



Calgary's Historic City Hall



Between 2016-2020, Calgary's 109-year-old Historic City Hall underwent an extensive heritage rehabilitation so it could stand for another century.

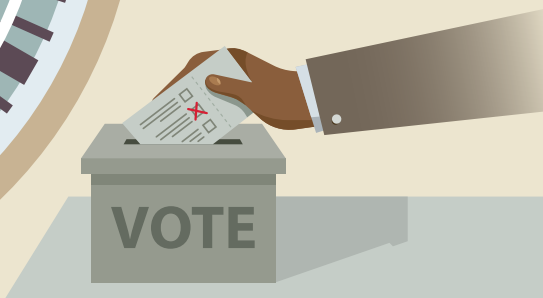
When plans were drawn up for a new City Hall in 1907 a town clock was included because only wealthy people owned timepieces. Up until then, a **cannon was fired** every day at noon to tell Calgarians what time it was.



In 1885, Calgary's first wooden Town Hall was built on the **same spot** as Historic City Hall.



From hosting civic election voting to Committee meetings, Historic City Hall has always been **the seat of democracy in Calgary.**



Historic City Hall took **four years to construct** (1907 – 1911) and four years (2016 – 2020) to rehabilitate it for a new generation.



1,500 metres of old mortar were removed and redone – that's the length of almost **eight Calgary Towers** end to end.



This project created **233 full-time jobs** for positions such as stonemasons, carpenters, construction management, electricians and many others.

About **400 red roof tiles** are **original** from 1911. New replacement tiles came from the same manufacturer that supplied the originals more than a century ago.



Visitors over the past century have included the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, King George VI, the Queen Mother, **Queen Elizabeth II**, the Duke of Edinburgh and Winston Churchill.



About **1,350 tonnes** of newly quarried sandstone were used to restore deteriorated sandstone – that's about the weight of **11 three-car CTrains.**

189 original wooden window frames were lovingly restored, preserved and given new sashes and glass.

