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Elbow Park Residents' Association www.elbowpark.com

SPRING 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The big news in the community is the progress on the clubhouse renovation. The City of Calgary has given the Residents' Association the go-ahead to apply for a development permit, and so without missing a step we are forging ahead with the project. We are still optimistic that we will break ground before too long, and get the ball finally rolling after many, many years of fundraising efforts and welcome donations.

The intent is to keep the tennis going through the summer with as little disruption as possible, however there will inevitably be some minimal impact on the site. The renovation committee is working closely with The Glencoe Club to ensure that the clubhouse renovation is considerate of the summer tennis membership, and both the committee and the Glencoe welcome any feedback during the construction phase that anyone may have.

We recently concluded our "Building Safe Communities" project in conjunction with the Federation of Calgary Communities, and I would specifically like to thank Shannon Young, our Safety Director, for taking on the lead role with such enthusiasm. We now have a list of community initiatives that have been deemed a priority, which will soon be posted on the web site for everyone to review. We will then turn these initiatives into an action plan that can be implemented with the help of interested community members and the EPRA Board of Directors. If you are interested in being part of the safety initiative, and didn't get the chance to attend any of the meetings, please email us at safety@elbowpark.com to be included on the meeting notification list.

With the arrival of the summer months we will once again be celebrating Neighbour Day with the Summer Solstice Party, taking place on June 18, 2016. This is a great time to join together as a neighbourhood one last time before we all head off for summer, and remind ourselves of what makes Elbow Park such a special place to be part of. Please also save September 10th in your calendars for the annual Celebrate in the Park, which is shaping up to be another highlight.

Paul Bryden
President Elbow Park Residents' Association

CELEBRATE

ELBOW PARK 100+ YEARS

CARNIVAL IN THE PARK

Save the date for CELEBRATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

If you would like to join the organizing committee please contact Debbie Peake at celebrate@elbowpark.com

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE – CRIME PREVENTION

Thank you to over seventy community members who participated in our Elbow Park Building Safe Communities Meetings in November, January and February. The meetings were facilitated and supported by the Federation of Calgary Communities, the City of Calgary and the Calgary Police Services.

We made significant progress in understanding the recent increase in crime in our community, identifying actions the community can take to prevent crime and finally, prioritizing initiatives community members would like to move forward. In order to take these steps we need community members to get engaged!

Meeting minutes and a copy of the Action Planning Worksheet can be found on the Elbow Park Community website.

The most significant steps that we can take to prevent crimes are:

1. Report all crimes and suspicious behaviour to Calgary Police Services (Call 9-1-1 if you witness a crime in progress or the non-emergency line 403-266-1234 for suspicious activity)
2. Get to know your neighbours (e.g. become a community association member, organize or attend a block party or other community events)
3. Organize or participate in community clean up (information on City organized clean up events is available in this Gazette and on Elbow Park Community website) and call 3-1-1 when garbage in public spaces and riverbanks

The EPRA Board of Directors would like to thank supporters of this initiative including Stephanie Sokolowski, Maggie Dycke, Cst. Gary Borrows, Councillor Pincott, Councillor Woolley and MLA Greg Clark.

For more information on HOW TO GET INVOLVED contact EPRA President Paul Bryden at president@elbowpark.com or EPRA Board Member Shannon Young at safety@elbowpark.com



THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

According to the Calgary Police Service (CPS), the City has seen an increase in car prowls and theft from vehicles. Other related crimes to be aware of include breaking and entering into garages or homes once a garage door opener has been stolen.

How can you deter these types of crimes?

- Lock your vehicle doors
- Remove valuables from your vehicles (this includes any amount of loose change, sunglasses, GPS, etc.) Have nothing visible.
- Don't leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicles.
- Ensure the door from your attached garage to your home is kept locked.
- Report any thefts from vehicles online at calgarypolice.ca. This ensures that CPS can track statistics and direct patrols
- Look out for your neighbours!
- Call 9-1-1 if you witness a crime in progress or the non-emergency line 403-266-1234 for suspicious activity.

