

2013 CALGARY STAMPEDE
◆◆ FLOOD ◆◆
TIMELINE

8:30 a.m.
Elbow River rising.

1:11 p.m. City of Calgary
declares State of Emergency.

2 p.m. Flood defense
priorities established: track,
Grandstand, BMO Centre
and electrical substation.
Park combed for anything
that might float away.

2:38 p.m.
Evacuation begins
for Calgary and area
communities.

11 p.m. Tiger Dams™⁴ installed
around electrical substation. Sandbags
and pumps put in BMO Centre.

Midnight - 1 a.m.
Calgary Transit and bridges closed.
Stampede Park evacuated. A handful
of employees stay through the
night pushing water away from the
electrical substation with pumps,
brooms and squeegees.



8:43 a.m. Water flowing in and
out of the reservoir equalizes.

10:20 a.m. Materials
to rebuild track found
and ordered.

6:45 p.m. Fuel
deliveries and clean up
organized, including
contractors, suppliers,
pavers, track builders,
elevator repair
technicians, pumps
and washers.

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10:40 a.m. Top priorities
established: repair the breach of the
track, pump out Grandstand, restore
electrical, clean out the BMO Centre,
get the lights back on in the parking lots.

A fish is spotted
swimming in the lobby of
the Big Four Building!



THURSDAY, JUNE 20

1:24 p.m. Jersey barriers¹ installed to
protect track. Indian Village evacuated.



12:45 p.m. Calgary Stampede's
Emergency Command Centre
(ECC) activated.

4:30 p.m. Sluice gates² closed. Flood
walls³ and sandbags installed around track.

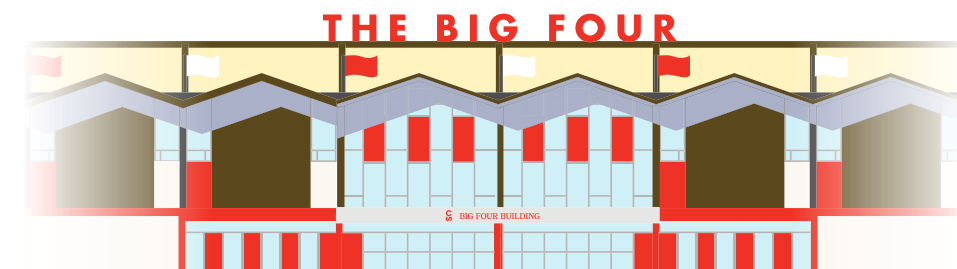
8 p.m. Calgary Stampede volunteers
deployed to City of Calgary Reception
Centres. Employees called back to Park to
move files, computers, phones, uniforms
and all other valuables from basements to
higher ground.



FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8 a.m. Water recedes. North American Midway Entertainment
and independent vendors postpone arrival for recovery efforts.

Overnight Blue bridge washed away, Infield tunnel and Indian Village submerged.
Track, barns, Stampede Foundation buildings, Big Four Building, Agriculture Building,
Headquarters Building and People Centre all flooded. Saddledome flooded to row 10.
Downtown Calgary without power. 100,000 people evacuated.



Elbow River peaks at 1,240 cubic metres per second, 12x the normal rate and 3x the 2005 flood.
Bow River peaks at 2,400 cubic metres per second, 8x the regular flow and 3x the 2005 flood.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

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Sunday, June 23 Parks and Facilities, one of the few functional buildings and running on a generator, is established as home base for employees coming back to work.

Thursday, June 27 Stampede-time employee orientations begin. Midway vendors and volunteer committees begin to set up in a compressed timeline. The TransAlta Grandstand Show, which usually has eight to nine days for rehearsals, now has only three.



Tuesday, July 2
Downtown re-opens.

Wednesday, July 3
Calgary Transit re-opens. (About 50 per cent of Stampede guests arrive every year using Transit.)

Thursday, July 4
Stampede Park opens on time for Sneak-a-Peek.

1.1 million guests join us for The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

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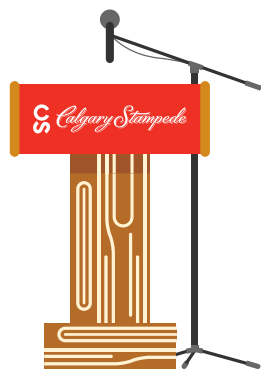
MONDAY, JUNE 24 - FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Monday, June 24 Press conference held to confirm Stampede 101 will go ahead "Come hell or high water."

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Hell or High Water t-shirts go on sale.

Contractors from across Canada and the United States arrive to help with flood recovery. Many stay on to help surrounding communities in the days and weeks to follow.



Monday, June 24 - Wednesday, July 3

- **63 buildings** (or parts of buildings) remediated (emptied, repaired, cleaned, sanitized, dried and inspected).
- Dirt removed from track and **88 million pounds of new dirt** moved in to rebuild it.
- **900 flowers** and **4 tandem trailers** full of bark mulch replaced.
- **200 hours** of people-power to pull grass out of the fence lines.
- A citizen brings **220 bagged lunches**, each with a personal message, to the clean-up crew at the Grandstand, another community member provides hot dogs outside of the Saddledome, while yet another brings a carload of treats and food for relief workers.



FRIDAY, JULY 5 - SUNDAY, JULY 14

10 a.m. Calgary Stampede presents a \$2.1 million cheque to the Canadian Red Cross Alberta Floods Fund.

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MONDAY, JULY 15

Definitions:

¹**Jersey barrier:** modular concrete or plastic barrier.

²**Sluice gates:** gates that prevent storm sewers from upwelling.

³**Flood wall:** a vertical artificial barrier designed to temporarily contain the waters from the river should it overflow.

⁴**Tiger Dam™:** orange tubes that fill with water and are stacked together to create a barrier.