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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Sprit of Stampede and Community thrives in Parkdale

Thanks to everyone who joined us on July 15 for our second annual PCA/Nifty Fifties Stampede Breakfast. To describe it as a success is a complete understatement – not only was the event a blast for both attendees and volunteers, having the Prime Minister join us was such an honour and a highlight of my time with the PCA.

To put on a free event for nearly a thousand people takes a tremendous amount of effort. The combined volunteer base and PCA and Nifty Fifties staff made this possible – and while I can't list them all out I want to just simply say thank you to all of you who made this day so special. From meetings with the Prime Minister's team and security detail at the last minute, to cooking sausages for 8 hours the day before the event, to staying at the end in 30-degree heat to tear down and put away hundreds of chairs and tables, the work of the PCA and Nifty Fifties makes it possible.

The work of the Community Association is hard. Putting your mind, your physical labour and your heart into something that *by its very nature is for others* can be tough. For those of us that have work, or families, or other commitments, finding the time to push through and get the work done is a constant struggle. On some days, after working for many hours in a fundamentally thankless role, having people focus on the negative (or on themselves) can be disheartening.

The good news is that, at its core, this work makes a real and substantive difference in the lives of our neighbours. It isn't the people sitting on the sidelines and chirping from the cheap seats that are doing the work to make the lives of the citizens of Parkdale better

The Stampede spirit is fundamentally about the kind of service exemplified by those that helped with our breakfast. In a city of more than a million people, more than 2,000 Calgarians volunteer in some way as part of the Calgary Stampede organization. Quite simply, it's folks who offer their energy, their time, their work and their hearts to make the biggest and best event in Calgary happen, and I'm so proud of our chance to participate in it as part of the PCA.

-Colin Brandt, President





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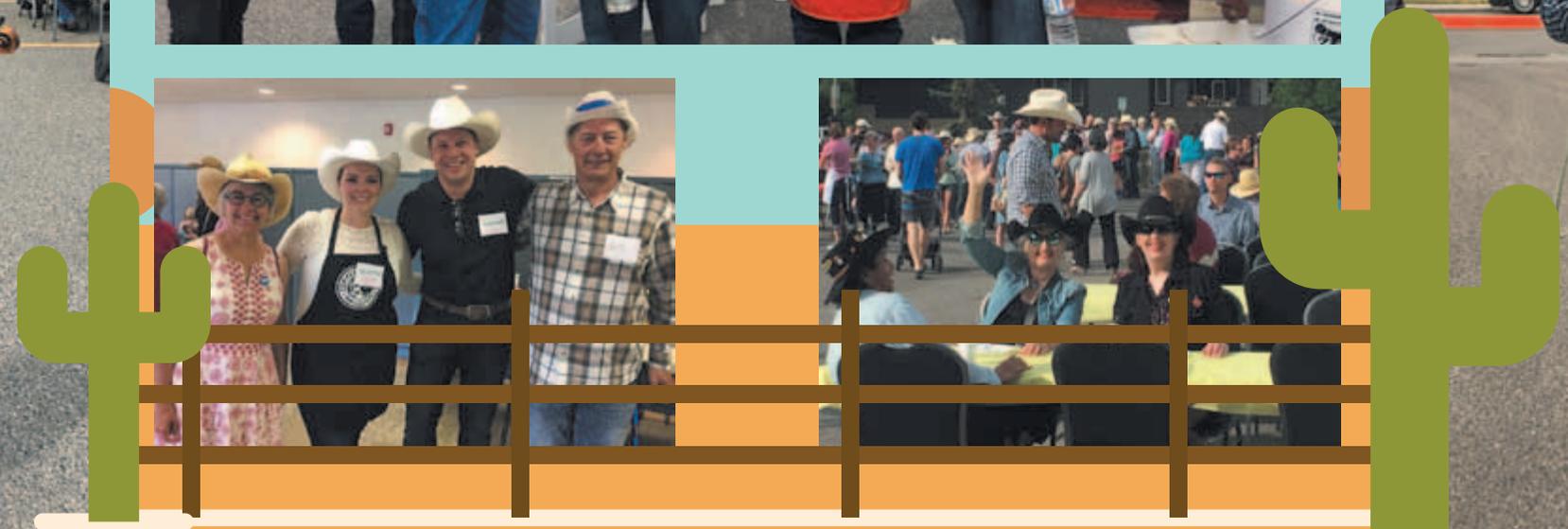
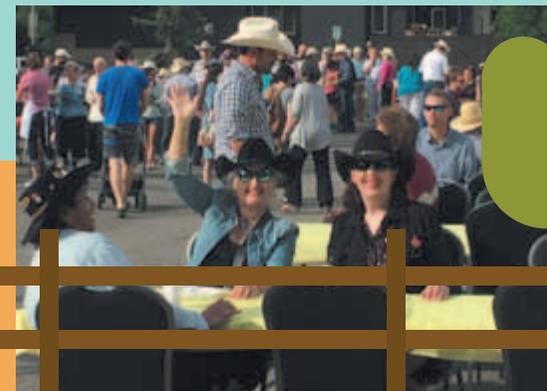
Parkdale Hosts PM at Stampede Breakfast

