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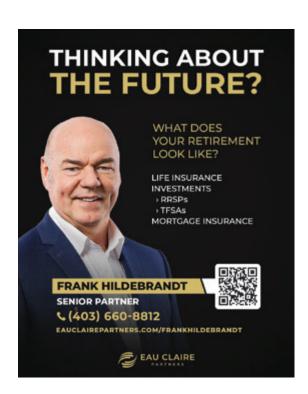
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THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECCA)

About Us

The Eau Claire Community Association (ECCA) was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of living in Eau Claire. It is recognized by the City of Calgary as the official voice of the Eau Claire community. The ECCA bylaws define the purpose and direction of the ECCA and are registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws are available at www.eauclaireca.com/about.

The community of Eau Claire is located adjacent to the downtown commercial core, bounded by Prince's Island and the Bow River on the north and centre of 4 Avenue on the south, extending from the centre of 2 Street SW to the centre of 9 Street SW.

Mission

The Eau Claire Community Association strives to create a vibrant connected community. Our approach to planning and development is to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Vision

Eau Claire is a safe, clean and liveable residential community proud of its natural environment. We are supportive of social and recreational gathering places and relevant businesses that support the community.





Membership

Membership in the ECCA is open to all residents. The annual fee is \$6 per household. The majority of Eau Claire condominium complexes (and therefore their residents) hold a membership, paid for by the condo corporation. Business memberships are also available. Strong membership empowers the ECCA to protect the interests of our community. Issues of key interest are planning, transportation and safety. The ECCA's role is to provide a voice for Eau Claire residents, to help ensure that community interests are being considered and that development is in keeping with the Area Redevelopment Plan.

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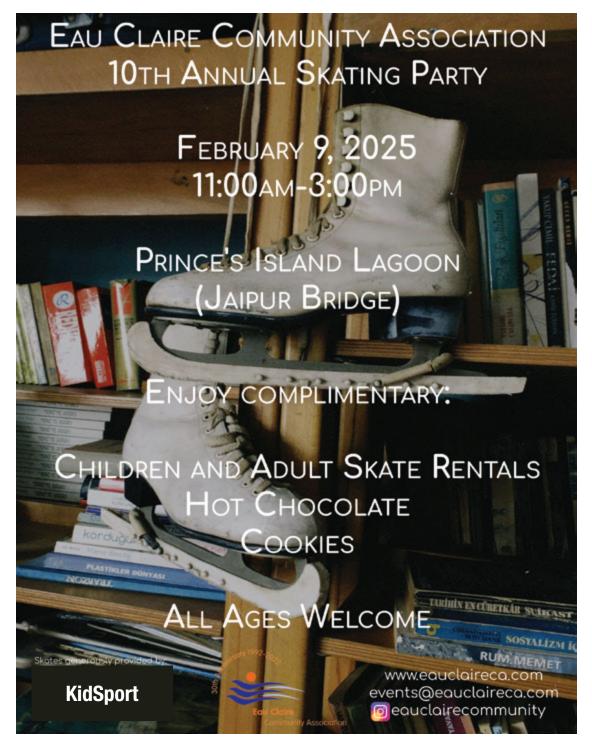


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EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Social Events

LobbyFest events allow the ECCA board members to meet and talk directly with residents.

Ice Skating

10th Annual ECCA Skating Party February 9 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Lagoon, with skate rentals, fire pits, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Lagoon skating hours: 10:00 am to 11:00 pm

Crokicurl: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Lot 6 Pop-up rink: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Firepits restocked during rink hours.

Meet and Greet

ECCA will host a meet and greet with Terry Wong in 2025 – date to be determined.

Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day event in June 2025.

Our volunteer base is small but we're eager to add to our social events. If you have ideas and can provide a few volunteers to help we'd love to hear from you.

Development Projects

We've learned over the years that we have the most impact early in the projects. For that reason, we have already engaged with Greater Downtown Strategy about how Riverwalk West and Lot 6 development will impact our Western Gateway and how we want to use place-making and beautification funds to enhance the interface between Eau Claire and these public realm areas. Board members have attended the information session on these projects and will continue to discuss these projects as they progress.

