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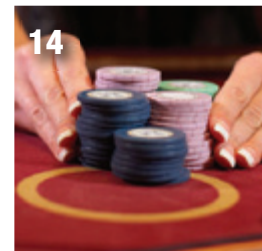
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Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200	
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300	
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to April everyone!

With another winter under our belts, I hope you're all doing well and have emerged relatively unscathed from the nasty viruses circulating around the neighbourhood.

I am happy and excited to welcome our newly hired Community Association Executive Director, Guy Latour! As many of you know, for several years now, our association has employed people to help manage our facility and deal with the many administrative tasks required to successfully run our organization. Tasks such as booking our gym and scheduling staff to supervise it during its use; physically maintaining the facility; making bank deposits; supporting sports programs and play school volunteers; and helping board members with their various projects all ensure that we generate revenue and run a successful association.

For the last two and a half years these responsibilities have been shared by two part-time positions, but it was decided last fall that having one person with the expertise to carry out all these tasks and work full-time would be more efficient and effective. After several months of advertising and interviewing, and a lot of volunteer hours, our search committee is pleased to have found an excellent candidate.

Guy comes to us from High River where he was manager of parks and recreation and was involved with building a new facility and running programs. He has extensive experience in community leadership, working with youth and volunteers, creating business plans, and communicating with other service groups. An unexpected attribute is that Guy grew up right here in our community and some of you may know him from his younger years!

You will learn more about Guy and the work he will be doing in upcoming editions of The Beacon. In the meantime, I invite you to come meet Guy for yourselves. He will be working in our community centre's office daily and is looking forward to meeting residents and getting to know you (or in some cases, getting reacquainted).

Initially, the biggest project Guy will be involved with is our Facility Enhancement Project. As I mentioned last

month, we are beginning to plan a 3000 square foot multi-use addition to our building and would like your ideas and help. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in our boardroom so please feel welcome to attend. For more information, please check our website: hh-bh.ca

April is a month of new growth and anticipation. Our community association's board members are enthusiastic about our future, and earnestly invite all community members to become a part of our evolution. Happy spring to all!

Laura

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week

April 23 - 29 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and on behalf of all Calgarians we want to sincerely thank community volunteers for all they do each and every day to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

There are 151 community associations in every neighbourhood across our city, and they are all run by volunteers. In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

Without their hard-working volunteers community associations would not exist. They would not be able to provide you with the programs you enjoy, put on the year-round special events that bring you together as neighbours, advocate for your community on local issues, or produce this monthly newsletter full of important information. These volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play.

Community volunteers are the lifeblood of the community association movement here in Calgary, a movement that brings Calgarians that small-town feel in our large urban centre. **So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29, to thank a volunteer in your community for their hard work and dedication to ensuring you love where you live!**





# Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CONTACT

**Mailing Address:** Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6

Board Room / Gym - 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.

**Parking:** west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library drive-way. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

**Phone:** 282-6634 (voice mail) (checked 1 - 2 times per week)

**Email:** admin@hh-bh.ca

**Beacon Submissions:** beacon@hh-bh.ca

**Boardroom/Gym Bookings:** bookings@hh-bh.ca

The HH-BH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).

For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).



Like our Facebook Page - [www.facebook.com/hhbhca](http://www.facebook.com/hhbhca)



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Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your ideas to [vp@hh-bh.ca](mailto:vp@hh-bh.ca).

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



### Youth Badminton

Youth Badminton -Ages 12 – 17  
Information at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca)  
Badminton@hh-bh.ca

### HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

Badminton: Tues – Fri - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Pickleball: Tues – Wed - 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Rates: \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

### Family Open Gym Night

FREE -Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

### Outdoor Soccer U4 to U18

Registration Online February 1, 2017

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Registration for 2017/2018 will begin February 22, 2017



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Community Board Meetings second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Boardroom. All are invited! To be on the agenda, please contact [admin@hh-bh.ca](mailto:admin@hh-bh.ca) at least 2 weeks in advance. Please note there are no Board Meetings in July or August. Next Meeting: April 13, 2017
- Plans to build an addition to our community association's facility are finally underway. Come and help us create a space that will enhance our facility and serve the needs of our community. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the community boardroom, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Sandahl: [vp@hh-bh.ca](mailto:vp@hh-bh.ca)
- Casino June 4th and 5th - Get to know your neighbours and help the community association raise funds to maintain and expand our community hall at our next casino fundraiser, June 4 and 5. See add in this issue for details.
- Free Performing Arts Workshops - Boardroom HHBH Community Centre on Sundays 2-4 p.m.
- Memberships: A reminder that memberships expire July 31! \$20 / year per family household. \$10/Seniors. Renew online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca)
- Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Playschool registration for 2017/2018 is now open. A couple of spots are available for Tues/Thurs morning class as well as spots for the afternoon classes. Register online at [www.hhbhplayschool.com](http://www.hhbhplayschool.com) or send us an email to [education@hh-bh.ca](mailto:education@hh-bh.ca)

