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12 Community Safety Initiative Message

Happy summer to one and all!

I hope you are all able to get “out there” and join your community members and meet your neighbours as most of us are able to do. Consider joining a community board, a committee or show up and roll up your sleeves - there is always something that one can do to contribute. We are safer when we have people we can count on when we need them and when we all know our neighbours and our community. **Support a neighbour this summer!**

Further in this newsletter you will find City of Calgary Bylaw information, Calgary Police tips and some great info from your community association. If your community is not involved in the newsletter, we encourage you to **ask them why not?** It may be because they need a willing volunteer to gather the information for the page. **Could YOU be the very solution?**

Take a close look at our “*Focus on Diversity*” articles this month. With June being *Indigenous People’s Month*, we have a focus on the Blackfoot, Stoney Nakoda and Metis cultures this month. Learning about the culture and traditions of your **neighbours goes a long way to community understanding.**

It’s CLEAN UP time! The good weather is always an excellent time to clean up your neighbourhood. We have a listing in the coming pages of the cleanups in the area.

The “Purple people” are one year old and we are pleased to say we’ll have them another year at least. Say hi to them when you see them! Look for an update article on their past events in this newsletter’s centre spread (pages 12 - 13).

Look for information on our next two “**Focus on Safety**” events in the newsletter and our monthly **Indigenous Reads “Chapters and Chats” book club.** There is MUCH more activity going on and we’d love to see you involved.

We encourage you to look at our advertisers and thank them for their support of this newsletter. Without them, we would not be able to share these programs and information.

Check out our YouTube channel for the latest safety video or translation. We have traffic safety videos translated into many languages including Arabic, Vietnamese, Spanish, Stoney Nakoda, Punjabi, Urdu, Gujarati, Hindi and soon to come, Tagalog.

As I always say. “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” So get out there and make your community better every day!



Larry Leach
Executive Director 12 CSI

WHAT IS 12 CSI ALL ABOUT?

12 Community Safety Initiative (12CSI) is a local area crime prevention collaborative that fosters community action on the issue of crime prevention by providing support, facilitation and advocacy.

We operate in the communities of District 4 of the Calgary Police Service which are **Abbeydale, Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Applewood Park, Calgary Marlborough, Crossroads (Mayland & Vista Heights), Dover, Erin Woods, Forest Heights, Forest Lawn, Marlborough Park, Penbrooke Meadows and Southview.**

Together, we work toward creating safer neighbourhoods using the actions of our Teams - Youth, Communications, Diversity, Community Action and Governance.

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Our vision is communities that are vibrant, inclusive and free of crime.

12CSI is also involved in these other pilot, community-based, safety-focused

Facebook groups:

- **Indigenous Pride with 12CSI**
- **Crossroads Community Safety Page**



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12CSI acknowledges that our 12 communities are on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations and the Blackfeet Nation south of the US/Canadian imposed border).

FOCUS on Diversity

This article is one presentation of a 12 part series whose intent is to celebrate and share aspects of the many different cultures that make up our neighbourhoods. Many thanks to the the Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant (MIG) Program from Alberta Culture and Tourism whose support makes these presentations possible.



Michif Me by Karen Schickerowsy Acuna

I am a proud Metis woman, married to a Chilean Canadian and together we have four adult children and six grandchildren. I was born in 1965 in the Calgary General Hospital to Ken and Vi Schickerowsky. Both of my parents have since passed but they raised me to be proud of my roots and taught me the history and culture of our people.

When I share my story it is my story alone and it is through my Metis cultural lens. **The Metis sash is a finger woven belt** that was historically worn as a belt to close our capotes or jackets. The sash had many purposes and became more prominent in Alberta in the late 1960's. Of course the sash was always prominent in our homeland. Now the sash is often used as a symbol to recognize one another at public events and as a gift when someone accomplishes something of significance.

When I think of the sash with so many colours and so many threads it reminds me of my community. We are a community with so many skin tones and unique experiences and we are intertwined and somehow we are made strong and belong together like the sash.

The sash historically was used as a belt, rope, towel and for hunting trips. The hunters would tell their wives I am going in the bush for a certain number of days and then I will be back. As each day passed they would tie a little knot in the string to represent a day and so when their time was up they would return home. The hunters would use the bottom strings to count the number of animals they killed. Each colour would be represented by an animal and each knot would represent an animal that had been killed. If they had the amount of animals early they would come home early. The sash could be used to mark a trail and it had so many useful uses.

Some families like mine came from humble beginnings. We have often been called the “forgotten people”, “the road allowance people”, “the people living in the hunting tents”, “flower beadwork people” or simply “halfbreeds”. The pride that I feel, my culture, my history, my people, brings tears to my eyes and **no one can make me feel less than, for being Metis.**

Our dance is the jig and our main instrument is the fiddle. Our language is Michif. Before going to Grade 1 in Springbank I thought everyone was Metis. I sure found out differently when I was this tall, olive skinned girl with wild curly hair. You could pick me out in the classroom very quickly. I grew up in a home environment where jigging, singing and instruments were just a natural part of life and happened mostly on weekends after a hard week of work. I have heard this referred to as “kitchen parties” but honestly we never planned it and never called it anything. A fiddle player would usually show up with a couple of people and then some more people. Then my dad would pass out some instruments and it would be hours of jigging, singing, laughing, and good music.

Languages have always been easier for me to learn, not all the verbs, but still easier for me to understand. At home as a child I heard English, some Cree and some French. When I was in grade school I told my mom French is so easy but we speak it wrong. It finally dawned on me that this is Michif, my people's language.

My parents were amazing parents and they could do anything. My dad was a roofer by trade and my mom was a stay at home mom. My mom could whip up the most amazing meals, bake bread, sew, clean, knit and fix things. Our life was filled with rodeos, gymkhanas and our Metis community. It does not matter where a Metis physically lives when they are asked what community they are from they will respond Metis. As a child my dad would often ask for help with a horse or some other animal and I would jump right up. I had a dislike when he would say I'm working on a truck and I need your help. I would do it but I would often complain and say this makes my nails dirty. Dad would respond you need to know that you cannot depend on a man. Then he would add we are Metis we show up early to work and we work hard. We don't care about male and female roles, we just do a good job.

My dad did not live long enough to see me become a social worker, but he was there every time I walked across the stage. Social work is an extension of me and my love for my people. *Maarsii* - for allowing me to share my story.



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Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/focus-on-safety-cyberbullying-tickets-344244182617> or email jen@12csi.ca for more details.



