



# **DRAFT Heritage Communities Local Area Plan Chapter 3: Supporting Growth**

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## DRAFT Chapter 3 – Supporting Growth

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### 3.1 Overview

This chapter sets out the goals and investment priorities for current and future amenities and infrastructure related to the vision identified in **Chapter 1: Visualizing Growth**. It addresses the question: what investment priorities support growth and change in the Heritage Communities? It also builds on policies and direction in Chapters 2 and 4 of *The Guide for Local Area Planning* and identifies local area plan specific objectives for supporting growth.

**Section 3.2** identifies specific actions that will facilitate the realization of the Plan's vision and core ideas.

**Appendix A** represents non-statutory examples of potential actions and is intended to be revised over time as local growth occurs, actions are further evaluated or completed and/or new options are identified through subsequent stakeholder engagement and City initiatives.

To support communities within the Plan through growth and change, the suggested options within **Appendix A** can help inform future City business plans and budget decisions. As growth occurs in local areas, these suggested options can be regularly reviewed and updated to determine if they help manage growth-related pressures that a community may experience, ensuring growth can benefit current and future residents and businesses.

There are several considerations for determining if an action merits inclusion in future business plans and budgets, including:

- the current status of infrastructure and amenities in the local area;
- the desired service and activity levels in the local area;
- the roles of different city builders in supporting the delivery of infrastructure and amenities;
- how the growth in this local area compares with city-wide growth and investment needs;
- the City's investment priorities and budget availability; and,
- the availability and use of appropriate planning and financial tools to support implementation.

### 3.2 Supporting the Core Values

This chapter identifies specific objectives and investment priorities for supporting growth and change in the Heritage Communities, which support achieving the goals of the Municipal Development Plan. Building on direction provided in *The Guide for Local Area Planning*, this chapter provides investment priorities for achieving the vision and core values described in Chapter 1.

### 3.2.1 Build on the Uniqueness of the Heritage Communities

In this Plan one of the core values aims to create opportunities for recognizing and enhancing community uniqueness. This core value supports the Municipal Development Plan's goals: 2.3 Creating Great Communities and 2.4 Good Urban Design.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for supporting this core value:

- Recognize and support community uniqueness and vibrancy;
- Celebrate the shared histories of the Heritage Communities;
- Advance infrastructure improvement to enhance existing civic facilities and community spaces, such as libraries and recreation centres;
- Recognize the social and ecological significance of the Heritage Communities' natural areas and open spaces through interpretative signage, programming and public realm improvement; and
- Improve connectivity from the Bow River to the Glenmore Reservoir.

#### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction for achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to promote community uniqueness are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

##### A. Streetscape Elements

Streetscape elements enhance the public realm and reflect community uniqueness. The Heritage Communities include three Red Line Transit Station Areas, Macleod Trail S and Heritage Drive S and a series of existing or recommended bikeway and pathways as shown in the Calgary Transportation Plan's Always Available for All Ages and Abilities (5A) network.

To enhance these key areas using streetscape elements the following should be considered:

- a. support public and private space enhancements, including streetscape elements such as: street furnishings, wayfinding and public art;
- b. support pedestrian-friendly public realm improvements in and around Transit Station Areas as well as for lands parallel to or across the Freight Rail Corridor and LRT right-of-way;
- c. complete a streetscape plan to improve the public realm along Macleod Trail S which is the Urban Main Street; and,
- d. provide an enhanced public realm along Community Corridors and in Neighbourhood Activity Centres that prioritizes the creation of comfortable community spaces for people to sit, gather, enjoy and walk.

##### B. Celebrate Shared Histories

The Heritage Communities have a rich shared history which could be reflected in a variety of ways, including public art such as murals, sculptures, and artwork. Naming of open spaces and buildings can also reflect the history of the people who have lived and worked in the area.

Inclusion and representation of new voices and perspectives are also crucial to the evolution of the Heritage Communities.

Development, including open spaces, should consider the following:

- a. incorporate public art and other streetscape elements that features diverse artists and cultural representations; and,
- b. include naming themes that highlight the shared history of the area.

