



## **Get to know your city, Calgary!** *Jane's Walk celebrates the urban existence*

**Calgary, AB** – The Calgary Foundation celebrates the legacy of Jane Jacobs, urbanist and social activist, by launching free neighborhood walking tours on May 3 & 4. Get to know your city by taking a *Jane's Walk* –free neighbourhood walking tours given by local people who care passionately about where they live, work and play.

Jane Jacobs championed the interests of local residents and pedestrians over a car-centered approach to planning. She encouraged local residents to familiarize themselves with the places where they live, work and play to help shape their communities. These friendly strolls honour Jacobs' belief that healthy cities feature walkable, compact, dense and diverse neighborhoods which help knit people into a strong, connected and resourceful community.

There are two ways to be involved:

- **Become a tour guide** – Plan a route, think through the stories, places and people you want to talk about, and then walk participants through it. You decide what's interesting! The Calgary Foundation will promote local walks to build interest and promote the issues.
- **Take a tour** – Join a group of neighbours to take a walking tour of an interesting community in Calgary. Walks are free, and will be very entertaining. Check [www.janeswalk.net](http://www.janeswalk.net) regularly to see which walks you can participate in!

*Jane's Walk* is accessible, fun and free – it's about getting out and walking, observing your city, meeting your neighbours, discovering new areas, and learning about civic institutions and agencies that shape our urban existence.

Since the inaugural walk in 2007, *Jane's Walk* has become a successful national and international event, spreading to New York in September 2007 and launching this May in eight cities across Canada and in its second US location, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**About The Calgary Foundation** – The Calgary Foundation (founded in 1955) has been engaging citizens in their neighbourhoods since 1999. Through our *Neighbour Grants* and *Stepping Stones* granting programs, residents have transformed their ideas into actions that benefit neighbourhoods, involve residents and build cooperation among groups.

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