



Happy Holidays

**November
2005**

EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ECCA Newsletter

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While we usually publish five times a year in October, December, February, April and June, this year your itinerant editor was unavailable to do some work. He is now back and we are proud to present the November issue. We thank our advertisers; businesses in the community, who are supporting us and making this newsletter a possibility. As those who attended our AGM in September have already been informed, our membership is down a little from previous years. There is strength in numbers when dealing with the City and developers so we urge you to either buy a membership or better yet get your condo board to purchase a block membership. Our coordinator, Janet MacPhee, would be ever so happy to accept your cheque and membership application.

This is also our opportunity to wish you all the very best for the upcoming Holiday Season. May it be a happy and peaceful time for you as you enjoy the company of the people about whom you care.

ECCA Recipients of the Alberta Centennial Medal

The Alberta Centennial Medal celebrates Alberta's first 100 years by paying tribute to Albertans whose achievements have benefited their community and the province. The commendations were awarded on October 06, 2005 at a special function held at the McDougall Centre on 4th Ave SW. We are proud to report that two well deserving members of the Eau Claire Community have been recognized with this award.



Roger Brundrit, the current president of the Eau Claire Community Association, was one of the many highly deserving individuals selected for this honour. Roger has spent countless hours presenting the concerns of the community to City Hall, providing effective input at meetings, discussing plans with developers with the key goal and objective always being to make Eau Claire a safer, more pleasant place for people to live and work. We thank Roger for his tremendous generosity in volunteering his time and talents.



Ms Carol Potter, together with her husband Bob, founded the Eau Claire Community Association in 1991 and together contributed to the organization's advances until 1995. They started the first newsletter in an effort to inform the then very few residents in Eau Claire of developments occurring in their neighbourhood. Carol has continued to generously and tirelessly contribute her skills and talents to reduce prostitution (initially in Eau Claire and later throughout the city) through her work with the Committee for the Awareness and Action on Prostitution. She is now an advocate helping other communities. Well done Carol !

2005 Annual General Meeting

Many of you attended the AGM which was held on September 13, 2005 at the Shaw Building. We were very pleased with the turnout as this indicates residents are interested in what is happening in their community.

Safety and security remain two important issues for residents. Inspector Peter

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Davidson of the Calgary Police described the rezoning of police areas to balance work loads and police response times in a more equitable way. The community headquarters for our zone will eventually be located at 6th Ave and 4th St SW. Police will be doing more foot patrols, as well, there will be an increase the numbers of officers on bicycles. The River Patrol boat has been operating on a regular basis (till the ice forms) and so far 190 tickets have been issued against squatters along the river banks. This seems to have proven to be a deterrent.

Bill Biccum of Alderman Druh Farrell's office gave an overview of the new 311 service. The system is designed to accurately track complaints, suggestions and input from citizens. Please use this new system to provide your comments on goose droppings, sidewalk issues, by-law problems, graffiti, speeding cyclists or any other issue of importance to you. Informed decisions can then be taken by City hall based on the comprehensive and consistent tracking information captured by this system.

Development continues unabated in and near the city centre. We have still not been able to determine what the development plans for the Eau Claire Market are, though rumours abound.

The Princeton development went ahead over a polluted site in spite of the objections of the ECCA Board. We are pleased to see the staging area near the sales centre has been cleaned up but there is still no grass on this barren area.

Construction is moving forward on a 15 story condominium complex on the southwest corner of 3rd Ave and 6th St SW.

We have been informed that plans are being prepared for the site on which the old Greyhound Terminal is located. This site is technically in Chinatown but residents of Barclay Square will be very close to any new development in that area..

The ECCA Board has been working with the City on proposed plans for the lot just to the west of Canterra Tower.

The City will again try to provide a skating rink near Prince's Island Parks and hopes building an ice surface on the lagoon will work.

Plans for Calgary's Future

The Centre City Planning and Design team for the City of Calgary is looking for your ideas and comments on a Centre City Plan that they are working on. Feel free to take a

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Ward 7 News Druh Farrell

As you all know, there is a lot of roadwork going on and delays are to be expected on all major road projects at this time of year. All our contractors are working hard to try and recover from the June flooding and July rains but most projects are still 4 -5 weeks behind.

