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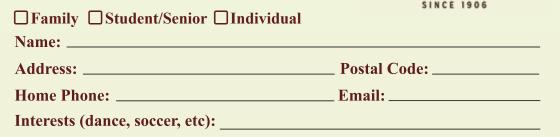
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### What's happening

### **KGCA News**

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### Family Movie Screening

Thanks to everyone who joined us in February for the movie screening of Bears by Disneynature! A big thank you to Le Family Dental for their generous support, including purchasing the movie rights, providing the raffle prize, and sponsoring the coloring contest! Shoutout to Bowtie Pizza as well for sponsoring the event with pizza for attendees!





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## Upcoming Events:

April 26, 3PM-4:30PM:

Safety Day

at Glenmore Athletic Park

May 25, 12PM-7PM:

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June:

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#### I Smell a Love Story



It started with a phone call. My grandmother, Mary Ann Sparks Ralston Schofield had died a few months earlier at 90 years old and my mother was just getting around to going

through her personal papers. At the time Gramma's name was legally Ralston but there was no marriage certificate with this name to be found. Mom called me to say that "Gramma's name was not 'Schofield', my grandfather's name. A murmur ran through my body, "I smell a love story"!

I was travelling for work at the time and had plenty of air miles points, "We're going to England to find the love story", I declared. My daughter, Jane, my mom and I were going on a "three generational family journey of discovery". We contacted both my grandparents' families to say we were planning a trip to England, could we see them? All of them welcomed us warmly.

My grandparents, Mary Ann and Joseph Schofield had emigrated to Canada in 1919, immediately after the First World War. They had met in a hospital; Mary Ann was a nurse and Joseph (after whom I am named) was a soldier who had shrapnel in his hip and mustard gas in his lungs and was very ill. Gramma, who was married, tenderly looked after him and love was in the air. She wanted children but no babies were coming with John... then after some time, she was pregnant!

After the war when Joe was fairly well healed, there were no jobs and no real prospects in England, Joe's brother Harry who had emigrated to Canada earlier had written to him and said, "The streets are paved with gold. It's a wonderful place to be". Joe was the first to come and arrived in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. It was not as described! It was a barren landscape if you had come from the lush marshlands of Norfolk. Gramma followed by ship to Montreal eight months pregnant.

I am a big fan of the Salvation Army and have supported them in many ways because they were so good to my grandmother in Montreal. They helped her find her way to the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) station and for her to get on the right car. It was a wooden bench for the five-day journey across the country. The 'Sally Ann' had given her a pillow, a blanket, and enough food to make the journey as comfortable as you can be when you're eight months pregnant.



Gramma told me that when she arrived at the bleak landscape she sat under the only tree in Swift Current with her new baby and cried for three months. That didn't help at all, so she pulled up her bootstraps and made a life and it unfolded. They fit in and made friends. Children were born and raised. Their youngest child. Norma died in

a schoolyard accident, but my mother and her brother, Harry, had childhoods running for miles on the flat landscape, always close to home when you could see your house from miles away. Life wasn't easy but it was home. Gramma looked like she would be more comfortable in New York City than Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Fiftieth anniversaries were big events; I vividly remembered my dad's parents fiftieth anniversary in Regina and I wanted my mom's parents to celebrate theirs, but my grandmother was emphatic there would be no big party to mark their important anniversaries. I was crushed. As a kid I had loved the wonderful times at other family parties.

About that time in the 1950s there was great excitement when my grandparents were going to fly to England from Regina (see photos). My parents packed us up in the car with the four kids and took our grandparents to catch their flight in Regina. It was a very big deal for my family.

Flash forward to the phone call from my mom about Gramma's name not being Schofield (my grandfather's name) on the immigration paperwork. My mind raced to the original thought about a love story.

When we arrived in London, England we went immediately to East Dereham. Blanche Cartwright, who was now 93, was a friend of Grammas from school days and had written to Gramma weekly for over 50 years. She told us the story. My grandparents fell deeply in love while he was her patient, and she abandoned her marriage to John Ralston. They left England to escape the scandal and to be free to live the lives they dreamed of together. Ah ha! I was right!

My grandmother's cousins, John and Ida Sparks were also in their 90s and still alive. We went to visit them. John and Ida had been their witnesses when they married, after living together for 50 years. Ida was reluctant to speak, as if she was betraying a secret but John was filled with stories. We were very clear about supporting the love story and were not judgemental in any way - it's how life is!

We wanted to know all the details of the English wedding. Did Gramma wear a hat? Was there a reception? Who attended? Was it an afternoon affair?

There was an afternoon tea for family and friends. We found their marriage recorded in the church registry 50 years after they had left England.

My grandparents' trip to England had been because Blanche had written to them to say that John had died, and they were finally free to marry each other.

Life for our English family had not been easy. There were fewer educational opportunities. Jobs were hard to come by. Council housing was all they could afford. But our English family were so welcoming, generous beyond belief and so kind to their Canadian cousins. We loved them and have been back to visit them again.

