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Parks Foundation Calgary Launches its Biggest-ever Project *The Great Pathway Roundup*

Calgary, Alberta (July 8, 2009)—The Parks Foundation Calgary’s newest project is its biggest ever—and Calgary’s biggest-ever pathway addition. The Calgary Perimeter Greenway will be a 120-kilometre route around the city, following roughly the same route as Calgary’s ring road (Stoney Trail).

“This is an exciting, dynamic undertaking for Parks Foundation Calgary. It will build on Calgary’s extensive pathway network as well as signal a new era for our organization,” Myrna Dubé, president of the Parks Foundation Calgary, said. With a solid base of government and community support, Parks Foundation Calgary hopes to begin the multi-phased project this summer with the East Calgary Greenway. The 10-kilometre leg consists of new open spaces, pathways and wetlands adjacent to a portion of the east ring road between 17th Ave. S.E. and Airport Trail N.E.

Deputy Mayor and Alderman (Ward 9) Joe Ceci said, “the East Calgary Greenway is a new, innovative use of public lands and will serve one quarter of Calgary’s population. Nearly 245,000 citizens in the East Calgary Greenway area will benefit from the new pathway and its features.”

Ceci and Dubé were among more than 70 people who attended the project launch—dubbed The Great Pathway Roundup in honour of the City’s Stampede activities—today at Elliston Park. Among the guests were numerous dignitaries including Devinder Shory, the MP for Calgary Northeast; Manmeet Bhullar, the MLA for Calgary-Montrose; and numerous Parks Foundation Calgary board members, volunteers and staff.

The East Calgary Greenway will be located on the east Stoney Trail transportation and utility corridor, which is owned by the Province of Alberta. Alberta Transportation has approved Parks Foundation Calgary’s use of this land; a component of the project will restore or replace natural wetlands affected by construction of the ring road.

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Jim Davidson, chair of Parks Foundation Calgary's fundraising campaigns, noted: "The Calgary Perimeter Greenway is a new way—a new path for citizens and governments to become partners in reducing our impact on our environment, improving public recreation opportunities and advancing urban green infrastructure development. The Calgary Perimeter Greenway is a long-term plan that will be enjoyed by generations to come."

Since its establishment in 1985, Parks Foundation Calgary has, through partnerships, established over \$125 million in parks, amateur sport and river valley initiatives.

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