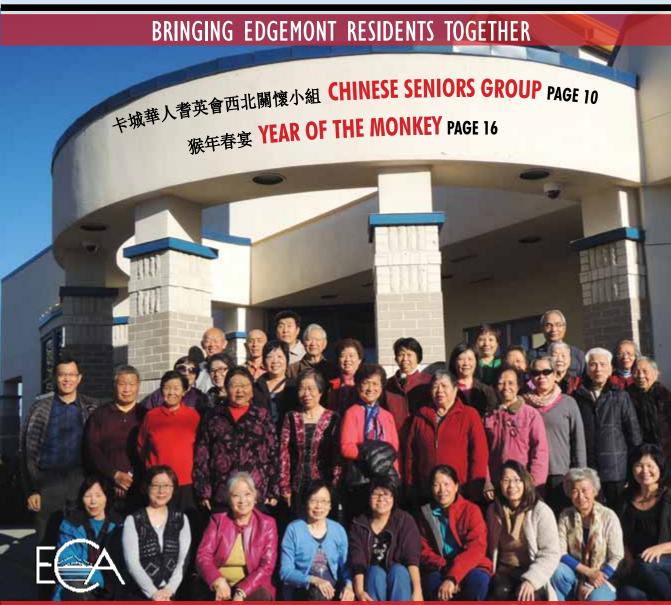
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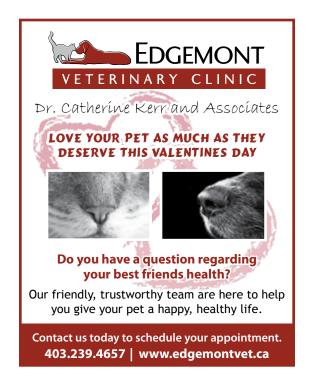


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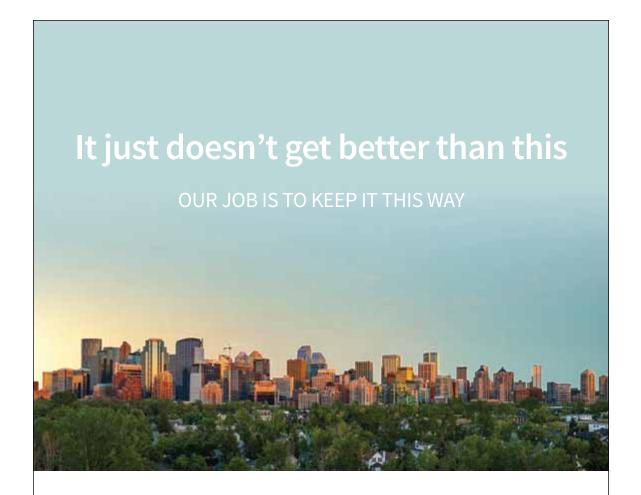
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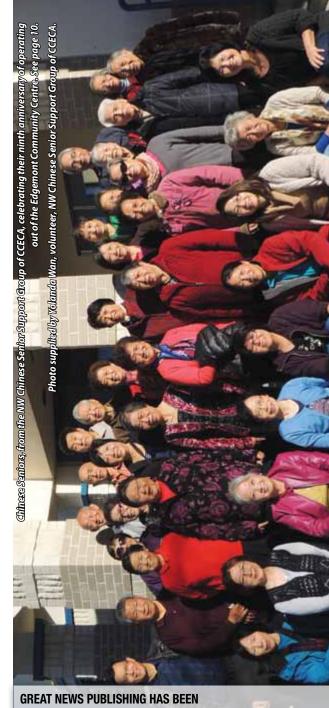
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Board of Directors' Meet and Greet

Saturday, March 5, 2016 10:00 a.m. – Noon Edgemont Community Centre

Share your thoughts and visions

- What would you like to see in Edgemont?
- How can we change our community to make it even better?
- Want to volunteer to help make change?

It's a casual, drop in session. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out.



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The objective of the **311** phone number is to provide

inquiries, and the staff member responsible will try to get back to you within 2 business days.

A list of all 3-1-1 calls from Edgemont is forwarded to

a single contact for all City business and

Edgemont is forwarded to Councillor Sean Chu so that he is aware of the issues in our community.



OUR EDGEMONT - THIS IS WHO WE ARE



Migrants of Yesterday and Today

Contributed by Carol Mumey, an Edgemont resident, community volunteer.

Immigration is a hot topic these days; it surfaces cyclically as the concept of mass migration becomes a news hotspot. Of course, mass migration is not news; it's as old as the hills. Wikipedia states: "Early human migrations...began 2 million years ago with the migration out of Africa of Homo erectus...followed by the migrations of other pre-modern humans.

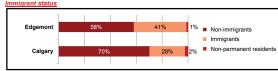
The causes and effects of human migration fascinate me. I come by that naturally; I myself became a Canadian immigrant in the year 2000. My mom is only a second-generation American; both her parents were born in Slovakia. My and other families' histories of migration makes the topic compelling to me each time new statistics are released. Current Edgemont and Calgary immigration statistics are available in The City of Calgary Community Profiles Part A – Demographics and Part B – Community Character.

http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Pages/Socialresearch-policy-and-resources/Community-profiles/ Edgemont.aspx

What do these statistics show about Edgemont and Calgary immigration trends in the current day? Here are a few highlights:

Immigration and Citizenship Status

Here in Edgemont we immigrants are more numerous than the Calgary average, but more of us have also become citizens than is average for Calgary.



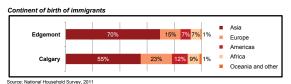
In 2011, Edgemont's population was 16,020 persons. Of those, 41% (9,340 persons) were immigrants. At the same time, Calgary's population was just over 1 million, 28% of whom were immigrants. In Edgemont, 92% of the population were citizens of Canada. In Calgary, that statistic was 90%.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2014, 54% of newcomers to Calgary were from international markets. That puts inter-provincial migration at 46%. Clearly, Canadian migrants are on the move too!

The net benefits of all this moving around are numerous. To name just one, immigrants are helping to close the Alberta worker shortfall which in 2011 was projected to stand at about 77,000 over the subsequent ten years.1 This will ensure a healthy tax base, especially as baby boomers age.