As we drove out of East Dereham, the three of us at the same time said, "Let's raise a (metaphorical) glass of wine to toast Mary Ann and Joe for finding their way to Canada so that we could have this glorious opportunity to be Canadians". We were deeply grateful to this closet of rattling skeletons.

Every July 1 we say, "Happy Birthday Canada" and thank heavens that this love story caused us to be born in this glorious country. We are grateful, for the accidental early 20th century immigrants. "Raise your glass - here's to Canada":

Joey Stewart loves love stories and goes far and wide in pursuit of them. Thank you to the Government of Canada and the Salvation Army for the use of their icons. Family photo from the Joey Stewart Collection.

Tell her about your love stories at joeycalgary@aol.com.

Photos: Joey Stewart family albums









HUMANS OF KILLARNEY

### **Selena's Story**

by Titash Choudhury

Selena Osman is one of Killarney's newer residents. After buying their first home together, she and her husband moved here in 2023. Like many young couples, they were drawn to Killarney for its inner-city charm, convenience, and sense of community. She is part of the new Killarney, a neighbourhood that is changing with new homes and attracting young professionals and families looking to build their future. But for Selena, Killarney wasn't unfamiliar. She went to Vincent Massey School which was nearby and had always felt a connection to the area. With her work just around the corner it felt like the perfect place to start this new chapter.

She and her husband, Ayor, are both ambitious and career driven. She is in her dermatology residency while he works as an entrepreneur in a tech startup. She knew she wanted to be a doctor since the 11th grade. She studied biochemistry in university for both her undergrad and master's before finding her way to dermatology, a field that felt like the right fit. She jokes that Alberta, being one of the sunniest and driest places in the country, also makes it a great place to practice dermatology.

Settling into homeownership while balancing busy careers has come with a few surprises. She laughs as she talks about her garage door that has a mind of its own and stops working some days or the unexpected renovations that seemed to pop up out of nowhere. Despite all the little surprises that come with owning a home they know Killarney is exactly where they are meant to be.

Selena is the oldest of three with a sister and two brothers and from a young age she was encouraged to work hard and dream big. Being the eldest always came with a sense of responsibility but it also taught her the value of determination and setting an example. Her mother, originally from Lebanon, has played a significant role in shaping her outlook on life. She always taught her to

handle challenges with grace and respect, a lesson Selena carries with her every day. Her father's words also resonate deeply: "Every person you meet gives you a lesson in your life." These values have stayed with her over the years, driving her to push through challenges and remain focused on her goals.

Selena may be new to Killarney, but it did not take long for her to feel at home. She loves taking summer walks, enjoying the tree lined streets, and seeing neighbours out making the most of the warm weather. She laughs about how she always keeps an eye out for the local cats or the ones sitting in windows watching the world go by. She and her husband have also been trying out the local cafés and food spots, and Sinatra's Pizza has become a favourite. It is the small things that make the neighbourhood feel like home.

Outside of work Selena and her husband make it a priority to spend time together even with their busy schedules. One of their favourite weekend rituals is paint night - a chance to slow down, be creative, and just enjoy each other's company.

When asked when Killarney started to feel like home she paused and said that there was no big moment just a collection of small ones. Walking the streets meeting neighbours and settling into the rhythm of life here, becoming a first-time homeowner, these are some of the things she will always cherish. If she ever moves, she knows she would miss everything about inner-city life, the easy access to the C-Train, the nearby amenities, and the quiet pockets of nature in the neighbourhood.



On her graduation day with her degree in Medicine.



Selena and Ayor on the day of their home possession.

Share your story, your neighbour's story, or inspiring community members with Humans of Killarney. Contact Titash, Director of Membership, at membership@kgca.ca.

Be part of the community...



# Introducing Our New President of The KGCA – Thomas Mo

We're thrilled to announce that our former Vice President, Thomas Mo, has moved into the President role effective February 2025. We want to thank our former President, Hilary Stout, for her dedication to the community during her 6+ years serving on the board.









## **An Update on Minto and Our Recent Advocacy Priorities**

by Colin Knoll, Director of Development KGCA

In this article, we will speak to our latest advocacy priorities and how the role as a CA and the Killarney Glengarry Development Committee (KGDC) has been evolving as of late. Note that in describing the role of the KGDC and its advocacy priorities, it does not include the comprehensive list of everything we advocate for as a development committee. That said, we do want to provide an initial view to our readers on our most recent advocacy priorities.

We will also provide an update on our feedback provided to the City for the Minto Viscount Bennett Application (2501 Richmond Road), provided in December 2024.

What Are Our Advocacy Priorities on Development? As a development committee, we play a role in shaping the future of Killarney-Glengarry by educating and informing residents to engage in the development process, understand what is constructive versus non-constructive feedback, and how to get involved in development. We also respond to every single development permit application which takes a significant amount of time and resources, but we do this to benefit the community.

