

Canada Lands Celebrates Peacekeepers' Day in Calgary

Calgary, August 8, 2004 – Canada Lands Company in partnership with the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) today unveiled two additions to Canada Lands newly constructed Peacekeepers Park in recognition of Calgary's Peacekepers' Day. The park is located in Canada Lands' recently redeveloped Garrison Green subdivision of the former Canadian Forces Base Calgary. The Wall of Honour, bearing the names of Canadian peacekeepers killed on United Nations assignments, and The Peacekeeper sculpture were planned and developed to recognize the heritage of the site and celebrate the importance of Canadian peacekeepers.

"Canada Lands has been a proud sponsor of Peacekeepers' Day since 2003 and we strived to create a place that all Calgarians can be proud of," said Stephanie Felesky, Board Member, Canada Lands. "And more than that, we have created a legacy to the thousands of Canadian men and women who served our country with such distinction."

Peacekeepers' Day was established by CAVUNP to honour Canadians killed while serving on peacekeeping missions. The Wall of Honour lists all Canadians who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while on peacekeeping missions. The Wall also lists the peacekeeping missions on which Canada has served or is currently serving. In addition to the Wall, a larger-than-life sculpture of The Peacekeeper presenting a doll to a small child was also unveiled.

"We have been very proud of our relationship with Canada Lands in promoting peacekeeping efforts on this site," said Colonel (Retired) Donald S. Ethel, OMM, MSC, OStJ, AOE, CD, National President, CAVUNP.

"Canada Lands' redevelopment of the former Canadian Forces Base in Calgary has turned the site into a coveted location for residential, office and commercial development," said Kathy Milsom, President and CEO, Canada Lands. "This is truly one of Canada's most significant urban revitalization projects and the commemoration of the site's legacy is an essential component of its success."

The CAVUNP was established in 1986. Association members include serving and retired Canadian Military, RCMP and civilian veterans of United Nations Peacekeeping missions and other non-United Nations missions.

Canada Lands is a federal Crown corporation reactivated in 1995 to optimize the financial and community value obtained from surplus properties no longer required by the Government of Canada. The company is self-financing, pays taxes at all levels of government, and implements innovative property solutions to enhance the quality of life in communities where it operates. Since its inception, the company has distributed hundreds of millions of dollars to the government as dividends, cash acquisitions and payment for properties.

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