

Inglewood Brewery



Alternate Name	The Calgary Brewing & Malting Co.
Address	1535 9 Avenue SE click here to view on google maps
Community	Inglewood
Year Constructed	1875
Type	Industry: Brewery
Current Owner	Matco Developments
CHI Watch Risk¹	Imminent loss (5 out of 5)
Designation²	Not protected
City Inventory	City Inventory Inglewood Brewery
Significance³	<p>The Calgary Brewing and Malting Company evolved as a self-contained industrial park and is now a major landmark in southeast Calgary. The company was responsible for many innovations in Calgary's industrial and social history. It was one of the first in Alberta to offer pension plans and sickness and accident insurance to its employees. The founding of the Brewery introduced barley growing to Alberta. In 1910, it became the first commercial user of natural gas in Western Canada, providing impetus to the infant petroleum industry.</p> <p>The buildings, dating from 1892 forward, provide an excellent chronology of the development of industrial building design. The majority are flat-roofed, from one to four storeys, constructed of sandstone or limestone, brick, or corrugated metal. The site has the largest number of sandstone buildings out side of Stephen Avenue. A small rectangular log cabin with sash windows and a shed roof - one of the earliest houses built on the original townsite in 1875 - has been moved to the Brewery. The extensive grounds include lawns, gardens and mature vegetation. A City Wide Historic Resource.</p>

Who³	Founded by A.E. Cross a prominent Calgary entrepreneur and politician (1861-1932). Many of Calgary's leading citizens were original shareholders of the company.
Status	As of March 2022 Matco Developments has recently submitted a Land Use Redesignation application with the City of Calgary and hosted two public engagement sessions outlining their proposal for the site. As per Matco, in their “Industrial Heritage Precinct” concept three buildings: the Boiler, Engine Room, & Administration Building will remain along with a grain silo and the Fish Hatchery Wall. This is in agreement with the Government of Alberta on which buildings hold historical value. Representatives of Matco were open to discussion regarding other heritage sites, but noted there would need to be an interested party willing to renovate and maintain the structures.
CHI’s Position Statement	CHI’s position on the development has remained the same. Similar to how a town might have a founding citizen, the brewery is one of Calgary’s founding industries which has had an impact on the lives of Inglewood residents, and Calgarians as a whole, during its 100 years of operation. Although there have been plans, partially concrete, partially mentioned in passing, it is CHI’s position that they do not involve retention of enough of the earliest structures. One only has to look East to Toronto’s Distillery District to see an outstanding example of a similar industrial site turned into an award winning mixed use district which retained every building either in its entirety or significant portions of their structures. Unlike the Distillery District, the brewery has in its core, layers of buildings which create more difficulty, however as the most recent plans involve demolition of almost its entirety, save the buildings mentioned above (which have little to do with the actual process of brewing beer) we feel retention of a ‘few’ can be improved on.
Upcoming	Land use redesignation pending approval.
Public Call to Action	Please contact your local councilor to voice your concern on the proposed redevelopment plan.
Related articles	2022 https://www.breweryraillands.com/ 2015 http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/province-approves-demolition-of-historic-calgary-brewery-buildings 2015 http://www.avenuecalgary.com/City-Life/What-is-Happening-with-the-Calgary-Brewery/ 2014 http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/revelopment-of-historic-inglewood-brewery-district-to-include-demolition-of-historic-buildings
Historic Photos	Glenbow Western Research Centre Digital Collections (ucalgary.ca) Image No: PA-3318-23 (search Calgary Brewing for more)

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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 Resource is legally protected against demolition or inappropriate changes.

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