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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for picking up the latest issue of Parkdale Post.

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Swing into Spring fundraiser on May 28 - this is an event that you won't want to miss, featuring a fantastic meal and a full-sized big band-style jazz orchestra! You can pick up your tickets online at www.parkdalecommunity.com/swing/ or drop by the PCA and chat with Bill.

I want to make special mention of a change on our Board; Audrey Smith is stepping down as the representative for the Garden, where she is going to continue her hard work in that space to develop our burgeoning Food Forest initiative. Audrey's work - from discussions around her table to drawing out the initial design of the garden, through to executing on one of the most aspirational and inspirational spaces in Calgary - has been a joy to watch and work with for the last three years.

While Audrey is staying on in the Garden, her continued advocacy on behalf of the community and the environment will be sorely missed at Board meetings. She has been a source of constant energy and support for us, a profound actor in our community and a reminder that we often need to take a break from the day-to-day acts of keeping the lights on to ask ourselves why we do what we do. She'll be missed.

BOOK NOW: Beds available in Parkdale Garden

The Parkdale Community Garden is ready to accept new members for the 2016 season! Join one of the most vibrant and innovative gardening groups in the city, all while growing your own in our beautiful raised garden beds.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Help shape the future of the University of Calgary's main campus

The University of Calgary invites public feedback on the final draft of its **long range development plan for the main campus**.

Join us at our second open house:

- **May 26, 2016**
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Foothills Mennonite Church
2115 Urbana Rd. N.W.

Visit ucalgary.ca/campusforward, and to view feedback on the first open house held in February 2016.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We want to let you know about all of the exciting community events that we have planned for the year so far! Save the dates and we look forward to seeing more of our community throughout 2016!

- **Swing Into Spring Dinner and Dance:** Saturday, May 28 6pm-midnight. Ticketed event, \$75 per person includes welcome cocktail, dinner, live jazz band entertainment and dancing. Cash Bar.
- **Family Day Community BBQ:** Everyone welcome! Saturday, June 18 for our soccer wind up, trophy's and community celebration.
- **Stampede Breakfast:** join us for our first annual Stampede Breakfast! We are still firming up the exact date, stay tuned for more info!
- **Halloween Social:** Saturday, October 29, ticketed event. Save the Date!
- **Kid's Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 3 - Save the Date!

Looking to get involved in your community on your own time and schedule? Volunteer your time to help out with one of the above-mentioned events! Or - donate a prize or sponsor an event!

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The Henry Update – Message from Brookfield

If you have recently walked by the site, you will have noticed that the walls for the first building were poured last week and the construction team is diligently getting ready for backfill. There are a few items that need to be done before backfill (damp-proofing, shallow servicing of the homes, etc.) and these things will be done by the end of April.

The backfill crews may start fairly early in the mornings. They will wait until at least 7:00am, but they are eager to start their days as soon as the noise bylaw permits. A good side to them starting early is that they are typically finished each day before suppertime (We encourage all workers on the site to have some work/life balance and to spend time with their families in the evening).

We have had great success with sales over the last months and this has triggered the scheduled start of the next building. The second building to be built will be in the North-West corner (directly across from Maureen). The excavation of the foundation for this building is scheduled for April 20th. This may take to the end of the week and will be very similar to the noise and traffic level that you saw with the excavation of the first building.

Thank you all for your patience with this process. And as always, if you should happen to see anything on site (fence blown down, starting too early, or staying too late for examples) please feel free to contact me at any of the numbers found below in my e-mail signature. Thanks for watching out for us. And thanks for being great neighbours.

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GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES

A Parkdale - Silver Springs Garden Partnership Project

Time & Date	Topic	Host
7:30 PM April 20, 2016	Small Space Gardening <i>Dani and Leigh Smythe from CROP</i>	Silver Springs
7:30 PM May 18, 2016	Companion Planting/Calgary Plant Selection /Cold Extension <i>Janet Melrose</i>	Silver Springs
7:30 PM June 15, 2016	Composting <i>Mike Dorian</i>	Silver Springs
7:30 PM July 20, 2016	Food Forest <i>Adrian Buckley/Luke Kimmel from ReGenerate Design</i>	Parkdale
7:30 PM August 17, 2016	Culinary Herbs/Medicinal Herbs <i>Julie Walker</i>	Parkdale
7:30 PM September 21, 2016	Canning/Drying/Preserving <i>TBD</i>	Parkdale
7:30 PM October 19, 2016	Solar Energy & Net Zero Houses <i>David Silburn</i>	Parkdale
7:30 PM November 16, 2016	Water Harvest Systems <i>Andrea Rocchio</i>	Parkdale
7:30 PM December 7, 2016	Christmas Center Pieces <i>Janet Melrose</i>	Silver Springs
January 2017 - TBD	Tree Pruning <i>Adrian Buckley/Luke Kimmel from ReGenerate Design</i>	Venue - TBD
February 15, 2017	Therapeutic Gardening <i>Janet Melrose</i>	Silver Springs

Parkdale Community Centre- 3512 5th Ave NW
Silver Springs Community Centre - 5720 Silver Ridge Dr. NW

Tickets are \$15 + GST
and can be purchased at the door or online.
More information and tickets at
<http://parkdalecommunity.com/garden-2/speaker-series>

For more information contact Parkdale Garden and Gathering Place Director Audrey Smith at garden@parkdalecommunity.com

South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG) Inter-Community project update

FMC – Foothills Medical Centre (Foothills Hospital)
AHS – Alberta Health Services
University District – official name for the development on the east side of Shaganappi Trail between 16th Ave and Bowness Rd. Formerly called West Campus
DP – Development Permit
CA – Community Association

City of Calgary – Crowchild Trail Study panels are on line and ready to review and provide feedback. The South Shaganappi public workshop was held on April 9th, results and feedback will be forthcoming. The Northwest Hub study is proceeding slower than expected and an update expected at the next SSASPG meeting.

FMC Calgary Cancer Centre Project – Construction start is scheduled for late 2017 on Lot 7 (NE corner) with work ongoing to 2023 and opening in 2024. 160 inpatient beds, outpatient clinic, research facilities, radiation treatment. Currently working on project technical requirements and stakeholder engagement starting late April or early May.

FMC Parking Lot 8A Development – Construction is scheduled for May 2016. Construction traffic will utilize the 37th street interchange and park in Lot 8A. No road closures are planned. Construction best practices for noise and dust control will be followed.

FMC Temporary Parking lot on University District Lands – Construction from July 2016 to Sept 2016.

FMC Power Plant upgrading – 2 turbo generators require overhauls. This will take place over the summer and will not require a temporary standby unit while the overhauls are being performed.

FMC Lot 1 redevelopment – Demolition from Sept 2016 to Dec 2016. Underground services from Dec 2016 to May 2017. Phase 1 Construction to start in May 2017.

FMC Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic – Immediate up-

grades are required. The upgrades are internal and will occur in the Special Services Building.

Stadium Shopping Centre redevelopment - Detailed Team Review on the DP has been received. A land use amendment on the C-C2 zoning will be required to accommodate landscaping and parking relaxations associated with the layout and mixed use of the site. The required parking assignments in the bylaw assume that each site/use is independent and does not factor the overlap associated with mixed use sites. Proposed changes are in alignment with the Area Redevelopment Plan. The application is planned to go to the Calgary Planning Commission May 19 and to council for a public hearing on July 4. Demolition and site grading would be planned from March 2017 to May 2017, piling and excavation June 2017 to Sept 2018, with parkade construction starting December 2017.

16th Avenue and 29 Street intersection redevelopment – includes dual turn lanes and traffic circle on Unwin Drive. Construction planned from June to November 2016, all current lanes are expected to be kept open during construction.

Brentwood Care Center – Phase 3 Ground breaking will be on April 15th.

University District – Grading April to June 2016. Phase 1: deep utilities June to July 2016; Shallow Utilities August 2016; surface improvements Aug to Oct 2016; offsite North and South pond upgrades to be determined with tendering. Two land use amendments are in progress and deal with allowing the temporary parking lot for FMC and modifications to the allowable grocery store size.

