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The Newsletter of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association

January/February 2007

Mission Elbow River 26th Avenue Riverbank Project is Alive and Kicking!

By Eilish Hiebert

For about six years, our Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association has been in contact with the City of Calgary about the amount and extent of construction and disruption in our whole community, including closed alleys, streets, and sidewalks; street parking by workers, storage of materials, sales trailers etc. We asked that the monies paid by developers to the City for use of our amenities be used to improve our community. In 2005, the City responded and asked us what areas we felt needed improvement. We cited the riverbank, submitting a rough plan idea, but our plan was 'put on the back burner' for a variety of reasons.

Inspired by the 'Safe Cities' conference and Jim Diers' stories of community mobilization, the riverbank team resurrected the project in early 2006 with a series of small, preliminary community meetings. We approached the Parks Department and many other City departments involved in this 500 foot stretch of pathway and highlighted our issues including, roads (the road is higher than the sidewalk!); traffic (this is an official commuter walk/bike path in and out of downtown); waste water; and others.

We didn't get very far. The plans went nowhere for this run-down, patched up path – a potential jewel. Finally, the Parks Depart-

ment put us in touch with The Calgary Parks Foundation. The people there were most encouraging and advanced us \$5,000 to fund a concept plan. The Calgary Foundation granted us public engagement money and we were able to move the riverbank project forward. The next step is to engage you!

Now, we actually have a concept plan in place with solid drawings and a clear vision (see Riverbank Project continued inside this issue). We have planned a series of public engagement meetings and we look forward to hearing

your reactions to this bold community plan to transform our rather run-down river path into a safer, more aesthetically pleasing path. We envision stopping places along the path at 'cairns' featuring interpretative plaques with natural and social history of the river that still defines our community. We also have exciting fundraising opportunities, allowing you to leave a permanent message along this beautiful river with engraved bricks featured on the planned 'cairns.'

Our goal is to create a groundswell of grassroots support for this as a pilot project. We aim to promote ownership of community space, create long-term awareness of our community surroundings, give Cliff Bungalow-Mission residents pride and empowerment in their recreational areas, and keep the riverbank safe with 'adopt-a-park' programs along the path. 🌿



Kids swimming in the Elbow River in 1923

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Present Day 26th Avenue Riverbank Path

Your Input Needed!

We invite you to offer your input to our bold Mission 26th Avenue Riverbank Project at a 20 to 30 minute visual presentation and discussion, about transforming the pathway. All public presentations run 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us:

- **Monday, January 29th**
Purple Perk – 2212 - 4th Street SW
- **Monday, February 12th**
Holy Cross Centre (Back of HCC,
1st Street Entrance to JJs Restaurant)
- **Tuesday, February 20th**
Purple Perk – 2212 - 4th Street SW
- **Wednesday, February 21st**
CBMCA – 2201 Cliff Street (Access
from 22nd Avenue and 5th Street SW)
- **Wednesday, February 21st**
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We look forward to seeing you!



Private sessions will also be held in specific buildings. A joint venture of CBMCA and the Calgary Parks Foundation. For Public Engagement Program thanks to The Calgary Foundation. For further information, e-mail: elbowriverbank@yahoo.com.

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AGM – Social & Business Success

By Bill Longstaff

Good food, fine wine, and a short agenda – key ingredients for a successful Annual General Meeting. Fifty Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association members and special guests gathered at the community hall on November 29th to partake of delectable snacks and fine wines, enjoy each other's company, and get some community business done.

After a pleasant hour of schmoozing, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm. Treasurer Mark Olson presented the annual financial statements, reporting that despite a small operating loss over the year, the Association's financial position remains very strong.

Rob Jobst illustrated the rapid pace of development in the Community by discussing the broad range of projects the Development Committee has dealt with the past year, including a revised plan for the abandoned site at 4th Street and 21st Avenue. The plan involves frontage along the entire block on 4th with the alley re-directed off 21st. The City has approved a proposal to transform the Aberdeen block into a boutique hotel with a bungalow-type structure on the roof. An attractive townhouse project is scheduled for 2008-5th Street; unfortunately, three older houses, including a carriage house, were demolished to make way for it. The committee lost an appeal of an infill plan for 612-22nd Avenue; however, a more neighbourhood-compatible design did result. The committee supports a proposed 68-unit condo which will replace the boarded-up houses along 20th Avenue and a 33-unit condo at 1730-5A Street. The latter will mean the loss of two older bungalows but complies with the Cliff Bungalow ARP. Rob concluded by expressing his pleasure at serving the Community for three years as development director and thanked the members of his committee for their support.

Bob Lang announced the new Mission ARP is finally a reality after eight years of hard slogging. It isn't all we would like it to be but is an improvement, nonetheless, over the old version.

Michelle Hebert introduced herself as the new Mission Statement editor. Mentored by former editor Sharon Thomson, Michelle hopes to maintain the high standard for the newsletter that Sharon established. Michelle thanked the newsletter committee members, the writers and delivery people for creating an effective team.

Heritage, chaired by Marilyn Williams, is the Association's newest committee. Marilyn emphasized the committee networks closely with other groups such as the Calgary Heritage Initiative. She mentioned the committee's successful nomination of the Friends of the Rouleau House for a Calgary Heritage Authority Lion Award. The committee's plans include a research workshop and a heritage recognition program for Cliff Bungalow-Mission.

Environment Director Paul Varga discussed the possibility of a recycling program in the Community. He also mentioned two successful projects, the establishment of a pesticide-free park and the annual Lindsay Park Riverbank clean-up. The major project currently underway is the enhancement of the 26th Avenue Riverbank with plans for a handsome urban walkway complete with viewing and information areas. The community garden, always highly popular, is currently being upgraded.

Elections were conducted by Bob Lang... and the Board of Directors for 2007 is:

- Pat Mainai, President
- Bob Lang, Vice President
- Evan Woolley, Secretary
- Jana Lait, Treasurer
- Peter Atkinson, Development Director
- Paul Varga, Environment Director
- Marilyn Williams, Heritage Director
- Michelle Hebert, Newsletter Editor
- Jeff Kushner, Bill Longstaff,
Rick Williams, Directors-at-large

The meeting concluded with remarks by President-elect Pat Maiani. Pat is proud of what the Association has accomplished over the past year. In the new year, he hopes to work with our alderman to improve the community's position regarding development while more effectively clarifying the Community's vision of its future to developers.



Bob Lang conducts the elections for board positions at the CBMCA 2006 AGM

Tell us what you think

If you have comments on the Newsletter or on issues affecting our community, we want to hear from you! Write to the Editor, Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association, 462, 1919B-4th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1W4, or e-mail us at editor@cliffbungalowmission.ca. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Feature articles must be no longer than 600 words.

