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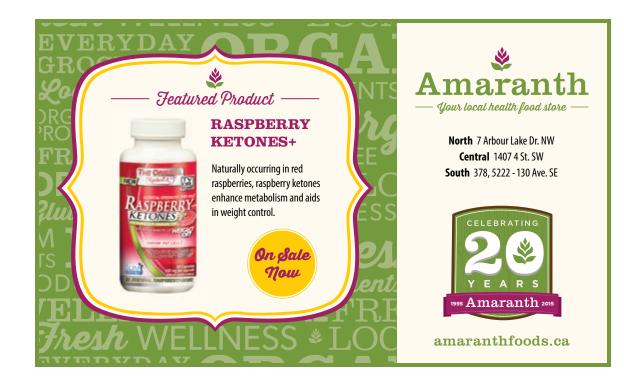
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PRESIDENT'S Report

by Bob Lang

Annual General Meeting

Everyone who attended our annual general meeting on November 27 helped us celebrate our community and the people who make things happen. The community association continues to be an important vehicle to accomplish great things and the community centre continues to be a hub of community activity. We thank everyone who attended and participated in this celebration.

The following people will be on the board for the next year: President, Bob Lang; Vice President, Jan Pugh; Secretary, Philip Lozano; Treasurer, Edwin Matthies; Communications Director, Robin Thompson; Social Director, Corinne Ofstie; Heritage Director, Marilyn Williams; Environment Director, Brendan Baines, Planning and Development Director, Sander Jansen; and Directors-at-Large, Patrick Arnell, Jennifer Vanderlaan, Amanda West, Rick Williams and Kate Zago. This is a great group of people and I look forward to working with them during the next year.

Some people stepped down from the board during the last year and at the AGM: Trafford Crump, David Delawski, Lorna Dysart, David Lee and Auvo Wahlberg. We thank them for all their help during the time they were on the board.

Community hero awards

Each year, with the help of the Federation of Calgary Communities and Toole Peet Insurance, we recognize people who have made significant contributions to our community. This year we had a special group who helped make the new Cliff Bungalow community garden a reality. Please see page 6 to read all about it.

AGM recognitions

We want to recognize some special contributions that helped make the annual general meeting special. Servus Credit Union provided a grant towards the costs. We do our banking at Servus and they have been a great supporter of our community in addition of proving great banking service throughout the year. Purple Perk provided the coffee for the evening. They have done this for several years. Their shop is a popular meeting place on 4 Street. Bocce provided delicious pizzas at a reduced cost. They are a great addition to 4 Street. Jan Pugh whipped up other great food and her mother, Jenett Gerencir, provided baked goodies. We thank them all for making the AGM a great success.

Casino update

On November 17, we received the net proceeds of \$74,190.24 from other casino that was held August 11/12, 2014. This is up 7.6 percent over the net proceeds from the February 18/19, 2013 casino. Thank you to everyone who made this casino a success. Next casino is second quarter of 2016.

Update on important planning matters

This is being written early in December and decisions on two important planning matters were to be considered at city council's meeting on December 8. The first item dealt with the proposed land use redesignation in the 300 block of 25 Avenue SW. Please watch our website and the February Mission Statement for updates.

The second item is the proposed sale of park land in the southwest corner of the community. Those attending the AGM passed a resolution supporting the community association's opposition to the sale of the parkland.

Stop the presses! We are pleased to report that on December 8 city council did not approve the selling of this parkland. We thank those on council who supported out position and those in the community that worked very hard on this important issue.

Let there be light

This time of year sees more darkness than daylight so we notice burned out street lights as we walk in our community at night. This can be made more perilous due to sometimes icy walks. While these burned out bulbs eventually will be discovered by those responsible to change them, we can help them by phoning 311 and reporting the light you see burned out. As you walk around the community, stop a moment and call 311 when you see a street light burned out. Getting them changed as soon as possible will help make our community a safer place to live, work and play.

Look for us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (#cbmca)



CBMCA AGM Community Hero Awards

The Cliff Bungalow–Mission Community Association held its annual general meeting on November 27, 2014. The evening was not only an accounting of what we did in the past year, but a celebration of our community and the people who live here.

Each year, with the help of the Federation of Calgary Communities and Toole Peet Insurance, we recognize people who have made significant contributions to our community. This year we had a special group who helped make the new Cliff Bungalow community garden a reality.

