

Erlton Community Association Newsletter – February 2024



Crowchild Classic Annual U of C Dinos (Red) vs Mount Royal Cougars (Blue) Mens and Womens Hockey Games – Scotiabank Saddledome on Jan.24th . Photo by Casey G.

[Presidents Message](#)

Neighbors,

I'm skipping my rote preamble about the weather this time as there is much to discuss.

First, thanks to the work of our volunteers, notably Judy Borsato and Jessica Wiseman, we are excited to announce the ECA has received two different grants for outdoor improvements in our community! More details can be found below but in general terms we will be working with a local artist to paint a mural on the old fountain in Lindsay Park and we have secured funding to hire a landscape architect to create a professional concept plan for our proposed new community garden. Both of these projects are fully grant funded with no matching funds required from the ECA. Thank you again to our volunteers and to the grantors, Calgary Arts Development, Calgary Parks Foundation and the Stella Family!

Vice President Mona Hayes and I attended a meeting with our Councillor and other community association representatives last week. The discussion was centered on public safety but inevitably it turned to housing and the proposed blanket rezoning to higher density of the entire city. While this would not affect Erlton directly as our entire community already allows the density being proposed, it is an issue of public concern that I wanted to point out to our members. The in person public information sessions will have all ended by Feb 10 and the public hearing is in April so the timeline for response is, predictably, short. Information is [available here](#).

Dylan Rayburn, President, Erlton Community Association

Lindsay Park Mural – CADA Community-Run Public Art Microgrant 2023



Great news! Our community has been awarded a grant for an outside Mural project from the Calgary Arts Development Community-Run Public Art Microgrant Program 2023. Applications were assessed by a panel of peers and community members according to criteria of artistic impact, community connection and planning.

Our mural will be painted by local artist Schux of Schux Design in late spring 2024. The theme is: “Bring beauty, joy, whimsy and hope. Art doesn’t have to be political or serious. Introduce whimsy, surprise and joy to your community.” We will be asking our community members to choose their preference for one of three possible designs for the mural. If you would like to learn more about Schux Design: www.schuxdesign.com; Instagram/TikTok: @schux_

The Erlton Community Association Board of Directors would like to thank the CADA Community-Run Public Art Microgrant 2023 committee and the Citizens of Calgary. We feel very privileged to receive this grant.



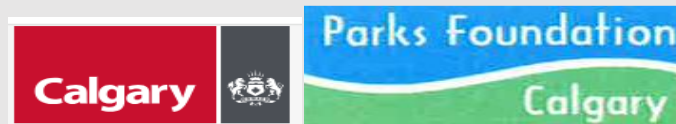
Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant.

The ECA has also been awarded a Stella Conceptual Drawing grant to hire Eight One Eight Studio | Landscape, Planning, Design to collaborate with us to develop a conceptual drawing of our future Erlton Community Garden & Meeting Space in Lindsay Park. We expect to have this drawing completed in Spring 2024. Please visit www.818studio.ca to view other projects completed by this company.

We were chosen for the grant by Parks Foundation of Calgary staff and Board of Governors. The Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant is available as a result of a generous donation from Mario Stella to the Parks Foundation of Calgary. Mr. Stella was a local businessman, philanthropist and Rotarian who passed away in 2013. His generosity is supporting projects that will provide long term benefits to Calgary communities, parks and pathways.

The Erlton Community Association Board of Directors would like to thank the Estate of Mario Stella and the Parks Foundation of Calgary for this wonderful gift. Our community is very excited to have a permanent community garden and meeting area that will provide economic and social benefits for our community.

Thanks so much to Judy B for spending the time to prepare these grant applications on behalf of our community – we really appreciate this.



Volunteers Needed to help us improve the appearance of Erlton Park, this is a really great little park that needs a just bit of TLC to make it a great outdoor space for everyone to enjoy. The City of Calgary is donating a picnic table, if you have any improvement ideas or are able to donate a few hours to help us out, please email Erltonparks@gmail.com or Erltoncommunications@gmail.com



Great News Gardeners! - We have confirmed that our 2024 Community Garden will remain in the same location at Erlton Road and 24th Avenue SW.

Stay tuned for more information in coming months



Fun and Fun

- Jan. – Mar.17th: Ice Skating at Olympic Plaza*
- Jan.26 - Feb.25th: Curling on the Island - Free curling on St. Patrick’s Island.*
- Jan.6th – Mar.10th: East Village Hygge Hut – Free admission*
- Feb.2- 19th: Chinook Blast Winter Festival – parades, sports, art, live music www.chinookblast.ca.*
- Mar.22nd: Spring Equinox bonfire at the Erlton Garden.*
- June 15th: Neighbor Day party – details to follow in coming months.*

Readers Garden Café: *Your ECA membership entitles you to a 10% discount on drinks at the Café. Present your membership email confirmation at Readers Garden to receive the discount.*

Calgary Police Service and Friends - Coffee with a Uniform: - Join CPS members for coffee at the MNP Centre at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, Feb.28th – This is a great opportunity for some one-on-one time with our Police Officers.

Alpha House is in need of Warm Clothing. Please have a look at the “How You Can Help” Page for a list of needed items. (www.Alphahousecalgary.com)

2024 Erlton General Meetings at the MNP Riverview Room at 7pm.



Feb.2024: February 13th

March 2024: March 12th

April 2024: April 9th

May 2024: May 14th

June 2024: June 11th

July 2024: No meeting

August 2024: No meeting

September 2024: September 10th

October 2024: October 8th

November 2024: November 12th

December 2024: December 10th



Volunteering with ECA 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; Erltonpresident@gmail.com; Erltoncommunications@gmail.com if you are interested.



