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U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL - CALGARY
AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES

NEWSLETTER



My Baby Is a Citizen?

Did you know that children born in Canada to U.S. citizen parent(s) may be entitled to American Citizenship?



To inquire, visit the U.S. Consulate General's website: <http://Canada.usembassy.gov> or email us at Calgary-ACS@State.gov



Your Vote Counts!

Did you know that many U.S. elections for House and Senate seats have been decided by a margin smaller than the number of ballots cast by absentee voters?

Complete a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to ensure you receive your ballot for the 2018 elections!

Visit www.FVAP.gov for more information



Travel Plans??

Many countries require your passport to be valid for six months past the duration of your trip. Check your destination's passport requirements at www.travel.state.gov **before** you book your ticket.

When Does It Expire?

Don't wait until the **last minute** to renew your passport!

For information and applications, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport.html>



U.S. PASSPORT EXECUTION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$35 USD

Effective April 2, 2018, the passport execution fee will increase from \$25 to \$35. The \$10 execution fee increase only applies to U.S. passport applicants using the DS-11 form, such as first-time applicants over 16, children under 16, and applicants who re-apply after reporting their previous passport lost or stolen.

The \$10 fee increase does not apply to adults eligible to renew their passport by mail using the DS-82 form.

Notarial Services



Fighting back at winter by **purchasing a timeshare** somewhere warm in the U.S. and now **you have to sign the paperwork?** Consular officials at any U.S. embassy or consulate abroad can provide a service similar to the functions of a notary public in the United States.

It is also possible to have a document notarized by a Canadian notary public and then have the document authenticated by a U.S. consular officer. U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries may use the Embassy's notarial services.

For more information on what notarial services are offered, e-mail Calgary-ACS@state.gov To schedule a notarial appointment, please use the [American Citizen Services scheduling system](#).

- WINNIPEG - Consular Services

U.S. Consulate Calgary consular teams visit Winnipeg 3 to 4 times per year to conduct routine consular services for **U.S. citizens** including U.S. passport applications/renewals and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA). For information on how to book an appointment for passport and/or CRBA services, please e-mail Calgary-ACS@state.gov Put "Winnipeg Appointment" in the subject line. We anticipate making another trip this summer. Stay tuned to our website.

<https://ca.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/calgary/consular-services-winnipeg/>



HISTORY OF THE U.S. CONSULATE IN CALGARY

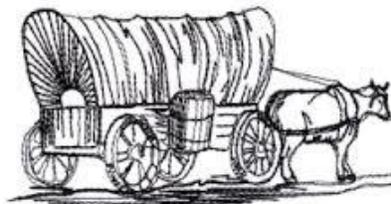
In the late 1890s, Americans from all across the United States discovered western Canada. They were looking for good, reliable crop and range land, and they came by the thousands, in trains and in wagons, with all their possessions and they scattered far and wide across Alberta and Saskatchewan.

In a few short years, the American population in the region skyrocketed. In 1894, records showed just 50 Americans living in western Canada; by 1905, that number had jumped to 105,000. While small consular agencies had been set up in Lethbridge, Fernie and even Grand Forks, British Columbia to handle trade transactions on the rail and stage lines, there was no official U.S. presence in any of the region's larger communities. Local leaders began calling for Washington to consider setting up shop in a bigger, more permanent way.

The Morning Albertan and the Daily Herald newspapers played a large part in this call for official representation. In several reports between 1905 and 1906, the papers covered the influx of Americans to the region. In early 1906, the Daily Herald reported that the United States House of Representatives had authorized the State Department to appoint a Calgary-based consul. Although there were also discussions considering Regina and Edmonton as possible locations for the office, Calgary was ultimately chosen for its proximity to rail lines and the large number of Americans already living and doing business in the quickly-growing community.

The Consulate General in Calgary opened its doors in 1906, one year after both Alberta and Saskatchewan became provinces. Mr. E. Scott Hotchkiss was appointed Consul, and he arrived in July to look for suitable office space. By September 1906, the office was operating with Consul Hotchkiss and one half-time assistant.

Today, the Consulate has a staff of approximately 80 staff members made up of both American officers, and locally hired Americans and Canadians. It counts as part of its team colleagues in [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#) at airport pre-clearance facilities in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary.



Upcoming Holiday Closures

U.S. Consulate Calgary will be closed February 19th (Presidents' Day), March 30th and April 2nd (Good Friday/Easter Monday), May 21st (Canadian Victoria Day), and May 28th (Memorial Day)

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