



Summer 2008

# Erlton e-NEWS

## President's Message - Jon Walters

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As the waters of the Elbow River subside we breathe a sigh of relief and welcome the better spring weather.

Since our hard copy newsletter, we continue to represent Erlton in activities sponsored by the Federation of Calgary Communities. We attended the FCC Partners in Planning workshops on Sustainable Living and on Heritage Planning. As well, we attended the FCC Planning workshop looking to improve its own planning guide and materials available to its members - dry stuff but important in making sure communications are effective and informative for community residents.

My pet initiative this year will be to bring the communities adjacent to ourselves and the Lower Elbow River together in order to improve our understanding of the river's ecology and find ways to enhance that ecology. It is hard to overemphasize the importance of the Elbow River to us at every level. By working together with our neighbours for its betterment, I think we can come to a deeper appreciation of its value to us and what we can do to for it. As well, I think the opportunity for the expanded participation is a great chance just to get together, do some healthy work and have some fun. More on this one next time.

Members of the ECA Board will be meeting with the City and with representatives of Anthem properties to discuss traffic and other matters surrounding the development project at 25th Avenue SW and Macleod Trail. We have heard and catalogued a number of concerns relating to this development. We are concerned that the long

term plan for the intersection seems to be in flux yet the development has in the main been approved. Clearly the traffic plan for the intersection itself must detail and model the consequences for traffic flows and design west to the bridge and both north and south of 25th Avenue. The current danger and nuisance of cars cutting through residential areas must be dealt with immediately and in a way that is integrated to the main intersection plan. The interests of both residents and the developer will be served by the generation and communication of a long term traffic plan and design for 25th and Macleod. My thanks to Paul Barker and the members of our Development and Traffic Committee for their ongoing efforts in this regard.

A big thank you and welcome to the residents of the River Run I condos for their purchase of ECA memberships and for their vote of confidence in the ECA. Far beyond the value of their financial contribution is the potential for more ideas and energy being brought to bear on our community issues.

On behalf of the Board, my thanks to all for their assistance and participation so far this year. Enjoy the summer and be in touch anytime.

Regards,

Jon Walters  
President  
Erlton Community  
Association



## We are going green!

Welcome to the 1st e-newsletter published by the Erlton Community Association. We hope you find it even more enjoyable and informative than our print edition. The Erlton Gazette will continue to be published three times a year: fall, winter and spring. Between issues, we hope to improve communication within our neighbourhood through e-news editions. Please share this with neighbours who may not be on our distributions list. Questions? [ErltonGazette@shaw.ca](mailto:ErltonGazette@shaw.ca)



The river was flowing high again this year as can be seen by the pathway at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The river and pathway clean up attracted 27 volunteers and 70 garbage bags were distributed for the event. A sincere thanks to all who participated. And especially to the Talisman Centre for their strong support and a superb wind up barbeque. The event was a great success.

The river is getting back to normal and Lindsay Park is looking great. The city has assigned one parks person on a full time basis to keep the park in tip-top shape.

Hopefully the pathway at the property with the overhang will be worked on this year, if the parks budget has

enough money for the repair and upgrading.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer and takes some time to visit Lindsay Park.

Submitted by

Jack Peace  
Parks & Rec.



## Bylaw Bulletin

[www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices)



## Pathways are for Everyone

Calgarians are fortunate to have over 600 km of recreational pathways. These multi-use pathways are heavily used by citizens for all types of activities from walking and jogging to cycling, in-line skating and dog walking. The City of Calgary Parks and Pathways Bylaw (20M2003) is designed to ensure the safety of all pathway users. Below are some of the general guidelines to follow when using the parks and pathways.

### Signs

- Please obey all posted signs; they are there to alert you to pertinent rules and regulations. These rules have been designed for your safety and security.

### Parks

- Stay on designated trails.
- Don't disturb or feed wildlife, including birds.
- The use of motorized vehicles is not allowed (with the exception of wheel chairs).
- Leash your dog in all parks unless it is a designated off-leash area. Owners must immediately pick up and properly dispose of their pet's feces.

### Pathways

- The speed limit for all users along the pathways is 20 km/hr, unless otherwise posted.
- Yield to the right of way.
- Stay on the right side of the pathway except

when passing.

- When on a bicycle, use a bell, whistle or horn when passing others.
- Dogs must be leashed and kept to the right of the pathway.

Everyone, including walkers and joggers, must be visible to other pathway users.

Bylaw Officers enforce these regulations with fines between \$50 and \$500. For further information on City bylaws, please contact 3-1-1, or visit [www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices) and click on "Bylaws".



