

## **A MESSAGE FROM RETIRED MAYOR DAVE BRONCONNIER**

As the sun goes down on Saturday, November 19, 2011, I'll be on the Bow River Pathway with Caitlin Higgins as the two of us will lead off the charge of the light brigade, the headlamp-wearing participants in the second annual *Sight Night* on behalf of the visually impaired.

*Sight Night* is a vision optional, after-dark fun run, where visually-impaired runners will share the Bow River Pathway with their guide runners.

The event will support the Alberta Sport and Recreation Association for the Blind (ASRAB), an organization that's been active in Calgary for 35 years, and has an impressive track record in bringing activity-based opportunities to visually-impaired children, teens and adults.

Thanks to the work of the Association, hundreds of visually-impaired Albertans have had new sport and recreational doors open to them, opportunities most sighted Albertans take for granted. Some of the ASRAB athletes have gone on to be world or Paralympic champions. Others have been successful in meeting their own, more personal goals.

I'll proudly share the pathway on *Sight Night* with Caitlin, my Honourary Co-Chair of the evening run. And I urge all Albertans to support this unique and memorable event as sponsors, volunteers or participants.

Come on down to the Bow after dark to cheer on the *Sight Night* participants. Maybe some of the runners can't see their supporters, but they can hear you! And they'll appreciate your encouragement and help to open the doors to new sports and recreation opportunities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Bronconnier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Bronconnier  
**Retired Mayor & Proud Participant**