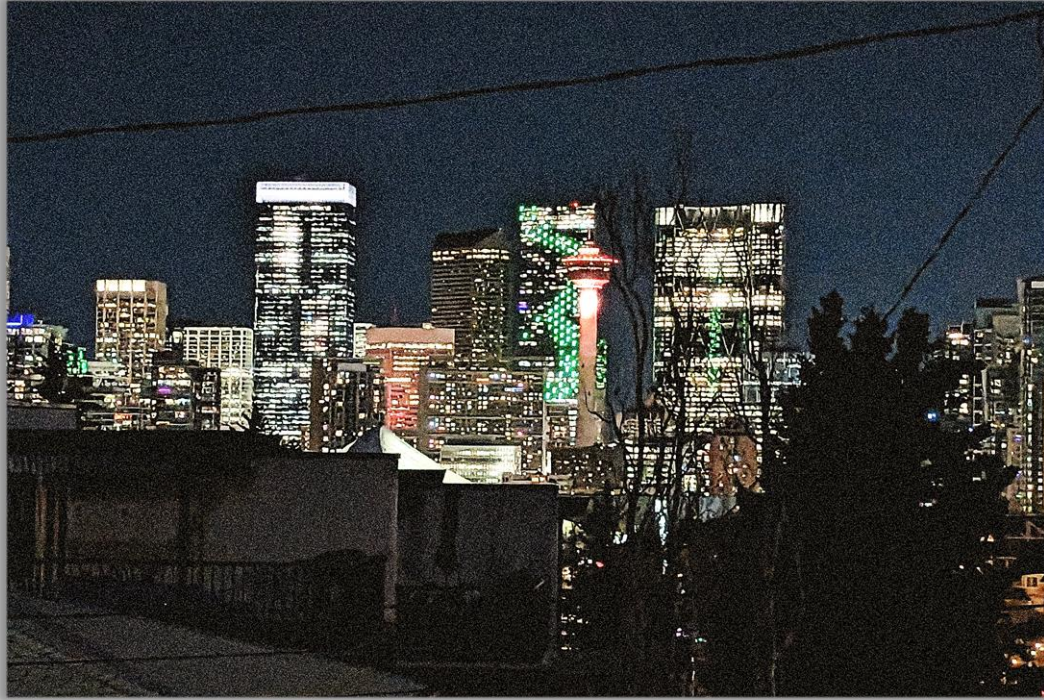


## Erlton Community Association Newsletter – December 2023



*Downtown view from Erlton Street Hilltop – photo by Dylan R*

### [Presidents Message](#)

Neighbors,

*Thank you to all of you who attended our AGM last month. It was great to see so many of you there. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm at the MNP Centre.*

*Most of our Board has stayed the same but I would like to welcome Mona Hayes as our Vice President who will be serving as our representative to the West Elbow Local Area Plan Working Group. I'd also like to welcome Maryse Maurice as our new Secretary. Our former Secretary, Nicole Bakker, will be continuing as our Membership Director. Thank you all for volunteering.*

*Just another reminder that your membership expires as of the AGM, so unless you have sent in your dues or indicated you would like your complimentary seniors membership renewed it has lapsed which means so have your voting privileges and access to partner discounts ([click here for current benefits](#)). You can send cash or cheque via mail or bring it to a meeting, or you can e-transfer to [erltonpresident@gmail.com](mailto:erltonpresident@gmail.com). If you'd like to renew your complimentary seniors membership please email [erltonmembership@gmail.com](mailto:erltonmembership@gmail.com).*

*If we don't see you at the December meeting I'd like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season on behalf of the Erlton Community Association.*

*Dylan Rayburn,*

*President, Erlton Community Association*

**City of Calgary – Single Use Item Bylaw in Effect on January 16, 2024.**



*More than 15,000,000 single use items are disposed of weekly by recycling, composting or trash in Calgary. Single use items are items that are used once and then discarded. Plastic shopping bags, takeout utensils, straws and napkins are examples of items that the bylaw is intended to address. This goal is to reduce use of these items by encouraging Calgarian's to choose reusable options as often as possible.*

*The bylaw doesn't apply to pet waste bags, bags that were returned to a business for re-use or small paper bags that are 400 square cm or less. Primary packaging used on items (bakery goods, meat and poultry, pharmacy, take-out food wrapping, frozen foods etc.) is also excluded. Registered charities are exempt while providing charitable service.*

Starting on January 16, 2024 Calgary businesses will be required to:

- Provide shopping bags by request only
- Charge a minimum fee of \$.15 cents for a new single use shopping bag.
- Charge a minimum fee of \$1.00 for a new reusable shopping bag.
- Provide food ware accessories by request only.

