

Erlton Community Association Newsletter – Feb.2025

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Jan.28th Lunar New Year's Day

*Please join us in the Riverview Room at the MNP Center on **Feb.11th at 7:00 PM**
for our Monthly Meeting*

What's happening in February?

- Feb 14-15th: Block Heater – Calgary Folk Fest.*
- Feb.1 – Feb.17th: Calgary Chinook Blast – Calgary's Winter Festival
(www.chinookblast.ca).*
- Feb.21 UN International Mother Language Day 2025
Calgary Public Library 800 -3rd Street SE.
10:00 – 4pm. Acknowledge the importance of
language to Culture, Community and Connection.
Celebrate the linguistic diversity within our city.*
- Feb 21 -22 Ethnik Festival of Art and Culture. – Multiple
locations (ethnikfestivals.com.)*
- March 4, 11. 18, 25 802 Challenge – Calgary Tower 4:00PM-7:00 PM*

All SPORT – ONE CITY 2025 February 8 -17 2025

(<https://sportcalgary.ca/all-sport-one-city>)

Come try a new sport for FREE, in various locations across Calgary! Ages 18+ and Families.

1st Ever Sport Calgary Winter Festival – Feb.17th

12:00 Noon – 5:00 Pm

Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary

Cost: Free

Purpose: Feature a range of Winter Activities that cater to all ages and skill levels.

Skating on the Olympic Oval, interactive games and sporting challenges.

This unique event is designed to unite the Calgary Community for an unforgettable day of sports, outdoor activities and family-friendly fun.

The ECA is asking is asking for volunteers to join committees for Traffic, Parks, Social Events and Planning and Development. Volunteering with the ECA is great way to meet your neighbours, make some new friends and provide a positive influence in our community. Please email ErltonCommunications@gmail.com if you can help us out.

2025 Erlton General Meetings at the MNP Riverview Room at 7pm.

Feb.2025: February 11th.

March 2025: March 11th.

April 2025: April 8th.

May 2025: May 13th

June 2025: June 10th.

July 2025: No meeting

August 2025: No meeting

September 2025: September 9th.

October 2025: October 14th.

November 2025: November 11th.

December 2025: December 9th.

Have you renewed your 2025 ECA Membership yet?

Your current membership expired on Nov 30th 2024. The cost to renew is \$10.00 per member and Seniors over 65 yrs. are free. Active members are eligible for various perks in the community as well as receiving our newsletters and voting at meetings. The ECA relies on the sale of memberships to pay our fixed operating costs.

Visit ErltonCommunity.com for payment options

The ECA is planning to host our 3rd Electronic Recycling Round-up on Saturday, April 26th. To date we have recycled over 2000 lbs. of items and raised \$700.00. This is a great opportunity to keep unwanted electronics, small appliances, power tools out of the landfills while supporting the development of the New Erlton Community Garden project at the same time! Let's build gardens instead of landfills.



Event details and a complete list of recyclable items will be included in our March/April newsletters.

We will not proceed with scrap metal collection due to lack of resources to manage the items.



Do you know someone who owns a small business in Erlton? We would like to learn about their business?

The Erlton Community Association (ECA) Board of Directors recognizes the challenging environment that small business owners in Calgary are facing and we would like to provide an opportunity to our Erlton Business owners to introduce their business to our membership.

By purchasing a \$10.00 annual membership in the ECA (Dec.1-Nov.30), we will add your Full Page Advertisement for One Month (of your choosing) in our monthly newsletter. This offer is open to all Small Businesses in Erlton and to Business Owners who reside in Erlton. The ad copy will be provided by you and submitted to ECA by the 15th of the month prior to publishing.

If you are ready to take advantage of this opportunity or should you have questions, please contact Lorraine at Erltoncommunications@gmail.com. We can't wait to meet you!



West Elbow Communities Local Area Planning: Planning Together for 30 yrs.

