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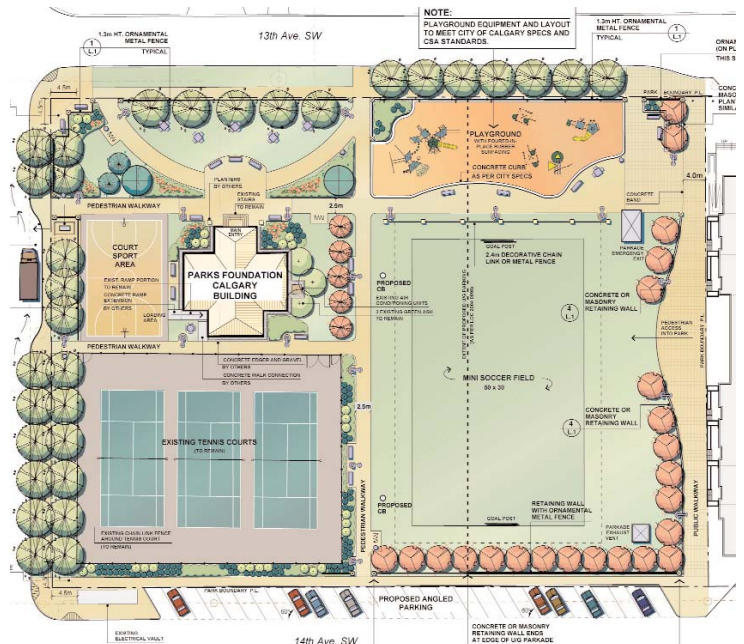
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# HAULTAIN SCHOOL & PARK RESTORATION PROJECT

For 111 years Haultain School & Park has echoed the laughter of generations of children. We hope to maintain a commitment to future generations in inner city Calgary by preserving a valuable piece of history and providing a safe, healthy, and enjoyable place to play and grow. As the mission of Parks Foundation, Calgary is "to enhance the quality of life for all Calgarians through the development of parks, preservation of river valleys and support of amateur sport", the restoration of Haultain School and Park is a fitting project for our organization. The park is located at the corner of 2nd Street and 13th Avenue southwest and is comprised of 2.4 acres of the original school grounds. Restorations to the interior of the school are now complete; PFC spent over \$300,000 to restore the structure, and officially re-opened the Haultain School as its headquarters in January 2003.

We now move into the next phase of the project – the restoration of the exterior of the school and surrounding park. It is anticipated that the restoration process will be underway by September 2005 to commemorate Alberta's Centennial. When complete, the park will be home to three tennis courts, a mini soccer field, park benches and picnic tables, a variety of trees and shrubs, and a new playground with enhanced elements. A series of illuminated pedestrian walkways will meander through the park and new entrance ways will greet you as you enter. This valuable open space will present opportunities to residents, businesses, and visitors of the park that currently are not available in the area.



The Haultain Park & School Restoration Project is a bold step towards addressing public space needs in the Beltline, both in terms of characteristics of the physical space and the quality of the community's social environment. As there is a renewed focus on people moving to and living in urban, inner city areas, there is a definite need to provide high quality

**Haultain School**  
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open spaces in these areas where space itself is at a premium. The City of Calgary is expecting the population of the Beltline Community to double in the next 10 to 15 years.

A strong sense of pride exists in a community that is safe, active, and healthy. Once the project is complete Haultain Park will once again be a desired destination for Calgarians, and residents and businesses can take pride in their rejuvenated community.

**Did You Know?**

- The Haultain two room School was erected in 1894 at a cost of \$2,500. Sandstone was purchased from the William Oliver Quarry and the lumber came from the Eau Claire Mills.
- Haultain was the first school to have electricity and running water.
- In 1906 a three story, ten room sandstone school was erected on the east side of the existing school for \$60,000.
- By 1925 Haultain was the biggest school in Calgary with 525 students enrolled.
- By 1962 enrolment had declined to 135 elementary students resulting in the closure of both Haultain Schools.
- On May 12, 1964 a fire completely destroyed the 1907 structure and damaged the 1894 building.
- PFC began using the school as its office in January 2003.



