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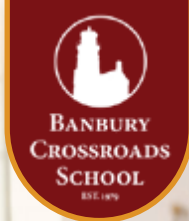
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## November 11, Remembrance Day

*A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities*



As November unfolds, we come together to honour and remember the sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve our nation. On November 11, Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect on the bravery and resilience of our heroes who fought for peace and freedom.

### Remembering Our Heroes

Remembrance Day holds a profound significance, reminding us of the countless lives lost and affected by war and conflict. It's a day to pay tribute to the courage and dedication of the men and women who have given their all, ensuring our safety and defending the values we hold dear.

As we commemorate this day, let us take a moment of silence to remember the sacrifices made by our armed forces, acknowledging the debt of gratitude we owe to them and their families. Their sacrifice is a beacon of courage and a reminder of the importance of unity, peace, and harmony in our world.

### Poppies: A Symbol of Remembrance

The poppy, a symbol deeply ingrained in Remembrance Day, serves as a poignant reminder of the bloodshed and sacrifice endured by our military personnel. The red poppy, inspired by the poem *In Flanders Fields*, has become an enduring emblem of hope and remembrance. We encourage you to wear a poppy and share its symbolism, fostering awareness and respect for our veterans.





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## Musings from the Meadows

by Isabell

Hello one and all. Well, winter is upon us, and the very busy Christmas/holiday season is nearly here. The community scene has been quiet, and we celebrated 50 years with pride.

A quick trip up North to our capital in late September gave me a chance to visit the touring "Lego display" by the Edmonton Telus Centre. One must marvel at the history and joy these colourful little bricks have brought to families, and people young and old near and far.

This month our Annual Meeting takes place. Please plan to attend and learn what Rutland Park has planned. As I mentioned before, volunteers are always needed, so give a helping hand when you can.

Just a look down memory lane reminds me when the gym of Sir James became the venue of choice for some excellent social events. This happened before our main hall was built. One year we hosted "Oktoberfest" complete with a live band, delicious German cuisine, and dancing till the wee hours of the morning!

For now, I will say goodbye. Take time for yourselves, remember to smell the roses. We will talk soon.

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Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

## Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

### Our Mission and Values:

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

### What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent fashion
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole

V. Communicating board decisions with one voice

VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

### Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- connectedness: bringing people together
- knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
- pleasant surroundings/maintaining green space and excellent community facilities
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- promote accessible recreational activities

## Rutland Park Community Hall Rentals

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# DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC REPORT

I would just like to highlight what has been happening/going on behind the scenes this past month, in no particular order:

1. The Rutland Park Community Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm in our Skateshack (3130 40 Ave SW Calgary AB T3E 6W9). We hope to see you there!

2. We still have no further information with regards to the structural failure of our Hall floor. We are still waiting on the insurance company's structural engineer. The City has sent their own engineering report to the insurance company, and the Hall will remain closed until further notice.

3. The rink light project is underway at the time this is being written. We are hoping that it will be completed by the end of November. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the flooding and maintenance of the skating rink over the winter. We hope you can get involved.

4. After many, many years of dedicated volunteer service, our rink director, Greg W, will be stepping down to spend more time on his own pursuits. Thank you so much Greg for your hard work over the years! You will be missed.

5. Impact of the new Corporate Housing Strategy.

We had expressed concerns with regards to the Corporate Housing Strategy that was recently presented to Council. One of those concerns was the City's intention to make R-CG the minimum land use. This land use allows for 8+ housing units (with the potential for commercial use), maximum four parking stalls (potentially zero), and 60% lot coverage on a regular sized lot. Being an established community, this could have a huge impact on the low-density section of our community and on our urban canopy. Changes to the Land Use Bylaw require public engagement. We will continue to keep you updated so that you can stay engaged.

The low-density section of our community has restrictive covenants on our lots. These restrict the lots to one or two dwelling units and prevent commercial use. They are a separate legal instrument that is not related to land use and were set up as a building scheme before we had a Land Use Bylaw. They can be upheld in Court. While the Community Association supports these restrictive covenants as part of our

Development Guidelines, the RPCA is not a landowner and has no legal standing regarding these covenants. The covenants are enforceable by landowners through the Alberta Court system.

6. We have recently found out that the Richmond Green baseball diamonds are up for sale again. The price has dropped to \$12 million, which may make it more attractive to developers. The City is anticipating that almost 300 housing units will be built on the site, plus commercial space. This will have a significant impact on traffic on Sarcee Road. We will continue to ask that the ball diamonds remain as park space, and that the OWC site be used for Cooperative Housing instead.

7. Potential Development at the Sarcee Plaza Car Wash Site.


We have recently been informed that a developer wishes to add 315 housing units in a tower development on the site of the carwash and the paved area behind it on Sarcee Road. This would have a significant impact on the south end of Sarcee Road. Public engagement is required, and we will provide updates when information and sessions are available.

