

Fort Calgary & The Deane House **BACKGROUND**

Fort Calgary is the original site of the North West Mounted Police fort built in 1875, at the confluence of the Elbow & Bow Rivers. Fort Calgary is the authentic and symbolic link between Calgary's past, present and future. It is a place where history was made and where history continues to be made everyday.

Fort Calgary flourished until 1914 when the RCMP decommissioned the site and sold it to the Grand Trunk Railway. For 61 years, the Fort Calgary site was used as a rail yard and light industrial site. In 1975, to celebrate the centennial of the arrival of the NWMP, the City of Calgary purchased the site and began the process of reclaiming its birthplace.

Fort Calgary is the only national, provincial and municipal historic site in Calgary. Current operations include an extensive school program, interpretive centre, gift shop, banquet facilities, site and room rentals and the Deane House Restaurant. Expansion priorities are focused on integrating Fort Calgary into the East Village and The Rivers District plans as a major regional park which celebrates the birthplace of the City.