Welcome to the first Planning column in the first edition of the Erlton e-Newsletter, a new, low-cost, environmentally conscious endeavour for our community. Electronic bits and bytes have no need for trees, ink, postage, and delivery time or landfill space. Please forward this issue to your neighbours and encourage them to sign up for their own copy. Everyone in Erlton has both their money and their lifestyle invested here, so you may as well know what's happening, and participate to manage your interests. Contact ??? to be added to the distribution list. And you don't even have to be a member to receive our newsletter. We encourage community membership, though, so that everyone can benefit from the sharing of knowledge and expertise. And it's only \$5. What a bargain!



In a similar vein, consider volunteering for a position that interests you at our November Annual General Meeting. Although we're a small community, my guess is that someone in our immediate area has the answer for any question or a good solution to any problem.

## Your Planning Committee has been busy this year. Here's a snapshot:

**1.** At our February 12<sup>th</sup> Community meeting, a developer presented conceptual drawings in support of their desire to up-zone the land at 29/33/37 - 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. To summarise, the current zoning is R-2, which allows 6 dwelling units on the six 25-foot lots, one dwelling unit per lot. The Erlton ARP has a clause that allows virtually an automatic rezoning of these lands to RM-2, the same as the density in the rest of South Erlton. RM-2 allows 12 dwelling units on the 6 lots, or 2 units per 25-foot lot. The developer proposed rezoning to RM-5 to allow one building containing 41 dwelling units on the 6 lots. That's seven times the existing density and 3.5 times the maximum density in South Erlton.

There was a lively discussion, and finally a vote by the 20+ attendees. 27th Avenue (the block South of 25<sup>th</sup> – there is no 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Erlton) was well represented. The vote was unanimous not to support rezoning greater than RM-2, thus reaffirming the policy of conservation for South Erlton, as noted in our ARP. The developer was notified of the result, and recently, the property is for sale.

A little history, for those interested: When the Erlton ARP was crafted in the 1980s, we agreed to a massive up-zoning of the land North of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where the condos and townhouses are now built, in exchange for low density and conservation of the land South of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Our ARP is published here:

[http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/planning/pdf/erlton\\_arp/erlton\\_arp\\_one.pdf](http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/planning/pdf/erlton_arp/erlton_arp_one.pdf)

This is probably an appropriate point to discuss Planning's informal Mission Statement. It's been repeated in various forms on a number of occasions in correspondence and at appeals.

**Mission Statement: Our Community encourages change and re-development, but only that which conforms to well-established rules and guidelines that benefit all those involved.**

**Do you agree? Let us know what you think.**

**2.** A proposed duplex at 35/37 – 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW received development approval in late December. It was appealed by both our community and three nearby neighbours, primarily due to height and design. The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board ruled against the appeals on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The transcript is available at <http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/BU/sdab/decisions/2008-0008.pdf> and the building is now under construction.

**3.** In March, your Planning committee dealt with a Development Permit application (DP2008-0281) regarding Lot Coverage Relaxation for a Garage @ 88 - 34 Ave SW. In summary, the garage size caused the lot coverage to be 3-4% beyond the total 45% permitted lot coverage for home + garage. The excess was due to the homeowner build-

