# CALGARY IN THE NEW ECONOMY

# LIVABILITY THE BEST PLACE TO BUILD A LIFE

### PRIORITIES

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

#### FOCUS AREAS

- > Resiliency
- Clean energy
- Environmental quality
- Affordability

- Transportation
- > Safety
- Outdoor public spaces and attractions





## Calgary is the **3<sup>RD</sup> MOST DIVERSE**

major city in Canada, home to more than 240 different ethnic origins and over 170 spoken languages

### Calgary's downtown saw the **4**<sup>TH</sup> **HIGHEST**

growth rate among all Canadian cities over five years

# \$13 M

combined investment was made for more affordable housing in the city

# Calgary is ranked **3<sup>RD</sup> MOST LIVABLE**

city in the world and number one in North America

# **CALGARY IS A VIBRANT CITY WHERE** PEOPLE AND COMPANIES CAN THRIVE.



#### PATHWAYS TO 2050

The *Calgary Climate Strategy: Pathways to 2050*, approved by City Council in 2022 and is a cornerstone of the city's livable future, outlines the vision of a resilient city with decisions guided by long-term goals of economic, social and climate resilience.

In line with this vision, \$3 million in federal funding was invested into Alberta's clean technology sector which helped establish the Energy Transition Centre in downtown Calgary supporting small and medium-sized businesses developing clean energy technology.

The federal funding also contributed to the Foresight clean technology accelerator to support training and investment efforts.



### **MAKING DOWNTOWN HOME**

The Downtown Calgary Development Incentive Program unveiled the first five office-to-residential conversions, repurposing approximately 665,000 sq. ft. of office space in the downtown core into more than 700 homes.

In addition, the City of Calgary began a downtown office conversion project for affordable housing in partnership with HomeSpace Calgary and Inn from the Cold.

### **SENSE OF BELONGING**

Chinook Blast, a winter festival for the community by the community, attracted more than 400,000 attendees in 2022 for indoor and outdoor arts, culture and sports experiences, creating \$8.2 million in economic impact.

Accessible arts and culture programming like this available year-round builds a healthy sense of belonging and connection.

