

Multicultural mega shopping facility New Horizon Mall planned to open near CrossIron Mills 57

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Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi speaks to the media on the \$52 million annual tax refund from the province. Al Charest/Calgary Sun/QMI Agency

The mega mall north of the city will soon have a new neighbour.

New Horizon Mall is planned to open in a few years just across the way from CrossIron Mills in Balzac with about 500 multicultural stores and a pair of entertainment venues.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi noted the need for more retail options and for a way to get out there.

"But this really does highlight the need for the province to legislate the Calgary Metropolitan Plan," Nenshi told reporters Friday.

"We have to have thoughtful, regional planning, including the city and all of our neighbours around us, to avoid problems like we have at CrossIron Mills where you've got a mall where a lot of

teenagers work and you've got no public transit.

"These are really big problems and we need to be able to work as partners on these issues in advance and I certainly hope that Rocky View County ... comes back to the table and rejoins the Calgary Metropolitan Plan."

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