With all the development considerations before us, it is critical that you take the time to stay engaged. Thank you.

If you have not already signed up for our email updates, please do so at our website [www.rutlandparkcommunity.com](http://www.rutlandparkcommunity.com). The City often gives us very short notice for upcoming events, and this is the quickest way for us to reach you. Please also join us on Facebook: Rutland Park Community Association. Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Leanne Ellis*

Executive VP and Development and Traffic  
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# The Sun: Our Friend and Sometimes Foe

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Astronomers had been aware of dark spots on the Sun since the early 1600s, but it wasn't until 1755 they discovered the number of sunspots increased and decreased in cycles spanning 11 years.

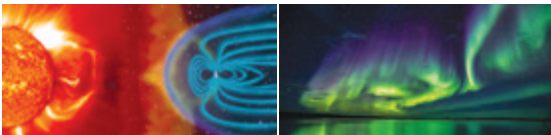
On September 1, 1859, an English astronomer named Richard Carrington was keenly aware the number of sunspots was on the rise. While sketching a particularly large cluster, he witnessed an explosion of light lasting about five minutes. The flare was a coronal mass ejection (CME), a burst of magnetized plasma from the Sun's upper atmosphere. Normally, a CME takes several days to reach Earth. In this case, it took only 17.6 hours.

That night, the Earth experienced unprecedented electrical chaos. Telegraph poles and substations (precursor to the telephone) started catching fire and northern and southern auroral displays, normally confined to the polar regions, were now visible as far south as Hawaii and as far north as Australia.

Carrington realized the flare he'd seen was almost certainly the cause of this massive geomagnetic disturbance. This connection had never previously been made. In his honour, the 1859 incident is now known as the Carrington Event.

It was the most powerful solar eruption in recorded history; causing wide-reaching communication failures as the telegraph system was simply unable to withstand the tremendous amount of electricity surging through the wires.

In 1989, a CME knocked out power to the province of Quebec, leaving 6 million people in the dark for nine hours. It also damaged transformers as far away as New Jersey and nearly took down the U.S. power grid from the Eastern Seaboard to the Pacific Northwest. On July 23, 2012, a CME equivalent to the Carrington Event narrowly missed Earth. Had it hit us, our technology dependent world would have suffered catastrophic damage.



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November is a time for remembrance in tribute to the brave men and women who fought for the peace we enjoy today. It was an honour to join the annual Walk for Veterans back in September, which raised money for the Calgary Military Family Resource Centre situated in Calgary-Currie. I look forward to proudly wearing a poppy in the Legislature and attending several Remembrance Day ceremonies in Calgary.

Following a Throne Speech delivered on October 30, we're now officially back in session! Government hasn't sat in the Legislature since a month prior to the election. We're committed to holding the UCP to account on issues around healthcare, education, energy, and housing affordability. In addition, I will be focused on my Mental Health and Addiction critic portfolio, calling for the evidence and transparency that the government's approach to addiction is in fact saving lives and producing the outcomes our communities deserve.

The conversation around the Alberta Pension Plan is also a top priority. During the election, Danielle Smith told Albertans, "No one is touching anybody's pension." And yet, the government has launched a \$7.5 million campaign to convince you that pulling out of the CPP is a good thing.

The CPP is recognized as one of the best-managed pension plans in the world, made stronger and more resilient because of its size. Albertans are counting on that stability and performance record to provide for them in retirement, and Premier Smith's plan would undermine that. The idea is risky and reckless.

Most Calgary-Currie constituents I've heard from are against pulling out of the CPP. I'm very interested in hearing your opinions on the Alberta Pension Plan proposal. Please send your feedback by email or feel free to give my office a call.



November 11 is Remembrance Day, a time of reflection and gratitude. The sacrifices made, the lives lost, and the hopes for a peaceful tomorrow are etched in our collective memory. In knowing our past, we pave the way for a brighter future. We pledge to remember, ensuring that such devastation is never repeated.

To the brave souls who served and the indomitable spirit of those affected, we salute and honour you. Your resilience continues to guide us.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The conflict between Russian and Ukraine has continued for over a year and a half now. That tells us a few things: that the world is still subject to conflict between nations who believe that their relative size and strength are more important than people's free will to choose their own way of life; and, despite the relative differences in apparent capabilities, there is no quick subjugation of a people who will fight to uphold their values. The latter is good (in my opinion), but it means that the awful price in lives and destruction will continue. I think the resolve of our free world is being tested, and we must rise to the occasion. If this Russian 'annexation' of an independent and democratic country is not stopped, then this behaviour will continue in the world. There is much at stake, and it is imperative that our support for Ukraine's continued independence remains strong.

This is a moment in history, and we ignore the consequences of complacency at our peril.

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