

Report for Annual General Meeting – June 2014
VP Non-Residential Planning, St. Andrews Heights Community Association
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This is my tenth term as VP of Planning, Non-Residential for St. Andrews Heights. Previous to this, I served 3 terms as VP of Planning and 4 terms 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.

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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, Innovate Calgary, Cadillac Fairview, Western Securities, Vecova, City of Calgary, Alberta Infrastructure, West Campus Development Trust, and our local MLA's and Councillors. 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.

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

Little Free Library - Doug Connery and Liz Murray have placed a Little Free Library near the community notice board. Little Free Library is a Ward 7 initiative to promote reading and discussions in the community. The idea behind the Little Free Library is simple - need a book, take a book, have a book, leave a book. The library has been register with Little Free Library and seems to be very well used.

Brentwood Care Centre – Intercare Corporate Group Inc. received approval in 2011 for a phased re-development of their existing Brentwood Care Centre on 16th Avenue. Work has been on-going at the site. The shielding of the roof top structures on top did not materialize as proposed by BCC. There have been ongoing attempts to address this but it remains unresolved.

Stadium Shopping Centre Redevelopment - Western Securities (WS) began a collaborative process to come up with a master plan for the Stadium Shopping Centre site in February 2011. Mike Brescia has been heading the project for WS. The Area Redevelopment Plan received approval from City Council on July 22nd, 2013. WS has been working on the Master Plan and has held 3 planning workshops. There has been good representation from University Heights and St Andrews. Communities have been quite vocal about what they expect for the site. WS is currently working with the City to change the land use of Municipal Reserve land that will be incorporated into the site. WS expects to submit its Development Permit application later this year.

Foothills Medical Centre Site - FMC revived its community advisement group, now titled FMC Area Communities Working Group, last year. This group includes University Heights, Parkdale, and SAH. SAHCA is represented by Liz, Jacques Gendron and Ken Zdunich.

The Lot 1 parkade needs to be taken out of service within the next few years. The Lot 1 location was chosen as the best location for the parkade. The proposed structure will be 4 levels (current structure is 2 levels) with improve entrances and exits to minimize line-ups. The structure will be built to allow for the future addition of 2 more levels. FMC has engaged to residents of SAH and especially those on 29th St. to provide feedback on the structure. Planning is ongoing but a development permit application is expected to be submitted shortly. The parkade must be completed before the Cancer Centre project begins.

Alberta Infrastructure has announced a new \$1.2 billion Comprehensive Cancer Centre that is planned for the NE corner of the FMC site. Assessment of current traffic patterns was conducted in early March. Tentative timeline for the Cancer Centre is construction to start in 2016 with completion in 2020.

After repairs were made to the roof on the McCaig Tower, STARS started operating from the new rooftop heliport this Spring.

AHS has added 2 Car2Go spots in Lot 8 and plans to add 2 more in Lot 7.

West Campus - The West Campus Development Trust (WCDDT) was formed to manage the development of the West Campus lands. . This development is being done to provide income to the University and will not house University facilities. It is estimated about 9,000 residents will be located here as the development is phased in. The Chairman of the trust is James Robertson and Al Rasmuson is a member of the Board. Over the last year the WCDDT has conducted a process to update the master plan for the West Campus lands. SAH has been well represented in this process. A land use amendment application was submitted to the City in the Fall of 2013. The City conducted public open houses in May, 2014. The application is tentatively planned to be presented to Calgary Planning Commission on July 17 and City Council on Sept 8, 2014.

University of Calgary (U of C) - The U of C is conducting a number of capital projects for completion in conjunction with its 50th Anniversary in 2016 and includes the following:

- Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning – Construction started in the fall of 2013 on the site of the former Nickel Art Museum. Expected completion is 2016.
- Residence Master Plan – The U of C has created a master plan to increase onsite residences to 12 – 15% of student population by 2021 (increase 1150 beds to a total of 3650). Phase 1 started in the fall of 2013 and includes a grad student building north of the Oval with 390 beds and an upper year undergrad building on 24th Avenue with 268 beds. Expected occupancy is the fall of 2015. When the undergrad building is complete, an existing residence (at end of life cycle) with 230 beds will be removed. Additional phases are targeted for 2019 and 2021.
- Schulich School of Engineering Expansion – Construction to start this year with completion in 2017.

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- **Shaganappi Trail Engineering Study** – The Shaganappi Trail study was initiated in July 2012. It involves a HOV study from Stoney Trail to 32nd Avenue and a corridor study to identify future transportation requirements on the section from Crowchild Trail to 16th Avenue (16th Avenue interchange not included). Although this is a long term study, short term improvements are being considered for the section from Crowchild Trail to 32nd Avenue. Final open house was held in May. Planning to go to City Council for approval in the fall of 2014.
- **Transit Project** – Calgary Transit has initiated a transit study in our area (NW HUB - the part of the City around Brentwood, the University of Calgary, West Campus and Foothills Medical Centre). Although there are questions re capital funding for the project the planning is continuing. Calgary Transit currently invests \$24 million in transit for our surrounding area. Effective transit will be a crucial component to reduce the transportation impact of all of the development in our area.

- **29th Street and 16th Avenue Intersection** – Intersection improvements planned for 2 phases and the engineering design is to be completed in 2014. The first phase will add dual left turns from west bound 16th Avenue to south bound 29th Street and north bound 29th Street to west bound 16th Avenue. The first phase will be constructed in 2015. The second phase will be constructed based on traffic demand from the adjacent developments.

Parkdale Blvd and 29th Street - Brookfield Residential is planning a 3 story development on the property on the NW corner of the intersection.

Park Clean-up - Was held Sunday May 11th. About 15 people came out to help clean up the green spaces around the hall. A big thank you goes out to Aerotek Staffing Calgary who had employees out in the park doing additional volunteer clean-up on Sunday May 25th.

Change in City DP Circulations to Communities - The City has changed the way it circulates DP applications to communities. It no longer includes the detailed team review and by-law check so the communities are not told what relaxations are being requested in the applications. This puts the communities at a big disadvantage when reviewing these applications. The City has received a number of complaints from the communities on this change and is working with them to address their concerns.