



The Calgary Foundation addresses citizen's appetite to 'have their say'

Local sustainability experts join Calgarians to Listen, Learn, Talk and Connect

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Calgary, AB – On January 22nd, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the John Dutton Theatre, The Calgary Foundation (TCF) will be joined by the Calgary Public Library, the new Office of Sustainability at The City of Calgary, and over 100 Calgarians to discuss 'Building a Sustainable City.'

The first of a series of TCF's 2010 Vital Conversations, this public dialogue event will provide a meeting place for citizens who want to play an active role in shaping their city.

"Since the release of the 2009 Calgary's Vital Signs Report, we have seen an ongoing appetite for citizens to get involved and discuss key issues that affect the quality of life in Calgary," says Kerry Longpré, VP Communications at TCF. "The rapid change that our city is experiencing, and the launch of the City's new Office of Sustainability, make this topic more timely and relevant than ever."

Vital Conversations is part of TCF's Vital Signs Initiative - an annual check-up that combines expert research and citizen perceptions to measure the quality of life in Calgary. The evening will begin with a few short presentations, followed by lively break-out discussions about 'Building a Sustainable City'. Several of Calgary's leading organizations will be present, including: REAP (Respect for Earth and All People) Green Business Association, Civic Camp, Calgary Food Policy Council, Greendrinks, Alberta Eco-Trust Foundation, Green Calgary, Thrive and Make it Good.

After opening presentations, media interviews and photo opportunities will be available between 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The John Dutton Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail SE.

For more information about Calgary's Vital Signs, or about Vital Conversations visit www.thecalgaryfoundation.org

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