## Planning, Development, & Traffic - continued

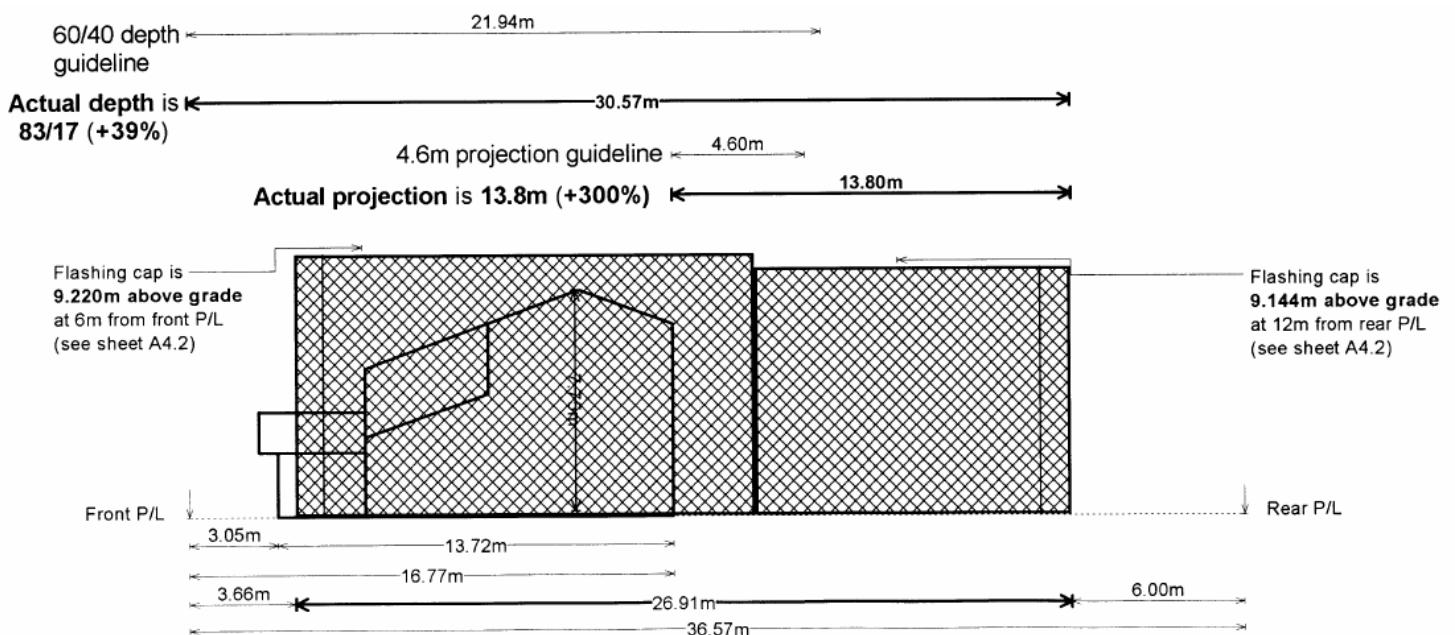
ing a garage larger than allowed, and building on 1.2m of a 2.4m City drainage right-of-way at the rear of the property. The community position was that the relaxation should not be allowed, and that the rules of the Land Use By-law should be followed. City Planning refused the permit.

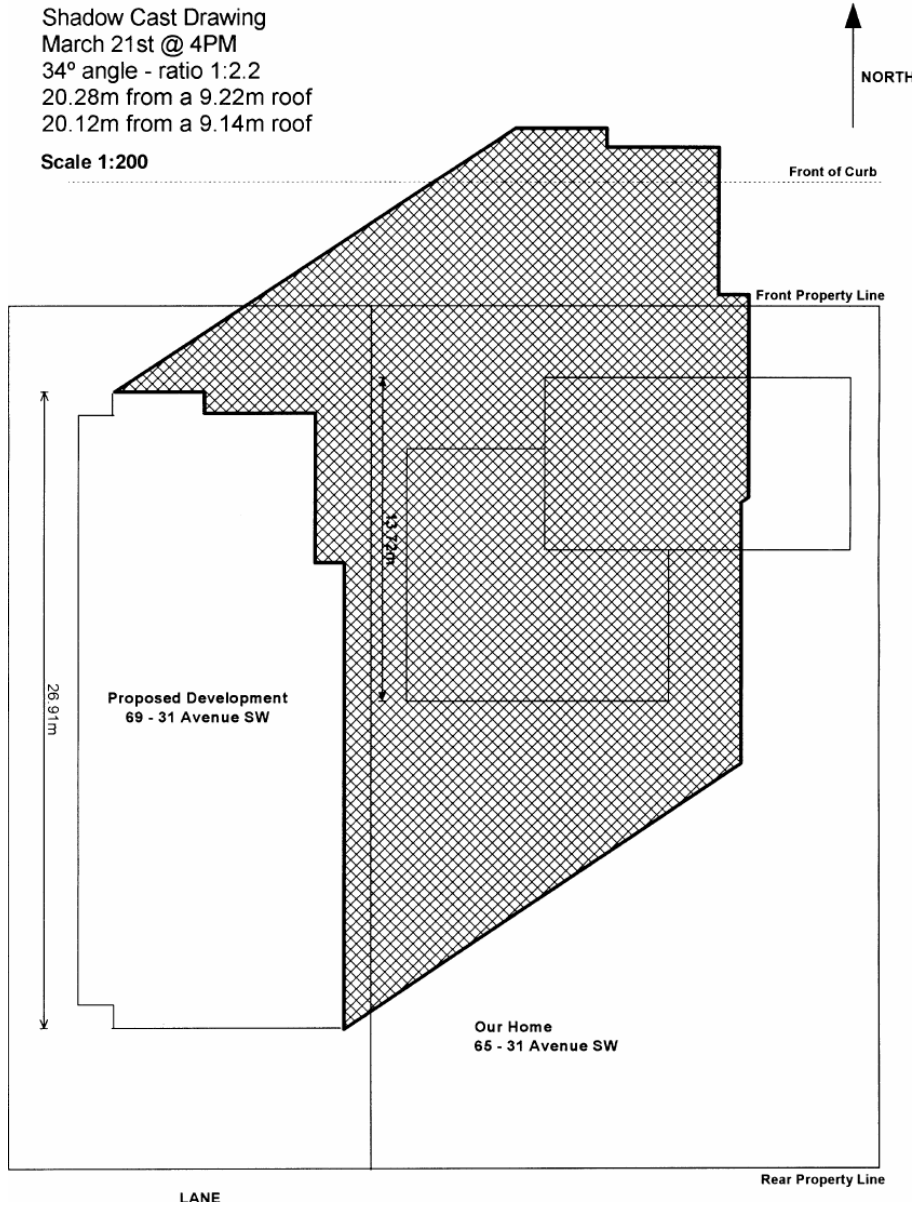
**4.** In April, Jon Walters and I met with Madeleine King (x-Alderman), who represents developers wanting to up-zone the land East of 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on both sides of Mission Road, from RM-2 to RM-4 & RM-5 (similar to the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue proposal noted in point 1 above). Part of this is the vacant land you may have noticed while walking or driving in the area. While this is in Park Hill / Stanley Park, it affects Erlton, since our community's boundary starts on the North side of 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Park Hill Community Association refused to support the up zoning after a March presentation from Ms. King. While no plans were presented when we met, we left the option open for further discussion. Do you have an opinion? Please let us know.

**5.** Also in April, DP2008-0259, a Multi-Residential Development (2 buildings, 85 units) at 123 – 26th Ave SW on the Elbow riverbank in Mission was reviewed at the community meeting, and by your Planning Committee. Two members of your committee later attended the developer's presentation in Mission. The communities of Rideau/Roxboro, Mission/Cliff Bungalow, and Erlton did not support this development.

Erlton based its objection on the fact that the floodway and floodplain boundaries shown on the plans are not accurate. They are based on 1996 mapping and do not represent the reality evidenced by the 2005 flood. That clearly showed this building site to be in the floodway. I personally saw flood waters flowing around and through this site, and on down 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The raised foundations of the new buildings will act as a dike and potentially divert flood flow, causing riverbank erosion and greater flooding downstream in Erlton. The Planning Department has not yet rendered their decision.

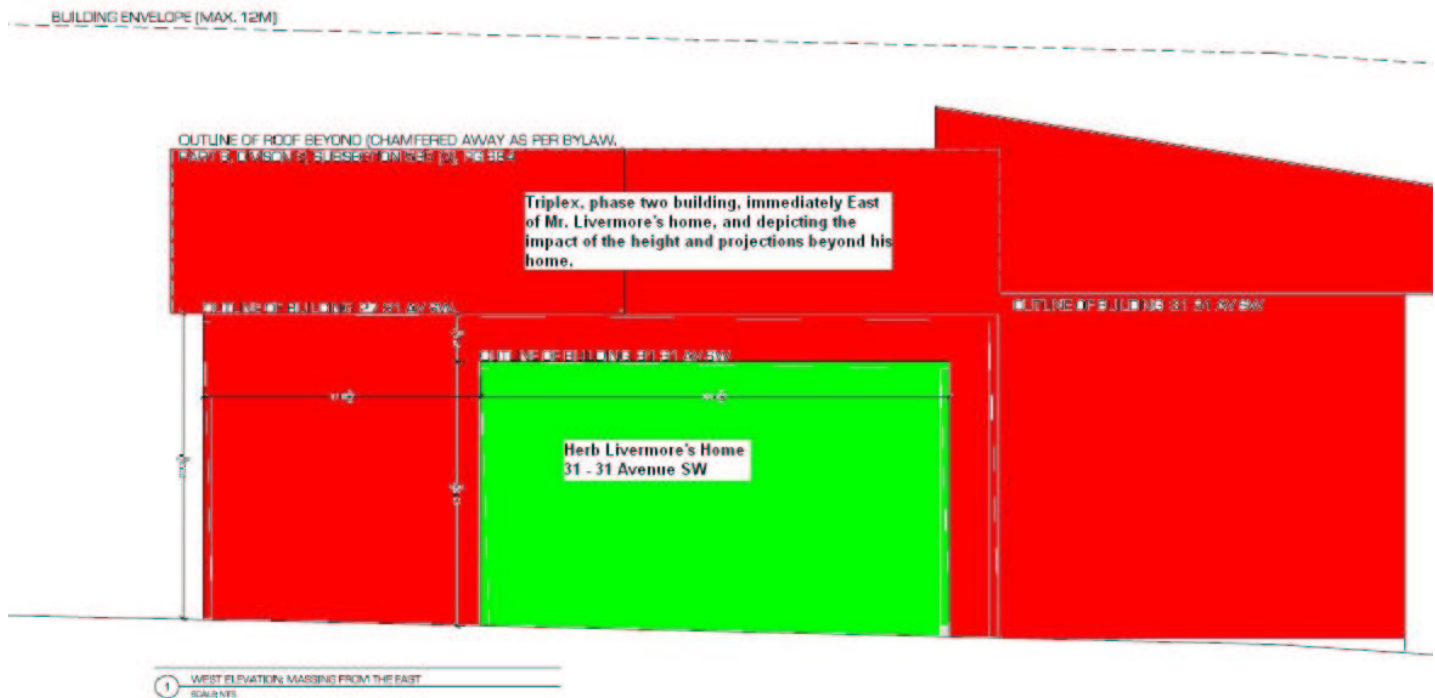
**6.** On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Sub Division Appeal Board heard our appeal against approval of a development permit for a 4-plex at 69 – 31 Avenue SW. We won the appeal 5-0. The transcript is available at <http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/BU/sdab/decisions/2008-0079.pdf>. It's well worth reading, especially in terms of outstanding community support, and is a prime example that a Community can make a difference if it acts as a group for the benefit of all. Here are two crucial drawings relating to the appeal. The first shows the mass of the 4-plex overlaid on the home next door, and the second shows the shadowing due to the 4-plex.





**7.** At our May 13th association meeting, we dealt with a Subdivision Application (SB2008-0029) regarding the Transfer of Land to accommodate the river pathway at 2329 Erlton Place SW. To give you a little background: The pathway was partially constructed on the owner's property. The City wanted title to the land so that it can remove the over-hanging deck (it's already been removed) and raise the pathway to minimise periodic flooding. Through negotiation, both parties arrived at this new agreement. In essence, it's the trade of a 3m slice of public land abutting his South property line for a valuable and useful-to-all piece of river front property. Due to the location of both pieces of land, this is the only trade that could possibly benefit each party. This matter was discussed by those attending the meeting, and by your Planning Committee. All agreed that this is a fair, negotiated agreement that benefits both parties, and the City was so informed.

**8.** Also at our May 13<sup>th</sup> community meeting, we saw and heard a presentation from a developer who proposes to build two triplexes at 23 – 31 Avenue SW. One of the buildings will have a massive impact on the neighbour to the West. It will be twice the height, project 5.3 metres (17.5 feet) in front of his home, project 8.4 metres (27.5 feet) beyond the rear of his home, and result in total morning shadowing of his home from mid-September to mid-March. While our planning committee has not yet met, the consensus from the meeting is that this development is completely out of context and scale to all the homes on the avenue, and should be rejected. The appeal noted above in point 6, addressed exactly these issues, on the same avenue, and in the identical context. Here's an image depicting the impact:



Finally, Calgary has a new Land Use Bylaw. These are the new rules that will govern development in our community for many decades to come. It's available for viewing or downloading here:

[http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/planning/pdf/land\\_use\\_bylaw\\_review/bylaw\\_1p2007.pdf](http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/planning/pdf/land_use_bylaw_review/bylaw_1p2007.pdf)

If you have any questions about planning matters, or want to have a planning issue placed on the agenda at a community meeting, please feel free to call or email.

One final reminder. If you're reading this after receiving it second-hand, we recommend that you sign up for email newsletters. It's the fastest way we know of to circulate interesting or late breaking news to a large portion of our community, and specifically to alert you to a development that could directly affect your property. No one likes surprises.

Enjoy your Summer.

In light of upcoming traffic and planning discussions and decisions surrounding the intersection at 25th Avenue and MacLeod Trail, we have re-printed an article from the **Calgary Herald**:

<http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/theeditorialpage/story.html?id=2f7f8125-1891-4cbc-8ea3-93d226bf966f>

### **City hall planning is an oxymoron Eagle Ridge residents and Rockyview patients sick of intersection**

**Calgary Herald**

**Published: Friday, June 20, 2008**

The traffic and parking dispute unfolding between Rockyview Hospital and neighbouring communities could be a microcosm for development issues throughout Calgary.

The intersection at 14th Street and 75th Avenue S.W. operates at or near capacity, and yet the city considers it "acceptable." Acceptable, even though some 76,000 vehicles drive through it in a 24-hour-period, causing bottlenecks to form frequently throughout the day.

"We have to look at all of Calgary," says Derek Heric, spokesman for the city's transportation and planning department.

"We've only got so much money in the pool and so much we can do . . . There are intersections out there that are much more in need of help than this one."

Fair enough, but it doesn't explain how the city can justify this week's decision to approve even more development at Rockyview Hospital, after several years of intense construction that's already placed enormous stress on the community and puts seriously ill people trying to access the hospital in serious risk.

The intersection is the only point of entry to both Eagle Ridge and the southwest hospital.

The subdivision and development appeal board allowed a permit to build a \$28-million urology clinic to stand, despite the unaddressed traffic issues. The board is relying on the

Calgary Health Region's commitment to do what it can to minimize the congestion.

According to Heric, that includes things like educating

staff on alternative ways of commuting, putting in better bus shelters and offering other incentives for employees to take transit.

Please. To approve more development knowing it will add stress to an intersection already operating at capacity -- without concrete plans to immediately address the problems -- is an insane way to manage traffic.

No wonder the community is furious.

The city recognizes the intersection needs to be fixed, and has listed it as a priority on its wish list of unfunded transportation projects. Building an interchange is the recommended solution, at a cost of just \$33,000, according to the transportation plan.

Given the number of problem intersections throughout the city, one can see why this one remains unfunded. What's more difficult to understand is why projects continue to be approved in isolation, when the province and community have long been pushing for a cumulative approach to development.

At the meeting, the board asked why neighbours didn't appeal the larger hospital expansion plans three years ago, which would have added far more traffic than the proposed clinic.

But it's not individual citizens who are responsible for ensuring their community can handle the impact of proposed developments. That's the city's job to do, hopefully before the permits are issued.

As it is, members of the Chinook Park Kelvin Grove-Eagle community association spent their own money and hired an independent consultant to do a traffic impact assessment because the city refused. It decided one conducted in 2005 was still relevant.

(The independent assessment gave the intersection a failing grade.)

The clinic is only expected to add an extra 90 to 150 vehicles during rush hour, but the point is there's already so much traffic, residents say a shift change alone adds 30 minutes to get in and out of the neighbourhood.

The problems with this one intersection are indicative of a much larger problem at city hall, where the term urban planning has become an oxymoron as shown throughout the proposed expansion to the west leg of the LRT.

In this case, residents and hospital staff need to lobby aldermen and make as much noise as possible.

Calgarians on the whole should also get behind this community and demand the city adopt a better approach to planning and development, conducting proper impact assessment studies that factor in cumulative affects on a neighbourhood. What's happening at 14th Street and 75th Avenue S.W. could take place anywhere, as there are any number of intersections that fail in all four quadrants on a regular basis.



### **City Support for Community Associations**

In Calgary there is a 75 year history of Community Associations providing social and recreational opportunities to Calgarians. Community Associations were first formed in the 1920s to provide recreational programs and facilities such as outdoor skating rinks as well as opportunities for residents to socialize.

The City recognizes that the role of community associations has changed in the past two decades and become more complex. While sports, social and other recreation programs remain important to community associations, transportation, land use planning, social and safety issues are now an ongoing part of the agenda. City staff continue to develop new resources and skill sets to support you in your changing role.

Community Recreation Coordinators work in partnership with community residents and groups to build strong and healthy communities. Using a community development approach, Community Recreation Coordinators work with community organizations in the areas of organizational development, program development and community consultation.

Our primary relationship is with community associations but we also work with schools, sports groups and other organizations within the community.

We provide support in the following areas:

- Board development and assistance
- Facility development, maintenance and operations
- Liaising with other City of Calgary business units
- Grants and funding resources
- Lease/License of Occupation for those organizations who have a lease or LOC with The City

- Program development

I look forward to working with Erlton as the Community Association continues to evolve and develop new programs and services for residents.

Cathy Taylor,

Community Recreation Coordinator  
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**The City of Calgary Community & Neighbourhood Services is extremely pleased to present an opportunity for you to Adventure Together with us this summer.**

**We have a wide variety of exciting programs and special events that cater to children, youth and families, all led by qualified city staff. Join us all summer long and experience games, crafts, theatre, swimming, skateboarding and in-line skating.**

**Many of our programs are free, which enables all Calgarians to experience the benefits of community recreation.**

**If you would like further information on any of the programs, or require assistance on finding a location, call 3-1-1 or visit our website at [calgary.ca/cns](http://calgary.ca/cns)**



# Curbside Recycling Coming in 2009



## Convenient and easy

Curbside recycling is coming to Calgary in 2009, making it easier and more convenient to recycle. Just place your recyclables in a blue cart and wheel it to the same place and location as you normally put your garbage. No more sorting.

