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Proposed Updates to Your Local Area Plan

City Council directed City Administration to update six of the approved local area plans (LAPs) to limit where rowhouses and townhouses can be developed

The proposed updates would apply the same location-based Limited Scale Policies in the Westbrook Communities and Heritage Communities LAPs to the rest of the approved LAPs.

What are the proposed changes?

The proposed updates would limit where rowhouses and townhouses are supported to parcels that have a rear lane and meet one of the following location criteria:

- within a transit station area,
- along or adjacent to an identified main street,
- on a corner parcel,
- or adjacent to a school, park or open space.



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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are being held in person at the community hall. All community residents are welcome to meet some of their neighbours, express their concerns, or sit in and hear what's happening in and around the community. For more information, please email president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca. For Hall rentals, email hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to spooky season, Tuxedo Park! I hope you enjoy the autumnal colours, festive gatherings, and opportunities to explore our neighbourhood and collect candy!

In this final quarter of 2026, the TPCA board is looking to next year. Our biggest opportunity will be our 2027 Casino Fundraiser in April, May and June. Are you looking for a great volunteering opportunity? We're seeking a Casino Chair to help coordinate this vital event. Casino events supply us with stable funding throughout the year, which allows us to continue delivering programming and events for you, our neighbours. Contact me to learn how you can help.

We're also planning social events for next year, and opportunities to welcome you into the Tuxedo Park Community Hall. We're also continuing to work with the City on exciting Arts Programming, the Tuxedo Park School Site redevelopment, and more. Curious about what the "more" is? Join us for a meeting or reach out to see how you can become a member of our Board of directors.

Anne Johnson

President

president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca



Hooting Season

Who's That Calling?

Did you know that autumn is a great time to hear owls? Known as hooting season, owls hoot more frequently to claim and defend territory and find mating partners. The cooler, quieter nights of fall also helps the sound of their hoots carry farther!



Tuxedo Park School Future Use Planning Website Is Live

The Tuxedo Park School planning website has now been launched. They will continue to update the website as they have more information on the project. Scan the QR code below for details and to stay up to-date on progress.



Tuxedo Park's Little Library Needs Some Love



Our Little Library is in need of some new reading material! If you have gently used books at home that are ready for a new reader, we'd love for you to share them with the community. Books for all ages and interests are welcome, from children's stories to adult fiction and

everything in between. Help us keep our Little Library a special place for neighbours to discover their next great read!

Spotted in September: A friendly neighbour shared some spider plants with the community.

TPCA Wants You to Become a Member!

Become a Tuxedo Park Community Association (TPCA) Member and give back to your community as much as it has been giving back to you! The current membership fees are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. The benefits of joining include:

- Ability to vote at the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings
- Opportunity to share opinions on what programs/events should be offered
- Discounted rate on facility rentals, events, classes, and at local businesses
- And so much more!

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and mail it with payment to:

Tuxedo Park Community Association and Hall
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Additional details and the option to pay online can be found at TuxedoParkCommunity.ca.



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TUXEDO PARK CLASSES AND EVENTS

TPCA Senior's Fitness with Pat: Senior's Fitness is starting back up in October of 2026. Please visit our website for detailed information on timing and cost.

Join this gentle, guided fitness class to get moving, have fun, and get to know your neighbours!

Upper Hall

Date: Tuesdays restarting in October. Please visit Tuxedo Park Website for more information.

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Hatha Yoga with Jennifer*: Yoga is starting back up in October. Please visit: <https://www.jenniferclarkeprojects.com/>.

Walk15 Fitness with Nancy*: Instructor Nancy is running these classes, please visit her website <https://www.walkstrongcalgary.com/class-times-location-cost> for more information.

Walk15 fitness classes offer a low impact cardio workout suitable for all ages and fitness levels. The walking-based moves are easy to learn and set to music engineered to measure distance through the beat – no devices required. You'll be led by a Master Walk15 Instructor who will coach you along the way for your comfort and safety. Come walk with us!

Upper Hall

Date: Mondays from September 7 to November 2 (note: no class on September 14)

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 am

Budo Martial Arts*

Budo Martial Arts offers a dynamic karate program, focusing on discipline, confidence, and physical fitness. Led by experienced Sensei Eric, classes provide structured training in a fun and supportive environment.

