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## Useful Visitor Information

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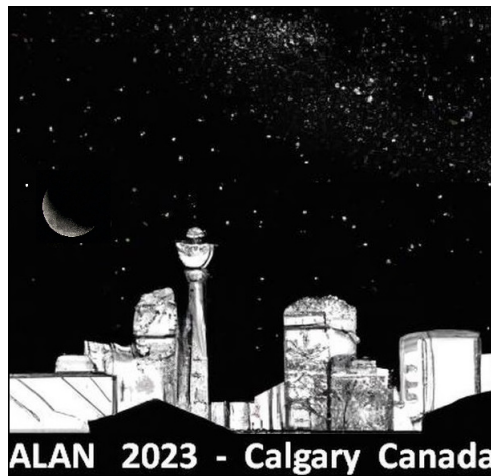
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# 1 Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh'kinsstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, as well as the Îyâxe Nakoda and Tsuut'ina nations. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 within the historical Northwest Métis homeland. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations—Indigenous and non—who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

This sacred gathering place provides us with an opportunity to engage in and demonstrate leadership on reconciliation. Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to join our team on the lands of Treaty 7 territory. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Land acknowledgement for Treaty 7 territory by the [Calgary Foundation](#). Learn more with QR [7b](#).

## 2 Introduction

Welcome to ALAN 2023 at the University of Calgary! We're so incredibly grateful for all the wonderful guests who've gathered for this conference, and for all the volunteers and staff who've worked to make this event a reality!

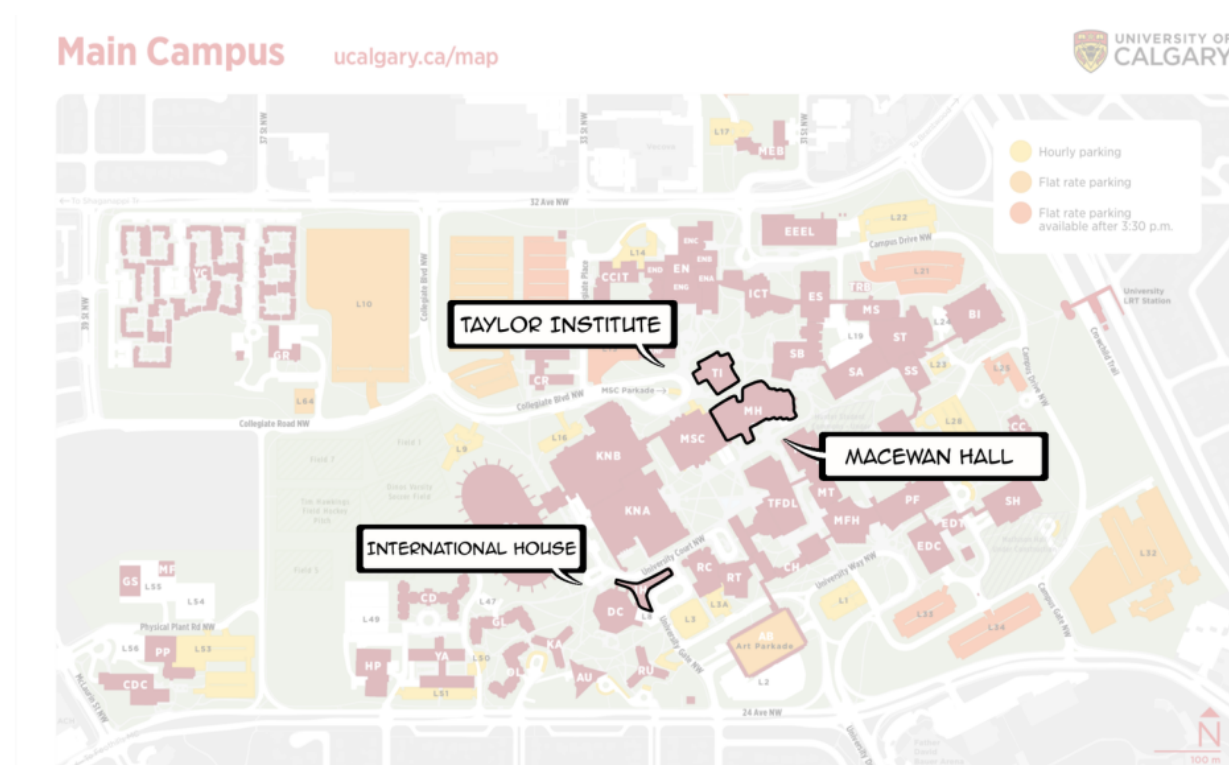
As many of our conference guests may not be familiar with the city of Calgary, this document has been put together by a few volunteers to provide you with a guide to the University of Calgary and the surrounding area. If you have any other questions or concerns throughout the week please feel free to ask any of the ALAN volunteers who will be wearing lanyards and nametags throughout the conference. We hope that your visit is as convenient, informative, and enjoyable as possible!