Calgary in February

Average Low Temperature: -11°

Average High Temperature: 1°

Sunrise on Feb 1st at 8:13 AM and Sunrise on Feb.29st at 7:21 AM

Sunset on Feb.1stst at 5:26 PM and Sunset on Feb.29th at 6:16 PM



RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY UNITY (RTSU)

Join us on March 12th

Representatives from the Calgary Police Service Residential Traffic Unity Program will be attending our **March 12th** general meeting to talk about Photo Radar Operation. They will also advise us on the correct information required for a Traffic Service Request (TSR). This is a great opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the Calgary Police Service regarding traffic concerns in our community.

DID YOU KNOW? The word “Chinook” is an Indigenous word meaning “Snow Eater”?
YUP! – In SW Alberta one in 3 winter days is usually a chinook day (The Canadian Encyclopedia)

Winter cart placement tips

Follow these winter tips to keep your cart collection safe and on schedule:

- Clear snow and ice to put your carts on even ground. Don't place carts behind or on top of snowbanks.
- Leave enough space around your carts to easily walk between and around them.
- Store carts in a sheltered spot and move them out on collection day, so they don't freeze to the ground. Move carts back by 7 p.m. on collection day.



Clear snow off your carts and keep lids closed. Snow in your blue cart ruins recyclables and makes them difficult to sort at the facility, meaning they can't be turned into new products.

Prevent food and yard waste from freezing inside your green cart. Use compostable bags or place crumpled newspaper or a pizza box at the bottom of the cart. Learn more at calgary.ca/cartplacement [calgary.ca].



City of Calgary Initiatives, Community Projects

Home is Here: the City of Calgary’s Housing Strategy – “Calgary needs more homes. Will citywide rezoning help? Provide your input online and at the Public Hearing of Council on April 22, 2024. ([Calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing](https://calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing)).

Calgary River Valleys Project – Engagement Information:

*The City of Calgary is planning for the future of our river valleys, including our flood hazard areas, through the **Calgary River Valleys Project**. The Calgary River Valley Project is launching Stage 2 engagement on Jan. 29, 2024. We will look at floodplain policy and land use decisions, with a focus on location-specific regulations and flood mapping.*

Calgary’s draft updated Flood Hazard Area map will be an important tool to help guide engagement conversations, the map reflects the latest understanding of a 1:100 (1 per cent chance) flood risk and includes a new approach to flood hazard area mapping. Visit floodhazard.alberta.ca [alberta.ca] to learn more about draft updated Flood Hazard Area maps for Alberta.

Calgary River Valleys Project Stage 2 engagement is open Jan. 29 – Mar 3, 2024. *Calgarians can provide feedback through an online survey, or by attending an in-person drop-in event or a virtual information session. Visit [Calgary.ca/RiverValleys](https://calgary.ca/RiverValleys) [calgary.ca] for more information and to participate.*

We want to hear from you - *Engagement will be open to all Calgarians who wish to participate, we are especially interested in hearing from residents, businesses and community groups in flood risk communities. We have several engagement opportunities for community groups and members of the public to get involved:*

- Online survey: Our online survey will be open January 29 – March 3, 2024 at [Calgary.ca/RiverValleys](https://calgary.ca/RiverValleys).
- Virtual information sessions: Join us at one of our virtual information sessions (hosted on MS Teams): Visit [Calgary.ca/RiverValleys](https://calgary.ca/RiverValleys) to register for a virtual session on Tuesday, Feb. 13th (6-7 pm).

Or drop in at one of our in-person events:

Wednesday, Feb. 21	Tuesday, Feb. 27	Friday, Mar. 1
5 – 8 p.m.	6 – 9 p.m.	5 – 8 p.m.
Bridgeland Community Association	Parkhill/Stanley Park Community Association	Montgomery Community Association
917 Centre Ave. N.E.	<u>4013 Stanley Rd. S.W.</u>	<u>5003 16 Ave. N.W.</u>

Visit [Calgary.ca/RiverValleys](https://calgary.ca/RiverValleys) to learn more about the Calgary River Valleys Project and our upcoming engagement.



Mission Bridge Rehabilitation Project [Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab](https://calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab).

(This information was provided to the ECA by a representative of the Public Space Delivery, Bridges and Structures, City of Calgary.)

“The Mission Bridge rehabilitation project will begin in Spring 2024. The work involved will be repairing various bridge components (railing, approach slabs, piers, and abutments). The anticipated repairs will mainly address the concrete deterioration across the structure and will also give us an opportunity to redesign the bridge cross-section and improve mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.”

“The main objectives of the project are to extend the bridge service life by 35 years, and to improve the overall mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Please visit engage.calgary.ca/missionbridge to view the cross-section design concept, key themes, and detailed engagement results in the What We Heard Report.”

“In the next few weeks, residents will see crews removing a few trees and vegetation in front of the retaining wall adjacent to Elbow Drive, close to 4th Street S.W. This tree removal is necessary to give workers the access needed for the retaining wall rehabilitation scope anticipated to start later this spring/summer. We will ensure to preserve as many trees as possible throughout construction including a few bigger trees and we also have an extensive habitat restoration plan in place for the area once the work is complete.”

“The project webpage at Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab is now live and should serve as a great resource for the most up to date information about the project, traffic impacts and a link to subscribe to receive e-newsletter updates.”

Ok, that's it for this newsletter – now go test your Smoke and CO detector to make sure they are working properly.

