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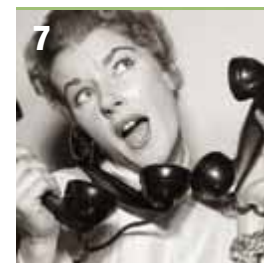
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another community year. We’ve had a busy summer already. Both our Neighbour Day and our Stampede BBQ had record-breaking attendance. I’d like to put out a special thanks to our elected officials who made the effort to come to the parties and talk with our residents. Thanks to Federal MP **Len Webber**, Provincial MP **Stephanie McLean**, Municipal Ward 7 Councillor **Druh Farrel**, and of course Mayor **Naheed Nenshi**. It was great to have you.

Information of Note in the Community:

The province is planning on **redrawing the electoral district lines**. The draft plan (see <http://abebc.ca>) moves us from Varsity to Mountain View. If you have an opinion on this, I urge you to get in touch with our district office, or directly with me.

The Rink Replacement is in full swing! Demolition is nearly finished as I type this, and I think by the time you read it, the concrete may be poured! This is a substantial project, accounting for years of effort by many volunteers, and costing just over \$600,000, \$500,000 of which is coming from a combination of Federal (Canada150), Provincial (CFEP), and Municipal (CCG) grants. Keep your eyes out for a ground-breaking or project completion ceremony announcement.

There is ongoing **development engagement** going on with the City, including open houses. We don’t usually get notice of this in time to get it into this newsletter, but we try to put it on our website and facebook. Your best bet is to keep an eye out for City signs, newspapers, the City facebook feeds, or check the website. Our development committee (email them at development@banfftrailcommunity.ca) generally has the most complete or up-to-date idea of what’s going on.

The city has let us know that they plan on addressing our **traffic-calming concerns** as part of a **“Complete Streets Project”**, to begin in the fall of this year. The noted streets are 20 Ave, 24 Ave, 19 St, King George School site, however the plan could encompass the entire Capitol Hill / Banff Trail / Mount Pleasant area.

Banff Trail has been selected by the Ward 7 office this

year for the **“This is My Neighbourhood”** program. Keep an eye out for postcards arriving in the mail, designed to capture your ideas. Or, as usual, go ahead and just email them to us and we’ll make sure they’re considered.

Every one of these fantastic items happens thanks to the help of interested members of the community. If you have anything you’re interested in, don’t hesitate to get involved. We don’t meet over the summer, but starting in the fall we’re at the hall the first Wednesday of the month starting September, 7-9pm. If you’d like to talk with us or just observe, send me an email at president@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You’ll be welcomed into a pretty awesome group of neighbours who are here to make Banff Trail a great place to be.

Barry Clement
BTCA President

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 Pay by PayPal online at www.banfftrailcommunity.ca

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 Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday
 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.




Community Preparedness Building Safe Communities Program

As Calgarians we know that emergencies can affect our communities at any point. Many emergencies may not be preventable but we can minimize the risk by being prepared. Here is a list of ways you and your neighbours can be prepared.

- 1. Know your neighbours**
 If an emergency does arise, if you know your neighbours you can readily identify neighbours who may have special needs, mobility or those who need additional assistance in an event of emergency.
- 2. Know the potential risks and hazards in your community**
 The more residents are aware of areas in their community that are potential risks, the better prepared a community can be. Be proactive!
- 3. Know the evacuation routes**
 Knowing how to get of your neighbourhood can reduce traffic congestion and allow for emergency personal easy access.

Emergency numbers, Calgary and area:

- Ambulance, Fire, Police, Hazardous Materials Spills: 9-1-1
- Gas Emergency – ATCO Gas: 403-245-7222
- Electrical Emergency - ENMAX Power: 403-514-6100
- All other City services: 3-1-1
- Poison & Drug Information Service: 1-800-332-1414
- Calgary Emergency Management Agency 3-1-1: calgary.ca/cema

Letter to the editor

Dear Great News Publishing,

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Karate and Kobudo – Tuesday 8-9pm and Thursday 7-8 pm and Saturday 11-12 noon

Classes available for all ages. More information can be found at: www.shinshikan.com

Yoga Classes & Workshops

A great way to enjoy the benefits of yoga and have fun too!

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The All Levels class takes place on Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m., and the Gentle Yoga class is held on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. For more information or to register, please contact Margau at 403-585-0043 or email yogamarg@telus.net. Ask about our monthly yoga workshops too!

