

# CRCAG AGM

December 15, 2020

## PROTECT CALGARY

*We can't afford to let this happen again*



# Quotes from NRCB letters submitted

It took me 18 months to put my house back together. This project was exhausting, stressful and a major disruption to my job and life over that period. I pray I never have to go through this again.

# Quotes from NRCB letters submitted

Each year since the flood the worry and sleepless nights return as we approach and live through flood season.

Throughout the winter months I find myself checking the snow pillow on the Little Elbow Summit and Three Isle Lake Mountains, the Glenmore reservoir level and the Elbow River flow rates on the 'Alberta Rivers Data and Advisories' App.

I review the data to allow myself the maximum time to prepare should another flood occur.

# Quotes from NRCB letters submitted

The emotional stress we have suffered cannot be overstated. No one wants to live in a community where there are daily reminders of the loss.

Homes and lots still remain empty, property values have declined, and we are reminded every day when we enter our beloved house that we are not in a financial position to address the ongoing issues.

# Quotes from NRCB letters submitted

My three children (aged 11, 7, 7) and who attend the neighborhood school go through additional stress and uncertainty annually as they monitor the river levels; a habit and worry which should not be on young minds.

# Quotes from NRCB letters submitted

Fortunately, the occupant(s) of an abandoned car made it to safety. Fortunately, my neighbor who waded through the flood waters did not fall through an open manhole (as I had learned later, manhole covers had blown off due to the force of the flood waters).

But what about next time? How many lives will be lost without critical upstream mitigation?

# Welcome to our 2020 Annual General Meeting



**Calgary River Communities**  
Action Group

#CRCAGagm



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# Introducing your CRCAG team

## Board of Directors

- Brenda Leeds Binder, Co-President
- Tony Morris, Co-President
- Anna Mravcak, Treasurer
- Emma May
- Steven Forrest
- Greg Johnson
- David Carlson
- Simon Geoghegan

## Committees

### Regulatory Team

- Simon Geoghegan
- Rachel Kolber
- Lauren Bell

### Bow River Team

- Charlie Lund
- Jean Woeller

As well as support from our Communications Director, Erin Fahey.

Rob Nieuwesteeg stepped down from the board this year. We are very thankful for the years of volunteer service he provided to CRCAG!



# Fellow advocacy group Flood Free Calgary

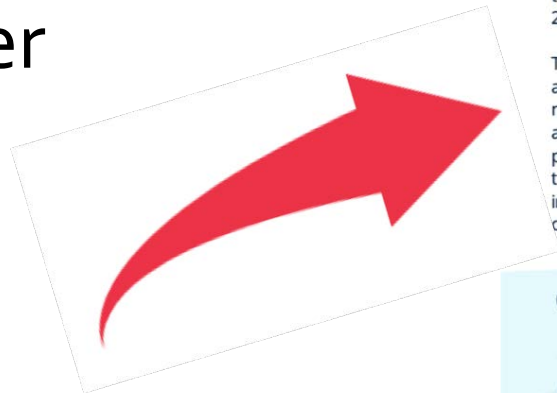
## Flood Free Calgary

- Paul Battistella, Spokesperson
- Charlie Lund
- Geoff Granville
- Jean Woeller
- Paul Fisher
- Scott Laird



# What We Do

- Inform
- Advocate
- Remember



Check the chat function for a link to read more!

## Who is CRCAG?

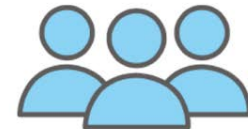


Calgary River Communities Action Group was formed in the immediate aftermath of the Southern Alberta Floods disaster in 2013.

The **group of concerned citizens** advocates for the construction of flood mitigation infrastructure to protect Calgary against future flooding, and defends against policy, legislative and regulatory changes that are prejudicial to, and negatively impact, property owners in flood impacted communities.

### CRCAG is...

- a society created under the Societies Act (Alberta)
- a non-profit organization
- not a charity and charitable receipts cannot be issued for donations



### Our mandate:



CRCAG will continue to advocate for construction of large-scale flood mitigation infrastructure to provide the City of Calgary protection for at minimum a **1 in 200 year scale flood event on the Elbow River**.



CRCAG will continue to advocate for the Government of Alberta to immediately enter into a **legal agreement with TransAlta** Corporation to leverage existing infrastructure on the Bow River and its tributaries for flood mitigation purposes.