# Tree Planting

## ReTree YYC -Free Education Programs in Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill has been chosen as a Re-Tree Community in 2017! As part of the program, the City of Calgary will be planting new City trees in our community and educating community members about the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill will receive free tree care education programs in spring 2017. More information will be posted on our website in the early spring.

**Background on ReTree YYC:** ReTree YYC is a program created in response to the September 2014 late-summer snow storm causing extensive and severe damage to over 1 million trees. ReTree communities are chosen based on many factors, including the extent of the storm damage, open canopy space and community interest. By helping Calgaryans plant and maintain trees on both public and private property, we hope to make the city landscape better for generations to come. You can learn more about the program at [Calgary.ca/trees](http://Calgary.ca/trees).



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# Membership has its Privileges

It's time to renew your HH-BH community association membership (valid August 1 – July 31 each year), and it's gotten easier: renew online by visiting our website: [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).

## A family membership is only \$20/year, and entitles you to

- register children in the HH-BH Community Playschool
- register children in indoor and outdoor youth soccer, badminton and other sports programs
- take part in adult badminton, pickleball and other recreation programs
- bring the whole family to the community hall for free Family Gym Nights on Fridays year-round
- vote at HH-BH Community Association Annual General Meetings (ours is coming up in November, by the way – we'd love to see you there!)

## In addition, your membership helps support the wide range of activities organized or supported by the community association, including:

- annual Stampede Breakfast
- Summer Solstice Block Party
- annual Community Clean-Up
- family-friendly community events in the Fall, Winter and Spring, with entertainment such as the bouncy house, face painting, dunk tank, live music, dancing and FREE food and beverages
- up-to-date news and event listings on our HH-BH website, Facebook and Twitter. Check it out at [hh-bh.ca](http://hh-bh.ca)!
- the Beacon delivered to your door Monthly
- ice maintenance, equipment and supplies for the outdoor rink at Green Park
- a clean, well-kept and efficient community gym and meeting facility with friendly and helpful staff, employing youth from our community
- organizing casino fundraisers to keep all this going
- strategic, business and land-use planning for our community and liaising with the City of Calgary



# CALLING ALL SINGERS / MUSICIANS / ACTORS / DANCERS AND WANNABEES!

We are looking for you!!



Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Casting Call for friends and neighbors of Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill

Join our community celebration August 19, 2017, celebrating 150 years of Canadian Confederation. We need actors, musicians, dancers, characters, comedians, poets and storytellers, neighbors and friends, all are welcome to attend the planning, production and rehearsals running Sundays between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Hall Boardroom. If you have something to contribute or if you would like to participate, please attend.



**FREE WORKSHOPS EVERY SUNDAY 2:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**HH-BH Community Hall Boardroom**  
**1922 - 14 Ave NW**

For more information please email Patricia at [events@hh-bh.ca](mailto:events@hh-bh.ca)

# Outdoor Soccer Referees Needed

This is a job that pays! A training session is mandatory and provided by the community association. This is a great way for you to be involved in our community. If you have already taken the training, you are not required to attend again. You may retake the training if you would like to refresh your skills.

If you are 12 years of age or older and interested in becoming a referee for the 2017 outdoor soccer season with HHBH, please contact Melissa Hagg at [melissahagg@gmail.com](mailto:melissahagg@gmail.com) or 403-284-2410.



## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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# West Hillhurst Community Association Earth Day

WHCA is still having a big Earth Day and Health Expo on April 22, from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. Activities include vermicomposting, Ask a Gardener, Plan your Garden help, City of Calgary Re-tree, Qui Gong, Yoga and other demos, kids crafts, and representation from a number of health companies! Look to [www.westhillhurst.com](http://www.westhillhurst.com) for more info.

## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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### Summertime Fun

**It's time to register for Camps!  
Ages 3-12**




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## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

#### Playground Replacement Project Update:

**The countdown begins...**we're moving forward with our new school playground!

Our build dates are **May 3 – 6, 2017**

402 18 Street NW Calgary, AB

We need your help! Mark your calendars! Community helping community!