On July 15, the Parkdale Community Association on Nifty Fifties Seniors' Association hosted their second annual pancake breakfast, sausages and pancakes were served, live music was enjoyed and the Stampede Caravan kept the crowd entertained with rope tricks and stampede games. More than 900 people took in the festivities – and at least one very special guest.

The PCA and Nifty Fifties were joined by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his visit to Calgary, serving a few flap-

jacks and taking some photos with the crowd.

The logistics and increased challenges of hosting the PM and his security detail was handled with amazing grace by so many of the tremendous volunteers of the PCA and Nifty Fifties. Huge thanks to Bill Biccum, Peggy Viel and Tammy German for organizing the festivities and for all the PCA and Nifty Fifties for making the event so successful!



South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG) Update

West Campus Development Trust (land East of Shaganappi Trail and South of 32nd Ave NW)

Recently unveiled the name for the development area. It is to be named 'University District'. Past Chancellors' names will be used to identify streets in the development. Chancellors are symbolic of the bridge between the University and the community it serves. The new concept was passed by the Calgary Planning Commission (CPC).

- Design and approval continues.
- There is considerable prepping of the land and planning going on with the University.
- There is continued discussion with prospective builders.
- The stripping and grading will be starting soon.

Alberta Health Services (Foothills Hospital)

AHS is currently doing internal 'programmatic' master planning and has not yet begun the work using external consulting for the physical site master plan. A new director for the Foothills site will begin attending these meeting in June.

The timing of Lot 1 work is unknown at this time. Lot 7 may be developed as the new parking area in place of the Cancer Centre. The cancer center development is in limbo due to economy and change in government.

Cadillac Fairview (Market Mall)

The Target space has been re-acquired by the mall owner. It is likely to be 1-2 years before another tenant will be found for this space.

The land beneath Home Sense and Staples comes back to Cadillac Fairview from a third party in 2016. The Land Use Bylaw revisions over the last few years have resulted in these properties being non-conforming. Cadillac Fairview expects to pursue the re-establishment of the previous zoning for these sites.

City of Calgary – Planning

The Foothills Professional Building parking lot received a 2-year lease renewal.

The Seniors Facility on 16th Avenue NW is still in analysis.

City of Calgary – Transportation

The work on the design and consultation for the 16th Avenue and 29th Street intersection will be complete this year, with construction beginning in the spring of 2016.

City of Calgary – Transit

A North Crosstown BRT Bus Rapid Transit Request for Proposals is on the street.

The many anticipated City, University and other engagement sessions will need careful coordination this autumn.

University of Calgary

- The University is currently exploring the relocation of the weather station to the north side of 32 Avenue. The consultation with the Varsity community is expected to be hosted by the Geological Society of Canada, whose land the station would sit on. A temporary weather station is in testing.
- The Long Range Development Plan Consultation Framework is heading to the Board of Governors in June. Upon its approval by the Board, the University will mock up a proposed schedule of consultation sessions and approach neighbouring communities to schedule discussions with them. The Community Engagement position is now filled allowing for the launch of the consultation program.
- The University hosted a quiet acknowledgement of the 1 year anniversary of the Brentwood Tragedy on April 15th. Alongside this was the launch of the 'Strong U' festival. Bermuda Shorts Day did not report any mishaps.
- The three 1988 Olympic-era residences along 24 Avenue NW are in the process of being demolished (life expectancy complete). The new residences are in inspection phases and will be ready for September.
- The Congress of the Humanities will have 10,000 visitors at the University for 10 days between the end of May and early June 2016

Innovate Calgary

The north building's on Innovate Calgary's campus north of 32nd avenue NW is being reviewed, it is approximately 60,000 sq. ft. and will be vacant in 2017.