With the success of the Mission community garden, there had been an interest in a Cliff Bungalow garden for many years. However there was not a threshold

number of people willing to work on it until the last couple of years. This group had to work on getting city approval, local resident support and sufficient funding to get it built. They dealt with these challenges and more with flying colours. Despite inclement weather on May 24, many more stalwart volunteers than expected came out to help and, in just one day. the garden beds were built and filled with earth so that planting could begin. This was a true community-building event—not just the garden but the community as a whole.

We thank the following people who helped make this wonderful community garden happen: Brendan Baines (2014 Environment Director), Patrick Arnell, Janice Capriotti, Jeremy Ennis, Geraldine Gray, Sarah Jackson, Colleen Krueger, Edwin Mattheis, Mahaly Smith, Pamela Smith, Chris Stewart, Renee Stewart and Tess Van Den Bosch.



Paul Meunier from Federation of Calgary Communities presents Community Hero Awards to Brendan Baines, Janice Capriotti, Mahaly Smith, Edwin Mattheis and Patrick Arnell.

We would also like recognize some special contributions that helped make the AGM special. **Servus Credit Union** provided a grant towards the costs. We do our banking at Servus and they have been a great supporter of our community, in addition of proving great banking services throughout the year. **Purple Perk** provided the coffee for the evening—they have done this for several years. Their shop is a popular meeting place on 4 Street. **Bocce** provided delicious pizzas at a reduced cost. They are a great addition to 4 Street. Jan Pugh whipped up other great food and her mother, Jenett Gerencir, provided baked goodies. We thank them all for making the AGM a great success.



All events are at the Cliff Bungalow– Mission Community Centre (2201 Cliff St SW) unless otherwise noted. Also check out our website at www. cliffbungalowmission.com for more

JAZZ CONCERTS

information and updates.

Some unique jazz nights to start the new year!

Wednesday, January 7, 8 pm. Jewish jazz night with Allan Merovitz

Wednesday, February 4, 8 pm. B3 organ night with the Gareth Bane Quartet

POTLUCKS

Sunday, January 11, 6 pm. Bring something to share and taste an eclectic spread of great food with your neighbours. Next potluck is Sunday, February 8, 6 pm.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Sunday, January 25, 7 pm. Next movie night is Sunday, February 22, 7 pm

Check out our website regularly for new events and more information not available in our newsletter due to timing. www.cliffbungalowmission.com

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European Bakery: 10% off all items

4th Street Liquor & Wine: 10% off all items

Lorenzo's Pizza: 10% off on pick up orders and 5% off on delivery orders

Peking Dragon: 10% on Dine In items (excluding Dinner Combos), 15% on Pick Up items on orders over \$30.00

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For any business that wants to be part of this program, please contact Auvo Wahlberg at auvo@telus.net. You can purchase your membership by using the membership form in this newsletter or online at our web site www. cliffbungalowmission.com/get-involved/memberships.

CBMCA Film Society We watch the coolest films!

Join us Sunday, January 25, 7 pm at the Community Centre.

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CALGARY RIVER COMMMUNITIES ACTION GROUP

What's been happening since the flood?

Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) representatives met with both City of Calgary representatives and Kyle Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, in November. Here is what we discussed:

CRCAG met with the City of Calgary's recently formed flood resiliency group on November 28, 2014. This group has been tasked to implement the 27 recommendations outlined in the City of Calgary's expert management panel on the River Flood Mitigation report released in June.

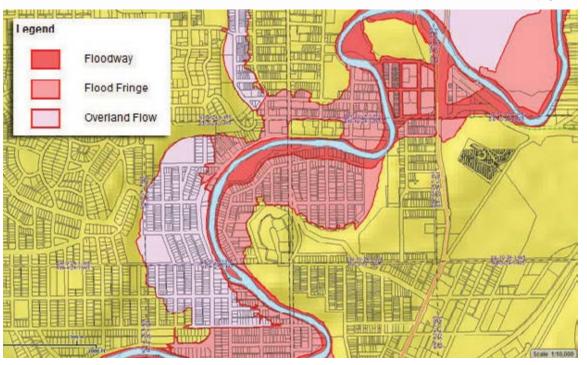
A high-level implementation plan was developed by the group and has been approved by city council. A more detailed plan will now be established and the first progress report from the flood resiliency group will be presented to the Utilities and Corporate Services committee at the end of April 2015.

