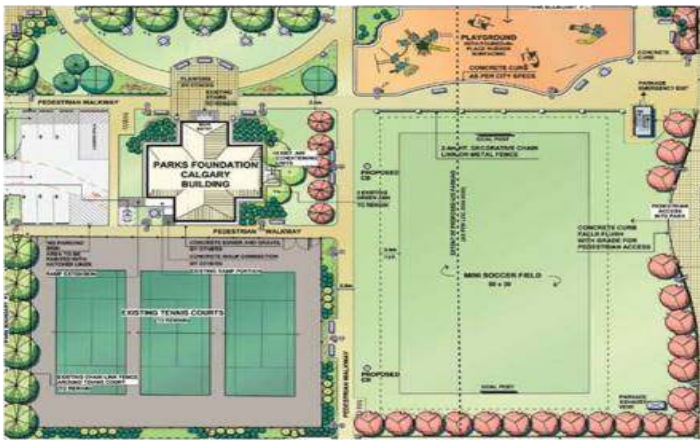


## Final Phase of Haultain Park Restoration set to Start this Spring

The third and final phase of the Haultain Park and School Restoration project is set to start this spring. The final phase will include the construction of a large, fully accessible playground, a mini soccer field and landscaping. This urban public park will be a focal point for the surrounding community, and enhance the revitalization occurring in the area. The park will be a place where old and young can meet to play, rest and enjoy a beautiful greenspace in the heart of the city.



Conceptual Drawing of Haultain Park

Parks Foundation Calgary (PFC), its partners and the community surrounding Haultain Park have been waiting anxiously for this park to become a reality and are delighted to know that the park will be open to the public this fall.

PFC is currently planning a major community event to celebrate the completion of the project, and wishes to thank the community for their ongoing support and patience throughout each phase.

More information on Haultain Park and School Restoration Project can be found at [parksfdn.com](http://parksfdn.com)

## Parks Foundation Calgary Announces New Program to Help Communities Build a New Generation of Play Spaces

Public playgrounds have been a staple in the lives of Canadian children for generations. They are where children, regardless of ethnicity or family income, come together to share in the pure joy of being kids. There are roughly 2000 playgrounds in the Calgary region. Some are beautiful structures, offering children an exciting and challenging place to play. Yet many are unsafe, underused, and found in remote areas that are not convenient to the surrounding community.

There is a great and growing need for safe, challenging and accessible playgrounds in Calgary. It is with this in mind, and with the support of the City of Calgary, that Parks Foundation Calgary has established the **Building Playgrounds and Communities Program**.

A volunteer committee has been created to work on the program. The committee is chaired by Karen Hawitt and includes several PFC staff members. The committee is looking forward to helping community and school associations meet the needs of their children and communities through the creation and upgrading of playgrounds across Calgary.



For information contact us at (403) 974-0751

# Parks Foundation Calgary, The Calgary Flames Hockey Club and The Saddledome Foundation honour grant recipients.

Parks Foundation Calgary, The Calgary Flames Hockey Club and The Saddledome Foundation honoured the 2006-2008 Amateur Sport Grant Recipients on February 26th at the 2009 Amateur Sport luncheon. Held at Dutton's Lounge in the Saddledome, over 80 participants joined together to celebrate amateur sport in Calgary. Grant recipients were given a chance to meet one another and received a plaque for their involvement in the Grant Program.

The luncheon included a demonstration by the Tecumseh Tai Kwon Do Club and speeches by Ken King, President of the Calgary Flames, Greg Forrest, Chairman of the Saddledome Foundation, Wayne Logan, Chair of Parks Foundation Calgary's Board of Governors and David Ardell, Chair of the Amateur Sport Committee. For more information on the Amateur Sport Grant Program go to [www.parksfdn.com](http://www.parksfdn.com)



2008 Grant Recipients



Tecumseh Tai Kwon Do Club



PFC's Dave Ardell and Wayne Logan

## Winter Construction on Harvie Passage Weir Project to Finish on Time

Construction on the Bow River weir is well underway and on time. While it may seem as if the river is being torn apart by heavy machines, the disturbances that are visible in the river were all anticipated and are necessary for the changes that will emerge over the next two years. Construction will wrap up in the spring and commence again in the fall. Throughout construction the safety and health of the fish in the river are

being closely monitored. While this adds time to construction, it is necessary to ensure the safety of Bow River's fisheries.

Steps are also being taken to enhance the shoreline along this section of the Bow River. For each tree cut down throughout the construction process, three native trees will be planted in their place, and a significant public art and landscaping design will add interest for people walking to and through the area.

