

# Keeping Calgary Curious with the Generous Support of the Government of Alberta

TELUS Spark Science Centre to receive \$9.5 million in new funding to help transform into a global science leader

Calgary, Alberta – Today, TELUS Spark Science Centre is excited to announce \$9.5 million in funding from the Government of Alberta, in support of its <u>Keep Calgary Curious campaign</u>, pending passage of the 2023 Alberta provincial budget.

"Spark is thankful for the Government of Alberta's and Minister Luan's generous support of the Keep Calgary Curious campaign, which would support the continued transformation of the science centre into a global leader in science entertainment and STEM education," said Roderick Tate, Interim President and CEO, TELUS

Spark Science Centre. "The funding would be used to reimagine the centre's spaces to make them more accessible and inclusive, and to develop engaging science programming that inspires curiosity and helps solve the challenges of tomorrow for people in Calgary, Alberta and beyond."

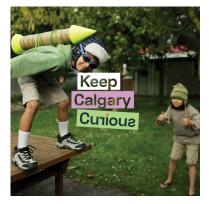
# Keeping Calgary Curious, Together

Through the five-year <u>Keep Calgary Curious campaign</u>, Spark will transform into one of the world's leading science experiences inspiring and delighting visitors of all ages, means and abilities on a whole new level, to increase their affinity with science, supercharge their curiosity, and maybe even change the course of their lives. This financial support would help Spark transform in three key areas:



- Building **re-imagined spaces** that create emotional connections with science.
- Delivering new **innovative and inspired programs** to open more doors into the world of science.
- Cultivating science that's welcoming to all, from every corner of the community.

For more information on the campaign to Keep Calgary Curious, visit: <u>www.sparkscience.ca/keep-calgary-curious</u>.



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## About the Calgary Science Centre Society (operating as TELUS Spark Science Centre)

TELUS Spark Science Centre, a registered educational charity, exists to entertain and inspire people of all ages through creative encounters with science, engineering, technology, math, and the arts. With roots that go back to 1967 and the opening of the Calgary Centennial Planetarium, Spark is a leader in science education programming and science communications. It is also home to one of the largest dome theatres in western Canada, five large science galleries, and a 15-acre park including a playground built around the science of the developing brain. Learn more about Spark at <u>www.sparkscience.ca</u>.

## Land Acknowledgement

TELUS Spark Science Centre acknowledges it is situated on the traditional Lands of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot Confederacy), the Tsuutina First Nation, the Îethka Nakoda First Nation, and more recently Métis Nation of Alberta Region III. Spark recognizes and supports the depth of science within these Lands, Languages, Stories, and Peoples, that have been caretakers of this Land, where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet, their home for thousands of years.