Plan highlights

River forecasting and monitoring

- the City of Calgary is fortifying upstream river and weather monitoring systems;
- the city will coordinate the integration of new monitoring equipment with the province's Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Ministry (ESRD), who will operate the equipment, and work with TransAlta on an ongoing basis to manage river levels on the Bow;
- the owner of the infrastructure decides what to do in the event of a flood;
- on the Bow, an option may be to give ESRD responsibility for disaster response, on behalf of TransAlta;
 on the Elbow, the city determines what to do with the Glenmore reservoir.

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CALGARY RIVER COMMMUNITIES ACTION GROUP cont'd



Glenmore upgrades

- replacement of wooden stop log system with automated steel gates that will increase the storage capacity of the reservoir and allow the city to mitigate for floods as large as a 1:40 year event;
- a funding request was submitted to the Alberta Community Resilience Program and it looks like it's a good cost/benefit analysis;
- Water Resources is currently in the detail design phase for upgrades to commence in late 2016/2017.

River berms

- erosion points along the Bow and Elbow rivers have been cataloged;
- a prioritized list of upgrades will be established using a triple bottom line analysis;
- · looking to get a 100 year design strategy;
- will consider provincial upstream mitigation efforts and land impact in deciding where to implement river berm improvements or upgrades;
- improvements or upgrades of river berms will be to a standard of 1:100;
- all mitigation strategies are being evaluated and likely a combination of several strategies.

Flood damage assessment

the province's flood damage assessment will help inform triple bot-

tom line analyses undertaken by the city;

the province is trying to develop models for "damage curves" to analyze cost/benefit, which is being carried out by IBI.

River morphology study

Morphology studies for the Bow and Elbow rivers are underway to look at the dynamics of sedimentation and the possibility of removing accumulated sediment deposits from the 2013 flood.

Funding

Many flood resiliency projects are actually within the city's infrastructure plans so funding is committed. Additional funding is supplemented by

the province and, if a funding program has concerns, the city will reevaluate it.

The city and province are pursuing their work streams and these are gradually coming together. The next meting with the city's flood resiliency group is targeted for February 2015.

Our meeting with the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Representatives from CRCAG met with Kyle Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, on November 14, 2014. Minister Fawcett proposed meeting with CRCAG periodically to provide updates and receive feedback from our constituents, and we will gladly do so.

CALGARY RIVER COMMMUNITIES ACTION GROUP cont'd

The Alberta government has committed to providing flood mitigation to a level that would handle a flood of the magnitude of the 2013 flood, which has been characterized as a 1-in-200 year flood event.

Elbow River flood mitigation

The government has committed to going forward with the dry dam reservoir at Springbank that will encompass the "room for the river" concept. The Spring-

bank project alone may provide 2013-level flood protection—that will be known with greater certainty in the coming months. Negotiations between the Alberta government and affected Springbank property owners are progressing.

Public comments on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Springbank project were accepted until December 30, 2014. Once commenced, it is anticipated the EIA will take another year to complete. Detailed engineering design work for the project is progressing in parallel with the EIA process. Optimistically, shovels may be in the ground to commence construction of the project by spring 2016.

ESRD is reviewing feasibility of the Glenmore bypass tunnel and a decision will likely be made as to whether to proceed by early 2015.



ESRD is continuing to review the McLean Creek dry dam project and conducting a preliminary environmental assessment that is expected to be complete by end of 2014. A decision as to whether to proceed with the McLean Creek project will likely be made by early 2015.

Cost-benefit analyses are being conducted for all three potential projects, and expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

Bow River flood mitigation

The Alberta government is committed to negotiating a longterm agreement with TransAlta to use existing infrastructure on the Bow to provide flood mitigation to a 2013 flood protection standard.

The premier has asked Minister Fawcett and the Deputy Minister to meet with him to discuss options for the Bow River. CRCAG will re-engage with Minister Fawcett after this meeting has occurred.

Questions? questions@crcactiongroup.com

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February 8

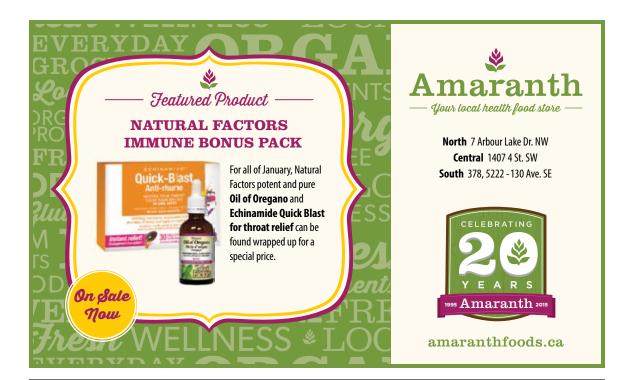
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FCC AWARDS Who done it and who won It? You tell us!