Continent of Birth

As opposed to prior centuries when most new immigrants to Canada came from Europe or the U.S., today's majority stem from Asia, with Europeans still a strong second.



The 2011 snapshot shows that 70% of immigrants to Edgemont were from Asia and 15% from Europe. For Calgary as a whole, that figure was 55% from Asia and 23% from Europe. Among recent immigrants (defined as those arriving between 2006 and 2011), the statistics are very similar.

Generation Status

Time and again, when I speak to fellow immigrants, their kids, and grandkids, talk turns to our families' histories of migration. A first-generation Canadian, like I am, is defined as a Canadian permanent resident or citizen who was born outside Canada. A second-generation Canadian is one born in Canada who has at least one parent born outside Canada. Finally, a third-generation Canadian is one who has both parents born in Canada, and ancestors born outside Canada.



In the report, 42% of Edgemont immigrants are firstgeneration versus 30% of Calgary immigrants. Second-

WHAT'S HAPPENING **IN EDGEMONT**



President's Message

Lorraine Wiercinski president@edaemont.ab.ca

Well, it's February and we have been blessed with a very mild winter so far. Fingers crossed it stays with us.

I've been receiving messages regarding the LEAF petition and would like to clarify some additional points. The LEAF initiative is a "residents initiated" petition. What this means is that we have community residents who wanted to engage the community in the LEAF program. To be clear, LEAF is not an ECA board initiated program, however the board's position is to support the demonstrated majority of Edgemont residents and at this time there is a 67% (homeowners) community support for LEAF.

The No LEAF initiative is also a "residents initiated" petition. It is incumbent upon the No LEAF residents to follow the same process of door to door canvassing to have the petition withdrawn. The No LEAF must receive the same 67% (homeowners) approval. This is clearly stated in last month's and this month's Inside

generation immigrant proportionality is similar between Edgemont (24%) and Calgary (22%) as a whole.

No matter where my friends' families emigrated from or when, I almost always hear common themes such as intergenerational educational progress (for example, developing skills as trades people or university graduates), interesting mixtures of Canadian and other cultures, and lasting honor paid to the ancestors who had the courage to come to Canada, often alone, and to forge a whole new life for themselves and their descendants.

Carol Mumey hopes to see many immigrants and nonimmigrants at the ECA 2016 Chinese New Year Banquet on Sunday, Feb. 14.! For more information, please phone the ECA at 403-239-1211.

¹Government of Alberta, Alberta Immigration Progress Report 2011, p 2

Edge message from Councilor Chu. The date for this No LEAF petition to be completed is March 1st, and should the No LEAF reach the 67% mark and is vetted and accepted by the City of Calgary, then there will not be a LEAF program this year.

The Edgemont community is in a waiting period until there is a final decision regarding LEAF. Should the program be accepted by the community, then final approval will be discussed in conjunction with all other LEAF programs at a City of Calgary council meeting in late March/early April 2016.

Again, we have a lot going on in Edgemont in the coming months:

- · Although we have officially welcomed in 2016, the Chinese Zodiac New Year is yet to come. This year it falls on February 8, and will be welcoming in the Year of the Monkey. Check the enclosed zodiac to see what sign you are!
- This year the ECA will be jointly hosting a Chinese New Year Banquet on February 14th. Secure your tickets early to ensure that you can be part of the celebration of the Year of the Monkey. Tickets can be purchased at our ECA Office and at Edgemont City Asian Cuisine.
- · Our adhoc community historian, Elaine Scobie shares the story behind the Edgemont Elementary school and the Community Centre. Great insight on how opportunities come together.
- 1 World 2016 will be celebrated on February 18, 2016. Come in from the cold and be awed by the talent and diversity in our community, a wonderful event chaired by Board member Bev Johnson.
- One of our community volunteers, Carol Mumey, wrote a great follow-up article on immigration and migration in Edgemont based on statistics published in the City of Calgary Community Profiles.
- We supported 12 families through our Food Hamper Program which involved over 50 volunteers including the 193rd Scout Troop here in Edgemont. Each year the Scouts have helped with the ECA Craft Sale and ECA Hamper Program. Thank you so much for your efforts. The community appreciates all that you do to make Edgemont great. Our volunteers are the best!

From all of us on the Board, keep your ideas coming! Edgemont is truly your community!

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UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY



Contributed by Beverley Johnson ECA Director, Special Projects

1 WORLD 2016



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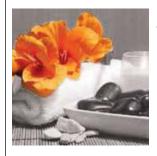


THE POLICE community liaison officer for Edgemont and the Calgary Police diversity unit will be on hand to educate you on how they work with your community to strengthen it.

LEARN how our local churches, the Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, the Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens Association, BOWEST, Calgary Neighbourhood Services, Scotiabank, The Rotary Club, Alberta Health Services and the University of Calgary support our new and long term residents.

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Rhythmic Gymnastics

Wednesdays h.palmer@shaw.ca for info

Philatelic Society

Youth stamp collecting Meets 2nd Saturday/month Contact: ECA at 403-239-1211

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Email:caseyoloughlin@academy.com

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- Kids Yoga ages 6-9
- Family Yoga
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Megan Fitness

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NW Chinese Senior Support Group of CCECA

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Restarts Feb 22 Contact: 403-269-6122

Silk Road Chinese Folk Dance Class NEW CLASS Thurs 6-8 pm silkroaddance88@gmail.com 403-510-9059

ECA Christmas Hampers were delivered to 12 grateful families on December 19.

A special thank you to everyone who donated to this effort:

Edgemont School, Tom Baines School, Northwest Community Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 193rd Edgemont Scouts, Scotia Bank, Drs. Michael and Sandra Pannell at Edgepointe Dental Centre, Dr. Dan Meyer at Edgemont Dental Centre, EDUSARC, Hamptons Homeowners Association, Dairy Queen, Alderman Sean Chu's ward office, E. Pratt, the Neisbolt Family, and the Edgemont Community Association.

