Community Profile

Bonavista Church is in the south-east quadrant of Calgary, a city of just over a million people. Centred in the relatively small community of Bonavista Downs, adjacent communities include Lake Bonavista, Deer Run, Parkland, Diamond Cove, and Willow Park. Most of these communities are included in Ward 14 for representation on the City of Calgary council. This area of the city contains established communities with older houses, established trees and greenspaces, public and private school options, and community infrastructure. Most of the houses in the community were built between 1961 and 1980. All statistics given were published by the City of Calgary in 2019, based on the 2016 national census.



Ward 14 reflects an older population than the city as a whole, with Bonavista Downs trending slightly higher in age than that, and Lake Bonavista and Willow Park showing even higher percentages of seniors.

Immigration and Language

Calgary has a diverse population with 31% of the total population having immigrated to Canada. Ward 14 has a significantly lower percentage of immigrants (20%) with over 25% of those having arrived here prior to 1981.

In general, Ward 14 has a higher proportion of immigrants from Europe, and a smaller proportion of immigrants from Asia than the rest of Calgary.





The population in our surrounding communities speak English most commonly at home. Some of the most common other languages to be spoken at homes in the area are Tagalog, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Italian, Portuguese, German and Polish.

Community Features

Nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Calgary is approximately an hour and fifteen minutes from the town of Canmore and from Kananaskis Country. The mountain towns of Banff and Jasper are also easily accessed.

95% of Calgarians live within 5 minutes walking distance from a park, and this part of the city is no exception. Fish Creek Provincial Park winds through this part of the city, and there are smaller parks and playgrounds scattered among the neighbourhoods.

Because this is an established community, there are a number of school options. Calgary has parallel public and separate Catholic school systems with elementary and middle schools in many of the communities of Ward 14. Additionally, there are charter and private schools within easy driving distance.

Located between Macleod Trail and Deerfoot Trail, with proximity to Anderson Drive, this area offers easy access in every direction. Shopping is located nearby at Deerfoot Meadows, and Southcentre Mall, as well as smaller shopping areas in Deer Run, Lake Bonavista, Avenida, and Canyon Meadows.

Most communities have their own community association which offer programs, facilities, and supports to people living in the community. Lake Bonavista is one of the largest, and has two man-made lakes, swimming pool, skating rinks, fitness centre, and other recreation programs.