

News from around the city...

Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive

The Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive is underway! So far 22 community associations have registered for the event.

140,442 Calgarians received food through their Emergency Food Hamper Program from September 2009 to August 2010. Client visits have increased by 57% since the start of the recession. 32% of the requests for food hampers were made by people with a job. 41% of the clients were children.

Further, the Calgary Food Bank has reached out to other parts of this region by assisting nearby food banks. 1.45 million kg of food industry donations were shared with 26 food banks in south and central Alberta, Whitehorse and Yellowknife.

"Every organisation in the Mayor's Food Drive is important to us because each group brings with it different connections. The Federation pulls together communities to participate while connecting us with a new group of people such as those residing in new communities, says Manager of Communication and Resource Development, Nollind van Bryce. "Every community has a demographic we'd like to connect with."

If your community would like to participate in the food drive you can sign up on The Federation's website: www.calgarycommunities.com/events.php before Tuesday, December 14th, 2010.

City Grants now available

The City of Calgary is now open for funding applications through its Sport Facility Renewal Project, which allows \$40 million of funding between 2009 and 2015 for the upgrade of existing sport facilities in Calgary.

Sport Facility Renewal Projects eligible for funding will address facility capital maintenance and/or upgrades that will enhance sport opportunities for Calgarians. Eligible projects may include those that accommodate growth, the repurposing of a facility or amenity, and/or large-scale maintenance projects (e.g. ice plant replacement, roof replacement etc.). Funding for new sport facilities will not be considered under this funding program.

The current round of applications for the Sport Facility Renewal Funding Program is for the release of \$13 million available for 2011 disbursement. The timeline for 2011 applications is as follows:

Timeline	Action
December 31, 2010	Applicant advises City Liaison of intent to submit
January 31, 2011	Applicant submits 2011 application package*
February 1-28, 2011	Submissions reviewed and evaluated
March 31, 2011	Project eligibility and pre-approval forwarded to Province
July 2011	Projects presented to Council for approval
August 2011	Successful applicants notified

Call 311 for more information.

All applications will be rated against the priorities outlined in the 10 Year Sport Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development & Enhancement.