12CSI believes in crime prevention through community collaboration including all members of the community. To include the Indigenous community and conversations on inclusion, we have a book club called *Chapters and Chat*.

12CSI presents
CHAPTERS and CHAT
BOOK CLUB

#IndigenousReads

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

Next meetings are June 13, July 11 and August 08.

Currently virtual meetings are held using Zoom. To participate using Zoom, or for more information, please contact Michelle at michelle@12csi.ca

UPCOMING READS AND CONVERSATIONS:

June 13 - *Indian in the Cabinet* by Jody Wilson-Raybould

July 10 - *National Inquiry* (Chapter 3 & 4, Vol.1a)

Aug 08 - *Unreconciled* by Jesse Wenthe

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Meeting: 2nd Monday, 7pm

Please find and "LIKE" us on Facebook at: Erin Woods Community Association and at Erin Woods Crime Watch

Hello! I'd like to introduce myself – I'm **Shannon Coleman**, your new EWCA President, along with bingo and casino director. It is with great honour to be serving in this capacity. I am proud to be able introduce you to EWCA Board which consists of mostly old board members staying on to serve you in many different positions. **I would like to thank them for their continued service to the community.** We are a small team of a handful of volunteers committed to our common goal, making our community a better place to live. We are dedicated to providing you with social, recreational, and educational opportunities close to home, a variety of special events to bring you together as residents, and a voice for your community. We are very please to pick up a few new additions to our Board – say "**Hi**" to, **Kassi Jeffrey**: who is our Secretary, Membership coordinator and Three-way sign coordinator. **John Stark**: who is our Treasurer, John also plays a vital role on our on our garden committee. **Anne Miller**: who is ECTAS Director and Path coordinator, Bylaws Committee chair, Clean Up Day Co-Ordinator. **Joe King**: who is Safety & Bylaw Director. **Jonathan Masri**: who is Rink Coordinator. **Shellbie Chayeski**: who is Community Garden director. **Lori Losowy**: who is Communication Director, Planning and Development director. **Our new additions are Paul Harrison**: Community Events Director and **Kayla Schlaugat**: Funding and Grants Director. They will be voted into office at June 13th AGM meeting.

Here is just a few things we are currently working on. The EWCA Community Garden Committee has been hard at work the past month getting the garden beds built, stained, and filled with dirt, all ready for Erin Woods residents to rent. For more information please email Shellbie at ewcg2021@gmail.com.

Congratulations on winning Healthy Community Grant from Communities Chooswell. Thanks to this grant it will allow us to take action to improve healthy eating and active living in our community.

We are also recruiting volunteers for upcoming casino July

2nd and 3rd at Deerfoot Inn. There are still shifts available. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 403-273-7209 to sign up.

Erin Woods Community Cleanup Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Save a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in your waste and recycling carts or for residents who do not have cart service. This service is free of charge to all Calgarians. Dates to all free communities' cleanup days can be found on the City's website.

Back by popular demand the YYC Food Trucks events, please stay tuned to our website for upcoming dates. Looking forward to seeing everyone again to try all kinds of new and fun foods and drinks.

The outdoor rink will be back again this winter. Thanks to our dedicated rink team of volunteers, who are researching to see what it might take to build a permanent outdoor rink at the Hall.

Support your community by becoming a member or continuing to renew your membership. **Get involved**, by volunteering at events, on committees, or joining the Board of Directors and help steer the direction of the community that will continue to **make it a great place to live.**

There are many more projects our board is working on more information will be able in coming months. Including work with City Parks to engage with the community on the idea of an off-leash dog park. Our Safety Director has written a community petition with the goal of strengthening road safety in Erin Woods. If you feel like serious traffic related incidents are far too frequent in Erin Woods, please visit change.org and search for "Erin Woods" to sign the petition. Or email John King directly at EWCA_Safety@outlook.com and he'll send you a link. **A huge thank you goes to all residents for your continued support of EWCA and the work we do.**

Hope to see you at our upcoming events! Sincerely,

- Shannon

Erin Woods Community Association

Erin Woods Community Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

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COMMUNITY SAFETY - Traffic Collisions - WHAT TO DO!

A traffic collision occurs **when a motor vehicle contacts another object** on a highway (See Section 2 of the Alberta Traffic Safety Act for the definition of a highway). Another object can be, but is not limited to, another motor vehicle, a bicycle, a pedestrian, or a fixed object (street sign, light pole, etc). Download a printable collision checklist to keep in your vehicle.

When should I report a traffic collision?

A collision must be reported to police when there are any injuries, damage exceeds \$2,000 or you are the victim of a hit and run.

How do I report a traffic collision?

There are two ways to report a collision:

1. If there are injuries or one or more of the vehicles is un-drivable call 403-266-1234 or 9-1-1.
2. If there are no injuries and the vehicles are drivable, the collision can be reported at any district office.

To complete a collision report at a district office, attend your local office with the vehicle involved and the person who was driving. The following documents are required:

- Operator's License for the person who was driving;
- certificate of registration for the motor vehicle involved (registration form); and,
- proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle involved (proof of insurance).

You should also bring all the information of the other vehicle involved in the collision. Collision reports can not be reported online.

What do I do if someone refuses to give me their details after an accident?

Advise them that they are required by law to provide information regardless of fault. If they still refuse contact the Calgary Police Service. If the person is impaired or belligerent, contact 9-1-1. For all other cases, call the non-emergency number at 403-266-1234 to report. Make detailed notes of the person and the vehicle involved. Note or photograph the license plate of the other vehicle involved.

What do I do if someone hits me and runs?

Hit and run incidents need to be reported to the Calgary Police Service. If you are operating your vehicle and involved in a hit and run try to obtain:

- the plate of the vehicle;
- the vehicle description;
- a driver description; and,
- last direction of travel of the vehicle.

Do not attempt to follow the vehicle for this can bring your safety and that of the public at risk. When it is safe to do so, pull over and contact the Calgary Police Service.

What do I do if I see a hit and run?

Leave a note if the incident is an unattended motor vehicle or property damage. If the incident is more severe in nature

call 9-1-1 and report it immediately to the Calgary Police Service or contact Crime Stoppers.

Does it help to have independent witnesses following an accident?

Yes. Independent witnesses can add much needed and non biased information. This information is very helpful in determining the sequence of events.

Do I need to stay at the scene following an accident?

The duties of a driver involved in a collision are defined in Section 69 of the Alberta Traffic Safety Act. Collision scenes are dangerous. Drivers need to make sure the scene can be made safe as soon as possible. This can be achieved by removing their vehicles from the roadway. If there are no injuries, when applicable, they should move their vehicles off the road to a safe location to exchange information.