On the other side of the neighbourhood and the other end of construction, The Eau Claire Improvement Project is beginning to wrap up, we expect completion by Canada Day 2025.

Quad Real is working on a land use application for the two large parking lots on Eau Claire Avenue between 4 Street and 6 Street. We have some concerns based on preliminary discussions and have already spoken to the Planning department about them. ECCA will stay on top of this.

ECCA is regularly speaking to the City about how the changes to the Green Line will affect Eau Claire:

- What will happen to the former Market? We understand it is still slated for demolition but have no firm date.
- What will happen to the condos at River Run?
- Will Harvard Developments choose to go ahead with their development or wait the "many years" until a North Central Green Line with an Eau Claire Station may be proposed?

Your board will continue to press the City and Harvard for information and then share it with you.

The Eau Claire Athletic Club should be opening in the first quarter of 2025. This will put to rest any development of a high-rise on the site of the former YMCA for several years.

Office to residential/hotel conversion are expected to improve the vitality and occupancy of the entire downtown area. There are currently five conversions approved for our area.

These agreements are confidential and there is no requirement to consult with the community association.

Your ECCA is committed to gathering as much information as possible from all the developers and establishing positive relationships with them.

James Scott and Erika Jansen, PBA Group of Companies, Element Hotel, attended our AGM to discuss the office-to-hotel conversion at 833 4 Avenue SW.

Information Sessions

Our directors attended many meeting to improve communications and express our concerns and visions for our neighbourhood. This includes:

- Quarterly meetings with all Ward 7 CAs, with various city departments represented including transit, CPS, Downtown Strategy, and many others.
- Downtown Safety Leadership.
- Green Line quarterly Business Insights Panel.
- Follow-up meetings with active developers to get updates.
- Project manager of Eau Claire Public Realm.
- River Walk West design presentation.

Communications

This newsletter remains our primary communications tool, but we've been working on others too.

We improved our building contracts and are getting posters into more buildings.

We've been posting more on Instagram and Facebook.

Overall, this has been an active year, and we're looking forward to a great 2025. Please feel free to let us know your concerns, interests, and ideas.





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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays starting at 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend any public Council meeting in person or watch remotely online through our webcast page on Calgary.ca. Members of the public can attend and speak to items during a Public Hearing which are usually held once a month.

You may also attend any public Committee meeting. Key Committee meetings are also available to be viewed remotely.

- Public are strongly encouraged to follow Council and Committee meetings using the live stream at www.calgary.ca/watchlive.
- Public wishing to make a written submission may do so using the public submission form at the following link: forms.calgary.ca/content/forms/af/public/public/ public-submission-to-city-clerks.html?redirect=/ publicsubmission.
- Public wishing to speak are encouraged to participate remotely. Contact the City Clerk's Office by email at publicsubmissions@calgary.ca to register, and to receive further information on how to call in.



We'd love to see some community photos in The Current and even on the cover. Please submit them to info@EauClaireCA.com with the subject line "Photos."

- All photos must be taken in Eau Claire; if at an event or festival please identify.
- No pictures of kids unless accompanied by a parental release.
- If your photo is chosen for publication you will get a photo credit in the issue.
- Photos must be 1MB in size and 300 DPI for print quality.

Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls During the Winter Months

by Alberta Health Services

The winter months can be a great time to get outdoors and be active. But the cold, snow, and ice can present challenging conditions that put individuals at higher risk of experiencing a fall.

Melting snow can freeze overnight, forming a thin layer of ice that is hard to see. The ground can then become very slippery in the morning when the ice starts to melt. In months where the ground is frozen, ground frost and ice can make it slippery for walking. No matter how well the snow is removed from parking lots or sidewalks, there will still be slippery places.

It's important to keep your safety in mind to avoid slips, trips, and falls.

Tips To Prevent Falls and Other Injuries

A fall can happen to anyone, anywhere – outdoors, in your home, in the community, or in a hospital. They can be serious and cause bruises, sprains, or more severe injuries like broken bones or concussions. About 180 children ages four and under and 11,000 adults ages 65 and older were hospitalized due to falls in Alberta in 2022.