What is suspicious activity?

It is hard to say exactly what suspicious activity can look like but, if someone's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of your neighborhood, use your gut feeling to determine whether or not you should report to police. Something that just feels out of place might be a good indication - use your best judgement! Special thanks to the Calgary Police Service for their input.



ELBOW PARK CHRISTMAS EVE SKATING PARTY

Thank you to all of the volunteers and community members that attended the great event. Fun was had by well over 250 community members with skating, crafts, listening to Christmas music while chatting by the fires and sharing Christmas cheer and cookies with Santa. We are already looking forward to the 2nd Annual Christmas Eve Skating Party in 2016!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

BE A MEMBER AND SUPPORT THE ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



We are kicking off a Door-to-Door Membership Drive in late spring. Memberships may be purchased on line at www.elbowpark.com or from your block's community volunteer member in May.

Membership fees are \$40 for Family/Sports and \$25 for Residents not accessing sport facilities and parks. The EPRA is responsible for, and membership fees are used for the costs of:

- maintaining stairways, parks, skating rinks, and the clubhouse
- contributing to costs of the clubhouse renovations, park, playground and other community enhancements
- supporting community events such as Celebrate and the Christmas Eve Skating Party

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- supporting community maintenance and events and the EPRA ability to access government grants
- the ability to purchase tickets and support community social initiatives such as Celebrate and pub nights
- an invitation for you and your extended family to the Christmas Eve Skating Party
- having membership-only rights to rent the clubhouse
- receiving communications about community events and safety alerts through the newsletter and email distribution

To help out with the Membership Drive (minimal work required!) in May please contact Shannon at safety@elbowpark.com

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for EPRA email updates by registering your email with us to receive timely and important announcements from the community.

Please go to www.elbowpark.com

Those who register before September 1 will be entered in a draw for a family pass of tickets to this fall's Celebrate event on September 12. (\$100 value)

Note: We do not share our email list with any third parties.

BLOCK PARTIES

This year the city wide Neighbour Day is June 18. We are encouraged to host a block party, a picnic at our local park or to simply introduce ourselves to neighbours. Information on hosting a block party on Neighbour Day (permits are required to be applied for prior to May 29 but the permit fee is waived) is available at:

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Pages/Neighbourhood-Services/Neighbour-Day.aspx>

A comprehensive guide on organizing Block Parties is available on the Federation of Calgary Communities website at: <https://calgarycommunities.com/love-where-you-live-host-a-block-party>

NEIGHBOUR DAY FAQs

What is a block party?

A block party is an informal public gathering of residents from a neighbourhood who get together to socialize, meet each other, have fun and maybe work together on a common activity.

Typically, block parties are only permitted in residential areas, on roads with no more than two lanes. A six-metre wide passage must be maintained on the roadway at all times to allow emergency vehicle access through the area.

Do I need a permit to host a block party?

Yes, The City of Calgary requires citizens to obtain a block party permit prior to closing a roadway for entertainment purposes. In your application you must include a map showing the location of the block party and the location of the temporary street closure.

To obtain a block party permit, please visit ePermits online.

If you are organizing a Neighbour Day event in a City park or greenspace, please visit Park venue bookings for more information.

Is there a fee associated with a block party permit?

The City of Calgary will waive the \$25 application fee for Neighbour Day block party events held on Neighbour Day.

Roads that have been closed for block parties must be adequately barricaded. Applicants can rent traffic control devices (barricades) through Alberta Traffic Supply. Alternatively, applicants can obtain barriers from The City on a first-come first-serve basis at ePermits online. This service is only available for Neighbour Day. The \$160 fee for delivery and pick-up of City barriers will be waived for Neighbour Day events on Neighbour Day.

Block parties require a minimum of two barricades, depending on the width of the road. The City is also waiving the parks venue booking fees for approved Neighbour Day events.

Do my neighbours need to approve of the block party?

Yes, applicants must obtain a signed petition from all residents who will be impacted by the block party. You can download a petition template in the Neighbour Day Event Planning Kit (coming soon).

