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*“Thank you to
The Glencoe Club
for publishing the
Elbow Park
Gazette!”*

President's Message



The New Year is upon us and brings hope for a future where we can once again gather as a community. We are hopeful that we will be gathered in the Clubhouse for Happy Hour or in front of the screen in the park this year once again! Fingers crossed.

In the meantime, the Clubhouse remains closed, our renters are turned away and instead, we are focusing our attention on ensuring our residents are able to enjoy our facilities outside at the park.

The EPRA park is abuzz. The ice rinks that the volunteers have been flooding and maintaining are in better shape than they have been in years and thanks to their dedication residents are able to safely take part in outdoor fun.

Our basketball court is even seeing some action, thanks to the volunteers who have shovelled off an area. It's fun to see people shooting hoops next to the skaters on the ice.

Our Kennel Club continues to meet at the Park, safely distanced, and welcomes other EPRA members to join them from 9-10 am when our park is designated "off leash".

Development in Elbow Park is keeping the EPRA Board and Development Committee busy. We continue to work diligently on all of the issues arising from new development including upholding the Restrictive Covenants that exist on many properties in Elbow Park. Keep reading for more details on all of the activity.

Membership in EPRA now has even more perks. Our new Loyalty Program is launched and provides members with discounts and promotions for local businesses. Don't forget that January is membership renewal time! If you renew before the end of February, your name will be entered into a draw. Simply go to our website elbowpark.com for more info.

Our Park Enhancement Project which started with the new Containers in the park is progressing well. Thanks to a grant we received from the Province, we hope to start construction of a building to hold our hockey, tennis and Clubhouse equipment in the Spring. We need your help to match the funds of the grant and hope you will consider a donation. We will also plan a virtual fundraising event and will notify the community as soon as possible of a date so that we can connect and raise money to "Raise the Roof".

Block Captains are getting more organized and we are hopeful that you know who your block captain is. If not, let us know at safety@elbowpark.com. Amy can connect you or let you know if there is simply a vacancy in the position.

Flood Mitigation from the Springbank Reservoir project is hopefully on the horizon thanks to the efforts of Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) who have been lobbying on our behalf. If you don't get their newsletter you may want to subscribe at protectcalgary.com. They have recently been coordinating residents to write letters relating their flood stories. Thanks to our residents who have participated.

Our History and Heritage section is now up on our website at elbowpark.com. It was fun to have Tracey, our History & Heritage Director, provide a great presentation at the virtual AGM held in November. We have amazing history and heritage buildings in Elbow Park and they add to the character of our neighbourhood that EPRA is dedicated to protecting.

Restrictive Covenants on many properties in Elbow Park will be upheld as one method of protection. EPRA will also provide opposition to development permits, subdivisions or redesignations (rezoning) that pose a threat to the neighbourhood character. Work is being completed on revising the Elbow Park Charter (2005), reviewing the implications of the Guidebook and submitting appeals when needed. Please register for the virtual Town Hall meeting to be held on Thursday, February 28 at 7 pm online at elbowpark.com.

Volunteering is a great way to feel connected to the community and to feel a sense of pride by giving back. We are currently looking for an Event Director and need members to sit on the Event Committee. . There are also small, one time jobs that are available if you want to give back, but want to have clear time limits. If you are interested please contact president@elbowpark.com

Welcome to Dave Newby, our new Treasurer and to **Lindie Serrurier**, our new Clubhouse Director who were newly elected at the AGM and thank you, for re-electing me and the other Directors. The Board of 12 dedicated Directors, each with a designated Portfolio, will make for another great year.

Connecting with others is so very important, especially in these trying times. One of the reasons I took on this job was to attempt to tackle loneliness, isolation and encourage openness around mental health. The job doesn't allow enough time to focus on this, however, I want you to know that if you feel isolated, lonely and/or would just like to have someone call you on a regular basis for a chat, please reach out. There are many people within the community who would love to have the opportunity to make a phone call and connect with a new neighbour. I hope you will feel safe in reaching out to me at president@elbowpark.com for a chat with me and/or to be connected with a volunteer.