Wednesday Afternoon Crib Club

Every Wednesday from 12:30 – 3 p.m.

New Players Welcome! Join a lively group of seniors enjoying 9 - 12 tables of crib each week. Two crib tournaments each year and several Pot Luck Luncheons each year.

Feel free to drop by and join in the fun.

Check out the website or the Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

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Qigong will be finished at the end of May, but will return in the fall. Sylvie Jutras is instructing, phone: 403-453-0977

Banff Trail Conversation Club

Mondays 1:15 - 4 pm – Boardroom

Join a lively, interesting group of people who enjoy stimulating and exciting conversation. Participants choose their own topic including global, nation, local, politics, religion, history, geography, science and any other topics you want.

Flow Martial Arts Academy

Starts September 10, classes from 11:00am - 12:00pm. Jeffrey Estrada is instructing, email: fma.academy.calgary@gmail.com

Given the increasing number of young families in the area, a couple of parents are exploring the option of establishing a co-op daycare in the neighbourhood. If anyone is interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Kathryn at banfftraildaycare@gmail.com



Wary in the Prairie

Prairie dogs have a complex system of communication that sound like pitched warning barks that signal different types of predators. They earned their name from settlers traveling across the plains who thought that these warning calls sounded like dogs barking.



Banff Trail Community Garden

You may have noticed the beautiful space behind the Banff Trail Community Centre. The Banff Trail Community Garden is a volunteer run garden for Banff Trail Community residents. It offers individual plots and communal planting areas. We take great pride in maintaining this beautiful oasis in the heart of the community. If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about the garden, please contact btcommunitygarden@gmail.com

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BTCA Membership Form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Children under age 18: _____

I am interested in volunteering with the community association:

• Newsletter • Social Functions • Sports • Fund-raising • Maintenance

• Other (please specify): _____

The rates for Banff Trail Community Association membership are:

• Single \$10 • Family & Household \$15 • Business \$25

Please mail your application form to

BTCA 2115 20 Avenue NW T2M 1J1

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Phone 403 454-7369 for more information



New to Banff Trail

If you have been walking around Banff Trail lately, you will have noticed that in addition to all of the new housing, we also have new businesses taking root! Convenience stores, a nail salon, and a take-out pizza joint are just a few of the places opening their doors and sharing space with the businesses we already know. Because of the age of our community, we still see small commercial strips among the blocks of houses, particularly near the schools and community hall. Visit our new and pre-existing business neighbours and keep it local!



Banff Trail Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2017	\$674,900	\$662,000
May 2017	\$674,900	\$665,000
April 2017	\$674,900	\$658,000
March 2017	\$699,000	\$694,500
February 2017	\$644,900	\$631,000
January 2017	\$649,000	\$638,800
December 2016	\$699,950	\$725,000
November 2016	\$627,400	\$615,000
October 2016	\$627,000	\$607,290
September 2016	\$658,950	\$652,500
August 2016	\$799,900	\$774,250
July 2016	\$635,000	\$639,988

Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2017	12	8
May 2017	10	7
April 2017	9	13
March 2017	16	7
February 2017	7	8
January 2017	6	3
December 2016	2	5
November 2016	6	8
October 2016	6	4
September 2016	9	8
August 2016	4	6
July 2016	6	11

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit banff_trail.great-news.ca

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Recycling Tip of the Month: What to Compost

As weekly green cart collection has started, you must be amazed at the amount of food and yard waste that's accepted in the green cart. Here are five times to remember to include the food from your kitchen clean up.

- 1. Preparing meals:** Instead of throwing out vegetable peels, eggshells and other food scraps, add them to your kitchen pail for composting.
- 2. Scraping plates:** Keep your kitchen pail visible and accessible and encourage everyone at home to help with the clean-up.
- 3. Cleaning the fridge of spoiled leftovers:** Give a second life to food that has spoiled by emptying it into the kitchen pail for composting.
- 4. Leftover grease and sauces:** Use a spatula or paper towel to scrape out excess grease. The paper towel is compostable too.
- 5. Paper plates and napkins from summer barbeques:** If a lot of guests are coming over, line your green cart with a paper yard waste bag and toss the paper plates and napkins inside for a no fuss solution.

Tip: To keep things neat and tidy, line your kitchen pail with a compostable bag or newspaper. You can also give your pail a quick rinse or put it in your dishwasher to clean it out.

For more tips and a complete list of what's accepted in the Green Cart, visit calgary.ca/greencart.