Do I need a collision sticker?

A collision sticker is required by law when damage exceeds \$2,000 dollars. Damage stickers inform the police that the collision has been reported and allows for auto-body shops to repair the damaged motor vehicle. Collision stickers are not required when damage was caused by vandalism.

The police gave me an "A-Form." What is it and what do I need to do with it?

An "A-Form" is an Alberta Collision Report Form. This is a standard form across Alberta for the reporting of vehicle collisions. You will receive a copy of the top portion of the form. This is for your own records. The rest of the form is used by the province to statistically gather information involving collisions. For more information on " what to do after an auto collision," visit the Government of Alberta's website.

Can footage from intersection cameras be used as evidence for a collision investigation?

Photo Enforcement Cameras operated by Calgary Police Service at intersections are not video cameras and only take photographs when violations are detected. Intersection cameras operated by The City of Calgary are for monitoring traffic flow and are typically not recorded. Any questions regarding these cameras should be directed to The City of Calgary.

What does my insurance company need to know?

The Province of Alberta currently uses private insurance companies to deal with vehicle collisions. These insurance companies operate within their own protocol. In collisions where damage exceeds \$2,000 dollars they will generally need a police report file number along with a brief description of what occurred. Taking photos of the collision scene may be beneficial to both you and your insurance company.

How can I, or my insurance company, get a copy of my collision report?

If you are involved in a collision, the police officer who took the report will provide you with your case # and a copy of your driver/witness statement. To obtain your completed

driver's copy of the *Alberta Collision Report Form* go to www.ecollision.gov.ab.ca and follow the instructions on the website.

Ensure that you have the Police File Number (located on the top right-hand corner of your completed Driver/Witness Statement Form). If your collision is not found, it may be because the responding officer has not yet completed the Collision Report Form. Please be patient and try again later. If the collision report is still not on the website within 7 days, contact the officer that responded to your collision.

If you do not have access to a computer and/or printer, you can attend any police station in Calgary and obtain a paper copy of the Collision Report Form. You will need to bring your copy of the Driver/Witness Statement Form or the Police File Number along with one piece of Government Issued photo identification to present to the police officer.

If you require more information, a Calgary Police Service collision report can be purchased through the Correspondence Unit. Contact 403-428-5922 or cpscorrespondenceunit@calgarypolice.ca for more information or visit FOIP access requests > Information released by Correspondence Unit

Where can I find a list of typical traffic offences and their associated demerits?

Moving violations under the Traffic Safety Act have demerit points associated to them. The Traffic Safety Act Demerit Point Program and Service of Documents Regulations

is the legislation that states how the program works and how many demerit points' specific offences carry. Refer to "Schedule 1" starting on page 12 of the act for a list.

Who sets the fine amounts for tickets?

- Traffic Safety Act fines are set by the Provincial Government.

- Municipal Bylaw fines are set by The City of Calgary.

How can I prevent being involved in a traffic collision?

There are several steps you can take to prevent a collision.

- Be physically and mentally alert while driving.
- Pay attention to the vehicles around you.
- Avoid distractions like cell phones or other hand held electronic devices.

- Allow for plenty of space to stop.

- Pay attention to what is occurring on the roadway ahead of the vehicle in front of you.

- Know your route.

- If you need to make a turn or take an exit, be in the appropriate lane prior to the intersection or interchange.

- If weather conditions are poor reduce your speed and increase space for stopping.

For more information on safety driving tips, review *The Basic Licence Driver's Handbook* by Alberta Transportation.

Pedestrians, make sure to look both ways when crossing the street, do not assume vehicles will stop for you even if you have the right of way and are within a crosswalk!

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Date to celebrate

June 19, 2022
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June 20, 2022
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July 1, 2022
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August 1, 2022
Alberta Heritage Day



August 12, 2022
International Youth Day



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A brief history about the Stoney-Nakoda people

Ába Wathtech, Good day!

My name is Ina Wesley, and I am from the Stoney-Nakoda First Nation. In our language we are called, *Íyârhe Nakodabi* (Stoney-Nakoda) or *Íyethka* (Stoney).

I currently reside in Morley, Alberta, which is one of three Stoney-Nakoda reservations in Alberta. The Stoney-Nakoda tribe has three locations in Alberta, which are, Bighorn (*Kíska Waptan*), Eden Valley (*Gahna*), and Morley (*Mínî Thnî*).



The Stoney-Nakoda people are quiet, friendly, generous people that love to laugh, as humor is a huge part of Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island (Canada).

Growing up, I can remember a lot of joking, teasing and laughter when my family and I would attend family events. To this day, humor still plays a huge part in our culture and across Turtle Island (Canada).

The Stoney-Nakoda are one of the five nations amongst Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan) and Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee), that took part in the Treaty 7 signing at Blackfoot Crossing on September 22, 1877.

Respect and Elders

Growing up in my community, I have come to realize that the word *'respect'*, is a huge part of who we are in all three of the Stoney-Nakoda reservations. When I was a young, I



remember that when Elders are present at any event, my cousins and I would greet them and shake their hands as a sign of respect. It is always a safe and loving moment when Elders greet us with their warm smiles and kindness. Since I was a child, I was taught to give respect to our Elders, as they pass down traditions from their ancestors to the younger generation.

Elders and young people are acknowledged the most, because Elders teach our younger generation traditions that they were taught when they were younger. Therefore, the younger generation will learn to carry the traditions, cultural ways and continue to pass it down to the next generation. Elders are greatly respected in our communities, they will be served first at any gatherings, they will be the first to be acknowledged when important decisions are to be made. Elders are to be respected and honored when they grace us with their presence, knowledge, and advice.



Traditional activities (foods, berries, hunting, fishing)

Every summer to fall, most families in our communities would go berry picking, hunting, and fishing as well as other traditional activities that were passed down to them. Overall, summer and fall season are very special to me because the most generous and caring thing families or individuals do, is sharing their berries and/or meat with other families that couldn't do so, especially the households with Elders.

At times like this, I feel very humbled and thankful that our communities are watching out for each other.

My favorite traditional meal was made by my late-grandmother (*Íkushin*), it was a Raspberry (*Kâheja*) soup, and Bannock (*Yarhûgabi*) with wild berries in them and it was very delicious, although I do not remember the recipe, it will always be my favorite.

Trapping is one of the hunting skills that is used by our people as well. Trapping would be used for purposes such as food and fur. Fishing (*horâ kuweyabi*) is also something our people love to do, as they make traditional foods from fish as well.

