



Stephen Avenue looking east ~ ca. 1915

ORIGINS

In 1875 the North West Mounted Police established Fort Calgary at the meeting of the Bow and Elbow rivers. The site is the eastern edge of what is now the city's downtown. By 1884, when Stephen Avenue Walk was named for George Stephen, the first president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it was a well-established commercial corridor in the city.

A STROLL THROUGH HISTORY

In 2002 Stephen Avenue Walk was declared a National Historical District. With over 30 restored buildings in the area, a stroll up the Stephen Avenue Walk is an excellent snapshot of the history of Calgary, with the popular architectural styles from the late 1800s to the 1930s and the emergence of the modern retail sector.

SANDSTONE CITY

Following the great fire of 1886 that destroyed most of the 70 wooden buildings in downtown Calgary, all new public buildings in Calgary were constructed from non-flammable materials. With quarries close at hand, sandstone became a preferred building material and earned Calgary the moniker "The Sandstone City." Old City Hall, 700 MacLeod Trail SE (1911), at the east end of Stephen Avenue Walk is one of Calgary's best known sandstone buildings.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Some highlights of the many building styles seen on the Stephen Avenue Walk include the former T.C. Power & Bro building, 131 – 8 Avenue SW (1885), the only wood building in Calgary that predates the fire of 1886. The six storey Burns Building, 237 – 8 Avenue SE (1912), is in the Edwardian commercial style. The terracota-clad former Dominion Bank, 200 – 8 Avenue SE (1911), now Teatro Restaurant is an example of Beaux Arts Classicism. The Hudson's Bay building, 200 – 8 Avenue SW (1911) is in the Edwardian style. The Former Bank of Nova Scotia building, 125 – 8 Avenue SW (1930) built in the Moderne style of that period is a link between Calgary's "Sandstone City" and modern eras.

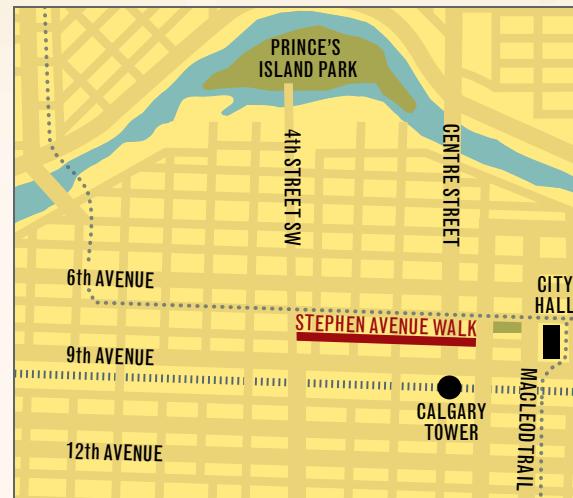
MODERN STEPHEN AVENUE

Today the Stephen Avenue Walk functions much as it did 100 years ago. Its buildings are home to retailers, banks and restaurants, and the avenue itself is a vital gathering place. During the 1988 Winter Olympics, Calgarians celebrated athletic champions at Olympic Plaza at the east end of Stephen Avenue Walk. Today the plaza hosts cultural events and is home to a public ice rink. Nearby the former Calgary Public Building, 201 – 8 Avenue SE (1929) houses part of the EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts. During the summer sidewalk cafés, street musicians and merchants draw Calgarians to the pedestrian mall of Stephen Avenue Walk.



Muller Photography

Present day Stephen Avenue Walk



ORIGINAL DINING, SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT

Original means experiences outside the ordinary. Whether you seek a night out for a special occasion, entertainment that's way beyond ordinary, or that special purchase, Downtown Calgary is the place to find it.

DINING

Grand rooms offering the ultimate in fine dining, cutting-edge bistros serving up the latest in food and wine, and unique ethnic and casual dining spots. You won't find this much dining diversity anywhere else in Calgary.

ENTERTAINMENT

Downtown's plush concert halls, cozy pubs, and funky nightclubs offer the widest variety of music in the city. Downtown is also home to Calgary's major theatre companies and retro cinemas.

SHOPPING

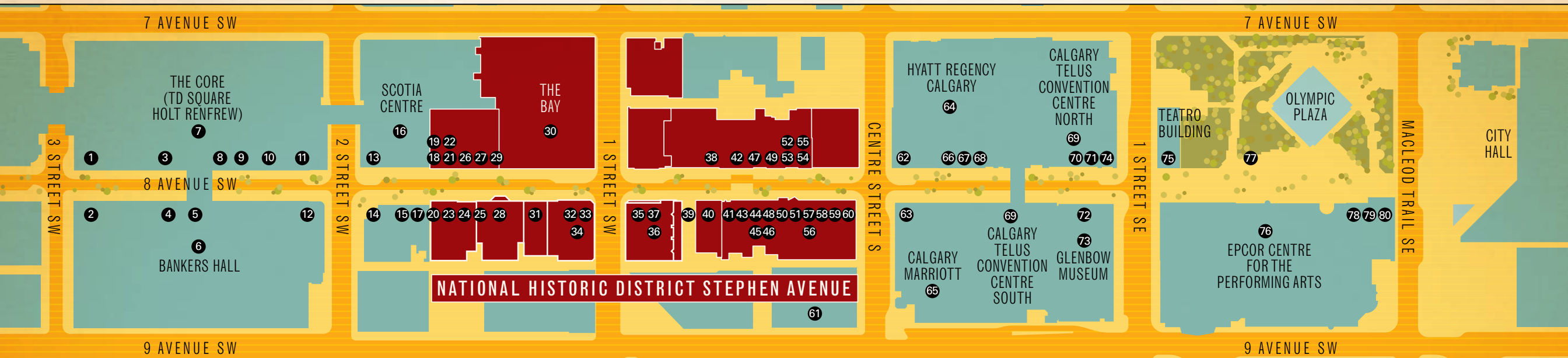
Downtown Calgary is the place to go for fashion. Luxury goods retailers offering the finest designer labels, one-of-a-kind boutiques with the latest trends, and well-known stores are all within a few blocks of each other.