Best wishes,
Jane Virtue



Elbow Park:

Kicking it Old School

On October 2, 2020, the Heritage Calgary board approved one Elbow Park Home to be added to the inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, and a second to be re-evaluated and re-designated:



GEORGE A. TURNER RESIDENCE (1912)
3210 6 ST SW, Elbow Park

Evaluated as a Community Historic Resource (CHR)

The George A. Turner Residence, built in 1912, represents the early development of Elbow Park—one of Calgary's earliest planned suburbs—during its first wave of building from c.1911 to WWI. The house continues to contribute to a streetscape of similar-sized houses in compatible styles, many dating from the same historical era. (Symbolic Value, Community-wide Significance)

The residence exemplifies the housing constructed by speculative builders in Elbow Park to serve the Calgary's burgeoning middle class during the city's pre-World War I population boom. It is a good representative of the substantial homes built in the neighbourhood for upper-middle-class residents. (Symbolic Value, Community-wide Significance)

AGT ELBOW PARK

Peter Rule (1928; 1951)

3604 7A ST SW, Elbow Park

Re-Evaluated as a City Wide Historic Resource (CWHR)

The AGT Elbow Park (Peter Rule) Telephone Exchange, (1928, extended 1951) represents the ongoing development of Elbow Park, specifically its second wave of growth in the 1920s as Calgary surged as a center for oil-related businesses following strikes in the Turner Valley. (Symbolic Value, Community-wide Significance)

This Alberta Government Telephones (AGT) exchange was needed to serve Elbow Park's rising population the 1920s, replacing one built in 1910. AGT started in 1906 by building lines and buying independent telephone systems (notably Bell in 1908) to create a province-wide public utility that would reach rural areas. (Institution Value, Community-wide Significance)

Like other AGT exchanges, this purpose-built structure employed double-wall brick-and-concrete construction to maintain a controlled environment for the sensitive equipment. (Construction Value, Community-wide Significance)

This building was designed to resemble a house, an AGT policy in the 1920s. This was the only one of that type built in Calgary, and one of the most elaborate designs. (Design Value, City-wide Significance)

This building is in the English Arts & Crafts (aka English Domestic Revival, English Cottage) style. An Arts & Crafts building so directly influenced by English precedents is rare in Calgary. (Style Value, City-wide Significance)

The clinker-brick facing of this building is rare in Calgary. Along with being cheaper than standard bricks, these irregular "seconds" would have suited the Arts and Crafts taste for a rustic look. (Design Value, Community-wide Significance)

(Source: www.heritagecalgary.ca)



... AND IN OTHER

Real Estate News

Someone was renovating their house in Hanna, Alberta and found this undated newspaper clipping!



An Approximate Translation:

Elbow Park

2 nice lots facing South in Block 5. Price \$1200 for the pair.

Lots 15-50 in Block 11 on sewer and water. Price \$6000.

4 lots facing East in Block 32. Price \$475 each.

This could be your ad!

\$75 1/4 page

\$150 1/2 page

\$300 full page

If you would like to
advertise in the
Elbow Park Gazette, contact
manager@elbowpark.com.

Christ Church's Bells

Source: the excellent church website at <https://www.christchurchcalgary.org/>

"Christ Church dates to 1913 and originally there was just a single bell. It came to us after ringing in St. Michael and All Angels Church (Holy Cross). That bell is now hanging at St Michael and All Angels, Canmore.

The vision of the octave of change ringing bells dates to the building of the bell tower, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1954 by Michael Ramsay, the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the early 1950, a group of parishioners, lead by Judge E. Tavender, purchased bells for the church. The bells were designed and tuned by Gillett and Johnston of Croyden, Surrey England. The three tenors were cast at the Surrey foundry and the five trebles at John Taylor of Loughborough. They hang in a conventional steel "A" frame in the upper chamber. Originally they were fitted with an Ellacombe chiming apparatus, which is now disconnected.

After a long wait, a longer voyage, and time installing the bells, they were ready to be rung. The eight bells in the tower are hung for a type of bell ringing called change ringing, an ancient English art based on mathematics. Each bell has a wheel with a rope and swings in just-over a full circle so minute changes can be made to the speed of the swinging.

