

The Mission STATEMENT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLIFF BUNGALOW - MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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THE PROMENADE BECOMES A REALITY

By BILL LONGSTAFF

AN INAUSPICIOUS BEGINNING — a cold, rainy September morning — but eventually it turned into a grand day for the Grand Opening of the 26th Avenue Promenade. The opening seemed a bit premature as the Promenade was still under construction, but it was coming along nicely and better to celebrate in September than in the cold of mid-November when the Promenade is scheduled to be finished.

About 150 people enjoyed the goings-on along 26th Avenue at 4th Street. Loose Moose Theatre entertained with their riotous routines, the Gypsy Grass band had the crowd toe-tapping with their old-timey tunes, Father Albert Lacombe and Mother Mary Greene reincarnated, accompanied by a Mounted policeman and two voyageurs with their canoe, recalled much earlier days on the Elbow.

MLA Dave Taylor, appropriately equipped with hard hat and shovel, Alderman John Mar and Community Association President Bob Lang MC'd the program, providing background to the Promenade's history and introducing a host of guests including the Promenade team, former Alderman Madeleine King, 94-year-old former 26th Avenue resident Doug Hawkes, representatives from the granting agencies, City officials, community activists Marilyn and Rick Williams, and major donors. Historian John Gilpin, author of an upcoming book on the Elbow River, shared his extensive knowledge of the river's relationship with Calgary and Tony Starlight of the Tsuu T'ina First Nation added a native perspective. Alderman Mar, Tony Starlight and Eilish Hiebert, leader of the Promenade team and chief organizer of the event, cut the ribbon to officially open the walk.



In addition to the main event, people were offered an interesting display of artefacts by the Zoomobile, information from the Alberta Wilderness Association, and opportunities to join the Community Association and sign up for various river-related activities such as Adopt-a-Park.

The Promenade has been a long time in the works, springing from a mere idea in 2005, to a concept plan in 2006, evolving into a massive effort of outreach, organization and co-operation, and culminating in the handsome walk that complements the Elbow River today. As Community Recreation Coordinator Cathy Taylor commented "This is a great example of how the City can partner with residents to improve their communities. The residents knew what they wanted to accomplish, approached the City with the plan, and we worked with them to make the project happen."

According to "Citysource," the City of Calgary news source, "The residents' key philosophy was to involve the local community in raising awareness of the vital importance, past and present, of the Elbow River in their community, and in Calgary." They seemed to have accomplished their goal. ☛

Attention Community Association members. November 25th presents an opportunity to hear what your association has been up to over the past year, elect your officers for the coming year, and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members. Attend the Annual General Meeting at the community hall, 2201 Cliff Street SW. Doors open at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. All community residents are welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EDITOR

BY KIM MUNCHRATH

MY NAME IS KIM MUNCHRATH and I am the new editor of The Mission Statement. I have lived in this neighborhood for nearly seven years and cannot imagine living anywhere else. In these seven years I have watched restaurants, businesses, and many residents come and go, but one thing never changes; the heart and soul of this community is always apparent. It is distinct, and becomes more so each year as our city grows and the suburbs become more homogeneous. We live in a city with well over a million residents, but this area continues to feel like a town to me. Cliff Bungalow-Mission is the only place I have ever felt such connectedness between residents. Nearly every time I walk down Fourth Street I see a familiar face, and the casual nod that typically ensues is a palpable example of the connectedness I write of. I truly care about the well being of my neighbors and believe them to feel the same for me. There are also many short-term renters in the area, and I believe the diversity engendered by this is something to be cherished. This diversity in residents, as well as in landscape and architecture, are some of the things that make the area so desirable to me—and I'm sure to many others as well.