The playground design is finalized, the approvals are in, and the equipment is being manufactured ... now we need you! We are currently recruiting volunteers to help construct and assemble our new playground.

We will be using Sign Up Genius as a method to manage our volunteer sign up process.

Please email our volunteer recruiter at [qevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:qevolunteers@gmail.com) for a link to our Sign Up Genius schedule.

Please note, you do not need a police security check to volunteer at our project: consider recruiting a friend, community member or relative to volunteer for this project!

## Community Clean-up Leader

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill is looking for people to lead our annual community clean up event. This annual event brings people from the community together, provides friends and families an opportunity to work together for a good cause, and helps to keep our neighbourhood clean and safe. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Patricia at 587-703-9739 or email [events@hh-bh.ca](mailto:events@hh-bh.ca)



## REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA



## Ask Charles

**I just spent \$50,000 to finish my basement with high-end finishings. Now, I'm listing my house for sale, and my real estate representative says she can't include the basement square footage in the total size. Why not?**

You developed your basement and it's beautiful. You're sure any potential buyer would agree that it looks great, and is definitely livable space. But, your real estate professional is correct, the square footage of your basement cannot be included in the size of your home for listing purposes.

In Alberta, real estate professionals are required to follow the Residential Measurement Standard (RMS) when listing a residential property for sale. The RMS contains nine principles that enable real estate professionals, as well as buyers and sellers, to determine and compare the size of residential properties. The RMS sets out the specific parts of a residential property that can be included in its size for listing purposes.

Above grade levels are the levels of a residence that are entirely above grade. Below grade levels are the floor levels of a residence that are partly or fully below grade. If any portion of a level is below grade, the entire level is considered below grade. Below grade spaces include lower levels and basements. The RMS size of a property is, essentially, the sum of its above grade levels. Below grade levels are not included in the RMS area.

Without the RMS in place, there would be little consistency in how real estate professionals, and their sellers, measure and describe their property. Some may want to include their basement (unfinished or not), some may include an enclosed sunroom, while others may include the space created by a bow or bay window.

The RMS provides a consistent means of measuring, and describing, residential property size in Alberta.

Sellers, and their real estate representatives, are welcome to include additional measurement information in their listings, but the primary size listed in the listing must be the size according to the RMS.

Sellers need to remember that size isn't the only factor that will affect a property's list or selling price. Other factors include location, condition, quality of finishing, layout, and even type of ownership. You may not be able to include the square footage of your basement in the total square footage of your home, but the features of your home will set it apart from other properties. Size matters, but it's not the only thing that matters.

*"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), [www.reca.ca](http://www.reca.ca). RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email [askcharles@reca.ca](mailto:askcharles@reca.ca).*

# About Wine

by Nik Rasula

About Wine features wines not typically on one's shopping radar. Special wines – made from grapes or blends, regions or countries - that may not be common or well known. About a wine, or winemaker, with a story to tell; of place, process or style. Highlighting smaller artisanal producers making unique, reasonably priced (under \$50 retail) wines, all the while demonstrating careful earth stewardship.

## 2014, Franz Haas, Lagrein

Alto Adige (pronounced "Ah d.j."), Italy

**ABOUT THE REGION:** Located in northeastern Italy, the Alto Adige lies at the base of the Alps bordering Austria. Formerly known as South Tyrol, the region was annexed by Italy in 1926, German remains the region's first language. Featuring rugged topography with cultivation possible in only 15 per cent of the Adige Valley, the region is compelled to rely on quality as its wine trademark.

**ABOUT THE MAKER:** Established in the 1800s, the winery is run by the 7th generation of the Haas family. Winemaker Franz Haas brings a scientific yin to the winemaking; supported by wife and creative director Maria who brings an artistic yang.

**ABOUT THE MAKING:** Indigenous to the Alto Adige, Lagrein thrives at high altitude (here almost 1,000 feet a.s.l.). Low-yielding vines, planted at high density, contribute the wine's intense flavour profile.



**ABOUT THE WINE:** Elegant garnet in appearance, the bouquet hints of red fruit, violet, and spice. Elegance reflects on the palate as it pleases with medium-bodied notes of plums, rhubarb and cocoa.

With European demand for Lagrein (especially from Austria) exceeding production, supply for far-off markets remains limited.