"Change-Ringing" is a rare and wonderful art: these are the only bells of their kind in the province: in fact, the only octave of bells of their kind between Ontario and British Columbia. The bells are part of the regular music of the parish, calling the community to worship, reminding the community that the parish church prays for the well-being of everyone - member or not - in the community, and that the church works faithfully to give thanks to God for over 100 years of the privilege of serving in Christ's name.

The ringers rehearse on Friday evenings, and the bells are rung Sundays for a half hour before the 10:30 Eucharist, as well as at special services and occasions such as weddings, and are part of the musical crowning of high feasts such as Easter, Christmas and literally ringing in each New Year."

May the bells' songs sound throughout our neighbourhood soon.



Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

(with thanks and apologies to The Five Man Electrical Band, 1971)

Have you noticed the plethora of signs on our community buildings, yards, and roadways? From shout-outs to health-care providers to protectors of public health, from reminders to keep canine companions off the ice to notices of on-line worship, from defenses of our parks to support of the CBC, such signs are now part of our local scenery. There is a series of signs traversing 38th Avenue from Elbow Park School up to 12th St SW that warrant special attention. One, because they are the outcome of an initiative undertaken by residents who were concerned about the traffic speeds along that avenue. They organised themselves, petitioned the city for a traffic survey, and, lo and behold, discovered from said survey that the majority of speeders were actually from the neighbourhood! Two, this determined group contacted City Hall and procured the signs that offer the cautionary message to those who do and do not reside here to drive safely. Kudos to this group of dedicated association members for their efforts to remind us to pay attention and SLOW DOWN.



Caveats and Restrictive Covenants

by Hugoline Morin, EPRA Caveat Sub-Committee

Did you know many properties in Elbow Park have caveats or restrictive covenants on title which prohibit more than one house being built on one lot, restrict the number garages and often prescribe setbacks from the street?

It's true. When Elbow Park was developed, the developers put these restrictive covenants (RC) or caveats containing restrictive covenants on many Elbow Park titles to ensure a consistent building scheme and to protect the character of Elbow Park. Many inner city neighbourhoods in addition to Elbow Park, have similar restrictive covenants, such as Mayfair, Britannia, Bel-Aire, University Heights and Briar Hill.

Do I have a restrictive covenant or caveat?

If you want to find out if you have an RC or Caveat on your title, the best way is to pull your land title. You can do so at a registry or online at: <https://alta.registries.gov.ab.ca/spinii/logon.aspx>. Elbow Park is also planning to post copies of the restrictive covenants it has been provided with on the EPRA website.

So how do these restrictive covenants work?

Restrictive Covenants are essentially contracts between the property owners to abide by those restrictions set out in the covenant. Any property with a restrictive covenant registered on its title can enforce it against any other property with the same restrictive covenant. You do not need to be an immediate neighbour or even live on the same street to enforce a restrictive covenant. You simply have to have the same restrictive covenant registered on your title. A restrictive covenant can only be enforced through the courts.

Why does this matter?

There are currently and have been several applications to subdivide certain lots, relax setbacks and re-zone away from RC1 in Elbow Park in violation of the restrictive covenants. Because the covenants are contracts between the property owners, and not a municipal law or bylaw, the City of Calgary is ambivalent about them and often approves zoning changes, subdivisions and development permits that violate the covenants.

Many neighbours wish to preserve the character of Elbow Park and are endeavouring to ensure that future developments in Elbow Park comply with the terms of the restrictive covenants. This requires getting the word out to neighbours, real estate agents and developers that these restrictions exist and must be complied with. If and when a developer refuses to comply, a court application may be necessary. This has been done in other communities, including Britannia, and there are a few ongoing restrictive covenants enforcement actions on-going in Elbow Park today.

Enforcement/Relaxations/Removals etc.

It is important to note that if these restrictions are too often ignored, relaxed or waived, that their legal strength is diminished. Some of you may already have been approached to consent to relax or remove caveats or restrictive covenants on a neighbouring property. Although it may seem harmless, please consider very carefully before discharging your rights.

