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Board Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Hall meeting room. Resident's are welcome and encouraged to attend. To include an item on the agenda, please contact the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

#### Contact the HHBH Community Association at:

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# Calendar of Events

Send us information about your annual or one-time event.

#### **Community Board Meetings**

Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Boardroom. All welcome! To be on the agenda, please contact Caroline or Robby at least 2 weeks in advance.

**Family Open Gym Night** Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

**Tots Time Playgroup** Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am

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# Dear Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Resident,

Sears Canada Inc. (Sears) and Clifton Associates Ltd. (Clifton) are pleased to provide the following annual letter on the environmental investigation activities related to the clean-up of subsurface hydrocarbons in the community of Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill. The purpose of this letter is to update the community on the past year's events, and future remedial action plans.

In May of 2014, Sears and Clifton conducted an Open House for the Hounsfield Heights community on the accidental leak which occurred at the former Sears Gas bar at North Hill Shopping Centre. The specific purpose of the Open House was to update the residents on the status of the subsurface clean-up of hydrocarbons and introduce the new Site Management Plan (SMP) that had been sent to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD). At that meeting, representatives from

AESRD, Alberta Health Services (AHS), City of Calgary (City), Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Community Association Gas Plume Committee and Intrinsik were present, along with Sears and Clifton to answer any questions.

During the presentation, Sears advised the community that although Sears has made good progress with the clean-up, due to the increased standards in AESRD's guidelines for subsurface hydrocarbons, we needed to



For more information and to purchase tickets, please call Brentview Baptist Church at 403-284-4691. embark on a new investigation in the community in order to define the extent of the hydrocarbon plume to the current guidelines. This would involve decommissioning some of the old wells that were in the ground and installing new ones in the coming months to extract soil and groundwater samples and collect new data. Once these samples are evaluated, an updated health risk assessment

(HRA) would be conducted to determine if the new information has identified any health risk to the area.

The previous HRA completed for the site in 2006 indicated that subsurface hydrocarbon exceedances did not pose a health risk. The data would then be analyzed in order to determine what clean-up techniques may be applicable to move forward.

Sears began decommissioning the old wells in July of 2014, after obtaining the necessary permits from the City and engaging a qualified contractor. This work continued into the coming months and, despite some weather delays, we managed to complete the majority of the drilling work by the end of 2014 as anticipated. Not all the drilling work is completed; we still have some work to do on the site adjacent to where the former gas bar was located and may require some additional drilling in the community, depending on the results of the soil and groundwater sampling.

Following the open house, Sears provided a complete list of all the questions and answers posed at the Open House in May as it had committed to do, and continued to update the community quarterly on its progress through the Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Beacon newsletter and the community associated Website. If you were unable to access this list of questions and answers, please contact us to arrange a method of delivery of this document that is most suitable for you.

Sears and Clifton would like acknowledge that during the drilling work being conducted at the beginning of January, a Telus Fiber Optic underground utility line was damaged, resulting in the loss of internet and home phone service for some residents. The incident was a direct result of the line not properly being located by Telus and a third-party utility locator. Telus repaired the line immediately and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

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# **Dear Hounsfield....** cont'd

The Dual Phase Vapour Extraction System (DPVE) located in Lions Park continued to operate in 2014, extracting contaminants from the subsurface, filtering them and discharging water to the City sewer system. The DPVE was part of the previous SMP of the area and continues to operate in 2015. Its future use will be evaluated within the new SMP.

Over the coming weeks and months we are planning to take groundwater and vapour samples from all of the new monitoring wells. This work is expected to be completed by the end of March, 2015. The results will be reported to AESRD, AHS, City, HH-BH Gas Plume Committee, and also sent to Intrinsik in order to conduct a new HRA. The HRA is expected to take 4-8 weeks to complete after which AESRD and AHS will review it. Depending on the findings, Sears and Clifton can look at clean-up options required to move forward.

Sears and Clifton will continue to update the community on a quarterly basis as it progresses through this next phase. Sears reaffirms its commitment to remediate the site to the levels required, ensuring no health risk or impact to the environment.

We want to thank the community for their support and patience during this process, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the Sears or Clifton representatives listed below.

Sincerely,

Greg Paliouras, Divisional Vice-President, Construction, Energy and Maintenance Sears Canada Inc. 700 - 290 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 2B6 T (416) 941 4037 Greg.Paliouras@Sears.ca

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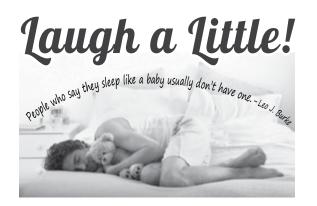
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An Eco-Integrity Index will evaluate Calgary's parks, by scoring them city-wide for plants in forest, shrub, and grassland habitats. This will help with management, restoration, and trail design for existing parks, as well as planning connections for new parks.

In 1994, Council approved plans for Natural Area Management, the River Valleys, Nose Hill Park, and Calgary Urban Park. Since then, Council-approved the Environmental Open Space (EOS) Plan in 2003. The aim was to have policies and guidelines for active management of natural areas in Calgary.

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Centre Street is Calgary's busiest bus route. Current counts of 35,000 daily trips (the same as the West LRT) are expected to increase to 60,000 to 70,000 trips over the next 60 years. It became clear through the analysis that providing LRT up Centre Street would deliver transit service to more Calgarians and become our busiest train route.

