

Erlton Community Association Newsletter – September 2023



Erlton Garden planters created by artists from the Alpha House.

[Presidents Message](#)

Neighbors,

Welcome back! The Labour Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer and it's definitely starting to feel like it. Whoever is dropping leaves on my lawn and around the neighborhood can stop now please!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and I can say I am looking forward to getting the wheels of the ECA moving again after our break. Of course, we didn't completely stop as we had our Community Garden growing and Alpha House clients painting planters again. We had our rather successful Stampede Parking fundraiser and the farm stand has been operating in Erlton Park most weekends. Work is also underway to find a permanent home for our Community Garden. That said, your Board is ready to get back to work on several files. In addition to the Community Garden project, we are looking for information on the buyer and plan for the former Erlton School site, the West Elbow Local Area Plan engagement will be underway this fall (see survey below), and we have a new MLA to meet and acquaint ourselves with. Our AGM is not far off and that requires a fair amount of behind the scenes work to get our books done.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting on September 12, at 7pm in the Riverview Room at MNP Centre!

Dylan Rayburn, President, Erlton Community Association

WEST ELBOW LOCAL AREA PLAN SURVEY

The West Elbow Local Area Plan is a planning document that guides development in our neighborhoods for many years. As such it is important to get it right when it comes up for review, as it is now. This spring, representatives from many affected communities met to talk in general about the document and our hopes and expectations for it. We felt that we wanted to seek feedback from our residents with our own survey, a link to which you can find below. There will be many opportunities to provide feedback during the process but we as leaders wanted to understand the perspectives of our members and residents before starting the formal engagement with the City this fall. I'd like to thank Lisa Poole, President of the Elbow Park Residents Association, for leading this effort and for compiling the responses in to the survey. Please let Dylan (President) or Heesung (Planning) know if you have any questions about the West Elbow LAP engagement.

[Click Here to Take West Elbow Local Area Plan Survey](#)





City of Calgary Pathways and Trails (Calgary.ca)

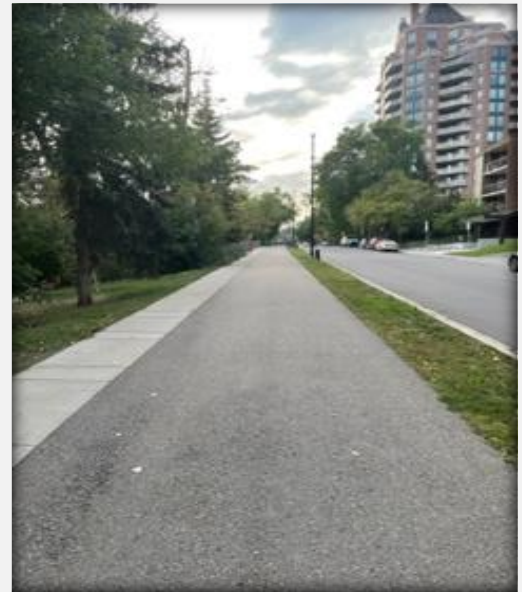
Calgary communities, parks and natural areas are joined by a network of pathways that connect along the Bow and Elbow Rivers, Fish Creek Provincial Park, Nose Creek, West Nose Creek, Western Irrigation District Canal and the perimeter of Glenmore Reservoir.

The Rotary/ Mattamy Greenway is 138 km. pathway that surrounds the city; it's considered the longest urban pathway in the world because it is open year round.

Elbow River Pathway Entrance 25th Ave. SW

Regional pathways are part of the city-wide network, local pathways provide routes within communities for access to local parks, schools, businesses and trails are usually unpaved paths

The Elbow River regional pathway is a 21 km year round walking And biking path that connects to the Glenmore Trail pathway and Follows the Elbow River down to the East Village Riverwalk and Inglewood Bow River Pathway connections.



Elbow River Pathway 26th Ave.SW



Pathways and trails are off-street routes for non-motorized use, with the exception of powered wheelchairs, Calgarians also have access to 290 km. of on-street bikeways and cycle tracks.

A walking and cycling route map is available on the Calgary.ca website to view or download. The map is designed to assist with choosing a route based on high, moderate and low comfort level.

Resting Area facing Elbow River on 26th Ave SW

5A (Always Available for All Ages and Abilities) Network: (part of the Calgary Transportation Plan)

The 5A Network will be a city wide mobility network consisting of off street pathways/ facilities and on street bikeways. The 5A Network Guiding Principles Report outlines how to provide all Calgarians with safe, affordable, year-round access to the network. The Guiding Principles for building and maintaining the 5A network are;

- Separate people by their speed: Providing separation between people travelling at different speeds improves safety.
- Improve Visibility: Lighting, signage and pavement markings encourage people to use public spaces and will help to identify hazards.
- Make it reliable: Well-maintained pathways and bikeways will encourage more people to use them year round.
- Be accessible for everyone: Remove barriers to create accessible pathways and bikeways to allow people of all abilities to travel around Calgary.
- Make it easy to use: Signs and pavement markings help people make decisions about their route and confirm they are heading in the right direction.

The 5A network in Calgary will continue to grow with improvements to existing areas and new pathways added in as budget allows.

To learn more about this topic,,Calgary.ca/planning/transportation/pathway-bikeway-plan.html and Pathway-and-bikeway-plan-network-principles-report.pdf are available online.

DID YOU KNOW Calgary has the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America?

YUP, its true! The City maintains almost 1000 km of pathways and 96 km of trails.

Fun, Fun and More Fun:

Readers Garden Café: Your ECA membership entitles you to 10% discount on drinks at the Café. We are working on an email confirmation for our members to present at the Cafe.

Saturdays 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM – We are so excited to host a weekly Farm Stand at Erlton Park (2599 Erlton Street) until Thanksgiving. Come on over and meet our vendors.



We have several open Positions on our Board of Directors, if this doesn't appeal to you, maybe volunteering with one of our committees or helping plan social events for our community would be a better fit? Volunteering with the ECA is a great opportunity to meet some new friends, have some fun and make a positive impact in our community. Please email Erltonsecretary@gmail.com; Erltonpresident@gmail.com; Erltoncommunications@gmail.com if you could help us out.

Stage 1 Mandatory Outdoor Water Restrictions remain in place. The following activities are not permitted during the restrictions:

- *Washing outdoor surfaces, windows, exterior building surfaces, sidewalks, driveways and walkways.*
- *Washing a car on on a driveway or street.*
- *Filling fountains or decorative features.*

Check calgary.ca/water/customer-service/stage-1-outdoor-water-restrictions-in-effect.html for updates and information regarding water activities that are permitted.

ECA General Meeting on September 12th at 7:00 pm at the MNP River Room.

BC Orchards

FARM STAND

Saturday afternoons
1-6pm at Erlton Park



The City of Calgary Farm Stand Program supports various local and regional farmers and vendors to bring more fresh fruits, veggies and products to more Calgary Communities. This is a great initiative to connect with neighbors and enjoy great fresh food.



The ECA Board of Directors would like acknowledge

the Alpha House Artists who created these beautiful planters for the

Erlton Community Garden – Thank you!





Little Free Library

This little library has been set up in the Erlton Park and we aren't sure who placed it there? It's a great idea and we would like to thank the donor directly. If anyone could help us out with this, please email Erltoncommunications@gmail.com or Erltonparks@gmail.com.

Calgary in September



Average High Temperature: 16°

Average Low Temperature: 4°

Sunrise on Sept. 1st at 6:49 AM and Sunrise on Sept.30th at 7:35 AM

Sunset on Sept 1stst at 8:22 PM and Sunset on Sept.30th^h at 7:16 PM