



East Village Neighbourhood Association



2024 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD



As a board, we often find ourselves in a reflective state as we plan our AGMs. Preparing this report for all of you is a great time for our team of volunteers to take stock of achievements, challenges and future opportunities. It also provides us that time to think about all the comments and feedback we have received throughout the year from our EV neighbours and how we can respond. 2023 saw some wonderful successes but we also some some challenges that need to be tackled in 2024.

Let's talk about the successes first, as we couldn't be more proud of the work our Board Members have done! Bike Day continues to be a successful event that brings out new neighbours, of all different skill sets and life stages, to participate. 2023's Neighbour Day brought community organizations together and was able to provide complimentary BBQ for our residents. Happiness comes from a full stomach! This past year's EV Street Fair was taken to an exceptional level! Not just about the increase in visitors to our community, we rate the success of this event on how much joy it brought to our community, evident by the locals closing out 5th Street Square with some, frankly, pretty amazing dance moves.

Our President, Ken continues to lead the charge on being present and represented at meetings, sessions, and webinars with other organizations, making sure East Village is always part of the conversations about issues that impact our community. Having our voice at the Downtown Safety Leadership Table was imperative to the future of this neighbourhood and Ken made that happen.

This leads to one of the challenges being faced by the East Village. Our neighbours have shared time and time again the fears they have about some of the social disorder seen in the community. We can point to numbers showing that crime statistics are down, and we can talk about the Safety Hub right in our own space, or a possible increase in police presence, yet ultimately, if our village of neighbours doesn't feel safe, as a neighbourhood association we must help look for a solution.

In *Appendix 1: mycalgary.com Downtown East Village Crime Activity February 2024 Report* you can see the positive trending from last year. Yet when our neighbouring community of Victoria Park had the highest number of total crimes in the last twelve months, and our own East Village ranked 3rd, we understand why our neighbours are frustrated. While we know that the true long-term solutions reside in the hands of good government policy – at the municipal, provincial and federal levels – those solutions can be slow coming and not provide the reassurance our neighbours need now.

As a neighbourhood association the largest impact we can have is connecting with our neighbours. Through our events, garden activities, pop-up meet and greets, we are trying to achieve just that. We continue to work with the multiple partners present and active in our community, provide information, and advocate where possible. Overall, we want our neighbours to know, **we have heard you** and we commit to continuing to do anything we can realistically do to support the positive growth of the East Village.

Our board is passionate about the East Village community and tends to put their heart and soul into everything they do. And like most non-profit organizations in Calgary, we are struggling to find and retain active volunteers. Leaning on our small number of board members and current volunteers means putting some pretty big asks on them which leads to inevitable burn-out. Our goal is to always make volunteering with us fun! Additionally, our bylaws rightfully only allow a member to sit as an Executive Director for five years. Executive Director positions are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions. If lucky enough to be voted in again at the 2024 AGM, this will have to be Jenn's last year as an executive director. EVNA feels like we are in a mini race against time!

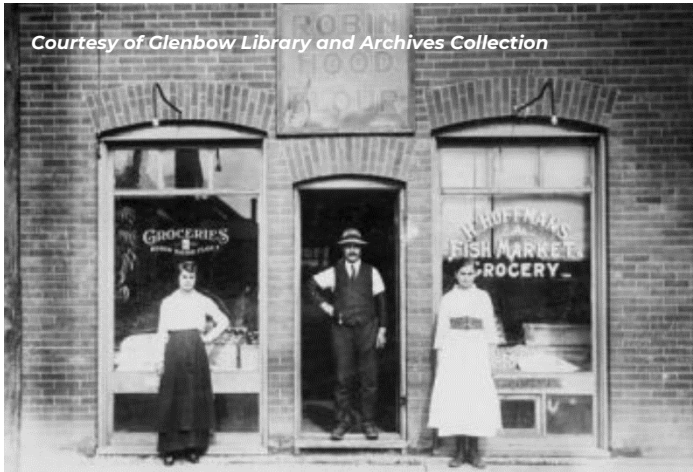
Throughout 2024, one of our focus points will include looking at ways to increase the number of active volunteers, as well as support any community members who may want to be board members now or in the future. EVNA is happy to take any and all suggestions, constructive feedback, or ideas you may have to help us reach our goal and make volunteering for us a rewarding and enjoyable experience!

