

## **CALGARY MUNICIPAL LAND CORPORATION**

Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) spent many months preparing for the 2008 construction season in East Village. Storm pipes and connections to the Fort Calgary Stormpond were completed and landscaping the facility began in mid-June. The landscaping will last until September 2008, and CMLC is pleased with how the pond has turned out so far!

Also in mid-June, CMLC shut down 5th Avenue SE to public access at 6th Street and 5th Street SE so they could proceed with mitigation of environmental impacts near the Bow River Pathway system, and began excavating 5th Avenue SE to replace most of the underground utilities in this area. The ground levels will be raised around 5th Avenue SE and the Simmons Building approximately 1 m as a part of the flood mitigation works for all of East Village, and extend Riverfront Avenue beneath the 5th Avenue SE and LRT flyovers. All of this work will take CMLC well into 2009 to complete, and CMLC will be undertaking some of the work involved with the first stage of the Riverwalk in East Village at the same time.

CMLC has been working with their archaeologists to ensure that the history of East Village is well documented prior to construction, and they have recently discovered some Alberta oldest teepee rings near 8th Avenue and 5th Street SE! The teepee rings are dated to be over 3000 years old, and were located in the soil beneath what used to be a Safeway grocery store, showing that East Village has been a desirable place to live for a very long time in Alberta's history. Check out the CMLC website at [www.calgarymlc.ca](http://www.calgarymlc.ca) to see pictures of some of the artifacts uncovered during this work.

CMLC has also recently completed the Riverwalk Master Plan, which is now available for downloading from their website at [www.calgarymlc.ca](http://www.calgarymlc.ca). The Riverwalk Master Plan is the result of public consultation with 100s of people, and the dedicated volunteers of the Riverwalk Advisory Committee. CMLC is pleased with the end result of all of this hard work, and are now working with technical specialists on the detailed plans to bring Riverwalk to life in Calgary.

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