

VISION

A river park in the heart of Calgary,
to celebrate the Bow River and its
natural abundance.

MISSION

To complement and connect
Calgary's communities, parks and public
facilities on the Bow River
through a redevelopment of
the existing weir:

- To connect a constellation of invaluable public spaces and amenities in the heart of the city
- To re-naturalize the river and shoreline environments in the weir area
- To eliminate the current extreme drowning hazard
- To maintain all existing infrastructure functions and services
- To enable continuous river passage for fish, wildlife and people.

FOUNDING PARTNERS

OBJECTIVES

Safety & function

- Ensure that the river and constructed rapids are safe for non-motorized passage and emergency services
- Maintain all irrigation infrastructure functions
- Ensure that changes in groundwater, flooding or ice levels resulting from the project do not adversely impact the environment, local infrastructure or other public facilities or services
- Ensure the site is safe and ecologically sustainable.

Sustainability & environmental protection

- Re-establish and enhance the ecological character and functions of the river and shoreline environments in the vicinity of the weir
- Restore fish passage and protect wildlife corridors and habitat
- Maximize environmental benefits during design, construction and operation
- Ensure a high standard of environmental protection and mitigation during planning, construction and operation.

A good neighbour

- Be compatible and complimentary to current and future activities in the area
- Work closely with all neighbours and stakeholders in a transparent, accountable and constructive manner, throughout planning and construction phases
- Resolve and manage access and parking issues in conjunction with The City of Calgary, project stakeholders and area neighbours.

River & regional connectivity

- Create opportunities for continuous river passage of fish, wildlife and people through the centre of Calgary
- Integrate with current and future parks, cycling and pedestrian systems
- Incorporate appropriate land parcels into park space at the Harvie Passage site
- Complement and connect adjacent facilities, including the Calgary Zoo, Pearce Estate Park Interpretive Wetland, Bow Habitat Station at the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery, Fort Calgary, Inglewood community, and the proposed new Science Centre.

Recreation & education

- Create a unique public open space with low maintenance requirements
- Facilitate passive environmental and educational opportunities for all
- Provide safe and appealing opportunities for river recreation, such as canoeing, kayaking, rafting and fishing
- Ensure the river park is suitable for all skill levels.