



Erlton

Fall 2012

GAZETTE

Erlton Community Association Annual General Meeting

**Date: November 13, 2012
Time: 7-9 PM**

Riverview Room, Talisman Centre

Membership Committee - Shirine Lund, Chairperson

Since our last newsletter in the spring of 2011 our membership has increased by 12% to 134 active members. I attribute this increase to our newsletter and the efforts to deliver it to every non-member household in our community. My thanks go to our membership committee, P. Kim, S. Predika, R. McLean, B. Fischer, D. Parkinson-McCabe, V. Grace and M. Grace. Without the help of the membership committee such head counts are not achievable. Currently, via e-mail we can reach out to more than 90% of our members to distribute community information and news. The remaining 10% are contacted by telephone in case of important matters.

As mentioned in my monthly invitations to the community meetings the attendance is poor and thus

little feedback is received from the members. Please try to include the second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) into your busy schedule. The strength of the community association is in membership numbers, voice of the members and participations. Although efforts are made to keep you well informed via e-mails but cyber communication is inadequate to build a solid, united community.

We took advantage of our door to door membership drive to conduct a survey regarding membership fee hike to 10\$ per person instead of the current 5\$. If our community is supportive of the hike the new fee will be in place for the year 2013-2014 and onwards. If the community is against the hike whereby we may lose members then other fund raising schemes have to be consid-

ered. The main driver is to balance the annual budget without drawing from the community's healthy savings account. You will be informed with the result of the survey and the final decision.

If you are interested in participating or providing input in the Membership/volunteers activities of our community please do not hesitate to contact Shirine Lund at (403-708-9578). Similarly if you wish to be kept up to date please, ensure we have your current contact information, e-mail and phone number. If your neighbours are not members of the community please let them know we exist.

I hope to see you in our monthly meetings with lots of ideas, suggestions and participations. Together let us build a strong and caring community.

There has been lots of planning and construction activity in Erlton since our last column. If you've driven along 27th Avenue you may have noticed a new single family home and a semi-detached (duplex) on the North side near Macleod Trail. Both were designed and built with no planning issues that conflicted with the neighbours, our Area Re-development Plan (ARP), or Calgary's Land Use Bylaw.

Our planning committee has a simple web site that contains links to all the major planning documents that impact development in our community - everything from our ARP to the Land Use Bylaw. If you have an interest in these planning details, you can find the links to them at:

<http://members.shaw.ca/erlton>

In June, we reviewed an application for a 4-plex at 9 – 27th Avenue SW. As a community, we were unable to support it for a number of reasons, including its impact on the adjacent neighbour and the lack of setback from Macleod Trail. The development application is currently on hold, with the City waiting for a response from the applicant.

Also in June we reviewed and endorsed an application for a minor front addition to the single-family home at 53 – 31 Avenue SW.

On July 25th, Alderman Carra and I met with the developer for an early look at 'Plan B' for the property at 78 – 34th Avenue SW. This latest proposal is a two-building, 3-unit complex - basically a two-unit semi-detached building in the front yard and a single home, with parking for all three units in the back

yard. We're told to expect the application shortly. The developer assured us that no bylaw relaxations would be required. This new approach should result in a much more compact design, since the appeal board clearly defined where grade is to be measured from on a sloped lot.

Last year (2011) the developer proposed a 4-unit, 2-building development at the same address. This was 'Plan A'. The Development Authority approved it, however our community and many neighbours objected. Our appeal to the Subdivision and Appeal Board (SDAB) was heard on March 8th this year. Our community and one neighbour, who also participated, won the appeal. You can find the written decision here:

<http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/BU/sdab/decisions/2012-0023.pdf>

– it is well worth reading. The SDAB's careful and thorough analysis provides some great insight into important planning considerations for all homeowners, communities, and developers.

We occasionally get questions about the vacant land along Macleod Trail in North Erlton. Our ARP was recently amended to update the direct control land use for that property. The major change was to increase the allowable size for a supermarket to be built on that site, in conjunction with some townhouses and mixed-use business / residential towers. Our community supported the land use changes. In early August our Executive met with Anthem Properties, the developer, to get an overview of their latest design. We expect a development permit application later this year.

When it's firmed up, and the final plans are available, we'll circulate them along with the supporting documentation.

With that in mind, if you haven't yet joined our community association (still only \$5 each), or shared your email address with us, please contact our Membership Chair, Shirine Lund, at 403-708-9578. We're as eager as you are to ensure that everyone has access to all the latest community information - planning and otherwise. Feel free to forward this newsletter to any of your neighbours that are not yet members, and encourage them to join us.

Finally, in mid-August we reviewed an application for a tri-plex at 55 – 28th Avenue SW. The proposed units face Erlton Street, are four stories above grade, have multiple balconies, and extend nearly to the lane. There are many negative impacts on the surrounding neighbours – including loss of privacy, shadowing, and lack of visitor parking. Our community, along with all the immediate neighbours, is unable to support it. The outcome is as yet unknown.