Elbow Park Caveat Sub-Committee

In light of the upswing in development activity in Elbow Park, EPRA has recently sanctioned the creation of a sub-committee which is tasked with ensuring the restrictive covenants and caveats in Elbow Park are complied with. This is a brand new committee which would welcome any suggestions and input. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Hugoline at caveats@elbowpark.com



Development Committee

UPDATES: By Margo Coppus & Lisa Poole, Development Committee

CONCERNS ABOUT THE GUIDEBOOK CONTINUE

We are very concerned about the potential impact of the changes proposed in “The Guidebook for Great Communities” which could allow: row housing, semi-detached homes, duplexes.

The results of our recent survey indicate that Elbow Park residents are strongly opposed to row housing, semi-detached, duplexes, multi-residential and mixed-use buildings anywhere in the community.

At the moment the Elbow Park Development Committee is reviewing the Guidebook and is in discussion with other communities to understand better how it will impact Elbow Park. Stay tuned for further information.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 3

Guidebook presented to Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development (PUD) for recommendation

March 22

Guidebook presented at a public hearing at the Combined Meeting of Council

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.calgary.ca/guidebook

www.engage.calgary.ca

REVISING THE OLD ELBOW PARK CHARTER

Over the past month the EPRA Development Committee has been working hard to come up with an updated version of the Charter, now renamed: EPRA Development Guidelines. As soon as the draft is approved by the Board, we will have it available on our website for you to review and provide feedback. Stay Tuned.

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT PERMIT/REZONING/ SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS LOC2020-0140 3233 Elbow Drive

An application to Rezone a property on Elbow Drive is still under review. EPRA held a meeting with residents and the applicants and many people were opposed. The majority of residents do not want any properties in Elbow Park to be rezoned to RCNarrow. Residents feel that rezoning will set a precedent and “once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it can’t be put back again”. EPRA will continue to oppose Rezoning applications in order to preserve the character of the neighbourhood.

DP2020-1389

EPRA was successful in the appeal against approval of a DP for a single family home to be located on one half of the 78 foot wide property located at 313 40 Ave SW. Locating a home on one half of the property and leaving the other half untouched negatively impacts the streetscape and unnecessarily impacts privacy of the home next door.

SB2020-0251 322 Elbow Park Lane

A subdivision request for this river front property with a heritage home has been withdrawn by the applicant after several letters in opposition were sent to the City by residents and EPRA. EPRA will continue to oppose subdivisions that negatively impact heritage homes and our historical Streets.

DP2020-7607 1209 Council Way

Application for a large single family home. Still under Review.

TOWN HALL MEETING RE: DEVELOPMENT IN ELBOW PARK

You are invited to a Town Hall meeting to discuss the Guidebook for Great Communities, the new EPRA Development Guidelines, the EPRA Development Survey and other Development issues in our community.

Thursday, February 25, at 7 pm via Zoom

Register at elbowpark.com and the Zoom link will be sent to you by email. Contact development@elbowpark.com if you are unable to register online.

LOCAL LORE:

The Battle of Elbow Park

Curated by

Tracey J. Johnson,
EPRA Director of History

In 1871, an American adventurer from Montana named Fred Kanouse established a satellite trading post of Fort Whoop-up somewhere along the Elbow River, likely in Elbow Park. Kanouse came to the Elbow to trade whisky with the Indigenous people. The post was a small log and sod fort that conducted a brisk trade in buffalo robes in exchange for whisky. Traders could be exploitive and violence often accompanied the traffic. Soon after opening the post the traders instigated a fight with a band of warriors of the Blood tribe. In the ensuing gun battle one trader and the Blood leader, White Eagle, were killed, while Kanouse himself was wounded. Kanouse and his party held out for several days until relieved by more traders, and the “battle of Elbow Park” ended. The Elbow fort was taken over by another Montana trader, D.W. Davis, for two years after Kanouse returned to Montana in the spring of 1872. The arrival of the North West Mounted Police in 1875 put an end to the trading post, and it soon disappeared. To find out more about Elbow Park history, check out our website at <https://elbowpark.com/History/>



EPRA Membership

Many residents believe they are members of Elbow Park Residents Association; however, when they check the database it turns out they are not. Please go online to elbowpark.com for online registration OR use this membership form below and mail or drop it off to 800 34 Avenue SW T2T 2A3, make cheques payable to EPRA.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Block Captains
- Direct link to Police Constable
- Maintenance of Clubhouse and EPRA Park
- Kennel Club
- Loyalty Program
- Good Neighbour Program
- Monitoring of Development
- Clubhouse Rental Discount
- Park Enhancement Project
- Voting Privileges at AGM
- Digital Newsletters & Gazette
- New Residents First Year Free

MEMBERSHIPS

Name(s) _____

(Please include full names of both partners if applicable.)