## NATURAL SPACES THAT CAPTURE US ALL

Preston Manning knows a thing or two about political ideas. He is also a student of Sir Fredrick Haultain, the greatest premier the west never had. Recently, at the offices of Parks Foundation, Calgary in the historic Haultain School, Manning told the tale of a would-be premier.

Haultain was a key builder of the westerners' vision of themselves within Canada. Manning spun the tale of Alberta and Saskatchewan's ascension into Confederation, the waves of "big idea" politics that have followed in the one hundred years since, and his own views on what could be the next wave - a small "c" conservative, big "E" focus on our natural spaces and environment.

Born in England, Haultain grew up in Peterborough and came west in 1884. He settled in Fort MacLeod, where he opened a legal practice. Three short years later, Haultain entered politics and was elected to the council for the Northwest Territories in 1887 and to the Northwest Territories' Legislative Assembly from 1888 to 1905. As president of the Executive Council, his role was essentially that of premier.

Haultain was the architect of provincial status for the Northwest Territories – a region he wanted to be a single province called Buffalo. His goal was self-determination and, in particular, local control of the natural resources – and he spent his time trying to convince local and federal governments of his case. Haultain lost the battle of political wills, two provinces were created and, according to Manning, it took Albertans 20 years to wrest control of their natural resources from the federal government.

Haultain and his populist vision for a powerful, independent, western Canada paved the way for many westerners to come, including Preston Manning.

He argued that, often, past administrations were swept into power because they were able to articulate "big ideas" that captured the hearts and minds of Albertans. In Manning's view, the time is right for the next big idea – one inspired by natural spaces and environment.

"If someone or some group could put together a genuine, practical commitment to environmental conservation – water, land, forests, wildlife, those magnificent Alberta landscapes – with Alberta's commitment to fiscal responsibility and market based economic development – I believe that that idea and public policies based upon it could capture imagination in this province," said Manning.

There has been significant growth in grassroots-based environmental and conservation groups. And, Manning hears the message from young Albertans: "I'm 62, and I think economic first and environment later. But with the younger folks I meet, these two things are integrated."

"If Albertans can sort it out, Alberta has a grand future," says Manning. "But if the debate gets polarized, we're in for a long period of the status quo."



## ARBOR WEEK IN CALGARY

On Tuesday, May 10th a celebration at Heritage Park proclaimed May 8 - 14 as Arbor Week. City officials and organizations The City partners with to enhance Calgary's urban forest were invited to the 1905 re-enactment where the Mayor and council planted the Centennial Arbor Day Tree.



Ken Birkett, Tree Canada Foundation; Gerard Fournier, Arbor Day Committee member; Kim Sarjeant, Director Heritage Park Board; Mayor Emerson (costumed interpreter); Kristen, Bookmark winner; Archie Lang, Manager Central Parks; Bashir Jamal, Mgr. Resource Management; Nicky Blackshaw, PFC; Don Hickey, Parks Community Liaison; Tony Heuver, Eagle Lake Nurseries; Russell Friesen, Urban Forestry Supervisor; Jim Powell, General Manager Heritage Park; Ernie Hagel, McInnis Holloway Funeral Homes - Memorial forest program sponsor

In 1872, Julius Sterling Morton implemented the idea of an annual community tree planting celebration in Lincoln, Nebraska – a celebration that came to be known as Arbor Day. Over time other American states and Canadian provinces adopted the Arbor Day concept.

Calgary's first Arbor day was hosted on May 8th, 1905 when Mayor Emerson and nine City Aldermen planted 10 trees in Victoria Park.

