



Calgary River Valleys champions and engages the public in the protection, appreciation and stewardship of Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and watershed resources.

We are the voice of our rivers.

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To: Yves Dansereau, President, Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
Re: Weaselhead Regional Pathway Bridge -- Re-naming to Barry Erskine Bridge

We have been advised that the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society will be proposing to the City of Calgary to formally name the regional pathway footbridge over the Elbow River in Weaselhead Park as the Barry Erskine Bridge. We are writing this letter in support of this proposal.

Mr. Erskine, a former City of Calgary Alderman, was a long-time participant on the River Valleys Committee, which later became Calgary River Valleys, and for many years was the City Council representative to our organization. During those years, Mr. Erskine championed many causes, which included the natural environment, City parks, and regional pathways, to the ultimate benefit of all Calgarians. These efforts included preserving natural places and their contributions, and ensuring measured public access to such areas so Calgarians could experience them.

While Mr. Erskine was instrumental in many programs and much policy development toward preserving the rivers and the surrounding environment, as well as water quality, and biodiversity issues, the Weaselhead was particularly special to him. He was directly involved with supporting the replacement of the regional pathway footbridge in Weaselhead Park after it was washed away, and he recruited the River Valleys Committee and our volunteers to contribute to the design of the new bridge. From those consultations came the request that the design should include bump-out features which were subsequently incorporated into the plans, and now allow pathway users to stop and move to the side of the pathway in order to enjoy the natural beauty of the river and the Weaselhead area.

It seems very appropriate to our members who were involved in these efforts, and who want to recognize this history, that this footbridge be named in honour of Mr. Erskine. We also believe it would be appropriate to have a plaque installed at this location to inform bridge users of Mr. Erskine's contributions to park development, public access to natural spaces, and environmental policy. Please contact me via the details below, if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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