To lower the risk of you, your child, or someone else getting hurt when you're outside this winter, remember the following:

For children:

- Use sturdy, wall-mounted gates at the top of all stairs and a wall-mounted or pressure-mounted gate at the bottom.
- Install safety devices on windows, such as window guards or child-proof locks higher than ground level.
 Safety devices should be installed so they may be opened by an adult or older child without the use of any tools or special knowledge.
- Move furniture away from windows and balcony rails to prevent children from climbing.
- Secure furniture, such as dressers and bookcases, to the wall.
- Use the playground checklist for children to reduce the risk of injury.

 Always have your child wear a certified helmet while skiing, snowboarding, sledding, tobogganing, or skating to lower the risk of head injuries.

For adults:

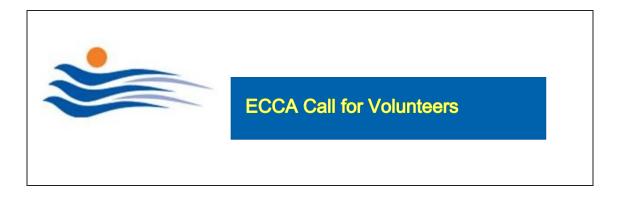
- Move your body. Regular physical activity builds balance, strength, and flexibility. Talk to your healthcare provider before beginning a new physical activity and discuss strategies for staying active if you have limited mobility.
- Choose footwear that has low heels, fits well, and has good grip. Join activities with friends or family to stay safe and connect with others. Take short, slow steps on slippery surfaces.
- Check your vision. Changes to your vision might increase your risk of falling. Alberta Health covers the cost of an annual eye exam for adults ages 65 and older.
- Regularly review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist, and ask questions about side effects, such as feeling dizzy or sleepy.
- Keep floors and pathways clutter-free and turn on lights on stairs.

Do the Penguin Walk!

- Bend slightly and walk flat footed.
- Point your feet out slightly like a penguin.
- Keep your centre of gravity over your feet as much as possible.
- Watch where you are stepping.
- Take shorter, shuffle-like steps.
- Keep your arms at your sides (not in your pockets!).
- · Concentrate on keeping your balance.
- Go S-L-O-W-L-Y.

If you fall or are seriously injured, get the appropriate care promptly. People with life-threatening emergencies should visit their nearest emergency department or call 9-1-1. If your condition is not life-threatening, call Health Link 811 for health advice or information.





TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS

Are you interested in getting to know your community and your neighbours? Volunteering is a great way to get involved and to give back.

ECCA would love to have your help. Volunteer for the Board; a specialized sub-committee or a one-time event. Give as much or as little time as you're able.

Some of the things we could use your help with are:

- Development Committee: join our existing team and help review development proposals, evaluate their impact on the community and present our views to the City.
- Event Committee: help to brainstorm, propose and develop events and get them advertised in all of our buildings.
- Volunteer Coordinator: The volunteer in this role will help recruit and organize community volunteers for specific events and fundraising activities.
- Communications Committee: help our team spread the word about how much Eau Claire has to offer.
- Building representative: ideally you are on your condo board so we can get information to and from the Boards of all buildings not currently represented by ECCA Board members.
- Bring in fresh ideas for how the ECCA can enhance the community

Your skills, your interests and your time will ensure the success of upcoming events and help enhance life in Eau Claire.

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EAU CLAIRE PLAZA YEAR END MESSAGE



Eau Claire Plaza Year End Edition - December 2024

Year end message from the project team.

We wanted to let you know this is the final planned newsletter for 2024. Thank you for your patience this year while work on Eau Claire Plaza improvements progressed. In 2024, the project has:

- Relocated the historic Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber Co. building from its temporary home and function as the Eau Claire Neighbourhood Hub to its final location at 101 Barclay Parade SW;
- Restoration of the Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber Co. Structure is underway; efforts include restoring the exterior siding, interior wood cladding, removal and refinishing of the metal ceiling panels with a return to sight planned for 2025; the masonry vault, on the north side has been reinstalled using the original clay bricks;
- Implemented the Central Green and Canopy; made significant progress in Riverside Terraces and the urban beach; and,
- Completed reinstallation of the Olympic Arch.