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THE URBAN LANDSCAPE

A Walk on the Beach

By Nancy Tice

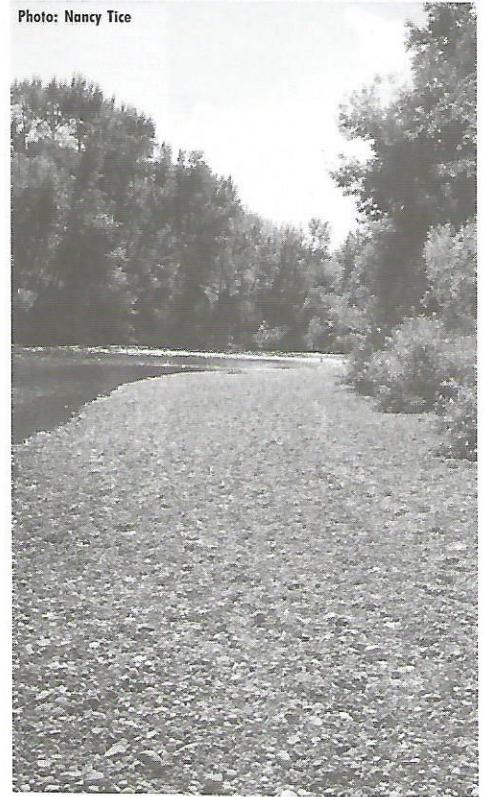
Last autumn I spent part of a lovely Sunday afternoon exploring "Mission Beach". The gently sloping point bar accretion east of the 26th Avenue cul-de-sac was deposited by the 2005 Elbow River flood. It's a naturally occurring version of loosescaping. The feature is composed primarily of grey gravel but there are small treasures to be found there. I picked up a valentini in the form of a lovely smooth, heart-shaped piece of buff coloured sandstone and a small, dark stone filled with gastropod fossils. River worn pieces of brick of much less ancient, man-made origin are easy to find.

A hand-drawn map of the city of Calgary circa 1905, compiled by some named D.M. Wilson much more recently, denotes the area that is now Roxboro as the "Peel and Sparrow Brick Yards". The pieces of brick I found could have originated from locations much farther upstream or they may well be evidence of much more local history.

Depending on Elbow River water levels, a trip to the beach is a fun field trip with children who'd enjoy a local beachcombing experience. I noticed no evidence of disgusting garbage except for a few pieces of broken glass. By mid-summer 2006 the river was a mere trickle and the offshore water level was far too low to be hazardous. It ain't the Bahamas but we're blessed with a truly diverse urban landscape – a fossil hunting opportunity only a couple blocks distant from some of Calgary's most interesting restaurants!

Referring to the map again, in 1905 Calgary's south border was 17th Avenue. Rouleauville (now Mission) was still an independent village and Cliff Bungalow didn't even have a street grid. The area between the approximate present day location of 5th Street and the scarpment to the west is notated as "Moccasin Flats Indian Camping Grounds". Copies of D.M. Wilson's fascinating map may be purchased at the Glenbow Museum Shop.

Photo: Nancy Tice



The riverbank is full of beachcombing opportunities.

On Location in Cliff Bungalow-Mission

Two of our local heritage homes on 23rd Avenue between 5th and Cliff Street were used as a made for TV movie location during the last week of October.

The movie is called "Blue Smoke", an adaptation of a Nora Roberts novel and the fourth of a series being filmed around Calgary. In the movie the heroine and hero, a fire fighter played by Scott Bakula, coincidentally end up in adjacent homes in an

older established neighbourhood in Baltimore.

The amount of personnel and equipment required for this production was amazing. The movie crew requisitioned five blocks in the 23rd Avenue and Cliff Street area, filling the streets with trailers and prop vehicles. They also erected tents in Triangle Park and closed off 23rd Avenue to traffic for five days.

Special effects included a simulated explosion and fire involving a car and a truck in front of the house. It was intended to flip the truck onto the car but apparently only lifted the rear end of the truck about eight feet off the ground.

Filming at this location finished in early November but further scenes were to be shot around town for the next month.

Unfortunately the picture is being shot for an American pay TV network with no plans for airing in Canada at this time. Brad Pitt was definitely not sighted at Nellies having breakfast. #



Photo: Rick Williams

Special effects for the movie included Car Explosions



Photo: Rick Williams

The movie "Blue Smoke" was filmed in our community.



Report from Dave Taylor MLA

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Happy New Year! I hope 2007 will bring you health, happiness, prosperity if you need it, adventure if you crave it, and – if you are connected

in any way to a group that relies on the province for funding – predictability and sustainability.

Alberta has a new premier – Ed Stelmach.

Not many Calgarians to whom I've spoken know much about him. Although he was in the Klein cabinet for a many years, he's had a rather low profile.

The New Year is a time for fresh starts. Now would be a good time for a fresh approach to politics.

Now that we've changed the calendar and there's been a change at the top, it would be refreshing to see a change in attitude towards how government is done – a change away from the old politics of ideology towards a new politics of inclusion.

It would be in the public interest for the new premier to demonstrate leadership by doing things in a more multilateral, bipartisan way. That's not to suggest doing away with competing political parties or getting everyone to think the same way. Indeed, that's one of the attitudes that needs changing. No, a multilateral, bipartisan approach is actually smart, because it does two things: it brings people to the decision-making table collaboratively,

and it brings a wider diversity of opinions to that table. Out of collaboration comes the will to work together to make Alberta a better place to live. Out of a wider diversity of opinions comes better debate, smarter decisions, and a broader representation of the wishes of all Albertans.

In the end, ideology is a trap. Whether it's left vs right, right vs wrong, or the nanny state vs the libertarian jungle, ideology will lead an elected official to the same answer every time...and when that answer doesn't solve the problem at hand, ideology doesn't give you a Plan B.

What we need in Calgary-Currie and across Alberta is to make real progress on the affordable housing front, on environmental protection, on places to grow and open spaces to preserve, on reducing wait times in health care, on rehabilitating our aging schools, on a new deal for cities, and on ensuring our future prosperity by building the best post-secondary education system — colleges, universities, polytechnical institutes and apprenticeship training — in North America.

As your MLA, my job is to facilitate solutions. That works best when we all work together.

As always, I welcome your comments. E-mail me at dave.taylor@assembly.ab.ca

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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

New Plans for the Ingersoll/Colonnade Site

By Peter Atkinson

Hit the ground running. That is how I can describe my introduction to my new position of director of Cliff Bungalow Mission Planning and Development Committee. After being acclaimed at the November Annual General Meeting, I have some pretty big shoes to fill as I take over the position from Rob Jobst who has served as director for the past three years.

I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Rob for his devotion and dedication to the development of Cliff Bungalow Mission, and ensuring that the community's voice is heard amidst the booming building industry that we have witnessed over the course of the last few years.

As I step into my new role of director, I am eager to take the next shift of directing our committee who watches out over the developments coming into the neighborhoods and ensuring they are consistent with the views of our residents. Thankfully, we now have two strong Area Redevelopment Plans in place that help guide the way. Enough thanks cannot be given to those who have worked for years to ensure that the Mission ARP come to fruition. Without these documents, our committee would have a much more difficult time representing the Community.

As the new Development Committee reconvenes, we are already faced with a big development, one that has been a vacant lot in our minds for a few years now, one that we need your help and feedback on now. Formerly the Ingersoll/Colonnade site, the abandoned construction site on 4th Street between 20th and 21st Avenues has been bought by Strategic Development. They have met with the Planning and Development Committee twice and are proposing a street level retail with office/commercial space above. The proposal is at a very early stage, but the initial scheme proposes a development that spans the entire block and shuts off the current lane exiting on to 4th Street. The development would see the lane turn, or "J", and exit onto 21st Avenue.

Clearly, this is a major community issue, and both the Board of Directors and the Planning and Development Committee are asking for your input on the matter. Strategic will be hosting an open house for the community, tentatively booked for Saturday, January 13th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

At the open house, they will be presenting their proposal and gathering community input on not only the lane closure, but also the building design. This lane closure is a big issue, and we need your input so please come out and/or send me your

comments and concerns.