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To give you an idea of the kind of work you can recognize we have created four award categories to choose from:

The Step Up Award. The unnoticed volunteer who always steps up to help out whenever and wherever they can, without being asked. They go above and beyond to shoulder the responsibility of addressing community needs without need for recognition.

The Spark Award. The volunteer who always brings new and exciting ideas to the table and sparks a sense of excitement within the community. They are a motivation to others and always engage others to be part of the community. **The Be Part of It Group Award.** A group of volunteers who organized an event or project that created a strong sense of pride in the community. They engaged a variety of residents and partners to complete the job and the end result created a sense of belonging for the community.

The Community Builder Award. A volunteer who has spent his or her life dedicated to improving neighbourhood life within the community. This lifetime achievement award recognizes the volunteers whose efforts have impacted the quality of life both within their own community and the city as a whole.

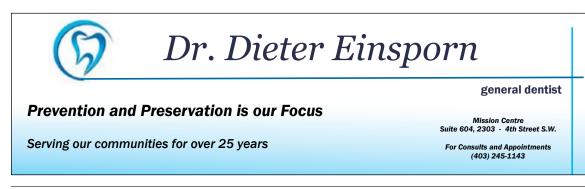
Take the time to recognize your community's dedicated volunteers and nominate someone for a Community Volunteer Award today! It's easy and will be something they can hold onto forever.

For more information on the four award categories please go to our website at calgarycommunities.com for the formal nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 6, 2015.

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COMMUNITY ISSUES PARKLAND SALE

You can take down those orange signs now



After a strategic public protest the previous Saturday, city council ruled on December 1 not to sell a green space to Mount Royal homeowner Donald Taylor, who recently discovered he didn't own the land adjacent to his property.

The roughly 2,000 square feet of green space on the escarpment in Cliff Bungalow was resurveyed after the flood of 2005 and revealed that what Taylor thought was part of his yard was actually part of an adjacent park. Taylor sought to purchase the land but many residents of Mount Royal and Cliff Bungalow objected, saying it's a public space with beautiful views of downtown that should be kept public. Council will negotiate a settlement with Taylor.

The Cliff Bungalow–Mission Community Association plans to take a leadership role in determining the park's future development as a crucial piece of the area's escarpment.

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- 2. Link your property assessment to your myID account. When you receive your 2015 assessment notice in January, go to calgary.ca/assessmentsearch and sign in with your myID. Enter the Roll Number and Access Code displayed on your notice.

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Observing Family Literacy Day is only the first step. Like anything else, becoming skilled at reading requires practice. So this year, why not resolve to make family literacy a daily habit in your home?

Here are tips to make your family's reading resolution a success:

- set an example for your children let them see you read and hear you discuss what you have read;
- have lots of books in the house;
- set up cozy, well lit spaces for reading;
- give books as gifts;
- make regular trips to the library to stock up on books for the whole family;
- encourage your children to read both fiction and factual books;
- have your children read out loud to you and to lots of other people too;
- encourage your children to read the words that surround them every day – store signs, roads signs, flyers, labels and recipes.

Having your children read a book more than once is a great way to boost their confidence in reading and improve their speed. With a little imagination, a little encouragement and a lot of everyday reading, your whole family will help build their brains—and bonds!

For more family reading tips, visit calgaryreads.com.

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March 15-17, 2015 Big Four Building

Stampede Park

Sunday, March 15 Monday, March 16 Tuesday, March 17 12noon – 5:00pm 8:45am – 2:45pm 8:45am – 2:45pm

Highlights

- pan for gold with Yukon Dan;
- find fossils with the Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation;
- geoscience talks on Sunday.

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Volunteers Needed

Passionate about music or drama?

The Calgary Performing Arts Festival is looking for volunteers to help with the 2015 Festival from March 2-15 and April 20-30 at the Jubilee Auditorium and SAIT Polytechnic.