CRCAG will advocate for construction of additional flood mitigation infrastructure on the **Bow River to ensure protection for at minimum a 1 in 200 year scale flood event**.



CRCAG will participate in **legal and regulatory proceedings** as deemed necessary by the CRCAG Board in furtherance of advocating for particular flood mitigation infrastructure projects.



CRCAG will continue to **advocate against policy, legislative and regulatory changes that are prejudicial** to and negatively impact property owners in flood impacted communities.

# We Must Not Forget

## Lives Lost

Lorraine Gerlitz, 83, of Calgary

Jacqueline Brocklebank, 33, of High River

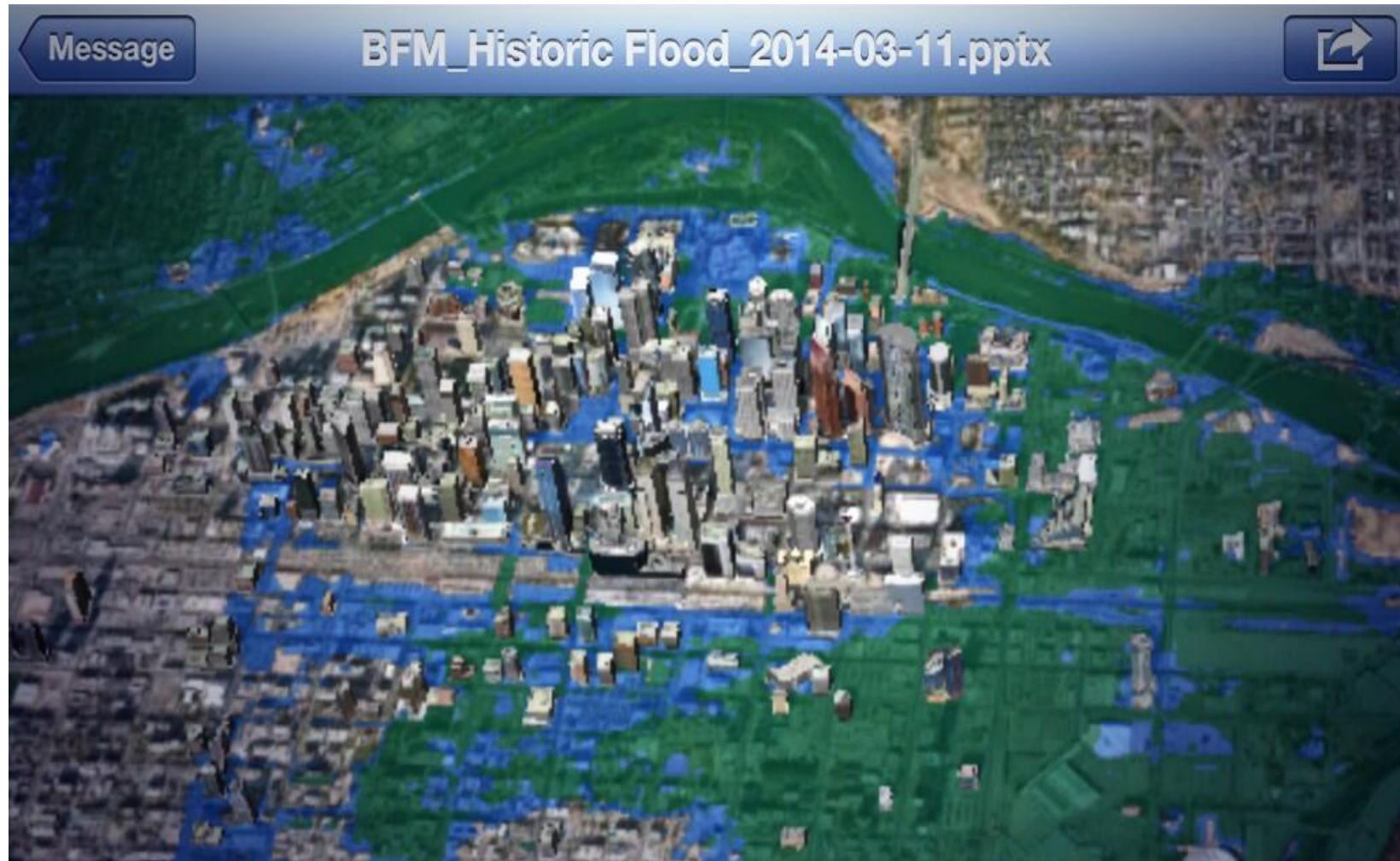
Amber Rancourt, 35, of Longview

Dominic Pearce, 52, of High River

Robert Nelson, 44, of Okotoks



# Historical Flooding Reference















**1879 & 1897 Flood Water**



**2013 Flood Water**

# Upstream Mitigation Progress Report

River	Studies	Proposals	Project Selection	Regulatory Approval	Cabinet Approval	Construction
<b>Elbow</b>						
<b>Bow</b>						

This chart has NOT changed since we first posted it 4 years ago.