A total solar eclipse—the aligning of the Sun, Moon and Earth—will occur on August 21. The total phase will not be visible in Calgary, but can be observed as a partial solar eclipse here. It will be at its maximum at 11:33 a.m., so get out your pinhole camera and enjoy the spectacle; the last one was in 1979.

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Learning Through Life

It's soon back to school time. Getting an education and going to school is something most of us think ends the day we graduate from high school, college or university in our younger years. However, more than ever, life-long learning and education is now a reality throughout our working careers as we learn new skills, adapt to an evolving workplace or change careers. Keeping your job skills and certifications current is the best insurance against chronic unemployment and income instability.

The Government of Canada has many programs to support those getting or updating their education. These programs are usually income-tested, meaning that more assistance is available for those who need it and less for those who can afford to fund their own schooling.

While many of the programs, such as Registered Education Savings Plans and Canada Student Loan programs are well-known, many other programs exist to assist mature students or those seeking a career in the trades.

As a former electrician, I am a big supporter of those seeking a career in the trades.

The Canada Apprentice Loan will help you complete your apprenticeship in a designated Red Seal trade. With the Canada Apprentice Loan, you can get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training. You can use the money to help pay for tuition, tools, equipment and living expenses, to cover forgone

wages or to help support your family. You will not have to make payments on your Canada Apprentice Loan, and no interest will accumulate until after you complete or leave your apprenticeship training program.

The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year or per level, up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 per person. The Apprenticeship Completion Grant is a one-time taxable cash grant of \$2,000 for registered apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain their journey person certification. For more information on these programs, please visit www.canada.ca/apprentice or call 1-800-622-6232.

If you are an eligible apprentice, you can also receive up to 55 percent of your weekly average insurable earnings in EI benefits while attending full-time technical training.

Those hiring an apprentice could be eligible for the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit (AJCTC) which is a non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices. The maximum credit an employer can claim is \$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice.

Updating your skills and training can be a very rewarding experience. It will unlock new career opportunities and make you more employable in a changing economy. If you are considering returning to school, or want to update your education and skills, you can contact Service Canada at 1-800-622-6232 to find out about the various assistance programs available to you.



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Mail-in ballots for the 2017 Election

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If you request a mail-in ballot, a ballot package with instructions will be mailed to you after Nomination Day (September 18, 2017). A photocopy of an authorized piece of identification must be sent back with the returned ballots. Ballots must be received by the Elections & Census Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day (October 16, 2017). For more information on the Election, or to sign-up to receive updates, visit www.electionscalgary.ca.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline – 1st of each month for the next month's publication

Contact news@great-news.ca

- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

27th ANNUAL CALGARY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PINS: August 26-27. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Free Admission. Chapelhow Legion 606 38th Avenue N.E. Food donations to the Veteran's Food Bank are accepted during the Festival. Bring your pins to trade or sell, or purchase pins from vendors from across Canada. We have hourly door prizes and a silent auction.

LOVE TO SING? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition, World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September-May in a convenient central location. Repertoire includes jazz, gospel, African, Canadian, Renaissance, pop, original contemporary. For more information, see www.vocallatitudes.org.

News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The Off-Leash Ambassador Pilot Program was funded through the Council Innovation Fund, in 2013; there was a recent report on the overall outcomes and expenditures. The launch was in Egerts and Bowmont, and then the program was offered to parks across the city, including Nose Hill. The program is expanding to all quadrants of the city and ambassadors are needed city-wide. If you are interested in volunteering, please register online at www.calgary.ca or call 3-1-1.

Over 200 volunteers act as positive role models, promoting responsible pet ownership, positive pet-interactions and safety, in off-leash-parks and at community events. Community associations have requested that Ambassadors educate residents about behaviour concerns and volunteers will initiate small events such as park cleanups.

Ambassadors are active in 151 off-leash parks throughout the city and volunteer recruitment is ongoing. There is an off-leash park near you. For example, there was a P.U.P.P.Y event from noon to 3 p.m. July 15 - Nose Hill Park (Edgemont entrance to off-leash area), Edgemont Blvd. and Shaganappi Tr. N.W.

The program aligns with Calgary City Council Priorities from Action Plan 2015-2018, including N12: Promote and strengthen community standards through facilitated compliance. Ambassador efforts increase the public's adherence to bylaws and allow another mechanism to gather information about parks maintenance concerns and areas needing further investigation from Community Peace Officers. Additionally, this program aligns with the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, specifically around owners having control of their dogs and ensuring their dogs' waste is picked up.