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Children's Names and ages: _____

EPRA MEMBERSHIP (check applicable):

Household Membership ☐ 1 Year \$40 ☐ 2 Year \$80 ☐ 3 Year \$120 \$ _____

☐ Additional Donation \$ _____ (tax receipt will be sent) \$ _____

Do you want to be recognized for the Donation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name to be used for recognition: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

NEW TO ELBOW PARK? FIRST YEAR IS FREE

Welcome to our neighbourhood. Contact Don at membership@elbowpark.com to activate your free membership.

EPRA Members Get Perks!

Did you know EPRA members are eligible for discounts and perks at many local businesses? All you have to do is show your virtual membership and you're all set!

Not sure how to access your virtual membership card? Simply login to your account to access it on your phone. If you are having issues please contact fund@elbowpark.com

Check out our list of incredible business partners below:

- **Adrienne Furrie Makeup:** EPRA Members qualify for free home delivery on online orders (no minimum required) and a complimentary professional makeup brush with your first order. To access free delivery, select "local pickup" as your shipping method. Adrienne is a professional makeup artist with her own beauty brand of locally made skin care, and colour cosmetics made in Canada. She also grew up in Elbow Park!
- **Marda Loop Brewing:** EPRA Members will receive 15% off their orders! Enjoy their amazing winterized patio or pick-up some food and drinks for home!
- **Proactive Seniors:** EPRA Members can receive at a complimentary one hour consultation. Proactive Seniors is a professional advisory service connecting seniors and their adult children with support services, resources, programs, education, housing options and dementia caregiver coaching with the mission to help seniors be proactive and to stay safe, healthy and happy. Contact Kathy Mendham at kathy@proactiveseniors.ca or 403-809-1971 to get started.

Would you like your local business to be included in our Loyalty Program? Contact Lindsay at fund@elbowpark.com to receive our information package.

Call for Elbow Park Photos

EPRA is currently updating our Website and we would love to add some of your best photos of Elbow Park to spruce it up.

Photos of Elbow Park people, landscapes, landmarks, homes, parties at the Clubhouse, activities at the park and anything Elbow Park would be a fantastic way to showcase our neighbourhood on the website.

Please email your photos to communication@elbowpark.com

We Need Your Voice Now!

The Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir must get built to protect your home and family from future river flooding. Help make this happen!

Please take the survey on the CRCAG site at linktr.ee/crcactiongroup.

Your answers will help them present much needed evidence to the Natural Resources Conservation Board as to why upstream flood mitigation has to happen NOW!

This is our LAST CHANCE...

Please fill in the survey before February 15.



A COUPLE OF

Missed Gazettes

Due to the closure of the Glencoe Club at the beginning of the pandemic, the printing of the Gazette could not be completed. EPRA wanted to ensure that the message about volunteers available to help residents went out so they had the newsletter published by a private company. Given the expense of the printing and the Glencoe's inability to assist with the cost, a deal was made with the Glencoe to skip two issues of the Gazette. But, we are back on track now and happy that the Glencoe is once again able to print it for this issue and those to follow. Thank you Glencoe.

Rejuvenated Traffic Circle



Thanks to volunteer, Al Berti, the traffic circle located on 7 Street and 32nd Ave received a makeover this past year. Al Berti worked on the traffic circle all Spring and Summer, clearing the horrendous mess of tangled weeds. He then planted the bed with new plants in hopes to spare us next year from a circle of tall weeds. Borrowing water from the adjacent neighbours, he ensured the plants had a good start. A final planting of new foliage again in the Fall completed the project and Al was able to put the bed "to bed" for the winter. I'm confident we will see him out there again this Spring. Give him a wave and a thank you as you pass by!