# Key SR<sub>1</sub> Developments This Past Year

- Tsuut'ina Nation and Rockyview County withdrew opposition
- The anticipated funding of \$432 million is confirmed (including \$196.3 million announced by the province in 2020 and the \$168.5 million in federal funds previously announced)
- Federal review - Round 2 SIR responses accepted and under review
- Provincial review – Transportation currently answering Round 3 from AEP, NRCB pre-hearing conference concluded and hearing is scheduled for March 22 for 10-15 days (deadline February 26 for filing submission).
- Plus, on the Elbow – Glenmore Gates upgrade functional
- <https://www.alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir.aspx>

# CRCAG's SR1 Work This Past Year

- Monthly calls and regular engagement with Transportation Ministry
- Participation in Alberta Government's open houses on SR1
- Confirmed as an intervenor at the NRCB pre-hearing conference and confirmed eligibility of intervenor funding, currently preparing evidence package to participate as intervenor at hearing in March 2021
- Preparation for public comment on draft EIA once released

# SR1 Key Messages

- There is no flood risk, only flood certainty, with the only question being “how ready are we?” June 2013 is the normal.
- Seven and a half years on and not only has no stone been turned, we are still waiting for regulatory approval.
- A refusal to approve SR1 by the IAAC and NRCB is a conscious decision to see this city flood again and to incur those environmental, social, and economic consequences.



# Key Bow River Developments This Past Year

- Bow River Reservoir Options project
  - Phase 1: Conceptual Assessment COMPLETE
  - Phase 2: Feasibility Study
  - Phase 3: Detailed Design and Engineering and Regulatory Approval
  - Phase 4: Construction
- 12 year timeline and multiple approvals
- Budget 2020 provided \$15M funding required for Phase 2 feasibility study (over three years)
- Phase 1 conceptual assessment report finalized and released
- Selection of vendor for Phase 2 feasibility study is underway
- Extension of TransAlta agreement anticipated before spring 2021 agreement expiry

# CRCAG's Bow River Work This Past Year

- Monthly calls and regular engagement with Environment and Parks Ministry
- Participation in feedback and input sessions as a key stakeholder group

# Flood Mapping Developments This Past Year

- It has always been our view that the right process should be:

First: BUILD MITIGATION

Then: MAP (including that mitigation)

Then amend or create POLICY (using updated maps)

- We've been advocating to have a seat at the table as policy is developed.
- We do not want to be caught without policy consultations again. (Floodway Buyout Program, Land Use Bylaw)

# Flood Mapping Developments This Past Year

- Fall 2015 - Multi-year Flood Identification Program study begins
- Sept 2019 – Feedback on flood inundation maps invited from municipalities and First Nations
- Nov 2020 – Feedback on flood inundation maps invited from **general public** until January 15, 2021
- Bow and Elbow River Flood Study - [alberta.ca/bow-elbow-river-flood-study-engagement.aspx](https://alberta.ca/bow-elbow-river-flood-study-engagement.aspx)
- Upper Bow River Flood Study – [alberta.ca/upper-bow-river-flood-study-engagement.aspx](https://alberta.ca/upper-bow-river-flood-study-engagement.aspx)
- Submit feedback - [alberta.ca/flood-study-engagements.aspx](https://alberta.ca/flood-study-engagements.aspx)
- View maps in an easy to use application at [floods.alberta.ca](https://floods.alberta.ca)

# Flood Mapping Developments This Past Year

## Inundation Maps

- Map multiple flood scenarios
- Assume flood mitigation infrastructure (berms, dams) will fail
- Used for emergency response planning and to inform local infrastructure design
- Naturalized return periods (do not consider mitigation reducing likelihood of flood)

## Flood Hazard Maps

- Map 1:100 design flood (Alberta's minimum standard)
- Demarcate floodway and flood fringe
- **Impact of flood mitigation infrastructure may not be included** (TBD)
- **Used for policy and regulation** such as Floodway Development Regulation