While there may be some challenges, we are incredibly honoured to work with and be a part of the fabric of our diverse and inclusive neighbourhood. We look forward to the great events and projects that we are working on, and will continue to be there to champion the East Village every step of the way!



Crowds dancing at the 2023 EV Street Fair

EAST VILLAGE & THE EAST VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION



*Hoffman's fish market and grocery
(508 4th Street SE)*

Spanning 49 acres between Fort Calgary and the downtown business core, East Village resides at the heart of downtown Calgary. The boundaries are the geographical area comprising the municipality described and known as Downtown East Village generally bound on the north by Confluence Way; on the east by 6th Street SE; on the south by 9th Avenue SE; and on the west by 3rd Street SE.

The land where East Village now stands was once traditional territory for the Blackfoot Nation, prior to the arrival of American fur traders around 1840. In 1875, the Northwest Mounted Police established Fort Brisebois, which later became Fort Calgary. By the time the city of Calgary began to boom in 1906, East Village was a vibrant community with a mix of residential, commercial, service, institutional and industrial activity.

In 2011 the East Village Neighbourhood Association (EVNA) was formed to make downtown East Village a healthy, safe, vibrant place in the heart of Calgary. As a neighbourhood association, EVNA champions the East Village and works with a wide range of public and voluntary sector agencies to improve services and facilities for local people.

<p style="text-align: center;">Our Vision</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An inclusive, thriving, and vibrant East Village where all are welcome to live, learn, work, and play.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Values</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Embracing diversity in East Village through positive example and action</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed white;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Transparency and accountability with our #EVneighbours</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed white;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Striving to build community through conversation, engagement, belonging, and fun.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Our Mission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To encourage conversation and interaction to create a sense of belonging and ownership for all who live, work, and play in East Village.</p>	

We are a recognized member of the Federation of Calgary Communities and as a non-profit organization in Calgary and are officially registered with the Alberta Government.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ken Peach
President & Co-Treasurer

Ken joined the board to take on the Events Committee in 2018. After guiding us through the many changes of 2019 and 2020, Ken stepped into the position of President in 2020.

Ken's passion for the community is obvious by the immense work he does for EVNA, especially representing us on numerous City of Calgary working groups.



Jenn Machin
Vice President, Co-Treasurer & Acting Secretary

Jenn joined the board in 2019 and held the position of Secretary from 2019 – 2021, moving into the position of Vice President at the 2022 AGM.

Jenn believes the East Village is the best neighbourhood in Calgary and volunteers to support its continued greatness.



Addie Suchorab
Planning & Garden Fairy

Addie joined the board in 2020, using her Architecture skills as our Director of Planning, and then added her sprinkle of green thumb magic to run our Gardening Committee.

Addie is motivated by creating connections within our community and helping to shape and support this unique neighborhood.



Victoria Lepa
Community Engagement

Victoria joined the board in 2021 to lend her zest and joyful energy to our event planning and community engagement.

Victoria is inspired to bring people together and works to empower others to find their sense of community. This is evident in the way her work elevated the EV Street Fair to a new level in 2023.

While we couldn't get their model headshot in time for print, these three are incredibly valuable members of the EVNA team!

Roy Stuart
Director

Roy joined the board in 2023 and has supported our endeavours throughout the year, often being the voice of reason in a room full of passionate, idea people.

Roy has been in the East Village since 2015, seeing it through numerous changes, ups and downs, and volunteers to help make sure those ups keep coming.

Javier Garcia
Director

Javier joined the board in 2023 and has been there every step of the way from helping event planning to serving cookies and hot chocolate to East Village residents.

