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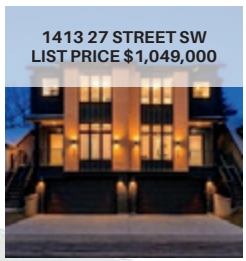
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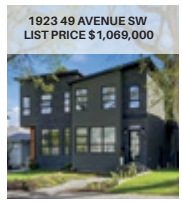
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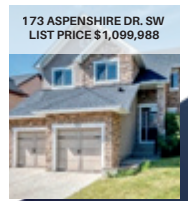






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Rink Volunteers Needed!

Winter is here, and that means it's almost outdoor rink time! Love hockey and skating, and searching for a way to give back to your community? The MLCA is looking for volunteers to help set up and maintain the outdoor rink at the MLCA. Please reach out to sportsrec@mardaloop.com if you're interested!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's December and the Holiday Season is upon us. My favorite thing to do this time of year is skiing with my grandkids. Every year gets harder to keep up!

The Marda Loop Community Association (MLCA) recently held the Annual General Meeting on October 21. As a result, we have several openings for new Directors, including for Facilities, Sponsorship, Volunteers, Membership, and Vice President. Being a Director is a rewarding experience, and a great way to make a difference and meet your neighbours. Welcome to our new Marketing Director Billy James, Billy brings a wealth of experience and energy to the role. See the dedicated Director advertisement in this *Source* publication for additional information.

The MLCA Community Hall Revitalization Project is essentially complete, and the Hall is fully open for business. The building facade is much improved. New signage will be installed shortly.

If you aren't already a MLCA member, I recommend you sign up. For a reasonable cost, you get access to a number of activities and programs, as well as a long list of local vendor discount programs. You can access information on winter programs through the *Source* or the MLCA website.

The MLCA Sponsorship team is actively canvassing local businesses for common interest opportunities. There are great opportunities to support community events like the Stampede Breakfast, Neighbours Day, and our famous Indulge community party. There is also a personal donate function on the MLCA website. You can also contact the MLCA General Manager Nii Amah Ayi at gm@mardaloop.com.

I hope you enjoy winter as much as I do

Lee Willis

President, Marda Loop Community Association



Feeling Safe in Our Neighbourhood Matters

Whether we're walking the dog or visiting local businesses and parks, we all want to feel safe in our community.

Safety starts with all of us. We can all contribute in small ways, looking out for neighbours, respecting shared spaces, and reporting concerns.

The MLCA can be a voice for residents by bringing neighbourhood safety concerns to the attention of the City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, and our Ward 8 office. We can share safety information, connect residents with appropriate resources, raise recurring concerns with local authorities, and advocate for improvements such as better lighting, safer public spaces, and neighbourhood maintenance.

While MLCA is not a security or policing service, we can help ensure community concerns are heard and residents know where to turn to.

A few reminders:

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies
- Call 403-266-1234 for non-emergency police matters.
- Use 3-1-1 to report municipal and bylaw concerns.
- Report vandalism and take care of our shared spaces.
- Look out for neighbours and share reliable information.

A safe Marda Loop starts with a community that cares.

Yours Sincerely,

Marda Loop Community Association



Upcoming Events at the MLCA — Save The Dates!

MLCA Hidden Gems Walking Tour and Social
Saturday, December 5

Discover the best hidden businesses and restaurants in Marda Loop! Spend the afternoon with your neighbours walking through all that our neighbourhoods have to offer. Finish off at a local restaurant.

MLCA DIY Holiday Centerpiece
Friday, December 18

Let's celebrate the holidays together with a craft night with the MLCA! Our DIY Holiday Centerpiece will be the perfect addition for your home to add some festive colour to your celebrations.

Visit www.mardaloop.com for more details!



Hidden Gems Walking Tour

Join us for the Hidden Gems Walking Tour on Saturday, December 5, 2026! Discover some of the hidden treasures, interesting places, and unique character of our community on this fun and engaging afternoon walking tour.

Whether you're a long time resident or new to the neighbourhood, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore, learn something new, and connect with others in the community.

