

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

On behalf of Council, and all Calgarians, I am delighted to welcome participants to the annual Social Issues Conference hosted by the Muslim Families Network Society.

The 2009 conference, which will focus on gender equity and social issues, is another forum through which Calgary Muslims are welcoming and encouraging cross-cultural and cross-religious dialogue with other Canadians.

Through these events, the Society is helping build awareness within the greater community of all that Muslim Canadians have to offer the city and country we share.

The success of this and other such conferences is still more evidence of Calgary's growing diversity and international 'face'. This is a community of newcomers, now the third most ethnically diverse city in Canada, and that's a fact we're very proud of.

So, welcome to the 2009 Social Issues Conference. The Society's long-term vision, and the more immediate goals of the conference itself, will do much to help create the city we all want for ourselves, and for our children.



Dave Bronconnier  
**MAYOR**