**We urge citizens not to go near the construction zone even in the absence of construction crews. Obey all signs as this area is not safe and will not be safe until some time after final completion of in stream construction in 2011.**

For more information on Harvie Passage, please visit [www.harviepassage.com](http://www.harviepassage.com) or contact Mac Hickley at (403) 974-0747



Rendering of finished weir; Construction crews work on foundation next to the weir.

## Parks Foundation Calgary Thanks Retiring Chair and Long-time Volunteer Wayne Logan



Of our many volunteers, we wish to highlight one of our most dedicated, our Chairman, Wayne Logan, who completes his term in April.

Wayne was an Amateur Sport Committee volunteer for nine years. In 2003 he took over as chair of the Amateur Sport Committee and held the position until 2006.

Wayne became the chair of the Board of Governors that same year and has been chairing the Board for the past three years. He has made a world of a difference to the organization through his leadership, expertise, enthusiasm and drive.

On behalf of the Board, staff and the community we serve, we wish to extend sincere thanks to Wayne for his dedicated years of service.

Myrna Dubé,  
President

## New Additions to Staff and Board of Governors Bring Passion, Energy and Experience to PFC

Parks Foundation Calgary has two new staff members to add to its team.

Dolores Sakauye is the new Accounting Assistant to Lily Llaguno. She and Lily are busily holding down the financial fort and doing a wonderful job of it! We are thankful for the skill and dedication that Dolores brings to PFC.

Catherine Gulinao is the newest member of our team and has taken over the role of Office and Volunteer Coordinator. She comes to us with a deep background in working with non-profits and volunteers and has a keen interest in the work of Parks Foundation Calgary.

We also welcome Karen Hawitt and Bob Ward, both dedicated volunteers, as a new members to our Board of Governors.

We are excited to work with our new staff and volunteers and know that they will bring new ideas, enthusiasm and experience to Parks Foundation Calgary.

## Spruce Meadows' Educational "Eyes on the Wetlands" Opens this Spring to Visitors

In the spring of 2009, Spruce Meadows, working closely with Parks Foundation Calgary and several other community partners, will introduce a new educational and environmental initiative, Imperial Oil Foundation's "Eyes on the Wetlands" program.

The program will include formal curricula with a special focus on the natural and created environments in and around Spruce Meadows. After a visit from a Ducks Unlimited professional educator to the school classroom, the students will visit Spruce Meadows for an on-site interactive field study that will include: observation platforms, interpretive pathways, bird and wildlife watching, a marsh walk, a deep water platform for pond dipping and an on-site interactive classroom facility.

The excavation and reshaping of the Spruce Meadows constructed wetlands, which will improve nesting locations for the ducks and other wildlife, is underway and the construction of the Observation Blind will begin with the spring thaw.



The community partners involved are dedicated to the conservation and preservation of the surrounding natural and constructed wetlands and envision this program as a long term investment for students, our community and the environment.

## Bench Dedication Program

The Bench Dedication Program is a wonderful way to recognize or pay tribute to someone important in your life. Through the program, donors can choose an available location in one of Calgary's numerous recreational areas and pathways to install their bench. A personalized plaque is placed on the bench and maintained for 10 to 40 years. What better way is there to remember or recognize a loved one?

To learn more about this program, please call Brenda Smyth at (403) 974-0757



## We Can Help Your Community in Many Ways...

In addition to our Amateur Sport Grant Program and the new Building Playgrounds and Communities program, PFC offers communities and other charitable organizations the Project Gift Administration Grant and the Conceptual Drawing Grant.

The Project Gift Administration Grant provides free administration services for your project, which equates to 2% of the funds raised for the project up to a maximum of \$20,000. PFC will issue tax receipts for donations to your project and heighten the profile of your project in the community.

The Conceptual Drawing Grant provides seed money to “kick-off” a community project to hire an architect or designer for an initial concept drawing- a valuable first step in developing your project.

For more information or to apply to any of our grants and programs, please contact us.

### Check Out Our New Website!

2009 brings a renewed commitment from PFC to bring its donors and supporters the most current information on all projects and programs it is a part of. For this reason we have been working hard to redo our website.

Our new site was launched in March and offers viewers a variety of information, news, resources and photos to keep you up-to-date and informed. The site was developed in house by our talented Sarah Hirst.

Take some time to look at our new site, still found at our old address: [www.parfsfdn.com](http://www.parfsfdn.com)

### Get involved!

We are always in need of new volunteers and donors. To find out about more ways you can make a difference with Parks Foundation Calgary, please contact us!



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