle to proceed with the development of the Culture + Entertainment District, including the new event centre, which will include a community rink and upgraded public and commercial spaces.
- The TELUS Convention Centre completed its rebranding campaign, while the BMO Centre continued with a major upgrade that will make it western Canada's largest convention centre.
- Western Canada's first outdoor urban bouldering park opened in the summer at Millennium Park, adding a free-to-use amenity to the west end of downtown.
- A bike valet pilot program was launched by the Calgary Downtown Association from July to October. The program provided secure bike parking to encourage cycling to major events, reducing traffic and alleviating parking concerns.



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