Javier encompasses his belief in the value of volunteering by not only supporting EVNA, but also volunteering on his Condo Board, which we all know takes a dedicated spirit.

Tom Jenson
Web & Tech Coordinator

Tom joined the board in 2018 as the Director of Planning and then held the position of Vice President from 2020 through to 2022.

Tom stepped away as a board member but we can't quite let him go! We are honoured that Tom is always around to help support EVNA as our Web & Tech Support Coordinator!

OUR VILLAGE OF NEIGHBOURS

Over the last few years, we have really been thinking about what truly makes a neighbourhood feel like home? When we look at the spaces East Village locals spend their time, it's evident that a natural community hub has taken root in the Crossroads area with the Community Garden, the EV Dog Park and the popular playground being a place many of our residents are most comfortable! The soon-to-come addition of the pickleball courts will be a welcome addition to this community space.

Seeing this evolution, EVNA is looking at ways to engage our community in places they are already going. A socially connected community is a place where everyone feels like they belong! Building and cultivating social connections benefits individuals and our community, improves mental wellness, and helps create a further sense of security.



COMMITTEES

Our committees are the driving force behind the East Village Neighbourhood Association. This support from our community members brings in different backgrounds, values, viewpoints and wide-ranging abilities. Pooling of our shared knowledge and experience allows us to achieve more, motivates forward momentum and improve the quality of decisions we make in our continued effort to improve services and facilities for our EVNA neighbours.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a standing committee whose goal is to ensure that the board of directors fulfils its fiduciary responsibility relating to: financial auditing and reporting, financial policies, and financial risk management to ensure the effective operation of the organization. They review monthly financials statements, support creation of the annual budget prior to its introduction to the Boards, and they research, review, develop and propose organizational policies and procedures relating to fiscal management.

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee is a standing committee whose goal is to oversee the general administrative functions and operation of the Crossroads Community Garden. The committee is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the garden, reviewing applications of interested gardeners, allocates plots and collect all fees. This team created the safe and tidy community garden we see today; a gratifying environment in which to work, and a pleasant view for gardeners, neighbours, and the general public.

Community Engagement Committees

Recognizing the natural interconnections with the work being done by the Events Committee, Street Fair Committee and the Marketing Committee, the Community Engagement Director has full oversight on these three committees, allowing for more cohesive planning and resource allocation.

Events Committee

The Events Committee is a standing committee whose goal is to plan and operate an annual series of events to be held in East Village to provide residents opportunities to meet and socialize. The role of the committee is to ensure that the organization has in place effective management policies, procedures and systems to ensure the effective and fiscally responsible operation of the events. The committee generates event ideas, and then executes those events including the securing of all permits and permissions required, while working with partners and community members involved.

Street Fair Committee

The Street Fair Committee is a standing committee with the focus of the planning our annual Street Fair on July 1st each year. This signature event attracts more than 25,000 visitors, with over 100 vendors, musicians and cultural performances. Street Fair is the main fundraiser for EVNA, meaning their work is imperative to the success of EVNA.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee is an advisory committee that works to expand EVNA's presence, enhance its image & credibility throughout Calgary by acting as a sounding board for marketing strategies and tools, develop and hone innovative ideas, and helps develop events, campaigns, and community initiatives.

Planning Committee

The EVNA Planning Committee reviews all applications for land use re-designations (rezoning), subdivision, and development permits to provide feedback to the applicants as to how their application fits — or could better fit — within the community's values and vision for its growth. Additionally, the committee is to take proactive opportunities to affect change in East Village by addressing issues such as traffic, parks, heritage conservation, and community improvements.

Business and Arts Committee

The Business and Arts Committee is a standing committee with the objective of supporting East Village businesses. This committee intends to build strong relationships between businesses, the East Village Neighbourhood Association, and residents of the community. This helps create a vibrant, energetic neighbourhood and encourages growth.