## 3 The Essentials

The University of Calgary campus is large and bewildering, even for experienced students! Below you'll find resources to help you navigate campus and find everything you need to make your stay as comfortable as possible!

### 3.1 I'm lost and can't find the correct building. Where should I go?

Most ALAN events will be held in the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning (map code TI). The food court can be found in MacEwan Hall (map code MH). Guests living on campus will be staying in the International House (map code IH),



- MacEwan hall has a large glass window that's fairly easy to spot, and just behind it is a large courtyard. If you're lost try to use areas like these as your landmarks! Taking shortcuts through connected buildings might seem like a good idea, but I always find it's a lot easier to get turned around if you can't use tall buildings as a waypoint.

- The [Interactive Campus Map](#) is your best friend for finding the room you're looking for on campus. Check out QR [10a](#) on hard copy.
- There is also a [Printable Campus Map](#). Check out QR [7c](#) on hard copy.

### 3.2 I'm in the Taylor Institute, but I can't find the right room. Where should I go?

- Check out the [Taylor Institute Building Map](#) to find the room you're looking for. Check out QR [8a](#) on hard copy.

### 3.3 What's the WiFi password?

- Look for the `airuc-secure-guest` Wi-Fi network while on campus! Connecting should take you to a page where you can read and accept the Terms of Service, and the internet will be yours to browse!
- If you have concerns about the security or speed of using this public network, it might be a good idea to look into roaming data plans before you arrive at the conference.

### 3.4 I'm hungry. Where can I find a place to eat?

- Here's a list of [Food Outlets in Each Building](#) (check out QR [9c](#) on hard copy). Used with the [Printable Campus Map](#) (check out QR [7c](#) on hard copy), you can quickly identify food outlets closest to you!
- Most food options can be found in MacEwan Hall ([map code: MH](#)) at the center of campus.



- **Bake Chef** opens 7:00AM (07:00).
- **Coffee Company** opens 7:30AM (07:30).
- **Tim Horton's** 7:30AM-4:30PM (07:30 to 16:30) Monday to Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday.
- **A&W** 8:00AM to 7:00PM (08:00 to 19:00) Monday to Friday, Saturday 9:00AM to 4:00PM (09:00 to 16:00), closed on Sundays
- **Starbucks** 8:00AM to 4:00PM (08:00 to 16:00) Monday to Friday, closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Good Earth Cafe** (located across from MacEwan Hall in the Taylor Family Digital Library) 8:00AM-4:00PM (08:00 to 16:00) Monday to Friday, 10:30AM-3:00PM (10:30 to 15:00) on Saturday and Sunday. ([map code: TFDL](#)),

