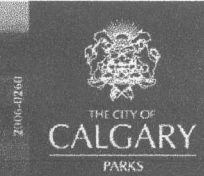


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## UPDATE – Nose Hill Park SPRING 2008

### LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

#### Cross-Park Pathways

Construction of the cross-park pathways was completed in the fall of 2007 when the asphalt pathways were sealed with a chip-seal top-coat. Once the chip-seal surface was installed, crews worked to rehabilitate land directly adjacent to the pathways, which included areas formerly disturbed through heavy informal trail use and access routes used during construction. Park visitors will be encouraged to stay on the pathways, especially this spring, while the native grass seed germinates and becomes established.

The pathway contractor will be returning to the park this summer to inspect the pathways and perform any touch-ups that may be required.

#### Upper Plateau Trail

Work on the upper plateau trail continued well into late fall, until the cold temperatures and falling snow halted work for 2007. A significant amount of progress was made on this 10 km granular trail, which, when completed, will help define the park's large 350 hectare multi-use zone. The trail contractor will be completing work on the upper plateau trail as soon as weather and site conditions permit this spring.

#### West Slope Trails

In 2008, Nose Hill Trail & Pathway Plan implementation activities will shift their focus to the park's west slope. Work planned for the west slope includes the construction of a new gravel trail that will link the Brisebois parking lot with the multi-use zone, as well as upgrades and maintenance to approximately 5 km of existing dirt trails.

### PARKING LOTS & PARK AMENITIES

#### Park Signage

Parks is currently completing the design of new signage for Nose Hill Park, which will include trail markers, entry, wayfinding and interpretive signs. Our design team has been busy developing new park signage that fits with the natural character of Nose Hill Park, while also balancing fabrication and operational needs. As part of the sign development process, our design team has been briefed on the various comments and suggestions provided through the NHTPP public engagement process and from more recent public education focus group sessions, and asked to consider these comments when developing the various park signs.

It is anticipated that signage designs will be completed in early summer and that the first series of park signs will be installed by late fall. Additional details regarding the installation of park signage will be shared once the design and fabrication process is completed.

#### Parking Lots

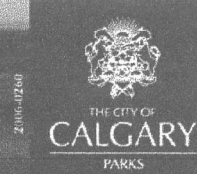
As recommended in the Nose Hill Trail & Pathway Plan, parking lots will be improved throughout the implementation phase of the project. Improvement plans are currently being finalized for both the Brisebois and Berkley Gate (Beddington) parking lots, and it is anticipated that on-the-ground improvements will be completed by the end of the 2008 construction season.

Updates on parking lot improvements, including temporary closures, will be communicated once this year's construction schedule has been finalized.

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## Benches

Parks, in collaboration with the Calgary Parks Foundation, has been exploring a donor-funded Nose Hill Park memorial bench program. This program provides a medium for citizens to recognize friends and loved ones through the purchase of a bench and application of a memorial plaque. An added benefit of this program is that both the capital funding and maintenance for each bench is subsidized through the Calgary Parks Foundation.

Over the next few months, Parks will complete the design of Nose Hill benches and complete a site planning exercise to locate suitable locations for bench installation. To assist in the site planning exercise, stakeholders are encouraged to submit suggestions for bench locations. Suggestions may be submitted directly to Graham Gerylo at [graham.gerylo@calgary.ca](mailto:graham.gerylo@calgary.ca).

## ANNUAL NOSE HILL DAY EVENT

On Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>, The City of Calgary Parks hosted its' second annual Nose Hill Day event. This past year's event was well attended by over 100 people who spent the morning learning more about the park's natural and aboriginal history and ways that they can help protect and improve this important ecological area. The morning event included presentations on the geological history of the park, Aboriginal use of the hill, and the various flora and fauna found in the park. Following the presentations, approximately 60 participants took part in interpretive hikes held on the east side of the hill. [See attached photographs of highlights from this past year's event.](#)

***Parks would like to thank the many stakeholders and park volunteers who joined us at this past year's event to celebrate Nose Hill. Your presence demonstrates your strong and continual interest in protecting and enhancing Nose Hill Park – now and for the future!***

Work is already underway to plan for a 2008 Nose Hill Day event. While a firm date has not yet been selected, it is anticipated that the event will be held sometime during the month of August. Updates on this year's event will be distributed once details are finalized. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for the event, such as presentation topics or recommended speakers.

### DID YOU KNOW? LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION FAST FACTS

There were 1,051 visitors to the Nose Hill Park project website during the first month of landscape construction in May 2007.

2,047 kg of plastic construction fencing was recycled upon completion of the cross-park asphalt pathways.

Over 740,000 kg (86 truck loads) of concrete and metallic debris have been removed from the parks gravel pit as part of the projects environmental restoration efforts.

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Completed section of the *Upper Plateau Trail* – east side of the gravel pit, overlooking downtown Calgary.



Crews applying the chip-seal top-coat to the asphalt pathway near the Edgemont park entrance.

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## SECOND ANNUAL NOSE HILL DAY – AUGUST 25 2007



Opening remarks provided by Alderman Farrell and Jennifer Symcox, natural area management coordinator.



Participants traveled to four presentation stations to learn more about the park's natural and human history.



Brian Vivian, president of the Alberta Archaeological Society, speaking about the Aboriginal use of Nose Hill.



Over 60 participants took part in an interpretive hike along the east side of the park.

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