Calgary's goal is to have one tree for every two people. Currently Calgary falls approximately 117,000 trees short of this goal. Arbor Day is just one initiative under the City's Forever Green umbrella to help in increasing Calgary's urban forest canopy.

The City of Calgary and PFC are committed to the quality of Calgary's natural areas, playgrounds, and pathways.

### Did You Know?

- One large tree can provide a day's oxygen for up to four people.
- Trees purify the air we breathe by filtering out greenhouse gases.
- Trees provide homes for a number of different wildlife species.

## PFC BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

One of Parks Foundation, Calgary's most popular programs is its Bench Dedication Program.

Chances are you've seen these benches – even taken a break to sit on one for a few moments during your walk along Calgary's pathways or through one of the city's parks.

Our bench program allows Calgarians to create a dedication or memorial by placing a permanent public bench throughout the city's numerous recreation areas and interconnected pathways. Attached to the bench is an engraved bronze plaque that reveals a personalized message from the donors who have purchased them.

There are approximately 600 dedication benches installed throughout Calgary's parks and pathways.

For more details on dedicating a bench please call Tanya Kahanoff at (403) 974-0757.



## VOLUNTEER Profile

**JERRY BRUNEN**  
4 years

Jerry, a founding member of the Wetlands Committee in 2001, has been involved in planning a number of projects including the Elbow Valley Constructed Wetlands. Jerry also sits on the Board for the Western Sky Land Trust and is a member of the Calgary Bow River Weir Project steering committee. As a Ducks Unlimited Canada representative, he also interacts with the River Valleys Committee (RVC) on a number of community planning projects.

As Ducks Unlimited Canada's education specialist for the province of Alberta, Jerry focuses on wetland ecosystem curriculum development, school based instruction and interpretative site visits for grade 5 students. Wetland education programming is developed through Ducks Unlimited Canada's partnership with the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Bow Habitat Station and Fish Creek Park.

# CALGARY BOW RIVER WEIR PROJECT

*Safe passage for people and wildlife*



Artist's rendering of completed weir project

centre of the city, respecting fisheries and the aquatic ecosystem. Naturalization of the area will improve local habitat and riparian functions, allowing all kinds of wildlife to move freely up and down the river. And, the hydraulic roller known as "the drowning machine" will be eliminated, giving safe access to emergency safety patrols, recreational paddlers, and fish.

Harvie Passage - the proposed name for this new river amenity - will connect numerous public attractions in the area, including the Calgary

Zoo, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Pearce Estate Park Interpretive Wetland, Bow Habitat Station at the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery, East Village, and the future site of the Calgary Science Centre.

There are strict Fisheries & Oceans Canada guidelines on the time of year when construction work is allowed in the Bow River. A biophysical impact assessment is anticipated to start in the near future and project completion is scheduled for spring/summer 2007.

The official launch of the Calgary Bow River Weir Project will take place at Prince's Island Park on September 10th during The Calgary Foundation's 50th anniversary celebration.

In 1904 a weir across the Bow River was built near Inglewood to divert water for use by farmers east of Calgary. Although the original weir structure was replaced in 1975, it continues to provide the water that is vital for farming. Unfortunately, the weir has a dangerous side-effect: it creates a lethal hydraulic wave that prevents movement up- and down-stream and has claimed the lives of several people.

PFC is coordinating a community-wide \$6.4 million process that will improve the weir area while maintaining its important diversion function.

During a funding presentation on March 21st Gordon Graydon, Minister of Gaming presented PFC with a \$3.4 million cheque from the Province of Alberta, through the Alberta Lottery Fund. The Calgary Foundation and the City of Calgary also participated in the presentation and will contribute \$2 million and \$1 million to the project respectively.

The funds will be used to reconfigure the river-bed resulting in a more natural aesthetically attractive passage through the



## partner PARKS

The PartnerParks Grant Program plays an intricate role in identifying valuable park space and promotes public participation in the enhancement and development of Calgary's park system.