**ABOUT THE LABEL:** Label artist Riccardo Schweizer painted with Picasso and Chagall

**ABOUT PAIRING:** Pair with charcuterie, sausages, or spice-rubbed poultry.

**ABOUT DISTRIBUTION:** Check liquorconnect.com (call the store to confirm availability).

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**ABOUT PRICE:** \$38



**Trivia**

The name Easter owes its origin from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.

# MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2017 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST.

## HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2016-17

Family Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name - Adults: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

First Name - Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email? yes  no

**I would be interested in volunteering for:**

- Land Use
- Green Space/Reforestation
- Fundraising
- Facilities/Ice Rink
- Communications/Newsletter
- Other
- Membership Drive
- Children's Programs
- Seniors' Programs
- Sports Programs
- Social Activities

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Valid through July 31, 2017

Annual membership (including GST) is :

\$20 per household

\$10 for seniors

Paid by: cash  cheque

Send cheques payable to **Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill Community Association**  
Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6

*Privacy Consent: By providing the personal information on this form you are consenting to HH-BH Community Association's collection and use of that information for the purposes of providing you a membership in the community association. This information will be stored in a database of community members for the sole use of the Association. The Association will not sell, barter or lease membership lists or information. We may retain this information until nine months after expiry date of the membership.*





# Casino Volunteers Needed June 4 and 5

Get to know your neighbours and help the community association raise funds to maintain and expand our community hall at our next casino fundraiser, June 4 and 5.

HHBH CA Vice-President Carol Sandahl is organizing the fundraiser and is using the schedule with six long shifts to make it easier than ever to volunteer. This year, we're at Cowboys Casino (421 12 Ave SE), easily accessible by C-Train from Lions Park.

Please contact Carol at [vp@hh-bh.ca](mailto:vp@hh-bh.ca) to volunteer or receive more information.

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## Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$4,699,450	\$4,251,000
January 2017	\$650,000	\$620,000
December 2016	\$907,450	\$851,250
November 2016	\$599,500	\$577,500
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$1,774,950	\$1,845,000
August 2016	\$1,597,450	\$1,575,000
July 2016	\$1,049,900	\$1,040,000
June 2016	\$594,900	\$578,750
May 2016	\$1,224,950	\$1,201,000
April 2016	\$619,900	\$590,000
March 2016	\$0	\$0

### Last 12 Months Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2017	2	2
January 2017	7	1
December 2016	0	4
November 2016	2	2
October 2016	3	0
September 2016	7	2
August 2016	2	4
July 2016	5	3
June 2016	2	2
May 2016	8	4
April 2016	4	3
March 2016	2	0

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## Downtown Economic Summit

I have witnessed many boom and bust cycles over the years in Calgary. Each time, we wait out the downturn and carry on with business as usual.

Although there are positive signs of recovery, this recession is different. Rather than a regular downturn in the business cycle that will fix itself, financial experts agree Calgary is experiencing a 'structural recession'. This more serious type of recession exposes the risks of relying heavily on a single industry. We cannot treat a structural recession with tools meant for a cyclical one. In other words, we cannot wait this one out.

Evidence of the downturn is obvious in all areas of Calgary, but particularly in the downtown core. Downtown historically generated around 40% of The City's non-residential tax revenue and 25% of City-wide employment. With record vacancy rates and declining property values in the downtown, 2016 saw a sharp decline in property tax, parking, and transit revenues. Because Calgary's economic health is heavily reliant on the health of our downtown, this resulted in a dramatic tax burden shift to businesses outside the core.

Having been a small business owner for 17 years, and the manager of the Kensington Business Revitalization Zone, I understand the challenges businesses face. That is why I supported \$45 million in one-time relief for businesses experiencing large increases in property taxes. While The City is able to afford short-term assistance, we need long-term solutions to address the root cause of the tax shift – a struggling downtown core. Businesses across Calgary, both small and large, depend on a strong downtown.

Calgary's downtown worked well for 1980, but will it work for 2025 and beyond? The problem is complex with no easy solutions. Earlier this year, Council supported my motion to host a Downtown Economic Summit to bring together the best minds to create recommendations for a more resilient, creative, and diversified downtown. Work from the private sector, social organisations, and all three orders of government is required to fundamentally shift the downtown economy and emerge from the recession better than ever.

All is not doom and gloom. We have a tremendous opportunity to create conditions for businesses to thrive and to get Calgarians back to work.

