

Canada Lands Celebrates Peacekeepers' Day in Calgary

Calgary, August 9, 2005 – Canada Lands Company in partnership with the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) and Veterans Affairs Canada today unveiled Buffalo Park as part of Calgary's Peacekeepers Day commemoration. The new park is located in Canada Lands' Garrison Green subdivision of its former Canadian Forces Base Calgary redevelopment.

Peacekeepers Day was established by CAVUNP to honour Canadians killed while serving on peacekeeping missions. Buffalo Park is dedicated to the nine Canadian Peacekeepers who were killed when their Buffalo aircraft was shot down while on United Nations Peacekeeping duty near Diemas, Syria, on August 9, 1974.

"Buffalo Park is a place for not just the residents of Calgary, but all Canadians," said Stephanie Felesky, Board Member, Canada Lands. "We encourage all Canadians to come, remember and celebrate the brave Canadian men and women who have made the world a safer place."

"This marks the third year in succession that Canada Lands has been a proud sponsor of Peacekeepers Day in Calgary," said Jim Lynes, Acting President and CEO, Canada Lands. "Canada Lands is committed to commemorating the legacy of our various sites across the country."

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.

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