WHAT'S HAPPENING **IN EDGEMONT**



A Message From **Your Volunteer Coordinator**

leff Edwards • 403-616-6480 volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca pastor@nwcchurch.ca

Happy February all my Edgemont friends and neighbours,

Thanks again to all the volunteers who wrapped and delivered **Christmas** hampers on December 19. Over 50 volunteers showed up early that Saturday morning to do some great work. See the pictures of us at work. With Christmas cookies as fuel and Christmas carols as ambience, we set to work sorting and wrapping. At the end, twelve tables were full of presents and food. If you are interested to help in 2016, let me know and I'll add you to my email list.

Here are the current needs for volunteering in Edgemont:

Wednesday Tutoring – This month we specifically need one or two adult volunteers who would like to help occasionally Wednesdays after school (i.e. helping kids with their reading).

Wednesday Reading Club - Teens can help kids with reading too. Contact me.

The Rink Demolition Crew – At the end of March about 10 people are need to remove piles of screws with cordless drills and move the old puck board and plywood into a bin.

Special Events Committee - The ECA has special events and social events once in a while and we would like to invite helpers to make this happen. (Thanks to the new volunteers who have joined this group!)

Youth Reporters – These teenage reporters prepare brief articles featuring local events, volunteers and businesses for The Inside Edge (this newsletter). These teens will be shown how to do interviews and how to prepare articles for publishing.

Wednesday Breakfast Club – Help and donations are appreciated. We feed about 60 hungry children before they head off to school.

Friday Food Bank Hamper Deliveries – I will add you to my list if you can deliver once in a while.

Clean-up – Pencil in May 7 for our spring clean-up, serve day, and charity garage sale.

Contact me if your interest is piqued by any of the above. Keep loving your neighbours!



THANKS FOR YOU!

Acknowledging those who serve in our community...

(This is just a few of the people who volunteer in Edgemont. If you know of someone I should thank here, please let me know.)

Christmas Hampers: Again, thank you everyone who volunteered to wrap and deliver. But a special thank you to everyone who donated to this effort which includes Edgemont School, Tom Baines School, Northwest Community Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 193rd Edgemont Scouts, Scotia Bank, Drs. Michael & Sandra Pannell at Edgepointe Dental Centre, Dr. Dan Meyer at Edgemont Dental Centre, EDUSARC, Hamptons Homeowners Association, Dairy Queen, Alderman Sean Chu's ward office, E. Pratt, the Neisbolt Family, and the Edgemont Community Association. (My apologies if we missed anyone. It was a huge outpouring of generosity again.) Most of all, I would like to thank Barbara Meehan, Jennyffer Louis and Jenn's whole family who did much of the heavy lifting on this project!



Christmas Events: There were so many special events over Christmas and New Years where Edgemontonians were in fine form that we could fill a book with the stories. Simply put, thank you everyone for selfless acts in your neighbourhood. (e.g. See pic of carolers at The Edgemont residence.)

Snow Angels: You know who you are, you neighbours who shovel walks for your neighbours. And the volunteers who have stepped up to help for my specific assignments... you are all awesome! It's such a simple thing, but so practical in showing community spirit and love for neighbour.

The Squad: This fine group of seven young men from Sir Winston Churchill high school volunteered to pickup garbage once in a while in the neighbourhood. On December 4, they took a couple of hours to pick up garbage around the community center, and along Edgeview Drive, Edgeview Road, and Edgemont Blvd. If you see them out and about in their reflective vests sometime, wave and say thanks to "The Squad".

Breakfast Club: Thanks to All Smiles Dental Care on Country Hills Blvd! They recently donated financially to the Breakfast Club. This is a great example of how you can help our regular breakfast program for about 60 children on Wednesday mornings.









The Chinese Year of the Monkey begins February 8, 2016 – the second New Moon after the Solstice. February 14th, the 7th Day of the New Year, is not only the auspicious Everybody's Birthday, it is Valentine's Day as well! Treat those dear to you by joining us.

Edgemont Community Association

2016 Chinese New Year Banquet

Traditional 9 Course+ Chinese New Year Menu

Edgemont City Asian Cuisine

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Honey scallop, BBQ duck, Jelly fish, Sliced Beef Shank

2. Gilded Hundred Blossom **Crab Claw**

> Deep fried crab claw in shrimp paste

3. Happy Healthy Wealthy **Lucky Vegetables**

> Fat Choy Seaweed, Valentine Dry Oyster, abalone mushroom & assorted vegetables

- 4. Crab meat Fish Maw Soup With assorted seafood
- 5. Laughing Tiger Ha Ha Tiger Prawn in king soy sauce
- 6. Elegance Lung Kung Chicken

Crispy Deep fried free range chicken

- 7. Gilded Pork-tent Pork cutlet in salted duck yoke sauce
- 8. Multi-color year after year **Reserves**

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> Fried sticky rice cakes w/ Chinese sausage & preserved meat

- 10. House full of gold & jewels Sea food fried rice with fish roe
- 11. King Monkey sends Harmony and Birthday wishes Birthday Peach Buns Dessert

猴年春宴 **Year of the Monkey Happy New Year!**

Gong Hey Fat Choi! (Happy New Year)

We have officially welcomed in 2016 but the Chinese Zodiac New Year is yet to come. This year it falls on February 8 and will be welcoming in the Year of the Monkey. Based on the lunar calendar, Chinese New Year always falls between late January and mid-February and each year is represented by a different animal. There are 12 animals in total in the Chinese Zodiac, and this year is the turn of the Red Fire Monkey.

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Choose your sign from the Zodiac and then read the forecast for the Year of the Fire Monkey 2016.

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Positive Year for: Goats, Rabbits, Ox – improvement in all areas of life. Progress finally!

Exciting Year for: Roosters, Horses – Tricky situations abound. Enjoy the stimulation!

Complex Year for: Tigers, Snakes, Boars, Dogs – strong focus and objectivity brings the best results.

The Year of the Monkey 2016 is a good year to break free and take calculated risks as there is nothing more powerful or rewarding than following your heart's desire. The energies are supporting these changes.