Until a couple of years ago I was a machinist. For those who don't know, a machinist works on metal lathes and mills creating various items out of metal. This was and is a good career, but is simply not my calling. I have always been an avid reader of anything I could get my hands on, and as a result of this picked up a few skills throughout the years. On account of this I began assisting a friend by editing her essays for her classes at university. I had one of those famed "light-bulb moments," and realized there was a way to get paid to read. Reading being the only thing I really love to do, this was an exciting revelation. Soon after researching the entrance requirements for most editing jobs, I enrolled at Mount Royal University in their Bachelor of Arts program with a major in English. I am currently attending Mount Royal and enjoying it very much.

I look forward to the valuable experience I will gain working on The Mission Statement. The Newsletter Committee is a small but very dedicated group of individuals that I am lucky to have the opportunity to work with. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience that I can only aspire to match in the future. I have been reading this newsletter for years and am glad to now be involved in putting it together and getting it out for your reading.

I am grateful for the opportunity to become a more active member of this community and hope to serve the readers well. I welcome feedback from our readers, whether it is critical or complimentary, as well as article submissions and ideas. ☺

If you have something to say to your fellow community residents, we want to hear from you. Please write. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity, should be no longer than 600 words, and must be signed by the author.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY BOB LANG

THANK-YOU RICK AND MARILYN WILLIAMS

You may not know that Rick and Marilyn have left Calgary for a year. As many of you know, heritage is a passion of Marilyn, so she is taking a heritage program in Britain. Rick is taking the opportunity to pursue his interests, which includes golf (in addition to heritage of course). We want to thank them for all that they have done for the community - Rick as President and Marilyn as Heritage Director. They have done a lot for the community in a relatively short time. They are keeping their home in the community and will be back in about a year.

As a result of Rick and Marilyn's departure, I have taken over as President and Sarah Hbeichi has taken over as Heritage Director.



PHOTO BY KIM MUNCHRATH

HERITAGE STREET SIGNS

The heritage street sign project is another project that has taken a long time to complete. We held a community meeting over ten years ago to see if the community would support replacing the usual green street signs with blue ones that had both the historic name (prior to the conversion of street names to street numbers) and the current street number. There was support and we started the task to raise funds. There have been three phases involved in installing these street signs: the first with initial donations and funding, the second with funds provided by the former Society for the Preservation and Restoration of St. Mary's School (1909) and the most recent phase with funds from the Community Association's casino funds. Since the St. Mary's group were unsuccessful in saving the school and were disbanding, they

provided their remaining funds for street signs near the former school and along 2nd Street SW. We have just completed installing signs at the remaining intersections in the community. Thank you for everyone who supported the project over the years. They now help identify that this is a historic community and help to "brand" our community in a very positive way.

REPORT IT!

Sebastian Gault and I attended a meeting with Calgary Police Services District 1 in late September. We learned about what they are working on and we were able to communicate some of our community issues. They told us that one of the key actions that all residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission can do is to report incidents that you observe. If it is crime in progress, you obviously call 911. If not, you call 403-266-1234. If it is something to do with community standards bylaws, you call 311. By calling, you help establish statistics of what is happening in the community and if they observe a significant increase in a certain type of crime, they may allocate additional resources above and beyond the normal allocation. If you do not report these occurrences, they do not have the data on which they can allocate additional resources.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 25th. In addition to the director reports and Board elections, there will be information tables on our committees. These committees include Heritage, Development, Newsletter, Crime and Safety and Social, our newest committee. If you are interested in getting involved in the community, this is your opportunity to find out more on what is going on. So come on out and meet your neighbours and learn more about your community. **Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm.** Some food and refreshments will be provided and we will be able to network after the meeting. Hope to see you there. ☺

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR, THE MISSION STATEMENT,

Thanks for inserting my few sentences into the recent issue of the Mission Statement. I read the entire issue with great interest and especially liked the front page (with colors) and the way our neighbors and their gardens were shown on the pages that followed. Everything was handled beautifully, if not professionally. It bespoke involvement and a forward looking community.

Fran Birzins

HERITAGE CONSERVATION VS RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION

BY NATASHA PASHAK, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

PART OF THE mandate of the Community Association is to protect the buildings and businesses that define our community character while encouraging the growth of our residential population and welcoming new small businesses.