What times can my block party take place?

Block parties can be set up between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. as per the weekend noise bylaw. More information about the noise bylaw can be found under Section 9 of the Community Standards Bylaw (#5M2004).

Are there other regulations that apply for block party permits?

- The block used may be occupied predominantly by owner/residents.
- The applicant must remain at the block party until its conclusion.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the city right-of-way.
- No open fires are permitted on the city right-of-way.

When is the deadline to submit applications for block party permits and park venue bookings?

The City of Calgary requires applications to be submitted three week in advance of Neighbour Day.

Why does The City need applications to be submitted by May 29?

The City must review and approve all applications individually.

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If you are organizing a Neighbour Day event in a City Park or greenspace, please visit Park venue bookings for more information.

For more information about hosting a block party, visit this page in the spring to download the 2016 Neighbour Day Event Planning Kit.

PATHWAY & RIVER CLEANUP

The City of Calgary organizes a Pathway and River Cleanup on the first Sunday in May. During the cleanup, thousands of registered volunteers help remove litter in Calgary's parks and along our city's pathways and river banks.



Last year, more than 2,900 volunteers collected over 4,000 kilograms of garbage.

49TH ANNUAL PATHWAY & RIVER CLEANUP SUNDAY, MAY 1 9 AM - NOON

Volunteer registration is now open.

EVENT INFORMATION

Prior to the event, volunteers are divided into groups, each with its own leader and designated area. During the cleanup, volunteers remove the litter within their group's assigned location. The litter is collected in bags and placed beside pathways or City park garbage bins. Staff volunteers pick up the bags and transport them to one of three designated sites where they are properly disposed of by Waste & Recycling Services.

The majority of the garbage bags are collected on the day of the event. Any remaining bags are picked up the following week. If you notice any garbage bags that have not been picked up, please contact 311.

If you are interested in organizing a separate community cleanup for Elbow Park please contact ERPA President Paul Bryden at president@elbowpark.com.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT REFUGEES?

In October 2015, our Federal Government responded to crisis overseas and made a commitment to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of March 2016. Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), an organization who has been involved in refugee resettlement for over 30 years, is a community leader with a mission to "...work in partnership with the community to help immigrants and refugees settle and become contributing members of Canadian society".

Thus, they have created a helpful and interactive website, www.srcacalgary.ca where you can find information on how to volunteer, donate or simply catch up on related news. If you are interested or just want to find out more check out the website or call 211 and help support settlement and integration of our new neighbours!

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Parks Calgary will be doing a large amount of pruning in the area below the pathway up to Earl Grey and behind The Glencoe Club this year. The caragana will be pruned back to ground level this year in order to allow for rejuvenation. Please be advised that they are not being removed - just refreshed. This should open up sight lines, and the folks at Parks have committed to doing a litter pick up at the same time.



READYCALGARY 2016

READYCALGARY is a FREE community preparedness program developed by the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) for the citizens of Calgary. It has been designed to inform, educate and build resiliency to the impacts of emergencies and disasters. Visit Calgary.ca/READYCALGARY for more information or to register today!

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This course, delivered in a workshop setting facilitated by CEMA, has been purposefully designed to reflect the diverse needs of its participants by dividing course material into two distinct sections:

SECTION 1

Covers the fundamentals of emergency management (preparedness, response and re-recovery) particularly significant for individuals and families. As personal preparedness education and awareness is applicable to all, Section 1 is the foundation of this program.

SECTION 2

Further develops on the material in Section 1 to reflect the needs and requirements of a whole community. This section is for individuals interested in further contributing to their neighbourhood and community.

2016 SESSION DATES

- Program and registration details, as well as online versions of course materials, can be found at Calgary.ca/READYCALGARY
- The registration process is available online via 311 or email your preferred dates to CEMATrain-ing@calgary.ca
- Participants must register for both Section 1 and Section 2 to complete the full program. Section 1 must be completed before Section 2, but participants may register for any available sections at their convenience (Sections do not need to be taken in the same month).
- Note that the registration deadline is 7 days prior to the session of choice.