Compiled by Judy Hunt

Sourced from:

Astrology Club, http://www.astrologyclub.org/chinese-horoscope/ 2016-year-monkey/

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One of the most important parts of the Scouting program is to make the youth more aware of what is going on in their community, and as they get older, around the world. We do this by following current events, such as elections and the Olympics. We also get involved in a number of Community events such as the preparation and installation of the Field of Crosses, distributing Poppies for the Legion, helping with collection of food bank donations at the Christmas fair and Christmas hamper preparation. These activities help make the youth aware of what others have done for them and that there are other people in this community that need a little help every now and then. The picture is of the Scouts, Venturers, Rover and Leaders that helped with the Christmas hampers this year.

A new project that the Cubs started this year was a "Birthday party in a box". This is a program through the interfaith food bank that takes donations of a party, which includes cake mix, icing, candles, napkins, plates, party games, etc.. This was all planned and packaged by the Cubs. In the process of working on this we came across "The Happy Birthday Project". This organization accepts donations of excess or unwanted party stuff and builds parties for the less fortunate. If you have extra stuff in a closet somewhere, please check them out at www.thehappybirthday project.org.

Yours in Scouting, Neil James Group Commissioner 193 Edgemont Scouts

UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY



2015 December 4

Re: EDGEMONT LEAF PROGRAM

As the Councillor of Ward 4, I strive to be a representative for everyone. I listen to the concerns of my residents and work hard in supporting their needs. Currently, within the community of Edgemont, there is an initiative creating two distinct view points. As such, in order to support a fair process, I want to take this opportunity to provide all Edgemont residents with as much information as possible about the process.

In 2015 a petition was circulated among Edgemont homeowners in support of a special tax (the LEAF) to be imposed under a bylaw passed pursuant to the authority of section 382 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). The petition was initiated by Edgemont residents and supported by the Edgemont Community Association. The proceeds from the new tax, if implemented, would be used to provide enhanced landscape maintenance to community entranceways, boulevards, parks, and green spaces as identified by the Edgemont Community Association.

In all cases, petitioning for (or against) proposed special taxes is done by residents and property owners. The role of City staff is to simply produce the petition package and establish the wording that goes on each page of the petition. In this case, every page of the petition filed with the City clearly stated "I approve an annual special tax levy of \$84 per property" and it contained the requisite 2/3 of the relevant home owners' signatures. As such, City staff within the Roads department duly validated the petition in accordance with applicable requirements.

Notwithstanding that the City has received a valid petition in support of the LEAF, I would like to inform Edgemont residents that the City also provides residents who oppose the imposition of the LEAF an opportunity to have their voices heard. Although the process does not allow for the addition or removal of names from a petition once it is filed with the City, it does allow for residents against the LEAF to create a counter-petition. It is important to note that a petition in favour of a special tax does not automatically result in the imposition of that tax, as City Council makes that decision, whereas valid petitions opposing special taxes with 2/3 support automatically prevent Council from considering a special tax.



The 120 day appeal period, during which a petition against the Edgemont LEAF project can be filed with the City, ends on March 1st 2016. If the City does not receive of a valid petition against the LEAF, staff within the City Parks department will take this project to City Council about a month after that date. If a valid petition against the project is received, the City will not proceed with the LEAF.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ECA

bulletin Board

EDGEMONT SNOW ANGELS

Interested in being a Snow Angel? All you have to do is shovel a walk for a neighbour when it snows. We will connect you with someone who needs your help.

Jeff Edwards

volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca 403-616-6480.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR

Wednesday Breakfast Club (7-9AM) that feeds breakfast to some hungry kids in Edgemont.

Wednesday Tutoring/Reading Program (after school). Teen volunteers welcome.

Jeff Edwards volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca 403-616-6480.

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ECA WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS SNACK DONATIONS

Are you able to donate some breakfast items or perhaps become a regular sponsor?

We feed over 60 kids every week in Edgemont before they head off to school. Jeff Edwards

volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca 403-616-6480

ECA BOARD MEETINGS

are open to Edgemont residents.

Next meeting scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm (may be subject to change).

Please verify date and time with ECA office at 403-239-1211 or office@edgemont.ab.ca

Mark your calendar:

Annual General Meeting Wednesday, April 27

Note: An ECA membership is required to vote.

HOCKEY RINK DEMOLITION

A crew of 10 people with cordless drills and work gloves required for end of March. Jeff Edwards volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca 403-616-6480.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Join a committee of enthusiastic residents to plan community events that will bring the residents of Edgemont together.

Jeff Edwards
volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca 403-616-6480.

FENCE OFFENCE

Be part of the committee that deals with our deteriorating fences.

Email areaplanning@edgemont.ab.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS. SAVE THE DATE!

Cross Cultural Communication Workshop

Feb 3, 9:30 am Edgemont Community Centre.

Club Tropican's Carnival Dance

Feb 6, 7:00 pm Edgemont Community Centre

Chinese New Year Banquet

Feb 14, 5:00 pm Edgemont City Asian Cuisine

1 World Celebration

Feb 18 6:30 pm Foothills Alliance Church

Board of Directors' Meet and Greet

Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:00am - Noon Edgemont Community Centre

All Things Spring ART SHOW

Mar 12 Edgemont Community Centre Federation of Canadian Artists, Calgary Chapter www.fcacalgary.ca.







10:00 a.m. – Noon Edgemont Community Centre

Share your thoughts and visions

- What would you like to see in Edgemont?
- How can we change our community to make it even better?
- Want to volunteer to help make change?

It's a casual, drop in session. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

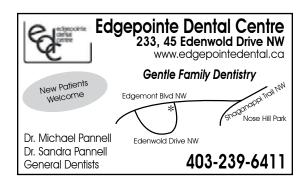


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JUST GOOD BUSINESS SENSE



How the Edgemont School and Edgemont Community Centre came together under one roof

The Story behind the School and the Community Centre **Joint Use Agreement**

Contributed by Elaine Scobie, Past President and AdHoc Community Historian

Sometimes opportunities just scream out at you. While residents of Edgemont were pressing Alberta Education for an elementary school in Edgemont, the ECA board was putting together the funds to build a community centre. When both campaigns were nearing success it occurred to those involved that there was potential to work together on this. The Joint Use Agreement became the next project on everyone's to do list.

