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| Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association Membership Application 2024-25 | | | | |
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September 8, 2024, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Each year the City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services and Community Standards partner with Community Associations to help residents get rid of unwanted household items and property waste. This event saves residents a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts. The City of Calgary will be here with their waste and organic packer trucks. We are pleased to have Technotrash Alberta Ltd. and Alcop Resource Recycling participating in the Community Cleanup this year.

The City of Calgary Trucks do not accept:

- Tires
- Household Chemicals (these can be taken to the Country Hills Fire Station)
- Car Batteries
- Household appliances with Freon (e.g., refrigerators, freezers)
- Glass (e.g., windowpanes, glass tabletops)
- Microwaves
- Liquids (e.g., cooking oils)
- Large metal items (e.g., lawnmowers, barbeques)
- Railroad ties
- Sod or dirt
- Household hazardous waste including propane tanks, paint, automobile, cleaning, healthcare, and gardening chemicals

Technotrash and Alcop do not accept the following items:

- Liquids of any kind (Gas, Paint or Chemical)
- Compressed cylinders (propane tanks or fire extinguishers)
- Hazardous waste
- Household batteries
- Large appliances (stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers)

- Anything with Freon (AC units, water coolers or fridges)
- Fluorescent light fixtures or bulbs
- Thermostats
- Smoke detectors
- Glass of any kind
- Media VHS tapes, DVDs or CDs
- Rechargeable Batteries loose
- Ink and Toner loose
- Capacitors
- Mercury

The following items can be disposed of at the Community Cleanup:

- TVs (LCD, CRT, or Plasma)
- Computer Systems
- Computer Accessories (monitors, mice, keyboards, and speakers)
- Computer parts (cables, cords, fans, power supplies, hard drives for destruction, CPU, ram chips, and boards)
- Laptops, notebooks, tablets, and E-readers
- Printers, fax machines, copiers, and scanners
- Small clean household appliances: fans, hair dryers, heaters, irons, microwaves, toasters, vacuums (empty only), etc.
- Audiovisual: CD players, VCR/DVD players, stereo equipment, cable boxes, satellite equipment, digital cameras, video cameras, etc.
- Networking/Telecommunications equipment (hubs, switches, modems, routers, and phones), cell phones and chargers, answering machines, etc.
- All power and air tools: drills, grinders, saws, nail guns, compressors, table saws, etc.
- Games, toys, and music equipment including amplifiers, guitars, keyboards, microphones, electric/ electronic toys, and video gaming equipment including game cartridges.
- Wires and Cables (Christmas lights less bulbs)
- Testing Equipment
- Circuit boards

Additional Information:

- We have a group of volunteers to direct your vehicle and get vehicles through the cleanup as safely and quickly as possible!
- We do expect to have a higher volume this year. We ask for your patience and that you are courteous to our community volunteers making this event happen.

· You will drive through and place your items in the correct bins. If you require assistance, our volunteers are there to help, but we ask that you please wear a mask when getting out of your vehicle and unloading or require help unloading.

We're excited to be able to offer this event again this year and request your support for this to run smoothly and safely.





VISION AND MISSION



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| www.calgary.ca 2-1-1 Community Resources | mental health system. 403-705-3250 Elder Abuse Resource Line |

Let's Talk is Back for the Fall!

Mark your calendars for the second Tuesday of each month for the return of the Let's Talk ... series.

The dates will be Tuesday, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

Doors open at 1:30 pm. The speaker presentation is at 2:00 pm. We wrap up around 3:00 pm.

The overarching theme for our fall series is 'What brings people together?': the branch library; a good coffee shop; the mall; disasters.

Come and learn more about what creates connection and community engagement around places that are inviting for people to gather.



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Riley Local Area Plan to Go Before Council This Fall



The city is continuing to develop a new Riley Local Area Plan (LAP) for our community. This will replace the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which has guided the redevelopment of our neighbourhood since the 1980s. The city circulated their Phase 4 LAP draft in May – look online at https://engage.calgary.ca/Riley/Realize.

The final draft Riley Local Area Plan is very similar to Phase 3 and still proposes fundamental changes to our community. There are some updates to the Building Scale and Urban Form maps, but the major features remain unchanged. Here are the updates, with changes highlighted – please look carefully for changes that may affect you.

The first map illustrates the proposed 'Building Scales'. Note that six storeys (apartments/condos) are still permitted on the north side of 13 Ave, and four storeys (apartments/condos) on south side of 13 Ave, and along 19 Street and 14 Street. Six storeys are also permitted at the base of the escarpment that many of us overlook. This is in addition to six and twelve storeys on the 19 Street plazas, and over 27 storeys on the mall site. The city removed four storeys from the north side of 12 Ave, but they added it all along the south side of Lion's Park in eastern Hounsfield Heights, at the ends of the quiet 15 Street and 16 Street. Everywhere that four or more storeys are allowed, the building can cover most of the lot, creating shadowing, privacy and parking issues and leaving little room for nature.