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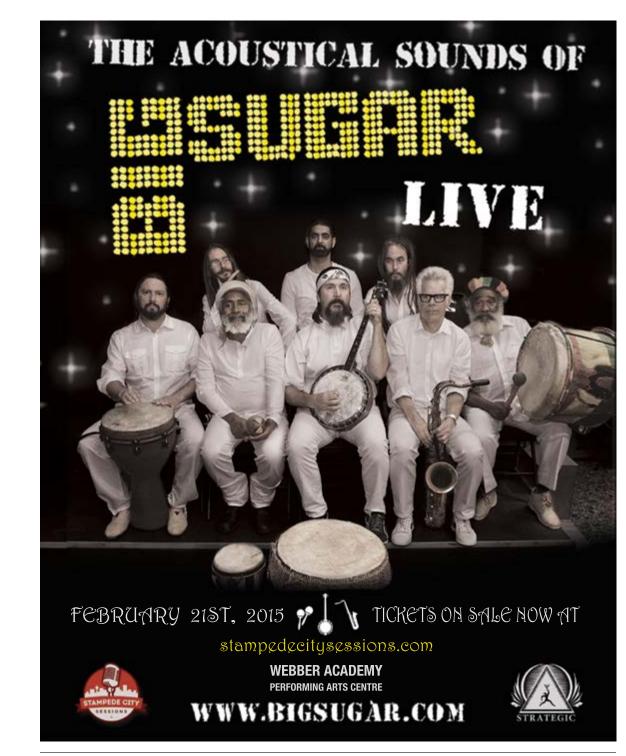
Cliff Bungalow—Mission Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Cliff Bungalow MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2014	\$0	\$0
October 2014	\$0	\$0
September 2014	\$779,900	\$740,000
August 2014	\$1,279,750	\$1,220,500
July 2014	\$1,075,000	\$1,030,000
June 2014	\$1,262,000	\$1,195,750
May 2014	\$849,000	\$825,000
April 2014	\$1,274,000	\$1,220,000
March 2014	\$839,850	\$830,000
February 2014	\$0	\$0
January 2014	\$0	\$0
December 2013	\$0	\$0

Last 12 Months Mission MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

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November 2014	\$402,470	\$395,095
October 2014	\$422,399	\$415,035
September 2014	\$396,868	\$389,111
August 2014	\$439,440	\$430,150
July 2014	\$616,364	\$601,583
June 2014	\$863,342	\$858,178
May 2014	\$331,683	\$328,283
April 2014	\$492,325	\$485,514
March 2014	\$426,314	\$428,714
February 2014	\$662,315	\$647,909
January 2014	\$317,920	\$310,040
December 2013	\$302,920	\$293,860
Total	192	112

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Equipment

- ensure your sled is in good condition. Do not use sleds with broken parts, sharp edges, or splits in the material;
- currently, there are no helmets designed specifically for sledding. However children should wear a properly fitted helmet designed for high impact collisions, such as hockey, cycling, or climbing helmets.

Plan ahead

- dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.;
- consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones;
- take breaks to warm up out of the cold;
- ensure frostbite hasn't affected any exposed skin;
- even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite;
- if frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it or by placing the affected part in warm water (not hot; ~41°C max.) until re-warmed.

Hazards

- avoid hills that are too steep, or too icy you can lose control very quickly;
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2014 Citizen Satisfaction Survey – Ward 8 report

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey 2014 results show that the vast majority of folks living in Ward 8 are happy to live in Calgary and within their communities. What the Ward 8 results also indicate is that the priorities I ran on align with the priorities of the Ward.

The survey shows that Ward 8 residents want to see a greater priority place on:

- parks and pathways,
- recreation and community services,
- planning and growth management,
- downtown revitalization,
- cycling,
- arts and culture,
- multi-family recycling, and
- homelessness, poverty, and affordable housing

Big wins for Ward 8 this year include the approval of multi-family recycling, the Centre City Cycle Tracks pilot project, and funding for some badlyneeded inner city parks from the ENMAX Legacy Parks fund.

This is just the first step, and there's still a lot of work to do in order to make Calgary even better. I campaigned on the idea of "communities first" last year. That still remains my top priority. I am working towards revitalizing our existing infrastructure, managing how our city grows, offering Calgarians more affordable housing options, and taking steps to make our communities even more vibrant.

I started here a little over a year ago because of my strong passion for my community and city. I still feel the same way, and am committed to making Ward 8 and Calgary a great place to live, work and play.

You can view the city-wide and ward specific survey results at www.calgary.ca.

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