Section 1: April 6 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: April 20 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: September 15 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: September 22 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: October 4 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: October 18 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

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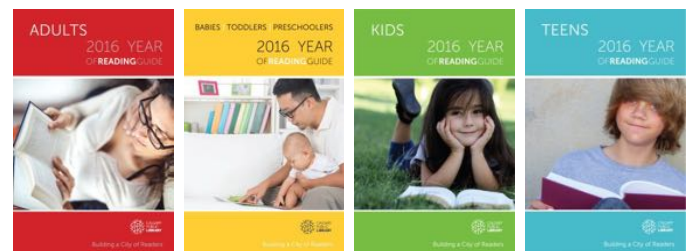
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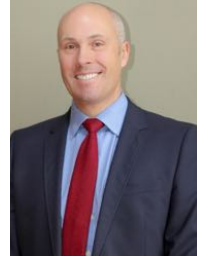
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GREG CLARK, MLA CALGARY-ELBOW

As the third anniversary of the 2013 flood approaches we face another springtime without significant upstream flood protection. Unfortunately, even if the Springbank project moves ahead quickly the best case scenario means the project won't be complete until the 2019 flood season, and by the time you read this we should know whether or not the project is on track.

I'm frustrated by the delays and I want you to know that I'm pushing as hard as I can to ensure the Springbank off-stream diversion project is completed on time. As I write this the government has not yet been granted land access to start the Environmental Impact Assessment. This year-long process is the next step on the path to completing the project, and if it doesn't start before the end of winter the project will almost certainly be delayed another year. You have my commitment to continue pressing the government to build this project as quickly as possible, and you can lend your voice by sending the Minister responsible for the construction of Springbank an email at transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca.



Also, the process of demolishing the 17 homes purchased by the province in the floodway buyout program has started. I joined the Minister of Municipal Affairs on January 29th for a community consultation on what to do with the properties. You can read the event summary here: <http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/January-29-Land-Use-Information-Session-Summary-Report.pdf>.

Demolition is scheduled to start in mid-March and will be completed by September. Based on what I heard in the consultation session I will work with the government to ensure the properties are secured and well-maintained. Like most of you I would have preferred to see at least some of these homes salvaged, and I agree with the many people who have asked the government to put the properties back on the market to make our communities whole again and recover some of the money spent on the initial buyouts.

As we wait for mitigation and watch homes in our community come down, many of us will see our stress levels go up. In difficult times it's important to know that help is out there. When talking with friends or family isn't enough, the following mental wellness resources are available.

BUDGET 2016

The provincial budget will be released in early April and I'll be keeping a close eye on how the government addresses the most serious economic downturn in a generation. The NDs have some tough choices to make and I will again release my own budget to show you how I would address these challenges. I will focus on job creation and support for the energy industry, while ensuring high-quality front line services are maintained while keeping the deficit to a minimum. We will also lay out our plan to purposefully diversify Alberta's economy by building on our strengths in energy, agriculture, logistics and technology.

STAYING CONNECTED

We have a new website! Visit us at www.calgaryelbow.ca to stay up to date on what's going on at the Alberta Legislature, to get in touch with my office and to sign up for our electronic newsletter.

EVAN WOOLLEY WARD 8

LET'S STEP FORWARD TOWARDS A SAFER AND MORE ACTIVE CITY

Everyone is a pedestrian at some point in their day. Whether you're out with your dog, grabbing a coffee with friends, or parking your car and heading into work. Investing in pedestrian networks not only makes our communities more walkable, but the ripple effect reaches local businesses and strengthens the social fabric of our neighbourhoods. I'm proud of the strong history of walking that is designed into many of our Ward's older communities. For example, Sunalta's narrow tree-lined streets with homes that face the sidewalk, Mission's short blocks that offer multiple route choices and connectivity to river pathways, or Wildwoods' parks that connect to the Bow River's paths. That being said, every neighbourhood has that intersection no one likes crossing, or that street you'd rather bypass on your way home. I believe everyone deserves to feel safe and comfortable as they walk anywhere in this city.

