

PLANNING update

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Bob van Wegen, Community Planner



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, guidance, training and networking opportunities.

We are:

Liz Austrom	Lisa Kahn
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Urban Forum - how should contemporary meet historic?

The Beltline Communities of Victoria and Connaught and the Calgary Urban Initiative are hosting an Urban Forum on the topic of how we design new development in a heritage context. A distinguished panel of speakers from across North America will tackle the issue. Calgary is challenged with how to respond in planning and in architecture to heritage buildings and districts. We often hear conflicting ideas about how to 'fit' new buildings in heritage areas, or how (and whether) to incorporate heritage architecture or employ historic styles in new buildings. Contemporary or traditional? Conform or contrast? Let's discuss!

The panellists are Lee Bey, a Chicago writer, critic, professor and advisor on architecture and urbanism; Ian Chodikoff, an architect and the editor of *Canadian Architect* magazine; Bruce Kuwabara, a Toronto-based architect, lecturer and critic—recipient of the 2006 Gold Medal from the Royal Architectural Institute Canada; and Robert Lemon, an architect and heritage planner with 25 years of experience with heritage preservation activity in British Columbia. The moderator is Jim Brown from CBC's Calgary Eyeopener.

Victoria Community Hall, May 16, 2007, 7:00pm-9:00pm. For more info contact the Beltline at 670-5499, planning@beltline.ca, or www.calgaryurban.com.

FCC report on resident associations gets national profile

The recent edition of *Plan Canada*, the official magazine of Canada's professional planners, includes an article on the emergence of 'resident associations' by former FCC planner Jeff Loomis. The 2006 FCC report on resident associations and the *Plan Canada* article are available by contacting the FCC Planner.

Land Use Bylaw news

The Land Use Bylaw goes back to Council with proposed amendments and follow-up reports on May 7, with more to follow in November. Administration is expected to address some issues raised by FCC and Council members, such as notice posting, inclusion of newly built-out communities in the 'developed area', and stakeholder involvement in the Land Use Bylaw sustainment team. With regard to notice posting and related issues the City is preparing to begin work and the FCC expects to be fully engaged in the coming weeks.



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Pathways and Bikeways Council works to improve community life

Calgary's integrated network of multiuse pathways links each community with other communities and with the downtown core so that Calgarians have access to regional and neighborhood parks, schools, work sites, natural areas and recreational facilities. This interconnected city-wide system, used both for recreation and transportation purposes, helps to define communities, their unique features and their identity.

In 1989, the Calgary Pathways and Bikeways Advisory Council (CPAC) was established by the City of Calgary and given the mandate of providing citizens' perspectives, advice and input about these important pathways. CPAC continues to act as a liaison between pathway and on-street bikeway users and City Administrators. The Council, composed of an energetic group of volunteers, is actively involved in pathway and bikeway matters related to planning, development, safety, education and management of pathways and on-street bikeways and with a variety of emerging issues and special projects pertaining to non motorized transportation. CPAC members, themselves, are active pathway users and represent a broad range of Calgarians. Members include a variety of age groups and specific user groups such as walkers, runners, commuter and recreational cyclists, in-line skaters and people with disabilities.



CPAC's contributions and input to City Administrators has been evident in major policy documents (e.g. the Land Use By-law Review and the Urban Park Master Plan) and more recently, with planning of pathways for and development of regional parks (e.g. Nose Hill and Bowmont Parks). CPAC focuses on ensuring that Calgarians can enjoy a high quality pathway system. To that end, members are concerned with "missing" links within and between communities in the existing pathway system and advocate for snow clearing on busy pathway routes. Routinely CPAC is asked by the City to advise on community and area redevelopment plans in established communities and on subdivision outline plans and construction standards in newer communities. CPAC provides important services and considerable expertise to support Calgary's extensive pathway system and to facilitate recreational and alternative transportation opportunities. The Council anticipates having a web page including contact information developed shortly so that communities who have pathway or bikeway questions related to planning, linkages or safety can contact CPAC easily. In the meantime, contact the FCC Community Planner.

Thank you to CPAC member Norma Thurston for this article.

Footprint for Sustainable Cities Conference - May 31

Hosted by the City of Calgary in partnership with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Ecological footprint measures the resources we consume and the waste we generate and compares this to what the earth is able to provide and absorb. Local and international experts will present theories and applications of Ecological Footprint and explore Footprint as a tool to help create a more sustainable community. How can Ecological Footprint help mobilize citizens, policy makers and businesses to take action on improving environmental quality and quality of life? For more information on the conference contact footprint@calgary.ca or phone 268-5131.

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