In closing, I urge each of you to regularly attend community meetings and participate in matters that continue to affect and shape your community – one in which we all have our money and lifestyle invested. In addition, if you have a planning or development question, or want an item of any kind placed on the agenda at a community meeting, please don't hesitate to call or email. Bill Fischer, 403-266-2842, erlton@shaw.ca



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ST. MONICA (Separate)	403-500-2001
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

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CALGARY HEALTH LINK 24/7	403-943-5465
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OTHER

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CALGARY HUMANE SOCIETY (Injured and Stray Pets)	403-250-7722
CALGARY PARKING AUTHORITY (Towed or Abandoned Vehicles)	403-537-7100
CALGARY SENIOR'S RESOURCE (Senior Connect)	403-266-6200
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG (Buried Utilities)	1-800-242-3447

CITY OF CALGARY

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Citizens of Erlton. It's amazing to me that as you read this in your October Newsletter, I will have had the honour of representing you at City Hall for two full years now. That puts me two thirds of the way through my term. I want to hereby commit to making my last year as full as the first in two ways: first, I will work to ensure that the array of reforms and initiatives that our Mayor and this City Council has undertaken will continue to unfold; and, secondly, I will endeavour to avoid the "lame duck" nature of campaign years and continue to be productive despite my need to seek your support for a second term. What follows is an extremely brief overview of the City-wide and Erlton-specific files that fill my time as your Alderman.

The initiative with the single biggest impact on our City that this Council has commenced is an agreement with the Province to review and revise the Municipal Government Act (MGA). The MGA is what empowers our City government to be a government and the current legislation sadly prevents us from serving our population as well as we should. This overhaul of the MGA dovetails with a number of other initiatives this Council and Team Ward 9 has undertaken (and

the success of these initiatives is tied to how successfully we are able to update the MGA). These initiatives include: Planning Reform (necessary to allow the development of the complete communities and walkable neighbourhoods Calgarians want to live in); Taxation and Revenue Reform (necessary to ensure we develop a City we can actually afford, where our City Government has a sustainable and predictable source of funding to meet our needs, where the inner-city doesn't subsidize unsustainable growth on our edges, and where citizens can make lifestyle choices based on the actual societal costs of those choices); and, Governance Reform (necessary to put Calgary on an equal footing with other orders of government, and internally, necessary to democratically empower our citizenry at the neighbourhood level while increasing both the efficiency and responsiveness of our City Government).

In Erlton, we've devoted a great amount of time addressing planning reform and the way the City does business through our Mission Road Main Street pilot project. You can get the latest update on Mission Road on Ward 9 TV ([http://www.gccarra.ca/ward-9-](http://www.gccarra.ca/ward-9-tv/ward-9-tv-episode-37/)

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In addition to Mission Road; we have met with community representatives and administration to help shepherd through the installation of a community sign- final details are still pending on that front. We continue to work with the Community Association and developers, and keep residents abreast regarding the Anthem developments slated for north of 25th Avenue. We also continue to keep a close eye on a number of developments underway in the neighbourhood, and encourage all residents to become more involved in this quickly changing inner city community.

If you're interested in more information on any of these initiatives, discussing your ideas and suggestions, or generally being more in the loop with how your Team Ward 9 is serving you, please email us, or call 403-268-5330.

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www.calgarycommunities.com

One day while walking in St. Mary's Cemetery I discovered the gravesite and headstone of Big Bear's granddaughter. Big Bear was the Cree chief who tried to stop the killings at Frog Lake during the NorthWest rebellion in 1885.

There is history all around us in our cemeteries. The city runs walking tours on weekends, June through September or October (Google Calgary cemetery tours for more info). The cemeteries located in our neighbourhood are the oldest in Calgary and many pioneers, soldiers and people who helped shape our city are laid to rest in them. The tour guides tell many interesting stories making the walks very enjoyable.

Interested in the history of your community? Commissioned by the Erlton Community Association in 2001, David Mittelstadt wrote a

book called Lindsay's Estate: a History of Erlton and Parkview - 82 pages with many photos, including 11 in colour.

Did you know that Erlton, North of 25th Avenue, used to be Parkview, the hillside was Erlton, and the top of the hill was Mission Heights? Read the book to find out when these mini-communities incorporated into Erlton.

Copies of the book (coil bound with a clear plastic cover) will be available on a pre-paid, pre-order basis: \$20 for a paper copy or \$3 for a CD. Please order by emailing erlton@shaw.ca or call Bonnie Fischer at 403-266-2842. **The deadline for ordering is November 1, 2012.** Once we know the number of copies needed, we will have the book reproduced.

As a bonus for other history aficionados, the first person to submit a

photo of the above gravesite, taken from a different angle, will get a free CD copy of the book. Submit your photo and contact information to erlton@shaw.ca - the winner will be the person whose email bears the earliest date stamp. Our community's board of directors are not eligible to participate.



President's Message:

We have had a busy year in Erlton. Please read the full President's Message online!

- River Clean-Up
- Stampede Parking
- Community Sign Progress
- NeighbourWoods Program

Stay Engaged in the Community

www.members.shaw.ca/erlton

In Memoriam

Josephine Larsback, an active member of Erlton community for many years and past president of the community association in 1995 passed away in 2012.

We are grateful for the years she shared in our community.



Neighbourly Note

Hi - if someone was able to provide a weed whacker, I would clean up the weed/grass along the trails on the ridge from Erlton Terrace to the park in Roxboro.

Thanks, Kelly
kbnadeau@shaw.ca

Enjoy a beautiful fall day on the Erlton escarpment!



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The Community & its Association

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Not a Member Yet?

Help us sustain a vibrant and active neighbourhood.

Our community needs your input. Please make sure your voice is heard and become a member today.

Fill out this form, include \$5 per member and mail to:

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