We can look back and see the tremendous impact we have made in the lives of children however, many playgrounds are still in need of replacement. **PFC is actively searching for a partner that will assist in growing the endowment fund** to enable the PartnerParks Program to continue awarding grants. Please contact Tanya Kahanoff at (403) 974-0757.

Grants were awarded to qualified groups for developing project plans and conceptual drawings for parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, and natural areas and open spaces.



Past PartnerParks Projects

## **DEVELOPING A VISION FOR CALGARY'S RIVER VALLEYS**

*Land use and development practices are critical to watershed health*

Like all rivers, the water quantity and quality in the Bow and Elbow Rivers depends on the land area within their watersheds. The idea that managing a river really involves managing land is relatively new. Historically, water management in Alberta has focused on water licenses and approvals and the management of in stream flow. As important as this function is, managing for water quality and dependability of supply have become increasingly important. In ecological systems, everything is connected to everything else by complex exchanges and interconnections. Watersheds also function in this way. Surface water, ground water and wetlands

### **CALGARY'S RIVER SYSTEMS ARE A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF OUR SENSE OF PLACE AND IDENTITY AS WELL AS A CRITICAL LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

all have connections and interconnections with the physical and biological components of the landscape. In order to manage watersheds effectively, this whole web of interconnections needs to be understood and managed. Watershed management in this context has three important characteristics it recognizes:

- the connections between surface water and groundwater and the importance of wetlands and riparian areas.
- the connections between land use and infrastructure and water quality and quantity.
- that both water management and land use decisions must consider the future of

watershed functions and interconnections.

Calgary's river valleys have changed dramatically over the last one hundred years. Calgary's relentless history of urbanization has been focused and continues to focus on the river valleys and flood plains of the Bow and the Elbow Rivers. The extent of Calgary's physical growth and its regional land use influence is now at a watershed scale. This affects the future conditions of the Bow and Elbow Rivers as well as the future quality of life for every Calgarian. Calgary's river systems are a fundamental part of our sense of place and identity as well as a critical life support system. Given the regional extent of Calgary's growth pressures and the scale and rate of landscape change and development currently in progress – the future of Calgary's river valleys and watersheds is uncertain.

Established by the Mayor's Office in 1991 to give advice to City Council on issues affecting Calgary's river valleys, the RVC is well positioned to bring the influence and expertise of over 60 diverse member groups to its role in shaping civic policy and action. It is more important than ever, for the River Valleys Committee (RVC) of the Parks Foundation, Calgary to take action to fulfill this original mandate. A number of important and far reaching land use and development policies and projects are currently coming under review which have far reaching implications for the future of Calgary's river valleys and watersheds. For example, the City is currently involved in a comprehensive Land Use Bylaw review, three ongoing Regional Policy Plans affecting Northeast,

Southwest and South Calgary and a revival of the East Village redevelopment process. In addition, the Elbow River Watershed Partnership is currently initiating

### **URBAN EXPANSION AND REGIONAL LAND USE MUST INCORPORATE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND WATER QUALITY TARGETS**

a process to develop a Water Management Plan for the Elbow River.

The City of Calgary has the potential to develop and demonstrate 'best practices' in low impact development particularly with respect to storm water management and water conservation landscapes. Urban expansion and regional land use intensification must incorporate watershed management and water quality targets and inner city redevelopment can incorporate water conservation landscapes and a 'green' infrastructure approach to providing community amenity, addressing storm water management and controlling infrastructure costs.

The RVC is currently developing an action plan for the next two years to ensure watershed management and the critical role river valleys play in water quality are part of land use and development practices and decision making within the City of Calgary. The RVC welcomes your involvement in ensuring a future for Calgary's River Valleys in Calgary's future.



# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PFC

## PICS FOR PARKS PHOTO CONTEST

Parks Foundation, Calgary was established twenty years ago by a group of private citizens with support from the City of Calgary. Since its inception, PFC has been involved in the creation of more than \$100 million worth of parks and natural areas throughout Calgary, and has invested more than \$5 million into amateur sport development.