The Priorities and Finance Committee approved \$75,000 to pilot the program. The budget spending for 2013-2016 can be found in the report on volunteer, program, special event, and training expenses. Overall, the main items were: jackets, backpacks, nametags; pet waste bags, meeting supplies, signs; rental of fence and audio-visual for Dog Recall and Working Dog events; pay for trainers and pet first-aid courses. This does not include staff support time. As a result of its success, the program will continue into 2018. Calgary Community Standards (CCS) will bring forward this program for further resources as part of the Business Plan and Budget Cycle for 2019-2022.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

The Market on Stephen Avenue – Tuesdays until Sept. 5, 11 am – 5 pm

Bring your enviro bags and coolers! You'll find up to 60 vendors; from fresh food (produce, breads, pastries, etc) spices, sauces, treats, art, fashion, jewelry and so much more! Found on Stephen Avenue between 1 Street East and 2 Street West. More info: inquiries@dmeinc.ca.

Honens Festival – Various Venues, Sept. 7 – Sept. 10

The award-winning Honens Festival returns for a four-day festival of music with a side of maple syrup! To mark Canada's 150th birthday, this celebration of piano showcases some of the country's brightest classical music stars alongside Honens Laureates through innovative performance projects and dynamic community concerts. More info: honens.com.

Beakerhead – Various Locations, Sept. 13 – Sept. 17

One of the world's most original spectacles of art, science and engineering, will erupt this September when the fourth annual Beakerhead hits Calgary. Look for mechanical creatures, multi-story art installations, famous and soon-to-be famous scientists and inventors, and performances by people and machines. The dose of quirky spectacle will include more than 65 events. More info: beakerhead.com.

Techstock 2017 - 3553 31 Street NW, Sept. 14

This is an annual event hosting 30+ start-up companies and researchers who showcase their innovations to the public. This year they explore how technology and social innovations are making a profound impact on our society and driving change in areas such as sustainability, health, education, gender equality and more. More info: innovatecalgary.com/events/techstock/

Railway Days – Heritage Park, Sept. 23 - 24

There is fun for the whole family at Railway Days! As one of the few sites in North America with two steam locomotives, our trains take centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. More info: heritagepark.ca.

CALGARY PRIDE PARADE 6 AVE. AND 6 ST. SW SEPTEMBER 3, NOON – 1:30

The signature Calgary Pride Parade is one of the most colourful celebrations of the year!
More info: calgarypride.ca.



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This year's traveling carnival of local food, beer, music, art and performers will be proudly hosted at Currie. Currie boasts Canadian Pride, and to help further amplify the celebratory energy from Canada's 150th anniversary. More info: circlethewagons.ca.



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Downtown Economic Summit

The downtown has long been Calgary's economic engine. Across the city, businesses and households depend on the success of our downtown. When the economy of our downtown falters, the financial impacts are felt throughout Calgary.

Until recently, the centre city generated 40% of Calgary's non-residential tax revenue and 25% of city-wide employment. Today, nearly 30% of downtown office space sits empty, and the situation is expected to worsen when construction wraps up on several new office towers.

Between 2016 and 2018, it is estimated that \$7.5 billion in the assessed value of downtown office space will be wiped out. The dramatic change in the downtown economy has knock-on impacts to all Calgarians, not only in a transfer of taxes to businesses outside the core, but also a steep reduction in transit and parking revenues.

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To help mitigate the tax shift, Council supported \$45 million in one-time city-wide tax relief for businesses and set a 0% residential property tax increase in 2017. While these are important measures to provide short-term assistance, we need long-term solutions to address the root cause of Calgary's challenges – a struggling downtown economy.

Councillor Woolley and I, with guidance from Calgary Economic Development, initiated a Downtown Economic Summit in early 2017. The Summit brought together some of the most creative problem-solvers in Calgary to generate ideas for a more resilient, resourceful, and diversified downtown. We learned from the experiences of other cities, like Denver and Pittsburgh, on ways to recover from structural recessions.

Calgary Economic Development presented the outcomes of the Summit to Council in June, with information on current economic and real estate challenges, as well as ways to move forward. They showed how the global economy is fundamentally shifting, which has a major impact on the downtown's reliance on a single industry.

The report recommended ways to attract new industries and businesses, promote more residential density in the core, encourage post-secondary institutions to locate downtown, and improve infrastructure to attract private investment.