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# News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The City annually invests in infrastructure and upgrades to ensure levels of service and address both capacity and lifecycle needs. The storm water quality retrofit program adds more wet ponds to long-established areas of the city. Wet ponds protect the quality of river water by slowing the flow, allowing sediment to settle. Plants help to remove pollutants. In all, there are 200-flood related projects requiring repairs or restoration. There are riverbank stabilization and erosion sites, the storm drainage system, and lift or pump stations. Construction projects include water main and pipe repairs, as well as new projects and upgrades to improve water and wastewater systems.

The North Calgary Water Servicing Project is underway. This is part of a long-term plan to sustain the water supply system. A new water supply line (feeder main) is required to service future area development. A consultant will design and construct a new water main from Big Hill Pump Station to the Beddington Reservoir. The preferred alignment will cross Nose Hill Park, using geotechnical tunnelling up to 90 metres or 300 feet deep. A rare plant and bird survey to ensure conservation of protected species will be done before phase 1 soil sampling to test the proposed route. The optimum time to drill 21 test holes (each 6 inches in diameter) is mid-winter when the ground is frozen, which minimizes the impact on the surface environment. However, the areas adjacent to these test locations will be rehabilitated prior to crew leaving the site.

The City promises that there will be only minor surface disruption in the SW and NE corners of Nose Hill at the entrance and exit of the proposed tunnel. No other sur-

face work would be required in the park. Phase 2 construction will occur in Summer 2017 to summer 2018. Drilling and survey equipment and personnel will be visible on the hill but away from the paths by mid-February early April 2017. In addition, there will be signs at Nose Hill parking lots and an information brochure at [www.calgary.ca/nosehill](http://www.calgary.ca/nosehill). You can phone 3-1-1 for general water construction inquiries or a list of road closures due to other construction projects.

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REMEMBERING  
the **BATTLE** of  
**VIMY RIDGE**

### Birth of a Nation

It was 100 years ago on April 9<sup>th</sup> that Canada won Vimy Ridge in France at enormous cost and made their mark on history.

Vimy Ridge was seven kilometers of strategic high ground in France. Allies had previously lost 150,000 soldiers trying to capture the commanding view without success.

Our allies fought along side us in this key battle, but it was Canada's key contributions and subsequent victory that changed the course of history.

The preparation plans were extensive and the attack had been rehearsed many times beforehand. Canada knew it would be a big fight and they came prepared.

At dawn on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, close to 100,000 Canadians rose from their trenches, tunnels and dugouts to take on the enemy in a battle many thought could not be won. We fought as one, but there were English, French, recent immigrants and First Nations that joined together to fight as Canadians.

The battle, fought uphill, was a surprising quick attack with much of the fighting over by noon.

At the end of that morning, 10,000 Canadian lay dead or wounded. It would be the bloodiest day in Canadian military history, but it would cement Canada as a fighting force to be reckoned with. Over the months that followed, Canadian troops became more independent instead of fighting under British command.

The battle of Vimy Ridge is credited with being the first time Canada was seen as its own fighting force and not simply a British colony. Some have said that on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, a nation was born in the eyes of the world.

As Brigadier General Alexander Ross said, "I thought then...that in those few minutes I witnessed the birth of a nation."

This victory is thought by some to be the key reason Canada got its own seat at the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1922, France gave Vimy Ridge and the surrounding land to Canada in perpetuity and a magnificent monument was built to honour all Canadians who died in France. The stark, gleaming white marble towers are a powerful and imposing testament to the historic battle.

Every year, young Canadians work at the visitors centre and thousands of Canadians make the pilgrimage to this historic place in Canadian history. If you want to visit Vimy Ridge or learn more about the battle, please visit [www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca).

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**YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS  
AT A GLANCE...**

**May 6 – 7, IFK Kickstart Garage Builder's Motorcycle Show - Christine Klassen Gallery**

An annual showcase of garage-built motorcycles from across Alberta, most small in budget but all big in creativity. Join us from May 6-7 from 11am to 5pm and see what we've created over the winter! More info at [facebook.com/kickstartshow](http://facebook.com/kickstartshow)

**May 7, The Debaters Live! – The Jack Singer Concert Hall**

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**May 13 – June 11, The Drowning Girls – Vertigo Theatre**

The Drowning Girls is a lyrical exploration of a trio of murdered wives who gather evidence against their murderous husband by reliving the shocking events leading up to their deaths. One Yellow Rabbit Co-Founders Blake Brooker and Denise Clarke lead an incredible creative team in bringing this macabre fantasia to the Vertigo stage. More info at [vertigotheatre.com](http://vertigotheatre.com)

**May 19, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Original Film with Orchestra – Jubilee Auditorium**

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