# CRCAG's Work This Coming Year

- Participation as intervenor at SR1 NRCB regulatory hearing
- Submitting public comment for draft EIA once released by IAAC
- Participation in community engagement for the Bow River Reservoir Options project Phase 2: Feasibility Study
- Flood mapping and Floodway Development Regulation finalization

# What You Can Do – FLOOD STORIES!

- Write/email us your heartfelt, personal flood stories for use in our intervenor evidence package at the NRCB hearing
- The NRCB will weigh the benefits and burdens of SR1 in deciding whether to approve the project.
- This is a critical juncture in the review process and WE NEED YOU TO SPEAK UP!
- Send letters to [info@crcactiongroup.com](mailto:info@crcactiongroup.com) by the end of January at the latest.

# Letters/emails for NRCB hearing

## What we need from you:

Please send us a letter (and available photos, if any) describing your experience with the 2013 Southern Alberta Floods disaster, how it has affected you, your family and/or business, and where you are at today.

### INFO TO INCLUDE

- Your name/business/organization name
- Calgary community in which you live or operate
- Your email address
- You are writing in support of the intervention of CRCAG/ Flood Free Calgary and urge the NRCB to approve SR1
- Available photos

### HIGHLIGHT IMPACTS

- Socio-economic impacts; safety, livelihood, economic, health (including mental health)
- Details about property damages (home, business, vehicle)
- Details about business impacts (business closure, loss of inventory, loss of equipment, loss of time, layoffs)

### DETAILS TO AVOID

- Addressing technical details of SR1
- Personal information that you do not want to be publicly available

Send letters to:

[info@crcactiongroup.com](mailto:info@crcactiongroup.com)



# Association Business – Financial Report

CRCAG Financial Report for January 1, 2019 to  
November 30, 2020

## Legal Status

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# Association Business – Financial Report 2018/2019

## Donations & Expenses

Donations (income) & Expenses for	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	Jan – Nov 2020
Donations (interest income) Total:	\$100,208	\$5,881	\$4,977
Expenses:			
Communication (CRCAG + FFC)	\$13,359	\$25,151	\$9,846
Flood Free Calgary (start-up)	\$43,697	\$246	\$-
GR campaign strategies	\$6,563	\$28,888	\$-
Liability insurance	\$2,370	\$2,072	\$2,327
Legal fees	\$137	\$592	\$509
MailChimp – mail out	\$53	\$-	\$-
Meeting expenses	\$2,006	\$144	\$-
Postage	\$-	\$95	\$-
Website development	\$473	\$-	\$-
Printing Services	\$1,628	\$	\$-
Bank fees	<u>\$91</u>	<u>\$140</u>	<u>\$137</u>
Total Expenses:	\$70,377	\$57,328	\$12,819
Excess/(deficiency) of Donations over Expenses	<u>\$29,831</u>	<u>\$(51,447)</u>	<u>\$(7,842)</u>

# Association Business – Financial Report 2018/2019

## Balance Sheet

<b>CRCAG Balance Sheet</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of Nov 30, 2020</b>
Assets (unrestricted cash and undeposited cheques)	\$267,156	\$215,709	\$207,867
Liabilities	\$-	\$-	\$-
Net Assets (assets minus liabilities)	\$267,156	\$215,709	\$207,867

# Association Business – Financial Report 2018/2019

## Donations & Expenses – Budget for 2021

Donations (income) & Expenses for	Dec 20 – Dec 2021
Donations (interest income) Total:	\$5,000
NRCB Funding	\$TBD
Expenses:	
Communication (CRCAG + FFC)	\$30,000
GR campaign strategies	\$-
Liability insurance	\$2,500
Legal fees	\$140,000
Meeting expenses	\$2,000
Postage	\$100
Printing Services	\$2,000
Bank fees	<u>\$150</u>
Total Expenses:	\$176,750
Excess/(deficiency) of Donations over Expenses	<u>\$171,750</u>
Opening Cash – December 1, 2020	\$207,867
Budgeted Cash – December 31, 2021	<u>36,117</u>

# Association Business – Resolutions

## Virtual Annual General Meeting

1. The annual general meeting virtual format in accordance with Section 25 of the *Societies Act* (Alberta) and Section 11.1 of the bylaws is hereby approved.
2. A quorum of five percent (5%) in accordance with Section 12.1 of the bylaws to hold the annual general meeting be determined in accordance with virtual attendance and actions is hereby approved.
3. For the annual general meeting business, any motion for approving any matter be seconded by virtual action(s) (Section 13.2 of the bylaws) and motions to be carried by a simple majority (Section 13.1 of the bylaws) be determined by virtual action(s) are hereby approved.