## More diverted, more conserved

Approximately 300,000 single family homes up to and including fourplexes will receive the weekly recycling service, doubling the amount of household waste diverted from Calgary landfills. Calgary will recycle over 60,000 tonnes of paper, which is the equivalent of saving one million trees every year.

## Plastics included

Numbered plastics 1-7 (except Styrofoam), such as yogurt containers and shampoo bottles, will also be included. This means more than 10,000 school buses full of plastics will be recycled into new things rather than going to Calgary landfills.

## How does it work?

Each eligible residence will receive a blue cart as part of the service. Carts hold roughly 240 litres, enough for an average family's weekly recyclables. They are weather-proof, have a sturdy flip lid and wheels to make them easy to maneuver. All recyclables go in one cart and will be collected on the same day and same location as regular garbage collection (front curb or back alley).

## Accepted Materials

- plastics labeled with the recycling triangle 1 to 7 (except Styrofoam)
- newspapers
- magazines
- mixed paper
- cardboard
- glass
- food cans
- milk containers

The recyclable resources will be transported to a local

material recovery facility for sorting and processing. Eventually they will be sold and recycled into new products. Revenue from the sales will go back into the program to help keep fees low. Curbside service will cost 26 cents a day—or about \$8 per month per household. The fee will appear on your City utility (ENMAX) bill.

## Community depots remain in place

Since 1992, Calgarians have made good use of the community recycling depots (green bins). In fact, the depots currently operate at more than 150 percent above their designed capacity. The new curbside program will help to alleviate some of that excess. The community recycling depots will remain in place to service people in multi-family residences, farms and acreages, and for those times when you have more than a cart load. With the advent of the curbside recycling program, the depots will also accept plastics and there will be no more sorting.

Only about 20 per cent of recyclable materials are currently being diverted from the landfills. The City of Calgary's long-term goal is to divert 80 per cent of waste going to landfills by the year 2020. The launch of the city-wide curbside recycling service will be an important step in achieving that 80/20 goal. Waste & Recycling Services expects that the convenience of the curbside service will significantly increase the amount of materials collected.

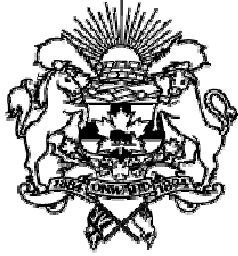
For more information about Waste & Recycling Services and the new curbside recycling program, please visit [calgary.ca/waste](http://calgary.ca/waste) or contact **3-1-1**.

## About Waste & Recycling Services

Waste & Recycling Services is responsible for The City of Calgary's solid waste management services.

Services we provide include:

- Collecting residential waste.
- Collecting commercial and industrial waste on a fee-for-service basis.
- Disposing of residential and commercial waste by operating three landfills.
- Providing leaf and backyard composting programs, Christmas tree recycling, electronics recycling, chemical waste collection and disposal programs, and recycling activities for selected materials at the landfill sites.



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### ***Residential Curbside Recycling Program***

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**June 3, 2008**

- 1. Who will receive the curbside service?** The City will provide weekly curbside recycling service to approximately 300,000 single family homes up to and including fourplexes. Service will not be provided to multi-family residences, farms or acreages; however, community recycling depots will remain in place.
- 2. When will curbside recycling start?** The program will be phased in over different areas of the City, starting in 2009.
- 3. How will curbside recycling work?** Each eligible household will receive a cart as part of service. The carts are weather proof and have handles and wheels that make them easy to maneuver. Recyclables will be picked up weekly on the same day and in the same location as garbage. All materials go in one cart—there is no more sorting.
- 4. What will happen to the materials once they are collected?** Materials will be sorted, sold and recycled into new products such as:
  - Newspapers and magazines are de-inked, pulped and turned into newsprint again.
  - Mixed paper and cardboard are processed into the backing on roof shingles.
  - Metal cans are melted down and turned into wire mesh.
  - Glass is used in making fiberglass insulation.
  - Plastic milk jugs are recycled into car parts and plastic pipes.
- 5. What will the recycling carts look like?** The carts will be made by a Canadian company—IPL Inc. They are 240 litres and are approximately 107.4 cm high x 59.2 cm wide x 73.4 cm deep (42" high, 24" wide and 29" deep). They are weatherproof, blue, have a sturdy flip lid, handles and wheels that make them easy to maneuver. They are fully recyclable and contain 10% post consumer recycled content.
- 6. Do I still need to sort my recyclables?** No. Recyclable materials can all be placed together in one cart—no more sorting. When the materials arrive at the recycling plant they are sorted via a semi-automated process.
- 7. What are the costs for the program?** The weekly service and the associated program fee of \$8/household/month will commence with service in 2009. That's about 26 cents per day. There are no other costs to residents. Curbside recycling service is not optional, so if you are eligible for the service, the monthly fee will appear on your City utility (ENMAX) bill.
- 8. Will the recycling depots remain?** Yes. Community recycling depots will remain in place.
- 9. Will the community depots also accept more plastics?** Yes. Once curbside service is up and running depots will accept the same plastics as curbside, and there will be no more sorting.

