

# PLANNING update

June 2007

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.

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## **Community associations convene on environmental footprint action - June 27**

The FCC is hosting a kick-off meeting of community associations interested in developing an action plan to deal with environmental footprint issues.



Wednesday, June 27 at 7pm, FCC Board Room, 200, 1609 14th Street SW.  
RSVP '[environment](#)' to [reception@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:reception@calgarycommunities.com), phone 244-4111

This initiative has been launched by the West Springs/Cougar Ridge Community Association (WSCR) and is piloted by their VP Community Events and Programs Will Fong. WSCR is interested in partnering with other CAs to share ideas and best practices, to set environmental goals, and to create programs & events related to environmental responsibility that will be compelling to community members. A more detailed email has already been sent to Presidents and Planning Reps. For more information, contact Will Fong, VP Community Events & Programs of WSCR, at [vp-social@wscr.ca](mailto:vp-social@wscr.ca), phone 770-8585

For background on ecological footprint, visit: [www.calgary.ca/footprint](http://www.calgary.ca/footprint)

## **Community Heritage Roundtable Community Heritage Success Stories - June 26**

Tuesday June 26, 7-9 pm, Ramsay Community Hall, 1136-8 St. S.E., lower hall. RSVP '[heritage](#)' to [reception@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:reception@calgarycommunities.com), ph. 244-4111

The topic of the next community heritage roundtable is "Community Heritage Success Stories". It is an opportunity to learn what other community groups are doing to celebrate their heritage, and how they are doing it. The purpose to inspire communities to think about starting their own projects, and to share information about the opportunities and resources that are available. Several groups will be on hand to discuss their initiatives and answer questions:

- The Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association, which has produced an excellent walking tour booklet of their community.

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## **Community Heritage Roundtable, continued...**

- The Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association, which is starting a 'heritage plaque' project for historic homes.
- The Bowness Historical Society, which recently published "Bowness: Our Village in the Valley"
- The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and produced a book.

\*Heritage Planner David Plouffe has written a follow-up to the April heritage roundtable. See below.

## **"If the river could talk" - Exploring the Elbow River and its communities**

"If The River Could Talk" is a series of activities and events from June to September that explore the Elbow River's history, ecology, and role in community life. This is a collaborative initiative supported by a number of groups, including members of the River Valleys Committee, the Glenmore Dam to Stanley Park Preservation Society, the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Elbow Riverbank Historic Promenade Project, and author and historian John Gilpin, who is writing a book on the Glenmore Dam and Elbow River. There will be free river walk guided tours on **Sunday June 10, July 22 and August 19**, from 2—4 pm starting at the north side of Mission Bridge, 4th St and 26th Avenue SW. On **Saturday June 23** from 10 am—3 pm there will be a free guided river-rafting tour. On **September 23** a "Calgary On the Elbow Workshop" hosted by Heritage Park will include speakers, stories, history and discussion of the river community. To register for any of these activities or for more information contact John Gilpin, [jgilpin@telusplanet.net](mailto:jgilpin@telusplanet.net), 245-0551, or Robin McLeod, [ramcleod@telusplanet.net](mailto:ramcleod@telusplanet.net), 243-2949.

## **Enhanced role for communities in heritage nomination process being proposed**

By David Plouffe, Heritage Planner, City of Calgary. 268.1709, [david.plouffe@calgary.ca](mailto:david.plouffe@calgary.ca)

The Calgary Heritage Authority and the City of Calgary are updating the existing Heritage Evaluation System. The new system, called **The Calgary Evaluation System**, is motivated by the need to align more closely with the Alberta and Federal heritage evaluation systems and, more importantly, a desire to incorporate current thinking and new practices in heritage evaluation. The City of Calgary is currently at the forefront of municipalities in Canada on this issue and is on track to be one of the first to adopt what is widely recognized as a much improved methodology for heritage resource evaluation.

A review of the existing status of the heritage inventory began in January 2006. The review was conducted by a team comprising a representative of the Calgary Heritage Authority, the City of Calgary Senior Heritage Planner, the architectural firm of Lorne Simpson Architects and the heritage planning consulting firm, Heritage Collaborative Incorporated. At the moment The Calgary Heritage Authority and the City of Calgary maintain Calgary's *Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites* which identifies Calgary's significant historic resources. The Inventory sites have been evaluated by the Calgary Heritage Authority using evaluation criteria and a system approved by Calgary City Council. The inventory review identified several areas of possible improvement to this and provided a baseline of understating from which the new evaluation process could be developed. At The review process culminated in May, 2006 with a presentation of the new proposed draft Heritage Evaluation to the Calgary Heritage Authority - Evaluation and Review Committee.

Calgary's proposed new evaluation system is a narrative, value based system that aligns with current national and provincial heritage resource management programs. The review pointed out the need for additional community engagement to recognize community values in the selection of heritage resources. The proposed user-friendly evaluation form is designed to de-mystify the heritage evaluation process, encouraging greater public participation and less reliance on experts.

The review of the evaluation system is a key element in the much larger initiative to develop a Heritage Management Plan for Calgary. The Calgary Heritage Authority and city staff are inspired and excited about Calgary's citizens renewed interest and positive approach towards heritage resources and their preservation. The proposed new Calgary Evaluation System offers opportunities for stimulating increased citizen participation and improved stewardship of heritage resources. City of Calgary Heritage Planners and Calgary Heritage Authority are looking forward to Council approval of the new system.