Two years ago, the owners of the Somerville Duplex at the corner of Cliff Street and 22nd Avenue SW approached the Community Association with a plan to restore the building. For the project to be financially viable, the owners indicated they would need approval for “limited, low-impact professional office” use of the building.

Until now, the Association would never have considered approving non-residential use on the west side of 5th Street. However, the loss of 70 historic character homes in the last 10 years has caused us to reconsider. With property values so high in our community, landowners prefer to maximize their profit by maximizing the building capacity of their properties, which often results in new residential buildings that are out-of-keeping with the character and scale of older buildings.

The owners of the Somerville Duplex presented a compelling proposal. They enlisted the services of some of Alberta’s top experts in architectural restoration and initiated the inclusion of the property on the City of Calgary Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

The Heritage Committee and the Development Committee have been working closely with various departments of the City on ways to preserve significant buildings without sacrificing our residential character.

Our solution is to amend the Cliff Bungalow Area Redevelopment Plan in accordance with the following sections:

3.5.3.4 In order to encourage the retention and adaptive re-use of properties on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, the Approving Authority should consider land use redesignation to allow for the adaptive re-use of a building on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

and

3.5.3.5 The land use amendment should take the form of a Direct Control district referencing the existing land use with the additional adaptive re-use within the existing building. This DC designation will be confined to the life of the existing building and will be considered an interim use.

This amendment will save our most historically significant architecture without introducing long-term non-residential uses. The matter goes to a Public Hearing on November 2.

Office use for the Somerville Duplex will be approved pending Municipal Heritage Designation in the immediate future.



SOMERVILLE DUPLEX PHOTO BY KIM MUNCHRATH

IN OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

BACKPACKER HOSTEL PROPOSED FOR MISSION

The owner of the property at the northwest corner of 25th Avenue and 1st Street SW has initiated the process to open a European-style backpackers’ hostel. It is still early in the process, but we are pleased by the possibility. Mission is a great community for out-of-towners to become acquainted with Calgary. Also, this project is an exemplary adaptive re-use of an original area home that sits among medium and high-rise apartments.

NEW PARKING BYLAW FOR 4TH STREET BUSINESSES

On November 2, City Council votes on a new parking bylaw that affects the Beltline and 4th Street BRZs. This bylaw would eliminate the parking requirements for ground floor businesses that are less than 465 square meters. Larger commercial spaces will still be required to provide adequate parking, as would any use above the ground floor, such as offices and residential units.

The Association supports this bylaw, but has asked that it be amended so that it applies to existing buildings and only new buildings that include a residential component (between 17th Avenue and 26th Avenue). We believe that our amendment to the new bylaw better serves the unique needs of Cliff Bungalow-Mission.

Please contact me with any comments, questions, or concerns at cbmca.development@gmail.com. ☎