# Association Business – Resolutions

## Minutes from September 19, 2019 annual general meeting

1. The minutes from the annual general meeting held on September 19, 2019 are hereby approved without any further action or reading.

# Association Business – Resolutions

## Financial Statements and Budget

1. The financial statements for the periods from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 and from January 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020, are hereby approved.
2. The Budget for the periods covered herein is hereby approved.

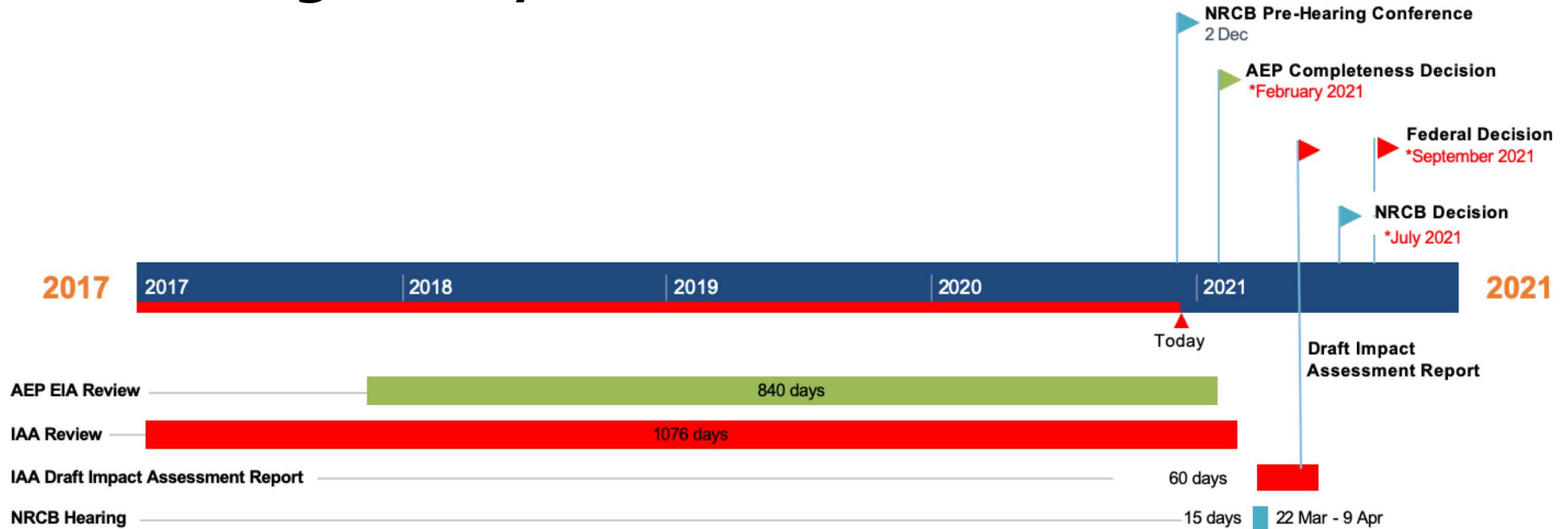
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## Adjournment until next AGM

1. The annual general meeting is hereby adjourned.



# SR1 Regulatory Process - Overview



- NRCB has scheduled the SR1 hearing for March 22nd, 2021
- CRCAG and FFC have intervenor status in the hearing process and CRCAG is eligible for some intervenor funding
- CRCAG has retained Tory's to support our hearing participation, supported by a knowledgeable volunteer group
- Our success is reliant on member evidence contributions: we urgently need member letters, photos, and/or video speaking to personal and business impacts from past and future flooding

# Words from Elected Representatives

- Mayor Naheed Nenshi
- Hon. Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation and MLA for Calgary-Elbow

# Q&A Speaker Panel



**Hon. Ric McIver**, Minister of Transportation



**Matthew Hebert**, Executive Director, Transportation Policy, Alberta Transportation



**Carcey Hincz**, Executive Director, Environmental Knowledge and Data Integration at Alberta Environment and Parks



**City of Calgary: Frank Frigo**, River Engineering Group, Watershed Planning, Water Resources, City of Calgary



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