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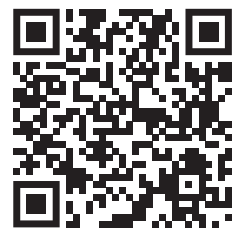
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About Us

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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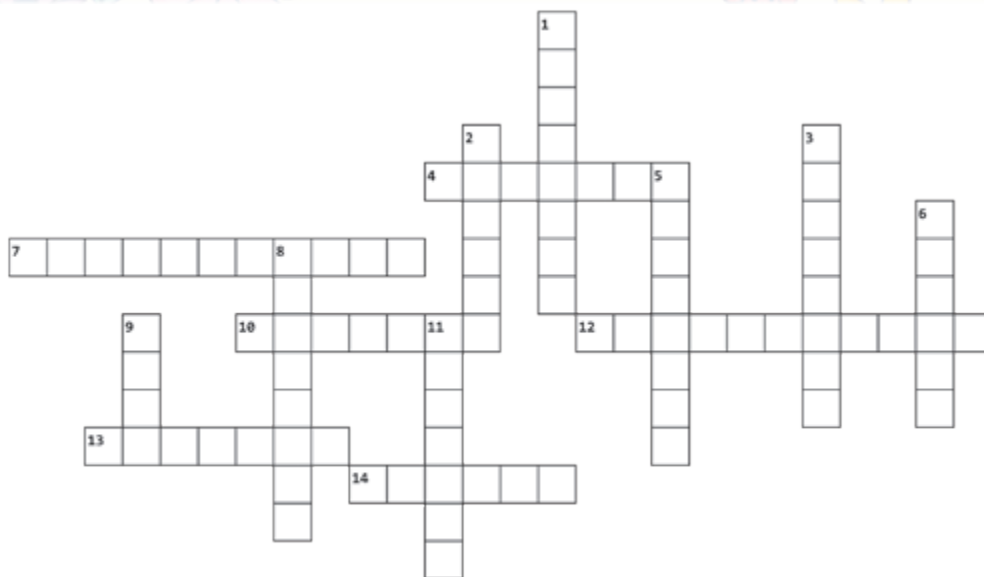
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May Crossword



Down

1. Cory _____, famous for his role as Finn Hudson on *Glee*, was born on May 11, 1982, in Calgary, Alberta.
2. The first _____ Awards were held on May 4, 1959, with Ella Fitzgerald winning the award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance.
3. *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil _____ Tyson was originally published in May 2017.
5. On May 8, 1980, the World Health Organization declared that this disease, caused by the variola virus, had been eradicated.
6. Fashion designer, Coco _____, released her eponymous perfume, _____ No. 5, on May 5, 1921.
8. Canadians celebrate the birthday of this Queen on May 19.
9. The month of May is named after _____, the Greek goddess of growth, fertility, and spring.
11. The Canadian government established the North-West _____ Police on May 23, 1873.

Across

4. This popular TV sitcom aired its series finale "The Last One" on May 6, 2004, in the United States.
7. Pyotr Ilyich _____ was a guest conductor for the opening of Music Hall (now Carnegie Hall) on May 5, 1891.
10. On May 16, 1929, the first _____ Awards were held with the silent film *Wings* winning Best Picture.
12. The first-ever race of the Formula 1 World Championship was held on May 13, 1950, at this iconic English circuit, which is still used today.
13. Amelia _____ started her first transatlantic solo flight on May 20, 1932, departing from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland.
14. *The _____ Reloaded* was released on May 15, 2003, starring Canadian actor Keanu Reeves and Canadian actress Carrie-Anne Moss.



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



Eau Claire Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st 2025

Registration @ 5:30 PM

Meeting starts @ 6:00 PM

Sheraton Suites Eau Claire
255 Barclay Parade SW, lobby level

The ECCA is the official voice of the Eau Claire community. Input from residents is vital to help ensure our community's ongoing strength and prosperity. Come for an update on projects and news affecting the neighborhood and join the conversation.

Agenda

Reports from ECCA President and ECCA Treasurer
Short presentations from Councillor Wong and Calgary Police Services
Meet & Mingle with neighbours and important Special Guests

Appetizers and Wine provided

Create a Beautiful and Resilient YardSmart Yard This Spring!

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A YardSmart yard stays beautiful longer during hot and dry weather compared to yards completely planted with grass. The City's YardSmart program provides helpful resources that show you how to plan, build, and maintain your yard, including:

- Layouts and plant lists for all over your yard – wet, full sun, partial sun, and shade areas.
- Easy to follow information on planting, watering, and maintenance.
- How-to videos including how to garden on a budget and creating a pollinator-friendly yard.

Remember, new plants need lots of water to get established, especially during the heat of summer. You can do your part to reduce your water consumption and help your yard and garden retain moisture by:

- Installing a rain barrel to use in your yard and garden. It is a simple, yet effective way to reduce your water use by acting as a backup source of water.
- Only giving plants the water they need.
- Mowing less often to keep your grass five to seven cm (two to three inches) high to shade the soil.
- Replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as low water-use perennials and shrubs, lawn alternatives, or groundcovers.
- Adding good quality soil to help retain moisture and mulch on top to reduce evaporation.

To learn more about how to create a beautiful, resilient yard and garden that uses less water, visit calgary.ca/YardSmart.



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.

Important Update for Calgary's Short-Term Rentals

Starting April 1, 2025, Calgary's new short-term rental business license amendments are in effect. These changes, approved by City Council, aim to balance tourism, housing affordability, and community well-being. Key updates include:

- New license types: different licenses for primary and non-primary residences.
- Updated fees: renewal and new license fees adjusted.
- Expanded definition: rentals up to 180 days now require a license.
- No more condo board consent: simplified application process.

Find more information at <https://www.calgary.ca/for-business/licences/short-term-rentals.html>.



ECCA's Primary Mandates are Gather, Review, and Speak

We Gather to foster a sense of community and collegiality.

We Review all development proposals submitted to the City, and we stay on top of proposed projects coming to our neighbourhood.

We Speak for our community perspective on everything that can impact our residents.

Gather

In 2024 we continued with our extremely popular LobbyFest events. The ECCA, funded by Downtown Strategy Grants, hosted a series of small community events in the lobbies of various buildings. This has been a great opportunity to get to know the people who live in the neighbourhood and to let them know that ECCA is here to help.

Ice skating was sidelined this year by a chinook that turned the rink into a wading pond. But our volunteers went out anyway and spoke to many of the people on the pathway about their vision of Eau Claire.

Over the past year, ECCA has hosted two meetings with Terry Wong to allow residents to get to know our Councillor, to ask questions, and to express concerns directly to our representative at City Hall.

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.

Review

We review how various projects are slowly chipping away at access, egress, and mobility within our community. ECCA is extremely concerned about getting the City of Calgary to look at Eau Claire, and the rest of downtown, from a holistic point of view when deciding on individual projects that will limit transportation (by all means).

Eau Claire is down to one last major residential property to be developed – the two full city blocks bounded by 4 Street, Eau Claire Avenue, 6 Street, and 2 Avenue.

ECCA is excited at the prospect of development on this significant site. We are looking for residential development in keeping with our Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) and the existing neighbourhood. The City of Calgary has invested heavily over the last five years on the Eau Claire Public Realm, and they, and the taxpayers, have a vested interest in a development of this size and location. We should be united in pursuing quality and legacy over extreme density and developer profit.

Hopeful as we are about this significant increase in residential development, we do have some concerns:

- The developer is asking for changes to our ARP and the Land Use Amendment that raise several red flags.
- Eau Claire Avenue is already basically 1.5 lanes when there's parking on both sides (worse in the winter).
- Eau Claire Athletic Club is revitalizing the former YMCA building, but once this project begins there will be no parking for ECAC.

Increased residential population due to the three new office-to-residential conversions opening this year. This process was fast-tracked and less transparent than most, so now that they have opened or are opening this year, we're excited to learn more.

Speak

Over the past year volunteers from the ECCA board have attended a large variety of meetings, panels, and events, including:

- Safety Round Table
- Downtown community association meetings
- Ward 7 Council of Communities
- Green line meetings
- Meetings with developers
- RiverWalk West concept design walkthrough
- Virtual information sessions
- State of Downtown Report Launch
- Meetings with neighbourhood condos and Councillor

If you'd like to hear more about any of these issues, please join us at our AGM on May 21 at the Sheraton Suites, lobby level at 5:30 pm for registration and 6:00 pm for the meeting. There will be drinks and appetizers as well as several guests who can speak directly to projects, events, and developments in our neighbourhood.

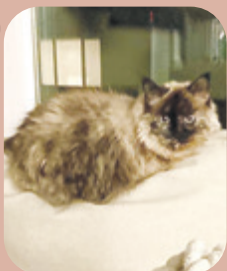
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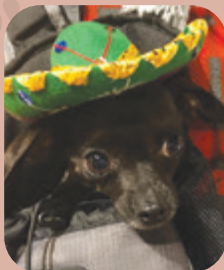
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by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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October	24	12	12	\$451,900	\$445,000
September	24	16	3	\$769,900	\$755,000
August	24	8	8	\$735,000	\$742,500
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