



September 2007

## imagineCALGARY Partner's Meeting Update

On September 6<sup>th</sup> imagineCALGARY held its final full-scale Partner's meeting. The meeting was well attended and was served as an opportunity for Partners to catch up on the developments with imagineCALGARY since the summer break. Below are a few key points of interest:

- Peer Review - a peer review of the imagineCALGARY structures was held over the summer. Overall, imagineCALGARY received positive comments on the proposed accountability and resourcing structures.
- Committees - As part of the accountability structure, the designated committees are starting to fill up with members. Many applications have been received and an orientation session for new committee members is planned for October.
- Resourcing – There has been a great deal of progress in resourcing the imagineCALGARY Committees. These commitments will be finalized in the coming months.
- Planning for the Community Symposium is coming along well. The committee is awaiting confirmation from the guest speaker before invitations go out later this month.

The imagineCALGARY Partnership will now break into individual committees. Work towards the imagineCALGARY Plan will continue to occur within individual companies as well as collectively through the committee structure. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the community symposium in late November!

## Students Choose to Spend Their Summer Vacation in Emergency

This summer a group of Calgary high school students had a chance to see what potential medical careers await them after graduation. SCRUBS is a one-week program that was created through a partnership between SAIT and the Calgary Health Region (CHR), both imagineCALGARY Partner organizations, to give students a first-hand look at a variety of opportunities in the medical field. At this year's camp, students learned about emergency doctors, paramedics, pharmacists, dietitians, rehabilitation professions, respiratory therapists and alternative medicine practitioners—just to name a few.

The camp is divided up into individual sessions where specific health care professions are showcased. These sessions are led by an experienced health care practitioner working in the profession. During the sessions they talk about a typical day of work, their personal career journey and the education that is required. The highlight of these sessions is a hands-on

activity or game which relates to the occupation. Some of the activities include; learning how to properly glove, identifying cell types with a microscope, putting together respiratory equipment in a relay race, and this year every student learned how to put a cast on the arm of another student.

"I always thought that if you wanted to go into medicine you either had to become a nurse or a doctor. I had no idea there were so many other options," said Allie Caputo, a recent SCRUBS participant.

The camp is held twice through the summer months and accommodates 48 students. "This is a great motivator for students who are looking for that next step coming out of high school," said Denise Moroz, program coordinator. "SCRUBS is able to provide some of our local students the incentive to consider post-secondary or vocational studies in this area."

For more information on the SCRUBS program visit: [www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/employment/students.htm#SCRUBS](http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/employment/students.htm#SCRUBS) or [www.sait.ca/summeratsait](http://www.sait.ca/summeratsait).

## imagineCALGARY Partner's Event

There is a new generation of mavericks emerging in Calgary and imagineCALGARY will be hosting them in November 2007.

Please join us for presentations and discussions about how imagineCALGARY's Partners have been turning the imagination of the imagineCALGARY plan into action in the community. The afternoon will include a special guest speaker, presentations from imagineCALGARY partners as well as an opportunity to tour the Mavericks Exhibit.

**Please check back here next month for more details.**

## Seniors and Youth Add Beauty to Their Community

In early 2006, the members of the Bowness Seniors' Centre decided they were tired of seeing graffiti on the walls of their building. They wanted their building to



reflect a sense of community, and so in partnership with Urban Youth Worx the 'Mural Project' was dreamt up. On August 15, 2007 Urban Youth Worx, the Bowness Seniors' Centre, local residents and Alderman Dale Hodges celebrated the official unveiling of the mural.

This was truly a collective project as the entire community was invited to help plan and paint the mural. They chose the Bowness Stampede Parade because it signifies a time and place where residents of different backgrounds come together to celebrate and share. At the same time, the mural gave youth and seniors an opportunity to work together to create a piece of history.

While it only took a few short weeks to complete, the memories and skills built in the Bowness com-

munity will last much longer. The Bowness mural provided a place for youth and seniors to socialize, create networks and further their artistic skills.

"This is the best thing we've done for a long time. It was a great learning experience for both youth and seniors; together we've learned and shared; it was community coming together," said Sheila Clayden, president of the Bowness Seniors' Centre.

Even the celebration at the end of the project was a community event with over 65 community members turning out to view the slideshow commemorating the contribution of the volunteers to the project and the completion of the mural.



Urban Youth Worx has worked in several communities facilitating similar projects. They have helped build stronger communities by engaging youth and other community partners to work together through a creative process. Their goal is to build community confidence, pride, ownership, belonging and community networks.



## Partners in Action

### Sustainable, Equitable and Smart Transportation Forum

Join The Sustainable Calgary Society & The Federation of Calgary Communities for a discussion of sustainable transportation and how it can contribute to healthier, caring, vibrant city.

The event includes:

- Special Guest: Todd Litman – Sustainable Transportation Expert
- Presentations, Panel of Experts and Interactive Discussions about Equity Issues, Smart Growth, Alternatives, Transit and Community-Oriented Development.

Date: Saturday September 29

Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. (lunch will be provided)

Locations: McDonald Hall, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)  
1301-16 Avenue N.W. Calgary, Alberta

Cost: \$10 or Pay What You Can

**For more information visit [www.sustainablecalgary.ca](http://www.sustainablecalgary.ca). RSVP to [colleen@sustainablecalgary.ca](mailto:colleen@sustainablecalgary.ca) by September 20.**

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