Since there was no precedent for this sort of project, it was truly custom built for our situation. An immediate benefit to the ECA was to be part of a much larger project, which brought some economies of scale. Each project had its own architects, but one General Contractor.

The goal was to get maximum use from the joint facility with each party having access to space that wouldn't be possible otherwise, all the while maintaining autonomy in operating their respective facilities. The "how" was, and still is, a work in progress. Guiding principles were agreed upon and the details evolve as needs evolve. Who cleans and maintains what has been defined. While there have been a few bumps along the way, the road has mostly been smooth, with each party recognizing the principles and mutual benefits.

Edgemont School uses the Panorama Room on school days, and has access to other areas, particularly the board room and kitchen, on an 'as needed/ as available' basis. The ECA keeps the gym well used outside of school hours. In unexpected situations, we have been able to provide resources to one another.

Our model has not been duplicated. We've learned from working with much larger organizations such as CBE and the City that they prefer uniformity across the board, and this arrangement presents challenges in that regard. With the economy cooling down, governments and institutions need to look to efficiencies and better use of our tax dollars. Ours is a model they may want to consider.

WHAT'S HAPPENING **IN EDGEMONT**



Area Planning Report Doug Crapo 2nd Vice President,

Improving Edgemont's Appearance

A critical part of Edgemont's appearance is our 'hard landscaping'. This includes our community signs and the 'common looking' **fences** that line several of our roads i.e., Sarcee Trail, Country Hills Blvd, Edgepark Blvd, Edgebrook Drive, etc. Most of the fences are on private property (check your property title) and improving them will require neighborhood cooperation and action. Do you have suggestions about how to make this happen? Come and discuss them with your ECA Board members at the next Board of Directors' Meet & Greet on Saturday, March 5 2016 from 10 am - Noon at the community centre.

Home Break-Ins: Be Alert, Be Aware, Know Your **Neighbors**

Like our surrounding communities, Edgemont has had more than the usual amount of break and enters recently. Please work with your neighbors to watch for suspicious activities. Replacing a house full of valuables is not something you want to be doing!

Improving Our Assets

Projects to improve the outdoor rink area and the community centre patio area are underway. Our main assets are showing their age and some remediation and upgrading is required. The community centre patio will be raised and water drainage patterns will be diverted away from the building, making that beautiful outdoor space more useable.

Have you seen the rink area lately? Skaters and sledder/ sliders are having a ball! The new playground gets used even in the winter. This spring, the outdoor rink area is getting a major uplift and the uses of that area are being expanded. Rink boards will be replaced with bright shiny white ones and the supporting metalwork and screening is being repaired and painted. New lighting will enhance the rink and the multi-use of the surrounding area. A few seats will be added. Electrical plug-ins will be added around the building and rink, getting ready for small gatherings and celebrations. Imagine a



cluster of canopy tents for swap meets, plant exchanges, community festivals, and celebrations!

Want some telephone poles? Outdoor light fixtures?

Our outdoor rink and surrounding area are going to be revitalized starting in April. The eight existing wooden poles ("the leaning 8") are going to be replaced with metal poles, and the light fixtures replaced with LEDs. If you have a use for these existing items, please email areaplanning@edgemont.ab.ca. We can make a deal!



Questions for the City of Calgary? Want action?

Roads? Parks? Boulevard trees? Dandelions? Dogs?

If you have any guestions about these and any other City of Calgary responsibilities, just phone 3-1-1

The objective of the **311** phone number is to provide a single contact for all City business and inquiries, and the staff member responsible will try to get back to you within 2 business days.

A list of all 3-1-1 calls from Edgemont is forwarded to Councillor Sean Chu so that he is aware of the issues in our community.

Editor's Note

The editorial board of the Inside Edge consists of:

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ECA Board of Directors, Communications

Brent McConnell

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Visit our website for current news on ECA activities.

Our website, Facebook page and Twitter account are evolving under the direction of Brent McConnell.

Website: www.edgemont.ab.ca Facebook: Edgemont Community Association

Twitter: @EdgemontCA

Make your voice heard. Share your views. We are listening.

Letters to the Editor are welcomed:

- 1. Keep your letter to 300 words maximum.
- 2. Include your name and contact information.
- 3. You may be edited for space and to ensure a balanced and respectful tone.
- 4. Publication is not guaranteed.

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

The LEAF project is one of the best things that has ever happened in the community of Edgemont. The new executive is doing an excellent job for us. I am disappointed that one person has chosen to discredit the LEAF programme and in so doing is delivering posters in our community to encourage residents to also "discredit the petition". \$84 per year is not too much to ask for, to keep our community beautiful, vibrant and unified. I am sure that almost everyone was informed of the cost. We should never expect to get something for nothing. Bravo to the LEAF committee. I hope they and we, as a community can work together to make sure the LEAF project goes forward.

M.A.K.

Dear Editor,

If city council approves the LEAF petition, more than \$2.3 million dollars will be spent to make our community prettier. However, there are many residents of Edgemont who do not support an increase in property taxes to pay for more flowers. Residents who are opposed to this tax have come together to form RECALL: Residents of Edgemont Community Against LEAF Levy.

Many residents on a fixed income or those that are feeling the effects of the downturn in the economy have stated that an increase in property taxes is unreasonable. Also, that every taxpayer be billed for flowers that LEAF proponents want is an affront to common sense. Furthermore, the way that a petition for local improvement was bent and residents duped into signing is egregious.

If you wish to be involved in RECALL or are opposed to the flower tax reach us at NoLeafLevy@gmail.com.

Joseph Kurucz Vice chair, RECALL



Letter to the Editor:

Cement Flower Pots Safety Concern

In the January 2016 ECA Newsletter the Area Planning Report stated a new Edgemont Entry Sign Replacement can't be replaced on the median because of safety concerns. Further stated ECA is just waiting for the City's permission to put the replacement sign in a new location on the hillside park east of the previous site.



Dear Editor and Edgemont Neighbours:

If voters are misled or coerced by polling volunteers into voting for someone they otherwise would not have voted for, it is con-

sidered a voting irregularity and it's wrong. All would want to clear the air and maintain high ethics. Given the allegations of petition irregularities shouldn't we ALL be asking for an investigation and the LEAF levy cancelled? This should not be a "win" at the expense or possible duping of neighbours.

