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Calgary-based centre will create 950 jobs and drive more than \$4B in investment



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Amazon Web Services will be setting up a new cloud computing hub in Calgary, bringing more

than \$4 billion in investment with it over time — and creating more than 950 full-time jobs across Canada.

The tech giant, which provides customers with cloud-computing platforms and related services, announced Monday it will establish a major "infrastructure region" in the Calgary area.

It will be the second Amazon Web Services (AWS) regional

hub in Canada, consisting of at least three data centres, and will add to the existing 25 geographic regions that the company has in the world.

Initial groundbreaking work has already begun on the local data centres. Senior AWS officials expect the new region in Western Canada to launch in late 2023 or early 2024.

"It's a big infrastructure deployment in support of our customer base out here in the West," Eric Gales, country manager for AWS Canada, said in an interview.

"We have broken ground on this launch. So it's not something in the future. It has started now."

The Seattle-based company said the hub, with separate locations for each data centre, will allow customers to access a variety of cloud-computing products in Canada.

This also means companies with data residency requirements can store such information within the country.

Since 2016, AWS has operated a central Canadian region in Montreal.

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A group of Calgary students spent time Monday ensuring the memory of war veterans was honoured at Burnsland Cemetery as part of the No Stone Left Alone program. **A2**

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Police request \$6-million increase in 2022 budget

MADLINE SMITH

The Calgary Police Service is asking for a \$6.08-million funding boost in 2022 as part of proposed city budget changes that call for a slight property tax increase.

City officials presented adjustments to the final year of the current four-year budget on Monday, with council's week-long budget deliberations set for the end of

November. Council won't officially sign off on the financial plans until then.

Last year, in the wake of demands to address police brutality and systemic racism, the Calgary Police Commission offered \$8 million from the CPS budget for alternative crisis response initiatives. Council ended up deciding to put money from its own reserve funds toward that work, but CPS put an

additional \$8 million toward it anyway — however, only about \$3 million was distributed externally.

Police Chief Mark Neufeld has said the hope is that the investment can reduce the call burden on front-line officers, since police have become the default response for calls that may be better handled by mental health professionals or social workers, for example.

In an August letter from commission chair Bonita Croft, she said while the work to change crisis response "has begun to bear fruit," it will likely take a while longer to truly see results.

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