The next step will be to determine the route into and through the downtown – a complicated endeavour due to the hill and the river. Planners are exploring four scenarios, from surface rail, to deep tunnelling, to elevated rail, or a combination of all three. Designers will continue to engage communities along the route plus refine project costs for the four options. For more information visit www.calgarytransit.com/nclrt or follow @ RouteAhead on Twitter.

#### **Crowchild Trail Corridor Study Reboots**

After the original Crowchild Trail Corridor Study plan met with major public opposition, Druh recommended that the planners go back to the drawing board. Over the past year, they have been working with the public to rethink the planning rationale for major transportation routes within and through established neighbourhoods. Now that the background work is complete, The City is ready to restart the Crowchild Trail Corridor study process. The study will include recommendations on how Crowchild Trail, from 24 Avenue NW to 17 Avenue SW, can be improved over time, including short-term and long-term upgrades needed to move high traffic volumes. There is also a new focus on supporting all modes of travel and minimizing impacts to adjacent neighbourhoods.

We will invite Calgarians to participate in each phase of the project. Once the plans are complete in late 2016, construction projects will proceed based on need and available funding.

#### Next Steps

Although both projects are currently unfunded, they will be ready and waiting for when funding becomes available. To receive updates on these and other Ward 7 projects, email ward07@calgary.ca or visit www.druhfarrell.com.

# News from...cont'd

Now under review are EOS policies which will be revised for the New Community Planning Guidebook. The MGA Act refers to areas as: environmentally significant, wetlands, escarpments, ravines, coulees, swamps, natural drainage features, etc.

The Parks Department will consult with stakeholders about protection of the environment in land use. Industry, community associations, non-government organizations, academics, and other government agencies will help to build a work plan.

There are already changes to the frameworks for the Habitat Restoration Project and Biophysical Assessment. A Council Committee on Planning and Urban Development will consider the proposals prior to approval.

The Biodiversity Strategic Plan is almost complete (after the engagement process) and will go to the Council Committee on Community and Protective Services. If approved, the plan will be implemented, and the Parks Department will contact stakeholders for ongoing engagement and collaboration.

The oral history project is in Calgary's 10-year plan to "integrate with Calgary's nature". Currently, the City is reviewing the transcripts from focus group sessions, held last spring and fall, as well as personal documentations of those who submitted their responses electronically.

Over this year a literature review will be performed, another focus group session with non-experts held, and a paper based on the project's findings submitted to peerreviewed journals for publishing.

Over the course of implementing the strategic plan, the hope is that the oral history project will continue in various forms, so that we have ongoing opportunities to showcase our connections to Calgary's nature.

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Throughout the month of March we encourage you to "be part of it" and find out what your community association can do for you! It's easy and you may be surprised by the many benefits and options available to you as a resident.

Community associations are run by your neighbours, they bring residents together, they provide endless opportunities right in your backyard, and they act as a voice for your community. Most importantly, these hard-working volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play. Purchasing a community association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

For example, this very community newsletter is just one of the many ways your community association works to keep you informed on events, topics and issues of interest close to home, written and compiled by your neighbours.

Your community association wants to get to know you and hear from you. They want you to feel safe and love where you live. Most importantly, they want you to be part of it! So take a minute during March Community Association Membership Awareness Month and find out more about yours and how you can get involved.

For questions or more information on March Community Association Membership Awareness Month please contact Rebecca Dakin with the Federation of Calgary Communities at (403) 244-4111 ext. 204 or community relations@calgarycommunities.com.



#### Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2015	\$0	\$0
December 2014	\$2,749,500	\$2,687,500
November 2014	\$799,500	\$770,000
October 2014	\$799,900	\$782,000
September 2014	\$1,440,212	\$1,418,612
August 2014	\$1,389,166	\$1,402,600
July 2014	\$1,609,974	\$1,448,750
June 2014	\$1,164,668	\$1,101,857
May 2014	\$1,218,266	\$1,186,666
April 2014	\$1,749,000	\$1,725,000
March 2014	\$1,246,266	\$1,217,333
February 2014	\$1,350,000	\$1,310,000

# Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2015	2	0
December 2014	0	2
November 2014	4	2
October 2014	5	2
September 2014	9	8
August 2014	6	3
July 2014	4	4
June 2014	8	7
May 2014	6	3
April 2014	2	1
March 2014	7	3
February 2014	5	1
Total	58	36

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit hounsfield\_heights\_briar\_hill.great-news.ca

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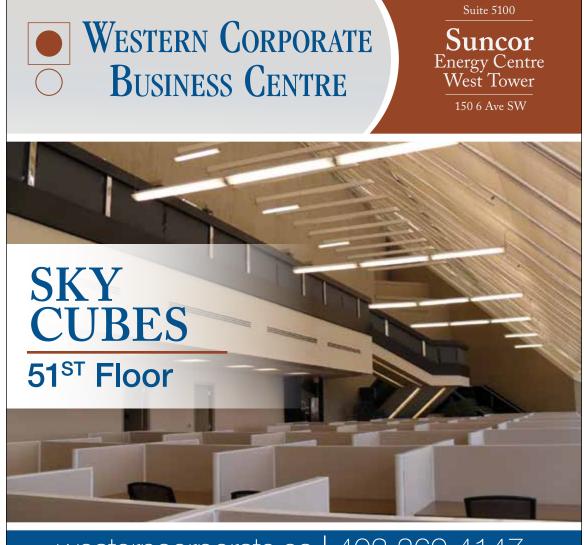


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