

# FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

## Construction Update 2009

The past four years have seen notable construction activities throughout the Park. These are a combination of repairs associated with the 2005 flood and various capital project upgrades. The following outlines construction activities for the spring 2009 to improve and maintain various Park facilities and services.

As with all major construction initiatives, there will be operational closures, debris, and associated noise. Please respect directional signage and trail restrictions in the interest of public safety.

### City of Calgary Fish Creek Stormwater Quality Retrofit Ponds Projects

The City and the Park have committed to reducing the flow of storm water and it's associated sediments and debris into the Bow River and Fish Creek. Their ensuing plan involves removing outflows and replacing them with diversion works, storage and sedimentation ponds and channels. In partnership with Fish Creek Provincial Park, both agencies have designed engineered wetlands to link to an existing network that lie parallel to Fish Creek and the Bow River. This initiative will enhance the Park's riparian habitat and reduce the sediments and pollutants flowing from our communities into rivers and streams. Design and construction of five sites in Fish Creek Provincial Park are:

- Cranston/Rotary Park - completion early spring 2009
- Votier's Flats - completion in 2009
- Marshall Springs/Evergreen - completion spring/summer 2009
- Burnsmead - completion in 2009 with relocation of existing Burnsmead parking lot/washroom
- Heron Colony/Acadia - completion in 2009



These extensive projects will involve some pathway closures, warning signs, barricades, and detours. Please observe and respect these postings for your own safety.

For inquiries regarding exact design specifications and water course planning please contact the City of Calgary Water Services at 311 or visit: [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)

### Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre (FCELC) Renovation Project

Since 1982, nearly 700,000 students, teachers and parent volunteers have enjoyed award-winning programming at this important Calgary landmark. The FCELC will undergo an extensive upgrade to accommodate increased classroom space, public presentation venues, and improve the efficiency of the buildings operation. Once complete, the project will serve as a model sustainable building with numerous examples of environmentally progressive technologies. Renovations began in Fall 2008 with a projected opening of Winter 2010.

A protective construction fence encircles the area around the FCELC and as a result a small portion of the pathways immediately surrounding the facility are closed. These closures are necessary both for public safety to allow construction crews a durable and accessible surface to do their work.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move through this reinvestment process in the Park's facilities and infrastructure. For more information on Fish Creek Provincial Park construction closures, phone the Park office at 403-297-5293, or for information on the City of Calgary projects, phone 311.

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