CLIFF BUNGALOW-MISSION HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

BY JUDITH THEROUX

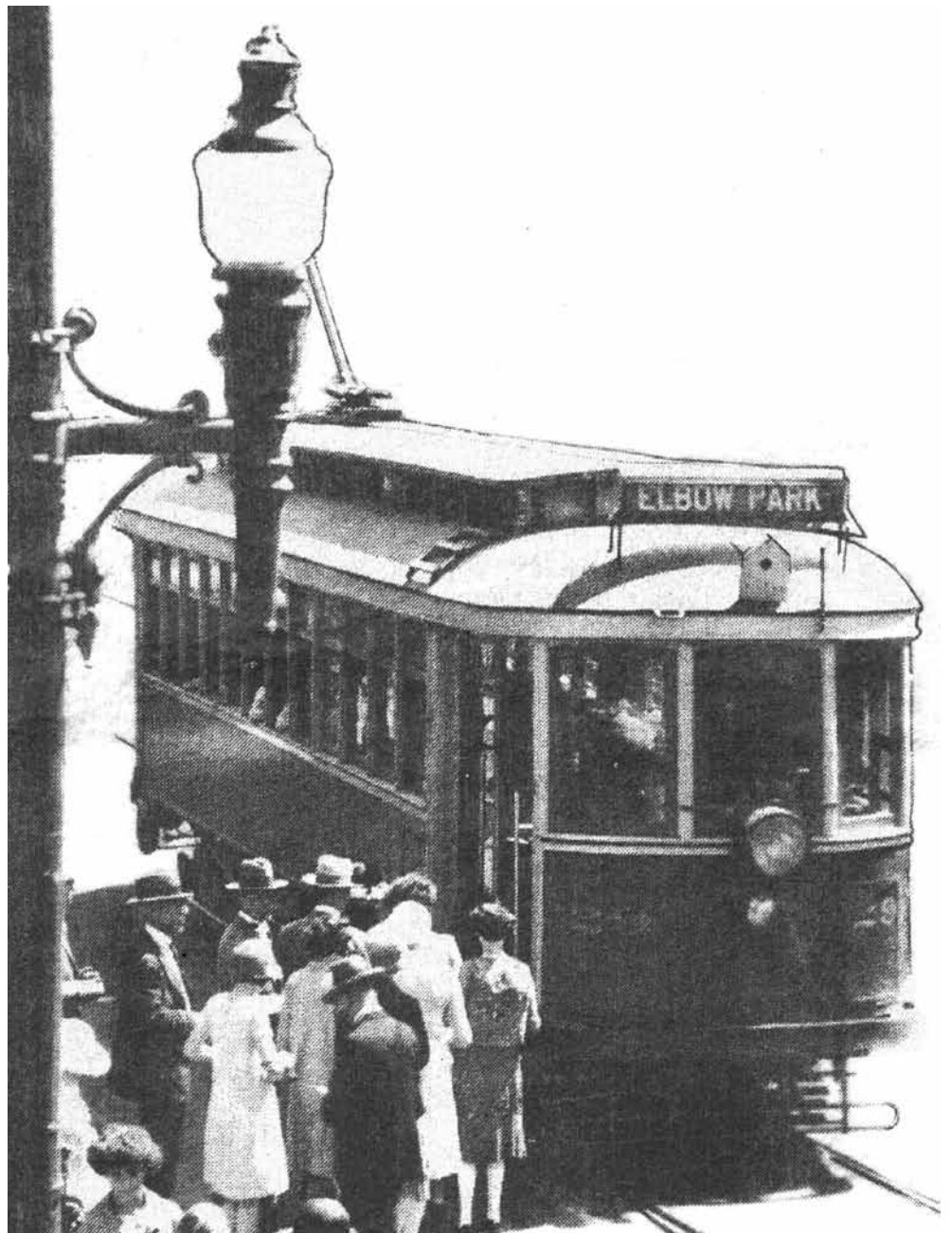
OVER 60 PEOPLE attended the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association's (CBMCA) tour which was held as part of Historic Calgary Week. The tour took place on the afternoon of July 28 and began at the Cliff Bungalow School. At the school the history of the White Line streetcar service was presented, and White Line pamphlets were distributed. The tour group then proceeded east on 20th Avenue, stopping at several houses to view the architectural style used in developing the first residences in the area. The walk continued to, and along, 4th Street where the historical background and subsequent developments of many buildings and former businesses was presented.

The group learned that the year 2009 is the 100th anniversary of the start-up of public transportation in Calgary. In the fall of that year, the White Line streetcar service started on 4th Street, and served residents of the Mission and Cliff Bungalow communities. The streetcar service initially extended south to 26th Avenue and 4th Street, but subsequently two extensions were made – the first one in 1911 to Elbow Drive and Glencoe Road, the second in 1912 to Elbow Drive and Sifton Boulevard. Today, the No. 3 bus route, servicing the former White Line route, has the highest ridership of any route in the city.