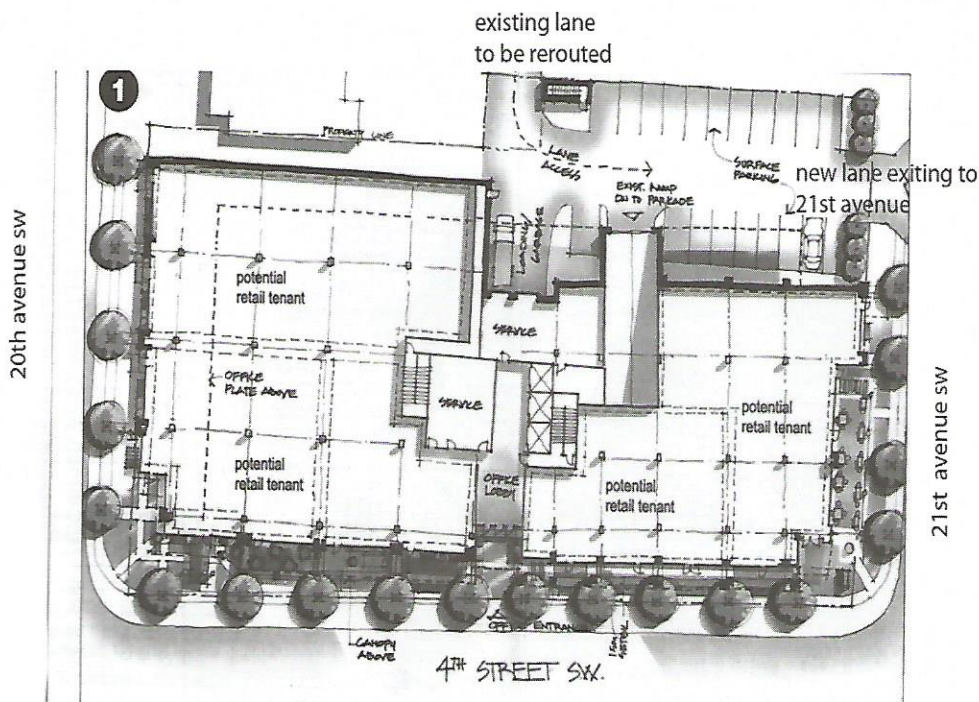
Moving beyond the Ingersoll/Colonnade site, with the ever-developing marketplace that we are currently experiencing, it becomes increasingly important to maintain the past while we look to the future.

Both Cliff Bungalow and Mission pride themselves on the historic quality of their urban fabric. Walkable, pedestrian-friendly streets lined with character homes are part of what make the residential aspect of our community so unique. As the housing stock begins to age, we need to ensure that new property owners and developers know that the Community's preference is to keep and renovate the existing fabric rather than simply tear down and start anew.

Inevitably, new development will creep into the neighborhood, but as it does we have a responsibility to the future, as we do to the past. Highlighting portions from the Environmental Considerations section of the new Mission ARP, we need to ensure that the buildings that we are supporting as a community provide a "healthy and sustainable environment" for the community. Programs like LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) look at a building's resource consumption, environmental site impacts, water usage, and indoor air quality and assess ratings based on its performance. As a community, we need to begin asking those who build in our area to do so respectfully, responsibly and sustainably.

In efforts to do our part, the Board of Directors and Planning and Development Committee would like to invite you all to a movie night at the Community Hall on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm. We are going to be showing "An Inconvenient Truth", a documentary by Al Gore talking about the current state of climate change and the impact that we are currently having on the earth, partly through the buildings we build.

As a community, we have the power to affect change – it starts with getting educated. I am always willing to talk about the developments going on in our Community, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email or stop me in the street. I look forward to the year ahead, and I hope to see you all at the open house on January 13th and at movie on February 7th.

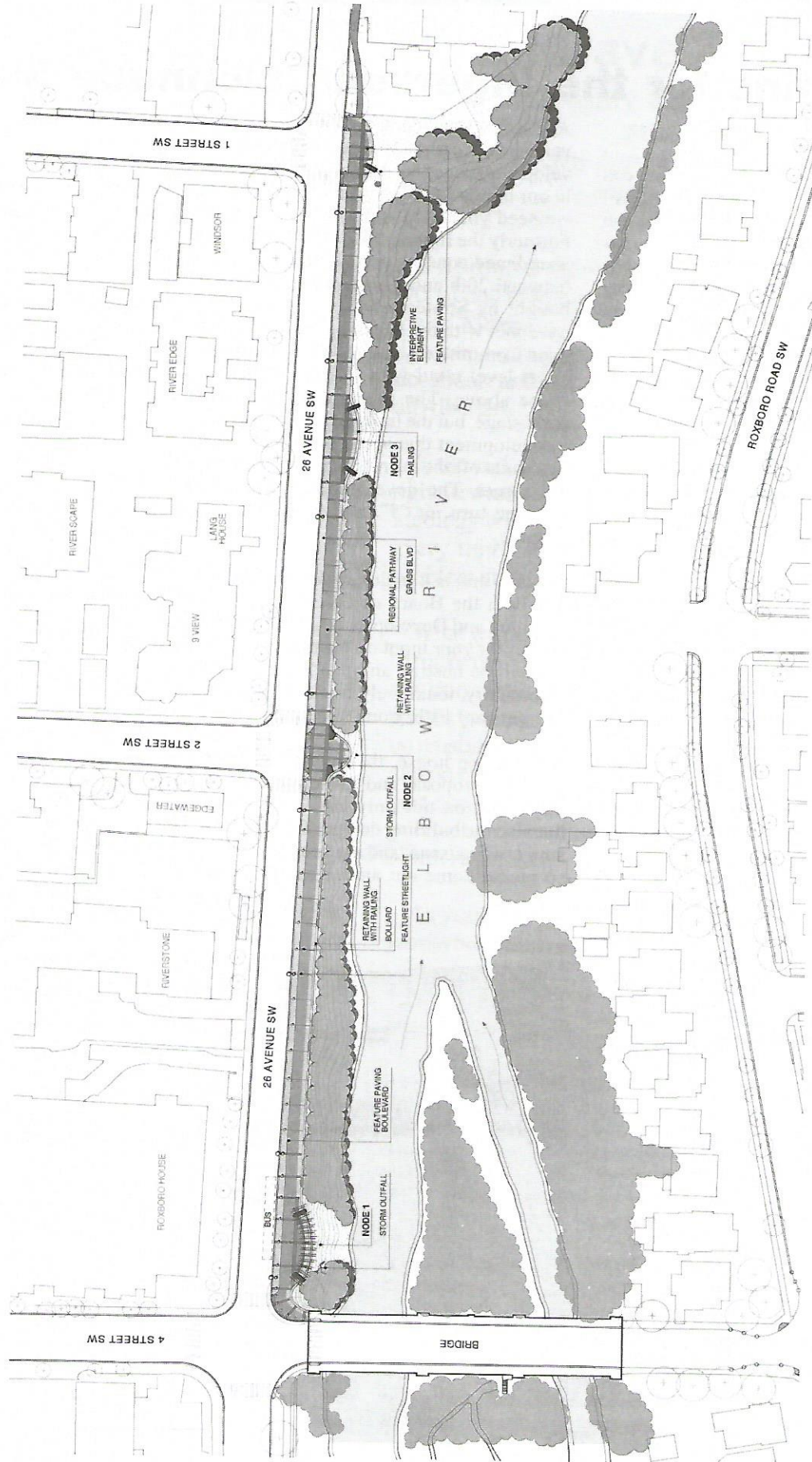


New development plans for the former Ingersoll/Colonnade site include a lane closure

Riverbank Project - More Details

On this page, take a look at the concept plan and an artist's drawing of what the future could be for this section of the pathway. Also, the Riverbank team invites you to leave a lasting legacy. You can engrave your message and be forever immortalized, similar to the bricks at Olympic Plaza (except these are not on the ground, but on

raised pillars!). We also have room for other plaques - on 'bollards' (little pillars to keep traffic off pathway), or on new decorative lamp posts. Watch for details in March/April Mission Statement. This method of fundraising allows community members 'ownership' of this beautiful area, as well as the opportunity to leave a personal touch on the riverbank.