During the boom of the 70s and early 80s, Calgary was growing rapidly. The City was losing sight of its green space and needed to make some changes. In 1985, some keen volunteers including Terry Hawitt and Tom Walsh worked with Ralph Klein – then Mayor of the City – to develop the Parks Foundation, Calgary.

“It began as a collective dream of a few,” says Norm Harburn, volunteer since the early days and PFC Executive Director since 1988, “The City provided one part-time administrative person and the rest of us were volunteers. It took a lot of networking with corporations, government representatives and some good old fashion

hard work to bring those early projects to fruition”.

In fact, that winning formula really hasn't changed over the years. According to Norm, “It takes one person to champion a cause and many, many others to help out. PFC provides the leadership, focus and community connections to make a dream into a reality, but it is the drive of the volunteers that gets projects started and keeps them going.”

To commemorate Parks Foundation, Calgary's 20th anniversary, PFC is holding a PICS FOR PARKS Photo Contest. The contest is open to all amateur photographers from now until September 15th. This summer while you're out walking, hiking, fishing or playing sports, take your camera with you. Visit the beautiful parks, natural areas, river valleys, playgrounds, and sporting areas PFC has been involved with and show us what they mean to you. Your photo could be used in our promotional materials.

Details are available on the PFC website at [www.parksfdn.com](http://www.parksfdn.com)

### The 1st Annual PICS FOR PARKS Photography Contest Categories are:

#### PICTURING CALGARY'S PARKS

Pictures of PFC and City of Calgary parks - they're everywhere! From the far Northwest to the deep Southeast...they're in your backyard! So grab your camera and start capturing the beauty of PFC's park projects. There are so many to choose from. Visit our website for a complete list.

#### PRESERVING CALGARY'S RIVER VALLEYS

Splashin' about in Calgary's wonderful waterways and river valleys! Take your camera along next time you're playing on the Bow River, dipping your toes in the Elbow River or enjoying the many breathtaking secrets of Nose Creek. Wherever you find a waterway in Calgary you'll find the River Valleys Committee (RVC) and PFC.

#### THE SPIRIT OF CALGARY'S AMATEUR SPORT

For the love of sports, here's your challenge! Put on your running shoes, your skates, your lifejacket or your helmet and snap pictures of amateur sports in Calgary. Here's the tricky part – we want to you to capture the spirit of amateur sports, not the athletes.



### PICS FOR PARKS Celebrating 20 Years of PFC!

Show us what parks, river valleys and amateur sport mean to you.

Capture Calgary's parks, natural areas, rivers and river valleys, playgrounds and sporting areas PFC has been involved in through colour or black and white photos.

Photos must fit within one of the three PFC categories.

Amateur photographers only.

Contest ends September 15th.

**HAVE FUN!**

*Entry form and full contest rules are available at [www.parksfdn.com](http://www.parksfdn.com)*



## WESTERN SKY LAND TRUST

As an emerging independent organization, kick-started by Parks Foundation, Calgary, the Western Sky Land Trust is a new vehicle to receive donations of land and conservation easements from land owners who wish to conserve open space and natural areas that reflect agricultural, natural, heritage, scenic, and recreational values. Emphasis will be placed on integrated open spaces including lands associated with rivers, creeks, wetlands and environmentally significant areas within the boundaries of Calgary, Municipal District of Rocky View, and Municipal District of Foothills.

The Land Trust arose from a community wide consultation with hundreds of stakeholder groups and was brought to life by a committed core of volunteers. A nine member Board is now in place and has set goals and objectives along with a work plan that will allow Western Sky Land Trust to continue growing over the coming years.

Over the past three years the Land Trust's stakeholder consultation has laid a strong foundation for the growth of the organization. Today, reconnecting with stakeholders to establish partnerships and securing funding for core operations continues to be a priority.