I'm estimating up to 10% of signatories were misinformed by the petition(er), or pressured into signing. To coerce a senior on fixed income to pay for a tax that they don't want nor can afford is a form of elder abuse. Some allege petitioners downplayed the petition so signatories didn't pay attention when signing the "blank cheque". Two residents allege they asked their signature to be removed but these weren't. The petition question itself makes no mention of cumulative increases nor that future voting rights are waived unless one pays a membership.

Sean Chu, our Councillor, is currently not dwelling on procedural issues but says he "can't state enough that if there's any allegations of criminal wrongdoing, please contact the police especially senior abuses." Therefore, as much we'd like to be fair and forgiving, we should not be the judge but let the police investigate allegations of impropriety. Also, perhaps the ECA should seek advice if there could be any risks of legal liabilities from possible improper petitioning or the petition itself.

If you were, or know of a senior, misled or coerced into signing the LEAF petition, please contact: police at 403-268-1234; the Office of the Councillors 403-268-2430 for website; me, 403-455-8018, NoLeafLevy@gmail.com. and the ECA.

I hope enough honourable people stand up to request the City to invalidate the levy and investigate all allegations.

Stephen Webster, BSc BEd BN

I question how having numerous cement flower pots placed on Edgemont boulevards wouldn't cause the same safety concern like the Edgemont entry sign being knocked over twice. If the ECA Board and the City know of the danger, how can it propose putting other cement type fixtures on boulevards? Potential knowledge of a safety concern could result in lawsuits for both our community association and the City.

Mery Henkelman



Dear Editor.

I've lived in Edgemont for 10 years and after driving through other NW communities wondered why our community looked so bedraggled when compared to theirs. I felt envious that

Edgemont never looked as good but didn't realize it was because of the LEAF program.

I'm surprised to read letters of objection to LEAF in Edgemont. The use of provocative wording such as "harassed, coerced or pressured" to sign the petition bothers me. What it comes down to is a lot of whining and complaining and it seems there's no shortage of people willing to do that. Really, for the price of about 2 lattes a month we have the opportunity to clean up and beautify our public spaces. The City's job you say? Well let's see.... Edgemont has been around for about 37 years – and has it happened yet?? No? So, you think by stopping LEAF somehow it's going to make the City see sense and start pitching in? Think again. We're on our own here and if we're smart, we'll take care of our own community because no-one else is going to. Since we don't want to contribute our time and labour anymore, \$7/month seems a small price to pay for someone else to do it for us.

No one can "force" anyone to sign anything, least of all the little petition of a neighbourhood drive to enhance the public landscaped areas of Edgemont. Let's get on with life. It's way too short to be all in a dither over this.

Yvonne Shearman

Dear Editor.

I understand that there is a movement under way to "recall" the LEAF levy for the community of Edgemont. I would like to voice my support in favour of the LEAF project. The organizers of this project did an excellent job of sharing information about exactly what was involved with signing this petition, including what the cost would be for residents. They held open houses, provided information in the community newsletter & were active on the streets of Edgemont informing residents about the details of the project. I strongly disagree with the current complaints & movement to "overrule" the petition. I also disagree with the message that there was "misinformation, irregularities & pressure". The information presented was accurate and clear.

Rita Dube

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Edgemont "Coffee & Networking" Group

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RECALL — RESIDENTS OF EDGEMONT COMMUNITY AGAINST LEAF LEVY

Editors' Notes:

This letter has been published unedited (other than deletion of the reference to a person identified by name which is not acceptable by our editorial policy unless express written consent is obtained from such individual). The contents are strictly the personal opinion of the writer, Dolores Henkelman, and her supporters. The ECA Board has not received supporting evidence to substantiate their claim(s).

To Volunteer Board of Directors 2015/16 voted in by Edgemont residents.

"The board is the facilitator of Edgemont ideas. Engaging residents is what this board strongly believes in. Edgemont is not the board, but its residents and community members."

Numerous property owners of Edgemont are opposing the Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund (LEAF) and the Special Tax Levy and have requested and received a "petition against package" from The City of Calgary Roads.

We are requesting the same consideration, support, continuing full page exposure of our comments in The Inside Edge Edgemont Community Newsletter until March 4, 2016, our petition timeline, that was afforded the LEAF petition.

We would appreciate access to our Community Centre for some dates to hold an AGAINST LEAF OPEN HOUSE signing opportunity for homeowners.

Past and present ECA Board of Directors has, throughout this LEAF process, adamantly promoted the LEAF Program with continuous pages of one-sided benefits to residents.

In fairness to a large majority of homeowners who don't share or want ECA's interpretation of how wonderful and beneficial this LEAF will be to our property value, we request our opinions/comments be posted in The Inside Edge. Likewise, pages of praises and appreciation should be expressed for our dedicated volunteers and their tireless efforts to make this opposing petition achievable.

The following are objections, points, and facts we would appreciate being printed:

INFORMATION SHEET FOR EDGEMONT HOMEOWNERS RE SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR LEAF:

Deadline for opposing the Edgemont Special Tax Levy is March 04, 2016.

For 2016 the cost of the levy is \$84.00 per property. It is for a five-year term.

However, the levy can increase each year at the discretion of either the City or Edgemont Community Association with little to minimal input from the general community. For example, Hawkwood's Community could extend its LEAF Program for an additional five years with only 79 votes. This essentially can be a **perpetual tax levy**, with little to no benefit to the average homeowner.

Editors' Notes:

"The 120 day appeal period, during which a petition against the Edgemont LEAF project can be filed with the City, ends on March 1st 2016", as per the letter from the City of Calgary dated December 4^{th} , 2015 on page 19.

The LEAF levy cannot be raised more than the rate of inflation as established by, and at the discretion of, the ECA Board of Directors, a board that has committed to engagement with our residents and to best represent the demonstrated majority of those community members affected.

Some communities tax levies are: Arbour Lake \$224, Hamptons \$203, Scenic Acres \$60.00, and Hawkwood \$60.10.