For more complete description, please visit <https://yycevna.org/Volunteering>

2023 FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

EVNA continues to have healthy finances. Financial prudence has always been one of our guiding mandates that informs our approach every step of the way. Between our long-standing investments through Edward Jones and our budgeting practices, EVNA is established to engage and collaborate with the community for years to come.

Due to the groundwork completed by Evergreen Business Solutions as our bookkeeper over the last four years, EVNA made the decision to bring back in-house the basic data entry and bookkeeping functions. We still have their support available, allowing us to be confident our accounting is in full compliance. This is largely to maintain low operation costs to ensure much of our revenue can be returned to the community through free or low-cost events. We are also actively looking for a resident Treasurer that will help complete and oversee the Finance Committee.

Similar to last year’s report we have provided the detailed financial information in separate inserts to make handy for those who enjoy reading and dissecting the numbers in detail. This 2023 Financial Summary includes our Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Revenue and Expenses and our Statement of Cash Flows.

Looking Forward Through 2024

Keeping in mind that all forward-looking budgets can be subject to changes and reforecasts, below is a high-level summary of what we expect from 2024’s budget.

2024 BUDGET FORECAST

REVENUE	
Membership (based on 2023 + 10%)	701
Garden	2,500
Grants (City of Calgary)	20,000
Events	150
Street Fair	40,000
TOTAL REVENUE	63,351
EXPENSES	
Garden Subtotal	2,500
Operating Expenses	3,000
Insurance	2,000
Finance & Accounting	2,196
Website & Maintenance	2,950
Marketing & Signage	1,500
G&A Subtotal	11,646
Street Fair	40,000
Bike Day	1,000
Neighbour Day	4,500
Other Events	1,500
Events Subtotal	47,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	61,146
NET	2,205

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT

In October 2023, our community garden closed after another successful year! Our 88 plots were filled with many of our seasoned returning gardeners, and we also welcomed new gardeners as well. Addie and Faith started a few new initiatives in 2023 that will continue in the upcoming 2024 season.

Master Gardener Talk: In May 2023, we arranged to have a Master Gardener from the Calgary Horticultural Society meet with our gardeners to share knowledge on small plot/raised bed gardening and how to have a thriving garden.

Re-Opened Garden Shed: After a few years of the garden shed being closed due to pandemic precautions, the garden shed was cleaned out, made as accessible as possible, and restocked with new tools and fertilizer.

Blue Watering Sticks: When gardeners needed help in watering their plots, they put a blue “water me” stick in their plot to signal their neighbors. This was a successful way to not only keep our gardens growing, it also highlighted our community spirit.

SPUDZ BUDZ: This was the first year for our potato growing initiative. In the spring, a group of gardeners planted potatoes in containers and bags. Throughout the season, the gardeners worked together to maintain the potatoes that were then harvested and shared by all!

Seed Library: The Garden Committee started a small seed library with sealed boxes available in our garden shed. This upcoming 2024 season, we will be able to share some of the seeds, and continue to grow the library as we add to it collectively.

On September 24th, we had our third annual Harvest Party! Gardeners came out to harvest and started cleaning out plots, the shared community spaces and tools. EVNA fired up the popcorn machine, had a cooler full of sodas, candy and other treats to enjoy while listening and dancing to our favourite live band *In4Red*!

After such an amazing 2023 season we are all eagerly anticipating the 2024 season! Here are some upcoming Spring 2024 dates to watch for:

- Saturday, May 4 – Master Gardener Talk
- Sunday, May 12 – Garden Opening Day
- Saturday, May 18 – Neighbours Nursey Plant Sale
- June 4 & 5 – Spudz Budz Planting

Watch for all the amazing pop-up activities and events and other communications from our garden fairies over the months to come!

FYI: The City of Calgary is implementing a Water Reductions Advisory.

[Scan here to learn more or look for print-outs available at the AGM.](#)







**east
village®**

Crossroads
Community Garden

3-plot box

-  1.6m x 1.2m
-  1.6m x 1.2m
-  1.6m x 1.2m

2-plot high box

-  1.6m x 1.6m
-  1.6m x 1.6m

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Our Community Engagement team continued to focus on organizing various events and marketing campaigns to engage with the community members and promote the East Village neighbourhood. Led largely by Victoria Lepa, these committees knocked it out of the park throughout 2023!