University of Calgary – Bermuda shorts day is April 13th, check stops will be in place for the event. The Engineering building expansion will be complete in July and the new infill building will open for the start of the fall semester. Renovations to select areas of the existing building and new infill will continue into the fall. Taylor teaching and learning institute is complete and commissioned (hoping to achieve LEED Silver or Gold). The Long Range Development Plan has had two open houses with over 280 attendees in total. A summary of the feedback should be available on-line in early April. The 50th Anniversary celebrations are set to begin on

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April 29, with celebrations throughout the year. The university is ramping up the community outreach program with focus on neighbor day and stampede. Any community association hosted events focusing on these events are encouraged to reach out to the U of C to participate, complement or enhance the event. The congress of the Humanities will kick off on May 28 and run for one week. One of the focus sessions is called Energizing Cities and the role of the Community Associations on June 2. Information can be found on congress2016.ca and the “campus forward” section of the university website.

Market Mall expansion - 25,000 Sq ft Sport Check expansion and relocation to the former Target space. The development permit has been submitted and awaiting approval. An Open House with Varsity Community received positive feedback.

Vecova – Service delivery model is complete. A previous building study indicated the building is not in good shape but will be reviewed again with the new service delivery model.

Ward 1 – Councillor Ward Sutherland is hosting a number of sessions (coffee chats) open to the public to present the community report card.

Ward 7 – Councillor Druh Farrell hosted an information session to garner support for the new development levy being proposed in council. The proposal focused on developer levy's for their respective share of associated supporting infrastructure costs (Water, Sewer and Roads) on new developments. The province sets a cap on how much a developer can be charged, currently the City charges less than this cap. For example, where does the City come up with \$700 million for a new water treatment plant? A feature of the proposal is to allocate some of the levy funding back into the community affected by the development. Rollin Stanley presented examples of how additional development space can be leveraged to motivate heritage building preservation and other desired amenities. Questions from the attending community associations focused on how the communities are to be involved in determining the community enhancements.

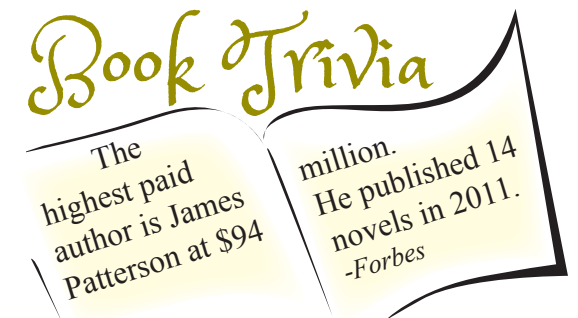
Montgomery CA – the 16th Avenue Beautification (west of Home Rd and includes left turn onto Home Rd) project has been delayed to 2017. A new traffic study will be done in the area. There were several concerns

from the community with regard to a bike lane planned on Home road going up the steep hill (north) with driveways, busses, and constricted width posing major hazards to cyclists. The community has completed installing a \$250 k make up air unit in their community building (grant and City funding).

Varsity CA – The Groves of Varsity in Crowchild Square is moving slowly – the first consultation with the community on this project was in 2000. Varsity is predominantly RC-1 and they have had two applications for secondary suites. The new Tangerine Bank in Brentwood will be a shipping container building.

University Heights CA – Westmount Charter received a 15 year approval for charter renewal. Soccer enrollment is 125. The CA is expressing challenges with the proposed parking relaxations on the Stadium Site. Comments can be found at www.uhccalgary.org. University Heights does not have a community building and partners with community organizations such as the school or church for their community activities.

St Andrews Heights CA – Partnered with University Heights to get the required soccer numbers in some age groups. They have started business planning with the City to look at managing the high demand on volunteer resources to maintain and manage a community building. 95% of St Andrews rentals are by outside groups. The community board is looking at how to get more community uses and how to manage the cost of aging infrastructure. There are 4 CA's in the City that are walking away from their buildings because of the difficulty to maintain.





Gardening by the phases of the moon

May 6 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.

May 13 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as possible.

May 21 Full Moon (waning)

As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

May 29 Last Quarter (waning)

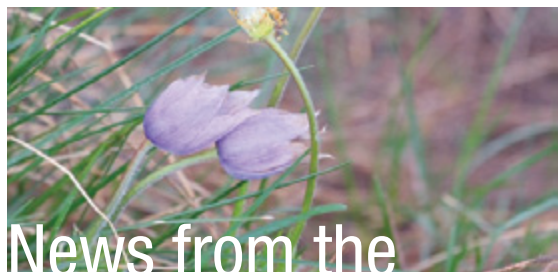
Decreased gravitational pull and moonlight. A resting period. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Dry herbs, flowers and fruit. If you want to control growth or encourage rooting, perform the necessary activities during the waning moon.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

International Migratory Bird Day is on May 8. Continual monitoring is required to maintain accurate, current information on their status around the world. Go to www.naturealberta.ca for Alberta birds at risk.