The Weive Forest Building currently hosting SNC Lavalin will be vacant at the end of the month and is again for lease.

Western Securities (Stadium Shopping Centre)

- The naming of the development is still in progress.
- The development permit submission is still targeting July 2015. It is not certain if the changes in the Cancer Centre

project will change this date.

- The May 27th Open House was well attended with ~70 people – comments and updates will be posted the Western Securities website and will include the posters from the open house.

Varsity

- Varsity turns 50 in October and bike lane upgrade discussion (53rd St and 52nd Ave NW) consulting continues.
- Christine Meikle School construction will be done by Starcraft Construction.
- Walmart and BestBuy are all that will remain at the Northlands Shopping Centre following redevelopment. Plan is for mixed use 2 stories of retail and 1 story of residential. A Development Permit application will be made shortly.

Montgomery

- Bike lane upgrade discussions continue.
- A City Art Project is being examined
- 16th avenue upgrades include a left turn lane and arrow on Home road will be installed in phase 1
- phase 2 will include medians between 46th and 49th streets in the near future.
- Upgrades to 16th Avenue and Bowfort road will commence in June and go to 2017 to accommodate the future Trinity Hills development.
- Bowmont Park is undergoing a management plan update and is looking for community representatives from the immediately area.
- Shouldice Park phase 2 upgrade will include lights, scoreboard and washrooms in 2016

St. Andrews Heights

- Turns 50 in 2016
- AGM is June 22
- Chief Crowfoot School sale is pending. A Development Permit (DP) must be obtained before the sale can proceed.

University Heights

The annual community BBQ will be held on June 28 1:30 to 3:30, over 300 expected

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Planning & Development Committee Update

By Judy Hoad, Chair

The first six months of 2015 presented different challenges and opportunities to the Planning & Development Committee. We continued to see an increase in "contextual" approvals for developments that comply with zoning and the land use bylaw, a process does not allow for community or neighbour input. The growth in contextual approvals has reduced the number of development permit applications for new single and semi detached housing requiring our input. This change created time for us to be proactive instead of reactive, time to focus on broader community issues and the creation of a community plan.

One major development proposal in our community is the land use change and town house development at 29 St. and Parkdale Blvd. NW. That proposal has moved forward through the Calgary Planning Commission with committee input and support and will be considered by City Council on July 20, 2015.

Another role of the committee is to understand and provide input on issues that are beyond our boundaries. Committee members continue to be actively involved in those issues through the Foothills Medical Centre Master Plan process and the South Shaganappi Area Planning Group.

The proactive work of creating a Parkdale Plan

has moved forward under the leadership of Paul Mercer and Kara Inman. As reported earlier in the year, a group of Masters Students from the Faculty of Environmental Design focused on Parkdale and prepared reports and planning documents. Each of the four reports offers unique perspectives and opportunities for enhancing our community. Their research and recommendations, combined with the input of residents at the two "Image and Ideas" nights will form the base for further discussion in the fall. We look forward to involving residents as the plan is moves forward.

My perspective is that Parkdale is on the cusp of becoming a different community but one that is safe and welcoming for all. As the role of our committee changes we can focus on community enhancement and growth and not just focus on buildings. We can explore linkages and green spaces and support opportunities for community building. It is evident that Parkdale is changing and the new buildings and residents are bringing new life to our streets. Our committee will continue to focus on enhancing all aspects of our built community. Everyone needs to play a part in building our community.

I wish all the best for a happy and safe summer. If you have questions about the committee please contact Judy.Hoad@shaw.ca or bill.biccum@parkdalecommunity.com, 403-283-5767.