My passion for making Calgary an Active City will require us to make a fundamental change that recognizes walking as a valued mode of transportation. For that reason, I'm hopeful for Council's upcoming pedestrian strategy, Step Forward. Focused on "improving pedestrian safety, reducing pedestrian-vehicle collisions, providing universal accessibility, and, promoting walking as a viable part of Calgary's multi-modal transportation system", Step Forward's first order of business is simple: make walking safer. Recommendations like reducing the speed limit to 40km/hr on residential roads, expanding the safe and active routes to schools programs and building more Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for cross-walks improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

Our city's population is projected to grow by 30,000 per year, over the next five years. There's no doubt that this growth will impact traffic volumes. While driving will always play a role in our lives, building and improving pedestrian infrastructure will serve all Calgarians. Ultimately, whether behind the wheel or on foot, the goal is to make everyone's experience better.

Growing up in Ward 8 has given me the time to explore the unique aspects of each neighbourhood, as well as see where we can do better. Continuing down the path of creating a better Calgary is going to take constant work and an open mind, and I feel that this strategy is another step toward making Calgary even better.

SPRING CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Our unseasonably warm winter almost made me forget that spring is on our doorstep. Aside from being able to start barbeque season early, the warm weather meant the City saved \$1 million in our Snow and Ice Control budget and that our Roads crews have been able to get a jump start on much needed road repairs. Now, with spring actually here, I am excited to see our parks turn green and to see our roads and sidewalks cleaned up for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The City's Roads Department have launched a brand new fast-tracked program this year that targets sweeping to be completed by June 1st. With June being our city's rainiest month, we can reduce the impact on our environment and our waste water treatment facilities by removing all the salt, sanding materials and debris that accumulates during the winter months before it's swept into our storm water systems. Residential sweeping will be done 7 days/week this year, up from the previous 4 days/week, and major roads and commercial/industrial roads being done during the night (Monday – Thursday). With sweeping starting two weeks earlier, all of us will be able to enjoy more of our great summer months with safe and clean streets.

Spring Clean-up helps keep our city beautiful and makes for a safer commute for everyone. Make sure you're doing your part by watching for the "No Parking" signs and by moving your vehicles as well as your blue, black and green bins. Keeping our city clean is a collaborative effort and it takes everyone's help. For up to the minute information and status updates on roadways and to find out when sweeping is scheduled for your community, visit calgary.ca/sweep.

BRIAN PINCOTT WARD 11

My team and I are being asked where the City is in the process of creating a SW Transitway. While we have worked to clarify some of the misinformation in the community before, we hope the questions and answers below will help address further questions and outline the upcoming project path.

Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

The SW Transitway will be proceeding. Council voted unanimously for the idea in 2011, and now the transportation project team at The City is working on the detailed design phase while addressing questions they have heard. As this project has been approved by City Council all final decisions will be made by the Project Team and their colleagues.

Does the City care what I think?

While the project is going ahead, the details are still being worked out. For example, the initial options for the last station on the line (in Woodbine) were not well received by the community. There were legitimate concerns about access, impact on local traffic, and layout within the neighbourhood. The Project Team listened and worked with their planning partners to provide other options. Some concerns were also raised about the BRT being in regular traffic across the Glenmore Causeway. The Project Team asked Stantec to analyse the possibility of shoulder lanes there, and it was found that this would be possible heading east, and partially possible headed west. Another area specifically being looked at based on resident feedback is the station location at Rockyview Hospital. The project team is working hard to connect with communities to work together on the detailed design phase and implementation of the SW Transitway.

Why was there a second report?

The initial functional study (2010) for the project was intended to assess transportation needs in the SW and see if the SW Transitway idea was even possible. In 2011, Council was told that it was indeed possible (there was enough space within the existing roads), and given a budget estimate. In September 2015, funding for the project became available through the Government of Alberta's Green TRIPS program. Now that funding is secured, the Project Team is working on the actual execution of the project. The second functional study report by Stantec, which was released on January 27 2016, reviewed the work done in 2010 and added greater detail to the plans.

