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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to February, where we get ready for Valentine's Day, Family Day, and the 2020 LEAP YEAR on Saturday, February 29th. (Does this mean those born February 28th get to enjoy it for 48 hours? YES, please!) As mentioned in last month's President's Letter, January 25 was the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year—the Year of the Rat which the zodiac predicts will be a good year for those born 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, and 2020, as well as a great year for business and prosperity for all.

January started with a mild winter which was a godsend for those dreading to shovel their sidewalks and driveways. However, we can expect snow until March and once again we ask the Snow Angels to come help our community neighbours, especially when the snow is heavy, wet and icy. Be sure to keep warm and wear shoes with good gripping soles.

I would like to say another thank you to those who keep the outdoor skating rink clear for our young (and older) aspiring figure skaters and hockey players. While we started a bit challenged with equipment, ice scraping, and budget, the CA Board will continue to provide financial support for rink maintenance, so that this rink will be a safe and enjoyable place for you to skate on.

Following the November AGM meeting, our Community Safety Director established a 'Just Get Started' program for a Community Safety Committee including roles and mandates for communications, city liaison, Calgary Police Liaison and more. Please watch the HH-BH Website and Facebook pages for details about the next meeting and activities.

Lastly, as February is both Valentine's Day and Family Day, remember that your eyes, ears, voices, and hands feed the hearts of your loved ones...go out and fill their hearts every day, and enjoy any extra time with them on those two days. Enjoy...

Cheers!

Terry Wong,

HH-BH Comm. Association President

### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

### **Outdoor Soccer Registration**

Outdoor Soccer registration for youth of all ages begins in February. Visit the HHBH community website for the details.

### **Open Community Gym**

#### 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association is happy to offer free open gym time to our community on Friday evenings when we have no rentals.

Please follow the link below or call 403-282-6634 to confirm dates & times for February!

http://www.hh-bh.ca/community-open-gym-free/

### HHBH Badminton Program 2019-2020

Hounsfield Heights Briar Hill Community Association is excited about our new partnership with Badminton Alberta to provide badminton programs in our community.

http://www.hh-bh.ca/badminton/

### **Drop-in Programs**

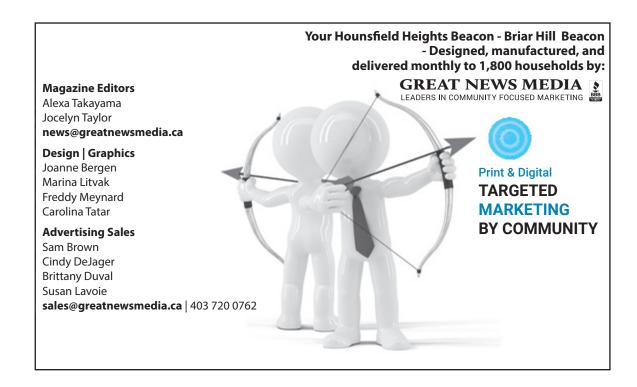
Badminton - Tuesday to Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (3 courts)

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# **Community Safety Update**

by Michelle LeGrandeur, HH/BH Director, Community Safety

The Community Association is in the process of developing and establishing its own Safety Committee. But what does safety m e a n to you? Often when people are asked what safety means to them, their response is "it's a feeling I get." It's the perception of feeling safe in your surroundings at that time and place. The HH/BH is a unique, established community that prides itself in many ways. The residents of our community want to feel safe, which is why the Community Association has prioritized the development of a Safety Committee.

### The purpose of the Safety Committee is to:

• Gather feedback from our residents identifying our community's concerns regarding safety, and work toward implementing viable, sustainable solutions from already existing practices or methods.

• Establish strong, collaborative partnerships with the Calgary Police Service, City Parks, Transit Peace Officers and the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)

• Take a proactive approach to learning about other resources and organizations that specialize in community safety such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED – pronounced Sep-TED)

• Involve and consult with residents by encouraging residents to volunteer on the Safety Committee. Allowing the residents to participate empowers the community and benefits everyone. An announcement outlining specific roles and responsibilities of Safety Committee members will be shared over the next couple of months.

Prior to the start of the November 20th, 2019, AGM, there was an informal discussion that included guest speakers from the Calgary Police Services, City Parks and Community Standards around the topic of "Safety". We thank our guest speakers for participating, providing their insight and for generously answering the questions posed by residents. A big thank you as well goes out to the attending residents because the Community Association values your feedback and concerns regarding safety.