Bike Day

In May 2023, we organized Bike Day to promote cycling as a healthy and eco-friendly mode of transportation. The event includes workshops on bike maintenance from Raft Cycle, boxed lunches, and a guided community ride. This event is fast becoming one of our keystone events, connecting neighbours with a much-loved community activity.

Neighbour Day

2023's Neighbour Day brought together not just our East Village residents, but numerous local organizations. Hosted in Celebration square, we gathered with the teams from carya Village Commons, The Drop In Centre, Central Library, and the National Music Centre (Studio Bell) to celebrate the diversity of our neighbourhood and bring people together. The event included live music, a free BBQ, and we refreshed the multi-coloured path through Celebration Square. This event and the painted pathway continue to receive positive feedback from the community.

EV Street Fair

We thought it would be tough to beat the resounding success of the prior year's EV Street Fair but Victoria, Cindy, Dale and our troupe of volunteers showed us true excellence! The 2023 Canada Day started off with over 60 market vendors, nine food trucks, facepainting, kid's activities and a Dog Zone along 8th Avenue, and wrapped the day up with our footloose and fancy-free neighbours dancing away in the 5th Street Square Beer Garden!

In addition to the day of events, Victoria hosted an Art Party on June 3rd in 5th Street Square to bring neighbours together to work on collective art pieces and decorations for the EV Street Fair. This Art Party was the perfect way to get the whole community involved and excited for EV Street Fair!

Kick-off to the Holidays

On December 9, 2023. EVNA had a marathon Saturday where we brought coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and some holiday cheer to five lobbies around the East Village. You might recognize the name from 2022's night market hosted on The Riff. With reduced board capacity, we knew a market event wouldn't be possible for 2023. That said, the original purpose of the event is to engage our neighbours and bring some cheer in the winter months when the East Village can be a bit quiet. With that spirit in mind, Kick-off to the Holidays evolved to a meet and greet with as many

neighbours as we could! Whether large or small-scale, we look forward to this event's continued evolution and hope to see you at the 2024 Kick-off to the Holidays event!

Note re: Purge & Splurge

The 2023 Purge & Splurge event had to be cancelled at the last minute. Prior years we had an average of 15 tables purchased while this year saw only three. This event is one which EVNA covers the cost of as we want to provide community members the ability to dispose of electronics and paper shedding safely, donate household goods and furniture, and of course, find those rare treasures! Unfortunately, it wouldn't have been prudent to run the event without some guaranteed community attendance. Admittedly, we were also working against volunteer burn-out in 2023.

We are looking at some options for 2024 as we believe in the value of this event. This may include a multi-community garage sale crawl or a more simplified community clean-up day. EVNA will share the plan with residents as soon as we can.

Marketing & Social Media

Victoria lent her sense of humour and pop culture knowledge as the youngest board member to keep local Calgary followers engaged through the year and leading up to the 2023 EV Street Fair. Building on the impressive stats achieved in the prior year, we saw our Instagram reach jump by over 200% in June and July of 2023 with over 13,000+ engagements.

While the EV Street Fair posts continue to be the most interacted with, we are often pleased to see social media posts with dancers, skateboarders, wedding parties and much more taking photos on the multi-coloured pathway in Celebration Square! Our Crossroads Community Garden, the Device to Root Out Evil, and the many Riverwalk views are often found on different social media platforms under Calgary focused topics. There is no denying we are a camera-ready community!

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The East Village continues to be an inspiring Calgary urban neighborhood. This year our natural park space, pathways, C-Square, 5th St. Square, and the garden spaces were full of activities in all four seasons.

2023 seemed to be a quieter year for development permits as EVNA received and responded to a total of seven (7) DPs and three (3) applications regarding Subdivision Planning throughout the year. Many of the larger developments planned within the community are either still in the planning phase or submitted their DPs in prior years.