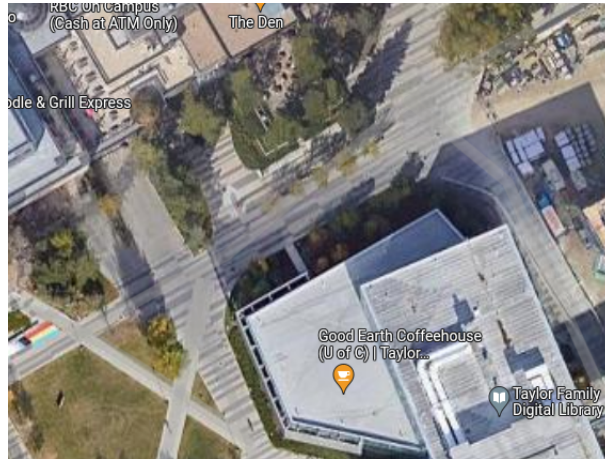


Figure 1: Good Earth Cafe, Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL) location.

- **Good Earth Cafe** (located in the Information Communication Technology building, map code ICT) 7:30AM-4:00PM (07:30 to 16:00) Monday to Friday, closed on Saturday and Sunday.

### 3.5 What's the weather like today?

- [The Weather Network](#) (check out QR 6a on hard copy) and [Environment Canada](#) (check out QR 6c on hard copy) offer reliable and up to date weather forecasts. You can also tune into 660 AM City News on the radio for weather updates every 10 min!
- To get an idea of the stargazing forecast, the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory's [SkyWatch](#) (check out QR 5a on hard copy) is a perfect resource. If you're interested in hearing about the Aurora Borealis (also known as the Northern Lights), check out the map on [Aurora Forecast](#) (check out QR 11a on hard copy).
- Calgary weather can change pretty quickly, so it's a good idea to bring layers so you can adjust throughout the day! August in Calgary has an average high of 22 degrees Celsius and an average low of 9 degrees Celsius, and we don't usually have a lot of rain or humidity. Prioritize a sweater over an umbrella!

### 3.6 I'm not feeling well. Where's the closest doctor?

If this is a life-threatening emergency, phone 9-1-1 immediately.

If this is a Campus-related AND serious/life-threatening emergency first call 9-1-1, then Campus Security at 1-403-220-5333.

If you're experiencing any of the following symptoms,

- Fever or chills
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Nausea or diarrhea
- Loss or altered sense of taste/smell

you may have COVID. You can book/purchase a RT-PCR rapid test from [Equity Health Services](#) (check out QR 9b on hard copy), located just north of Campus, in the Brentwood Mall Shopping Centre.

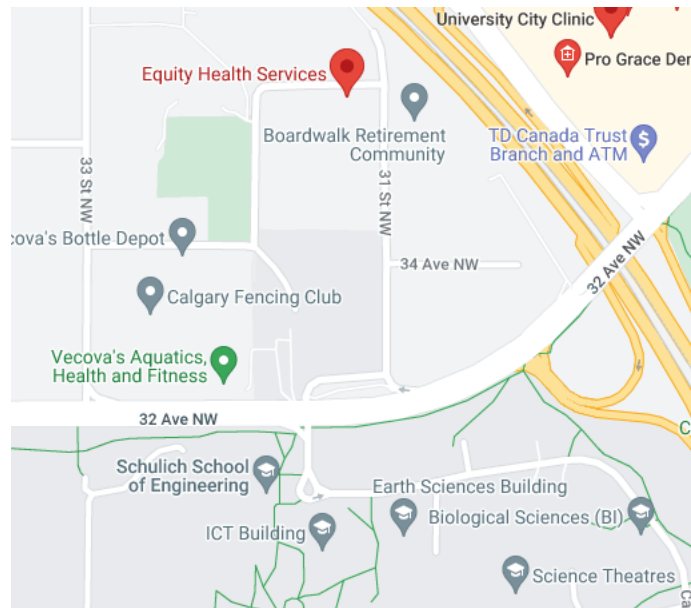


Figure 2: Equity Health Services and University City Clinic located at the top of the picture.