We've made solid progress in 2024 and are pleased to share things are currently running on time; of course, inclement weather, supply chain issues, or other unforeseen events could impact timelines or schedules. As we head into the holiday season, we wanted to extend our warm wishes and all the best for you in 2025.

We've included some images below of progress made on site so you can see how things are coming together. Should anything come up where you need to find information on the project or if you have questions about the project you're looking to have answered, please don't hesitate to reach out. The project team can be reached at eauclaireprogram@calgary.ca or via 3-1-1.



Reminder: Permanent Closure of Barclay Parade SW

A reminder that Barclay Parade is now permanently closed between 2 Street SW to north of the Local Public Eatery. Access to local businesses will be maintained.



Stay Connected!

For additional updates on the Plaza redesign, visit our Eau Claire Plaza Redesign project page.

Have questions or concerns about project construction? Contact the project via email at eauclaireprogram@calgary.ca.



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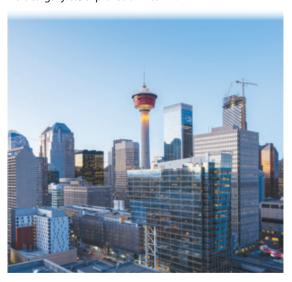
Chill Downtown This Winter!

by the City of Calgary

Chill downtown this winter and experience the beauty the season has to offer. Whether you're looking to sip hot cocoa, enjoy a downtown winter festival like Chinook Blast, master your skating skills, or simply soak in the festive atmosphere, there's something for everyone. Grab your mittens, gather your friends, and prepare for a season filled with twinkling lights, mouthwatering treats, and fun events that will warm you up from the inside out!

As downtown continues to transform, The City along with its partners are proud to offer a wide variety of activities and entertainment, with the goal of becoming a 24/7 destination where people live, work, learn, and play all year long. To ensure Calgarians and visitors know what's happening downtown and to help plan your day, we've created Choose Your Own Downtown Adventure Itineraries. With a new itinerary released each month until March, you'll have fun and unique ideas at your fingertips to help plan your downtown outing.

Embrace the season and chill downtown this winter. Ready, set, explore! To learn more about the Choose Your Own Downtown Adventure Itineraries and other exciting events and activations happening downtown, visit calgary.ca/exploredowntown.





ECCA Survey of Resident Interests

TELL US WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND

It's our job to represent you, the residents of Eau Claire. We'd love to hear what's on your mind.

Some things we're involved in:

- Lot 6/River Hall activation.
- River Walk West development.
 - These two projects will form our Western Gateway, and we want to make sure they enhance our experience.
- Capital development.
 - There are some grants available if residents are interested in a new amenity such as a sports court (tennis, pickleball, basketball?)
- Social events.
 - Getting to know each other is the best way to present common concerns and understand all your perspectives.
- Former Eau Claire Market land development.
- 505 & 605 Eau Claire Avenue development.
 - The two large parking lots are looking for new Land Use designations and amendments to the Eau Claire Area Redevelopment Plan.
- Two-way communications with the Board
 - O We want to hear from you, and we want to inform you.
 - o If you're great with social media and want to help, let us know!

Let us know which of these things you care about (rate them 1-5 with 5 being very interested) and we'll prioritize the time we spend on them.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Instrument!

- 1. Dating back at least 50,000 years, this is considered the oldest known musical instrument in the world.
- 2. This instrument's name comes from the Persian word meaning "three-stringed."
- 3. This instrument is made up of 88 keys that strike 230 strings.
- 4. Along with the shamrock, this instrument is the official State emblem of Ireland.
- 5. This instrument is played with a bow made up of at least 150 individual hairs.
- 6. The Fender Stratocaster is this kind of instrument.





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Polar Bears' Secret Colour

Here's a cool (and surprising) fact: polar bears actually have black skin! And get this - their fur isn't white, it's transparent! The black skin helps them soak up precious heat, while their transparent fur reflects light, making it look white and blending them perfectly into the snowy Arctic.



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