We did still see some exciting progress in the community include the groundbreaking of 606 in the spring of 2023, the opening of the Magpie cocktail bar, Wild Rabbit Vintage, and Shopper's Drug Mart among others!

BUSINESS AND ARTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

In 2022, we implemented a business and arts committee with the intention of creating new initiatives and identifying ways to help support our local businesses. We also hope to spearhead opportunities for new public art throughout the East Village.

As our community continues to grow and evolve the need for more local street level businesses has never been more apparent. Part of our mission as a Neighbourhood Association is to create a sense of belonging and ownership for all who live work and play in East Village, and we really do mean the work part. Local business is an integral part of the vibrancy in our community.

Currently, due to the incredible work of the CMLC, the East Village is one of the few inner-city communities without a Business Improvement Area. In 2024, as key stakeholders in the long-term direction of the East Village, we encourage local business owners to join EVNA’s Business and Arts Committee. With their unique perspectives and hard-earned experiences, we know that working hand and hand with our local businesses will lead to some amazing opportunities for residents and businesses alike.

We also encourage our residents to view the detailed list of businesses on CMLC’s site. East Village has some hidden gems that could be new even to those of us who have been here a while!



WHAT'S NEXT FOR EVNA & THE EAST VILLAGE

In our Letter from the Board we talked candidly about some concerns and challenges we are working towards solving in 2024. We fully believe that with the support of the community, EVNA will have tackled these challenges and continue positive progress for the East Village.

We are also really excited about the great things that are already in the planning stages for 2024. Our keystone events; *Bike Day*, *Neighbour Day*, and *EV Street Fair* are already far along in the planning stages. A new event, *Learn Your Human’s Name* will be hosted on May 11, 2024 with a local, professional photographer taking pictures of the pups. And of course, our Crossroad Community Garden is a highlight of every year for many neighbours!

As the weather warms up and more neighbours are out walking and enjoying the sunshine, it’s a reminder of how great and diverse this little village is. We welcome those diverse ideas and viewpoints and would love to hear from all of you! Good or bad, we plan to support our Village of Neighbours for years to come!

APPENDIX 1: NEW PUBLIC WASHROOM INFORMATION

East Village Washrooms & Pickleball Court

Last year, we talked about the competition that CMLC was holding for the new public washrooms. This spring, the results were announced! Located near the intersection of 7 Avenue and 6 Street SE, the 3,000-square-foot facility will feature four universally accessible bathroom stalls, a shared handwashing space, hand drying station, and a fenced-in outdoor pickleball court.

Access to the East Village community garden, playground, and off-leash dog park will be maintained throughout construction. EVNA also confirmed with CMLC that shading studies were completed and there will be no impact to our gardening season.

CMLC confirmed that the washrooms and pickleball court will be open seven days a week, year-round and they will manage the ongoing maintenance, security and programming of the space. The operational model is still in development so watch for more details to be shared when the facility opens in the fall of 2024.

To learn more about the washrooms, you can visit CMLC's site here:

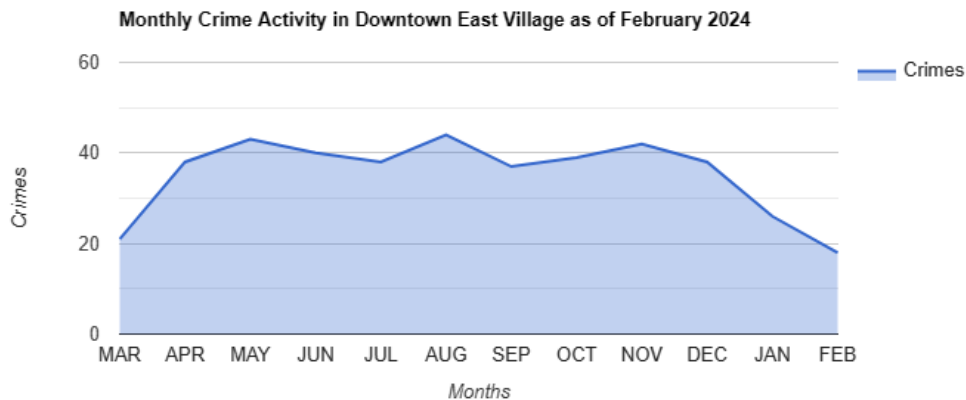


Rendering of the East Village Public Washrooms and Pickleball Court and location map.

