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News Release

Alberta's First Accessible Outdoor Community Rink is Now Open ***Parkdale Community Association Becomes Home to First Accessible Outdoor Rink***

Calgary, AB, January 28, 2022 – The city of Calgary is now home to Alberta's first accessible outdoor community rink. After winter construction, the Parkdale Community Association (PCA) has rebuilt its outdoor rink to make the facility more inclusive to the community, including sledge hockey players.

The Parkdale Community Rink served the neighbourhood for 30 years and was at the end of its useful life. Over the past three years, the Community Association worked with Level Playing Field and Calgary Sledge Hockey Association to design a rink that sets a new standard for recreational facilities in western Canada.

To realize this project, the Parkdale Community Association received funding from the City of Calgary, Parks Foundation Calgary, the Calgary Flames Foundation, the Government of Alberta, Calgary Foundation, ENMAX and Calgary Parking Authority.

Comments from the PCA and partners:

- **Sheila Taylor**, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary – “We are pleased to support and partner with the Parkdale Community Association to build a community rink that all Calgarians can enjoy.”
- **Kyle Ripley**, Director of Calgary Parks, City of Calgary – “Calgary Parks is proud to be a partner in delivering accessible recreation opportunities that all Calgarians can enjoy.”
- **Kathryn Truscott**, Executive Director, Flames Foundation – “We strive to support community programming that advances accessibility and inclusion in Calgary.”
- **Alan Halbert**, President Calgary Sledge Hockey Association – “Alberta's sledge hockey players now have more opportunities to practise, which will allow the team to get better and become more competitive.”
- **Amanda Affonso**, President, Parkdale Community Association – “We are excited to reach this major milestone with our partners and funders. The Parkdale community has set a new standard for recreational facilities. One that is inclusive and accessible for everyone.”
- **John Butterwick**, Director, Accessible Rink, Parkdale Community Association – “Outdoor hockey is for everyone - a place to gather friends and family of all ages and abilities to create lasting memories.”

About Parkdale Community Association

Established on December 29, 1953, the Parkdale Community Association is a proud, active and welcoming neighbourhood that offers programs, services and facilities that make us a vibrant inner-city community. Our mission is to create an environment for people to connect in a complete and healthy community. To learn more about Parkdale visit www.parkdaleyyc.com

Media Event Details:

- **Media interviews on location - Friday, January 28, 2022 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)** at Parkdale Community Rink 3512 5th Avenue NW
- **Grand Opening Event - Saturday, January 29, 2022 (12:00 – 4:00 pm)** at Parkdale Community Rink 3512 5th Avenue NW

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