September schedule:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Instructor: Sensei Eric

Contact: www.budomartialartscalgary.ca

Program: Kids Karate (Ages 4 to 18)

More Info: www.budomartialartscalgary.ca

Zumba with Aspire to Inspire*

Join a fun and high-energy Zumba session designed to get you moving while having a great time! Open to all fitness levels, this class blends dance and fitness for an energizing workout. Classes will be starting again on Wednesday, September 9!

Location: Upper Hall

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 7:30 to 8:30 pm (arrive early to sign waivers)

Cost: \$10 per class

Instructor/Host: Mihwa

Contact: (403) 975-5817 | atizumba@gmail.com.

** indicates a 3rd party rental, these programs are not affiliated with TPCA*

Word of the Month

Deipnosophist: Noun (*dighp-noss-uh-fist*)

A person skilled in table talk.

"I host a monthly dinner for my friends; they are quite the deipnosophists".



Rent The Tuxedo Park Hall

Have an upcoming birthday party, meeting, or celebration? Our Hall has been updated and ready to host you and your guests!

At full capacity our Upper Hall can fit 100 people. It has a bar, a full kitchen, rectangular, round, and cocktail tables, and new grey banquet chairs. Our prices are very affordable and it's a great, central location.

Our Lower Hall is bright and modern and fits 50 people at full capacity. Both spaces have modern wood flooring and modern paint colours.

Spaces are great for weddings, family gatherings, birthday parties, anniversary events, training events, and all those social events that we have missed so much of!

For more information contact our Hall Manager at hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca or call 403-277-8689 or visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/hall-rentals



Tuxedo Park Artists' Corner

Fall Into Creativity and Show Us What Inspires You

As the leaves have officially changed and the air is brisk, fall offers a time to slow down and lean into creativity. Whether it's a photo of your latest junk journal page or a simple nature-inspired sketch, we want to celebrate the season by showcasing your artwork.

If you are interested in participating, please:

- Let your imagination run free; we want to be inspired!
- Scan a digital copy of your artwork in a JPEG format.
- Send to communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.
- Include your name, age and a brief description about your art.
- If you are under the age of 16, please make sure you have permission from your parents or guardians to share your creation.

If you enter, you will have the chance to be featured here in print in the monthly newsletter and on our social channels. We can't wait to see what inspires you!

Help Us Get Our Garden Ready For Winter

As fall settles in, we're looking for volunteers to help prepare the gardens outside the Community Hall for the winter months. Whether you have a green thumb or simply enjoy lending a hand, we'd love your help with tidying garden beds and getting our green spaces ready for spring. Every helping hand makes a difference in keeping Tuxedo Park beautiful! If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Kelly at secretary@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



City of Calgary Arts Programming Coming to Tuxedo Park This Fall

In partnership with the City of Calgary, Tuxedo Park has some exciting new arts programming coming to the hall this fall. Whether you're looking to try something new, spend time with others or explore your creative side, we invite you to take part in learning a new skill and connecting with your community.

Upcoming Programming Includes:

- Loud Society Seniors — October 1 to November 6, Thursdays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Upper Hall.
- Loud Society Seniors and Youth — October 2 to November 7, Fridays, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Upper Hall.
- Zines for Teens — October 2 to November 28, Fridays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Upper Hall.
- Opens Studio with Hugo — October 2 to November 28, Fridays, 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Upper Hall.
- Loud Society Family and Youth — October 3 to November 8, Saturdays, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Lower Hall.

For more information and registration, please visit the Tuxedo Park Community Association website, watch the social handles or email gm@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



Winged Creatures

Did you know that bats are the only mammal that can fly? This is possible because of their elongated finger bones and thin skin that stretches across their bodies creating a wing.



Meet The Artist and Your Instructor

Hugo Dubon



As part of this series, you will be introduced to the talented local artists that will be guiding our community arts programming sessions. Without further ado, we'd like to introduce you to Hugo Dubon, who will be leading the open studio sessions on Friday evenings throughout October and November.