Volunteer Opportunities

BOARD POSITIONS

Event Director, Landscaping Director

"RAISE THE ROOF" WORKING GROUP

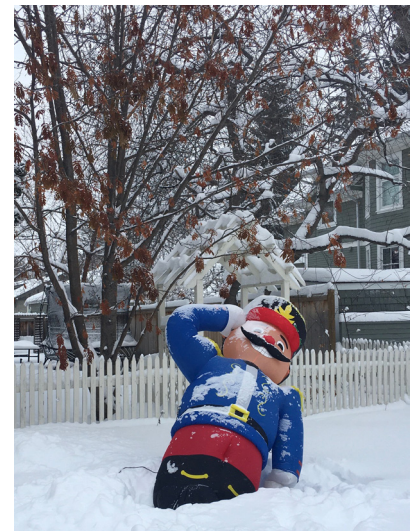
Members needed (to build the storage facility)

EVENT COMMITTEE

Members needed to assist with organizing a virtual fundraiser

**NO CASINO
+
NO RENTALS
=
LIMITED
FUNDS**

**Please consider a
DONATION!**



Our EPRA Park

IS A BLESSING IN THESE TIMES!

Thanks to our incredible Ice Maintenance volunteers we are so pleased that we could provide the Pleasure rink and two full boarded rinks this year. It was touch and go when the contractor was unable to be hired again this year, but, the call for volunteers went out and a group stepped forward. Early mornings and late evenings, cold and wet, these volunteers drag the heavy hose out and flood the rinks. Equipment repairs, garbage pickup, shovelling and snow blowing is all part of their job. And, the ice is the best it's been in years! As a result of the COVID restrictions, the ice is being well used by all. Big and small, novice and expert, figure and hockey, we're seeing it all.

We are grateful to have our park that is leased from the City and managed by EPRA funds. If you've used the rinks this year, please consider helping us by making a donation. Your donation will help to pay for the shovels, nets, boards and equipment repairs. Go to elbowpark.com to donate. A tax receipt will be provided.



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Thank You!

Thank you to Valentine Volvo for the sponsorship of four garbage containers and one recycling container for our park! The Containers are a big upgrade from the old ones and a great start to the Park Improvement Project. We are thrilled to have the Containers installed and a contractor collecting the garbage for us. Our garbage worries are a thing of the past!



NOW OPEN

JAGUAR LAND ROVER ROYAL OAK

7755 110 Avenue, NW Calgary
jaguarlandroverroyaloak.com

Owner, Paul Valentine,
Elbow Park Resident



Contact paul@valentinegroup.com for COVID-safe vehicle pick up and delivery for your service needs.

**VALENTINE
GROUP**

www.valentinegroup.ca

Did You Know That...

The EPRA Board put in over 4,500 hours of volunteer time last year?! Other volunteers added another 1200 hours to that number.

To those of us in the neighbourhood who benefit from the incredible and unpaid work of the Board and its dedicated corps, we say a most hearty thank you.

Wandering Island...

excerpts from wanderingisland.ca

Elbow Island Park, or “Wandering Island”, is located on the Elbow River adjacent to Elbow Drive SW between 26th Ave and Roxboro Road. The Island was reopened to the public and it is now possible for us to go and explore.

The work was done in order to restore fish habitat along the side channel at Elbow Island park and included some flood mitigation, general park improvements and the installation of permanent functional public art.

The staircase leading down to Wandering Island from the Mission bridge is the first of the public art pieces you experience. According to the artists Brown and Garret, as you move down the stairs, materials transition through the language of infrastructure (galvanized steel) to natural woods. These drooping stairs create a rippling underfoot and you become the stone, skipping over water.

As you wander the Island, you will come across three benches that have been created by artist “duos”.

You can sit on *Bridging Worlds* and watch both the river and the city go by; ducks, traffic, pedestrians, beaver, and deer wander past indiscriminately. In this way, the artwork spans the interspace between “city + nature, land + river, public + private, camouflaged + forgotten.”

Or take a seat on *Late Lunch*. Late lunch was created to look like wheelbarrows based on the memory of the artist who would flip the wheelbarrow over in order to have lunch when working with his grandfather doing yardwork. You will have to go a bit farther to find this one, located about a kilometer hike off Mission Bridge, crossing the ephemeral side channel using the rock ford.

Clever, light-hearted, and surprisingly comfortable, in the landscape of Elbow Island Park, Late Lunch is an invitation to consider the active relationship between people and landscapes.