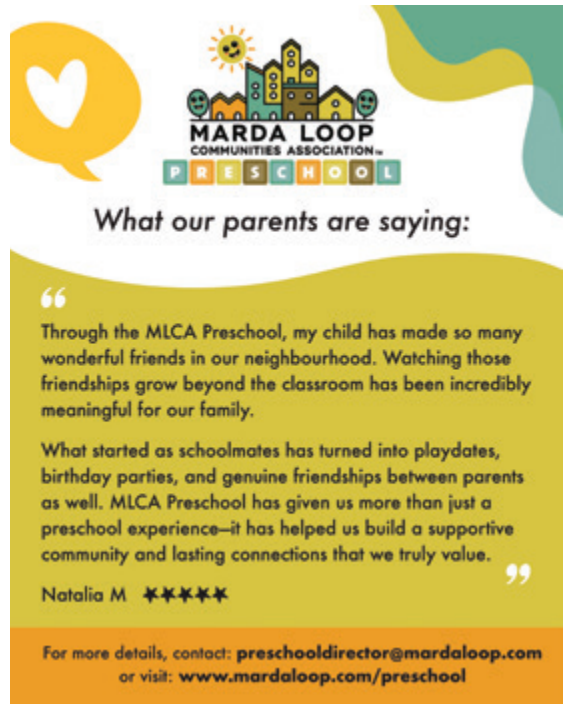
Event Details
- Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026
- Time: 12:00 to 3:00 pm
- Starting Location: Gathering spot at the corner of 34 Ave SW and 18 Street
- Cost: $15 for MLCA members and $20 for non-members

Come along, bring curiosity, and discover the hidden gems waiting to be found!

Visit www.mardaloop.com/events to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you there.





Seniors' Remembrance Ceremony 2026



As in the past several years, the November monthly seniors gathering was dedicated to remembering soldiers, firefighters, police and public servants who lost their lives in wars and in the line of duty. This year our moments of silence included thoughts of the lives lost and of those severely injured in the recent fire in Wainwright. This tragedy was of particular significance to one of our member-speakers, Chester Kelloway who spent a few weeks of training at that base.

Another member Patricia Paterson read a page about her grandfather's involvement in WW1 at the Battle of Mons from her recently published book. Other guests of honour included the MLCA President Lee Willis who welcomed the attendees, Chaplain Lloyd Northcott who delivered a message of hope and led a prayer for peace and Gord Franson who told the stories of two memorable Calgarians – Paul Rowe and Daryl K. Seaman.

I would like to make special mention about Trudy Fossey, bugler par excellence, who has graced our ceremonies ever since we began in 2018. Her performance of "The Last Post", "The Reveille" and this year, even "O Canada" has taken our event to a whole new level!

Some seniors also participated in the Garrison Square walk cleverly facilitated with detailed commentary by Doug Coats.

Heather Bhatty

Director, "Seniors in the Loop"





Local Area Plans

What is a Local Area Plan?
(this is from the City of Calgary's website)

A local area plan (LAP) sets a long-term vision that balances current and future needs. It guides where housing and businesses fit and identifies future community needs. Shaped by community input, an approved LAP helps council assess development proposals and prioritize local improvements.

A local area plan envisions how an area might evolve over the next 30 years. It identifies the most suitable locations for future development and provides clear guidance for new projects, investments, and local improvements. If approved by Council, a local area plan becomes statutory policy (adopted as an area redevelopment plan). While it does not alter existing zoning or allocate budget, it informs decisions when proposals for land use changes, new developments, or local improvement projects are brought forward and considered.

The neighbourhoods of Marda Loop Communities are part of the West Elbow Local Area Plan. https://www.calgary.ca/planning/local-area/completed-plans/west-elbow-communities.html?redirect=/westelbowplan It was passed by City Council in May 2025. There will be discussions to upgrade the West Elbow LAP but won't be completed by the deadline. To find out more check out the City's website, https://www.calgary.ca/planning/local-area/lap-limited-scale-policy.html.

Marc and Mada Project
Marc and Mada Update
2121 33 Ave SW

- Dwelling Units (three phases, one building), Financial Institution, Retail and Consumer Service, Restaurant: Food Service Only, Restaurant: Licensed, Supermarket;
- A six-storey and 19-storey mixed-use building / 23.08 metres and 65.45 metres in height; and,
- 5,446.50 square metres of commercial and 343 dwelling units.
- The current Land Use District allows for this type of development.

