

From its unlikely beginning in 1890, rising from a young man's estate bequest "to help fund a public hospital," the Calgary General Hospital grew from the humble beginning of a **"Cottage Hospital of 8 beds"** to a more purpose-built **CGH #2 hospital in 1895**, together with the birth of the CGH School of Nursing. As demand continued to outgrow capacity, **CGH #3 opened in 1910**, becoming known as the 'Red Brick Hospital', located on Centre Ave. & 8th Street East, in the heart of Bridgeland. Wisely, the Board recognized planning for future growth and secured adjacent lands, allowing **Calgary General Hospital #4 to open in 1953** and the **School of Nursing & Residence in 1956**. City growth together with medical and healthcare advancements, knowledge and service demands prompted further on-site expansions to the final site and scope of operations in place in 1998, when all future plans were ceased.

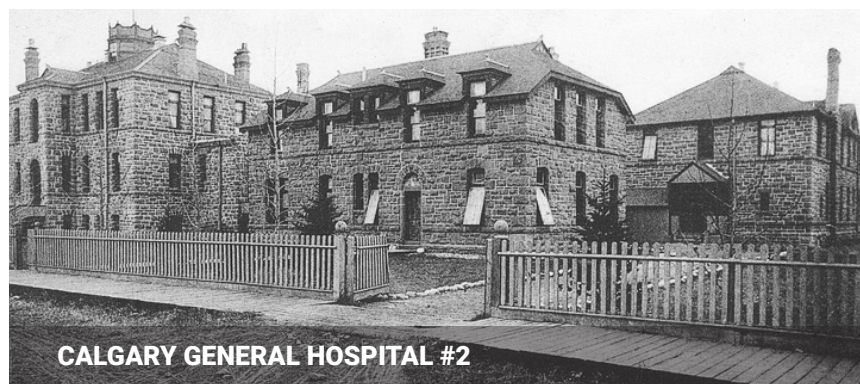
This new Centre would evolve in general and specialized services and education, involve and contribute to the community it called home, and become known as a dedicated leader in healthcare, service innovation, nursing education, medical specialization, and multi paraprofessional and support services development. It was a place of high expectation, hard work, dedication, pride and respect, where community interface was welcome and invested, and public support evident. Throughout its history the mantra of "Service Beyond Self" was evident in the corridors, at the bedside, in the classrooms, within the 'hospital community' and into the welcoming Bridgeland community.

While reflecting on the 108 years of serving this City and watching the proud Calgary General Hospital and support service facilities face their 'last hurrah'; while standing by as the dynamite destroyed one of the most amazing and service-oriented community hospitals and education centre --- whose history began with the history of Calgary --- observers held close great pride for what had been while feeling a major sense of loss for what could have been possible. We honour her memory!

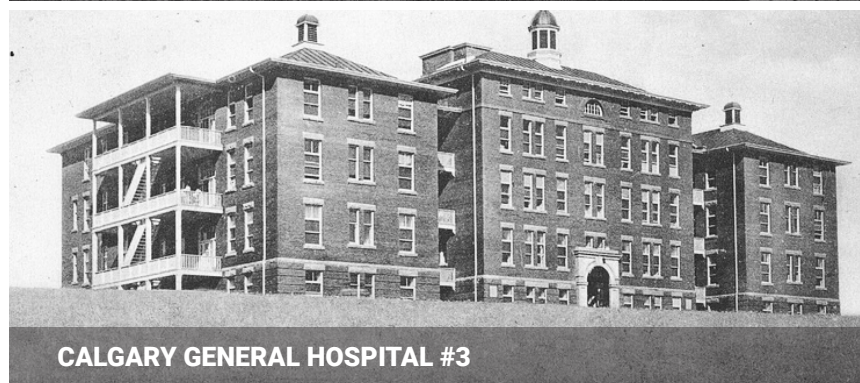
**Help us celebrate the legacy of the
Calgary General Hospital**



CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL #1



CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL #2



CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL #3



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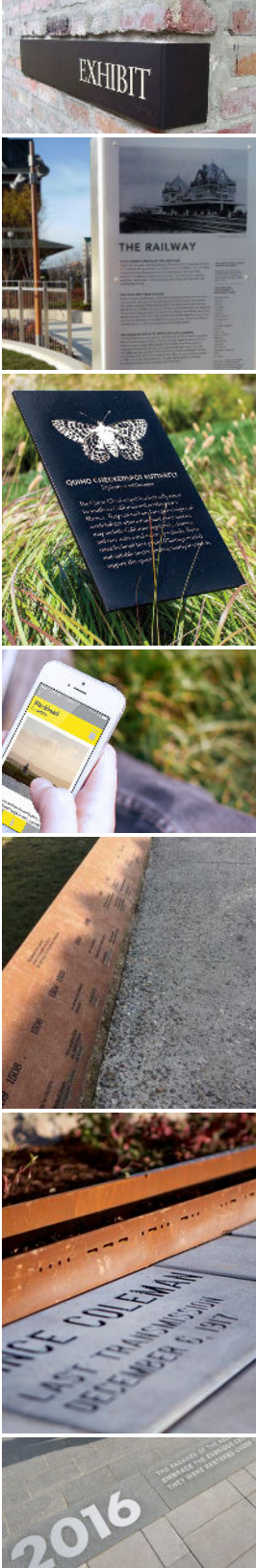
A Commemorative Plaza
at Murdoch Park | Calgary



A new plaza to celebrate the history and legacy of the Calgary General Hospital - offering visitors an opportunity to pause and remember, and to learn, of the important role that the Calgary General Hospital played in health care service and leadership, as well as its contribution to the community and to Calgary as a whole.

Right: EXAMPLES
OF POSSIBLE
STORYTELLING
+ INTERPRETIVE
IDEAS

Below: PROPOSED
DESIGN CONCEPT



Vision

The Bridgeland Riverside Community Association, in recognition of a great hospital, its service, and contribution to our community and history, wishes to honour the memory and legacy of its service through the development of the Calgary General Hospital Commemorative Plaza.

Mission

A legacy project that creates a place for visitors to learn about, remember, and celebrate the 88-year presence of “The General” in the community of Bridgeland - its 108-year history, importance as a healthcare service and educational setting, and its significance to the people of Calgary, and beyond. This commemorative plaza will complement the existing Memorial Wall and park, and will embrace the community of which it is a part.

