

THE MISSION STATEMENT



The Newsletter of the Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association

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Plan goes to City Council on March 14th

By Bob Lang

The date that City Council will consider a revised Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for Mission (the area of the community east of 4th Street) has been a moving target. However, we think we can safely say this time that it will go to City Council on Monday, March 14. The public hearing starts at 9:30 am in Council Chambers. We do not know where this item is on the agenda but since it is referred from a previous hearing (July 19th), it should be near the beginning of the hearing. Check the Thursday newspapers for the City's public notices for a notice of this hearing.

During the past five months, we have participated in a facilitated process. Along with the Community Association, there have been people from the Concerned Mission Property Owner group, the 4th Street BRZ and the Holy Cross Centre.

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Happy 100th Birthday, Alberta 1905 – 2005!

Even though Alberta's actual birthday is not until September, the CBMCA has many centennial ideas in the works, including:

- possible planting of a period garden beside the Rouleau historic house, when it is moved beside Alberta Ballet
- photographic mural displays on buildings of historic Cliff Bungalow and Mission locations
- a community event celebrating our historic community
- hooking in with schools to bring you ideas from youth about Alberta's past, present and future

Watch this newsletter for details as we zero in and implement these ideas.

CBC National News

spotlight on our community!



A Mission National Road Story idea was profiled on CBC National in December 2004. CBM Community President Eilish Hiebert was interviewed live by Peter Mansbridge

about our efforts to retain the character, its architecture, diversity and street life of our community — in the face of dizzying speed of development permits, building and construction. Our uniqueness is that of a historic oasis nestling between downtown and the suburbs. Jennifer Bobrovitz provided specific commentary on old buildings. Our hardworking development committee continues to struggle with the speed, proposed height and density of new developments, as you will see from our regular Development Report in this newsletter.



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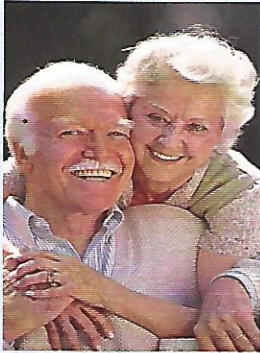
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Opinion

Historic "tokenism" mars new school

by Rob Jobst

The road to hell, said Samuel Johnson, is paved with good intentions. And while it would be entirely unfair to suggest that the new Our Lady of Lourdes school is hellish, there is, I believe, something unholy about its marriage of old and new elements. As the tarps and scaffolding have been removed in recent weeks it has become apparent that the grafting of old bricks and sandstone from the corpse of the demolished St. Mary's Girls School onto the new school structure is jarring and inappropriate. Like Frankenstein's monster, the new building is not a natural or organic thing, but a rather creepy and unfortunate experiment that never should have been allowed to happen.

Of course, this was no one's intention. Everyone involved – except, of course, the Catholic School Board who forced the demolition of the original school – was trying to make the best of a tragic situation when they thought to salvage materials

from the doomed St. Mary's for incorporation into the new structure. It made sense at the time and I do not recall a single person taking issue with the plan. Certainly, I saw no reason at the time to object.

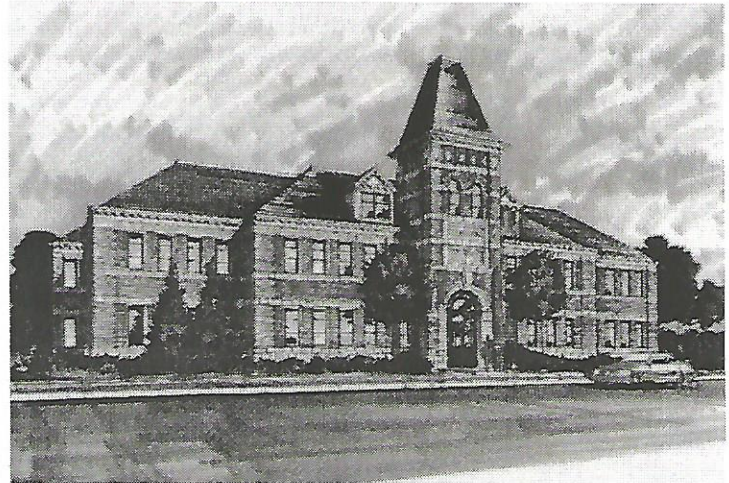
And yet now, when I see the new bright red brick about the faded century-old brick and the fake yellowy "sandstone" meet the real sandstone of St. Mary's, I know that a mistake has been made. Despite the still-fresh anger and disappointment of seeing the historic St. Mary's School demolished, many of us in the community were gladdened to see that the new school was being built to last and promised to be an attractive building in its own right. We had lost something precious, but we appeared to be receiving a lovely landmark edifice that might someday come to be as treasured as its predecessor.

But because of our misdirected sentiment the Our Lady of Lourdes school will never truly be its own building. It will always be something incomplete, never of any particular time, neither new nor old. It's a lose/lose situation. The new school will never get the chance – at least architecturally – to have its own identity, and we don't really get anything valuable from the recreation of St. Mary's central tower feature. A veneer of bricks and stone no more make a building than a bunch of skin makes a human being.

It was meant to be a tribute to the beloved old building, and a way to save something – anything – from the jaws of defeat and destruction. But the lesson that should be learned here is that sometimes it is best to say goodbye and make a clean break. The dead should be allowed to die, and seeing the sad vestiges of dear old St. Mary's cleaved to the skeleton of a new building seems as wrong to me as the ghoulish preservation of Vladimir Lenin's long-dead body.