P Reduced rates as low as \$2.00 on Evenings and Weekends. Free Sunday.



STEPHEN AVENUE WALK

DIRECTORY



DINING

RESTAURANTS

59	Avenue Diner	403.263.2673
58	The Belvedere	403.265.9690
51	Blink	403.263.5330
41	BR& Steak and Frites	403.263.4789
62	Catch Oyster Bar & Dining Room	403.206.0000
74	Centini Restaurant & Lounge	403.269.1600
10	Dakota Bar & Grill	403.262.4967
50	Divino Wine & Cheese Bistro	403.234.0403
4	Earls at Bankers Hall	403.265.3275
25	Ganga Restaurant	403.265.9999
18	Juan's Mexican Restaurant	403.266.0045
29	Mango Shiva	403.532.8980
9	The Metropolitan Grill	403.263.5432
63	Milestones	403.410.9521
52	Rose Garden Thai (2nd floor)	403.263.1900
60	Saltlik	403.537.1160
19	Taste of India (basement)	403.275.4045
75	Teatro	403.290.1012
66	Thomsons	403.597.4449
47	TRIB Steakhouse	403.269.3160
5	V at Bankers Hall	403.265.3280
28	Wildfire Grill	403.297.9799

COFFEE HOUSES

78	Baraka Café and Bistro	403.261.6674
70	Caffe Rosso	403.971.1800
77	Ca'Puccini	403.290.1012
80	Insomnia Coffee Co. Ltd	403.767.9934

PUBS

55	Bear and Kilt Pub (basement)	403.232.8442
49	James Joyce Irish Pub	403.262.0708
24	King Henry VIII Pub	403.261.6363
57	Original Joe's	403.262.7248
11	The Unicorn (basement)	403.234.8816

FAST FOOD

71	A&W	403.263.3808
17	Falafel King	403.264.4949
23	Great Canadian Pizza & Fried Chicken	403.262.1900
46	Jugo Juice	403.410.9358
26	McDonald's	403.265.8096
3	Opa! Souvlaki	403.262.4849
79	Pita Express	403.261.8845

SHOPPING & SERVICES

ENCLOSED SHOPPING AREAS

6	Bankers Hall	403.770.7145
7	The CORE - TD Square & Holt Renfrew	403.441.4940
34	Fashion Central	403.543.9900
16	Scotia Centre	shopscotia.com

DEPARTMENT STORES

30	The Bay	403.262.0345
38	Winners	403.262.7606

SPECIALTY

40	Bang & Olufsen	403.265.8899
54	Calgary Western Store & Shoe Hospital (basement)	403.264.4503
36	The Cellar Wine & Spirits (basement)	403.503.0730
1	HMV	403.233.0121
8	Indigo Spirit	403.263.7333
31	Lammlé's Western Wear & Tack	403.266.5226
32	Murale	403.261.3703
27	Riley & McCormick	403.228.4024
44	Twigs & Company	403.263.3302

FASHION & SHOES

15	Arnold Churgin Shoes	403.262.3366
33	Betsey Johnson	403.261.8803

FITNESS & OUTDOOR APPAREL

37	Elements Patagonia	403.266.6463
35	Out There Adventure Centre	403.263.9651
42	SportChek	403.476.8740

GIFTS CARD & CRAFTS

39	Canadian Impressions	403.234.9733
72	Glenbow Museum Shop	403.261.4119
67	Kanata Trading Post	403.285.7397
43	Tropicana Gifts	403.264.8646

SERVICES

53	Advantage Currency Exchange	403.286.1000
48	ARP Downtown Drug Mart	403.266.2059
14	Alberta Treasury Branch	403.974.5700
20	Aveda Institute	403.264.5070
22	Calforex Currency Exchange	403.290.0330
69	Calgary Telus Convention Centre	403.261.8500
12	CIBC	403.974.1021
68	Global Business Centre	403.767.1300
21	Grand & Toy	403.234.8888
2	RBC Royal Bank	403.292.2110
13	Scotiabank	403.221.6401
56	Silver Beauty Spa	403.452.4300

ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

45	The Art Gallery of Calgary	403.770.1350
76	EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts	403.294.7455
28	Flames Central	403.297.9799
73	Glenbow Museum	403.268.4100

ACCOMMODATIONS

61	Hôtel Le Germain Calgary	403.264.8990
65	Calgary Marriott	403.266.7331
64	Hyatt Regency	403.717.1234

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