

# DIALOG

## BALMORAL CIRCUS REDESIGN

# Transforming intersections into community hubs

Urbanism



### LOCATION

Calgary , AB

### CLIENT

City of Calgary

### COMPLETION

2023

### COLLABORATORS

Future Landscapes Design +

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### DIALOG SERVICES

Architecture

Electrical Engineering

Landscape Architecture

Planning & Urban Design

Structural Engineering

The Balmoral Circus redesign exemplifies how a simple intersection can be reimagined into a community destination that meets the evolving needs of a neighbourhood. Balmoral Circus was originally designed in the 1930s, when automobiles dramatically reshaped the urban landscape. The intersection, which featured four encircled quadrants and planting beds, showcased the formality celebrated during the City Beautiful Movement. Recently, the City of Calgary introduced traffic calming measures in advance of a new LRT development to protect the neighbourhood from cars cutting through the side streets. The designers and community knew the space could be more.

Through extensive public consultation, the design team embraced the concept of creating “breathing room in a dense urban space.” The redesign emphasized modern urban design, prioritizing community needs and enhancing public space over simply adjusting traffic patterns. It is a testament to what can be achieved when a city incorporates historical design into contemporary urban spaces and listens to community voices. This project exemplifies the power of innovation driven by local needs and offers a model for revitalizing public spaces in a way that fosters community connection, sustainability, and modern urban design.