

Inglewood Bridge



Alternate Name	East Calgary or 9 th Ave Bridge
Address	9 th Ave SE (between 7 th and 8 th St SE) Click here to view in Google Maps
Community	Downtown East Village
Year Constructed	1908
Type	Transport, bridge
Current Owner	City of Calgary
CHI Watch Risk¹	High (4 out of 5)
Designation²	Not protected
City Inventory	City Inventory Inglewood Bridge
Significance³	The East Calgary (Inglewood) Bridge is an example of a Parker Camelback, through-truss, steel bridge, which was the most frequently used design for bridges built in Calgary from 1905 to 1912. It is the second-oldest of four surviving examples of this type of bridge in Calgary. It is the location of the first bridge crossing on the Elbow River, established in 1884, being the fourth bridge at this site. It marks an important historic crossing, linking the two most historic parts of Calgary, the original Calgary town site (now Inglewood) with the second Calgary town site (now East Village and downtown). It is a landmark due to its long-standing and integral function as a primary transportation link; its distinctive design; and its 'gateway' status as an entry feature to the Inglewood and downtown/ East village areas. City Wide Historic Resource
Status	The bridge will be replaced with construction beginning in fall 2018 and lasting about 2 years. The City of Calgary claims it has outlasted its original lifespan, has a reduced load carrying capacity, does not meet current design and engineering standards and its deteriorated physical condition has led to increasing costs to repair and maintain it.

CHI's Position Statement	The Inglewood bridge is not only a significant historic resource, it is also a landmark entrance into the historic community of Inglewood, one that provides traffic calming to the pedestrian oriented main street. CHI's preference would be for the bridge to remain, and should it be replaced any new structure should retain elements of the historic bridge and/or be of equal or greater landmark design. For example, the trusses from the current bridge have heritage value and the city is reportedly looking at how to incorporate the trusses into the final design.
Upcoming	None planned.
Public Call to Action	Please use the city's 311 system to submit your comments, or use twitter to comment to @yyctransport
Related posts & articles	http://engage.calgary.ca/inglewoodramsay/9avebridge http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/TI/Pages/Pedestrian-bridges/9-Avenue-SE-Bridge-replacement-project.aspx 2018 http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/city-unveils-plans-for-new-9th-avenue-s-e-bridge 2015 http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/historic-inglewood-bridge-to-get-19m-replacement-1.3089149
Historic Photos	Glenbow Museum http://ww2.glenbow.org/search/archivesPhotosSearch.aspx Image No: NA-1702-3

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1. CHI Heritage Watch Rating

5	Imminent loss	Active plans for demolition
4	High Risk	Risk factors + negative intentions / dormant demolition plans
3	At Risk	Risk factors
2	Possible Risk	Unknown intentions or mix of negative and positive factors
1	Monitoring	Positive intentions but still possible risk

2. A designated Municipal Historic Resources is legally protected against demolition or inappropriate changes.

3. Primary Source: City of Calgary Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources