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# SBHCA

## Remembrance Day Quiz

By Shelly Smith

Take some time to complete this quiz and see how many answers you get correct.

**1. What day in November is Remembrance Day in November each year?**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup>
- b. 11<sup>th</sup>
- c. 20<sup>th</sup>

**2. What type of flower do we wear on our shirt or jacket, close to our heart?**

- a. A Rose
- b. A Daisy
- c. A Poppy

**3. On Remembrance Day, what time of day do we stop for two minutes of silence to recognize and remember those we lost in World War One and other wars?**

- a. 10:00 AM
- b. 11:00 AM
- c. 12:00 PM

**4. 'In Flanders Field' is a famous poem that is recited on Remembrance Day. Who is the author of the poem?**

- a. John McCrae
- b. Wilfred Owen
- c. Rudyard Kipling

**5. How many Canadian women served in the Canadian Military in World War II?**

- a. 5,000
- b. 50,000
- c. 70,000

**6. Where is the Canadian National Vimy Memorial located?**

- a. Canada
- b. Italy
- c. France

**7. How many First Nations Canadians served in World War II?**

- a. 2,000
- b. 4,000
- c. 6,000

**8. What does the term 'Code Talker' refer to?**

- a. The use of Cree language to speak in code.
- b. A master codebreaker
- c. Someone who speaks in riddles.

**9. When does the Poppy Campaign officially begin in Canada?**

- a. Last Friday of October
- b. Labour Day
- c. Mid-September

**10. Why is Remembrance Day on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month?**

- a. The exact time when the armistice was signed between German representatives and Entente in 1918
- b. The exact time when fighting stopped in World War I
- c. The exact time when fighting stopped in World War II

Answers to the quiz can be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

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Greetings!

We are moving into the fall season, changing weather, and preparing for another year-end that will approach us in a few months. Our Community Association year-end occurred on August 31, and we've been working on our year-end financial audit as required by the city. We plan to review the results with our members at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 25 at Rundle College from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. As this is an annual event, we also take the opportunity to present our budget and project plans for the next 12 months, as well as the nominations for our board of directors. Stay tuned for more information regarding the AGM, and our members will receive advance notice including copies of the audited financials via email soon. And we welcome any enquiries regarding our board of director position openings as well as other volunteer opportunities, as the best time to learn more would be through your attendance at the AGM.

I am pleased to report that we wrapped up another great growing season at our community garden. We were successful in renting all our garden plots and hosted several events there during the summer. Refer to the great article by one of our volunteers, Simon Brame, in this newsletter.

Our continued success with the hosting of AGLC casinos every 24 months means that our AGLC account is healthy, although the use of these funds is restricted and requires provincial approvals. In the past we have focussed on capital projects to improve our community, but we are also now looking at the option of funding programs that would qualify for AGLC funding, primarily programs for seniors and children. We are now collecting ideas and welcome any input from our community residents. We will report back on our progress in future newsletters.

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*Elio Cozzi*

President, Springbank Hill Community Association

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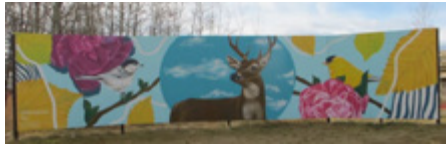
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The community association appreciates your financial support, especially this past year with the reduction in our revenues due to the pandemic.



# SBHCA Community Safety – Crosswalks

by Shelly Smtih

As you know we have a few crosswalks in our community, and with school back in session I thought it would be a good idea to review the rules of the road for crosswalks.

According to the Government of Alberta website pedestrians have the right of way on a crosswalk unless a peace officer or traffic control device directs otherwise. This means that even if the crosswalk is unmarked, vehicles must stop and yield to pedestrians. Drivers should make sure to watch out for the elderly or people with disabilities who may take more time crossing. Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk will result in a \$810 fine and four demerit points. However, as a pedestrian you are still responsible for exercising due care even though you have the right of way, and you should make sure that all vehicles have yielded before entering the crosswalk.

According to the City of Calgary website pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections and crosswalks in Calgary unless the intersection is controlled by a traffic signal or traffic control device, or if a police officer indicates otherwise. No-stopping signage may be in place at certain crosswalk locations to maintain safety and pedestrian visibility.

## How to use a crosswalk safely

- Make eye contact with the driver of vehicles at or near the intersection before crossing.
- Signal your intention to cross (e.g., point across the road) and ensure you are visible to traffic.
- Pause and look both ways before crossing.
- Ensure traffic has stopped.
- Do not step in front of a vehicle that cannot stop.

## How to stay alert

Stay safe near roadways and minimize distractions by following these tips:

- Be careful during rush hour (3:00 to 7:00 pm).
- Remove your headphones so you can listen for changes in traffic such as emergency response vehicles.
- Put away your phone, especially when you are crossing the street.
- Use the sidewalk; if there is not one, walk off the road, facing traffic, staying as far away from vehicles as possible.

## Tips for Motorists

- Stop for all pedestrians crossing in a crosswalk – it's the law.
- Ensure proper visibility of your vehicle. Make sure your windshield and headlights are clean and don't obstruct your view.
- Drive at a safe speed and be aware of pedestrian activity around you.
- Never pass a vehicle at a crosswalk.
- Wait until the pedestrian has completely cleared the intersection before proceeding.
- Make eye contact.
- When turning left at an intersection, check to your left to make sure there are no pedestrians.
- Don't park within five metres of a marked crosswalk or intersection.
- When turning right, check both ways to ensure there are no pedestrians nearby.

Sources for this article are the Alberta Government and City of Calgary websites. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org).

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We are pleased to announce that businesses within the Springbank Hill community area, and within Calgary, can purchase a business membership. Whether you are a home-based business, an entrepreneur, a small business, a large company, or a not-for-profit, we would love to have you join!

It would be great, although not necessary, for your organization to offer our residential members discounts on your merchandise and/or services. We will promote your discounts to our members.

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If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an opportunity further, please contact us at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org) or further details can be found at <https://springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/>.

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Hello, Ward 6

Winter can be a time for family fun, but there are several risks associated with the changing weather. Winter storms increase the risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.

Here are some ways to prepare for a winter storm ahead of time:

- Know the risks. Include your kids in the emergency discussion, communicate your whereabouts and how to evacuate the house if needed.
- Winterize your home.
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings from Environment Canada. Sign up for Alert Ready notifications.
- Gather supplies in case of power outage. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
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### Remembrance Day Commemoration

Please join the Ward 6 office and the King's Own Calgary Regiment on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 10:45 AM for our annual Remembrance Day ceremony at Battalion Park. Originally named Camp Sarcee in 1915, Battalion Park commemorates the soldiers who trained in Calgary for the trench warfare of World War I. Your attendance at this notable ceremony is appreciated as we participate together in a community moment of silence to reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave Canadian Armed Forces.

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Regards,

Councillor Richard Pootmans

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This being my first submission in the community newsletters in Calgary-West since the May 2023 provincial election, I would like to extend my gratitude for the support shown to me that resulted in my re-election as the MLA for Calgary-West. I remain committed to serving all constituents and to listening and responding to your concerns. Please contact my constituency office to reach me regarding constituency related matters.

As Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, I have been actively involved with numerous files. This summer's wildfire season has brought new challenges for Albertans and those who work hard to keep us safe. I recognize and thank all emergency services for their stalwart efforts on behalf of Albertans.

Ensuring and securing the safety and security of Albertans remains my top priority. As Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, I have allocated \$5 million to The City of Calgary to enhance the cleanliness within our LRT stations. Funding has also been provided for the training and hiring of 50 additional police officers for both Calgary and Edmonton. Upon obtaining their professional credentials, these officers will be dedicated to high crime areas, which may include LRT stations, to assist with maintaining law and order. To enhance public trust within our communities, I have mandated body cameras for all police officers in Alberta. Ongoing implementation of the Safe Streets Action Plan will extend supports to assist our law enforcement teams in holding criminals to account. The Alberta government continues to allocate additional funding to the many organizations that work daily to improve and maintain the security and safety of Albertans in both public and private spaces.

On November 11, Remembrance Day, we will remember the thousands of brave Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of preserving our freedom. I encourage you to join fellow community residents at the Battalion Park Remembrance Day ceremony as we commemorate this special day.

*Mike Ellis, MLA Calgary-West*

# SBHCA

## Remembrance Day Quiz Answers

by Shelly Smith

Here are the answers to the SBHCA Remembrance Day quiz.

**1. What day in November is Remembrance Day in November each year?**

- 11<sup>th</sup>

**2. What type of flower do we wear on our shirt or jacket, close to our heart?**

- A Poppy (Poppies were often the first flowers to grow out of the spoiled landscape after major fighting had taken place in Europe during World War I.)

**3. On Remembrance Day, what time of day do we stop for two minutes of silence to recognize and remember those we lost in World War One and other wars?**

- 11:00 AM

**4. 'In Flanders Field' is a famous poem that is recited on Remembrance Day. Who is the author of the poem?**

- John McCrae (The poem was written in 1914 by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian doctor who composed the piece during the First World War after the death and burial of his friend Lieutenant Alexis Helmer.)

**5. How many Canadian women served in the Canadian Military in World War II?**

- 50,000 (Canadian women served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, the Women's Canadian Naval Service, the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Nursing Sisters and more.)

**6. Where is the Canadian National Vimy Memorial located?**

- France

**7. How many First Nations Canadians served in World War II?**

- 4,000 (It is estimated that around 4,000 First Nation Canadians, approximately 1/3 of Indigenous peoples aged 18 to 45 at the time, enlisted in the Canadian Military during the World War I.)

**8. What does the term 'Code Talker' refer to?**

- The use of Cree language to speak in code (The identity of many First Nations code talkers from World War II remains a mystery to this day. One famous code breaker was Charles Tomkins, who was a Metis soldier from Alberta. Charles helped the Canadian Air Force by using his knowledge of the Cree language to speak in an unbreakable "code" to other soldiers.)

**9. When does the Poppy Campaign officially begin in Canada?**

- Last Friday of October

**10 Why is Remembrance Day on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month?**

- The exact time when the armistice was signed between German representatives and Entente in 1918.

*If you have any questions or comments about the quiz please feel free to contact us at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org).*

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by Shelly Smith



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