Editors' Notes:

Arbour Lake and the Hamptons are communities that have Homeowner's Association fees whereas Scenic Acres and Hawkwood do not have Homeowners Association fees and utilize LEAF fees instead.

Edgemont homeowners who signed the LEAF petition and want to have their names removed because they weren't given correct, or necessary, information at the time of signing, please contact Stephen Webster @ 403-455-8018 or theweaver@shaw.ca

If enough irregularities occurred, the LEAF petition could be challenged.

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RECALL — RESIDENTS OF EDGEMONT COMMUNITY **AGAINST LEAF LEVY**

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Please refer to the City of Calgary letter in its entirety on page 19.

Otherwise, please voice a complaint to the City at 403-268-6976 and Councillor Sean Chu at 403-268-2430 or ward04@calgary.ca

SPREAD THE WORD!

AGAINST THE EDGEMONT 5-YEAR SPECIAL TAX LEVY??

Didn't Get All The Facts Before You Signed?

Want More Discussion On Spending the \$2.235 Million?

If You Signed The Petition For The "LEAF" But Now Want Your Name Removed, Contact Stephen at (403) 455-8018 or theweaver@shaw.ca

Otherwise Voice A Complaint To The City at (403) 268-6976 and Sean Chu at

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OPINIONS/COMMENTS TO PRINT BY SOME EDGEMONT **HOMEOWNERS:**

Editors' Notes:

These opinions and comments have not been investigated by the Editors nor substantiated by evidence by the writer, Dolores Henkelman.

The Edgemont Community Association inaugurated a petition for a levy by the City of Calgary for a Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund.

A bunch of us have discovered that when residents were canvassed and signed the petition, many were not given full or enough details but misled such that they signed on and now feel "duped"...

Many residents who wish to rescind their support for the petition means that there has been misinformation and they didn't understand the petition. This LEAF petition is faulty and not to be "accepted as fact."

I am also dismayed that in this day and age and in a socalled democratic society where free will and speech as well as equality is front and centre and promoted, that things can still be pushed onto individuals that are not in favour of it. My reference obviously is to the fact that a tax increase can be levied against all residents of Edgemont in order to put Leaf program in place, even though not all residents are in favour of it.

Over the last week many of you received a letter from the City of Calgary regarding a Special Levy for Edgemont. It is the result of the LEAF campaign that you may remember seeing over the summer. Many people I have spoken to did not sign the petition but somehow it seems to be flowing through City Hall on its way to being passed. If passed, this Special Levy can be increased and extended indefinitely with little or no communication to the community. The Hamptons "special" Levy is now at \$200. At \$84.00 per valid household that is over \$455,000 for Flowers and Planters for 5 main entrances to Edgemont.

My concern is that given the economic climate, hundreds of Edgemont residents have lost their jobs, this project should not be a priority. There was no feasibility study done and planning is still in the draft stages yet money is being secured. It is unsettling the lack of transparency with regards to this "community" project. I am encouraging all of my friends and fellow Edgemont residents to first lodge your concerns with City Hall then contact Sean Chu our Alderman at (403)268-2430. At the very least the Special Levy needs more study and discussion. It is unrealistic to ask families to pay \$84.00 for flowers when daily living needs are an issue and a struggle.

RECALL – RESIDENTS OF EDGEMONT COMMUNITY AGAINST LEAF LEVY

With all that being said, the main issue is regarding the petition process. Many are saying they were harassed by being approached several times and pressured to sign. A group of us have discovered that there are signatories who were given misleading, missing or incorrect information by the canvasser contrary to instructions given during the canvassers' training, such that these signatures should be invalidated. Call them petition irreqularities. Furthermore, there are enough of these petition irregularities found in a small sampling that would lead one to think that there could be so many that the 2/3 was not legitimately achieved. If this is the case, the levy could be deemed to be illegitimate, if not illegal.

What I don't agree with is LEAF as the solution. LEAF is an antiquated, cookie cutter approach run by City Hall originating some 15-20 years ago. They are already hiring and slotting Edgemont into their checklist and every penny will be allocated under the Special Levy. Even if it isn't. It is not the \$7/month alone that is the issue. It is the speed in which a small group of neighbors turned a petition into a 5 year Special Levy on our taxes. It is the continuing question of transparency in the dissemination of information. In the Inside Edge, the 4-page spread is misleading as it only states Year 1 and Year 2. Even the letter from the City doesn't say 5 Years. Its little things like this that create mistrust.

It is the fact that when City Hall is done collecting our annually increased Property Taxes they have NO MONEY to fix our community sign, remove snow from our street more than twice a year, fix the leak in the rink our kids skate on, maintain any playground, tot lot or parks, mow community lawn, or spray for weeds or pests.

Where did it go? Why is City Hall so quick to put their hand in our pockets and not call it for what it is? A money grab. Why is no one asking questions?

I believe Sean Chu as our Ward 4 Councillor should be getting the answers to the actual problem. At the very least he should be advocating for our community. What percentage of our Property Tax goes to these areas?

I know the Hamptons is actually an Encumbrance on Title with different rules. However, communities like Hawkwood, Citadel and Valley Ridge are full LEAF Levy community. I know their LEAF programs have been extended with as little as 78 votes. Their landscaping and playgrounds, tot lots and rinks were done by the developer and were supposed to be maintained by the City. It is easier for the City to repurpose or replace playgrounds and tot lots to off-leash sites or plain green spaces to reduce maintenance. How many off-leash sites could Edgemont possibly need?

Cascading blooms, Flowers! And Bright beautiful displays written in the Inside Edge right next to low water use and sustainability sounds like an oxymoron. It is not fiscally responsible given our climate, growing season and weather conditions. One hail storm and all the bright and beautiful displays are gone.

Why are just a few communities in Calgary having their property taxes increased with a Special Levy for 5 years, undoubtedly kept longer, for a Landscape Enhancement & Appreciation Fund (LEAF)? If the City needs to increase its Parks budget, after cutting it over the years, then increase every property owner by \$5.00, instead of coming in the back door with some potted flower scheme, in certain communities. The City already increase property taxes every year.