When can I see the options for other stations and proposed intersections?

The City will be holding public sessions to discuss the new, more detailed, engineering report and receive final feedback from citizens on:

- Wednesday, March 23 from 5-8 pm
Clearwater Academy, 2521 Dieppe Ave SW

The team is working on a couple additional dates

Will the 14th street dog park be removed?

No. There is no park space being removed.

Why not wait for the Ring Road?

While the Ring Road is expected to alleviate some of the traffic issues on 14th street, Glenmore, and Crowchild, it does not address the needs of all. The Ring Road is a provincial highway that is intended to bypass communities and as such does not work for transit. The SW Transitway is very specifically about improving transit for SW communities and increasing transportation options to move people through the city. The two projects, while complementary to one another, address different needs and serve different users.

I keep seeing TOD. What is a TOD?

TOD stands for Transit Oriented Development. It is an urban planning term that means the placement of buildings, walkways, and houses within a community take into consideration the ability of residents and visitors to access transit. This typically means greater density development in the area immediately beside these stations. The goal with TOD is to remove the need to use a private vehicle to connect to transit.

Will the City be doing TOD at the SW Transitway bus stations?

No. The City's TOD policy refers only to the development of City owned land surrounding LRT stations, or at BRT stations where an LRT is planned to be in the future. The SW Transitway is NOT planned as a precursor to an LRT line. The City will not be applying its TOD policy to these stations, nor does the City own large tracts of land in the area.

So, there won't be any densification?

Densification is likely to happen over time at some points, and guaranteed to happen at others. Private landowners can apply TOD principles if they choose to. Some of these landowners are trying to work with the City to make sure their plans will work with the installation of the BRT, not against it. That being said, only one developer has submitted plans to the City for review as of Feb. 1st (for Currie Barracks). To keep an eye on developments in the area, please visit <https://developmentmap.calgary.ca>.

Brian brought a Notice of Motion to Council last year, regarding Glenmore Landing. What was that all about?

Glenmore Landing sits on privately owned land. While the landowner, Rio-Can, has not submitted any redevelopment applications to the City as of February 1, 2016, they have made it clear that they intend to do so in the future. Brian's Notice of Motion directed the City to work with the landowner as much as possible to avoid excessive construction disruption to the community and enable smart planning decisions to be made by both parties. The Notice of Motion can be found on the Ward 11 website.

If you would like more information, please see www.calgary.ca/swtransitway, and remember to sign up to receive updates from your Ward 11 office at www.calgary.ca/ward11.

“We All Live Downstream: Part 1 - Stormwater Runoff and the Lower Elbow River”

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

When it rains or when snow melts, water not absorbed into the ground runs across the land often flowing into the nearest stream, creek, river, lake or ocean.

As urbanization and development occur the amount of permeable land cover decreases and the flow of stormwater across the land increases.

The problem with stormwater is that as it travels across the landscape it picks up pollutants along the way. These pollutants can include: fertilizers, pesticides, oil soap, sediment, wildlife and pet waste, grass clippings, leaves and salt. If there are enough pollutants (quantity and concentration) entering a waterbody, water quality is effected which in turn affects the health of terrestrial wildlife, aquatic life and recreational users.

High stormwater flows also contribute to erosion, flooding and drought. As an example a parking lot under a 25mm rain event will shed 16 times the amount of water as a meadow. In addition, stormwater from hard surface areas flow into receiving waterbodies at a faster rate and with more energy not allowing time for absorption and recharging of groundwater and contributing to erosion.