They are working as many hours as possible, on all jobs, in order to open roads this year, but at present we still need four more weeks of reasonable weather to achieve our 2005 goals.

Problems are a shortage of manpower, volume of work in the municipal, provincial and private sectors, and a shortage of materials as demand often exceeds supply. This means that not all work scheduled for 2005 will be completed this year. The City is still experiencing cost increases in all areas of construction, and the goal of each project manager is to complete the project within budget, and as close to the targeted date of completion as possible.

All our detours and road closures are advertised through press releases and are also detailed on the City of Calgary web site. For details of specific projects please check the Transportation Infrastructure web site at www.calgary.ca. Commuters should check their route carefully, especially on the weekends. I thank you all for your patience.

Ward 8 News Madeline King

Greetings The holidays are once again fast approaching and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

This has been a busy year for Council with the approval of plans to begin a 3-year budgeting cycle and curbside recycling city-wide, among many other exciting initiatives. I'm especially pleased to have brought attention to the property tax issue, by requesting a review of the property tax system in Calgary and the equity of this system across the City's various neighbourhoods.

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to hockey and I'm excited to tell you that the City will be looking at finding funding to support the expansion of Centennial Arenas. At the Oct. 18 Council Strategic Planning Meeting, a budget review was requested for several recreation facili-

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ties, including the Centennial Arenas, to address recreational facility deficits in Calgary. 12 out of 14 communities in Ward 8 are affiliated with hockey associations that make use of Centennial Arenas.

As Rideau Roxboro community association president, before my time on City Council, I encouraged our board to support Centennial Arenas and we were the first community association to put funds into it. I recognize the importance of hockey to my community and am proud to have had the opportunity to be one of the first supporters of the arenas. Trails West, Elbow Park, and Glenlake Hockey are great organizations and I'd like to recognize the hard work of all the parents and volunteers who make minor hockey such a great success for our children.

Partners in Planning Program (PIP)

Partners in Planning (PIP) is a certificate training program that is offered without cost to participants through a partnership between the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) and the City of Calgary. The program is aimed at developing the necessary skills and knowledge of community volunteers so they can effectively participate in the planning process. The goals of the PIP program are to pro-

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vide resources and skills to the community volunteers as well as enhancing the working relationships between those volunteers and City planning staff. Since the inception of PIP in 2001, the program has won two prestigious awards including the 2002 Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning and Excellence.

In order to complete the program and receive their Partners in Planning Certificate a participant must complete three core courses and one elective course. In the four years that the program has been offered there have already been a total of 94 graduates, including the 30 participants that completed their certificate in the last year. This year's graduates had the opportunity to receive their certificates at the FCC's Annual General Meeting on October 25th. Twelve PIP grads were presented with their certificates by David Watson, the General Manager of Planning, Development and Assessment, Bob Lang, President of the FCC and Jeff Loomis, the FCC's Community Planner. Mary Axworthy, the Director of Land Use Planning with the City of Calgary, and Whitney Smithers, Chair of the PIP Steering Committee, were also in attendance at the ceremony to show their support and express their thanks to all of this year's PIP certificate

recipients. Reinhold Winterer, a board member of the ECCA, was pleased to accept his certificate at this function.

Enjoying The Festive Season

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and the lights of Christmas will soon be twinkling all over Eau Claire.

This year take advantage of what Eau Claire has to offer to make it a relaxing and enjoyable time of year. When things become too hectic to do it all yourself there are options right at our fingertips.

Cynthia Pickering owner of an aptly named concierge service, Time Is Money, is available for all and any requests. Charging by the hour, she will plan and see to the execution of a perfect evening, dinner or Sunday brunch. There isn't any task that is too difficult for Cynthia to perform. Her motto is simply to make your life easier. If you do not have the time to do it, guess what, she has !!

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With all the wonderful choice of restaurants in Eau Claire it is easy to take a break and go down the street to enjoy being waited upon. Radwan Hniedi, owner of the Sahara Restaurant, is committed to the Eau Claire Community. "I want to be involved in the Community and to have the residents consider Sahara as their neighborhood restaurant to which they can walk and where they can have a wonderful meal." To further this community feeling The Sahara is now serving Sunday Brunch.

Eau Claire at Christmas - a fun time and place for residents and their guests. Whether you are headed out or staying in, you can entertain with confidence and ease as all the help you need is just a phone call away.

