

Parks Foundation Calgary Benefits from Significant Donation from FirstEnergy Capital Corp.

FirstEnergy Capital Corp. is well known for its support of Calgary-based charities and community groups, often cited as one of the trend setters for corporate giving in the city.



At FirstEnergy's FirstRowdy event in July 2007, Parks Foundation Calgary (PFC) was one of the many charities that benefited from FirstEnergy's generosity. In a unique approach to corporate giving, FirstEnergy asks those who attend its corporate functions to give to charitable causes selected by the firm. More than 1,200 FirstEnergy clients and supporters, combined with the staff and Managing Directors of FirstEnergy, attended a first-class Stampede celebration at Flames Central. The event featured performances by Beverly Mahood, Doc Walker, Randy Bachman and others – raising more than \$52,000 for the PFC alone.

FirstEnergy Managing Director and CEO, Jim Davidson, explained why Parks Foundation Calgary was selected to receive proceeds from this year's event:

"Our feeling is that the Parks Foundation Calgary is a very worthy recipient. The Foundation is staffed by very hard working people, and our view is that they are very under-represented within the charitable community. They take an environmentally friendly approach to securing legacy land assets for future Calgarians. Given our belief that a city—our community— is defined by our urban spaces, we believe Parks Foundation Calgary to be a cause very worthy of our support."

In a further development, Jim Davidson agreed to join our Board of Governors subsequent to this event. We hope that FirstEnergy's, and Jim Davidson's high profile in the corporate giving area, with Jim's talent as a director, will attract additional support for our cause. Thank you FirstEnergy!

Howard Heffler Volunteer of the Year

For over seven years, Howard Heffler has been an active and valuable Parks Foundation Calgary volunteer. Howard's efforts have been especially instrumental to the Harvie Passage - Calgary Bow River Weir Project.

Howard was named 2007 Volunteer of the Year at the Foundation's annual Chairman's Volunteer Recognition and Open House.

"I am surprised but honoured to have been selected from so many Parks Foundation Calgary volunteers and want to share this recognition with many others."



Haultain School and Park Restoration Project

Phase II of the Haultain School and Park Restoration Project is now completely funded and features the creation of a front yard, formal entry way, new school accent lights and doors with brass fixtures.

The Foundation is pleased to point out the project's recent addition of architectural lighting and lamp posts, enhancing pedestrian safety by illuminating entry ways and park features. Additional completed features include concrete pathways, wrought iron fencing, masonry posts, benches, picnic tables, trees, shrubs, sod and an irrigation system.

We are currently seeking funding for restoration of the school's exterior and revitalization of the park.

Phase III of the Park Project will involve building a large handicapped-accessible playground and a mini soccer field. A series of pedestrian pathways, wrought iron fencing and attractive seating areas will be extended throughout the park from Phase II, promoting daily commuter and multi-family use.

The Foundation's construction on the west side of the park began in June 2006 with a target date for project completion in 2009. Haultain Park's timeline is dependent on the Union Square development, located on the east side of Haultain Park. Union Square's development plan includes building an underground parkade beneath a portion of the park, which will be overlaid with sod for the project's soccer field and playground.



For more information or to view park plans, please visit www.parksfdn.com (Current Projects)

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Harvie Passage Project Clears Another Hurdle

Once again, the Harvie Passage - Calgary Bow River Weir Project is at the brink of success! The continuing saga of this exciting Parks Foundation project – to transform the lethal weir in the centre of Calgary into a safe and attractive river park – has reached another milestone.

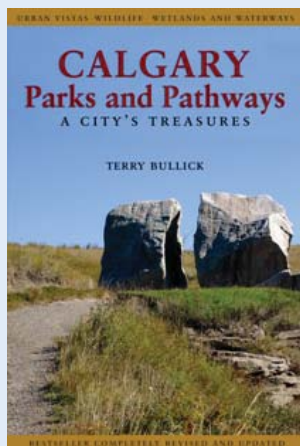
After numerous background studies, simulation exercises and design iterations, the final engineering specifications are complete and funding is in place to go forward with the construction bid selection process. This latest objective was achieved through the support of the Honourable Luke Ouellette, Provincial Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation, who has generously agreed to fund and administer the project into the construction phase.

The name Harvie Passage was chosen in honour of the late Calgary philanthropist Don Harvie. The Donald Harvie Fund at The Calgary Foundation provided the initial catalyst for the project (\$3 million), recognizing the importance of providing safe movement for humans, fish and other animals along the Bow. Further funding has come from The City of Calgary (\$2 million), the Alberta Lottery Fund (\$5.9 million) and numerous other interested supporters and organizations.



For reasons beyond our control, principally the hyper-economy and sheer pace of construction activities across Alberta, the estimated costs had been escalating faster than we could keep up with. However, now with firm Provincial backing, the process can resume and we are all looking forward to the project's final completion in the spring of 2010.

Calgary Parks and Pathways A City's Treasures



Looking for a year-round gift idea for friends, family, new residents, employee recognition or corporate contacts? Invite them to discover and share in your support of the City's natural green spaces - led by Terry Bullick's Calgary Parks and Pathways A City's Treasures.

To celebrate Parks Foundation Calgary's 20th anniversary, and over \$100 million worth of parks, playgrounds and natural areas throughout the city, Terry Bullick was commissioned to update her best selling guidebook.

Writing from first hand experience, this edition provides detailed maps complete with descriptions of the city's major parks and pathways, snapshots of local history, nature and little known features of the city creating Calgary's most comprehensive field guide to date.

Completely revised and updated, Calgary Parks and Pathways A City's Treasures is available at a 10% discounted retail price of \$17.95 when purchased through the Foundation. For more information or to place an order, please contact Brenda at info@parksfdn.com or 974-0751.

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Amateur Sport Grant Program



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.

In keeping with the goal of this program to sustain competitive amateur sport by financially supporting qualified sport organizations with capital projects, we want to emphasize that any group can apply for an amateur sport grant if they are registered as a non-profit society, have objectives and programs relating to amateur sport and have not received an Amateur Sport Grant in the past three years.

Grants have been provided to high schools for fitness and weight training equipment, community associations for recreation facilities, elite sport teams for training equipment and recreational sport groups for facilities and equipment. Eligible capital projects might include the construction or renovation of sports facilities or the purchase of sport-related equipment.

Parks Foundation Calgary is Greening A Great City

Enhancing the quality of life
for all Calgarians through:

Development of parks

Preservation of river valleys

Support of amateur sport

Get Involved!

Create a new park or playground
in your community

Volunteer as a Committee Member

Donate to one of our projects

Bench Dedication Program



The Bench Dedication Program allows Calgarians to create a dedication or memorial by having permanent public benches installed throughout the city's numerous recreation areas and pathways. An engraved bronze plaque that features a personalized message from the donor is placed on the bench.

For further program information please visit
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Contact Brenda at 974-0751 or benches@parksfdn.com

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