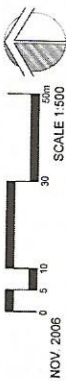
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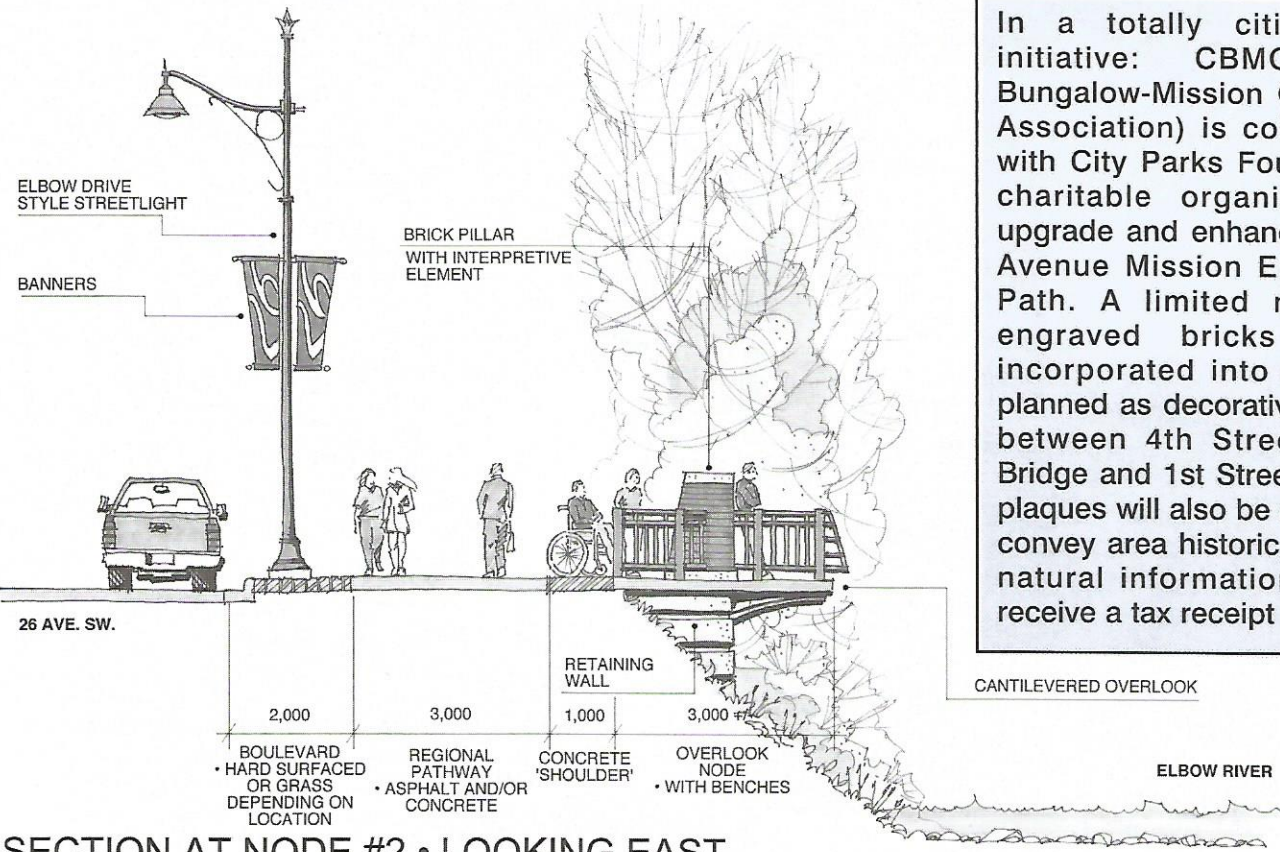
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Local Business Mission Cycle Closes Shop

By Michelle Hebert

Sadly, Mission Cycle, a 4th Street institution, has closed its doors after 79 years in business.

The shop had been in the family for four generations. Henry "Cappy" Cheal and his son Bill started tuning bikes in 1927 at their first location at the former Blue Rock Hotel, on the southeast corner of 4th Street and 25th Avenue. The Cheals also sharpened the skates of Elbow River ice enthusiasts in the winter and sold a variety of other sporting equipment from fishing tackle to rifles.

The store has always been in the community but moved locations briefly before settling at its current location at 4th Street and 23rd Avenue in 1955. Since then, Bill, his daughter Diane Fox and grandson Ryan Fox have evolved with the times and supplied top quality bikes and accessories.

The four generations of owners of the Mission Cycle have been strong community supporters. In fact, Diane Fox was on the board of the BRZ at the time the Lilac Festival was conceived. Back in 1990, Diane, along with other 4th Street BRZ board members and Community residents, including current vice president Bob Lang, masterminded a plan for a small street festival to showcase all that Cliff Bungalow-Mission and 4th Street had to offer. Their vision and hard work has made the festival, not only possible, but highly successful.

Many people were surprised by the closing out sign in the front window of the shop. Ryan Fox says many loyal customers have come back to the store to reminisce and to express their sympathy about the closure of the business. Mission Cycle has maintained many loyal customers; some even from the days when Cappy ran the store. Not only does the shop keep its customers but has even retained one of its employees, David Beraska, for 38 years! It must have been an exceptional place to work given Calgary's hot job market these days.

On behalf of the community, I wish Ryan well in his future pursuits and say farewell to a long-standing community business.

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHT



Photo: Rick Williams

Cliff Bungalow School (1920) 2201 Cliff Street SW

By Jim Bowman

Cliff Bungalow School was originally named the 22nd Avenue Cottage School but was renamed after Cliff Street in 1927. The surrounding community eventually took its name from the school. The school was built in response to a rapid growth in the number of school age children in the district. It was one of a series of "bungalow" schools planned by the School Board's architect William Branton, and built after World War I.

Bungalow schools were intended to blend

in with the surrounding residential communities. Cliff Bungalow School, like Holy Angel School (2105 Cliff Street), was constructed of dark, rough-textured brick. It had four classrooms, a teacher's office in the attic, and play areas in the basement to be used during inclement weather.

By 1988, the school was surplus to the needs of the Calgary Board of Education, and it was turned over to the City of Calgary. Since then, it has become the home of the Montessori School of Calgary and of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association. 🏡



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Mission Cycle closes after 79 years in business in Mission

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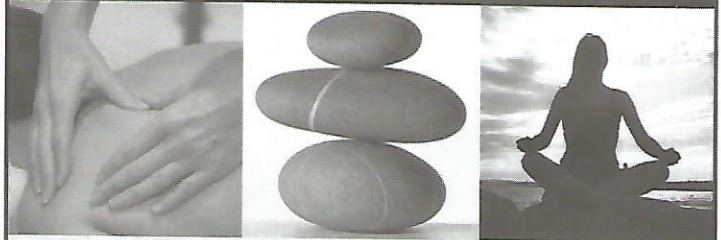
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The concerts take place on the last Wednesday night of every month and alternate between Cliff Bungalow-Mission and Hillhurst Sunnyside.