### **C. Enhance Civic and City Maintenance Facilities and Community Spaces**

The Heritage Communities are home to several civic facilities and community spaces that offer services to Calgarians including the Southwood Library, Fish Creek Library and others. These spaces allow community members to gather, learn, play and interact. The City promotes co-location of civic facilities to support a more efficient use of land and provision of services.

City maintenance facilities in the Heritage Communities include Haddon Road Depot, Haysboro Calgary Transit Garage and Calgary Transit Anderson Maintenance Facility. These facilities play an important role in maintaining transit infrastructure, public roads and parks in and around the Heritage Communities. These facilities are generally located next to residential communities and often within walking distance of LRT transit stations.

Redevelopment and enhancement opportunities of civic and city maintenance facilities in and around the Heritage Communities should consider:

- a. explore opportunities to improve civic facilities by:
  - i. integrating civic uses into existing and new facilities and spaces to create multi-use amenities;
  - ii. encouraging the inclusion of publicly-accessible, year-round and programmable flexible gathering spaces;
  - iii. incorporating infrastructure improvements such as access to water, washrooms, electricity, and lights to support all users; and,
  - iv. collaborate with residents, partners and other levels of government to deliver functional and sustainable facilities and programming that addresses community needs;
- b. explore future relocation and co-location of City maintenance facilities, particularly those near Transit Station Areas and Community Corridors, to other sites that meet operational and space requirements; and,
- c. Enhance edge conditions between City maintenance facilities and surrounding residential areas, parks and pathways, by considering the following:
  - i. improve the pedestrian experience by avoiding and consolidating multiple driveway crossings;
  - ii. enhance long blank walls with architectural features, art, or mural installations;
  - iii. support the use of decorative fencing, landscaping and other design features;
  - iv. include streetscape elements such as seating areas and lighting; and,
  - v. include interpretative signage to highlight the role and importance of City maintenance facilities.

### D. Natural Areas and Open Spaces

The Heritage Communities includes natural areas near the Bow River that attracts city-wide users including the Blackfoot Bluff, Sue Higgins and the Bow River pathway. The Plan seeks to protect, restore, expand and enhance those areas.

#### **Connecting the Blackfoot Bluff**

The Blackfoot Bluff generally runs parallel to Blackfoot Trail SE between Heritage Drive S and Southland Drive S. This natural area features steep topography that transitions to the river valley at the bottom of the escarpment.

Improvements along the Blackfoot Bluff and Bow River Pathway should consider:

- a. explore opportunities to improve public access to the Blackfoot Bluff;
- b. improve connectivity to natural areas through pathways, parks and active mobility corridors; and,
- c. explore opportunities to connect the Blackfoot Bluff to the Bow River pathway network and adjacent natural areas as well as to communities west of Blackfoot Trail S.

#### **Sue Higgins Park and the Bow River Pathway**

Sue Higgins Park and the natural areas along the western edge of the Bow River offer unique recreation opportunities that draw visitors from across the city. Communities to the east are connected to the area via Carburn Park and a pedestrian bridge over the Bow River. Connectivity to the west is limited by crossing of major roadways such as Blackfoot Trails S and Deerfoot Trail. Enhancing, conserving and restoring these urban natural areas allows Calgarians to continue enjoying the rich ecosystem of the Bow River Valley and the largest fenced off-leash dog park in Calgary, while being resilient to river flowing risks.

Enhance in Sue Higgins Park and the Bow River Pathway should consider:

- a. preserve, restore and enhance these natural areas;
- b. strengthen protection and enhancement measures for riparian areas that are used for recreation purposes;
- c. encourage year round, flexible uses with supportive infrastructure near parking lots and away from ecologically sensitive areas and riparian areas, to support the recreational needs of the community; and,
- d. enhance accessibility to the area through supporting improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

### **3.2.2 Improve Connectivity Between Communities**

Improving connectivity in the Heritage Communities means promoting a range of mobility choices with a priority on improving walking, cycling and transit use to connects communities with the businesses and amenities which serve them. There are some clear north-south routes in the Heritage Communities, while east-west connections are limited due to street network design, the Freight Rail Corridor and LRT right-of-way and Macleod Trail S.

Improving connectivity within the Heritage Communities advances MDP goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities and goal 2.5: Connecting the City and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP)

goal 4: Enable public transit, walking and wheeling as the preferred mobility choices for more people.

### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions to support improved connectivity in the Heritage Communities:

- Identify and address barriers to improve key east-west connections and link communities to local destinations and regional active mobility networks.
- Improve existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including the Always Available for All Ages and Abilities (5A) network, to support active modes of travel.
- Expand and improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, especially in Transit Station Areas, including MAX Bus Rapid Transit routes, along Macleod Trail S Urban Main Street, in Activity Centres and along Community Corridors.

### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction for achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to improve connectivity between communities are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

#### A. Enhanced Active Modes Connections across Macleod Trail S

The Macleod Trail S is largely auto-oriented. This plan emphasizes the importance of promoting public realm improvements to create a safer and more active modes friendly street at key east-west locations to better connect the Heritage Communities. This will support expected growth and improve connectivity between Macleod Trail S and adjacent communities.

Enhancements on Macleod Trail S should consider:

- a. improve east/west active modes connections across Macleod Trail S to adjacent communities; and
- b. the exploration of additional pedestrian bridges across Macleod Trail S
- c.

#### B. Mobility Infrastructure

The Heritage Communities include access to a wide variety of mobility assets, including LRT stations, MAX Bus Rapid Transit routes, local bus routes, the regional pathway network, the Always Available for All Ages and Abilities (5A) network and street bikeway routes. This Plan seeks to improve connectivity by supporting active modes of travel and transit infrastructure so that people can access places of employment, schools, services and other amenities within and outside of the Heritage Communities.

Improvements to the cycling and pedestrian connections in the Heritage Communities should consider:

- a. complete missing links in the cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, such as missing sidewalks and bikeways or pathways as recommended in the 5A network;

- b. support pedestrian infrastructure improvements, including widening sidewalk, completing missing links, enhancing engineered walkways near or along Community Corridors, around schools and between key destinations;
- c. improve design and connections to pedestrian bridges that link the Heritage Communities internally, to other communities and to regional amenities; and
- d. support traffic calming interventions and intersection enhancements to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety in areas of high pedestrian activity, particularly in areas near schools, libraries, recreation centres, parks, Transit Station Areas and key destinations.

### C. Mobility Studies and Policy Updates

How Calgarians move throughout the city may prompt the need to undertake several city-wide mobility studies and policy updates. Recognizing that this work is underway, the Plan will be updated to align with the Calgary Transportation Plan and any recommendations/outcomes from the bylaw setback review to support the vision of this Plan.

Mobility studies and policy updates should consider:

- a. the role, function, standards and potential interim uses for road rights-of-way with a focus on those streets that have road rights-of-way setbacks;
- b. opportunities to allow on-street parking in Transit Station Areas, on Community Corridors and Activity Centers, and on Macleod Trail S;
- c. integration of public transit operations with other forms of mobility;
- d. feasibility for one way streets to allow for all modes of travel; and,
- e. optimization of existing infrastructure to accommodate future mobility.

### 3.2.3 Foster Vibrant Transit Station Areas

The Heritage Communities include three Red Line LRT and several MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations. In the Heritage Communities, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is supported in Transit Station Areas related to the three existing LRT Stations. The opportunity exists for a future new infill Red Line LRT Stations in the Fairview Industrial area.

Fostering vibrant Transit Station Areas supports the MDP goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities, goal 2.4: Good Urban Design and goal 2.5: Connecting the City.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions or supporting growth and fostering vibrant Transit Station Areas in the Heritage Communities:

- Improve the public realm in and around Transit Station Areas to prioritize safe, continuous, accessible and comfortable pedestrian and cyclist experiences;
- Enhance mobility infrastructure and connectivity in and around Transit Station Areas, prioritizing connections to Macleod Trail S, commercial areas and community amenities;
- Improve the interface between residential and commercial areas and the Freight Rail Corridor and LRT right-of-way;

- Support transit supportive uses and intensities in Transit Station Areas around LRT Stations;
- Support transit supportive uses and intensity around Bus Rapid Transit stations that respond to the context and urban fabric; and
- Further explore opportunities for an infill station in Fairview Industrial.