Overall, the traditions that are passed down is something we take seriously as we are protecting and passing down our cultural ways and traditions to our younger generation.

SAFETY TIPS: Bylaws - Questions and Answers

When should I call 311 to report a bylaw infraction?

Call 311 for City information and non-emergency and non-law enforcement related services (e.g. bylaw-related issues, potholes, street cleaning, tax account inquiries).

Why bylaws are important

- Our bylaws help to ensure Calgary functions well.
- Our Calgary bylaws are written for many reasons including public safety, enabling proper maintenance of public spaces, encouraging good neighbour relations, protection of habitats for all to enjoy, accessibility of pathways and sidewalks for all Calgarians, to name just a few.
- The regulations laid out in our bylaws help to ensure stability, continuity, and structure, especially during these times when our city is growing and evolving. All City bylaws undergo regular reviews to ensure they are still appropriate and relevant, and to account for changes in our city and society.

Education versus Enforcement

- When enforcing The City's bylaws, Calgary's Peace Officers use a measured and progressive approach.
- The optimal situation is one in which peace officers can engage with citizens who violate our bylaws, educate them on why our bylaws exist and why compliance is necessary and ultimately achieve voluntary compliance.
- Officer exercise discretion regarding enforcement, starting with education, then following up with a written warning if necessary. If these measures do not result in compliance, stronger enforcement methods, such as issuing tickets, may be taken.

Bylaw Infractions

All City of Calgary bylaws can be found on Calgary.ca

How to file a complaint and what happens to it

If you know of a bylaw infraction and would like to report it to Animal & Bylaw Services, please call 311 (from within Calgary) or 403-268-CITY (2489) (from outside Calgary).

To help us respond faster, please have the following information ready before calling

- Your name and address.
- A primary and alternate phone number.
- The address and exact location of the property for which you wish to register a complaint.
- A brief and concise description of the complaint.

This information will remain confidential. No anonymous complaints will be accepted - you must identify yourself to the 311 service representative.

Complaints registered with 311 are assigned a file number and forwarded to a peace officer, who will investigate the complaint. Due to the high volume of complaints registered and limited City resources, it can take several days before an

initial visit occurs. Complaints are handled on a priority basis. Priority is given to complaints with a serious public safety implication.

The enforcement procedure depends upon the type of infraction

1. Public safety hazards are assigned to City crews or an appropriate contractor to resolve the issue in a timely manner.
2. Private property owners who commit infractions are issued a Remedial Order giving them 14 days to solve the problem. After 14 days, a peace officer will visit the property, and if the problem has not been solved, a Notice of Corrective Action will be issued and City crews or contracted personnel will complete the work and the property owner is invoiced for the cost of the service (see the Community Standards Bylaw for more information).
3. For animal infractions, the officer may issue a Warning Ticket asking the owner to comply with the bylaw, or a Violation Ticket with an associated penalty (see the responsible pet ownership page for more information).

Logging recurring issues and bylaw complaints for 311

At times, citizens experience recurring issues with bylaw infractions with neighbours or elsewhere in their neighbourhood or community.

When recurring issues happen, make sure you note:

- the issue.
- the date or dates the issue occurred.
- the specific location where it occurred.
- the specific details about the issue.

This information should be provided as part of the complaint to assist bylaw officers in investigating your complaint.

If there are several people in the area experiencing the same issue, this information can also help bylaw officers to identify root causes of issues, and broader issues that may require a response coordinated across several business areas of The City.

What can I do to help my community?

Community Projects and Improvements

- We encourage citizens who want to engage in community projects or improvements to consult with The City before proceeding to ensure you are complying with all bylaws.

Citizens can call 311 for more information or to be referred to an appropriate City business area.

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Happy Birthday International Avenue Ambassadors!

Did you know that the East Ambassador Program turns 1 year old this June? Yes, the ambassadors, or *Purple People*, as we have been called) started training and creating the basis for the program at the end of June 2021. Back then, we did not have our snazzy purple jackets, but we had a vision of what could be done to improve feelings of safety and security in the Greater Forest Lawn area. We already knew that GFL has an amazing

sense of community. We hoped to contribute positively to an already vibrant and unique place. Since then, we have had many firsts and done some tremendous growing.

When the program began there were two of us working 5 days a week, but since then our team has grown to three employed ambassadors and two fabulous volunteers working 7 days a week. We also benefitted from having three social work students who did many practicum hours with us in early 2022.

We track all of the engagements that we have during our shifts. These can be **basic interactions, emergencies, or incidents** (which are interactions that have the potential to become emergencies). We also report on streetscape concerns such as graffiti, broken infrastructure or stray shopping carts (more on that later). Initially, we took detailed notes on our engagements, but quickly moved to a specialized software package that allows us to collect detailed statistics that can help tell the story of the Greater Forest Lawn area.

We often hear people say that we just “walk around and talk to people”. This is certainly true but we have also had some significant results from all that walking and talking. Since adopting the specialized software in September of 2021 we have **had 1,350 interactions and made 580 reports** about the streetscape on and around the International Avenue area. We have also dealt with **77 incidents and eight emergencies**. Moreover, on our daily walks we have interacted with well over 1,000 people. We **helped area businesses in 233 of our interactions, provided retail hospitality support 33 times, and provided people with wellness checks, and mental and physical first aid 177 times**. We also have reported well over 100 stranded shopping carts which sometimes seem to multiply like rabbits!



In addition to meeting many amazing business owners, we have had the great pleasure of meeting many residents, and people experiencing homelessness as well. **Each person has a story and we feel very honoured that so many people have shared parts of their life and experiences with us.** It is heart wrenching for us to hear about people who have lost their jobs and come on hard times (often because of the pandemic), or lost a loved one. Similarly, it is very moving to hear about people who have successfully overcome substance use, got housing or a new job, or started a grass roots organization supporting the GFL community and beyond.

As well we have learned many things. First and foremost, **stray shopping carts are a pain** in the behind! Who knew that they could be so problematic? They seem to be everywhere. Luckily, we have found two businesses which will come to pick up stray carts and return them to their stores.



We also discovered that the **Southern Alberta wind can be evil!** We regularly support our maintenance staff from International Avenue cleaning up litter that becomes trapped in fencing and shrubbery at various locations. We soon discovered that the nasty wind would quickly blow new garbage into the spaces that we took significant time cleaning. (It's like a teenager's room only bigger!) This has given us a healthy dose of **respect for the International Avenue maintenance crew** who work tirelessly keeping the Avenue and Unity Park at 31st Street SE clean. It's a thankless job, so **we'd like to take this opportunity to say, “thanks”**.

