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## *A New Chapter for Parks Foundation Calgary*

As you know, for nearly a decade the Parks Foundation Calgary has had the privilege of being led by Myrna Dubé. It has been a time of great growth and success for the Foundation.

On September 6, 2016, Myrna formally submitted notice of her retirement effective the end of this year. This is a bittersweet event in the history of the Foundation; our respected and valued leader is pursuing the next chapter in her career, adventures that will necessitate her leaving the helm of our Foundation.

We have had the rare opportunity to be led by someone who has been able to transform the Foundation by:

- Initiating, funding and building PFC's largest and most iconic project, the Rotary/Mattamy Greenway Project, which, when completed, will be the largest urban pathway and park system in the world. Given the importance of this project, we look forward to Myrna's continued participation in bringing it to a successful conclusion in 2017.
- Deepening our significant stakeholder and donor relationships with partners including the City of Calgary, Mattamy Homes, Rotary Clubs, the local residential construction community, and oil and gas corporations in Calgary that will continue to serve PFC in its mandate for future green initiatives in this great city.
- Raising the level of brand awareness of this organization in all sectors of the city, with respected individuals and corporations alike.
- Stewarding a strong and fiscally responsible path for the Foundation that has increased the stability of operations, and positioned PFC well for the future.

The board is very proud of the relationship we cultivated with Myrna, and equally proud of the relationships she fostered with our stakeholders and the exceptional staff of the Foundation. Myrna is dedicated, loyal and cares deeply about the goals of the Foundation and I am confident she will continue to be a strong supporter and advocate of PFC and its objectives.

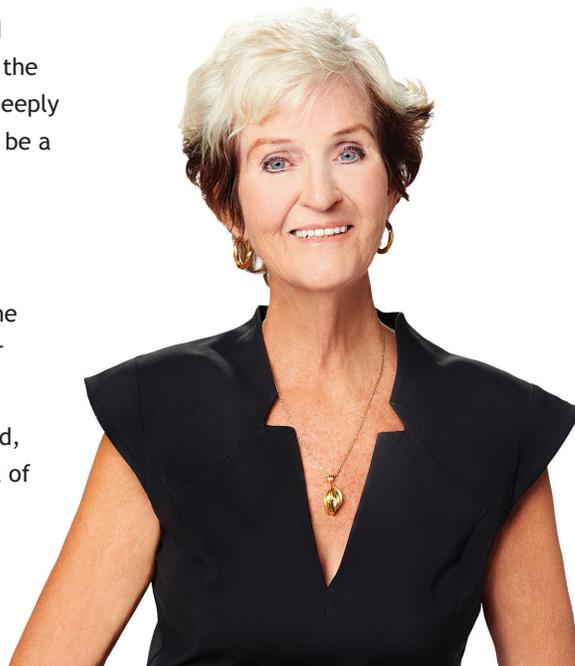
Please feel free to reach out to Myrna directly to wish her well in her next adventure.

For myself and the board, we will continue to work with Myrna through the transition while selecting a new leader to ensure a seamless transition for all involved.

Myrna has been a tireless champion of the PFC, and on behalf of the Board, past and present, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her many contributions.

All my best,

John (JR) Houghton  
Parks Foundation Calgary Board Chairman



# The Rotary/Mattamy Greenway: Upcoming Amenities

## DAVID RICHARDSON MEMORIAL DISC GOLF PARK

Earlier this year, we announced that a new amenity would be launched in the northwest section of the Greenway - the David Richardson Memorial Disc Golf Park. It is an 18-hole course on a 27-acre site that is being built in memory of Calgary businessman and avid disc golfer, David Richardson. This will be the longest disc golf course in Calgary and will have potential to draw competitors from around North America.

To-date, 11 of the 18 holes have already been sponsored. There are still seven holes available for \$25,000 each.

Park construction can only proceed once we have all the funds in place and we are striving for a 2017 completion date.

If you have any questions or would like to donate or sponsor this project, please contact Myrna Dubé at [mdube@parksfdn.com](mailto:mdube@parksfdn.com).



**David Richardson**  
Memorial Disc Golf Park

## MANMEET SINGH BHULLAR MEMORIAL PARK



The Manmeet Singh Bhullar Park will be located in the northeast at the end of 64th Ave and will honour a politician, and a man, who brought people and communities together.

The park will feature five giant steel rings that symbolize the “Five Ks” that reflect Sikh discipline and spirituality. In addition, five colourful groves of trees will run diagonally across the Greenway, representing the diversity of communities Bhullar brought together.

Currently we have circulated several requests for funding for this park, which we hope to start construction on in 2017.

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*Please join us on December 7th, 2016 to celebrate the Holiday Season*

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Parks Foundation Calgary Office  
225 - 13 Avenue S.W.

Appetizers and refreshments will be served  
RSVP to [info@parksfdn.com](mailto:info@parksfdn.com) or (403) 974-0751



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## BUILDING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

We have seen an increase in wonderful projects since widening the scope of our Building Communities Program earlier this year, with 19 projects completed this season.

Our projects covered a diverse spectrum this year including a fitness park, a natural playground, outdoor classrooms, and traditional playgrounds in communities all around the city.

The success of our program is largely attributed to the dedicated volunteer committees, parent councils, community associations, and school boards who work hard to meet their final goals. We want to congratulate all of our community partners this year on a job well done!

If you have a park project in mind for your community, contact Sara at 403-974-0747 or by email [sstepa@parksfdn.com](mailto:sstepa@parksfdn.com) to see how Parks Foundation may support you!



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## AMATEUR SPORT GRANT PROGRAM

### *Did you know?...*

Our Grant Program provides funding for:

- sport groups of ALL ages - from young children to senior teams.
- all sport types: hockey, lawn bowling, gymnastics, tennis, skiing, snowboarding, rowing, boxing...we've previously funded over 45 different types of sport in Calgary.
- equipment and capital projects such as a new facility or new gym floors - it can all be included on one application.
- We have three deadlines every year: January 15th, May 15th and October 15th.

Funds are generously donated by the Calgary Flames and the Saddledome Foundation.

You can check out our website or contact Alyshia at 403-974-1070 or email [aauston@parksfdn.com](mailto:aauston@parksfdn.com) for more information.



## BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



Sales of the memorial benches have been steady despite the downturn in the Calgary economy.

The City of Calgary has approved five new locations for memorial benches in Bowness Park which can now be dedicated as well as eight in Prince's Island Park. The cost of sponsorship is \$3,500 for a 10 year period.

As in previous years, we continue to change out the old cedar benches replacing the slats with new red meranti wood slats. This wood stands up better to the harsh Calgary climate and requires less maintenance. We have also seen less graffiti damage with this harder wood, saving valuable maintenance dollars.

Please contact Sheila Ferguson, Bench Program Manager for more information, at 403-974-0751 or by email at [sferguson@parksfdn.com](mailto:sferguson@parksfdn.com).

## CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO PARKS FOUNDATION CALGARY

I would like to make a donation in support of Parks Foundation Calgary to the following project(s):

- Rotary/Mattamy Greenway
- Building Communities
- Area of greatest need
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Considering leaving a legacy gift to Parks Foundation Calgary?  
Contact us to find out how.

I would like to make a:

- One-time donation
- Regular contribution

Commencing \_\_\_\_\_

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Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Payment information:

I have enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card  Visa  Mastercard

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PFC issues tax receipts, as an agent for the City of Calgary, for  
donations of \$25 or more

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