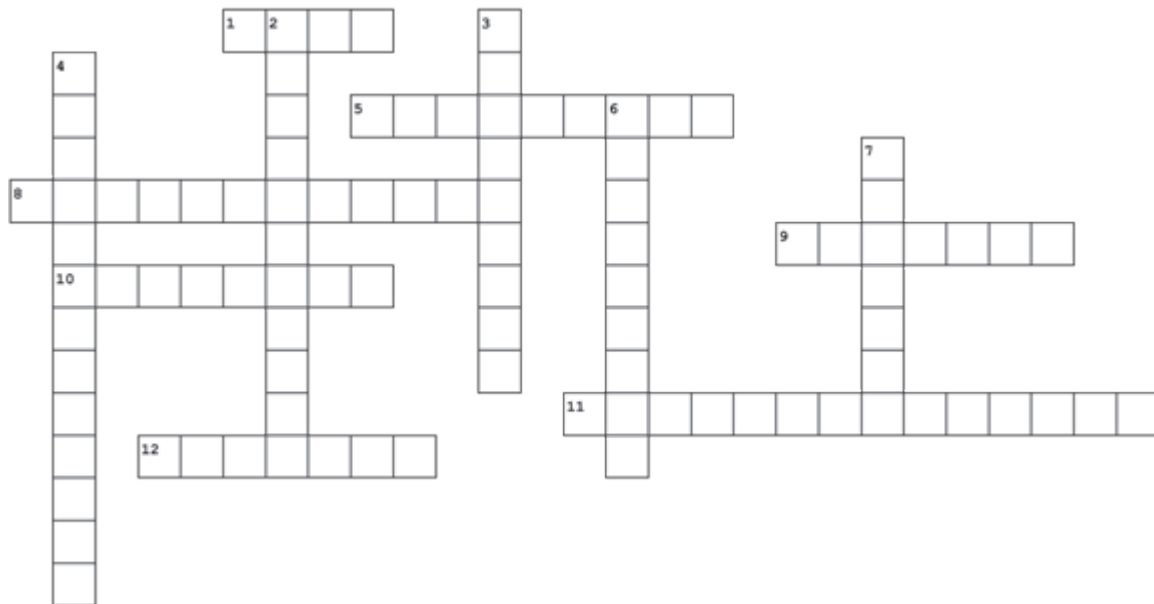
Born in San Salvador, El Salvador, Hugo Dubon has called Calgary, Canada home since 1987. Hugo graduated from the Alberta University of the Arts in 1997 receiving a Diploma from the Visual Communications Program.

Afterwards, he began working as a freelance illustrator while keeping his fine art practice going on the side. He was lucky to have also been represented by a few commercial galleries in Calgary. Working in traditional Drawing and Painting mediums, he has created a variety of illustrations for diverse clients, from editorial to advertising to corporate as well as producing works for private commissions.

Teaching came later on, coincidentally, at his Alma Mater at first and, eventually, at North Mount Pleasant and Wildflower art centres for the City of Calgary. He explains that "Teaching didn't come easy, still isn't in some ways, and I had to also learn how to teach what little I knew. It has been a process, but the most important thing that I tell students who take classes is to have fun, keep things simple and don't stop learning."

Check out some of Hugo's favorite pieces and for more information, please visit the Tuxedo Park Community Association website, social handles or email gm@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.

October Crossword



Across

1. Known as October's birth stone, this iridescent gem is sometimes worn by artists to inspire creativity.
5. These tall, friendly faces are full of straw and often seen in the middle of corn fields.
8. Celebrated this year on October 12, this holiday encourages generosity, connection, and the consumption of a delicious meal.
9. This large orange squash is traditionally carved the night before Halloween
10. Twists and turns; this fall activity is generally held in large fields of a certain tall grain.
11. This Oscar-winning actress was the "final girl" in the classic horror movie series, *Halloween*.
12. Known as the Greek Goddess of harvest, she is the mother to Persephone.

Down

2. Bright red and sour, the seeds of this fruit were consumed by Persephone in Greek mythos.
3. These bright yellow and red flowers are the birth flowers of October, representing joy, warmth, and remembrance.
4. Horace Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto*, published in 1764, is most famously known as the first novel of this literary genre.
6. "In Rainbows" an album released October 10, 2007, was the seventh studio album for this alternative rock band.
7. This monster has a variety of features but is most often depicted with long fangs and red eyes.



Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Help Wanted: Casino Committee Chair

Our next Casino fundraiser is coming in Spring 2027, and we're looking for an organized and enthusiastic volunteer to lead our largest fundraiser of the year.

As Casino Chair, you'll play a key role in bringing this important community fundraiser to life from helping coordinate volunteers, logistics and planning along the way. The role requires approximately two hours per month leading up to the casino, with plenty of support from the Board throughout and as we get closer to the event.