On 4th Street, the tour included interesting historical facts about the still existing Lister, Aberdeen, and Bannerman blocks, as well as the Himmelman boat house. There was also a description of former well-known businesses, some dating from the early 1900's, including the Little Gem Confectionery, the Tivoli movie theatre, the Koffee Kounter (the "KK"), the Top Hat café, Mission Cycle (known as Cappy's), and the Blue Rock hotel. Although many of the original buildings have been demolished, the Tivoli theatre, the Top Hat café, and the Mission Cycle premises still exist with different business tenants.

The tour finished by walking back to Cliff Bungalow School, viewing the Gordon Suites and Lawrence apartment building built by Arthur Himmelman, and making a brief stop at the Triangle Park on the way.

If you attended the Historical Walking Tour and have photographs of the event itself please forward them to Heritage Director Sarah Hbeichi: sarahhbeichi@shaw.ca



HELLO NEIGHBOUR

BY NANCY TICE

BUILDING COMMUNITY SOUNDS like hard work that might involve heavy lifting and other arduous chores. When we ponder planning issues and matters architectural, it's easy to forget that it is, of course, people who animate the neighbourhood creating the vitality of which most of us are so fond. Our neighbourhood thrives on long, warm summer evenings and balmy autumn weekends since more people are drawn outdoors by fine weather. When we are visible, it's easier for people who share common interests to recognize one another. Residents who choose to spend time out and about in the neighbourhood will notice how quickly they may become part of a tapestry of cordial relationships that improves the comfort of inner city life. The willingness to interact positively with the public realm and with people within the public realm is part of the key to retaining the distinctive character of our community.

This summer lululemon offered the community Saturday morning walks, and the "One Breathe" yoga event in Lindsay Park which attracted over two hundred participants. Mission residents are encouraged to use Lindsay Park because we have so little park space located within our own neighbourhood. Unfortunately, Lindsay Park has been perceived as unsafe (for good reason) over the past few years. Conditions there have vastly improved due to the continuing increased attention by the Calgary Police Service and Bylaw Services, but park usage has remained low. Apparently it doesn't take many disgusting or threatening park experiences to discourage visiting ever again. So it was particularly lovely to see an example of gentle park programming involving so many yoga devotees breathing calmly together on a sunny, warm weekend morning in a regional park that felt safe.



PHOTOS BY NANCY TICE

A number of excellent things happened that morning. A temporary venue was created to unite a couple hundred people with a common interest. The weather cooperated. A large number of people probably met each other for the first time while discovering a park they'd never visited before. Others were drawn back into a park they'd avoided for several years to discover it felt safe. The event was quiet and did no damage to the park. People who were taking a walk that morning stopped to watch, and marvel at the dramatic one-day increase in park usage. A cynic might say that hosting free events such as this is merely a clever marketing strategy for lululemon. Maybe so, yet the goodwill that is generated often seems to spill over into benefits for the surrounding community.

Last issue's photo extravaganza was a reminder of how brightly our community shines during the summertime. It would be wonderful to extend more of that positive energy into the colder season which can often seem so drab and brownish. Keeping sidewalks clear of snow, ice, piles of gravel, and litter could certainly become a higher priority so that pedestrians may continue to enjoy the public realm with ease. Renewed attention to seasonal containers, window displays, and sparkling lights all help to encourage a slower pace. A few patios along 4th Street could look less forlorn during winter.

If we consider socializing to be a recreational activity that fosters a strong sense of community then the public realm, as a matter of planning policy, ought to provide more features which accommodate informal meeting and greeting. Luckily for us, building community may also result from serendipitous circumstance, and the accumulation of many small acts as simple as doing a favour for a neighbour, or watching out for the safety of local school children, or, if necessary, picking up litter every day to keep our properties clean. And that's food for thought during this holiday season of comfort, joy and generosity. ☺



DINING IN STYLE IN RECESSIONARY TIMES

BY JIM BOWMAN

AT MY WORKPLACE, we've been told there's a budget shortfall, and we should know by the time this issue of *The Mission Statement* gets delivered which of us will have to accept layoffs. Calgary can be hard on those with low incomes, but I believe it's still possible to have a reasonably satisfying and stimulating life while between jobs.