To help bring these recommendations to life, Council approved \$10 million as a pilot from The City's reserves to create the Downtown Economic Investment Fund. This money will help The City respond quickly to innovative ideas, encourage and leverage private investment through strategic partnerships, invest in infrastructure, and work toward revitalising our core.

Not all is doom and gloom! The Conference Board of Canada estimates that Calgary's economy will grow by 2.3% in 2017, with 19,000 new jobs added by 2018. This is encouraging and means The City's investment can go even further to help improve our economy and get Calgarians back to work.

To sign up for updates on key community and Ward 7 issues, please visit www.DruhFarrell.ca.



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Friends,

August is a more laid-back month with the high excitement of Stampede and Canada's 150th birthday all packed into July. It's a month to enjoy the long summer days, particularly the Heritage Day long weekend, and maybe even take a vacation to a new place or relax in a familiar one. As the month comes to an end, many families will be preparing for the coming school year.

July started with the 150th birthday of this great country. We had excellent weather for the weekend of festivities in Calgary. I very much enjoyed attending Triwood's Canada Day BBQ here in Calgary-Varsity. It was an evening of food, music, fireworks, and fun for the large crowd of people that turned out.

While Canada Day is over, the Alberta government wants to create a lasting, year-long Canada 150 program for our province. So, the Alberta Canada 150 grant was created. It offers \$2 million in funding for projects in Alberta communities. They can qualify for up to \$25,000 and applications can be submitted each month until October 2017. Projects must be completed by December 2017 and are aimed at supporting projects initiated by small- and medium sized non-profit organizations. The grants are available through Alberta Culture & Tourism.

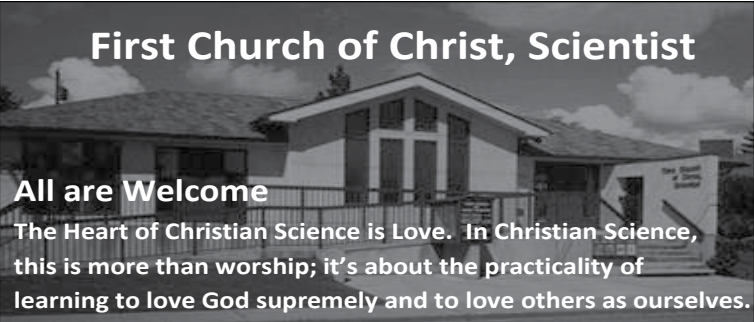
Calgary Stampede was great fun again this year. There was the parade, the rodeo, the cowboy hats, and sev-

eral events right here in Calgary-Varsity. The Triwood, Dalhousie Station, Market Mall, and Vecova Stampede breakfasts were excellent for the pancake connoisseurs among us. And for those of us who want something a little different, Banff Trail hosted an evening BBQ to kick Stampede off. I was also flipping pancakes at the Premier's Stampede breakfast with other members of the government. These events were a great way to connect with the people of Calgary-Varsity about the things that are important to them.

Our government is always interested in hearing what Albertans have to say about major public programs. As the federal government is legalizing cannabis by July 2018, Alberta has to develop a provincial framework to manage it. Until July 31st, Albertans can visit alberta.ca/cannabis to participate in a survey to develop a provincial framework for cannabis legalization.

We have recently moved our office to a new location in Montgomery. You can find us at #202, 4712 16th Avenue NW, T3B 0N1.

Our office serves all the people of Varsity, Dalhousie, Brentwood, Banff Trail, University Heights, Montgomery, and Charleswood. Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. To find out more drop in, call, email, or check out stephaniemclean.albertandpcaucus.ca



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Banff Trail mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
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Abby	14	587-830-6330	Yes
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Dario	19	403-681-7109	Yes
Eliana	31	587-437-1107	No
Hannah	19	403-629-2676	Yes
Jessica	20	780-695-9304	Yes
Madeline	14	403-696-9444	Yes
Maria	14	403-467-2760	Yes
Rowena	42	587-894-0713	Yes
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Sophie	18	403-650-8461	No
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Northern Leopard Frog

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Head above the water to see what lies beyond.
Chugga-chugga-chugga-chug... stopping for a bite;
Nibbling on cattails, I'm hidden out of sight.



Mink

Tail up, tail down, steering while I swim,
Like a skinny rudder, my tail's long and thin.
Eyes up, eyes down, chugga-chugga, splash...
I dive below the water in an unexpected flash!



Beaver



Muskrat

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