Located at the furthest tip of the Island is the final bench called *Sun Chairs*. These emulate retro, vinyl yard furniture – the kind you might pack for a day at the beach, or unfold on a lazy Summer afternoon. While the Sun Chairs appear to be sitting loose on the tip of the island, they are mounted on buried concrete bases, embedded deep into the ground. The illusion is so convincing that even the engineering team inspecting the final artwork was fooled.

Toward the south of the Island you will find a stepping stone pathway book ended by two large boulders. In creating Ephemeral Perch, Lane Shordee, had chunks carved out of the boulders to provide a perch to rest above the flowing waters. Each boulder faces a different direction, giving viewers two unique experiences. In one direction, the water flows away; in the other water flows towards.

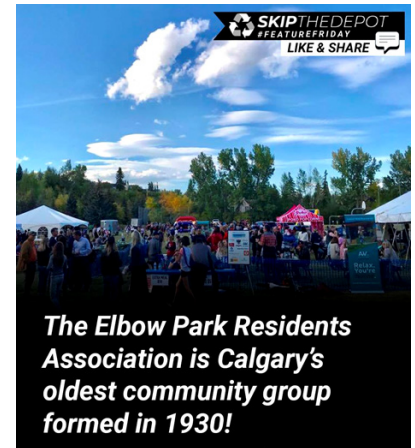
The *Stepping Stones* are based on the idea that water holds memory and, the creator, Kablusiak, imagines the water as a relative you haven't seen in a long time. By personifying the water, he draws attention to the shared histories between humans and water. The Inuvialuktun phrases included in the art piece were translated by his mother when he returned to Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk after being away for almost 20 years.

Wandering Island is a wonderful place to add to your walking route this winter. Grab a neighbour and go take a look!



As Temperatures Rise, Please Stay Off the River Ice

EPRA has had a few messages notifying us of people, including small children, walking and playing out on the ice shelves on the river. This is incredibly dangerous, especially as we continue to have mild weather. Please make sure all members of your household, including caregivers, know the risk and avoid being on the river ice. Stay safe everyone!



Please donate to our charity partner **ELBOW PARK** RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

EPRA was the recognized “Feature Friday” charity for Skip the Depot and got a shout out in November from the company.

If you are not already getting contactless pickup from them, you may consider it.

It's easy,

1. Download their app or call them at 403-476-3677

2. Register

3. Choose Your Charity:
We hope it's EPRA

4. Put your Bags on the Porch

Skip the Depot not only picks up beverage containers, but also old electronics and used clothing.

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/elbowpark>

- ensures the bottles go to the Elbow Park Residents Association!