### **Investment Priorities**

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction for achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to promote community uniqueness are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

#### **A. Existing LRT Red Line Stations**

There are opportunities to create strong transit-oriented developments at the existing Heritage, Southland and Anderson LRT Stations. Integrating a range of housing types and employment opportunities in these areas help encouraging transit, walking and cycling for daily travel. This helps decrease green house gas emissions and the risks of climate change and creates more resilient and environmentally responsible communities. Transit-oriented development supported by a safe, accessible and comfortable public realm will allow more people to live close to, and access, local services and amenities.

To foster vibrant Transit Station Areas in the Heritage Communities the following should be considered:

- a. support public realm improvements in Transit Station Areas, especially along key corridors that connect residential areas to Transit Station Areas such as Heritage Drive S, Haddon Road SW, Sacramento Drive SW and Southland Drive S;
- b. explore innovative opportunities for enhancing the safety and aesthetics along the interfaces between residential and commercial areas, community open spaces and the Freight Rail Corridor and LRT right-of-way; and,
- c. enhance LRT Stations including platforms by improving accessibility, enhancing its visual appearance and exploring opportunities for including complementary uses such as small commercial.

#### **B. Potential Future Infill LRT Red Line Station**

In 2017 the City of Calgary identified preliminary technical, financial, land use and ridership consideration related to the potential for three infill stations along the LRT Red line, one of which that is located in Fairview Industrial. A potential future infill station would create opportunities for transit-oriented development in areas around the station.

Following Council direction to move forward with a potential infill station, the following should be considered:

- a. complete required studies to identify associated public infrastructure, utility and services upgrades as well as budget, financing and operation cost implications associated with the potential infill LRT station;

- b. undertaking a comprehensive planning exercise to identify details for the transit station area boundaries, appropriate urban form categories, transit supportive land uses, and urban design guidelines;
- c. enable pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Fairview community located east of the Freight Rail corridor and LRT right-of-way;
- d. enhance connectivity with Macleod Trail S and communities to the east by promoting a range of mobility choices;
- e. support open spaces and public amenities near the potential infill station; and,
- f. retain and enhance the light industrial character of the Fairview Industrial, especially for areas located east of the infill station.

### 3.2.4 Promote Inclusive and Accessible Housing Choices

The Heritage Communities will support a range of housing units and forms to welcome a diverse population and foster more inclusive, accessible and vibrant communities. The population in the Heritage Communities has declined significantly since reaching its peak in the 1970s. Expanding housing diversity allows more people to live in the area, supporting local businesses, schools, services and amenities.

Promoting inclusive and accessible housing choice in the Heritage Communities advances MDP goal 2.2: Shaping a More Compact Urban Form and goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for supporting growth and promoting inclusive and accessible housing choices in the Heritage Communities:

- Provide accessible and affordable housing choices to create inclusive communities and welcome a diverse population;
- Promote greater intensification in areas served by various travel modes, including Transit Station Areas, MacLeod Trail S Urban Main Street and Activity Centres.

#### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction to achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to promote housing choices are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

##### A. Affordable Housing

Access to safe and stable housing helps create inclusive communities and adds to Calgary's overall health, prosperity and safety. The communities in this plan cover all aspects of the affordable housing continuum, with a range of buildings scales suitable for a variety of affordable housing types. An equitable future depends on a predictable and healthy supply of all housing types, including non-market housing such as shelters, transitional housing, social

housing, affordable rental units and attainable home ownership in order to meet the needs of all Calgarians.

People in affordable housing have improved opportunities to find and keep jobs, to learn and build skills and to be active participants in their communities. Affordable housing also helps boost the local economy through the creation of construction jobs. Housing vulnerable residents improves individual social, economic and health outcomes, builds self-sufficiency and promotes equity and diversity in communities.

The City of Calgary defines a household as in need of affordable housing if it spends 30 percent or more of its income on housing and earns less than 65 percent of Calgary's median household income. Funding has been made available through municipal strategies, programs and resources.

To create opportunities and realize development of affordable housing in the Heritage Communities, the following should be considered:

- a. enable inclusion of affordable housing units in new residential and mixed-use developments, including mixed-market projects;
- b. consider including affordable housing in the redevelopment of vacant lands;
- c. support the intensification, rehabilitation and retention of existing affordable housing developments, ensuring no net loss of units;
- d. encourage strategic partnerships with private and public stakeholders to address unmet housing needs;
- e. encourage co-location of affordable housing units within civic developments; and,
- f. support and encourage the development of affordable housing in areas that are well served by the Primary Transit Network and appropriate services, including access to grocery stores and schools.

