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# Long journey ends with new community centre

"You can't be called a community association until you're incorporated," says Moore, who formed a steering committee in the meantime. She adds a lot of work has gone into communicating with homeowners about why an association needs to be formed

and so forth."

The community was built in mind to accommodate an association. Nestled in between a hockey rink, playground and a community hall is a boardroom that Moore has gotten to know well.

nity association and people there to run it," says Moore, who found volunteers after a general December meeting when homeowners stepped in to help.

"There are many things a community association can do to push community spirit so we're not just driving into our garages and not knowing our neighbours. It's a good way to stop things like crime and other things vital to community living."

Moore credits the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) for connecting her with the resources and people necessary for the creation of the New Brighton Community Association.

"It's a huge learning curve. The FCC has been guiding me through a lot of things they found have worked and where I should go with things and that's been an immense help. I haven't a clue where I was supposed to go and people have been fantastic to understand what should be done based on their experience," she says.

If New Brighton community members wish to help Moore and her efforts, email her at [meconsulting@shaw.ca](mailto:meconsulting@shaw.ca). She will also be holding a town hall meeting Jan. 30.



**Wendi Moore, has been keeping her notebook full of ideas and things-to-do with the creation of the New Brighton Community Association.** Photo by Terence Leung

Living in the new Southeast community of New Brighton and without a community association, Wendi Moore decided to get the community on track.

Amidst the excitement brought on by a need for communities to have an association to lobby for needs such as a school, Moore's journey has been a lengthy one filled with challenges and many hurdles to jump.

"I can't tell you how many sleepless nights there are, but it's something we really need to do," says Moore.

"I joined our residents' association (RA) board as resident director. Through all that I had said, 'why don't we have schools yet?' My kids go to school in another community and it was brought to our attention that an RA can't lobby any person to get schools in. It has to be a community association and I asked 'don't we have one?'"

From finding volunteers, attending workshops, board meetings, incorporating the community association and finding out more information about running a community, Moore has come a long way since last summer when she first began the process.

and began writing their New Brighton newsletter.

"You have to get bylaws signed off, paperwork to become incorporated and have your bylaws reviewed and accepted by the city. With the bylaws, a lot of it is how many meetings you'll have, when the AGM is, fees, basically what each person's role will be, amount

Despite the learning curve, she believes it's a worthwhile effort.

"Especially with the younger communities ... I think the biggest push is if you need something for your community like a school. You could sit there and wait for things to happen, but unless you act upon it and go forward and getting it fast tracked, you need to have a commu-

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## Signal Hill

Signal Hill is a relatively large community situated on the western edge of a built-up area of Calgary. Although the area was annexed to the city in 1956, it did not start to develop until 1986.

The primary form of development in the area is low density residential. Signal Hill is part of an elevated plateau which stretches west for a distance of approximately seven kilometres. As a result, there are some excellent views of the mountains and the Elbow River Valley.

The Canadian Armed Forces used part of the Signal Hill area for training purposes during the First World War.

The regiments who trained in this area had their identification numbers set, using large

characters and stone as the material, into the hill side.

### Demographic

Located in Ward 6, Signal Hill has a population of 13,959 (2008 Civic Census) with approximately 25 per cent comprising the immigrant population (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada). A total of 2,480 families accounted for 4,705 children still living at home with 40 per cent of these being 6 to 14-years-old.

According to Stats Canada, 2005 Census of Canada the median household income for Signal Hill in 2005 was \$100,844.

In addition, 59.3 per cent of the population over 20 completed college, attended university

or graduated university with a degree — an additional 5.8 per cent graduated from Trade Schools (Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada).

There are a total of 5,140 occupied private dwellings in Signal Hill with 65.2 per cent being single detached dwellings (Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada).

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