

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRONCONNIER

On behalf of the people of Calgary and Members of Council, I invite you to experience the energy and hospitality of Calgary at the inaugural ACT Canada TDM Summit.

From humble beginnings as a frontier settlement established just 130 years ago, Calgary has become Canada's city of opportunity, a friendly, clean and safe community that's the fastest-growing urban centre in the nation. Ours is a dynamic, cosmopolitan community, an economic powerhouse that's truly the Heart of the New West.

You'll find much here to explore and enjoy. Our varied arts, heritage, cultural and entertainment offerings are world-class and welcoming. And our 'three R's' – restaurants, retail and recreation facilities – are among the finest in the country.

As a community, we're known for our entrepreneurial attitude, our innovation, and the eagerness with which we welcome new ideas. Willing to try new approaches to the challenges facing big cities today, we are recognized as a global leader in many of our municipal operations, particularly with respect to innovative transportation demand management strategies.

The Canadian TDM Summit will be of interest to you in your role as a transportation, planning, health or environmental professional. In keeping with the theme of the Summit on Building the TDM Connection, the study tours will showcase many of the ways The City of Calgary has itself been a leader in responding to challenges and changing the way we address sustainable development. Transportation demand management underscores The City's commitment on the importance of combating climate change, reducing air pollutant emissions, minimizing congestion, promoting smart growth, improving accessibility of employment opportunities, reducing the infrastructure deficit, and improving public health.

Please set aside November 25-28, 2007 and plan to join us in Calgary.



Dave Bronconnier
MAYOR