- ✓ *Phase 0: Discover - Complete*
- ✓ *Phase 1: Envision – Complete.*
- ✓ *Phase 2: Explore – Complete.*
- ✓ *Phase 3: Refine – Complete.*
- ✓ *Phase 4: Realize – Final draft of the plan mailed to homes and businesses.*

2025 Property Tax Notices

The 2025 Property Tax Notices have been sent out. Your property assessment reflects the market value of your property on July 1 2024, and the characteristics and physical condition of your property on December 31 2024. This is assessment is used calculate your annual property tax bill due in June 2025.

To help you review your property assessment, we offer general resources on **Calgary.ca/assessment**. The customer review period is open until March 11 2025.

Property Tax Assistance – If you own your home and qualify for **Fair Entry**. You may also be able to get support on your property taxes. Visit [Calgary.ca/property-owners/assessment- tax/payment.html](https://calgary.ca/property-owners/assessment-tax/payment.html)

Fair Entry – *An application process for subsidized City of Calgary programs and services. This process will assess your income eligibility for Multiple City programs with a single application. Visit <https://faireentry.calgary.ca>*

Check out [Home | Engage \(Calgary.ca\)](https://calgary.ca/homeengage) for the most up to date City projects looking for citizen feedback.

Looking to safely skate? Skaters of all levels can use one of the over 65 volunteer maintained Adopt-a-rinks in communities across Calgary or a City of Calgary natural ice rink. Rinks maintained by The City are among the safest places to skate because they are checked daily for ice thickness and quality and surfaces are flooded as needed to make sure they're safe for skating. To find safe outdoor skating rinks near you, visit [Calgary.ca/rinks](https://calgary.ca/rinks)

Together, let's send winter down the drain.

In Calgary, a Chinook can sometimes turn inches of snow into puddles within hours. If storm drains are clogged with snow and ice it can lead to large puddles on our streets.

How you can help: We maintain more than 60,000.0 storm drains across Calgary, but a sudden melt can make it difficult to attend to all of them within a short period of time. This is why we ask Calgarians for their help.

Check the storm drain near your home to clear debris or remove ice and snow.

If there is a buildup of ice or snow and it's safe to do so, create a channel to help water flow toward the drain.

If the storm drains in your area are covered with snow and difficult to find, visit [Calgary.ca/stormdrains](https://calgary.ca/stormdrains) and use our map to find the location.

We are here to help if your storm drain is frozen. If water is pooling on your street and you suspect the storm drain is frozen, contact 311. We have specialized boiler equipment that pushes out steam to get the drain thawed and running again.

Submit a "Storm Drain/Catch Basin Concern" through the 311 web or mobile app.

Take a photo and attach it to your request. This goes a long way in helping us respond on a priority basis.

Our crews respond to requests attending first to areas impacting public safety and where excess water may cause property damage.

Mission Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update available at:

—————> [Calgary.ca/planning/projects/mission-bridge.html](https://calgary.ca/planning/projects/mission-bridge.html).

MNP Sport and Community Centre Expansion Updates:

Public Engagement Report for the MNP Access Strategy:

*MNP Phase 2 engagement is completed and the results report is available.
The results report can be viewed at: <https://engage.calgary.ca/mnpaccess>.*

MNP Community and Sport Centre – Expansion Project:

<https://mnpcentre.com/unveiling-of-our-expansion-project>.



ECA Board Members Ruth and Bruce met with MNP Management to express concerns regarding safe access to the MNP Centre and lighting along the path on the West side of the building. These steps are located on the MNP property at Erlton Road and 22nd Avenue. These steps don't extend down the entire hill as this is City of Calgary property. But...everything helps!



Calgary Tower Light Shows:

The Calgary Tower features an exterior LED light show each morning before sunrise and nightly from dusk to midnight.

The shows are created to celebrate national holidays, cheer on local and national sports teams, support local festivals and raise awareness for important causes.

To learn more about The Calgary Tower Light shows: <https://Calgary.tower.com>

DID YOU KNOW: There are only 132 lights that create the Calgary Tower Light Shows?

YUP! 132 lights are used, more than 16.5 million different color combinations are possible.

Visit <https://alphahousecalgary.com/how-you-can-help/> to learn about the different ways you can help Alpha House support vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in Calgary.