



Calgary Flames Arena Timeline

August 2015	18	CalgaryNEXT project revealed to public. Proposed \$890M cost: \$240M community revitalization levy, \$250M ticket tax, \$200M from city for fieldhouse, \$200M from Flames' ownership.
	20	City reports that major market study required before commitment of \$240M revitalization levy is approved to help finance CalgaryNEXT.
	22	Mainstreet Research survey conducted showing split public opinion on CalgaryNEXT: 39% in favour, 34% against proposed plan.
	24	New poll by Calgary Herald reports majority of Calgarians in support of new arena concept, but against proposed funding model.
September	10	Stakeholders from Tourism Calgary, Telus Convention Centre, University of Calgary, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, Calgary Economic Development, local amateur sports groups, and city councillors gather to discuss merits of CalgaryNEXT, first meeting since its reveal.
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November	05	WorleyParsons hired to conduct environmental study for 6 months assessing scale of creosote contamination in West Village area.
	09	Calgary City Council debates on CalgaryNEXT.
	10	Calgary City Council approves report by Mayor's office to conduct multi-phase analysis of CalgaryNEXT.
	12	Calgary Municipal and Land Corp. reports use of community revitalization levy for CalgaryNEXT could generate up to \$900M in property tax revenue for City of Calgary.
December	30	Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi says that using community revitalization levy for West Village cleanup and CalgaryNEXT will not work.
January 2016	11	NHL commissioner Gary Bettman visits Calgary, says Mayor Nenshi and public should embrace new arena, construction needs to start immediately. Mayor Nenshi responds by saying "I know that Calgarians require very wealthy people from New York to come and tell us what we need to do in our community because they understand vibrancy better than we do." The Nenshi vs. Bettman war is born.
	18	Alberta municipal affairs minister says province not inclined to use taxpayer dollars to fund new arena project in Calgary, though door is not closed.
February		
March		
April	14	Saddledome Foundation seeks consultant to advise on future use of land following potential demolition.
	21	City of Calgary reports CalgaryNEXT could cost up to \$1.8B, more than double original cost proposed by Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corp. (CSEC).
	25	Both City of Calgary and CSEC reopen talks regarding CalgaryNEXT.
May		
June	14	Ken King accepts offer from City of Calgary to explore "Plan B" option for new Calgary Flames arena.
	27	Calgary City Council votes 12-3 to continue exploration of CalgaryNEXT proposal. Increase in cost attributed to discrepancy from City regarding cleanup of contaminated land.
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December	27	Ken King reports "pause button" pressed on CalgaryNEXT.
January 2017		
February	07	City of Calgary commits \$150M for land improvements in Victoria Park including new condo developments.
March	15	In press conference, Bettman calls Saddledome "old" and "antiquated", calls for Calgary to accelerate arena discussions.
	27	Mayor Nenshi calls CalgaryNEXT dead.
April	01	Ken King says that without new arena, Flames will be forced to leave Calgary.
	22	CSEC officially proposes "Plan B" arena in Victoria Park.
	24	Ken King says Victoria Park arena behind schedule, needs to be accelerated. Calgary City Council votes to continue exploring Victoria Park arena plan; refuse to label CalgaryNEXT dead.
May	03	Tourism Calgary issues support for new Flames arena, touting public benefits of project.
June	07	Brian Burke threatens to relocate Flames if new arena is not finalized soon.
	12	Ken King issues statement saying Brian Burke is not a spokesperson for new arena project.
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