The next two concerts are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, January 31st, 8:00 pm
Cliff Bungalow-Mission
Community Centre
- Wednesday, February 28th, 8:00 pm
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre

The concerts are conducted in a quiet listening and non-smoking environment. Coffee, tea, and beverages are served. The cover fee is \$10 or \$15 depending on the size of the group playing.

The Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Centre is located at: 2201 Cliff Street SW (two blocks west of 4th Street SW at 22nd Avenue). The Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre is located at: 1320 5th Avenue NW. If you like jazz you will love these concerts.

Heritage Research Workshop

Join us for Part 1 of a Heritage Research Workshop on Saturday, February 24th, 10:00 am until noon at the Calgary Public Library, WR Castell Central Library, 4th Floor, Local History Section.

Learn the research process and resources, and step through the application process. Research a property of interest to you or significance to the community. Supported by the Calgary Heritage Initiative. Research handouts provided. Free of charge and open to Cliff Bungalow and Mission residents and property owners.

Part 2 will follow in six to eight weeks to allow support through to application submission. However, it is not necessary to come to both parts if it does not fit your schedule. For more background, read "Heritage Research Workshop to Bolster Neighbourhood Inventory" in the 2006 November/December issue of the Mission Statement.

To register, contact Marilyn at marilynwilliams@shaw.ca by February 17th.

Inner City Resource Centre

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community is served by the Inner City Community Resource Centre. (ICCRC). We would like to take the opportunity to introduce the Centre to you. Currently we have two people working here: our social worker Eve who does the client intake, and Evelin, who looks after establishing partnerships and community building. We are part of Calgary Family Services at 300, 906 – 8th Avenue SW.

What is a Community Resource Centre?

A community resource centre is a "one-stop-shop" where community members can get information about programs and resources in their community.

Our services focus on four pillars: referrals to other agencies and services, providing on site access to basic needs, advocacy, and community development.

You do not need a referral to access our services.

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We are proud to serve the children, youth, and families who live in the following communities: Erlton, Cliff Bungalow-Mission, Lower Mount Royal, Ramsay, Inglewood, Beltline, Sunalta, Bankview, Downtown West, East Village, Eau Claire, and Chinatown.

How can you become involved?

There are a number of ways that you can get involved with the Inner City Community Resource Centre:

- Partner with us to host an inner city event
- List your agency, community group, or upcoming events on our website
- Make a donation
- Become a volunteer

We will continue to update you on what is happening in the Inner city Community Resource Centre. Meanwhile, if you are hosting a special event, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us with any questions or ideas you may have.

The Inner City Community Resource Centre is located at 309, 906 – 8th Avenue SW. We can be reached by phone at 205-5264, by fax at 205-5273. Our website is located at www.innercitycrc.com.

Saturday Afternoon Acoustic Music Jam

Would you like to join us at our monthly 3:00 to 5:00 pm Saturday afternoon Acoustic Music 'Jam'?

Join us January 20th, February 17th and March 17th at Cliff Bungalow School 2201 Cliff Street SW (access from 5th Street and 22nd Avenue SW). No age or skill limit – just a desire to sing/play/share songs.

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Community Activities Discussion

At our 2006 AGM a number of 30-something folks were discussing starting social or fitness or other interest activities at CBMCA Community Hall in 2007 (for example, a running club). In the past, people have suggested singles' activities; tenant clubs; dancing; basketball or games in the park; music... If you would like to join these people to discuss possibilities, we would love to see you on Saturday, January 20th at 5:30 pm at the CBMCA Community Hall – Cliff Bungalow School (2201 Cliff Street SW – access from 22nd Avenue and 5th Street SW)

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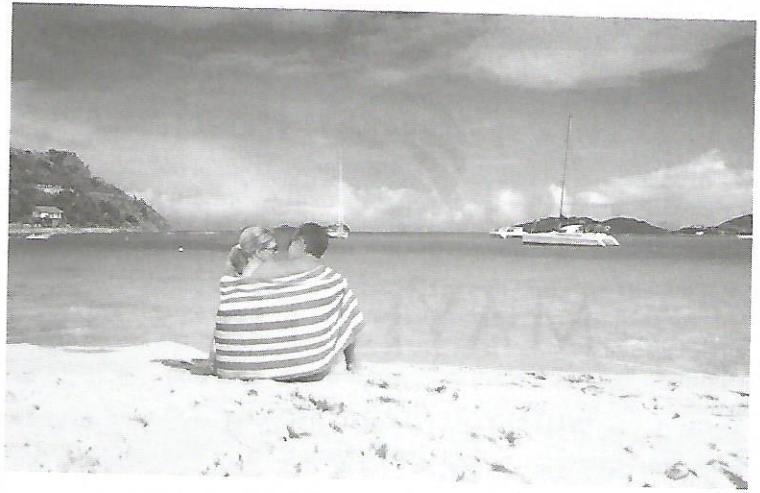


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Introduction - Trends in Cruising
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New Ports, Old Ports

With guests seeking adventure and unique destinations, more ships are beginning to explore less traditional ports. With the Caribbean a popular destination, the islands of the Grenadines, Trinidad, Tobago and Curaçao offer sun-seekers the sugar-white sand beaches they crave, while towns like Willemstad give explorers and shoppers the chance to roam quaint streets and colorful, open-air markets. Guests can venture to exotic locales on exploratory vessels such as Celebrity's *Xpedition* sailing the Galapagos Islands while Orient Lines' *Marco Polo* visits Antarctica. Many cruise lines have expanded their port of call roster to include places such as Casablanca, Dubai, Falkland Islands, Kenya and Madagascar, to name but a few.

Families Welcome!

When it comes to keeping kids happy on a cruise, one size definitely does not fit all. Ships have diversified their children's programs to suit toddlers, school-age kids, tweens and teenagers. For the little ones, there are activity rooms and fully supervised wading pool areas. Older children can choose more sophisticated pastimes, including crafts, cooking, movie nights, science experiments, teen spa treatments, yoga and ship tours. If you're a teen on Holland America, you could flock to The Loft, an open concept hangout. There's music, videos, a karaoke system and laser lights for dance parties – and it's open until midnight! Accessed by a special passageway from The Loft is The Oasis, a secluded, teens-only sundeck with hammocks, lounge chairs and a waterfall for cooling off.

