

# PLANNING update

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Bob van Wegen, Community Planner

'Late E-dition' update

## ***Building Stronger Communities***

The FCC Urban Planning Committee believes that our city is a better place due to the community volunteers who actively participate in the planning process. We volunteer our time to work with the FCC's Community Planner, **Bob van Wegen**, to assist community associations and their volunteers by providing information and guidance, and training and networking opportunities.

### ***We are:***

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| Neil Hughes       | Bill Scott   |
| Heather Jablonski | Rob Taylor   |
| Martina Jileckova | Qian Zuo     |



## **Planning Sustainable Cities—lecture series**

The Planning Program at the U of C Faculty of Environmental Design is launching a new lecture series on planning sustainable cities. The first event is **February 13, 6 to 8 pm, at the Nickle Arts Museum at the University of Calgary**. Presenting will be Dr. Nola-Kate Seymor, CEO of the Sustainable Cities Plus Network, Dr. William Rees of the University of British Columbia, and Greg Yeomans, senior planner for the Greater Vancouver Regional District. This event is free and open to the public. A good warm-up for the March Partners In Planning course on community sustainability in Calgary (see the back page).

## **Land Use Bylaw...**

[The land use bylaw revisions have just been posted at www.calgary.ca/landusebylaw](http://www.calgary.ca/landusebylaw). The FCC Urban Planning Committee expects to propose some amendments and/or seek a process to resolve some of the outstanding issues surrounding community consultation, as outlined in previous Planning Updates. If there is news before the March Planning Update we will send a special email to Presidents and Planning Reps. As of this writing the LUB is expected to go to Calgary Planning Commission on February 22 and to Council March 19-21.

## **Communities invited to participate in Historic Calgary Week**

2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of Calgary's first major boom in 1907. The theme for this year's Historic Calgary Week is "**From Tents to Towers - Our Booms on the Bow**". It is certainly a theme that communities facing a stack of development circulations can appreciate!

The 18th annual Historic Calgary Week is a 10-day event from July 27 to August 5, 2007, including tours, presentations, songs, stories and other events organized by volunteers from the Chinook Country Historical Society. Communities have often participated by conducting walking tours and talks. Last year tours happened in Ramsay, Bowness, Hillhurst-Sunnyside, Mt. Pleasant, Inglewood, Sunalta, and other areas. Celebrating community history is a great way to involve neighbours and generate community pride.

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## ***Historic Calgary Week, continued from page 1***

Planning for Historic Calgary Week is well underway, and community associations and others are invited to get involved in the program. For more information contact the Chair of the Program Committee, Len Babin, at lenb@shaw.ca and 239-7363. (Len is also the new president of Rocky Ridge-Royal Oak Community Association.)



The January Partners In Planning course on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board was very well attended.

## **Our newest PIP course: Community Sustainability—March 24**

Community Sustainability is a Partners In Planning elective being offered for the first time on **Saturday, March 24, from 9 to noon at the Killarney-Glengarry Community Centre**. How would you like your neighbourhood to look and feel? Where do you want services and amenities to be located? How do we move toward more complete and integrated communities? This workshop will look at the overall design of your community. You will be introduced to **Community Mapping** - a fun and easy tool to illustrate and plan communities. Noel Keough of Sustainable Calgary and the U of C will also be there to discuss **Best Practices**, and **policies and actions** that support good communities.

Register early for this **FREE** course to ensure your spot. Phone 244-4111, email [registration@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:registration@calgarycommunities.com), or visit [www.calgarycommunities.com](http://www.calgarycommunities.com) > FCC Services > Workshops. A registration form is included in this mail-out package.

## **Surplus school sites being studied**

The City is studying the issue of what to do with 'surplus school sites', including some surplus sites where schools were never built. Expect to hear more of this in a future Planning Update. An status report is scheduled for the spring

## **Ramsay project would revitalize industrial site**

The Ramsay Community Association featured prominently in a write-up in *Fast Forward* weekly last month. The story was about a proposal to redevelop an 8.5 hectare brownfield, the former Dominion Bridge industrial site, at the south end of the community. The plan would preserve some historic buildings while adding new commercial and residential development that could double the population of the community. Ramsay VP and planning representative Catherine Cartmill says in the article that "Calgary as a whole is growing and for me it makes a lot more sense to put more people where there is existing infrastructure... We've got everything people need." If you would like a copy of the full story, contact the FCC planner.