The second map outlines the 'Urban Forms' – the two maps are meant to be read together. We'd

expect 'Neighbourhood Local' (pale yellow) over most of existing single-family communities, except for collector streets. 'Neighbourhood Local' typically allows all 'small scale homes', including semi-detached/duplexes, narrow infills, triplexes, and fourplexes, and up to 11 m tall row houses (R-CG). The recent blanket rezoning to R-CG also reaffirms that up to 11 m tall row houses are now permitted everywhere in the community.

'Neighbourhood Connector' (gold/deep yellow) should be different types of homes along higheractivity streets. It typically allows apartments/condos and H-GO (extra tall and dense row houses, up to 12 m tall), and also includes 'small local-serving commercial'. The city has applied it widely in our community, including on many quiet residential roads – the main effect in areas of three storey Building Scale is to allow the H-GO extra dense row houses. The city removed some 'Neighbourhood Connector' from 20 Street but added it between 8 Ave and 9 Ave in the southwest corner of Hounsfield Heights, and along the sound wall in Briar Hill. They reported that the addition along the sound wall was because of the MAX line on 16 Ave, even though the closest stops are at 19 Street.

'Neighbourhood Flex' (orange) is a residential/commercial mix, and as the name suggests, allows a wide variety of uses. In our community it is applied on the Bethany and Summit sites and our smaller commercial plazas.



The Community Association View

The Community Association (CA) understands that some density increase is needed and inevitable. We have been seeking reasonable compromise, that preserves the character, beauty, and environment of our home neighbourhood whilst adding density. We continue to feel that the potential for very high density on the mall site should be balanced with grade-

oriented options within the core of the community. Grade-oriented options (up to row houses, rather than apartments/condos) maintain the scale and neighbourly feel of the community and allow room for trees and other natural features. Where new types of dwellings are added, we are looking for good design and proportions that makes denser building forms blend in with the existing context. Apartments right beside single-family homes provide too much contrast in height, setbacks, and lot coverage. Existing residents lose sunlight, privacy, mature trees, green spaces, and vistas.

For example, where two dwellings are proposed on a wider lot, the CA strongly prefers well-designed semi-detached homes, that maintain the proportions of the homes around them whilst adding density. Very narrow dwellings stand out from their neighbours and extend deeper into the lot, shading neighbours and taking away from their enjoyment of their gardens. We continue to discuss and lobby for LAP and Land Use Bylaw phrasing that will support these sort of design requirements that mitigate the effects of increased density on the community character.

The LAP has been discussed by the CA Board and the community's Land Use Committee, and at community-wide annual and LAP related meetings. Everyone has been and is welcome to participate, and this summary reflects the strong majority of opinions expressed in these forums. Many members of the community emailed opinions to the city in Phase 3, but unfortunately this feedback from affected community members has not resulted in the compromise we seek. The Riley LAP will go before council this fall, and community members may wish to consider expressing their opinions directly to council (themayor@calgary.ca, ward07@calgary.ca, our Councillor Terry Wong, and similarly for the rest of the 14 councillors – ward01@calgary.ca etc.), and also speaking at the Riley LAP hearing. The CA will hold another community-wide meeting in September to further discuss these issues – watch for advertising of the specific date. We continue to be happy to discuss the LAP with the community and answer questions at land.use@hh-bh.ca.

Beth Atkinson

Director – Land Use, Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association



by Anne Burke

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee advises the City about urban biological diversity in the natural world in all its forms. The aim is to advance a Plan based on The Durban Commitment: Local Governments for Biodiversity. The City must work toward better protection of natural area biodiversity and has introduced targeted grazing, naturalization, and the elimination and prevention of invasive plant species. While the City has developed certain policies and procedures, the Advisory Committee continues reviewing City initiatives impacting biodiversity and measures their progress against the City's strategic plan.

The Advisory Committee reports to the Community Development Committee and to City Council when it provides an annual progress report. The Committee has 15 members appointed by Council, ten from the public with specialized knowledge and relevant experience, including one youth (18 to 30) and five staff from specific departments who meet regularly in person (or join online). Meetings are open to the public. However, despite many accomplishments, the mandate to engage Council as citizen scientists who make recommendations has proven to be difficult.

The Committee struggled in past years to gain their attention and staff time is limited. Now even the status of the Committee is in doubt. With the end of the Calgary ten-year Biodiversity Strategic Plan (2015-2025), City Council voted to dissolve the Committee next year on what will be its 10th anniversary. ("2024 Annual Update from Boards, Commissions, and Committees") An option to collaborate with the Anti-racism Committee, regarding access to natural areas, was put on hold to explore the merger of the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee with the Climate Advisory Committee. Nevertheless, the members are preparing a full and final report for 2025. Past reports are available at www. calgary.ca/committees/biodiversity-advisory.html.

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