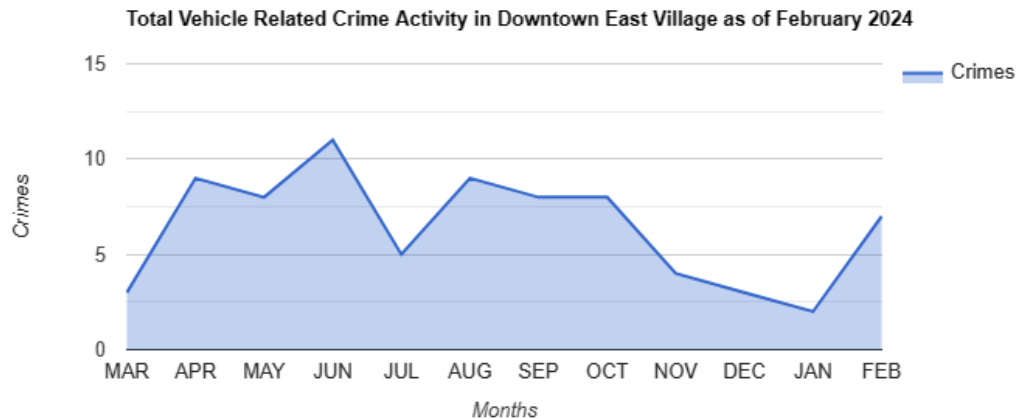
APPENDIX 2: EXTRACT FROM MYCALGARY.COM DOWNTOWN EAST VILLAGE CRIME ACTIVITY FEBRUARY 2024 REPORT

Downtown East Village Crime Activity was down in February 2024

Downtown East Village Calgary experienced 18 crimes in February 2024, in comparison to 26 crimes the previous month, and 34 crimes in February one year ago. The Downtown East Village community has an average of 35.3 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Downtown East Village had a total of 424 crimes as of February 2024, which is up 17% in comparison to 363 crimes as of February 2023. Total Downtown East Village community crimes is calculated as the sum of break & enters (dwelling, commercial, and other premises), theft from vehicles, theft of vehicles, assaults (nondomestic), commercial robberies, street robberies, and non-domestic 'other' violence.



Downtown East Village had 7 vehicle related crimes (theft of or theft from vehicles) in February 2024, in comparison to 2 vehicle related crimes in the previous month, and 5 vehicle related crimes in February 2023. On an annual basis, Downtown East Village had a total of 77 vehicle related crimes as of February 2024, which is down in comparison to 82 vehicle related crimes as of February 2023.



Physical and social disorders are excluded from this article because a very low proportion of disorder-based calls for service result in crime reports. Physical and social disorders are often highly visible, occurring in public spaces; examples include drunks, panhandling, youth gangs, prostitution, littering, loitering and graffiti. Research indicates that disorders can have a negative impact on public perceptions of safety. See the Downtown East Village Crime Activity Table for additional Information.

Downtown East Village Calgary Crime Activity Summary as of February 2024

	FEB 2024	JAN 2024	DEC 2023	NOV 2023	OCT 2023	SEP 2023	AUG 2023	JUL 2023	JUN 2023	MAY 2023	APR 2023	MAR 2023	12 Month Total
Assault (Non-domestic)	8	18	28	32	27	22	28	22	23	31	22	14	275
Commercial Robbery	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Street Robbery	1	4	4	2	1	4	3	3	3	2	1	0	28
Violence Other (Non-domestic)	1	2	2	1	3	3	4	7	3	2	2	3	33
Break & Enter – Dwelling	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Break & Enter – Commercial	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6
Break & Enter – Other Premises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft OF Vehicle	5	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	23
Theft FROM Vehicle	2	0	2	3	5	7	8	4	9	6	6	2	54
Total Crimes	18	26	38	42	39	37	44	38	40	43	38	21	424
Total B&E Crimes	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	7
Total Vehicle Crimes	7	2	3	4	8	8	9	5	11	8	9	3	77