Bigger, Better Spas, Pool Decks and Activities

Hot on the heels of land-based resort trends, cruise ship spas are expanding in size, luxuriousness and services. Long favoured by Europeans, thalassotherapy is a popular, pamper-yourself-at-sea option. Available on select ships, these body-temperature, salt-water pools relax muscles and soothe stiff joints. Public pool areas, too, are undergoing exciting renovations. Royal Caribbean's *Freedom of the Seas* and *Liberty of the Seas* offer H2O Zone, an interactive area complete with ground geysers and a cascading waterfall. Not to mention FlowRider®; the 40-foot-long wave simulator that allows you to surf at sea. These ships also feature cantilevered whirlpools that extend 12 feet beyond the sides of the ship. Dive into watersports on Windstar Cruises' sailing vessels, offering a wide array of activities from kayaking to windsurfing. Looking for something more indulgent? A Yachts of Seabourn waiter will emerge from the ocean to serve you caviar and champagne

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Special Interests and Enrichment Cruising

Traditional theme cruises appeal to fans of Big Band music, devotees of baseball, ardent gardeners, ballroom dancers and others. But today, cruise lines are taking advantage of their bigger ships, more flexible meeting, eating and entertainment spaces and those guests with *very* special interests. MSC Cruises offers Golf themed and Well-Being cruises, guests with a sweet tooth would relish the chance to sail on Regent Seven Seas' Spotlight on Chocolate cruises, epicurian delights abound on Celebrity Cruises' Savor the Caribbean culinary series voyages, Smithsonian Journeys and Sotheby's Institute are available on Crystal Cruises, embark on a wine cruise with Silversea Cruises and their partner, Relais & Châteaux.

Ships are also becoming a place to learn, offering enrichment programs such as Crystal Cruises' Creative Learning @ Sea®, or uncover the mysteries of marine life with Jean-Michel Cousteau on Regent Seven Seas Cruises' Circles of Interest Program; sail with Windstar Cruises and get Scuba PADI certified!

On a cruise, choices abound; and there truly is something for everyone. The most important aspect of any cruise however is choosing the right cruise line to suit your individual interests and budgets. UNIGLOBE Custom Travel experts are experienced, and knowledgeable about the ever-expanding cruise industry. For more information on these and other great cruise options, visit UNIGLOBE Custom Travel on the 8th floor of the Mission Square building, located at 2424 4th St. S.W. or call us at 272-1000.



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Calgary Police Community Liaison Officer

By Marilyn Williams

This month I am writing a short segment about the role of the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) of the Calgary Police Service. Our Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Liaison Officer (CLO) is Tom Kusche.

There are 34 CLOs across Calgary's eight policing districts, one for each zone. The CLOs are a key point of contact for community policing initiatives for residents, businesses and schools. The concept began as a pilot program in 1995 in district 4, and was fully implemented for every zone in 1998. It stems from the Calgary Police Service commitment to community-based policing, which encourages community members to help direct police efforts, and to become involved in developing solutions to crime problems.

The CBMCA Heritage Committee - 2006 in Retrospect

By Marilyn Williams, Chair

In January of this year, with the objective of preserving the marvellous history and character of Cliff Bungalow and Mission, I made a proposal to create a CBMCA Heritage Committee to the Community Association Board. The plan was accepted, and I became a CBMCA board member reporting to the Board.

This report will take a look at that proposal, the things which we have implemented, some of the unplanned things which also were hastily and surprisingly accomplished, and the significant work that remains.

The results I am most pleased with were establishing objectives and a support network. It was important to me, with the limited resources available in our committee, that we focus on priorities and not re-invent the wheel. Networking was made easy because of the city heritage planners and wonderful groups like the Calgary Heritage Initiative. We also helped establish the Heritage Round Table of concerned communities which meets quarterly to learn together, and learn from and support each other.

Some were also some great surprises, such as our successful CBMCA Committee nomination of the Friends of the Rouleau house for the Calgary Heritage Authority Lion Award in the area of preservation. Jim Bowman received the award on behalf of the

Their key responsibilities, in addition to information flow, are: to monitor policing needs in their assigned zone, including crime trends and traffic concerns; and to review business license applications, development permits and land use change applications using crime prevention through environmental design principles.

For more information about CLO's, visit www.calgarypolice.ca/districts/clo.html.

Calgary Police Commission Community Dinner

This is an annual event which brings together the Calgary Police Commission, the Calgary Police Service and representatives from city community associations. This year it was held on October 24th at the Glenmore Inn. It was an excellent opportunity for community members to network with all levels

of the police force, and for the police to say thank you for the involvement of community members.

During the speech, one of the Deputy Chiefs spoke about priorities for the coming year. It was interesting to note that fighting organized crime and gangs continues to be a top priority. He made the comment that most petty crime (theft, drugs, prostitution) relates back to organized crime since the money from those crimes is most often going back into these organizations. He emphasized that it is critical to not "look the other way" when these apparently minor types of crimes happen, but to report them to the police.

On that note, I signed up for Block Watch at www.calgaryblockwatch.com last month. It only took moments, and my information package, including display stickers, arrived promptly in the mail. 📧



Crime Stats

October 2006

	Cliff Bungalow	Mission
Assault	1	2
Street Robberies	0	0
B&E - House	1	1
B&E - Shop	0	2
B&E - Other	0	0
Theft of Vehicle	0	2
Theft from Vehicle	8	9
Mischief	0	5
Total	10	21

for fun and interest such as an evening with a historian, and a booth at the Lilac Festival. Other planned activities include a research workshop in February, funding application to obtain resources to update the Cliff Bungalow Mission Building inventory last done in 1995, CBMCA Heritage Recognition program and plaques and a half day walking tour event as part of Chinook Historical Calgary Week. I certainly hope there are more surprises in store for 2007. Happy Holidays from the Heritage Committee. 📧

Friends of Rouleau. The Calgary Heritage Initiative also invited us to participate in their highly successful 17th Avenue walking tour during Historic Calgary Week this summer attended by 75 people.

A little slower off the mark was building the heritage committee. At the moment we are a very small and dedicated group, however, we lack the resources to take on significant preservation activity. In an effort to increase committee members, I have made membership very flexible. For example, it is not necessary for folks to come to the monthly meetings (although they are more than welcome!).

It is possible for committee members to simply become part of our email distribution list and keep informed about things happening in the neighbourhood. From time to time, as individuals have the interest and time, they can donate a few hours here and there to help with things such as letter writing campaigns, researching some of the important historic properties in the neighbourhood, help write walking tour scripts or lead a walking tour. The committee can provide all the resources - we just need your time and enthusiasm. Please email me at marilynwilliams@shaw.ca if you are interested, or drop in to one of our meetings the second Wednesday of every month.

So what's in the works for next year? We definitely need to include more activities



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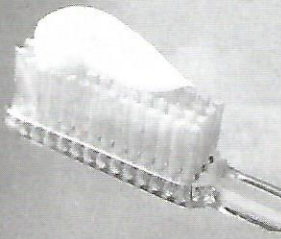


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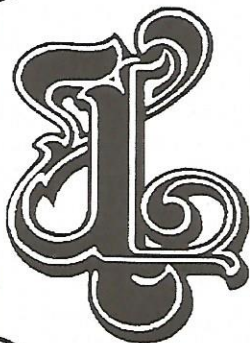
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New Years Wishes

By Pat Maiani

The Cliff-Bungalow Mission had a great Annual General Meeting November 29th. I'm around for another year. And I'll take that as an endorsement to oppose any changes to the Community that will compromise the quality of life of the people who live here. Thanks to the outgoing board members for all their hard work, and welcome to the new members.

I've got to admit, I was wrong. (As the city's Development and Appeal Board clearly indicated).

Gail Carscallen, the owner of the Aberdeen Apartments, has to be congratulated on her vision, and her persistence. In spite of opposition from architects, urban designers, city planners and heritage experts, Ms. Carscallen, with the help of Alderman Madeleine King and a well timed threat to demolish the historic building, has got a development permit for her 'Ranch House on the Rooftop'.

