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BREAKING NEWS

Developed Areas Guidebook

The following amendment to the DAG is going to a Public Hearing of Council on December 10th: "Amendment to Policy 9.2.3 (b) (ii) of the Guidebook to indicate that the Guidebook prevails when there is a conflict with policy in a local area plan. Local area plans and the Guidebook should be in alignment, and in the rare event that a conflict is identified, the Guidebook policy will prevail". We have submitted a <u>letter</u> to CPC voicing our concerns about the authority of the DAG and the need for further piloting before policy changes come into effect. We are seeking clarification on what this amendment means for Local Area Plans.

Toole Peet Insurance FAQ

As you know, there are changes coming to your Toole Peet Insurance program. Neil and Michael of Toole Peet have been communicating with most of you through email, reaching out by phone, and some in-person meetings. On November 19 we hosted a drop-in Q&A session with Toole Peet and over 26 organizations. <u>Click here</u> for the FAQ from the night to learn more about the upcoming changes to your organization's insurance policy.

Community Representation Framework

CRF is now scheduled to present its recommendations to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on December 5 th. Representatives from community groups are welcome to attend and speak. The meeting agenda and full report will be posted here in advance. For a refresher, click here for the Oct 15 "What We Heard Report". Page 8 and 9 contain the priorities and results.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orientation to the Planning Process 101 & Planning Committees 101 - December 1, 2018

Monday Matters - December 3, 2018

New Program Ideas for Community Organizations - December 5, 2018

Monday Matters - January 7, 2019

Cork Connection- Wine Tasting & Silent Auction - January 19, 2019

<u>Click here</u> for more upcoming events

TRENDING NOW

WORD ON THE STREET





Board's Night Out at Cork Connection

You deserve a fun night off with your fellow board members! You also deserve some delicious wine and tasty cheeses. Cork Connection 2019 is the perfect event for you to come together and celebrate each other amongst your fellow community volunteers. For only \$225 + GST you'll get a table for 8 people and everyone will get to taste six wines paired with cheeses and chocolates, browse a silent auction with over 40 awesome items to bid on, the chance to win at Wine Survivor, and most importantly – a fun night! Don't delay, last year's event sold out fast – get your tickets today! Cork Connection 2019 will be on Saturday, January 19 at the Dalhousie Community Association from 7 – 10pm.

Combined Orientation to the Planning Process 101 & 201 Workshop

Have you recently joined your planning committee or are you new to the planning process? On Saturday, December 1, we're offering both Orientation to the Planning Process 101 and Planning Committees 101. The former will take place at 9:00 am and the later will take place at 11:00 am. Join us for both or for one! Click here for more details and sign-up.

Increase your energy efficiency!

Looking to engage in actions that increase energy efficiency? Alberta Ecotrust, in partnership with Energy Efficiency Alberta, have grants available for non-profit organizations! To learn more about the application criteria click here.

Last Monday Matters of the year next week!

The last Monday Matters of the year is on December 3 from 6:30pm-9:00pm! This is your chance as volunteers to drop in let us know about matters are affecting your community, ask questions, and get that support you need. All are welcome and our whole team will be there so don't miss out! For any questions or additional details contact Ariam at engagement@calgarycommunities.com

It's not too late to be part of the 2018 _Mayor's Christmas Food Drive _ !

The Holiday Season is upon us and you can make a difference for individuals and families in your community. Mayor Nenshi has joined forces with others across the city in support of the Calgary Food Bank. Contact Tara (<u>tsarjoo@calgaryfoodbank.com</u> or 403-253-2059 ext. 206) to get your donation boxes to start collecting!

Beware of Email Scams

We've heard from a few of you that there has been an increase in email scams lately, so be alert! If one of your fellow board members emails you asking you to transfer funds or make a payment, make sure you know their request is legit before processing anything! Many of these email scams look real and professional, so if you aren't expecting this kind of request, give the board member a call before doing anything. If it is a scam, send a copy of the email to your Calgary Police Service Community Resource Officer (CRO) so they can look into it.

PLANNING UPDATE

Here are a few highlights from our urban planning world this month. Be sure to check <u>our blog</u> for a complete listing of recent events and updates!

1. We are Accepting Applicants for our Urban Planning Committee

We are seeking community members from community associations to join our Urban Planning Committee (UPC). UPC is a committee of the Board of Directors that provides a holistic community lens, identifies ideas for action, and assists the Federation's planners in developing response to City of Calgary planning projects. UPC meets the second last Monday of the Month from 7-9 pm at our office. If you are interested in joining, **please send an expression of interest** engageinplanning@calgarycommunities.com. Applicants should include their background and experience, particularly in community association and planning-related work.

2. Change to Public Notices

As of early 2019, Public notices will no longer be posted in The Calgary Herald. Moving forward, public notices will include the physical notice board on site, mail circulation to adjacent neighbours, PD Map, <u>public notices online</u> and circulations to CA planning committees.

3. Established Areas Growth & Change Strategy

This initiative will introduce a set of tools to fund infrastructure and public realm upgrades. According to administration's September report to Priorities and Finance Committee, the work will propose financial tools that deliver on policy. Funding mechanisms could include: community revitalization levies, local improvement taxes, a center city levy, bonus density programs, capital prioritization with directed funding, special taxes, local amenity contributions and an indicative tax rate approach. The team has an 18 month time period The Scoping Report includes deliverables and timelines, stakeholders, and preliminary trend analysis.

4. North Hill Local Growth Planning

A local plan to guide growth and development is being created for Greenview, Highland Park, Mount Pleasant, Tuxedo Park, Winston Heights-Mountainview, Crescent Heights, Renfrew, Rosedale and Capitol Hill. A new local plan(s) will fill gaps where no local plan currently exists and replace plans that are outdated. Learn more and subscribe to the mailing list here.

FEATURED RESOURCE

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Floor area Ratio & 3D Visualization How-To:

Ever wondered what a proposed development would actually look like? This guide will help you visualize it! The guide walks you through using City Resources, working in Excel, and working in SketchUp to help you visualize what a proposed land use redesignation (LOC) would look like after it is built.

- 1. <u>Planning Committee</u> Guide
- 2. The Community Guide to the Planning Process

ACTIVATETY INFO

Banff's Bargain Blades

As the weather gets colder, neighbours find more and more reasons to say inside. Can we blame them though? The thought of being outside is enough to give us chills! But now with <code>Banff's Bargain Blades</code>, we have no reason to stay inside. Read how the Banff Trail Community Association used its <code>ActivateYYC</code> funds to make a winter pastime more accessible by building storage benches that hold donated skates!



MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS



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