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## River Valleys Committee: "The Ripple"

### Water Safety Partners and the River Valleys Committee

Water Safety Partners is a collection of organizations including [Alberta Environment](#), [Calgary Community Manmade Lakes](#), [Canadian Coast Guard](#), [Canadian Red Cross](#), [Fish Creek Provincial Park](#), [Lifesaving Society](#), [Calgary Board of Education](#) and the following [City of Calgary](#) agencies: Bylaw Services, Fire Department, Police Service, Community Strategies, Emergency Medical Services, Recreation, Wastewater and Waterworks. Its mandate is to help prevent drowning and water-related incidents through increased public awareness about water and ice safety in Calgary.

RVC's contribution to Water Safety Partners is to coordinate a safety and communications strategy for the Harvie Passage once construction begins and at completion when the Bow opens up to recreational users for the first time since 1975. The focus will concentrate on increasing public awareness about Harvie Passage and how to use this new public amenity safely once the drowning machine (weir) has been removed.

Great information about the Harvie Passage can be found at <http://www.harviepassage.ca/index.html>.

To view how the current weir (rebuilt in 1975 from the original structure in 1904) acts as a drowning machine the [Calgary Board of Education](#), on their website d2l (desire to learn), illustrates the hydraulics created by the weir that was built to direct water to the Western Irrigation District.

Go to:

<https://d2l.cbe.ab.ca/d2l/orgTools/ouHome/ouHome.asp?ou=10123> (username=citypartners; password=cpwatersafety) click on the "Water Safety" module, Content, Water Safety in the Community, scroll down to "Why is the Bow River Weir so dangerous?"

Need I say, "avoid, at your peril" the weir this weekend which is forecast to be hot and sunny!

Have a good a great weekend and Canada Day!

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The River Valleys Committee works to conserve, protect and champion Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and valleys.