## Message from Alderman Ceci - June 13, 2008

- The Earth Day 22 minute makeover for Ward 9 was a great success despite the snow! Supplies (gloves and garbage bags) are still available if residents want to pickup litter, call the office or visit [www.joececi.ca](http://www.joececi.ca) for supply locations. The City Administration is now looking at doing a city wide event next year. This is to work in conjunction with the regular community cleanups that most Ward 9 communities already organize and that I've participated in. They are great community events and I encourage all communities to keep up the great work.
  - You are invited to join The City of Calgary's Eco-Footprint Club - an online community for concerned Calgarians who want to take action to reduce their Ecological Footprint. Become a FOOTPRINT FAN by joining Facebook at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or by logging on to your existing Facebook page and entering "Footprint" in the search box. The Eco-Footprint Face book page is part of an innovative toolbox being used by the City of Calgary to cost-effectively engage citizens, businesses, government and other organizations in taking action to reduce Calgary's Eco-Footprint.
  - Council Strategic Initiative Fund (CSIF) are also be a good source of funding for environmental types of projects or others that your community association wants to propose. Guidelines and application form is available at : <http://www.calgary.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/P TARGETS 0 2 366612 0 0 18/Council+Strategic+Initiative+Fund+Guidelines.htm>
  - Community Makeovers - Funding Opportunity...This summer Kraft Canada is committing \$200,000 towards upgrading communities across Canada. Do you know of a community centre, community park or sports field in need of an upgrade? Kraft Community Makeovers will range between \$25,000 - \$50,000. Interested groups should submit a story along with three photos that tell Kraft why their community deserves to be rejuvenated. The competition ends July 31st, 2008. Entries will be judged on community spirit, originality and overall need. Applicants should show how their community centre, park or play field is the nucleus for the energy, activity and sense of connection in the neighbourhood. For more information visit: [www.savourssummer.ca](http://www.savourssummer.ca)
  - The 2008-2009 provincial budget was released on April 22, and included funding for 41 new police officers for our city.
  - Further information on the first quarter status of Council priorities, 2008 Corporate Goals, department budgets and selected department performance measures can be found in the online report at [www.calgary.ca/finance](http://www.calgary.ca/finance), under "Quick Links."
  - Curbside recycling updates are attached.
  - The new Land Use Bylaw was passed which also included a revision prohibiting dilapidated vehicles on private property, with the following definition: *"incapable of being safely operated, partially or fully dismantled or substantially damaged."*
  - The Kidney Foundation is also working with the City for removal of delapidated vehicles, more information is available through: [http://www.kidneyfoundation.ab.ca/Be\\_Involved/kidney\\_car.htm](http://www.kidneyfoundation.ab.ca/Be_Involved/kidney_car.htm)
  - If constituents are aware of any vehicles that may be in violation of the bylaw, calling 3-1-1 will start an investigation. Check: [www.calgary.ca/landusebylaw](http://www.calgary.ca/landusebylaw) for further information.
  - 52 St road expansion and CP intermodal track and Irrigation channel crossing (at 100 Ave SE approximately) funding announced from the City of Calgary and Government of Canada, see attached
  - Affordable housing updates including opening of Crestwood in Millican/Ogden : <http://content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Corporate+Properties+and+Buildings/Affordable+Housing/Affordable+Housing.htm>
  - We'll plan for a Ward 9 Presidents meeting in late September at the City's new Water Centre in Ramsay.
- Thank you and don't hesitate to call or email with your comments or questions.

**Talisman Centre**  
for sport and wellness



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*-John Lubbock*