[Current COVIDSafe Campus policy](#) (check out QR 8c on hard copy) is that anyone who has tested positive for COVID, “should not come to campus and should complete the Alberta Health Services (AHS) [Respiratory Illness Assessment for Albertans](#) (check out QR 10c on hard copy) and follow the direction and isolation recommendations of AHS.”

**Walk-in health services** are available to non-Canadian citizens—there may be fees associated with a doctor’s appointment. Due to increased demand, some clinics may not offer services for non-Canadian citizens. **Call ahead** to confirm payment and service details.

The closest walk-in clinic to campus is [University City Clinic](#) (check out QR 6b on hard copy) located just north of Campus, on the east side of Crowchild Trail (yellow road in Figure 2). **Note:** services are in high demand, and patients are encouraged to come early and/or call ahead at 1-403-514-0500. You should mention that you are not a Canadian citizen, and ask whether the clinic takes international patients visiting Canada. Ask how much a doctor’s appointment will cost.

- If you are not a Canadian citizen, you may still access health care in Canada. However, you may be required to pay prior to your appointment since you are considered a “visitor,” and not a permanent resident or immigrant/refugee.

**For any emergencies involving children**, the [Alberta Children’s Hospital](#) (check out QR 8b on hard copy) is located to the south west of campus. **If this is a life-threatening emergency**, call 9-1-1.

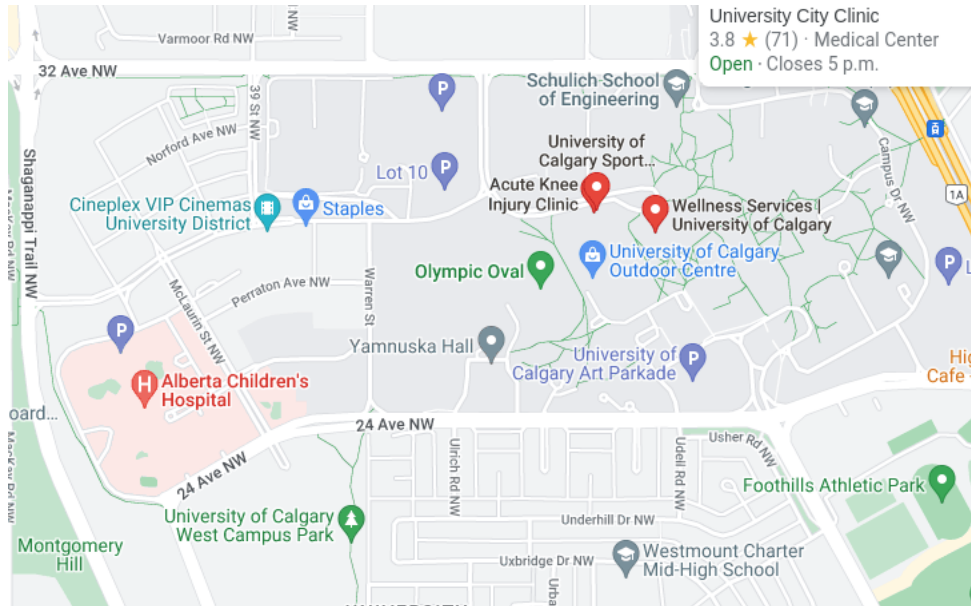


Figure 3: Alberta Children’s Hospital is located south and west of Campus, in the bottom left of the picture above.

## 4 Transportation

### 4.1 How do I find a taxi?

[Calgary Taxis](#) (check out QR 4b on hard copy) and [Checker Cabs](#) (check out QR 4c on hard copy) are the most popular choices for taxis in Calgary. Wheelchair accessible taxis can be requested with <https://wavcalgary.com> (check out QR 11b on hard copy).

### 4.2 Can I take a bus?

You can indeed: the City of Calgary has [Public Transit](#) (check out QR 9a on hard copy), open to all citizens and visitors of Calgary!

- Average fare: \$6.06 CAD
- Offers buses and CTrains (also called LRT’s by the locals—a type of above-ground electric train).
- Try using [the website](#) or [transit app](#) to plan your trip ahead of time!

