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**Calgarians get a Glimpse of the Future of Riverwalk**  
CMLC's Riverwalk Project to become a Destination for all Calgarians

On Wednesday, November 19 over 100 Calgarians attended the Riverwalk Phase 1 design and implementation information session, hosted by the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) at Stampede Park. Response to the plans from the crowd was positive about the continued rejuvenation of the East Village.

The Riverwalk project is part of the East Village redevelopment being led by CMLC and will see a safe, modern and green path destination for all Calgarians.

"Riverwalk offers exciting new possibilities for urban living, dynamic architecture and landscape design," comments Chris Ollenberger, President and CEO, CMLC. "The development of the Riverwalk plan has been a collaborative process and will bring changes to the river's edge including new lighting, the separation of bike paths from pedestrian paths, a safe children's play area and gradual slopes and stairs so that Calgarians can get close to the Bow River."

The vision of Riverwalk evolved through collaboration between Ken Greenberg of Greenberg Consultants Inc. and Fred Valentine of Stantec Consultants working closely with CMLC. The design of the Riverwalk was a collaborative effort between CMLC, Moryiama Teshima Planners, Stantec Consultants, Progressive Engineering, the City of Calgary and input from Calgarians. In the beginning stages of the project, the planners studied examples of other successful urban waterfront developments and drew their inspiration from many different places all over the globe including Vancouver, New York, Toronto, Seattle, London England, Bilbao Spain and The Forks in Winnipeg.

"When we started this process, we asked ourselves what the critical factors to the success of the Riverwalk are," comments Ken Greenberg. "What we found is that Riverwalk should connect to the city's infrastructure, be a safe place, allow access to both rivers, be a pleasant place, celebrate the river, contribute to the health of the waters and be much more of an experience than just a 'walk in the park'."

The first leg of Riverwalk will reconnect East Village to downtown and will extend from Riverfront Avenue to Lindsay Park. Construction is estimated to begin in spring 2009. The detailed Riverwalk masterplan is available at [www.calgarymlc.ca](http://www.calgarymlc.ca).

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