



GET ENGAGED!

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BREAKING NEWS

Introducing the new and improved Members Only!

As some of you may have noticed, our Members Only online resource library got a makeover! We spent many months cleaning up the resources, organizing them better, picking a new theme, and designing the new library to make it easier for you to use and find what you need. Check it out [here](#) - we hope you like it as much as we do! Your password is still "community."



Evening Casino Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for our annual casino night on February 14th & 15th during the **evening**! Volunteers will receive a free meal and have the opportunity to meet other awesome volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to lend a hand, please email Leslie at leslie.evans@calgarycommunities.com.

Toole Peet Abuse Prevention Protocol

We have had many calls asking if we can review or help write Abuse Prevention Protocols. As each of you have very different risks, we cannot develop a scaled protocol (boiler plate) for all members. This type of policy and protocol requires a specific understanding of the risks and exposures for each program within an organization. As we are not lawyers we cannot review policies as that will increase our own liability. This is a policy that has to be developed by **each** organization. Understanding that this is overwhelming, Toole Peet has provided a [comprehensive template](#) on our Members Only page that can be used as a guideline. Ensure that you understand and follow what your board approves as this policy and your implementation is what will mitigate risk should something happen. [Click here](#) for tips from Toole Peet for the Abuse Liability Application. What can we help you with? Many of you might have questions on how to get criminal record checks done. We have pulled together a tip sheet on how to do this and have included resources to help develop your volunteer/ staff screening programs. [Click here](#) to view our tip sheet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Building Safe Communities](#) - January 26, 2019

[Employment Standards for Community Associations](#) - January 29, 2019

[Understanding Membership Development- Repeat Session](#) - January 31, 2019

[Monday Matters](#) - February 4, 2019

[Forging the Future: Traditional Metal Working & Architectural Metals](#) - February 7, 2019

[Click here](#) for more upcoming events

TRENDING NOW

WORD ON THE STREET



Understanding Membership Development Workshop: Repeat Session

Didn't get to register for the January 24th session of Understanding Membership Development before it sold out? You're in luck! We have now created another date for the workshop on January 31st. If your organization is interested in how you can approach memberships differently to build involvement in your community, and learn how to develop memberships as a demonstration of community support, then register today for the repeat session! Registration and more info can be found [here](#).

Charitable Gaming Model Review

Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) is reviewing Alberta's existing charitable gaming model. As part of the review, AGLC is asking stakeholders to take part in a confidential, anonymous survey from January 14th to February 15th. All charitable organizations that are licensed with AGLC will receive a link to a survey.

Short-Term _ Working Group on Active Planning Projects: Request for Community Participation _

One of Planning & Development's focus areas for the first half of 2019 is the re-design of the building blocks in the Developed Areas Guidebook. Project teams for the Guidebook, Local Area Plans, and the Land Use Bylaw are looking to work with community and other key stakeholders to provide updates, and feedback through a series of meetings, and workshops. We anticipate participation in this group to end by July. If you are interested, please email Ben at planning@calgarycommunities.com by **Thursday, January 24th**.

Calgary Foundation's Pitch Night

A neighbour grants LIVE event, encourages Calgarians to pitch their ideas to improve, enhance, or revitalize their community or neighbourhood. To qualify for Pitch Night, registered charities must use a community development approach and have meaningful project leadership roles for grassroots people from the project community. This initiative is run in partnership with RBC Foundation. [Click here](#) for more information. Applications are due by February 26th.

NEET Expression of Interest (EOI)

Energy Efficiency Alberta has just re-opened the NEET program that provides 100% funding for energy audits and no-charge installations of high-efficiency products in non-profit organizations facilities. Hurry and fill out the EOI form to express your interest and benefit from free utilities bill reduction initiatives. Space is limited and chosen on a first come first served basis. [Click here](#) to express your interest.