## 5 Fun Facts

### 5.1 Local Knowledge and Things to Do in Calgary

As one of Canada’s largest cities, Calgary has a lot to see and do for both locals and visitors! We’ve gathered this list of some common words and landmarks local to Calgary and the surrounding areas, but this is only beginning to scratch the surface. For those interested in exploring, [Tourism Calgary](#) (check out QR 11c on hard copy) offers some fantastic lists to help you discover anything from local parks, art exhibitions, concerts, and more!

- **Bow River:** Fed with watershed from the Rocky Mountains, this is the main river that runs through Calgary, and joins with the smaller Elbow River. The Blackfoot name for this river is *Makhahn*, meaning “river where bow reeds grow.” The [Bow River pathway](#) (check out QR 12a on hard copy), officially dubbed “RiverWalk,” is a scenic path for walking and biking that takes you through the vibrant stores and scenic islands in downtown Calgary.



- **Calgary Tower:** Standing at 190.8m (626ft) and completed in 1968, [the Calgary Tower](#) (check out QR 12b on hard copy) was the tallest tower in Calgary for 15 years and still remains one of the most recognizable city landmarks. Popular features include a rotating restaurant with a panoramic view of the city, and a glass observation deck. In 2014 a LED exterior lighting system was installed, and the subsequent colourful light shows have made it easy to spot the Calgary Tower on the nocturnal city skyline.
- **Calgary Zoo:** Most Calgarians can easily recount fond experiences of visiting all kinds of animals at this local zoo, from giraffes and gorillas to lemurs and penguins. Yet it hardly stops there, as the Calgary Zoo is also a world-class and internationally recognized leader in conservation and public education. From operating plant nurseries to reforest Kianjavato, Madagascar, to bringing the North American Eastern Whooping Crane back from the brink of extinction with a breeding and reintroduction program, there's always a lot happening at the zoo! Make sure you look up their site map from [their website](#) (check out QR 4a on hard copy) to get the most of your visit!
- **Edmonton:** the capital city of Alberta. Located 3 hours north of Calgary, there has been a longstanding friendly rivalry between the local sports teams, the Calgary Flames and the Edmonton Oilers.
- **Fort Calgary:** If you're interested in the history of Calgary then this is the destination for you. [Fort Calgary](#) (check out QR 12c on hard copy) is a historic landmark and museum on the site the city was founded; originally a RCMP fort founded in 1876, it now pays homage to the past growth of the city and the Indigenous communities that predated it. Guided hikes, local film screenings, and Metis beading workshops are just the beginning of what Fort Calgary offers!
- **Hanger Flight Museum:** Ever since its founding in 1960, the [Hanger Flight Museum](#) (check out QR 7a on hard copy) is a must see for aviation enthusiasts. Offering a unique and immersive perspective on the development of aircraft, this museum features both full size replicas of historic planes such as the Silver Dart, and also carefully restored antiques like the Barkley Grow and the Lancaster.
- **Heritage Park:** located in southwest Calgary, [Heritage Park](#) (check out QR 5b on hard copy) is an immersive way to experience historic Calgary. Trained actors work as the interpretive staff, allowing a visit to feel like you've journeyed through a time machine. Their offerings include a ferris wheel and fairground, landmark houses such as the infamously haunted Prince house, deliciously tempting cheese buns and other handmade baked goods, and train and steamboat rides, Heritage Park is an experience like no other.
- **LRT and/or CTrain** (pronounced "see-train"): [Calgary Public Transit](#) (check out QR 9a on hard copy) uses a Light Rail Transit (LRT) system of these above ground trains to facilitate traffic through the city, especially through the downtown core! Although there is a fee to ride the train around the University, there's actually a free fare zone downtown that connects public spaces like the Central Library, City Hall, and the Calgary Tower.
  - **Fun Fact:** in Calgary a "Subway" more commonly refers to the sandwich restaurant chain, since we don't have an underground subway system of trains!
- **Plus 15:** Unique among urban cityscapes, Calgary has a network of enclosed bridges between downtown skyscrapers, all elevated fifteen feet above the ground and spanning over 16 kilometers of walkway. Also known as the [+15 Skywalk network](#) (check out QR 13a on hard copy), the Plus 15s connect shops, LRT stations, and even the Devonian Indoor Gardens, making traversal a memorable experience for urban explorers and casual visitors alike.
- **Saddledome:** Shaped like a horse rider's saddle, the [Scotiabank Saddledome](#) (check out QR 13b on hard copy) is Calgary's home of sports, and the home rink of the Calgary Flames hockey team. It also hosts other events including rock concerts, charity benefits, and most notably parts of the famous [Calgary Stampede](#) (check out QR 13c on hard copy), billed as the world's largest outdoor rodeo.
- **YYC:** The airport code for the Calgary International Airport, which is also used to refer to the city as a whole. #YYC is a common hashtag used on social media when visiting Calgary.

