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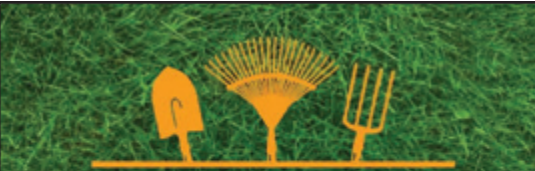
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A cherished member of the Evanston community for the past five years. Her endless walks around the neighbourhood created countless fond memories.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The 1992 Master Plan Review recommended a Natural Area Management Plan for Nose Hill after a land use study. The job was to document compatible recreational opportunities because of native grasslands with some deciduous shrubs and trees. The Nose Hill Park Trail and Pathway Improvement Plan relied on the earlier research and did further consultation, before concluding that activities in the multi-use zone (top of the Hill) should be separated from all Park native vegetation. Over 86% was Western wheatgrass, Rough fescue - Parry oatgrass, Smooth brome, and Rough fescue-Golden bean. There was strong support to extend the multi-use zone towards the Edgemont entrance but increase habitat protection along the south side of Porcupine Valley. The earlier study assessed the sensitivity of vegetation from recreational trampling (foot traffic). Rough fescue-Golden bean has the greatest distribution in the Park and contributes almost 75% of the moderate to high at-risk areas. Most of the grassland is along the sloped areas of the Park's escarpment. Rough fescue grasslands are significant since they are in great abundance on Nose Hill (up to 35%) but have been lost in much of western Canada. Native Rough fescue grassland along the escarpment is prone to erosion due to more trails and off-trail uses, so having rules will help minimize impact and disturbance to reduce the invasion of non-native species (weeds). Due to its rarity, Nose Hill Park's Rough fescue is a nationally significant ecosite and preservation of the grassland is a great management concern. It is also important to consider that while the native grasslands have higher sensitivity to trampling, heavy recreational use and other disturbances also support the invasion of non-native species (weeds), for which natural recovery times could take several decades.

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Divorce And Spousal Support – How Much, and for How Long?

by Christopher Bungay, Divorce Lawyer



You have decided to get a divorce. After this decision is made, either you or your spouse move out. This is also about the time that economic reality kicks in: one of you will need financial support, and one of you realizes you must pay support. Two immediate questions arise:

1. How much monthly support must be paid?
2. How long (months, years) must support be paid?

The law can answer these questions, but only by looking at the circumstances of your marriage. Specifically, the law looks at who worked, how much they earned, and how much will you earn in the future?

Rich Dad, Stay-at-Home Mom

The largest and longest payouts for spousal support arise in the “Rich Dad, Stay-at-Home Mom” marriage. Dad has earned a lot of income by working many hours over the years. Mom has enabled Dad’s success. She has done this by taking care of the children/home responsibilities while Dad worked. In this situation, Dad will likely have to pay a large amount of support for a long time.

The Power Couple

One of the easier cases to determine is the “Power Couple”. Here, both the husband and wife work long hours at high-paying jobs. In this divorce, it is possible that no support is payable. Alternatively, if support is

owed, the amounts may be smaller and for a shorter period of time.

The “Somewhere in the Middle” Couple

A more difficult situation to determine is a couple whose marriage did not follow set patterns for employment and domestic responsibilities. For example, one spouse may have earned a lot of money in the past, but for some reason (health, bad luck, etc.) this is no longer the case. The other spouse may have stayed home and raised the children and then resumed their career later after the kids became teens. Trying to figure how what is “fair” in these situations can be very challenging for lawyers and judges.

To assist with these difficult decisions, lawyers and judges often rely on Canada’s Spousal Support Guidelines. This is a legal tool that helps to link the facts of each marriage with an appropriate formula for determining support. Calculations based on these guidelines can also be accessed for free at www.mysupportcalculator.ca.

It must be emphasized again that each divorce is unique, and guidelines/calculators may not account for the facts of your marriage. However, as a rule of thumb, the past often determines the future. If you were the breadwinner in the past, you likely have an obligation to provide support in the future.

Heat-Related Illness

by Alberta Health Services



ALTA Paramedic Health would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children, older adults, and individuals with underlying health conditions may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, everyone should take basic preventive measures to avoid heat-related illness during periods of hot, humid weather. Text HEAT to 88111 to receive tips on heat safety.

Heat Exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Symptoms may include headache, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The person is often cool and damp to the touch, and the skin may appear pale or dusky grey.

Heat Stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency and, without prompt treatment, can be fatal.
- It occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature (e.g., through sweating), causing body

temperature to rise to dangerous levels.

- Due to severe dehydration and failure of the cooling system, the skin may appear hot, dry, and flushed.

First Aid

- First aid for all heat-related illness begins with removing or sheltering the person from the hot environment.
- Remove excess or tight-fitting clothing and allow the person to rest in a cool environment.
- If the person is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention.

Prevention

- Stay well hydrated by drinking water regularly.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol and caffeine consumption may contribute to dehydration.
- Wear a broad-brimmed hat to protect your face and neck from the sun.
- Apply (and reapply) water-resistant sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30+, especially for children.
- The sun's UV rays peak between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, even on cloudy days.