This project was approved by the Calgary Planning Commission in September 2026.

https://dmap.calgary.ca/?p=DP2024-08395.

There are appeals on this project and you can view it on the Subdivision and Appeal Board website.

Land Use | 2224-2240 34 Ave SW (corner of 22 Street SW and 34 Ave SW) |LOC2025-0010

- Existing Land Use: Mixed Use — General (MU-1 f3.0 h16)
- Proposed: Mixed Use — General (MU-1 f6 h35)
- Max height of 35m (approx 10 storeys), increase from existing max height of 16m
- Ward Office received a high volume of comments and feedback from community and neighbours over the past year.
- Since then, Ward Office facilitated communications and met with Community Association, recorded and responded to individual comments, met with applicant and provided feedback and advocacy.
- These conversations resulted in a revised application that decreased the scale of the proposal from a Direct Control Land Use to a stock Mixed-Use District, alignment with the West Elbow Local Area Plan policies, and most importantly a decrease from the proposed 18 storeys to 10 storeys, and a 30% decrease in density from originally proposed 9.0 FAR to 6.0 FAR
- **This application has passed Calgary Planning Commission and passed City Council November 9, 2026.**

To find out more please email us at development@mardaloop.com or visit our website.



Holiday Art Night: "Young Rembrandts"

Kids aged six to twelve are invited to a one-night holiday drawing class in the Hall. Young Rembrandts' instructors will guide them step by step through a festive drawing they can take home, keep, or give as a gift.

- When: Tuesday, December 15, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
- Where: Marda Loop Communities Association, 3130 16 Street SW.
- Cost: $15 for MLCA members, $20 for non-members.

Spaces are limited. Register at mardaloop.com/events.

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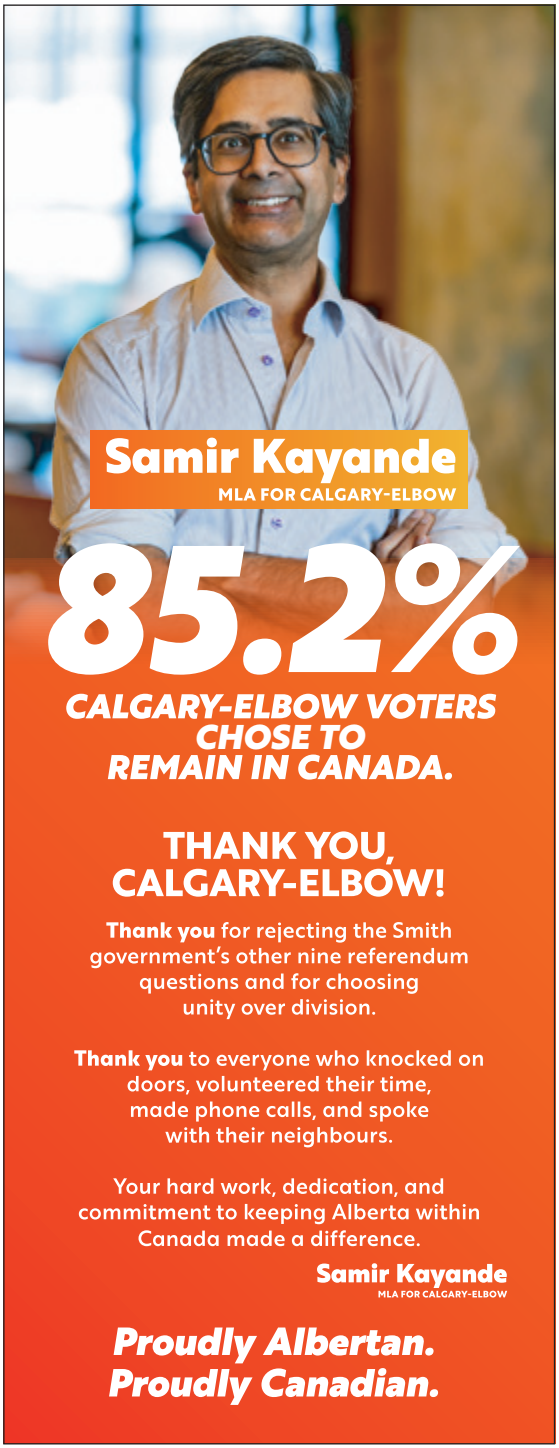
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