In Cliff Bungalow-Mission, we're lucky to have numerous coffee shops and take-out places that offer interesting, filling, and nutritious meals for less than \$10. We can try Subway, the Purple Perk, 4th Street Pizza, the Western Coffee Shop, Jugo Juice, The Great Canadian Bagel, Burger Inn, Café Sola, the Pita Pit, The Wicked Wedge, Thai Tai, Kim Anh, and others.

Of these, Kim Anh, located at 626 - 17th Avenue SW is one of the best. This tiny takeout place has been operated by the Vietnamese-emigré Bui family for over seven years. I'm always amazed at how the family and their two employees can work together in one of the smallest food service spaces in Calgary without annoying each other, but I spoke with Gina Bui who said it's never been a problem. The restaurant, by the way, is named after Gina's sister.

One hot evening in September, my friend Veena and I were searching for a light dinner that we could enjoy outdoors. Kim Anh turned out to be an excellent choice. I chose the pork with spring rolls served over rice vermicelli. The grilled slices of pork were served in a teriyaki-like sauce. There was a generous supply of crisp Vietnamese spring rolls, stuffed with ground pork apparently, and served with a vinegary sauce for dipping. It came piled onto a styrofoam tray, along with a fresh salad of shredded iceberg lettuce, julienned carrots and cucumber, green onions, and crushed peanuts. All for \$7.50!

Veena had a Vietnamese sub – an invention that fuses Vietnamese, French, and American cuisines. The baguette was fresh, with a crisp and flavorful crust, and comes toasted with melted cheese if requested. Filled with sliced beef in sauce, a generous lettuce-cucumber-carrot salad, and fresh cilantro



PHOTO BY JIM BOWMAN

leaves, she considered it a most refreshing \$6 entrée.

To drink, Kim Anh specializes in smoothies and tea drinks made from a wide variety of fruit syrups. I tried a cool passion fruit and green tea drink, while Veena had a mango smoothie, for \$4.25 and \$5 respectively. For \$0.75 extra, you can add "black pearls" – chewy little balls of tapioca that seem a little bland to me.

Kim Anh has a counter where you can eat standing up, and a row of comfortable chairs outside. We took our meals across the street to Western Canada High School. There we found a courtyard tucked away between the wings of the school, shaded from the bright sun, with trees for chirping birds to roost in, and a picnic table. (I hesitate to mention the existence of this place, but I'm sure *Mission Statement* readers will treat it with respect). It was a most peaceful time, and a perfect way to end the summer. ☺



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HOME RENOVATION TAX CREDIT...

REPORT FROM LEE RICHARDSON, M.P.

EARLIER THIS YEAR our government introduced Canada's Economic Action Plan, a bold multi-year approach to support our economy and protect our country during the global economic downturn. A key part of the plan is the Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC), which provides a temporary 15% income tax credit on eligible home renovation expenditures for work performed, or goods acquired, after January 27, 2009 and before February 1, 2010. The credit may be claimed on eligible expenditures exceeding \$1,000, but no more than \$10,000, for a maximum benefit of \$1,350 in tax relief.

The HRTC can be claimed for renovations and alterations to a dwelling or the land on which it sits that are enduring in nature. Eligible costs include permits, profes-

sional services, equipment rentals and incidental expenses. Routine repairs and maintenance normally performed annually or more frequently will not qualify. Individuals will need to keep receipts for expenditures and may claim the HRTC when filing their income tax returns for 2009.

Eligible expenses include renovating a kitchen, bathroom or basement, new carpet or hardwood floors, a new furnace or water heater and painting the interior or exterior of a residence.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hrtc/>

Calgary Centre residents requiring assistance may contact my office by mail, phone, fax, e-mail or appointment. ☎



PROPOSED ELECTRICITY LEGISLATION SPARKS CRITICISM

REPORT FROM DAVE TAYLOR, M.L.A.

AFTER AN ENLIGHTENING sojourn to Africa in September, where so much is done with very little, I returned to Fall Session in the Legislature with an enhanced critical eye towards how the province administers its resources.