What's on the horizon? A membership program and a brochure that will introduce Western Sky Land Trust to the region. Plans are also underway for a website and newsletter.

For more information please call the Western Sky Land Trust Executive Director, Tracy Tarves at (403) 974-0756.

## THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

We all search for it ... the key to a feeling of happiness and contentment with our lives. For Tanya Kahanoff, giving back is the source of happiness in her life and can be, she believes, for others.

"You know you have done something good when you do it for someone who cannot repay you and you expect nothing in return," says Kahanoff, PFC's projects/grants manager for the past seven years. "It can be such a source of personal happiness when you give to others."

Tanya comes by her generous spirit naturally; her family is involved in many areas of community volunteerism. She has been involved in many volunteer positions including time as a crisis centre volunteer. This one woman dynamo also plays a mean game of tennis and golf and, in addition to her role at PFC, she is in the middle of completing a masters program in Counseling Psychology.

If all of that wasn't enough, Tanya recently joined the Rotary Club of Calgary, a well-established service club, after being nominated by Rotary Club member and friend, John Rule, project manager for Rotary Challenger Park.



Although she has only been a member for three weeks, Tanya is already busy on the Rotary Club barbeque committee, a big source of fundraising for the club. Membership with the Rotary Club is a great networking opportunity for her; speakers are brought in from the community and Tanya can invite other PFC staff members and volunteers to attend.

"I think she will make a real contribution. I am very pleased to have proposed her," says John, a 21 year member of the Rotary Club. "There are Rotarians involved with the Parks Foundation, Calgary and it is a natural connection for the two organizations."

The organizations are an excellent fit for each other, agrees Tanya. They have similar mandates and both work towards creating partnerships.



When swinging a hammer can you hit the end of the nail and not your thumb?  
You can? Well we've been looking for you!  
PFC is in need of an occasional handyman for light, general maintenance.  
Please call Brenda Smyth at (403) 974-0751 for further details.



The Amateur Sport Grant Program develops and enhances sport participation for Calgarians of all ages through a joint community partnership with the Calgary Flames Hockey Club, the Saddledome Foundation, and Parks Foundation, Calgary.

The goal of this program is to sustain competitive amateur sport by financially supporting qualified sport organizations with their capital projects including buildings, equipment, and facilities.

Recently, the Sunshine Ski & Snowboard Club was awarded a \$40,000 grant which will enable them to purchase a much needed snowmobile, 2 way radios, race poles and gate flags. This equipment will allow the club to provide sanctioned equipment and replace any outdated and failing components. The club's main goal is to promote sport, a healthy lifestyle and to host races safely.

On May 1st representatives from PFC's Amateur Sport Grant Program were invited to hand out Athlete of the Year trophies at the club's annual awards dinner and silent auction.

Since 1986, the Amateur Sport Grant Program has awarded over 344 grants totalling more than \$5.5 million. In 2004 alone, 14 new groups received over \$318,000 in funding which benefits hundreds of Calgarians participating in amateur sports ranging from ski clubs to softball and soccer leagues.



Nicky Blackshaw (PFC) presents Andy Trow and Michelle Brodeur with their Athlete of the Year trophies. Barb Mitchell (Master of Ceremonies) looks on.



Jim Read (head coach of Sunshine Ski & Snowboard Club) stands with Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, Gillian McKercher and Andy Trow who proudly display their trophies.

## HOW CAN YOU ENSURE CALGARY'S HEALTHY FUTURE?

Calgary's network of natural environments helps to give the city a quality of life better than most cities in the world. With the city's rapid growth the demand on our parks and leisure spaces has never been greater.

**There has never been a better time for you to get involved!**

**Volunteer for one of our committees or special projects.**

**Donate to one of our current projects or leave a legacy through a gift in your will.**

**Create a new park or playground in your community.**

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