With a population of 3,893 residents, the Downtown East Village community recorded inf crimes per capita (per 1,000 community residents) in February 2024 vs its annual average of 9.08 crimes per capita. With 1,118 total crimes, Victoria Park Calgary had the highest number of total crimes in the last twelve months, while Downtown East Village ranked 3rd in Calgary.

Total Crime Activity in Nearby Communities as of February 2024

	FEB 2024	JAN 2024	DEC 2023	NOV 2023	OCT 2023	SEP 2023	AUG 2023	JUL 2023	JUN 2023	MAY 2023	APR 2023	MAR 2023	12 Month Total
Downtown East Village	18	26	38	42	39	37	44	38	40	43	38	21	424
Bridgeland	12	11	10	28	28	15	25	30	16	26	22	17	240
Crescent Heights	16	13	19	26	18	8	10	31	19	29	19	18	226
Inglewood	4	8	11	6	5	10	6	16	9	18	16	15	124
Chinatown	2	1	3	8	2	2	5	5	3	2	11	0	44
Ramsay	0	2	3	1	3	1	1	10	2	3	5	6	37
Total	52	61	84	111	95	73	91	130	89	121	111	77	1095

Please visit: <https://mycalgary.com/crime-statistics/downtown-east-village-crime-activity-update/> for complete report.



APPENDIX 3: CITY OF CALGARY DOWNTOWN SAFETY LEADERSHIP TABLE

On March 6, 2024 the Downtown Safety Leadership Table released their long-awaited report with 28 recommendations. EVNA suggests that our residents take the time to review the complete report and continue to keep our City leadership accountable to not only carry out these recommendations but to keep safety and security front-of-mind for all communities and citizens of Calgary.

Downtown Safety Leadership Table Strategic Focus Areas:

 <p>Government Response:</p> <p>Strengthen investments and remove barriers to improve the delivery and outcomes of services.</p>	 <p>Strategic Communication:</p> <p>Ensure the range of targeted investments and actions are effectively communicated.</p>	 <p>Community Collaboration:</p> <p>Deliver coordinated and measured responses through key service providers and inspire downtown organizations and communities to come together with a vested interest to influence better outcomes</p>	 <p>Specialized Initiatives:</p> <p>Implement targeted, innovative approaches to address diverse community needs.</p>
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Key Themes from Engagement:

Key themes that emerged informed the four focus areas include:

- A need for increased support to address the needs of our community's most at-risk populations and those experiencing homelessness.
- The need for enhanced levels of maintenance, service, enforcement and outreach in our downtown to ensure residents and visitors feel safe.
- Improved communications to help citizens understand the supports, investment and initiatives underway or coming forward to support downtown safety.
- The lack of adequate resources and funding for social service providers dealing with drastically increasing complex addiction and mental health challenges. These limitations are also impacting the attraction, training and retention of staff required to support these organizations.
- Considerable perception challenges that are impacting the visitor and resident experience in the downtown that must be addressed in order to continue to support an active and vibrant downtown.

28 Strategic Recommendations:

 <p>Quick Wins (1 year):</p> <p>These recommendations are immediately actionable and can be implemented within a year or less.</p>	 <p>Further Research (1-3 years):</p> <p>These recommendations are priorities that will require further research and/or time to implement.</p>	 <p>System Impacts (3+ years):</p> <p>These recommendations are to be actioned under a systems approach with multi-order government support and may take up to three years or more to fully implement.</p>
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You can find the complete report on the City of Calgary website by following the QR code here:



We have also printed out a handful for residents to be handed out at the 2024 AGM.



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