The most contentious – and anticipated – debate will surround the terms of Bill 50, the Electric Statutes Amendment Act. This bill holds the potential to deliver another blow to Alberta taxpayers – a blow that can't be blamed on global markets.

The Alberta Government plans to push ahead with a multi-billion dollar transmission upgrade despite wide ranging cuts to healthcare and education, and no money in the coffers as a result of a projected 6.9 billion dollar deficit. Under previous legislation, those who have concerns about such a massive undertaking could force a public hearing to be held

to discuss the necessity of the project. Should Bill 50 pass, however, the requirement for hearings will be scrapped, meaning the Government may proceed with any transmission changes they deem necessary regardless of cost and without public consultation.

That's right folks, the Province is deep in the red, and the Government is still planning for a major utilities upgrade, for which taxpayers will be stuck with the bill. The cost will be borne 100 per cent by consumers to a total of about \$175 a year on average, says the Alberta Electrical Systems Operator. Others say more.

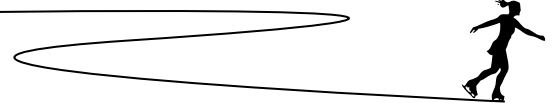
As Energy Critic for Alberta's Official Opposition, I can assure you that we will be heavily opposing this project.

As usual, I'm always open to hearing from you or lending a hand wherever I can. Be sure to contact my office if I can be of any assistance to you. ☎

SO YOU WANNA SKATE!

If there is a community resident or two who are willing to volunteer to put in and maintain a rink on the north side of the community centre, we can have a community skating rink this winter. They need to be committed, responsible

and sensitive to our co-tenant when in the community centre to access the equipment to work on the rink. Are you this type of person? Contact Bob Lang at 403-229-2762 or rclang@aol.com. ☎



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Writer in Residence Program

We are pleased to announce that Betty Jane Hegerat will be the Writer in Residence at Memorial Park Library this fall from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2009. This program offers opportunities to develop, improve, and market your writing through individual manuscript consultations and public programs on writing and getting published. For manuscript submission guidelines or more information, visit

Writer in Residence Jam Sessions

A chance for all levels of writers to riff off each other's thoughts with Betty Jane Hegerat about the challenges of writing.

Saturdays 2:00-4:00pm

Writing in Tight Economic Times

Sat. Nov. 7

Handling Competition, Disappointment, and Envy

Sat. Nov. 14

How Big Should I Dream?

Sat. Nov. 21

No registration required.

Calgary Writers in Residence

Writers in Residence, Betty Jane Hegerat of the Calgary Public Library and Marcello Di Cintio of U of C's Markin-Flanagan Program, read from their works and explain how they can help writers.

Thurs. Nov. 12

7:00-8:30pm

No registration required.

CyberSeniors

Learn how to use a mouse, search the internet, use e-mail, and about the components of a computer.

Ages 50 and up

Saturdays Nov. 21 - Dec. 12

10:00am - Noon

Registration required.

Drop-In French Storytime with Alliance Francaise

Join facilitators from Alliance Francaise for stories, songs, and activities in French. Histoires, comptines, et activites en francais.

Sat. Nov. 28

10:30-11:00am Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver

11:15-11:45am Ages 6 and up

No registration required.



PESTICIDE BYLAW UPDATE

THE CITY OF CALGARY is drafting a pesticide use bylaw. Administration will present the draft bylaw to Council's Utilities and Environment committee on Dec. 2, 2009.

This initiative is a result of many citizens voicing their concerns about the environmental and health impacts of non-essential pesticides. As well, Health Canada advises that it's good practice for Canadians to reduce or eliminate any unnecessary exposure to pesticides and reduce our reliance on them.

Pesticides are a broad term that includes more than just lawn care products. The most common pesticides used in Calgary include herbicides (for weeds), insecticides (for insects), rodenticides (for mice and other rodents) and fungicides (for fungus).

