

PLANNING update

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By Jeff Loomis, 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, **Jeff Loomis**, to assist community associations and their volunteers by providing information and guidance, as well as training and networking opportunities.

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2006/2007 PIP Schedule

The upcoming season for the Partners in Planning program will soon be starting. The program, co-hosted by the City of Calgary and the FCC, continues to grow. This year **29 new graduates** will receive their PIP certificate at the FCC Annual General Meeting in October.

This year a **new workshop on Community Sustainability** is being added as an elective course in March. The new workshop will be a valuable venue to discuss sustainability issues, such as transit-oriented development, residential intensification and environmental preservation, and how Calgary can work towards achieving greater sustainability.

This season the Understanding the Land Use Bylaw core course is undergoing some change. The land use bylaw course will be provided as part of a training series on The City's new LUB. The courses will likely be offered in the Spring after the Bylaw goes to City Council for approval. For more information on the PIP program and for venue information for future courses, please check the FCC website at www.calgarycommunities.com or phone 244-4111.

Course	Date	Time
Basics of Implementation Planning*	October 14, 2006	9 am -12:30pm
Community Transportation	November 25, 2006	9 am – 12:00 pm
Presentations to the SDAB*	January 27, 2007	9 am – 2:30 pm
Community Sustainability Workshop	March 24, 2007	9 am – 2:30 pm
Land Use Bylaw*	TBA	

* Core course

FCC Central Council

The next FCC Central Council meeting is scheduled for **September 23rd** from **9:30-12:30** at **Victoria Park Hall** (1302 6th Street SE – beside the Elbow River). Noel Keough from **Sustainable Calgary** and the Faculty of Environmental Design will be delivering a presentation on the recently published **Smart Growth** in Calgary report. The Smart Growth report highlighted the obstacles to overcoming sprawling growth in Calgary and outlined 10 recommendations for achieving more sustainable development. The presentation is scheduled for 10:00am with time following the presentation for a discussion period. Anyone interested in Calgary's development is invited to attend.



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Providing A Community Perspective

Planning from the Dark Side

The Calgary AACIP (Alberta Association of the Canadian Institute of Planners) Events Committee is hosting a luncheon and presentation on **September 12th** from **12:00 to 1:00** (registration & lunch starting at 11:30) at **Fort Calgary** (750 9th Ave SE) on **Planning from the Dark Side: The Redevelopment of Calgary from the Perspective of the Developer**. The presentation by Jaydan Tait of Assured Developments will highlight a developer's perspective on 'sensitive intensification'. An analysis of the development process, complete with a detailed description of the economic feasibility analysis of a sample site, will be presented. The presentation will also highlight ways in which the relationship between the developer and planner in the development process can be improved to produce better projects and communities in Calgary.

The luncheon is **\$25 for non-AACIP members**, \$20 for members and \$15 for students and payment must be received by Thursday, **September 7**, 2006. Cheques should be made payable to the AACIP and be delivered to Gail Sokolan at the City of Calgary (PO Box 2100 Station M #8052, T2P 2M5). When registering please indicate full names of attendees and register as soon as possible as seating is limited.

Land Use Bylaw Review Public Involvement

The draft of The City's **new Land Use Bylaw** (LUB) is available for review and public comment. Considerable effort is being made to engage the public in the LUB review process since the Bylaw is one of the most important City documents as it regulates and controls the use and development of all land and buildings within the municipal boundaries. The draft of the new LUB is available for review until the end of November. The FCC has **hard copies** of the full draft LUB as well as several copies of the **Land Use Bylaw Summary document**. The bylaw and summary documents are also available for review at four public library locations: **WR Castell, Crowfoot, Fish Creek and Village Square**. If you would like to borrow a hard-copy of the full draft LUB or would like a summary document mailed to you, please contact the FCC at 244-4111.

The City is also hosting a series of **Open House** meetings in **September** and **October** throughout Calgary to gather as much feedback as possible. At those meetings, draft versions of the land use maps that will accompany the new LUB should also be available for public review. The new LUB is anticipated to go to City Council early in the new year after receiving all of the public's input. After the new LUB has been approved by Council, the City is planning to hold a series of training workshops on the new Bylaw in conjunction with the Partners in Planning program. For more information on the LUB review process and for updates on the dates and venues for future Open Houses, go to www.calgary.ca/landusebylaw.

FCC Community Planner Position

The Community Planning position at the FCC will be vacant in September as I have taken a Community Planner position with the United Way of Calgary. I am excited for the new challenges of working on the implementation of the United Way's Children and Youth Community Impact Plan. I will be staying involved with the FCC as a volunteer on the Urban Planning Committee and am looking forward to getting involved more in my new community with the Winston Heights/Mountview Community Association, so I will surely be seeing many of you over the next year.

Until the Community Planner vacancy is filled, please contact the FCC Executive Director, Brenda Brown, if you have any pressing planning or community issues at brenda.brown@calgarycommunities.com or 244-4111 ext. 201. Thank you so much to all the people I have worked with over the past year and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

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