We also have benefitted from relationships with many community service organizations and City of Calgary offices. We are very grateful to so many organizations who have shared their expertise with us and helped us gain a greater understanding of the services available in Calgary, as well as the challenges in delivering those services to Calgarians. **We have taken workshops and/or developed relationships with the Salvation Army, Saint John's Ambulance, Calgary Centre for Sexuality, Calgary Police Service, Calgary Bylaw, SafeLink Calgary, Red Cross, Sheldon Chumir, Rise Calgary, The Alex, The Alex Food Centre, Awu Taan, Alpha House Needle Team, Be The Change, Bear Clan, Street Sisters, Canadian Mental Health Association, Native Women Matter YYC, Help Seeker, the Drop In Centre, Calgary Homeless Foundation, the Mustard Seed, Calgary Public Library, many Calgary social workers, and GFL 55+ Society.**

Moreover, we are indebted to the Bike Shed volunteers at GFL 55+ Society who donated two refurbished bicycles so that we can get around the zone more easily. We would also like to give a shout out to **Bath Tub Bikes** for offering to maintain these bikes. Until now, we always had to walk the avenue and surrounding area. And while, we love getting in our 10,000 steps (usually more), it can sometimes be frustrating not having enough time to get to a specific store or check out a particular alley. This means that on some days you might encounter us rolling up on some classic 1980's cruiser bikes. They are pretty cool!



In addition, we have been privileged to participate in a variety of community events and activations in the GFL area. We loved being an active part of the summer markets from July to September 2021 working with the wildly **talented group at Fuse 33**. It felt so good to get out of our isolated groups and interact with the community and area businesses! It was also inspirational to be involved in the community engagement to revitalize 32 Street SE; we cannot wait to see the results.

The multicultural drum circle in September was another highlight for us. Seeing so many cultural groups dancing, drumming, and sharing an amazing positive vibe was one of the most fun experiences we have had. We would also like to thank Rise Calgary and The Alex Food Centre for feeding hungry ambassadors at their respective "Pay It Forward" and "Common Ground" events.

(Hey walking the GFL uses a lot of calories!)

As well, we were impressed with the participation of area residents at the "**My Forest Lawn Centre**" presented by the City of Calgary. The GFL residents that we met that day, asked insightful questions and posed excellent suggestions to the project team. Finally, we were jazzed to be part of the **East Town Get Down** music festival which is making a return after a two year hiatus due to (what else) the pandemic.

Another relationship that has been a cornerstone to the creation of our program has been **our connection to the Downtown Ambassador Team**. They

were the first ambassador team in the city and we appreciate their gracious sharing of their experience and expertise enabling us to start off our program "on the right foot". We regularly participate in professional development with them and are grateful that they allowed us to participate in "Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training" with their team. Moreover, we are pleased that **we have been able to engage in an ambassador exchange program** with them. This has permitted a sharing of ideas and a continuity of services. After all, Calgarians don't just stay in one place. We are a city of movers and shakers!

Whew! It has been a busy year, but we are motivated to keep improving and adapting to the needs of our community. We still have more firsts coming up, so stay tuned! And if you see us out on foot or on our bikes, don't be shy. Come over and say "hi" and share your concerns with us. After all, **the Purple People are here to help.**

- *The East Ambassador Team (aka The Purple People)*

Just as we are about to go to press the Solicitor General's office notified us that the Calgary East Ambassador program has been awarded the 2022 Alberta Community Justice Award!



European Crime Prevention Conference

I had to go to Europe to find out we know some great things right here in Calgary!

- by Larry Leach

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to go to the **European Crime Prevention Conference** held in Brussels, Belgium. I listened to international presenters from many countries including Holland, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, France, and Poland.

Some items that they are high on the agenda was organized crime. Led by the Dutch, they have come up with a new model for prevention called the “Administrative model”. Essentially, they are focused on decreasing the demand for the illegal products as opposed to crime and punishment.

Anti Bullying is just getting on the radar as a Crime Prevention area. The European Crime Prevention Network has just published a book on the topic. I spoke with Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish anti bullying practitioners and their models are being introduced into select schools. They tell me they don’t have an Anti Bullying or Pink Shirt Day there and the awareness sounds lower than we have here in Canada.

In Ireland they have a new Youth Crime Prevention pilot project called “The Greentown Project” in a small community where they become part of the community with Multi Agency oversight. The community has been identified as high risk for youth to get into crime and they work with the families, build a social structure, and advocate for resources for the community to show youth that there are many other paths and opportunities to pursue.

We then went to a session on How to manage a Crime Prevention project with two Dutch practitioners. They took us through scenarios and attendees decided on what approach we would take. The lesson here is that neighbour by neighbour within and community is the best approach to a successful crime prevention program. The people that live in the space are the experts.

Cross border co-operation was a fascinating discussion. As a Canadian we often take our vast amounts of land for granted. In Brussels I was 3 hours or less away from 5 separate countries. Co-operation amongst these countries is essential to successful Crime Prevention. Not only do they have the European Union, but Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg) and Europol as organizations where countries work together to solve issues including crime prevention.

Ghent University in Belgium in conjunction with the European Crime Prevention Network has started developing an evaluation process for Crime Prevention which could be a change maker.



In Ireland, the Police (garda) justice system and probation services have gotten together for the first time to work co-operatively on crime prevention. Many organizations work in silo’s and for “the team” and this group has started breaking down the “old guard” and work on collaborative approach to Crime Prevention. This has been a model 12 CSI has been developed on and it was interesting to hear the same issues of the concept are playing out halfway around the world.

In speaking with the crime prevention lead with Brussels Police, he talked with me about the community approach they have started to take, where neighbourhoods approach them, organize a group of citizens and the Police come out with resources and education tools to help. Sounds very familiar with our approach here in Calgary with Community Associations and Calgary Police Service.

Join us in your community and let’s keep our communities free of crime. Get in touch if you’re in our 12 Communities and lets organize a Community Action Walk.





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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 7pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all our *12 CSI Community Connector* readers! Spring has sprung but Mother Nature is still playing her tricks. Albert Park / Radisson Heights community garden beds have all been rototilled and are ready for planting.

Remember some of these plots are used to raise produce to be donated to the people who enjoy fresh veggies. Please let us know if anyone interested.

Looking for volunteers to help out in the garden. To rent a plot you need both the Community membership plus \$30.00 for the plot.



We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our **Senior Breakfasts** again. Up-coming dates are **May 19th and June 16th** but we will be taking a break July and August.

