

Calgary Awarded World Leadership Honors

December 6, 2006 – Mayor Dave Bronconnier and The City of Calgary have been honored with a 2006 World Leadership Award announced at a Gala Dinner in London, England today. The award is in the environmental category, and internationally recognizes the Mayor and The City for efforts to protect the environment and focus on sustainable development.

Commenting on the nomination Mayor Bronconnier noted, "This is a tremendous international honor from the World Leadership Forum. It represents a very strong team effort at The City of Calgary, and a strong commitment to leading-edge practices for environmental stewardship. We are very proud of this international recognition, and pleased with the opportunity to tell Calgary's story to a global audience."

James Wright, Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, was in attendance at the Gala Dinner, and congratulated Mayor Bronconnier and The City of Calgary. "Calgary's environmental program was very well received by the panel of judges here in London, and this is an important achievement for your City and for Canada" said the High Commissioner.

Calgary was one of two cities vying for the award in this category. The other nominee was The City of Krakow, Poland, for their submission titled "From ecological disaster to garden city".

Organized by the World Leadership Forum, a not-for-profit organization, these awards promote leadership internationally by identifying exceptional leaders in cities around the world and using them as an example and inspiration to others.

Mayor Bronconnier and The City were nominated by Professor Brian Sinclair, Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Design at The University of Calgary. Nominations are judged on the quality of leadership displayed, the difficulties or obstacles that the city overcame and the degree of inspiration that the city may give to others.