Q. Do you use the W.R. Castell Library?

A. With winter setting in, all you may want to do is **co-coon** at home. But before you do, visit your local Calgary

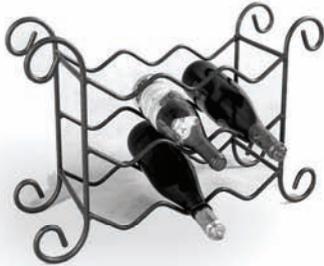
Public Library branch—the downtown W. R. Castell Central Library—for everything you need on a cold winter's night. Browse the New and Notable area for that hot new bestseller and the CD's for everything from Country to Jazz to World music.

Planning a **winter escape** to a warmer climate? The travel DVDs are perfect motivation for fleeing Calgary's cold. The main floor also has travel magazines to make your planning easy. Pick up an issue of *Islands* or *Condé Nast Traveller* for inspiration and once you've decided on a destination, visit the fourth floor for guide books, maps and brochures so you can hit the ground running !

It doesn't hurt to know the **local language** when visiting far flung locales. The Central Library and the University of Calgary offer lunchtime language classes in Spanish, Mandarin and French ! Pick up our new program guide in late December for more information on language classes, new e-commerce computer classes, presentations on world religions, the Burgess Shale and small business programs. We have lots of things to keep you busy this winter at the library.

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Calgary Police Commission Dinner

The dinner, sponsored by Encana, was held Sept 27 at the Eau Claire Sheraton Hotel. Police Chief Jack Beaton spoke to the guests about the goals and objectives and the successes and improvements he expected as the new business plan for 2006 to 2008 unfolded. He indicated he was particularly proud of the partnerships and links the Calgary Police Service had developed over the years with community organizations and residents. Of particular interest to Eau Claire residents is that Calgary Police are actively setting up “Beat Patrols” in areas where residents and businesses had expressed concerns. By teaming up more closely with By-Law Enforcement Officers the effectiveness of this strategy would be enhanced. Chief Beaton also indicated progress was being made in controlling gang activity and especially the problem with marijuana grow ops. He outlined the general plans for a redistribution of the districts so that work loads and particularly response times would be consistent in all com-

munities across the city (also announced by Inspector Peter Davidson at our AGM). Roger Brundrit and Reinhold Winterer of the ECCA Board were pleased and honoured to hear Chief Beaton’s speech.

Public Service Announcements

Santa Shuffle

The 15th Annual Salvation Army Santa Shuffle will take place Saturday December 3rd at the Eau Claire Market. The Santa Shuffle Fun Run (5 km) and the Elf Walk (1 km) will raise money which will be used by the Salvation Army to help people in need during the Christmas Season and throughout the year. Please sign up, get pledges, enjoy the brisk air and help your neighbours. Call 410-1114 or check www.santashuffle.com

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their health without relying on medication. The clinic uses therapies that encourage the connection between mind and body, the interaction of thoughts, feelings and bodily sensations.

Dr. Don Bakal, a clinical health psychologist, helped found the clinic earlier this year with strong support from the Calgary Health Region. Dr. Bakal works with a team including a psychiatrist, internal medicine specialist, geriatric psychiatrist and nursing support. At the clinic, patients learn they have the inner resources, through bodily awareness, to explore healing themselves without medications.

This clinic is an important component of the Region's range of wellness services. For more information on the Clinic for Mind-Body Medicine please visit: www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/cmbm/

Santa Claus Parade

This year's Downtown Santa Claus Parade takes place November 19th at noon. The parade route is new; it starts at 8th St SW and goes along 8th Ave to Olympic Plaza. Hopefully it won't be too cold for Santa and the Elves and we hope you and your children have a great time.

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The Mission

To maintain or enhance the quality of living in the Eau Claire Community. Quality living includes a ready access to work, shops, restaurants, services and a high quality of residential experience.

ECCA Guidelines

The ECCA's principal source of guidelines which define what the future holds for the Eau Claire Community is contained in the Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). City Council directed that this ARP be developed in 1994 and its major recommendations were adopted under By-Law 2P95 in 1995. The Board actively seeks input from residents. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM at the Eau Claire YMCA 101 - 3 St SW.

The 2004—2005 ECCA Board Members

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You should not dwell so completely on the past that you leave no room for the future.

David Bly