Ordinary people with an interest in wildlife, plants or species can help. Citizen science programs combine learning, field work, and volunteer research. Projects can be about insects, frogs and toads, birds, mammals, plants, water, and more.

There are local clubs and annual count events, such as the species count of birds during May at various locations around Alberta. The flower blooming count is the last week of May. Everyone is welcome to participate. For botany details, email svisser@ucalgary.ca.

Our Facebook group is busy reporting on wildlife sightings, identifying plants, and how early the crocus appeared on the John Laurie side, off the 64 Avenue entrance, and near the top above Charleswood Drive. Alberta Plant Watch is part of the national Canada Watch program. By reporting when certain plants bloom, volunteers contribute vital information for climate change studies. We now have almost 3 decades of information.

Go to www.plantwatch.naturealberta.ca.

Participation can be as easy as just looking for flowers in bloom and recording information about it on a data sheet and taking a picture; or go online to identify unusual or difficult plants.

Full colour photos are on our website. You can now report your observations and locations easily online. You can also use your smart phone to report data by your phone's GPS, and/or to send a photo of your plant. Please submit count results by June 30, 2016 for the May Flower Count -May 25-31.

Mark your calendars now for Nose Hill clean-ups on Saturday, June 18 and July 30 at the Edgemont parking lot (Edgemont Blvd. & Shaganappi Tr.) 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. where pick-up bags are given out to park users. Parks staff and Bylaw officers will be on hand. Individuals and groups are welcome for this PUPPY program.

You can volunteer to be a Park Interpreter for Nose Hill from June to October if you love to tell a story and have an interest in environment, natural history, local plants, and wildlife. Must be 18 years of age or older. Training provided. Call 311 or apply online at www.calgary.ca.

Connect with your neighbours - connect with us!

Want to get the inside scoop on what's happening at the PCA? Consider becoming a Block Captain!

We're launching a new communications pilot program with the PCA; by acting as the "rep" on your block, you'll get an opportunity to be the first to know about the great events and opportunities available at the PCA - so long as you tell your neighbours too! If you're interested in trying this out, contact Sandee Parkin at testerpar-kin@gmail.com.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Important Information for Calgary Homeowners

Are you a new homeowner? When your home is built, City of Calgary inspectors ensure it is safe and meets Alberta's safety codes but a technically-sound building depends on many factors beyond following building regulations.

As a homeowner, you should ask many questions about the quality, safety and bylaw rules about your home before you move in.

The City's new web guide for Calgarians offers tips and important information about home maintenance, renovations, inspections, development rules and more. Visit calgary.ca/myhome.

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Ranger Homes Parkdale Community

Behind The Custom Built Home: Life After the Flood of 2013

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Imagine a luxury home elevated well above the high water mark on the banks of the Bow River, sitting on ten massive concrete piles socketed deep into bedrock. Above this point, the house is constructed like most other homes. It looks like a typical, upscale house, but it has no basement so if there is a flood the water passes harmlessly underneath.

The 2013 floodwaters left many homeowners utterly defeated, but for one Bowness couple, leaving the place they had chosen as home was not an option. In the fall of 2013, the couple was forced to demolish what was left of their home and begin thinking about how to rebuild their lives. Approximately eight months after the floods, a colleague recommended custom homebuilders Ranger Homes Inc. Andy and Emily Kolaczek, the owners of Ranger Homes, welcomed the opportunity to get involved. They knew that rather than trying to manage floodwater, it would be even better to raise the revitalized structure to allow water to flow beneath without damage.

The clients proposed building a fully flood mitigated single-family dwelling, well above the one in 100-year flood level. They had prepared a general layout but needed a builder that could design, engineer and construct this unique home. The key to rebuilding was to minimize the potential exposure to the river, rather than to try and resist the impact the floodwater could have. Andy and Emily proposed a steel framework on concrete piles to support the living space more than 6 feet above the ground. In December 2014, construction began.