It's interesting that the LEAF communities are all upper income neighborhoods where a little extra tax grab could go unnoticed. Edgemont is an old community, 1978, 37 years old. The average age of residents is climbing and the average income is dropping. The weather in the last 5 years has changed too, devastating floods, crashing hail storms and unseasonal crippling snow storms. Broad reasons why LEAF in its current form has flaws.

Many residents who read the Edge were turned off by the excessive one-sided view and propaganda that everything is rosy and we're having a huge love-in over LEAF. They found it very judgmental and bias like a cult.

LEAF canvassers were supposed to be collecting signatures of 'willing participants.' What struck me most, was the aggressiveness and their bulldog determination to bulldoze it through. I was not interested, given the cost and the return, and considered the matter closed but they would just never leave. What is this? Hotel Califor-~continued next page~

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nia? Signatures extracted under duress or under false pretences (rising property values) are not legally binding.

The Edgemont LEAF petition created an illusion of a democratic process, when in fact only a small specialinterest group achieved its objective by devious means.

One point mentioned in the Municipal Act is: Special Tax 382 (2) "A special tax levy must be passed annually." I'm not sure how the City can make this LEAF tax levy for a five-year term. Nowhere in these special levies does it mention flowers as an improvement or anything close to this LEAF program. If adding flowers can be deemed a revitalization necessary improvement, we are doomed to future special tax levies.

The use of a local improvement for "beautification" is not normal. Flowers and potted plants require ongoing maintenance beyond the terms of the levy which will be a future liability for Edgemont taxpayers.

Scenic Acres published LEAF Budget total for one year was \$233,600,42. Here are 4 examples of what LEAF is paying for: Large mowing cost \$49,605.41, Small mowing, trimming, litter pick \$68,069.42, Flower Planter Prep/Planting/Watering \$5,770.94, Flowers \$430.48. Little amount paid for flowers as sales-pitched by our Community of having beautiful cascades of potted flowers. No mention of these beautiful flowers vanishing after the first hail storm. Homeowners already pay property taxes for the City to cut its own grass.

I don't think it is very fair to ask homeowners in any community to pay any type of levy. The property taxes that are paid should allow for the coverage of any "appearances" that need to be upgraded... Taxes should be covering this!

Please drop the whole thing. Why do some people continually seek to extract money out of their neighbours pockets? If you wish to spend your own money or do fund raisers etc, fine but please stop trying to impose your particular view and position on other people. Our neighbourhood looks good..."

What is the Edgemont Community Association (ECA)?

It is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that represents the residents of Edgemont.

Your Community Association is the recognized body that:

- · liaises with government officials expressing resident concerns regarding commercial and residential land use development, transportation, traffic, environmental and infrastructure issues.
- supports organized sports
- runs community programs and social programs
- operates the Community Centre
- supports and publishes the community newsletter The Inside Edge
- designs and maintains our Website: www.edgemont.ab.ca Facebook page: Edgemont Community Association Twitter account: @EdgemontCA

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Nestle into nature this Family Day weekend

Family Day is a great time to reconnect with loved ones - a time to slow down, focus on family and create lasting memories together. Finding activities for the holiday weekend that everyone will enjoy can be challenging, but rest assured, this year it will be a walk in the park.

The City of Calgary will be hosting free We Are Family events throughout the Family Day weekend at three of Calgary's beautiful parks. Grab your skates and join us on Saturday, February 13 at Carburn Park or Sunday, February 14 at Prince's Island Park for ice skating, fireside nature activities and family-friendly fun.

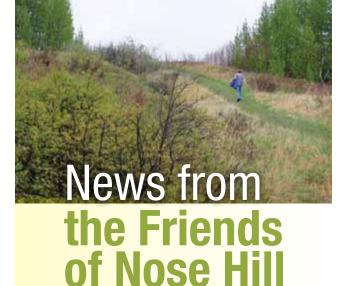
If you prefer an indoor celebration, drop by Devonian Gardens, Calgary's downtown tropical oasis, on holiday Monday, February 15. We will have entertainment for all ages, including nature games, crafts and a variety of animal furs and bones to see and touch.

All events run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about our We Are Family events, visit calgary.ca/parks.



Punctuation by Association - Joni Righthand



by Anne Burke

We can preserve nature and foster biodiversity for future generations, by staying on designated pathways and trails in our parks, in addition to respecting wildlife habitat and their migration patterns. The long-range plans are to monitor and manage invasive species (weeds); reduce habitat fragmentation; and link important habitat areas in the city and region.

The city-wide Biodversity committee has met and a website with agenda and minutes is in the works. In the meantime, digital versions of the 10-year strategic plan can be found on the City's biodiversity page at: www. calgary.ca/biodiversity.

Many of Calgary's existing open space sites, such as Nose Hill, Union Cemetery, Reader Rock Garden, Riley Park, Fort Calgary, and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary are in the category of Cultural landscapes. A major challenge is determining which method is most appropriate for the resource, with a view toward protection, preservation or conservation, and restoration.

Cultural resource projects may include some or all of the following:

- Protection: measures needed to guard against further damage or deterioration;
- Preservation: ongoing maintenance activities that preserve the historic appearance or features of the landscape;
- Restoration: the removal of later additions and the recreation of missing elements

Of the 800 kms of city-wide pathways, City Council approved snow clearing for up to 350 kms. Generally, City Parks crews are to clear snow on pathways within 24 hours and on sidewalks adjacent to parks within 72 hours. Re: concerns about pathways in natural parks not being cleared, some trails/pathways are best used only in non-winter months. Due to the steepness of the slope or site conditions, there may be safety concerns for potential pathway users and crews.

Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) are land with conservation value.

This applies to the river valley system, the urban forest, and natural environment parks. The land includes escarpments, natural grasslands, woodlots, and native pasture but also pertains to wetlands, natural bodies of water, and riparian corridors (along the river margins and banks).

There is an update on Open Space policy for recreational and environmental park spaces. Stakeholder consultation meetings with City Parks staff and industry began in February 2015. A final draft form of impact assessment for ESAs was debated by Council in early 2016. Planning and mapping guidelines are expected and a work program completed by March 2016.



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TOTAL	159	
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