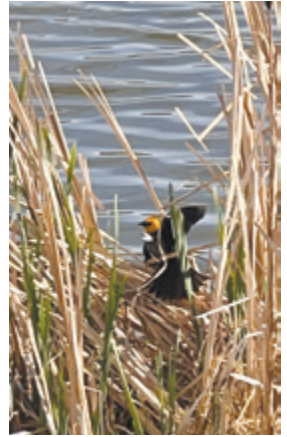
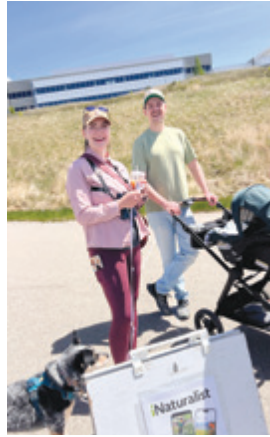


Nose Creek Preservation Society's First Annual Discovery Day Marked as a Success

We hosted our first public event to showcase the Nose Creek Valley, connect with our communities, and showcase the beauty and life that call it home. And we succeeded! Over fifty Calgarians popped by the district storm pond, and everyone commented they had no idea this natural space existed!

Everyone—including our wonderful exhibitors, local government reps, and two very young kids enjoying a planned playdate—enjoyed what turned into a beautiful day. Our soundtrack was the birdsong playing on repeat, no speaker required.

Thank you to everyone who attended. For those who couldn't make it, sign up online at savenosecreek.com for our newsletter to learn more about the Nose Creek Valley and details for the second annual Discovery Day sometime in May 2027!



Finding the Right Therapist: How to Search for the Help You're Actually Looking For

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca



Searching for a therapist can feel overwhelming. A quick online search can bring up hundreds of profiles, all using different titles, specialties, and approaches. If you're already struggling with anxiety, depression, relationship issues, trauma, or another challenge, figuring out where to start can feel like another burden.

Start With the Problem You Want Help With

Many people begin their search by simply typing "therapist near me" into Google. While this can generate a list of providers, it's often more effective to search based on the specific issue you're experiencing.

For example:

- Depression counselling
- Couples counselling
- Trauma therapist
- ADHD therapist
- Grief counsellor
- Intimate betrayal trauma therapist
- Addiction therapist

Look Beyond the Therapist's Credentials

A therapist's designation tells you they have completed certain educational and licensing requirements. However, it doesn't tell you what they actually spend their time helping clients with.

When reading therapist profiles, pay attention to:

- Their areas of specialization
- Their experience treating your concerns
- Additional training or certifications
- Whether their approach resonates with you

Understand That Not All Therapy Is the Same

Some therapists focus on helping you understand patterns from your past. Others teach practical skills for managing symptoms in the present. Some specialize in relationship dynamics, while others focus on trauma recovery or behavioural change.

You don't need to become an expert in therapeutic modalities, but it can be helpful to ask questions such as:

- What does treatment usually look like?
- What can I expect in the first few sessions?
- Do you have experience helping people with situations similar to mine?

Read the Therapist's Website

A therapist's website often tells you much more than a directory profile.

As you read, ask yourself:

- Do I feel understood?
- Does this therapist seem knowledgeable about my concerns?
- Do they explain things clearly?

Sometimes a therapist's personality and communication style are just as important as their credentials.

Don't Ignore the Importance of Fit

Research consistently shows that the relationship between therapist and client is one of the strongest predictors of successful therapy.

After a consultation or first session, consider:

- Did I feel heard?
- Did I feel comfortable enough to be honest?
- Did this therapist seem to understand what I'm going through?

Ask Questions Before Booking

Many therapists offer a brief consultation. Use this opportunity to ask questions such as:

- Have you worked with concerns similar to mine?
- What is your experience with this issue?
- What does therapy usually look like?
- How often do clients typically attend sessions?
- Do you offer virtual or in-person appointments?

You are interviewing the therapist just as much as they are assessing whether they can help you.

Trust Your Gut

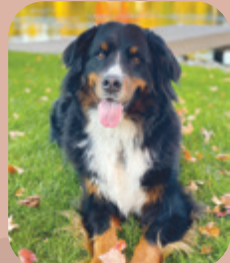
Credentials, experience, and training are important, but so is the feeling that you're sitting across from someone who genuinely understands you and knows how to help.

The right therapist won't have all the answers immediately. They won't promise quick fixes. What they will offer is a safe, supportive relationship, a clear path forward, and the expertise to help you navigate whatever challenges brought you to therapy in the first place.

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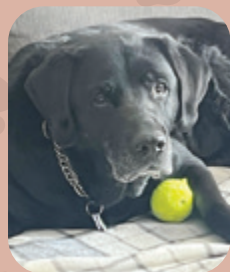
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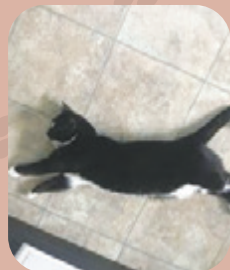
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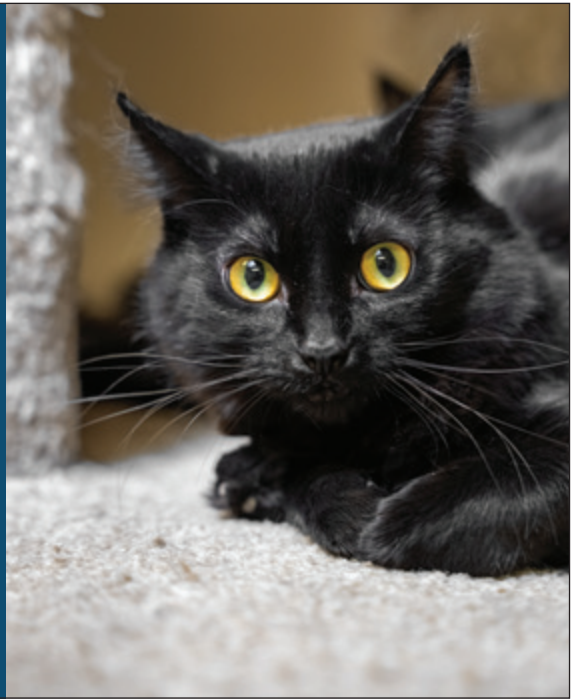


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