

December 17, 2025

Hello there,

As we wrap up 2025 the Canyon to Confluence Initiative wants to share a quick update and our path forward into the new year. If you don't have time to read it all - quick summary - multiple organizations are coming to the table to lead / contribute / fund projects and we appreciate all the support.

All the groundwork from the last 3 years (that's in Brace years, more like 20 for Larry) has reached a threshold where we are going from ideas and conversations to making a plan to change Golden's river corridor. We presented to the Town of Golden in early November and have received the following resolution.

*THAT Council SUPPORT the Golden Community Economic Development's Canyon 2 Confluence Initiative in redesigning Centennial Park with the Rotary Club of Golden, improving dyke designs to enhance accessibility, and developing a River Corridor Master Plan.*

That's a tall order and to achieve those things we'll be leaning on our community to provide input.

In our last update we were getting ready to attend the Fall Faire at the Golden Museum. It was a great opportunity to introduce the C2Ci to more members of our community. We were also fortunate to connect with Golden and District Community Foundation (GDCF), Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and Town of Golden staff at the event and planted some seeds that are growing into generous funding support.

The Centennial Park Upgrade project has gained a lot of interest and we've put some effort into progressing that project through some important milestones this fall.

- Rotary Club is stepping up as a community champion of Centennial Park Upgrade
- Wildsight Golden provided a letter of support for grant applications
- The Town of Golden has provided the C2Ci with \$580,000 from Resort Municipality Initiative funds.
- Golden and District Community Foundation has awarded \$10,000 grant
- We are in conversations with Columbia Basin Trust to contribute funding for the conceptual design.

That's five different organizations (more if you count the RMI Advisory Committee members) all seeing the potential of Golden's riverfront. The next steps will be to hire a landscape architecture firm to do some conceptual design, community engagement and costing for Centennial Park. We will keep you updated as that progresses in 2026.

To top off this update on potential funding, Golden Town Council just passed a motion yesterday for town staff to work with the C2Ci team to apply for a grant from an organization called Swim Drink Fish. The program is looking to provide five WAVE: Waterfront Access, Vitality & Engagement grants between 3 and 15 million dollars in the province of BC. After discussions with town staff, our plan with this grant application to expand the Centennial Park Upgrade project, connecting the entire riverfront from the River Walk to 7th Street North adjacent to the Osso developments. The due date for that grant is January 30, 2026.

Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 7 pm to 9 pm at Whitetooth Brewery, we'd like to invite you to an informal gathering to talk with our team and others interested in shaping the future of Golden. Larry threatened that I'd have to do some public speaking, so show up for that rare occasion and a few laughs. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering or how to support, we'd love to talk with you.

It's been a great year introducing the initiative to so many people, gathering ideas and seeing organizations get involved in developing a plan for Golden's river corridor.

Have a joyous holiday season,

Brace

PS Our mailing list has grown! This means we'll be shifting to a newsletter platform that makes it easier for us to meet Anti-Spam standards. The next update will look a bit different as a result. You could add [hello@c2ci.org](mailto:hello@c2ci.org) to your safe contacts to ensure you receive it.