### **3.2.5 Enhance Open Spaces**

Natural areas, parks, open spaces and public and private green infrastructure contribute to the ecological health of the Heritage Communities by providing cooling and shading, wildlife habitat, public realm enhancements and stormwater management. They are essential in mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Certain natural areas, parks and open spaces also provide opportunities for passive and active recreation activities to support active lifestyles for Calgarians. The Heritage Communities are bounded by the Bow River to the east and the Glenmore Reservoir to the west and have a range of parks and open spaces in between.

Enhancing open spaces advances MDP goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities and goal 2.6: Greening the City.

#### **Objectives**

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for enhancing open spaces in the Heritage Communities

- Protect, maintain, enhance and expand the existing tree canopy on public and private sites.
- Improve passive and active recreation opportunities in parks, open spaces and natural areas and along the Bow River and Glenmore Reservoir regional pathway network.
- Support accessible, inclusive and year-round programming for parks and open spaces.
- Protect, maintain and enhance riparian areas along water bodies to facilitate wildlife movement, biodiversity and overall health while improving resilience to erosion, flooding and water quality impacts.

### **Investment Priorities**

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction for achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to enhance open spaces are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

#### **A. Urban Forest**

The urban forest provides a critical ecosystem and creates a more pleasant environment for residents. It is essential to protect and expand the urban forest, including existing private and public trees, wherever possible. Planting the right trees in the right locations is key to maintaining a healthy tree canopy.

To support and expand the urban forest in the Heritage Communities, the following should be considered:

- a. explore initiatives to create tree retention incentives to encourage the protection of trees when new development is planned;
- b. include additional trees and landscaping that are climate-adaptive in large surface parking areas, public boulevards and along major streets (e.g. Blackfoot Trail SE) and Community Corridors;
- c. consider efforts to expand the urban forest in residential areas, especially Acadia, through tree planting initiatives on private and public lands; and,

#### **B. Bow River and Glenmore Reservoir Access**

The Bow River and the Glenmore Reservoir are two key ecological features in the Heritage Communities that serve city-wide users. They provide ecological benefits, support recreational opportunities and support ongoing environmental education and bolster Calgary's tourism efforts.

To support direct, accessible and safe access to the river and the Reservoir, the following should be considered:

- a. minimize negative impacts to the Bow River, Glenmore Reservoir and associated riparian areas;
- b. improve existing Reservoir and river accesses and connectivity to these areas; and,
- c. incorporate publicly-accessible amenity spaces subject to site design considerations that are in accordance and align with the Calgary River Access Strategy.

### 3.2.6 Support Industrial and Commercial Vitality

Industrial and commercial areas are important to the vibrancy and economic wellbeing of the city. In the Heritage Communities, there are four general industrial areas: Fairview Industrial, East Fairview Industrial, Haysboro Industrial and Glendeer Business Park. The Plan focuses on retaining light industrial areas and supporting their evolution.

Supporting industrial and commercial vitality in the Heritage Communities advances MDP goal 2.1: A Prosperous and Diverse Economy and goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for supporting growth and promoting industrial and commercial vitality in the Heritage Communities:

- Protect industrial areas from encroachment of uses that are not compatible uses while allowing limited complementary non-industrial uses in Fairview and Haysboro Industrial areas.
- Improve the interface between industrial and residential and commercial areas.
- Improve the public realm, including pedestrian, bicycling and transit infrastructure.

#### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction to achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to support industrial and commercial vitality are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

##### A. Limited Non-Industrial Uses

To support the uniqueness of industrial areas in the Heritage Communities, the Plan explores opportunities to allow limited and complementary non-industrial uses in the Haysboro Industrial and portions of Fairview Industrial areas. Due to the proximity of existing residential and commercial areas, the following should be considered:

- a. support limited non-industrial uses, including certain residential uses such as work-live units, in Haysboro Industrial and portions of Fairview Industrial areas;
- b. prioritize the operation of industrial businesses; and,
- c. avoid inclusion of large non-compatible uses in industrial areas.