## 5.2 Local Indigenous Communities

Calgary is located in Treaty 7 territory. A Treaty is, “an agreement between government and a First Nation that defines the rights of Aboriginal Peoples with respect to lands and resources over a specified area, and may also define the self-government authority of a First Nation. Modern treaties, once ratified, become part of the law of the land.”<sup>2</sup>

In 1867, the *Constitution Act* (formerly known as the *British North American Act*) officially made Canada, well—Canada.

Eight years later, regulations pertaining to relations with Canada’s Indigenous population were consolidated into the *Indian Act, 1876*. The *Indian Act* is still in effect as of 2023, and its nearly 150-year influence continues to affect Canada and its Indigenous peoples today.

Treaty 7 is comprised of the Blackfoot Nations, Métis, Stoney Nakoda, Tsuut’ina and Urban Indigenous communities.<sup>3</sup> We encourage everyone to learn more about the [Indigenous Communities in and around Calgary](#) (check out QR 10b on hard copy).

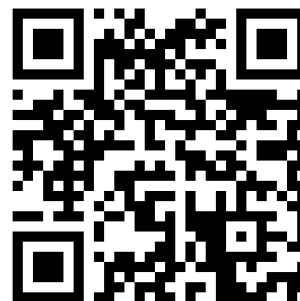
## 6 QR Codes



(a) Calgary Zoo



(b) Calgary Cabs



(c) Checker Cabs

Figure 4: QR Codes 1



(a) RAO Skywatch



(b) Heritage Park



(c) Calgary Zoo map

Figure 5: QR Codes 2

<sup>2</sup>Bob Joseph, p. 114, *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act*

<sup>3</sup>Indigenous Communities in and around Calgary, City of Calgary, 2023, <https://www.calgary.ca/communities/indigenous/groups-in-calgary.html>



(a) The Weather Network, Calgary



(b) University City Clinic



(c) Environment Canada Weather, Calgary

Figure 6: QR Codes 3



(a) Hanger Flight Museum



(b) Land Acknowledgment



(c) Printable Campus Map

Figure 7: QR Codes 4



(a) Taylor Institute Printable Map



(b) Alberta Children's Hospital



(c) COVIDSafe Campus Policy — University of Calgary

Figure 8: QR Codes 5



(a) Calgary Public Transit



(b) Equity Health Services



(c) Food Outlets on Campus

Figure 9: QR Codes 6



(a) Interactive Campus Map



(b) Indigenous Communities near Calgary



(c) Respiratory Illness Assessment

Figure 10: QR Codes 7



(a) Aurora Forecast



(b) Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Calgary



(c) Tourism Info Calgary

Figure 11: QR Codes 8



(a) Bow River Pathway



(b) Calgary Tower



(c) Fort Calgary

Figure 12: QR Codes 9



(a) Calgary's Plus 15 Network



(b) The Saddle Dome



(c) Calgary Stampede

Figure 13: QR Codes 10