To draft the bylaw, The City of Calgary has been gathering input from the public and stakeholder groups for the past several months. The City is also meeting with the federal and provincial government and examining pesticide bylaws in other cities and provinces.

So far, there is one thing almost all stakeholders in Calgary can agree on; non-essential pesticide use should be reduced whenever possible. It is also clear that public education will play a big role in reducing our use of pesticides.

Please note that the Alberta government has banned the sale of weed-and-feed (herbicide-fertilizer) combination products effective Jan. 1, 2010. Weed-and-feed products are not an efficient choice because they:

Spread large, unnecessary amounts of herbicide over an entire lawn instead of spot spraying the weeds in question.

Are typically applied early in the spring or summer before weeds are actively growing later in the season.

Can 'run-off' your lawn with water and into Calgary's storm drainage systems; this leads to the contamination of our streams, rivers and waterways.

To learn more about Calgary's proposed pesticide bylaw and provide your input, please visit:
www.calgary.ca/pesticidebylaw . ☛



A LITTLE-KNOWN FACT ABOUT CLIFF BUNGALOW-MISSION

THE SMALL PARK ON THE ELBOW RIVER AT 1ST STREET SE HAS A NAME. IT IS PIONEER NURSERYMEN CENTURY PARK. A SMALL PLAQUE AFFIXED TO A BOULDER ON THE GROUND NEAR THE FLAMING CAFÉ EXPLAINS HOW THIS SOMEWHAT UNWIELDY NAME WAS CHOSEN. PHOTOS BY KIM MUNCRATH

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Hey Calgary, here is your chance to be a part of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games! The Calgary Olympic Torch Relay Committee is currently accepting expressions of interest for volunteers to help with the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration here in Calgary. This city has a rich history with the Olympics. Here is our chance to show the rest of Canada that Calgary still has the same Olympic spirit as it did in 1988.

Join in by sending your expression of interest by Thursday, November 18, 2009 to Brendan Murray - communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com. Submissions should include your name, a contact number, and a brief description of what the Olympics mean to you. Send your expression in today. Positions available are limited! ☛

FRET NO MORE

the CBMCA's Social Committee is here!

Our first programming initiative will be establishing a monthly movie night at our community centre at 2201 Cliff Street.

The first movie-night will be held on **November 30th at 7pm.**

We will be showing

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Complimentary refreshments and snacks will be available.

Community Calendar

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 25th.
Community hall, 2201 Cliff Street SW
Doors open 6:30 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CBMCA Newsletter Committee meetings

Second Wednesday of every second month
7:00 p.m. at the community hall, 2201 Cliff Street SW

Deadline for Mission Statement submissions:

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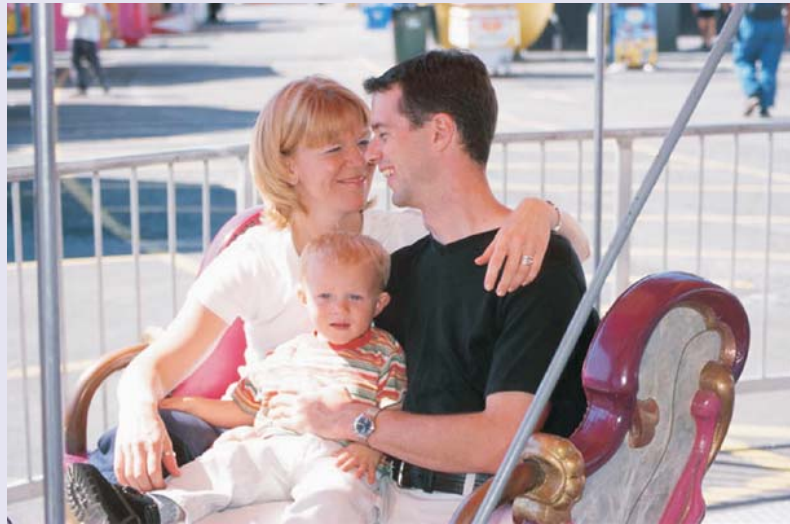
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