##### B. Improve Industrial Interfaces

To mitigate the impact of light industrial uses on nearby residential and commercial areas the following should be considered:

- a. encourage interface improvements when located near residential or commercial areas including, but not limited to, enhanced landscaping, green infrastructure and decorative screening; and,
- b. support publicly-accessible gathering spaces, such as outdoor patios, when located near residential areas.

### C. Improve the Pedestrian and Cycling Experience

Industrial areas are economic hubs drawing employees and visitors from across the city. Improving the public realm in these areas will enhance the pedestrian experience and welcome a wider variety of users. To support these improvements the following should be considered:

- a. enhance connectivity and safety by improving pathways, bikeways and pedestrian infrastructure;
- b. improve transit infrastructure and access to transit stops; and,
- c. promote public realm and amenity space improvements to improve visitor and employee experiences.

### 3.2.7 Community Resiliency

Communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Hazards may also impact population groups differently due to community locations and the condition of the built and natural environment. It is important that the Heritage Communities are aware of and ready to identify, adapt and mitigate impacts to support the wellbeing of residents and the ecological health of the area. These efforts align and build from The City's Climate Resilience Strategy.

Supporting community resiliency aligns with the MDP goal 2.3: Creating Great Communities and goal 2.6: Greening the City.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for supporting resiliency in the Heritage Communities:

- Support climate change mitigation efforts;
- Reduce climate-related risks through adaptation measures.
- Emphasize the environmental benefit of green infrastructure, riparian areas, the urban forest and open spaces.

#### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction to achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities to promote community uniqueness are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

To support resiliency in the Heritage Communities, the following should be considered:

- a. explore the feasibility of renewable energy generation and district energy systems, low impact development, green infrastructure and integrated water management within large commercial and industrial areas in the plan area;
- b. protect, maintain and enhance riparian areas along the water bodies to facilitate wildlife movement, biodiversity and ecological health while improving resilience to erosion, flooding and water quality impacts;
- c. prioritize sustainable travel modes such as walking, wheeling and transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

- d. encourage large scale development in locations well-served by local amenities, transit, and active mobility infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### 3.2.8 Community Corridors

Pedestrian-focused Community Corridors provide a high-quality public realm form the backbone that connects communities and supports growth in the Heritage Communities. The Community Corridors in the Heritage Communities are Elbow Drive SW, Fairmount Drive SE, Acadia Drive SE and 90 Avenue SE.

#### Objectives

The following objectives are intended to guide decisions for supporting growth in the Heritage Communities:

- Continue to improve and enhance the public realm and along Community Corridors; and
- Provide opportunities to sit, gather and connect with neighbours along Community Corridors.

#### Investment Priorities

The following investment priorities are intended to provide direction for achieving the Vision and Core Values for the Heritage Communities. Additional details on investment priorities are included in **Appendix A: Investment Priorities**.

##### A. Elbow Drive SW

Elbow Drive SW is a key north/south connection in the Heritage Communities, with Kelvin Grove, Kingsland, Chinook Park and Haysboro all having direct access to Elbow Drive SW.

The following should be considered:

- a. exploring separated biking infrastructure along Elbow Drive SW;
- b. improved connections to the 5A Network;
- c. additional opportunities for public spaces as development occurs; and
- d. opportunities for enhanced street furniture at nodes along Elbow Drive SW.

##### B. Bonaventure Drive SE

As Bonaventure Drive SE evolves as a community corridor to include a mix of residential and commercial uses, the following should be considered in order to support this growth:

- a. explore comprehensive streetscape improvements along Bonaventure Drive SE.

##### C. Fairmount Drive SE and Acadia Drive SE

Fairmont and Acadia will continue to be residential-focused community corridors that connect residents in the Heritage Communities with local amenities.

The following should be considered:

- a. exploring streetscape improvements and enhanced intersection design; and
- b. additional publicly accessible spaces for gathering at nodes.

#### D. 90 Avenue SE

90 Avenue SE connects residents to recreational and institutional uses with a range of open spaces.

To support a more walkable and bikeable community corridors in the Heritage Communities, the following should be considered:

- a. enhance active modes connections including wider sidewalks from communities to recreational facilities and cultural and educational facilities; and
- b. incorporating murals and art into new development and at key locations.

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