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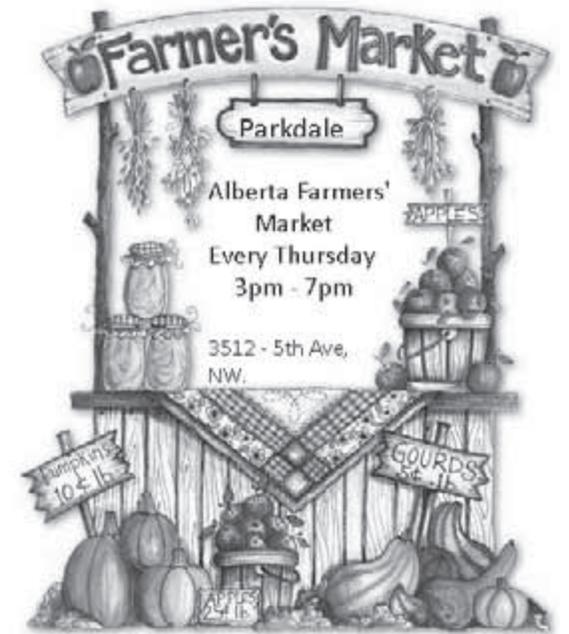
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Lane House Impacts on Neighbours and Our Community - Part 2

by Volunteers from Parkdale's Planning and Development Committee

Last month, we featured a lane house that was built with unapproved amendments and has a huge negative impact on the surrounding neighbours. This month, we are featuring another example of non-compliance, in a different location and has in common the inconsiderate effects on people who live nearby.

This second non-compliant lane house is located at 712 33 A St NW. This started with a development permit (DP) originally issued in 2012. The Parkdale's Planning and Development Committee appealed that approval out of concerns for neighbour privacy and excessive building height and massing. Consequently, an amended development permit was issued in April 2013.

The City of Calgary requires a developer to begin construction within a two-year time period after a DP is approved. In this case, the developer did nothing until a few days before the expiry period in 2015 and demolished the garage. The developer claimed this was a 'start of construction'. Then, after more than two-year hiatus (Fall 2017), the developer finally began constructing the lane house, modifying substantial portions of the approved plans, and without ap-

proval from the City.

Meanwhile, (within this five-year period) all the surrounding properties were purchased and rebuilt to completion by new Parkdale community members. These homeowners were unaware of the pending lane house and the impact such a development would have on their property (the permit was not displayed on the property as it should have been).

The impacts are significant. One neighbour can look from her bedroom window, right through the window of the lane house and see construction workers. The adjacent neighbour has multiple windows from the lane house looking directly into her kitchen and living areas. An independent realtor estimated property values surrounding this new lane house would decrease by 10-20% or a combined \$700,000.

Impacted neighbours and the Parkdale Planning and Development Committee jointly appealed this lane house this past May and witnessed unusual and questionable maneuvers by the developer and The City of Calgary. For instance, and this is one of many, after the appeal had started, the developer applied to The City for a revised development permit to legalize the variances from what was initially approved in 2013, to what he actually was building. The City approved the revision without circulating to the community or neighbours even though it was in an active appeal.

Unfortunately, the Development Appeal Board did not support the appeal. Thus, our community has no options, the neighbours have no options. This development, full of questionable allowances by the City of Calgary, is proceeding. A basement was removed, the rear lane entrance was changed, windows were changed and the lot coverage, area and height are all questionable. In this case, a new development permit ought to have been required, and we have no answers as to why a "back door" revision with no communication to the neighbours or the community was allowed.

Monetary, privacy and shadow impact of The City's densification initiatives on people who live in the inner city may not be of consequence to the Development Authorities, but it might be to you as a homeowner.

We hope that this series of articles provide some insight to the planning and development challenges in our community and emphasizes the importance of context, communication, transparency, compliance and enforcement from The City. For us, support on these principals is top of mind in this election year.

Please save the date for Parkdale's town hall with all candidates for Ward 7 Councillor September 19, 2017.



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Learning Through Life

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

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

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

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

The Canada Apprentice Loan will help you complete your apprenticeship in a designated Red Seal trade. With the Canada Apprentice Loan, you can get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training. You can use the money to help pay for tuition, tools, equipment and living expenses, to cover forgone wages or to help support your family. You will not have to make payments on your Canada Apprentice Loan, and no interest will accumulate until after you complete or leave your apprenticeship training program.

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

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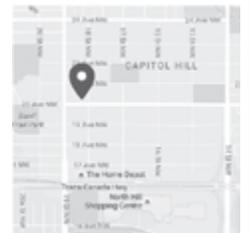
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Downtown Economic Summit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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