Sorry, but we will not be doing a Canada Day July 1st, pancake breakfast. Again needing volunteers but a big thank you to those who do volunteer.



Plans in progress to be getting grants for a new skating rink and for summer sports.

Still having problems with homeless camping on site and leaving their garbage behind.

To Albert Park residents living close to Max Bell - the Chasing Summer Music Festival is July 30 & 31 this year. Parking is always a problem so make your plans ahead of time. It was fairly well policed the last time held.

There are plans for a Neighbour Day Clean Up and Garage sale plus a Movie Night in the Park event.

Always check Facebook under APRH for up-coming events.

Hope you all have a great summer. Be happy and safe. Till next time...

Nancy Kearney, President

Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association

Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

Family Name(s) _____

Please check the appropriate box.

Single - \$ 10

Family - \$ 20

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Email _____

Please make out cheque to:

Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association

then mail cheque and completed form to:

2636 12 Avenue SE, Calgary AB

City of Calgary and local community associations partner in community clean-ups!

Local area 2022 community cleanup dates:

Marlborough: June 04

Dover: June: 05

Abbeydale: June 26

Forest Heights: Sept. 03

Southview: Sept. 11

Erin Woods: Sept. 24

Penbrooke Meadows: Sept. 25

Community Cleanup events save residents a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts or for residents who do not have access to cart service. This service is free of charge to all Calgarians.

All Community Cleanup events occur on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the city of Calgary. Spring season will begin on the last weekend in April 23/24 and go through to June 25/26. The Fall Session will start up September 3/4 and end on September 24/25. There will be some Community Cleanup Events available over the summer with limited availability. Please check each Community's website for more information regarding their specific event.

We supply three packer trucks with crews, funds for advertising and promotion, face coverings, sanitizer, gloves, and garbage bags for the group of community volunteers.

Please note that provincial regulations due to COVID-19 are in effect at all Community Cleanups. Please visit alberta.ca for the latest COVID-19 provincial regulations.

What are some of the restricted items that the Cleanups do not take?

Household hazardous waste is not accepted (propane tanks and paint, for example) but these materials can be brought directly to a household hazardous waste drop-off location. Check calgary.ca for more information on drop off locations.

Common restricted items include barbecues, lawnmowers, household chemicals and large appliances. We **DO NOT** accept these.

Not all items can be accepted at Community Cleanups as they cannot go in the garbage truck to be disposed of. Garbage trucks will not accept car batteries, glass (window panes, glass table tops, etc.), household appliances with freon (refrigerator, freezer), microwaves, liquids (cooking oil), household hazardous waste (propane tanks, paint), automobile/ cleaning/ healthcare/ gardening chemicals, railway ties, sod or dirt.

Check with your Community Association in advance of the event as they MAY bring in other vendors to receive items not accepted by City trucks.

Check calgary.ca/cleanup for the full list of restricted items before heading to your community cleanup.

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CALGARY MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CM

636 Marlborough Way NE T2A 2V9

403-273-5894

Board: Diana Tokalic (Pres.)

info@calgarymarlborough.com

https://calgarymarlborough.com/

Meetings: 1st Wednesday, 7pm

CMCA BOARD MESSAGE

We are very excited to be bringing back some of our signature community events: **Ladies Night Out, Community Clean Up, Stampede Breakfast, Wine Tasting, Open Mic, Jelly Bean Dances and Nerf Battle**. We will also be working to bring some fitness and youth programs back by September if not sooner. We look forward to seeing you again. Please see the website for times and dates.

www.calgarymarlborough.com

Do you have a green thumb or just love gardening? We are looking for people to help tend to our Community Garden. Planting, watering, weeding and more. If you are interested, please send an email to president@marlboroughca.com for more information.

Our next community association **Casino fundraiser is on Sunday, September 18th and Monday, September 19th**. This is an important fundraiser for us as funds raised from the casinos are used towards facility renovation and upgrades and programs and events.

Volunteers are needed for the day shift (11 am. - 7 pm), evening shift (7 pm - 3 am) and Count room shift (10 pm - 3 am). Please email hollytrotta@shaw.ca for availability or check our website for an online sign up sheet.

As always, keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more events and updates.

Upcoming Marlborough Events: June – Sept 2022

(*** indicates that volunteers are needed for this event to run. Email info@marlboroughca.com, call (403)273-5894 or go to <https://calgarymarlborough.com> to volunteer)

June 01 - Community Board Meeting – 7:00pm (office door)

June 04 - Community Clean up - 9:00 – 1:00pm ***

June 17 - Neighbours Day (Check the website for times)

June 24 - Jelly Bean Dance 6:30 – 9:30pm ***



June 24 - Wine Tasting 7-9 pm - adults only

June 30 - Nerf Battles 5:45 – 7:30 pm ***

July 16 - Stampede Breakfast

NO Community Board Meeting in July or August

Board meetings resumes September 7th

Weekly Events: Check our website weekly for updates.

Tuesdays:

Nordic Pole Walking classes - 8:30 – 9:30

Seniors Social Walk Group – main hall

Coffee and conversations from 8 to 9am

Walking and light exercise from 9 to 10:30pm

Free with community membership, self-motivated program

Wednesdays:

Community Camel Caravan literacy and book program

Homework Hub

Family Activity Night – different activities monthly.

Free with membership.

Check website: <https://calgarymarlborough.com>, Facebook or Instagram for monthly calendar

Thursdays:

Gentle fitness - for all ages who are looking for a low impact workout. Improve range of motion, flexibility and balance.

50 Plus Club – 1 pm – Whist, Bridge & monthly luncheons.

New members welcome. Upper Hall – Lift available

Calgary Marlborough Community Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

Family Name(s) _____

Please check the
appropriate box.

Single - \$ 10

Family - \$ 20

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Ph. # _____

Email _____

Please make out cheque to:

Calgary Marlborough Community Association

then mail cheque and completed form to:

636 Marlborough Way NE Calgary, AB T2A 2V9

Get out, get out...get out and

Did you know...