If you're organized, community-minded, and looking for a meaningful way to make a big impact, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Anne Johnson at president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

In 1973, Calgary City Council voted to reserve 4,100 acres as parkland on the top and escarpments of the east end of Nose Hill. The result was a combination of vigorous and sustained political pressure due to the activities of citizen groups who promoted the creation of the park. The decision to acquire it was influenced by public and private lobbying, including civic servants. A citizens' task force was appointed by the City Parks and Recreation Board; their report identified Nose Hill as of the highest priority and should be immediately purchased outright. There was strong support for large natural areas when the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society completed their year-long study. Although the land had been a subject of speculation since World War I, the City was freed by provincial policy to plan for a major park on Nose Hill. The Calgary Municipal Airport, in the late 1950s, decided that Nose Hill was on a flight path, so that the Federal Department of Transport imposed a development ban. Some farmers had to relocate and during the 1960s' suburban sprawl, people believed the open space would remain, unless or until the jet soon replaced the propeller. The Calgary Planning Commission requested a sector plan for the Nose Hill Highlands from the City Planning Department. The North Hill Community Associations asked for a delay to help prepare the plan. Calgary Field Naturalists' Society, Society for Pollution and Environment Control, The Junior League, and Local Council of Women asked to speak at a Public Hearing, before City Council voted 11 to 2 to put a freeze on Nose Hill development. Read more of "Fish Creek and Nose Hill Parks: A case study in contrasting forms of public participation" by Harvey A. Buckmaster (1929 to 2018) and his wife Margaret who advocated for Alberta's special places. www.fonhs.org/xdocuments.html.



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Learning by Doing: What 4-H Alberta Offers a Generation Growing Up Indoors

Submitted by Dar Zuch, General Leader, Rocky Mountain 4-H Multiclub

More than a century after its founding, 4-H remains one of Canada's quietest and most consequential youth movements. In Alberta, roughly 5,000 members and 2,000 volunteer leaders continue a tradition that began in 1913 with a simple conviction: that young people learn best not by being told, but by being trusted to do.

That founding principle — "Learn to do by doing" — sounds unremarkable until you notice what it now stands against. A generation of children is growing up with more structured screen time than structured skill time. Many have never planned a project from start to finish, spoken in front of an audience of peers, or been given the chance to lead something that mattered to other people. These are not small omissions. They are the foundations that adult competence and civic confidence are built on.

4-H Alberta has designed its program to restore those foundations deliberately. Members work through hands-on projects in agriculture, food, technology, entrepreneurship, and the trades. They learn parliamentary procedure by running their own club business meetings. They compete in a public speaking program that begins locally and advances through district, regional, and provincial levels — a pipeline that produces some of the most poised young speakers in the province. They attend winter and summer camps at Bragg Creek and elsewhere, where friendships form across communities. They serve in leadership positions, judge projects, run fundraisers, and travel to conferences that expose them to a national organization operating in every province.

The strength of the program is its layering. A child who joins a local 4-H club at age six can spend more than a decade progressing through age-appropriate opportunities, each one asking a little more of them, each one giving a little more back. Few youth programs are built for that kind of long horizon.



Rocky Mountain 4-H Multiclub is the 4-H club serving Calgary's southeast, welcoming members ages 6 to 20 from McKenzie Towne, Auburn Bay, Cranston, Copperfield, Mahogany, New Brighton, Seton, and neighbouring communities. Our first business meeting of the program year is Friday, October 16 at the Auburn Bay Co-op community room. Learn more at sites.google.com/4hab.com/rocky-mountain, or contact Dar Zuch, General Leader, at rockymountain4h@4hab.ca.

October's Reflection

by Michelle Macdonald, Letter Writing and Mail Club Enthusiast.

Write about a goal you achieved. What did you learn on the road toward the destination?

Dear reader,

I've learned that achieving a small goal can sometimes be a big deal. I'm the type of person who likes to set attainable goals. This way, after proving what I am capable of, I feel more motivated because it reminds me of my ability to grow. Achieving the first goal motivates me toward a new, more challenging goal. It makes me think, "Hey, since I hit that goal, why not go a bit further?"

My health and fitness journey has followed this path.

