

Report for Annual General Meeting – June 2012
VP Non-Residential Planning, St. Andrews Heights Community Association
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This is my eighth term as VP of Planning, Non-Residential for St. Andrews Heights. Previous to this, I served 3 terms as VP of Planning and I am currently serving as Past-President. The Non-Residential planning portfolio deals with surrounding development by institutions such as Foothills Hospital and the University of Calgary, as well as our community's parks.

SDAB - regularly requests an updated list of people authorized to speak at hearings on behalf of the community. The CA has authorized Liz, Jeff, Adey, Al Rasmuson and Guy McLaughlin.

Cell Phone Tower – Rogers has sent out a letter indicating there is a proposed wireless radio base station being located on the roof of Foothills Hospital. Construction will take 30-45 days – a start date has not been given.

Sidewalk Concern - the sidewalk on 12th Ave from houses 2827 to 2819 has sunken on the curb side causing it to crack and heave creating a tripping hazard and safety concern. The City has indicated it will fix it.

Brentwood Care Centre – Intercare Corporate Group Inc. applied for approval in 2010 for a phased re-development of their existing Brentwood Care Centre on 16th Avenue. DP2010-3876 was approved on July 6th, 2011. Of note – 15th Ave will be a major access for the site and some parking will be removed from that street. This may result in more illegal parking in the community.

West Hillhurst Facility Plan – was presented to the board at the end of June, 2011. West Hillhurst is planning extensive upgrades to their recreation facilities and is looking for community support. SAHCA will support the plan in principal but has limited ability to contribute. Updates will be provided for community residents in the newsletter as West Hillhurst makes them available.

Foothills Athletic Park - upgrades have been approved by the City following open houses last fall to get feedback from the communities. More information can be found on the City's website – www.calgary.ca

29th St bike lanes – as of last August, bike lanes have now been added to 29th St. The City has hired a full-time bike person to expand bike friendly routes throughout the City.

Noxious plant removal from green space – several residents along Toronto Cres. has expressed concern about the City removing noxious plants and spraying herbicides. They are corresponding with the alderman's office to examine the need for this. The City has been legislated to remove harmful, invasive plants from green spaces. This has been on-going for the last few summers despite community concerns.

Memorial bench - Thank you to the family of Jan Pittaway (11th Ave) for the new memorial bench in the park area behind the community hall.

SSASPG

We are members of the South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG) where the area residential communities are joined by Alberta Health Services, U of C, University Innovation Park, Cadillac Fairview, Western Securities, Vecova, City of Calgary, Alberta Infrastructure and our local MLA's and Aldermen. The purpose of this group is early awareness, coordination and communication on developments in the area. Al Rasmuson and Guy McLaughlin represent the community on this committee that was formed in 2001.

Foothills Hospital/University of Calgary

Construction was completed on the enclosed walkway in front of the main hospital building. In 2012, the Alberta Health Services will begin an update to its Master Plan.

University of Calgary

- ☒ West Campus – Al is the community representative of the West Campus Development Corporation which acts as trustee of a trust to hold and develop the West Campus lands. The group plans to update their Master Plan by the end of 2012.
- ☒ Main Campus Master Plan – Guy is the community representative of the University of Calgary Master Plan Committee. The purpose of the group is to function as an independent committee that reviews all Main Campus development against the approved Campus Master Plan. Upgrades presented in March include:
 - Outdoor Fitness Circuit and South Oval Site Remediation
 - Three sets of 10 pieces of outdoor fitness equipment to be installed south of the Oval. Area will be re-landscaped and drainage improved. Completed fall 2012.
 - McCaig Donor Monument
 - This monument, originally set up in the mid-80s, will be re-erected on campus between the Science A and the Administration buildings. Completed fall 2012.
 - Child Development Centre Play Structure Solar Protection
 - Sail-like awnings in bright colours will be set up to shade the playground equipment at the south-west corner of the Centre. Completed summer 2012.
- ☒ McMahon Stadium Property – Proposals have been received to develop complementary concepts for the site. Further work is delayed pending results of the Crowchild Trail Engineering Study and input from the change in ownership of the Calgary Stampeders. The Stadium is leased until 2059.

City of Calgary

- ☒ Communities Area Plan – The study of transportation and land use for the South Shaganappi area was approved by City Council on July 4.
- ☒ Crowchild Trail Engineering Study – A one year study is being conducted into potential roadway improvements for the 24 Ave North to 17 Ave South portions of Crowchild Trail.

Stadium Shopping Centre

Western Securities has initiated a collaborative process to come up with a development plan for the site:

- Western is working with the City and local communities to try and incorporate a green buffer space (MR land) adjacent to 16th Avenue into the redevelopment. It has been agreed to in principle by the JUCC, but has not been approved to date. Questions surrounding the 16th Avenue and 29th Street intersection will substantially affect the amount of land available for this green space.
- Western's plans show the space to be pedestrian and bicycle friendly which is supported by the community.
- A decision needs to be made whether or not there will be an interchange or an intersection and how much land this will utilize.
- Western has been working with the City to determine how the City will make a decision on this issue.

Former Motor Vehicle Site

A land use re-designation for 2 more buildings on the former Motor vehicle site in Parkdale was approved with conditions by Council on July 4.