It's important to note that the Land Use Bylaw is law, and the Land Use Bylaw sets the legal framework for what can be built in the City. KGDC works within the confines of the Land Use Bylaw to ensure developments align with community priorities, as set out in Killarney Glengarry Vision 2030 and the Westbrook LAP, both documents created through engagement with residents.

Link to Killarney Glengarry Vision 2030: https://www.killarneyglengarry.com/2030-vision-killarneyglengarry.

Link to Westbrook LAP: https://publicaccess.calgary.ca/lldm01/exccpa?func=ccpa.general&msgID=CTKccgAyqsD&msgAction=Download.

At the same time, we actively advocate for changes to the Land Use Bylaw when needed with City stakeholders, helping to shape a future that reflects Killarney-Glengarry's long-term vision and values. We will continue to do this now, before and as soon as a new City Council is formed. We will engage you when we are ready to take this work on!

Land Use Bylaw: https://www.calgary.ca/content/dam/www/pda/pd/documents/calgary-land-use-bylaw-1p2007/land-use-bylaw-1p2007-21p2024-amended-2025-01-01.pdf.

Below are key areas of advocacy that the KG Development Committee has been focused on:

- Resident Engagement and Education Helping residents understand the development process, understanding what constructive feedback is and what is not constructive, and how to navigate the Development Map (DMap) to stay informed and submit feedback. Link to the City's Development Map: https://publicaccess.calgary.ca/lldm01/ exccpa?func=ccpa.general&msgID=CTKccgAyqsD& msgAction=Download.
- Minimizing Upzoning Density Advocating for thoughtful density and aiming to minimize spot upzoning and over density in areas where density is overwhelming to a neighbourhood.
- Neighbourhood Character and Design Encouraging high-quality materials (brick, fibre cement, natural wood) to avoid cookie-cutter infills and maintain the area's unique character.
- Community Interaction and Walkability Advocating for infill design that improves neighbourhood connection and interaction, such as advocating for front porches, and commercial spaces on ground floor of large multi-units so folks can walk to commercial spaces wherever they are in five minutes.
- Tree Canopy and Greenery Pushing for more trees, shrubs, and vegetation beyond minimum city requirements. We want to maintain the community's tree canopy and have more greenery, shrubs, and vegetation on infill developments.
- Front-Facing Suites and Street Safety We advocate for front-facing suites to improve street safety, supporting designs that encourage street-level interaction and create "eyes on the street" to create a safer and more connected community.
- Larger Garages and Parking Space Ensuring that garage sizes are larger and wider to accommodate modern vehicles and that new developments provide sufficient residential and visitor parking.
- Quality and Durability in Construction Encouraging builders to invest in Killarney's future by using

high-quality, sustainable materials that enhance the community's long-term value. If developers choose to build here, we expect them to prioritize craftsmanship and durability, ensuring their projects stand the test of time.

· Family-Friendly Housing - Advocating for diverse housing options that support residents at every stage of life. We advocate for all homes i.e., four-bedroom town homes to support larger families, design elements in homes that allow seniors to age in place (including promoting laneway homes for seniors to age in place), and we also promote the preservation of 1950s bungalows so longtime residents can continue to call Killarnev home.

The bottom line is that we want Killarney-Glengarry to be a place where residents can stay long-term, find housing that meets their needs at every stage of life, and the continue to invest in the community they call home.

#### **Update on Minto**

KGDC has engaged with the City regarding the Minto development at Viscount Bennet, providing detailed feedback during a consultation meeting in December. Our recommendations to the City focused on ensuring that the project aligns with KG priorities.

Key recommendations included:

- Capping density at 60 units per acre (~720 units) instead of the initial 2,500-unit proposal.
- · Limiting building heights to a maximum of three to four storeys to ensure the development remains compatible with the surrounding community and avoids excessive massing and shadowing.
- Advocating for significant improvements pedestrian and vehicle transportation, including significant enhancements and better access to the Crowchild Trail bridge and Crowchild Trail.
- Advocating for significant improvements to transit, ensuring that all ages have better and more accessible transit service in the area to support less traffic and vehicles on the road.
- Requesting a comprehensive infrastructure and traffic study to assess potential impacts on roads, transit, and community services.
- Park placement to be in the northwest side of the development for better accessibility and community use.

- Adequate parking for residential and commercial spaces.
- Encouraging commercial space on the ground floor to encourage vibrancy and a community to have added amenities in a unique part of the city.

The City will be providing more detail in February, and we will provide updates on this project as soon as the information becomes available.

Note that we are still very early in the development process on this application, and further community engagement will take place once the development permit application is submitted.

For questions, comments or article suggestions, please contact development@kgca.ca.





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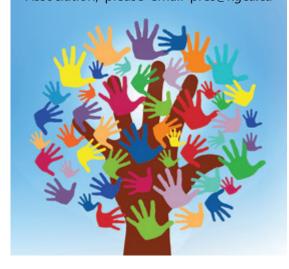
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