There are many adult outdoor fitness equipment parks in your area! Open to everyone, all day, every day, in all weather! Here's a couple... At the **Greater Forest Lawn Seniors Society**, 3425 - 26 Avenue SE

Equipment:

- Stair Climber
- Pendulum Air Walker
- Air Walker
- Rowing Machine
- Chest Press
- Lat Pull-down
- Leg Curl / Leg Extension
- Leg Press
- Butterfly machine
- Roller Fit Pendulum
- Dip Station
- Horizontal Bars
- Tai Chi Sinners



At the **Applewood Park Community Association**, 899 Applewood Drive SE

Equipment:

- Double Reverse Butterfly
- Two-person extension / curl
- Combo lat pull-down / arm press
- Three person air walker
- Two-person side by side cross-country skier
- Recumbent stationary bicycle
- Elliptical
- Rowing machine
- Bike



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Applestone Park Playground

- 188 Applewood Drive SE

Forest Lawn Ramp Playground

- 52nd Street between 8 Avenue and 14 Avenue

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Southview Off Leash Dog Park

Access to this area is easy via 17th Ave SE or Peigan Trail

Slater Park Off Leash Dog Park

2013 - 26 Street SE

Albert Park / Radisson Heights Off Leash Area

west of Deerfoot Trail and south of Bow River weir

Elliston Park Dog Park, 2402 - 68 Street SE

Lynnwood/Ogden Area 2 Off Leash Dog Park

2204 - 72 Avenue SE

For more information please visit www.calgary.ca

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Your Community Association is a great venue with rooms of various sizes and excellent facilities to meet your needs.

ABBEYDALE

AB

821 Abbeydale Drive NE
hallmanager@abbeydaleca.com

403-248-2229

Hall Rental Information:

- Small Room Capacity: 80
- Large Room Capacity: 170

ALBERT PARK/RADISSON HEIGHTS

AR

2636-12 Avenue SE
aprh@shaw.ca

403-272-7317

aprh.ca

The Recreation Hall may be available for smaller meetings and get-togethers. Please call for information.

APPLEWOOD PARK

AW

899 Applewood Drive SE
info@applewoodpark.ca

There is no community hall in Applewood.

CALGARY MARLBOROUGH

CM

636 Marlborough Way NE
info@calgarymarlborough.com calgarymarlborough.com

403-273-5894

Hall Rental Information:

- Main Hall Capacity: 400
- Upper Hall Capacity: 60
- Upper Lounge Capacity: 70
- Activity Room Capacity: 35
- Meeting Room Capacity: 20

CROSSROADS

CR

1803 14 Avenue NE
crossroadscommunity@shaw.ca

403-277-6201

Hall Rental Information:

- Large Room Capacity: 200
- Medium Room Capacity: 100
- Small Room Capacity: 80

DOVER

DO

3133 - 30 Avenue SE
doverdenca@gmail.com dovercommunitycalgary.com

403-273-6124

Hall Rental Information:

- Upper Hall Capacity: 320
- Lower Hall Capacity: 220

ERIN WOODS

EW

83 Erin Park Drive SE
erinwood@telus.net

403-273-7209
www.ewcacalgary.ca

Hall Rental Information:

- Main Hall Capacity: 100

FOREST HEIGHTS

FH

4909 Forego Avenue SE
events@forestheightscalgary.com

403-272-0212

Hall Rental Information:

- Upper Hall Capacity: 120
- Lower Hall Capacity: 70

See the full profiles online at www.12csi.ca

Renting out their hall is one of the ways our community associations raise money to support events and ongoing activities. This issue's contact list includes capacities and contact information. **Book early for best dates and times.**

12CSI COMMUNITIES

AB - Abbeydale

AR - Albert Park / Radisson Hts

AW - Applewood Park

CM - Calgary Marlborough

CR - Crossroads

DO - Dover

EW - Erin Woods

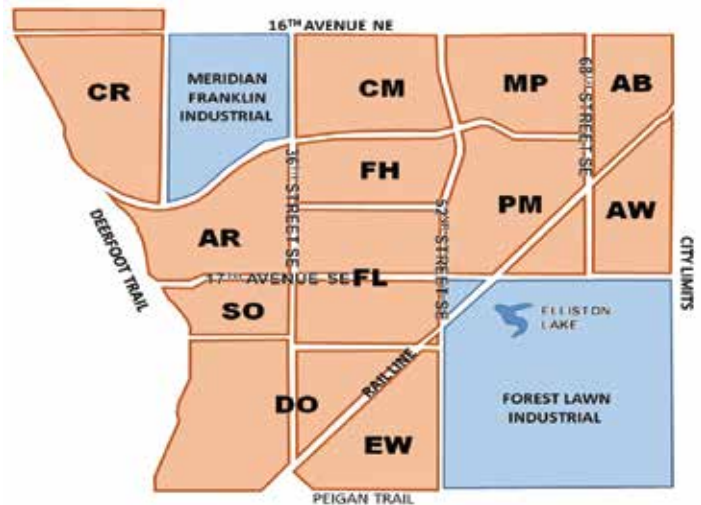
FH - Forest Heights

FL - Forest Lawn

MP - Marlborough Park

PM - Penbrooke Meadows

SO - Southview



FOREST LAWN

FL

4020 26 Avenue SE

403-272-3150

flcayyc@gmail.com

Hall Rental Information:

- Main Hall Capacity: 175
- Various meeting rooms

MARLBOROUGH PARK

MP

6021 Madigan Drive NE

403-248-1775

marlpark@shaw.ca

www.marlpark.ca

Hall Rental Information:

- Main Room Capacity: 250
- Activity/Meeting Room Capacity: 60
- Lounge Capacity: 50
- Skateroom Capacity: 20

PENBROOKE MEADOWS

PM

6100 Penbrooke Drive SE

403-272-1690

penbrookemeadows@hotmail.com

Hall Rental Information:

- Upper Hall Capacity: 340,
- Lower Hall Capacity: 200

SOUTHVIEW

SO

2020 33 Street SE

403-272-1407

svcarentals@gmail.com

www.southviewyyc.com

Hall Rental Information:

- Kadillac Room Capacity: 40
- Banquet Room Capacity: 160
- Snoopys Room Capacity: 50



MARLBOROUGH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MP
 6021 Madigan Drive NE T2A 5G8
 403-248-1775
 Tim Decaire, President

www.marlpark.ca
 marlpark@shaw.ca
 Meeting: 2nd Wednesday - 7pm

SUMMER MESSAGE FROM THE MPCA BOARD

Hello Marlborough Park Residents!

Spring is finally here and it is a great time to get out and get involved in the community. There are a few things happening at the hall that might interest some of you.

First, our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held on **May 31, 2022** at 7:30pm in the activity room. All members were eligible to vote provided that they had purchased their MPCA membership no less than 72 hours before AGM. We are still looking for volunteers and a few new faces who could provide new ideas and initiatives that could be implemented. You can always become involved and stay informed of our various activities and the many issues concerning our community. Please consider some small involvement to help make your community better for all of us!

Did you know that we have Pickle Ball in the tennis courts? Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 3pm. Come and check it out, it's fun and easy to play.