"It was interesting and challenging, and we were ideally suited to lend our skill sets as engineers, designers, and homebuilders. Andy and I wanted to come up with a home that would be everything the clients were looking for, and also provide a sustainable design that could safely withstand a future flood with minimal damage and cleanup," says Emily Kolaczek.

By September of 2015, the homeowners were settled into their stunning new home. The custom fixtures, luxury features, and innovative architecture exceeded their expectations.

"After having to demolish our flood destroyed home, we feel a great sense of achievement and safety having taken all of the possible measures to build a fully mitigated home," explains Ranger Homes' Bowness Client. "Together with Ranger Homes, we have done all that could be done to make a home this close to the river a place that will withstand a future flood event".

Continuing to live in this location was a top priority for the homeowners. Thus, Ranger came up with a design that allows them to do so without worry. The elegant home surpassed the owners' hopes and fulfilled their dream of remaining in their neighbourhood despite living near a major river. Their custom home serves as an example of a thoughtful solution for rebuilding within the flood fringe.

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The Henry's newest home owners meet their neighbours

Mike Keizer, Project Manager, gave us the white hat welcome as we arrived at the ground-breaking get-together for Brookfield Residential's The Henry on April 3. As we chatted with Gillian Edwards, Brookfield's Communications Manager, the sun came out from behind the clouds and neighbours-old and new-arrived. We had previously met many of the Brookfield representatives at Parkdale Community Association meetings and at the moving-the-garden Volunteer day in the fall of 2015. It was great to see Ryan Moon's sons again; they had helped a lot with transplanting. Long-time residents were able to fill in the newcomers with the history of the site going back to the mid-twentieth century. Parkdale Community Association board members and the Garden and Gathering Place volunteers met and mingled with the new condo owners, the Henry architect, Brookfield's Senior VP of Calgary Homes, managers and many others.

As the new owners donned their hard hats and took their spades to break ground on their homes, they had already been introduced to some Parkdale history and learned lots about why their new neighbours love Parkdale.

Justin Seguin-who helped plan the garden move-has been diligent in keeping the neighbours who are most affected by the build, informed on what to expect during the construction phase. It doesn't make less dust, but it helps it to settle.

Maureen Flynn-Burhoe is a gardener, visual artist and Wikipedia editor who lives in Parkdale.

Getting a tax refund? What now?

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

If you are claiming a tax refund this year, your next decision is what you should do with it. Here are six ways to make it benefit your financial future:

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5. Pay down costly, high-interest credit debt and then pay down non-deductible debt such as your mortgage – a single prepayment could potentially save hundreds, even thousands of dollars in interest payments.
6. If your refund is large, consider parking that cash in a short-term investment that you can access without penalty. That way, you'll have a ready source of money for a rainy day.

Tax refunds are nice...make sure they are used to enhance your long term financial growth.

What's Happening at *Morpheus Theatre*



*Three little maids from school are we
Pert as a school-girl well can be
Filled to the brim with girlish glee
Three little maids from school*

*Everything is a source of fun
Nobody's safe, for we care for none
Life is a joke that's just begun
Three little maids from school*

*Three little maids who, all unwary
Come from a ladies' seminary
Freed from its genius tutelary
Three little maids from school
(from "The Mikado")*

On Stage This Month: Our Annual Gilbert & Sullivan Offering

Morpheus Theatre's spring production – Sullivan & Gilbert – a play with music by Ken Ludwig, Arthur Sullivan, and William Gilbert, is currently running at the Pump-house Theatre from April 29 to May 14, 2016.

From the playwright who brought us Lend Me A Tenor comes a playful twist on our mandate to bring the best of Gilbert and Sullivan to Calgary audiences. In this delightful behind-the-scenes romp we get the best of the duo musically and in the flesh, when we meet the famous partners themselves! The story opens on a time when things were not all roses, in 1890 when they had been feuding for years. They are forced to work together one more time to bring their greatest works to life for Queen Victoria and so, we are treated to treasured pieces from The Mikado, Ruddigore, Iolanthe and The Pirates of Penzance, among others. Fans of Gilbert and

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Sullivan will be thrilled by Sullivan and Gilbert, for we have a song to sing, O! – several of them, in fact and we do hope you'll join us for the joy! (And the rapture!).

Along with the main stage production, the kids in our G&S Theatre School program will be presenting their take on the show with G&S Juniors Presents. The junior class performs on Monday, May 2 and the senior class performs on Tuesday, May 3. Come check out the future stars of tomorrow.