**Stay tuned!** Future Beacons will include relevant safety information, a call for volunteers for the Safety Committee and updates about how our community is utilizing resources and working with other organizations, towards maintaining a safe and positive environment for all to enjoy.

### Safety Information for February:

The Calgary Police produce statistical reports for each Calgary community which include the following data:

- Residential Break and Enters (B&Es)
- Commercial Break and Enters
- Vehicle Theft
- Car Prowling
- Street Robberies
- Commercial Robberies

Community Crime and Disorder statistics can be found at https://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Statistics/Calgary-Police-statistical-reports.aspx.

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## Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board listing will be updated in January Beacon to reflect directors elected in November's AGM.						

### CONTACT

Mailing Address: Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6 Board Room / Gym - 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W. Parking: west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library driveway. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

Phone: 403-282-6634

Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

Beacon Submissions: beacon@hh-bh.ca

Boardroom/Gym Bookings: bookings@hh-bh.ca

The HH-BH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed at www.hh-bh.ca.

For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at **www.hh-bh.ca**.



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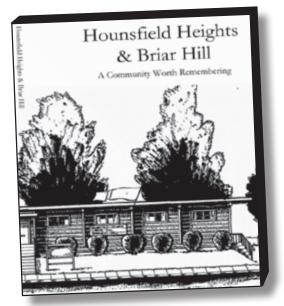
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# Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill History Book

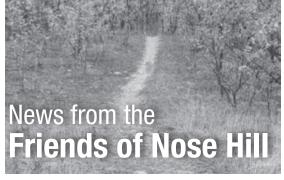
A beautiful book about our neighborhood is available to purchase for \$40.00 from the admin office at the gym. Please contact admin@hh-bh.ca to make arrangements. You can also call 403-282-6634.

The book contains photos and stories written by the families that first moved into the area in the early-'50s. Their stories of building homes, starting the school, and establishing this vibrant community are worth the read.

A big thank-you to Mary Stapleton and her group of volunteers for taking on the task of putting this together.

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### by Anne Burke

When the City's plan for paved pathways in Nose Hill was approved by City Council in July 2005, we understood, during the public consultation, that user conflicts and enforcement would remain issues in park management. Some park users fear too many signs will inhibit enjoyment of a prairie grassland natural environment park. Dogs off leash in on-leash zones disturb native vegetation and important wildlife habitat, such as foraging, breeding, and nesting areas. Encounters between dogs and wildlife can also mean injuries to wild animals, or their being put down for public safety, during denning season.

In a recent Nose Hill Update, the Ward 4 Councillor announced some new measures, including:

- Fences to stop cyclists from off-roading on the slopes to prevent damage;
- Updated entrance signs, additional garbage bins, and wooden posts, to promote adherence to the Responsible Pet Owners Bylaw.

Nose Hill Park supports some of the last remaining native fescue grasslands in Calgary. Foothills fescue grassland is one of the most threatened ecosystems on the planet, and some of it is found on the slopes of Nose Hill. The majority of the top of Nose Hill is off-leash, but all remaining coulees, slopes, and escarpments are onleash areas. Under the bylaw, owners/handlers who do not keep their dogs under control in these areas, and who do not pick up and correctly dispose of waste, face fines.

Check out Alberta Birds on Facebook for sighting blackbacked or downy woodpeckers; chickadees; osprey; great horned, short-eared, snowy, or boreal owls; barn swallows; ruffled grouse; and bohemian waxwings. Join the bird count!

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### SEARS PLUME 2019 FOURTH QUARTER COMMUNICATION

This communication includes an update to our status under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) and the current environmental assessment, monitoring and remediation activities that are ongoing in the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community (HHBH).

### **CCAA** Proceedings

As reported previously, in September 2019, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the Court) approved an extension of the CCAA stay period until March 31, 2020. Sears Canada (Sears) and FTI Consulting Canada Inc., the Court-appointed Monitor (the Monitor), continue to manage and administer the estates of Sears and its subsidiaries, including resolving outstanding disputed claims, overseeing the sale of the remaining real estate, and pursuing certain litigation against former owners and directors of Sears.