Alberta Healthy Community Symposium

Communities ChooseWell and the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund are partnering once again to host the annual Alberta Healthy Community Symposium! The event will be held in Edmonton, March 7-8, 2019 and will focus on 'Connecting Changemakers.' Changemakers have a deep-rooted sense of empathy for others, identify a specific problem or opportunity to tackle, and give themselves permission to do something about it. More info including details about the Indigenous Champions Gathering and travel subsidies can be found [here](#).

PLANNING UPDATE

Here are a few highlights from our urban planning world this month. Be sure to check [our blog](#) for a complete listing of recent events and updates!

[1. Engagement on Public Consumption of Alcohol in Calgary](#)

The City is engaging on the allowance of 'picnic sites' where alcohol could be legally consumed in public parks. Currently, the Province of Alberta allows designated 'picnic areas' but the City does not currently allow consumption in any of its parks. Click the link above to access the survey, which closes on January 31st.

[2. Backyard Suites Design Guidelines Approved by Council](#)

The Backyard Suites Design Guidelines were approved on January 15th with all recommended amendments. The Land Use Bylaw amendments, including those to add Backyard Suite to single detached housing districts (approved in March 2018), will come into force on January 29th. Council also approved the request to provide discretion for parking relaxations for suites in specific areas of the city (details in the link above). Council directed Administration to look at expanding the parking areas map to include some areas east of Deerfoot Trail. Click the link above to learn more.

[3. City of Calgary Next Generation Planning Initiatives 2019](#)

The Planning Priority Initiatives for 2019 are: Established Areas & Growth Strategy, the Transit Oriented Development Implementation Strategy, The Developed Areas Guidebook Update & Implementation, Multi-community Local Area Plans, Main Streets Design & Implementation and Land Use Bylaw Amendments. This integrated strategy will focus on planning through collaboration and engagement. We are excited to update members on the many opportunities to get engaged throughout the upcoming year on these important initiatives! A work plan to tackle these initiatives will be shared at Committee on February 6th.

FEATURED RESOURCE

[Volunteer Waivers and its Importance](#)

Does your community-based organization host a number of community events? Do you have a volunteer sign up sheet? Are they all aware of their rights and responsibilities? Take a look at some of the waiver templates for your future events.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- [1. Adult Waiver Form](#)
- [2. Minors Consent Form](#)
- [3. Medical Authorization Form for Minors](#)
- [4. Photo and Video Release Form](#)

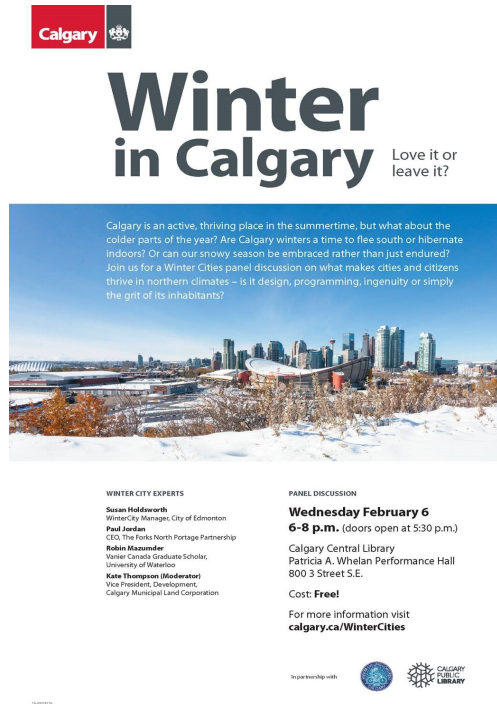
ACTIVATEYYC INFO

Queensland Winter Olympic Festival

What do skating, sledding, and snow sculpting have in common? Besides all being winter activities (and starting with the letter S), they were all featured at the 2018 *Queensland Winter Olympic Festival* ! This *ActivateYYC* project encouraged neighbours to get outside and enjoy a space that was hardly used in the snowy, cold months. To read more about this project, click [here](#).



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