

# Legacy Park Program

The City of Calgary  
Office of the Mayor

## Land Deal Gives Birth to Haskayne Park

**November 15, 2006** - A major land acquisition announced today has cleared the way for a new regional park on Calgary's northwest border.

The City has acquired over 360 acres of prime parkland nestled next to the Bow River in Bearspaw from the University of Calgary and Dick and Lois Haskayne. The bulk of the property was purchased under the Enmax Legacy Parks program, with the final purchase made possible by the kind generosity of the Haskaynes who personally donated over \$5 million in land toward the new park.

Commenting on the purchase, Mayor Dave Bronconnier thanked The Haskaynes for their outstanding contribution to the community, and for providing Calgarians with a lasting legacy. "This is some of the most beautiful land in the Calgary region. It's pristine, natural and offers some of the most spectacular views you could ever see. I want to personally thank Dick and Lois for their very kind gift to our city and to future generations of Calgarians who will be able to enjoy this public space forever."

The Legacy Park Program is a visionary program made possible through the Enmax Legacy Park fund. This program is the largest of its kind in Canada, with funds from Enmax dividends being allocated for land acquisition and park development / re-development both within the City of Calgary and outside the city boundaries in future development corridors.

The focus of the Legacy Park program is the creation of three major regional parks outside the city in the Shepard, Clearwater, and Bearspaw areas where The City of Calgary Parks already has significant land holdings. This portion is estimated at \$30M+ and consists of land acquisition and new park development.

Within the city, the program is a \$20M initiative consisting of \$10M for land acquisition, and an equal amount for park development / re-development. To date the Legacy Park

Program has funded projects and land acquisition on:

- Reader Rock Garden
- Nose Hill Park
- Inglewood Bird Sanctuary's Colonel Walker House
- McHugh Bluffs
- Shepard Wetland, Klippert Gravel Pit
- Paskapoo Slopes
- Bowness Lagoon

The Legacy Park Program represents a long term vision that signifies the importance of open space and parks, by acquiring and preserving key areas for future growth while protecting key watershed areas, and by establishing extensive open space buffers along both the Bow and Elbow rivers.

The Legacy Park Program is one of the critical links in ensuring Calgarians continue to enjoy high quality park and open space opportunities now and into the future.