Amendment Proposed for ARP

By Bob Lang

After being approved only six months ago, an amendment to the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) is being proposed. It results from a proposed development mid-block in the block between Centre Street and 1st Street SE and between 17th Avenue and 18th Avenue SW. There is one clause in the approved Mission ARP to which an addition is being proposed to cover this proposed development. The policy in question is on page 31 (clause 7), part of the Policy section on 17th Avenue on pages 30 to 32. The Mission ARP can be viewed on the City's website (www.calgary.ca). A comparison of the existing clause and the proposed clause is as follows:

Section 5.2 17 Avenue SW
5.2.3 Policy

Existing Policy

7. A high-density commercial with residential or general commercial policy with a maximum residential density of 225 units per hectare (91 units per acre) is recommended for 17 Avenue SW.

Proposed Policy Amendment:

7. A high-density commercial with residential or general commercial policy with a maxi-

The 3000 square foot, swinging seventies bungalow addition on the roof is to accommodate the caretaker of her proposed bed and breakfast. But we now have to admit, she may have launched a totally new style of urban design that will surely garner Calgary world wide attention. With the continued encouragement of civic leaders such as Alderman King, perhaps we could fast-track more slope-roofed suburban dreamhomes for all flat-roofed office buildings and apartments in Calgary? Imagine TD Square with a ranch house on the roof. Wouldn't the blue glass of city hall look stunning topped with a few log cabins? Or how about the new Encana Tower?

If the city's planning department continues to over rule traditional design sensibilities and issues more building permits for roof top bungalows in the inner city, they could be launching one of the most distinctive new periods in architecture... 'Ranch House Urbanism' – A true testimony to Calgary individualism and aesthetic values.

...mum residential density of 225 units per hectare (91 units per acre) is recommended for 17 Avenue SW. Consideration for increased density may be given to properties within a 5 minute (300 metre radius) walk zone of the Victoria Park/Stampede LRT station on a site by site basis. Higher densities shall only be supported when the overall intent of the policies of the ARP has been met to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

This amendment that effectively only applies to the block in question due to the limit of 300 metres, will go to public hearing of City Council, probably on February 4th. It should be noted that this is not about approving the proposed development but it will allow the proposed development to be considered and there will still be an opportunity for the community to review and comment on the proposed development when they apply for a development permit.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Bob Lang at 229-2726 or rclang@aol.com as soon as possible. You will also be able to submit a letter to the City Clerk (look for the notice in the Thursday local papers), to lobby City Council before the hearing and to speak to the matter at the public hearing of City Council (limit five minutes). 🍷

My 2007 New Year's wishes for the residents of Cliff Bungalow Mission

I wish the Fourth Street Business Revitalization Zone board members could win a trip to see some of the most successful urban streets in Canada, like Montreal's St. Denis, Vancouver's West 4th, or Halifax's Waterfront Drive, and possibly be inspired to borrow some of the best design elements for our Fourth Street. (Here's a hint – they all have small independent businesses in small store frontages of heritage buildings, or buildings that complement heritage buildings).

I also wish they would realize a successful Lilac Festival is not measured by the number of people you can squish on to 4th Street in one afternoon, nor the number of beers that you sell to them.

I wish a developer would present the Community with a development proposal we could actually be proud of.

I wish every real estate speculator with an empty house or apartment would fill it with someone who needs a home, until the property is actually going to be developed. Or maybe, as in other cities, they could be taxed double for holding vacant properties?

I wish that every real estate 'tycoon' has more respect for their ninety year old grandparents then they do for their ninety year old buildings. But somehow, I doubt it.

I wish Fourth Street businesses would stop cutting down trees and paving over grass, or at least people would stop supporting those businesses that do.

I wish Mission Cycle was still in business.

I wish the two Mikes would finish their heritage restoration and renovation and clean up their yard.

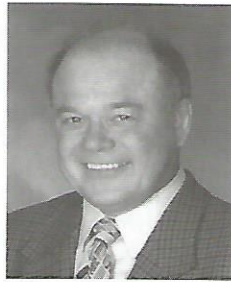
I wish Evan and With the Times another successful fifteen years in the oldest retail store left on Fourth Street.

And finally, I wish the residents of Cliff Bungalow/Mission a healthy and prosperous year in 2007.

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Two Way Traffic Conversion Streets Confirmed

By Bob Lang

After 17 years of various processes and studies, it has been confirmed by City council that the streets in our Community that were converted from one-way to two-way service in 2002 will remain in two-way service. The streets are 2nd Street SW, 5th Street SW, 25th Avenue SW and 26th Avenue SW.

It has been a bumpy road to this result. There were many detours and at times road-blocks, but with perseverance we were able to get a long-time community vision implemented.

Prior to the conversions, we identified five probable outcomes or objectives:

- Improved community and environmental quality in the community without reducing mobility capability.
- Improved and safer local community mobility and circulation.
- Improved safety for all modes of traffic

inside the community.

- Improved environment to encourage maintenance and improvements to properties along these streets.
- Improved business and investment environment in the community.

We believe these objectives have been obtained and will continue to be obtained. The City's own statistics illustrate the improvement (see accompanying table).

Calgary Traffic Statistics for 2nd, 4th and 5th Streets SW

- 54% reduction in mid-block collisions
- 29% reduction in intersection collisions
- 5% reduction in weekday 24-hour traffic volumes.
- Average speeds are below the 50 kph posted limits

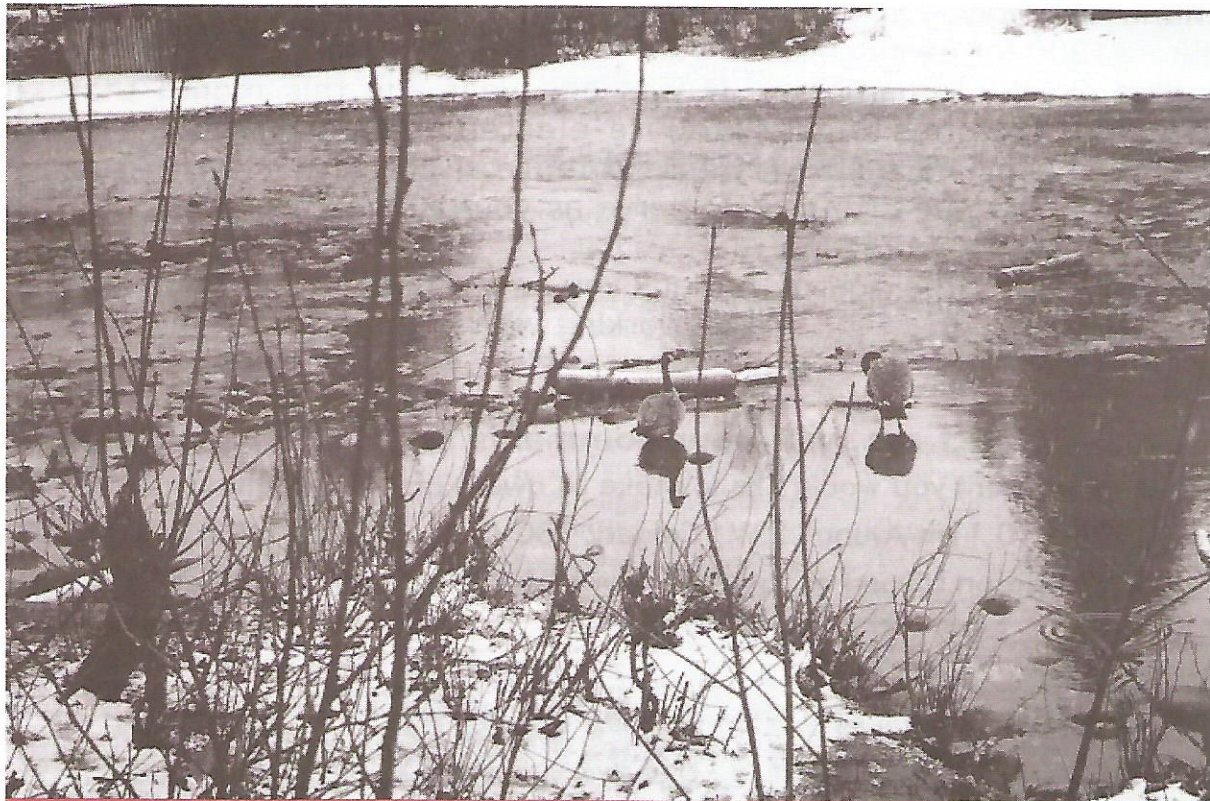
This obviously makes it safer for all: local residents, visitors to our Community (a very popular destination) and for all modes of traffic. It is certainly easier for residents to