Before proceeding with a meeting of Sears' creditors to consider and vote on a plan to distribute the remaining cash to creditors, the Monitor will seek an order quantifying the amount of a reserve (Reserve) to satisfy the estimated costs to conduct the monitoring and remediation activities contemplated under the revised remediation plan (RRP) for Calgary North Hill and Hounsfield Heights. This RRP was established as a response to the environmental protection order (EPO) issued and amended by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) in 2018 and was approved by the Minister in September 2019. Following a hearing to determine the Reserve, the Monitor intends to seek a determination from the Court regarding the priority of the Reserve amount as against the claims of other Sears creditors.

For more information on the CCAA, including copies of the proposed draft plan of compromise and arrangement, please visit the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/Searscanada.

### **Environmental Update**

Since we last communicated with you in October 2019, an Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) hearing was held on December 3, 4 and 5 to consider various appeals filed in respect of the EPO including the responsible parties and the scope of the work to be completed. The EAB has confirmed that its report and recommendations to the Minister will be issued no later than January 18, 2020. Sears, along with its environmental consultant, Clifton, continue the work required to comply with the RRP and the EPO approved by the Minister. In that regard, during the fourth quarter of 2019, Clifton completed the installation of a Permeable Reactive Barrier along 11th Avenue NW. A report documenting the installation of the barrier will be available within the first quarter of 2020. Copies of all reports can be found on the Sears Canada website at https://Searscanadaepo.Sears.ca.

The Dual Phase Vapour Extraction System (DPVE) continues to operate within the northern portion of the Hounsfield Heights community. As mentioned in our previous quarterly update, this retrofit will ensure the continued effectiveness of the DPVE going forward. Clifton is currently wrapping up the Fall 2019 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Event, which will include a monitoring natural attenuation assessment. Additional items to be completed within the first and second quarter of 2020 include:

- Permeable Reactive Barrier Performance Monitoring;
- Winter 2020 Soil Vapour Sampling Program;
- Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbon assessment (access requests and subsurface investigation);
- Additional Hydraulic Conductivity Testing;
- DPVE Performance Assessment; and
- Spring 2020 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling.

In addition to the above activities, an updated Remediation Schedule as presented in Table 9.1 of the approved RRP will be provided to all stakeholders within the first quarter of 2020.

We will continue to communicate quarterly to residents, by way of written update posted on the Sears North Hill website, and more frequently should significant new developments arise. Sears and Clifton appreciate the opportunity to provide this update to the residents of HH-BH. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Stephen d'Abadie from Clifton at the contact information shown below.

### Yours sincerely,

Clifton Contact: Stephen d'Abadie, MEng Environmental Scientist/Regional Manager Clifton Associates 2222 – 30th Avenue NE, Calgary, AlbertaT2E 7K9 T (403) 263 2556 Ext 4139 Stephen dAbadie@Clifton.ca



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### Plastic

What happens to our recyclables after they are collected? Are they *truly* recycled?

*CBC Marketplace* recently released an investigation that tracked three bales of plastic. The plastic was given to major waste collectors that claimed to be 'sustainable'. Concerningly, only one of the three collectors chose to actually recycle the material. The other two incinerated the plastic or sent it directly to the landfill.

All three of these collectors are private waste collecting businesses—a sector that lacks accountability to ensure waste material is actually recycled. After watching the investigation, one may wonder, can we trust municipalities are processing recyclables any differently? It would be counterintuitive for Calgarians to go through the trouble of separating waste into their Blue and Black Carts, to only have the material end up in the same place.

By having its own sorting facility, this issue is a nonstarter for The City of Calgary. Cascades Recovery sits in the southeast quadrant of the city, collecting recyclables from our Blue Carts each week. Because The City has control of the process, it can ensure accountability through site inspections and reference checks to confirm material is headed where it's meant to go. Our plastics, metal cans, and glass bottles are sold to markets all across Canada to be made into new products.

Though the ethical responsibility of municipalities provides some comfort, the relief is only temporary. Unfortunately, the global recycling industry continues to provide uncertainty. After Asian markets began to increasingly reject North American recyclable material in 2018 due to high contamination, municipalities are feeling the pressure to rethink how we manage our waste. Refocusing our collective efforts to reducing, rather than recycling, may be the key to solving this problem, and a significant step to combat an impending climate crisis.

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