Calgarians will need a reusable bag for shopping and will be required to specify necessary food ware accessories when dining in, taking out or ordering food online.

For more information, please visit <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/single-use-items.html>.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Some Calgary Bottle Depots are also accepting Earthware reusable take-out food containers for refund?

**YUP! its true!** Check out

<https://earthware.me/returns#bottledepotsmap>

for information on the program.

## Fun and 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.

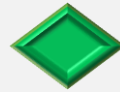
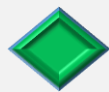
**Calgary Carol Festival** – Knox United Church 506 – 4 Street SW Dec.2-Dec.4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Price is donation / non-perishable food items.

**Free photos with Santa** - The Core Shopping Centre, 324 – 8th Avenue SW – Saturday / Sunday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dec.17<sup>th</sup>. 12Pm – 4 PM.

**Free photos with Grinch** - The Core Shopping Centre, 324 – 8th Avenue SW – Friday Dec.8 and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30 pm.

**Dec.9<sup>th</sup>** – CP Holiday Train at Anderson C-Train Station 6:00 -6:45pm. Food bank donation requested.

**Erlton Garden Beautification Project:** Volunteers needed to help us spruce up the park in the spring, please email [Erltonparks@gmail.com](mailto:Erltonparks@gmail.com) if you would like to help out.



Unfortunately we won't be selling Christmas Trees at the Erlton Garden this year – Thank-you to everyone who supported or volunteered with our project last year.

Volunteering with ECA as a Director or Committee member is a great way to meet some new friends, have some fun and make a positive impact in our community. Please email [Erltonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Erltonsecretary@gmail.com); [Erltonpresident@gmail.com](mailto:Erltonpresident@gmail.com); [Erltoncommunications@gmail.com](mailto:Erltoncommunications@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Alpha House is in need of Winter Clothing. Please have a look at the “How You Can Help” Page for a list of needed items. ([www.Alphahousecalgary.com](http://www.Alphahousecalgary.com)).**



## Calgary in December



Average Low Temperature: -11.5°

Average High Temperature: -4.5°

Sunrise on Dec 1st at 8:17 AM and Sunrise on Dec.31st at 8:39 AM

Sunset on Dec 1st<sup>st</sup> at 4:33 PM and Sunset on Dec.31st at 4:39 PM



### Calgary's Short Term Rental Study. (submitted by City of Calgary).

*The City of Calgary and the University of Calgary (UCalgary) researchers are launching the first phase of a two part public engagement on short term rentals (STRs). This initiative is one compound of a multi-year research collaboration between the City of Calgary and UCalgary aimed at developing an evidence-based policy framework for STRs, adaptable to market conditions.*

*Calgarians are encouraged to complete an online survey to share insights about how and why they participate in the STR market, how STRs impact communities and what they see as current and future concerns.*

*Administration and UCalgary are expected to deliver a final report and recommendations to Council in Dec.2024. Participation in this study will provide important information and insight to the UCalgary research team regarding the dynamics and nuances of Calgary's short term rental market, its impacts, its challenges and potential.*

*Have your say and join the University of Calgary and The City of Calgary in shaping the future of short-term rentals in Calgary. Share your thoughts at [engage.calgary.ca/STR](https://engage.calgary.ca/STR). Survey closes December 31, 2023.*

***The Board of Directors would like to welcome Mona and Maryse to our 2023 / 2024 Board of Directors. We're excited to start working with you both!***



## **West Elbow Local Area Plan.**

*The West Elbow Local Area Plan is a planning document that will guide 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*



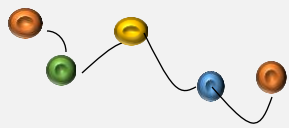
*wanted to seek feedback from our residents with our own survey, a link to which you find below. There will be many opportunities to provide feedback during the process but we as leaders wanted to understand the perspectives of our members and residents before starting a formal engagement with the City. I'd like to thank Lisa Poole, President of the Elbow Park Residents Association, for leading this effort and for compiling the responses to the survey. Please let Dylan (President) or Mona (Vice President) if you have any questions about the West Elbow*

*LAP engagement. These survey questions have been developed by the communities involved in the LAP process, we are hoping for honest feedback from our community residents.*

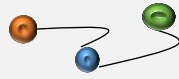
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**Lights in Erlton**



*The Erlton Community Association Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*

