



Partners in Action

The University of Calgary welcomed Joanne Perdue as the newly appointed Director, of Campus Sustainability as of May 1, 2007. The University of Calgary is only the third University in Canada to create such a position. Under the direction of Perdue, the newly formed Office of Sustainability will provide strategic vision and organizational structure to build full participation in sustainability stewardship across the University. The office will also be working to integrate sustainability into all aspects of operations and enhance sustainability initiatives in academia and research.

Perdue believes that universities play a pivotal role in defining the path to a sustainable future. The content and delivery of curriculum and the physical environment in which students learn, shapes the ability of our future teachers, researchers, engineers, corporate CEO's and political leaders to provide leadership and answers to the complex challenges of achieving a sustainable future. The University's research activity also provides a better understanding of the complex environmental, economic, and social challenges that we face and the interdependencies at play between these considerations. No other societal institutions have the ongoing mandate for this research.

"We are role models for the larger community" Perdue says, "the policies, standards, and operations that the University of Calgary adopts around sustainability can influence businesses, institutions and individuals," Perdue also recognizes that a university's collective purchasing power is very influential. Procurement policies and standards at a university can shape the nature of services and products that the market makes available. This in turns helps more sustainable products to become more widely available to all.

There are a number of initiatives underway through the University of Calgary's Office of Sustainability that aligns with the imagineCALGARY's targets and goals. For example the Child Development Centre, scheduled to open in Fall 2007, will utilize Photovoltaic (PV) panels to generate approximately 10% of the

electricity used in the building. The remainder of the buildings' energy needs will come from wind energy green tags. This development marks the largest installation of PV in Canada. The panels produce enough electricity to fuel up to 6 Calgary family homes. The EcoClub student group on campus approached the University energy and utilities engineer to match the funds they raised to buy Renewable Energy Certificates to power the Elbow Computer Room by wind energy and the grounds fleet of vehicles runs on a ratio of 20/80 biofuel from waste cooking oil gathered from Food Services.

imagineCALGARY Partner's Meeting update

On June 7, a Partner's meeting was held at the Calgary Stampede People Centre. At this meeting several items were discussed;

- A conference proposal from the Conference Action Group concerning an overall purpose for the imagineCALGARY Conference.
- The imagineCALGARY Collaborative Action Workshops on June 11, 20 and 25.
- The Partners voted in support of the proposed governance structures and commencement of a pilot for Fall 2007.

The next Partner's meeting will be on Thursday, September 6.



imagineCALGARY Collaborative Action Workshops

On June 11, the first in the series of Collaborative Workshop was held at SAIT. The focus of this workshop was 'Livelihood'. These workshops have been planned to bring organizations together that are currently working on particular targets and are interested in collaborating with other Partners on common targets.

Key questions that will be addressed include:

- What are the most critical issues in your work today?
- How do these issues link with the Targets of the imagineCALGARY Plan?
- What other organizations in the community could help you deal with these critical pieces of work?
- What next steps need to happen to work towards the imagineCALGARY Plan?

Upcoming workshops will focus on the following targets:

Physical Environment - buildings, transportation, services, energy, air, land, soil, water, aesthetic enjoyment and connectedness.

People - creative self expression, meaning, purpose, connectedness, self-esteem, sense of community and aesthetic enjoyment

imagineCALGARY Takes Home FCM Award

On Saturday, June 2, 2007, the city of Calgary was awarded the CH2M Hill Sustainable Communities Award by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for its creation of the imagineCALGARY Plan and engagement process.

imagineCALGARY won the award for the "Sustainable Community Planning" Category. The presentation was made at the FCM conference, Leading Change that was held in Calgary. Mayor Bronconnier accepted the award on behalf of the city of Calgary.

Calgary was one of ten municipalities across the country that was recognized for their efforts in sustainable community development. Other award

recipients included Dawson Creek, B.C., Capital Regional District of Vicotira, B.C., Town of Ladysmith, B.C. Regional Municipality of York, Ontario, City of Toronto, Ontario, Hamilton, Ontario, , Town of East Gwillembury, Ontario and Quebec City, Quebec and Charlottetown, PEI.

Current Partners

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Alberta Environment
Alberta Real Estate Foundation
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Bow Valley College
Calgary Airport Authority
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Calgary Board of Education
Calgary Chamber of Volunteer Organizations
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Calgary Health Region
Calgary Heritage Authority
Calgary Public Library
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