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Hardy Calgarians brave deep freeze

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CALGARY- A frosty chill is hanging over the city, keeping many families indoors as the mercury dipped to a frigid low of -27 degrees on Wednesday.

The cold temperatures weren't an issue for those who ventured out to take advantage of Boxing Day sales, although the weather may have played a role in what shoppers brought home.

"I'm restocking mitts and toques upstairs, get it all out, [then] I look around and it's all gone!" says James Purdy who works at Mountain Equipment Co-op. He says it's good to see people staving off the elements.

"You really need to take care of your hands, feet, your ears, your head," he suggests. "You don't necessarily get frost bite, but you get frost kiss or frost nip."

Of course once you have all the essentials, heading outside isn't all that bad. Some spent Boxing Day cross-country skiing at the Shaganappi Golf Course—which has benefited from the opening of the west LRT.

"Now we have the only cross-country ski area in all of North America where you can ride a CTrain and go cross country skiing," says Alasdair Fergusson of the Calgary Ski Club. "That's a European-style experience."

Fortunately relief is in the forecast, with the temperature expected to rise to -10 degrees on Thursday, and -5 degrees on Friday.

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