If you had asked me ten years ago if I'd be as committed to my fitness as I am now, I would not have believed it. Ten years ago, I had a five-year-old and a three-year-old. In other words, I was in the throes of parental exhaustion with no desire, time, or energy to commit to new fitness habits.

Once my kids were a more manageable age, life settled down, and I had both the desire and breathing room to work toward a fitness goal. I started small: two days a week of lifting weights at home. My goal at the beginning was to show up; not to lose weight, not to get jacked, it was simply to form the habit. This was motivating for me because I learned that I could feel a sense of accomplishment just from checking a box.

What happened next was quite interesting. After a while, I liked it and slowly built my routine to exercise three days a week, then four, and so on. Not only did I begin to look forward to working out, but I also felt more energetic, slept better, and had more self-confidence. I realized the previous bias I held that exercise was a chore was incorrect. I came to realize that it is a wonderful treat I need to feel whole.

This experience taught me to be open to new challenges and reinforced the importance of noticing how I perceive them. Sometimes my negativity or fear isn't justified, and it holds me back. I also learned that when I start small and build on goals, it helps lock them in on autopilot.

Your turn! Write in your journal or to your pen pal about a goal you achieved and what you learned.

Happy writing,

Michelle

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Alberta finds itself at a curious moment in its history. We are exporting more natural resources than ever before and generating enormous economic activity across the province. Yet many Albertans are left wondering where the benefits have gone. For all the wealth being created, daily life does not seem to be getting easier for the people who call Alberta home.

Wages have largely stagnated, and Alberta now has the lowest minimum wage in Canada. At the same time, the cost of housing, groceries, and other essentials keeps rising. Insurance rates have also skyrocketed. For many families, paycheques simply are not keeping up with the cost of living.

Meanwhile, health care remains underfunded and in a constant state of crisis, while moves to expand private delivery have not improved outcomes. Schools are also under pressure. Class size and complexity were major issues during last year's teachers' strike. This could have been avoided.

Rather than planning for growth and investing in our communities, the government is now blaming newcomers for the state of our public services. It's a politically convenient narrative we see used south of the border, but it is not a solution.

Millions of dollars were poured into the "Alberta is Calling" campaign, encouraging people to move here. It is unfair to now blame those who answered that call. Today's crises were not an accident or a surprise. They were a choice. They can only be addressed through stable funding of public services, not by scapegoating newcomers.

Aside from First Nations peoples, every Albertan has a migration story that has become part of their family history. That story is the story of us: Treaty people, proud Canadians, and proud Albertans. On the eve of a highly polarized referendum that seeks to divide us, let's remember how much stronger we are together.

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Bog Method

Did you know? The process of flooding a cranberry field to gather the fruits that float to the top is called the "bog method." With cranberries in season farmers are hard at work harvesting those delicious berries.



Support Victoria Fortuna and Her Family After a Tragic Highway Accident



In the early evening of February 8, 2026, the Fortuna family's life was forever altered by a devastating and senseless accident.

Victoria, a 21-year-old student at MacEwan University, and her father, Paul Fortuna, 53 years old, were the innocent victims of a horrific and tragic vehicle accident that occurred in Edmonton, Alberta. Sadly, her father, Paul, succumbed to his injuries at the scene, and Victoria has been left with catastrophic, life-threatening, and life-altering injuries. She is currently fighting for her life and receiving critical medical care at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

This GoFundMe, created in partnership with her family, is being established to help ease the inconceivable financial hardship they are facing.

The initial \$100,000 fundraising target will help cover immediate expenses, including lodging in Edmonton for Victoria's mother, Colleen (Cousens) Fortuna, and 16-year-old sister, Ariana, both from Calgary. This will also allow Colleen to take necessary time away from work during this period of immense hardship and profound change to focus on Victoria's medical journey and to help her daughters through the unimaginable grief of the sudden, tragic loss of their father.

In the days, months, and years ahead, Victoria will require additional surgeries, extensive rehabilitation, specialized leg prosthetics, intensive mental health support, and enduring general medical care. The financial impact will be significant and ongoing, with future fundraising goals evolving as a result of these needs.

The family is deeply grateful for the kindness, prayers, and support they have already received. Your generosity, through a donation or by sharing this GoFundMe, will allow them to focus on supporting their beloved Victoria through her long recovery journey. It takes a village and every donation counts.

Thank you for standing with them during this unimaginably difficult time.

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