Park Enhancement Project

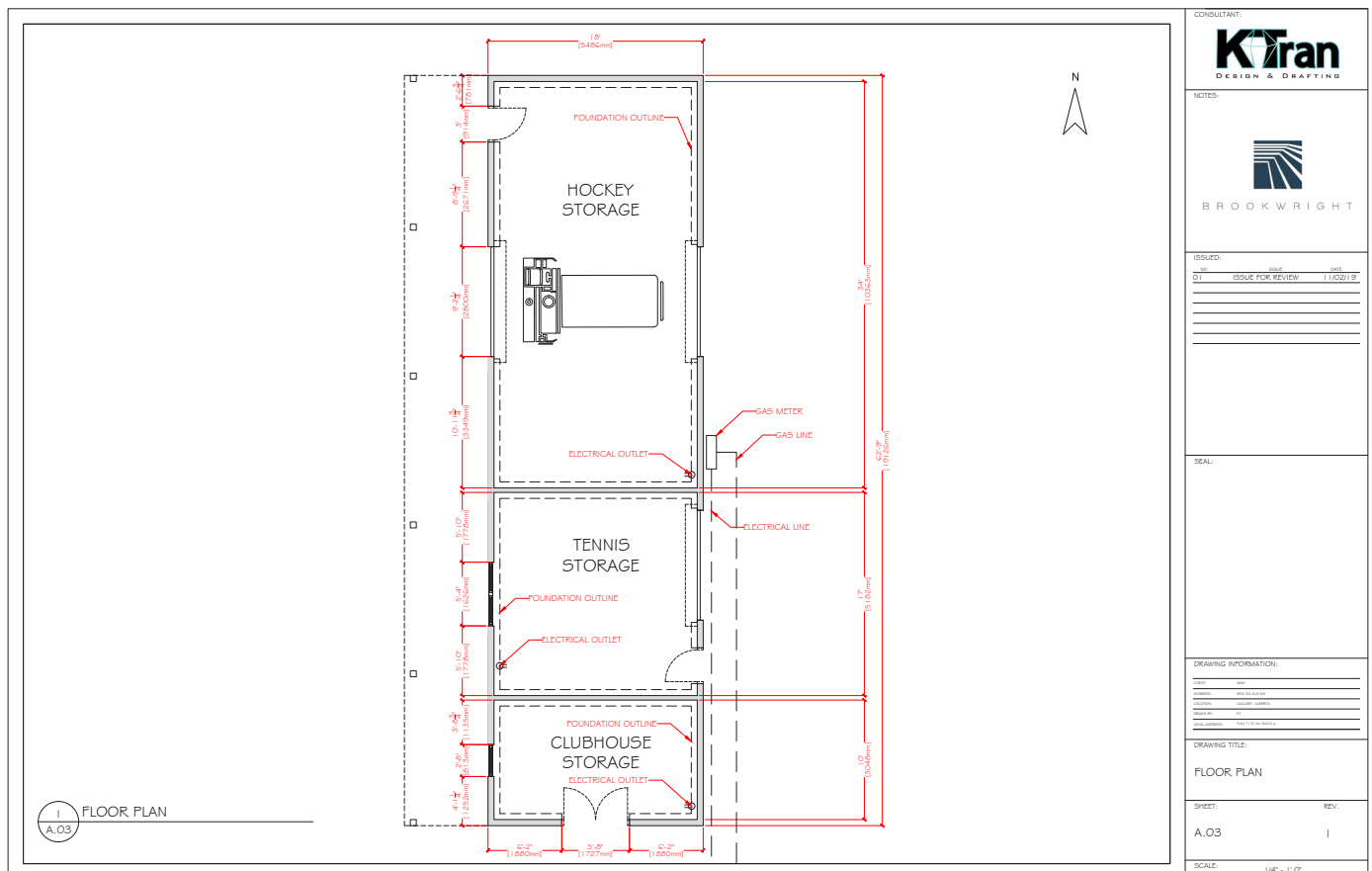
We are excited to tell you that we have secured a matching grant to assist us in our next Park Enhancement Project, a building for the storage of our hockey and tennis programs and extra storage for the Clubhouse. If you are interested in joining the Working Group that will take on this project, please contact Jane at president@elbowpark.com. Thank you to Byron Brooks at Brookwright Developments for donating the plans.

Take a look and let us know what you think of the plans so far. This building will replace the unsightly Sea-cans and broken wooden sheds with a building in the same style as the Clubhouse. It will certainly clean up the park and will be a big improvement.

In order to get the project started, we need some help. We did it before when the Clubhouse was renovated and again, most recently, to build our new basketball courts. Let's rally again for this project. We need to match the grant money in order to spend it. Thanks to two very generous donations from two of our families living in Elbow Park, we have a good start, however, will still need to raise \$50,000!

Visit elbowpark.com to make an online donation or drop a cheque at the Clubhouse. A tax receipt will be provided for any donation made.

Thank you for your support in completing this Park Enhancement Project.



Remember When?



... we could go to the EPRA Clubhouse with our neighbours?

... you could rent the Hall for a Children's Birthday Party?

... we could grab a beer and a bite with neighbours at Chili Night?

... we could carve pumpkins with friends in our Hall?

WE WILL MEET AGAIN INDOORS SOON! IN THE MEANTIME, SEE YOU AT THE PARK!

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TOWN HALL MEETING

We want to know what YOU think

about the potential impact of The Guidebook for Great Communities.

What are your concerns about proposed new zoning that would allow row housing, semi-detached, duplexes and possibly multi-use and multi-unit buildings in Elbow Park?

**Thursday, February 25
at 7 pm via ZOOM**

**Register online at elbowpark.com or send an
email to development@elbowpark.com**