get around the Community by reducing travel distances and eliminating convoluted routes via one-way streets. This reduces the amount of gasoline used and the associated negative air impacts. Maintenance has improved, redevelopment is brisk, and businesses in the Community are doing well. All in all this is a success story.

There were some formidable naysayers before the conversion including suburban opposition at previous review stages – but this time the opposition was silent.

There are some operational matters that are still being considered. The City recognizes that 5th Street and 17th Avenue is still a bottleneck and they are also studying 5th Street and Royal Avenue SW. I will continue to report on these and other items as they evolve.

Thank you to everyone who participated over the years and kept the faith. Without you, it might not have happened. 🙏



Winter Cometh: Geese on the River

Photographer Joanne Robarts

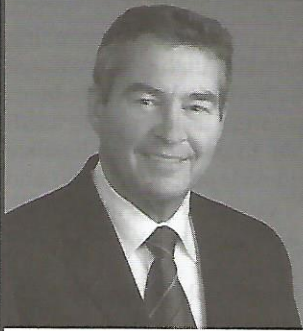
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Submit as many community views as you would like. The winner will be contacted via e-mail or phone. Include a description of what is in the photo and a brief explanation of why it is noteworthy. Sorry, photos can't be returned.



Lee Richardson

Member of Parliament Calgary Centre

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- Reducing the GST to 6% and cutting 28 other taxes;
- Introducing the Accountability Act to restore honesty and integrity in government;
- Implementing the Universal Child Car Benefit - \$1200 for every child under six paid directly to parents;
- Introducing several reforms to our justice system including mandatory minimum sentences for crimes involving firearms and protecting our children by raising the age of protection from 14 to 16;

- Allowing income splitting by seniors to reduce their tax burden.

While it has been a busy year, we still have many matters to resolve on your behalf including further justice reforms, passing Canada's Clean Air Act and lower, fairer taxes.

Thank you...

It was one year ago this month that you re-elected me as your federal representative. I consider it a privilege to serve as your Member of Parliament.

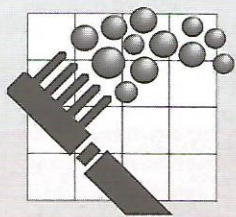
Thank you for the honour; I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Contact me with your comments...

If you have an issue or event you would like to make us aware of, please contact us.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Open House for the Ingresoll Site Development
Saturday, January 13th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
at the CBMCA Community Centre (2201 Cliff Street SW)

The Development Committee will host a community wide open house for the Ingresoll site development. The developer will be in attendance to discuss plans for the site.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree
Calgary's annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place from December 27th through to January 14th. Take your tree to one of the many seasonal Christmas tree drop-off locations across Calgary. Please make sure your tree is free of any decorations, tinsel, plastic and string. Last year Calgarians recycled more than 31,000 Christmas trees.

Visit www.calgary.ca/waste or call 3-1-1 to find a temporary tree drop-off location.

Heritage Committee Meeting
Next Meetings: January 10th and February 14th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at CBMCA Community Centre (2201 Cliff Street SW).

Join Marilyn Williams, Heritage Committee Director, the second Wednesday of each month for relevant and interesting information regarding the history and preservation of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission neighbourhood.

Documentary Showing – "An Inconvenient Truth"
Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00 to 9:30 pm at CBMCA Community Centre (2201 Cliff Street SW).

Everyone is welcome to attend a community wide showing of the documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth"

Heritage Research Workshop – Part 1
Saturday, February 24th, 10:00 until noon at the WR Castell Central Library, 4th Floor Local History Section. See "In Brief" in this issue for more details.

Mission Statement Deadline
February 4th deadline for submissions to the March/April issue



Madeleine King
Alderman, Ward 8

Many of us are starting 2007 with New Year's resolutions that we made with the intention of having a healthier lifestyle, from exercising more to quitting smoking. The City of Calgary is also looking to be healthier and cleaner as the new smoking bylaw has taken effect as of New Year's Day 2007.

In October City Council voted to move the date of Calgary's smoking ban forward to January 1st, 2007. I was thrilled that Council supported this decision as 80 per cent of Calgarians wanted to see the smoking ban implemented sooner rather than later. It is estimated that 78 per cent of Canadians are non-smokers and the majority of municipalities in Canada already have smoking bans in place for public places.

My office received many calls from Calgarians who said they would go out to restaurants, pubs and bars more often if they were not exposed to second hand smoke

Memorial Park Library

Memorial Park Library is located at 1221 2nd Street SW.

The library is open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 8:00 pm and Sundays from noon to 5:00 pm.

Register for these free programs in person, by phone at 260-2600, or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com. A valid Calgary Public Library card in your name is required to attend all programs.

Drawing Professional Comic Pages – local artists share their expertise on materials, drawing techniques, resources, working from scripts and many other considerations when creating a comics page. Ages 15+. Saturday, February 15th, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

while socializing at these establishments. The smoking bylaw intends to balance the health protection of the majority with the personal freedoms of the minority.

Also on the subject of a healthy Calgary, is the call for more sports facilities. In early December 2006, a report was presented to the Community and Protective Services (CPS) committee that drew attention to the need for more ice arenas in Calgary. There will be two new ice rinks built at Centennial Arena but there are recommendations for a total of ten new rinks by 2010. But there is only so much funding the City can contribute to recreation projects and CPS is trying to balance the demand of the sporting community by also conducting a playing-field study to determine if there is a need for more fields. This way they can ensure that there are enough facilities for all sports in Calgary.

Calgarians are known to be health conscious and to lead active lives. The City of Calgary is making decisions to encourage a cleaner, healthier and safer city for all Calgarians to live in! 🍷

Computer Literacy – Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am.

- EEEK! A Mouse! – January 13th
- Internet Part 1 – January 20th
- Internet Part 2 – January 27th
- Introduction to Word – February 10th
- Introduction to E-mail – February 17th

CyberSeniors – join us for a four-week session of classes that teach computer basics in a relaxed, self-paced style. Ages 50+. Thursdays, January 25th to February 15th, 10:00 am to noon.

Reading Railroad – volunteers offer struggling readers a fun, supportive environment to help build confidence in their reading. Offered in partnership with Frontier College. Ages five to ten years. Wednesdays, January 24th to March 28th, 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Register by calling 263-2922.

– Thought to Ponder –

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