We are looking for new ideas for events for children and families. Please call, email or drop by the community hall to share your thoughts and suggestions! All welcome.

If you know anyone that needs a room or space to rent for meetings, weddings, dances, or social gatherings, come check out our community hall. We have many great rooms and would be happy to provide you with a quote.

Please check out the City of Calgary website for info on **Park 'n Play and Stay 'n Play** this summer.

*Kathy Canu, 2nd Vice-President
Marlborough Park Community Association*

MPCA NEWS and EVENTS!

HALL RENTALS

If you are in need of space to have a meeting or gathering, we are ready to accept hall and/or space rentals. For more specific information regarding price and spaces, please call the hall at 403-248-1775 or drop by the hall at 6021 Madigan Drive NE. We will be following all COVID guidelines as it is adjusted.

UPCOMING BINGO dates at Bingo Palace 2604 – 35 Avenue NE

June 02, 2022 Thursday 10:30pm to 3:30pm

GOOD FOOD BOX

Money due: June 06

Delivery date: June 17

**For more information
please contact Denyse
at 403-248-1775.**



MARLBOROUGH PARK PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have ongoing preschool registration. Due to covid we are only offering 2 and 3 days a week programs. If you have any questions about government subsidies and the cost of classes, please inquire at 403-248-1775 or in person at the hall.

Due to covid we are doing cohorts to keep the kids safe. We do have space in our afternoon programs - you can come in and register your child at 6021 Madigan Drive N.E.

NOTE: There is a non-refundable \$40 registration fee. **For more information regarding times and costs please call the hall at 403-248-1775 and ask for Denyse.**

Marlborough Park Community Association Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (Day) _____ E-mail Address _____

Membership fees: \$20 per family (yearly) \$10 per senior 60 years of age or over (lifetime)

Memberships expire August 31, 2021

Make cheque payable to: *Marlborough Park Community Association*

Mail completed application to: Marlborough Park Community Association

6021 Madigan Drive NE

Calgary, AB T2A 5G9

FOCUS on Diversity

This article is one presentation of a 12 part series whose intent is to celebrate and share aspects of the many different cultures that make up our neighbourhoods. Many thanks to the the Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant (MIIG) Program from Alberta Culture and Tourism whose support makes these presentations possible.



Cindy Provost, Nataosaki – Sun Woman, proud member of Blackfoot Confederacy and Piikani First Nation

I was approached to share what I felt was important for communities to know about who we are. I cannot bring forward a more clear picture than the hard work already done to help provide this awareness. The following are excerpts from recent *City of Calgary Indigenous Framework* that demonstrates our deep history as taught to us by Elders and their Elders Elders and so on since time immemorial:

History of Niitsitapi

First Nations from every territory across North America have their respective creation stories that are transmitted as oral traditions and histories; the Niitsitapi are no exception.

John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria has highlighted that “oral history in numerous Aboriginal groups is conveyed through interwoven layers of culture that entwine to sustain national memories over the lifetime of many generations. The transmission of oral tradition in these societies is bound up with the configuration of language, political structures, economic systems, social relations, intellectual methodologies, morality, ideology, and the physical world. These factors assist people in knitting historic memories more tightly in their minds” (Borrows 2001, p.8).

In this respect, the Niitsitapi have interwoven and integrated themselves with the land, environment and other living beings in the territory given to them by *Is tsi pa ta piyopi*, which is evidenced through songs, ceremonies, and stories that have been passed down since time immemorial. These oral traditions, passed down by the Traditional Knowledge Keepers, form the cultural memory of the Niitsitapi, including the memory of Napi (also known as *Old Man* to the Niitsitapi) who created the landscape in the traditional territory of the Niitsitapi.

One such creation story of Napi that speaks directly to the said traditional territory surrounding Calgary, was told by Double Runner of the Amsskapipiikunni in the late 19th century. This story is a common story amongst the Niitsitapi and frequently told by Traditional Knowledge Keepers. The Niitsitapi understand *Is tsi pa ta piyopi* as all of creation and Napi as the entity that adds moral and ethical values to creation by learning from his actions. The account provided by Double Runner is as follows:

“All animals of the Plains at one time heard and knew him, and all the birds of the air heard him and knew him. All things that he had made understood him, when he spoke to them – the birds, the animals and the people. Old Man was travelling about, south of here, making the people. He made the mountains, prairies, timber and brush first. He made the Milk River (the Teton) and crossed it, and being tired, went up on a little

hill and lay down to rest. As he lay on his back, stretched out on the ground, with arms extended, he marked himself out with stones – the shape of his body, head, legs, arms and everything. There you can see those rocks today.

After he rested, he went northward and stumbled over a knoll and fell down on his knees. Then he said, ‘*You are a bad thing to be stumbling against*’ so he raised up two large buttes there, and named them the Knees, and they are called so to this day. He went on further north, and with some rocks he carried with him he built the Sweet Grass Hills.

When he got to the north point of the Porcupine Mountains, there he made some more mud images of people, and blew breath upon them, and they became people. He made men and women. He made images of clay, in the form of buffalo. He blew breath on them, and they stood up, and when he made signs to them, they started to run. Then he told the people – ‘*those are your food.*’ He took them to a cliff, and made them build rock piles... and made the people hide behind the rocks. After he had told them how to act, he started on toward a herd of buffalo. He began to call them, and the buffalo started to run toward him, and they followed him until they were inside the lines. Then he dropped back and as the people rose up, the buffalo ran in a straight line and jumped over a cliff. He told the people to take the flesh off the animals.

After he had taught those people these things, he started off again, travelling north, until he came to where the Bow and Elbow Rivers meet. There he made some more people, and taught them the same things. From there he again went northward. When he had come nearly to the Red Deer’s River, he reached a hill where the Old Man sleeps. There he lay down and rested himself. The form of his body is to be seen there yet.

When he awoke from his sleep, he travelled further northward and came to a fine high hill. He climbed to the top of it, and there sat down to rest. He looked over the country below, and it pleased him. Before him the hill was steep, and he said to himself ‘*well, this is a fine place for sliding, I will have some fun*’ and he began to slide down the hill. The marks where he slid down are to be seen yet, the place is known to all people as the ‘Old Man’s Sliding Ground’ (Grinnell, 1962, p. 137- 143).

As part of the younger generations of my ancestors and Knowledge Keepers this legacy of not changing our Creation and Morality stories is what I have offered in this article as an example of Oral Cultural protocols and Ways of Knowing and Being within our Blackfoot worldview. I am proud to be a granddaughter living in my ancestral territory paying homage to this beautiful way of life.



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