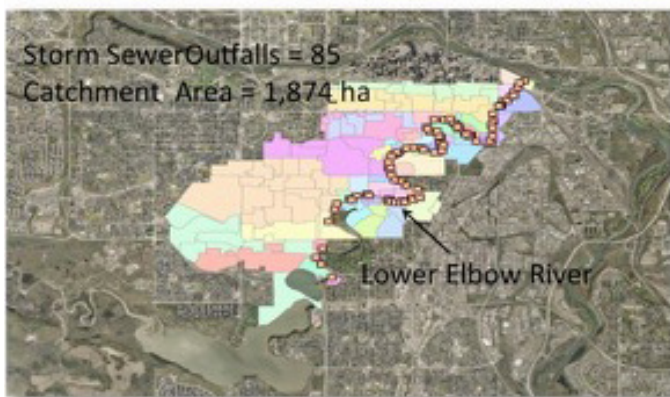
In established areas, developed before the 1980's in Calgary, all catch basins directed runoff to rivers and creeks without prior treatment. If stormwater infrastructure has not been considered in the pre-development stage conventional stormwater treatment is often difficult to achieve as space is limited and retrofits are generally expensive. Here, is where it hits home on the Elbow.

From the base of the Glenmore Dam to the confluence of the Bow River there are 85 storm sewer outfalls dumping untreated stormwater into the Lower Elbow River. That is a lot of outfalls for such a small river. The sewers or catch basins drain a catchment area of 1,874 hectares (4,630 acres) located mostly on the west side of the Lower Elbow River. And yes, this untreated stormwater does affect water quality, flooding and erosion in the Lower Elbow River.

Stay tuned for Part II of “We All Live Downstream,” next month. In the meantime have a look at the catch basins in your neighbourhood and imagine all that “stuff” ending up in the Lower Elbow River!

- Robin McLeod

Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary. To join our stewardship network email us at S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com. Follow us on facebook.com/S2Gplus



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ELBOW PARK SCHOOL

Construction continues on our new building, scheduled to open January 2017. The foundation is almost complete and steel is set to arrive late March, early April. Designs are available for viewing at the school and on-going information about progress can be found at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>.

Students have been involved in a body percussion residency with Tasha Lawson of Tri-tone Productions. Each class will have six sessions with Tasha and her team! Body percussion combines creative movement with sound: rhythm, instruments and/or music. Student work has been related to the on-going work/curriculum of each grade team. An informal sharing of student work will take place Monday, March 14, 2016 at 2:00 in the gym.

Thanks to students in grade 3/4 for their leadership in encouraging us to celebrate Pink Shirt Day on February 24!

Our students are working together to practice kindness and promote healthy relationships in their classrooms and communities.

Our work understanding and transforming our library to a learning commons continues! The library as learning commons functions as the hub of the school, the place where teachers and students collaborate, a place to experiment, practice, celebrate, learn, work and play. The learning commons is a flexible and adaptable space that changes based on the needs of the users. Think of it as a shift from the dining room where food (knowledge) is passively consumed to the kitchen where knowledge is created (and is sometimes messy)!

Materials and resources (including books) are made available for exploration and specific tasks and the necessary supplies are provided on a rotating basis. These tasks are all related to curricular outcomes; students display their work and thinking and encourage others to further develop or build on existing ideas. Currently, one task is to read a related text and to design your dream home.

As we get closer to moving to our permanent location, we are looking forward to the opening of our new learning commons and extending our learning. For more information regarding the evolution of a learning commons visit: <http://aslc.ca/blog/library-2.0-a-journey-of-metamorphosis>



WILLIAM REID SCHOOL NEWS

It is a joy walking into classrooms and seeing students from Kindergarten to Grade Four demonstrating their learning, in French. Students in French Immersion learn to converse, read and write their knowledge of subject disciplines (math, science, social studies, etc.) in their second language. They develop an appreciation for diversity and culture as was demonstrated during our special Carnival celebration. We are also fortunate to work with many artists and experts over the course of the year. This month we are working with Mat Mailandt, an improve artist and First Serve Tennis. William Reid is definitely a dynamic learning community!



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We look forward to your continued support in our 2015/2016 campaign.

Rhonda Fulton, Membership

FAMILY/SPORTS \$40

Family use of sports facilities including hockey, skating, tennis, basketball, etc. In addition to community projects and maintenance and enhancement of local area parks and buildings

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