

Year: 2024-2027

Charter Number: CULTR-005

Charter Name: Founders Walk Phase 3 (Cultural/Historical Interpretive Features)

Lead Department: Community Services

Type: Growth

Explanation (RMR or Growth): To continue to share and celebrate St. Albert's rich culture and history from the Grain Elevator Park, along the Sturgeon River to St. Albert Place; providing the connecting link to Phase 1 and 2 of Founders Walk.

Asset Category: Historical / Cultural

Scope Statement: Planned Cultural/Historical Interpretive Features concentrate on the origin story of St. Albert including celebrating the Indigenous peoples and Sturgeon River and significant contributions to the establishment of St. Albert. Interpretive opportunities included in this project are phased to align with planned Capital projects at Children's Bridge, St. Albert Place, and Millennium/Lions Park.

Project Charter Justification

Current State -

In consideration of the financial limitations of constructing all nodes included in Founders Walk Phase III design discussions and stakeholder review, this project has been rescoped to coincide with planned Capital projects in the downtown core.

This includes:

2024 – Children's Bridge: Bridge lighting - under carriage accent lighting, 'up' accent lighting, pedestrian walkway lighting

2025 – Red Willow Trail Phase 2: Cultural/Historical interpretation for Children's Bridge, Sturgeon River Mill Company, and The Matriarchs.

2025 – St. Albert Place: Cultural/Historical interpretation for Sturgeon River and St. Albert Place, including widening sidewalk to east of St. Albert Place to enhance access to Red Willow Trail.

2026- Millennium Park/Lions Park – Cultural/Historical interpretation of area, historical flood markers, 5000 years of First Nations use and Metis community.

2027 – Future Interpretation: Celebration Garden and Mill Drive

Project History

Extensive community engagement occurred in 2017 and 2018. A follow up meeting was held in 2019 with invited indigenous partners, who recommended changes to the current design including removing significant infrastructure planned along the riverfront and expressing the desire to include the Indigenous history in St. Albert and the roles they played and continue to play in building this community.

During Q2 of 2021, Community Services met with internal stakeholders to ensure planned design considers current Recreation and Parks standards and guidelines, does not impact future construction for Millennium Park, Red Willow West, or the boat launch, considers newly updated Alberta Environment Water Act changes, and focuses planned work to enhance existing infrastructure and reduce planned construction costs.

Planned cultural/historical interpretive features will reflect the important contributions Indigenous peoples to the vibrant community that St. Albert is today.

Issue - Phase 1 and 2 of Founders Walk primarily focused on settler history. The walk currently includes areas around downtown and the early settlements and businesses in the Mission area. There are several capital projects that intersect with planned interpretive features downtown.

Opportunities - Completing the current cultural/historical walk (Founders Walk) will provide an integral link connecting the downtown area with Mission Hill and St. Albert's Historic Riverlots and Grain Elevator Park. It will connect several St. Albert landmarks and such as the Father Lacombe Chapel, Mission Hill, Lions Park, St. Albert Place and Red Willow Trail system and provide opportunities to share more of St. Albert's stories with residents and visitors.

Existing interpretive features have created a destination for residents and visitors to learn about the community's history. The continuance of this work supplies added opportunities to celebrate St. Albert and include First Nation and Metis stories and experiences. Cultural/historic interpretation through signage and art supplies the opportunity for the public, schools, and visitors to learn more about the rich cultural and historical significance of the downtown area and builds stewardship and pride in the community.

Administration is constantly seeking funding opportunities to offset investment for cultural/historical initiatives.

Risks - Risks of not completing this project:

- Existing cultural/heritage walking loop (Founders Walk) is not completed.
- The existing interpretive features the public/visitors experience focus primarily on settler history.
- We do not continue to build and celebrate a sense of pride in our past or recognize the contribution of all peoples to our shared story.

Risks within completing this project:

Children's Bridge may not be suitable for some of the planned enhancements, including adding lighting. (Engineering is currently reviewing for suitability as they prepare for planned bridge maintenance in 2024).

Getting power to Children's Bridge may be delayed.

Capital projects that interpretive nodes are being paired with for efficiency may be delayed.

Strategic Plan & Corporate Business Plan Alignment

Council Priority: 2. Downtown Vibrancy

Initiatives: N / A

Admin Focus Area: N / A

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Stakeholder Identification:

Name & Role	Responsibility or Contribution
Community Services	Project sponsor, public engagement, design review, stakeholder liaison.
Capital Project Office	Support for public engagement, design review, stakeholder liaison and construction support
Public Operations	Planning, advisory, construction support and maintenance
Legal Services, Risk & Insurance and Purchasing	Risk Assessment, agreement support and procurement process support.
Planning and Development	Planning, advisory, construction support, permits and inspections
Engineering	Planning, advisory, construction support
Recreation and Parks	Planning, advisory
Stakeholders (internal and external) including Arts and Heritage Foundation	Advisory, notification of construction, disruption of service and issue resolution
Government/Indigenous Relations and Environment	Planning, advisory, stakeholder liaison, support

Timeline:

2024 – Design, Interpretive Plan, Construction – Children’s Bridge

2025 – Design, Interpretive Plan, Construction – St. Albert Place; Design, Interpretive Plan, Construction – Red Willow Trail Phase 2

2026 – Design, Interpretive Plan, Construction – Millennium Park/Lions Park

2027 – Design, Interpretive Plan, Construction – Mill Drive and Celebration Garden

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:	Investment Year	2024	\$	108,000
		2025		251,100
		2026		41,500
		2027		47,200
		2028		-
		2029		-
		2030		-
		2031		-
		2032		-
		2033		-
	Total		\$	447,800
			See Capital Project Worksheet for details.	

Operational Impacts: Yes If yes, refer to Operating Impacts Worksheet for details.

Associated Operating Business Case: N/A

Approval

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Capital Project Worksheet

Rounds amounts to the nearest \$100.00

Land Determined Costs										
Concept Planning										
Detailed Planning and Design	9,500	22,000	3,600	4,100						
Site Servicing										
Structure/Building Construction	78,800	183,300	30,300	34,500						
Landscaping										
Construction Management										
Commissioning and QA/QC										
Contingency	19,700	45,800	7,600	8,600						
Public Participation Activities										
Equipment										
Other										
TOTAL	108,000	251,100	41,500	47,200	-	-	-	-	-	-

Comments:

Operating Impacts Worksheet

Timeframe: Ongoing

Maintenance

Round amounts to the nearest \$100.00

OPERATING IMPACTS	Department	2024	2025	2026
	PO	-	-	-
TOTAL		-	-	-