In the Wings

Morpheus Theatre will be announcing our 22nd season of Shows Worth Seeing. Come to our production of Sullivan & Gilbert to find out what our plans are. Auditions for our fall production will take place in either May or June.

Morpheus G&S Singers are back

If you enjoy singing, and would like to try out the wonderful music and lyrics of those comic masters of the Victorian operetta, this is for you. The G&S Singers are a non-auditioned choir that meets on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM to learn, sing and present the musical comedy of Gilbert and Sullivan.

The plan is to end our season in June with a concert, though we hope to have a few other outings during the season as we perfect our skills. All this for a mere 5 bucks a week. If you are interested in joining us, come by for a visit on this, or any, Sunday evening. Your first week is free, so give us a try. For more information, contact Tim Elliott at tcelliot2013@gmail.com or 403-274-8293.

Educational Opportunities

Morpheus Theatre is pleased to present a number of one-day workshops that give individuals of all ages and experience an opportunity to learn more about theatre.

Directing: From Good to Great – Saturday May 28

Technique for Stage Speech & Projection - TBA

How to Reach Us

Remember, all of our shows are produced, directed, designed and performed entirely by volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved in community theatre, where each show is a new experience and an opportunity to make new friends, we would love it if you

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In a growing and maturing city, change is constant. Change, in the form of City-led public projects and private developments, is important to building a resilient city. The inclusion of local wisdom improves these projects to better address the hopes and needs of current and future Calgarians.

On significant projects, sufficient public consultation is considered an essential public right, as well as a key responsibility of government. Over the years, I have seen both good and bad examples of public engagement. I firmly believe that progress happens at the speed of trust.

In 2011, I introduced a motion to City Council requiring The City to improve the quality and consistency of public consultation. While some progress has been made, Council further discussed public engagement at a recent strategic planning session to learn how we can do better.

For public engagement to achieve its objectives, it is important for everyone involved to understand the rights and responsibilities associated with their roles. Organizers should start by providing notification to affected stakeholders to solicit as much feedback as possible. The terms of engagement should be established up-front. Whether the engagement is led by The City, community or developer, organizers must facilitate an open, objective and respectful dialogue where all participants feel safe to express their views. Two great examples are the Crowchild Trail Corridor Study and the Bow to Bluff project.

The organizer must outline the decision-making process, including the current status, the scope of the project, and answers to commonly asked questions: What is on the table? What decisions have already been made? What is the background of previous decisions? How will future decisions be made? Feedback should be documented, carefully considered, and included in a report back to the public. Offering this level of transparency produces credibility for the project and builds trust.

Organizers should also structure engagement to fit the scope of the project. More opportunities and multiple ways to provide feedback are needed on large city-shaping projects like a new CTrain line, as compared to smaller projects like local traffic calming.

Public participants share in some important responsibilities. The first is to understand and respect the terms of engagement, as well as the subject matter. Participants also have a responsibility to listen and contribute respectfully. Intimidation at public meetings may discourage earnest participation, with disenchanted participants leaving the process. We need to ensure the quiet voices are heard too.

At Council's recent strategy session, we talked about the number of large projects on the go and the risk of consultation fatigue. City staff agreed to work on a more co-ordinated approach, combining engagement on several related projects.

It is clear to me that City Council and staff still have more work to do on improving the public engagement process, but I am confident that we can learn from our best examples to ensure all voices are heard in a respectful manner.

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Last 12 Months Parkdale MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2016	\$662,200.00	\$642,500.00
February 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 2016	\$899,900.00	\$860,000.00
December 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
October 2015	\$1,185,000.00	\$1,115,000.00
September 2015	\$734,450.00	\$712,269.00
August 2015	\$938,900.00	\$929,000.00
July 2015	\$774,450.00	\$755,000.00
June 2015	\$779,400.00	\$764,000.00
May 2015	\$784,350.00	\$763,500.00
April 2015	\$735,000.00	\$717,000.00

Last 12 Months Parkdale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2016	4	8
February 2016	8	0
January 2016	4	3
December 2015	5	0
November 2015	2	0
October 2015	6	5
September 2015	7	4
August 2015	7	3
July 2015	7	2
June 2015	5	4
May 2015	2	6
April 2015	10	5
Total	71	37

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