I am a passionate advocate of historic preservation, but preservation would only have been the case if old St. Mary's had been restored and re-utilized. What we have here is nothing more than tokenism, and that is truly worse than nothing at all. Our Lady of Lourdes should have had the chance to win its way into our hearts, but instead it will always serve as a grim reminder of another building needlessly lost.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the publisher or associates of the Hard Disk Cafe, a division of Public Internet Terminals Inc.



Tell us what you think

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President's Message

Eilish Hiebert, President

Happy New Year 2005 to all our readers, from Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association Board! 2004 was quite a year, with a new newsletter publisher and a renovation to our Community Centre – only to have some of that undone when black mould was discovered. The City has worked hard to identify the source of the mould and has been meticulous in getting it cleaned up to create a healthy place for all of us to be.

We all had a pretty good time at our AGM/social on November 27. The up-sides were entertainment by our wonderful local guitarist Saeed Khorasani; an upbeat meeting; all Board positions (now) filled; good (short!) speeches; a Federation of Calgary Communities 'Community Hero' award for our garden elves, Stephen and Kathleen Barley (who keep the landscape around the CBMCA hall looking immaculate on a volunteer basis); and the prospect of some fun upcoming events. The down-sides were a "planetary" food shortage, somewhat unsightly walls (damage from mould cleanup not yet repaired), and the dozens of people who sent their regrets due to the scheduling of the AGM on a Friday night. Despite the attendance of 50+ enthusiastic people, we nevertheless agreed that the 2005 AGM should be held on a weekday evening: Thursday, November 24, if you happen to be filling out your new 2005 calendar. You might also wish to note the community events being planned for 2005, listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember, we welcome your input on any community events or issues.

We say "Goodbye, but please keep coming back!" to departing Board members:

■ Marika Styba, who gave us so much for so long, and who is now embarking on the most important job in the world – parenthood. We will miss Marika's sterling creativity, ideas, problem solving and eternal optimism.

■ Tiro Clark, Past President, busy lawyer, family man, hockey player ... although we will still be relying on his legal advice about such things as our impending (and long-awaited) Hall lease with the City's Corporate Properties division.

■ Georgia Hoffman, another longtime contributor to our community, who spends much of her time travelling due to work commitments.

■ Barb Goodwin, editor of *The Mission Statement* for the past year. We're so sad to see you go, Barb!

Welcome to the Board:

■ Sharon Thomson, our new VP - External Communications. An archaeologist by profession, Sharon also has editorial and communications experience, and is a three-year member of our Development Committee.

■ Jorge (pronounced Hor-hay) Chavez, our new VP, Internal Communications who kind of stumbled upon our AGM and got hooked! A chemical engineer from Chile, Jorge has been a talented entrepreneur since coming to Canada, and is presently completing a degree in computer engineering.

■ Mark Olson was the big fish that got away, and we went after him! What a head for figures! Well-known Board member a number of years ago, we were desperate for a treasurer, and Mark agreed to help us out in this vital role.

■ Although not technically on the Board, Pat Maiani continues to do a fabulous job of renting and managing our Hall.

Remember, you don't have to be a Board member to get involved in your community. You may wish just to go skiing with your



2005 Board members and CBMCA development committee meet for planning session. L to R: Rob Jobst, Bill Longstaff, Jorge Chavez, Bob Lang, Jim Bowman, Eilish Hiebert.

neighbours on February 19, or attend some of the other events currently being planned. As an example of various volunteer opportunities:

■ David Bernier worked with Bill Longstaff and Marika Styba to mount two community "Construction Blues" meetings in 2004

■ Melanie Rock was a most articulate asset, participating with Bob Lang and Marika Styba in the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan negotiations

■ each year, event volunteers help out at Lilac Festival or give a few hours to other events.

■ others spend 2+ hours every two months delivering newsletters: Joanne Robarts, Larry Lehr, Gina Lane, Lynn Hagar, Pete Saunderson, Nancy Tice, Tiro, Micaela and Winston Clark, Mike Willis, Laura Malawanik, Megan McCarthy and Tanner, Lynn Carter, Christine Gronding, Murray Hiebert, plus our own hard-working Board members Bob Lang, Bill Longstaff and myself. Barb Goodwin has coordinated boxes of newsletters for pickup at her house – thanks to Barb and Nora Lee for that.

We hope in 2005 to have a new lease on our Hall, a new lease on our community life, and a new ARP going to the City Planning Commission on February 10, and to City Council on March 14.

When we get our feet underneath us with all this, we'll be able to see our way clearer into 2005. In the meantime, Happy New Year!

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association
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Creating Safe Neighbourhoods

Even those who have never been targeted by crime directly know someone who has – it is difficult to avoid, whether it be the trauma of a home break-in or increased prices at retail stores due to shoplifting. When it comes to crime close to home, there are many things we can do to reduce our chance of becoming victims. Following are selected tips from the Calgary Police Service website on ways to combat crime in our homes and on our streets. For a more comprehensive list, visit the Calgary Police website at www.gov.calgary.ab.ca/police/crimeprev/

- trim trees and bushes that would provide hiding places to intruders.
- make note of trees growing close to your house – could a burglar climb a tree to a balcony or roof and enter through an unlocked window or door?

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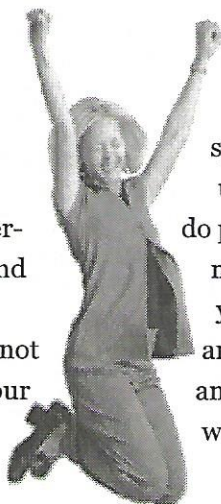
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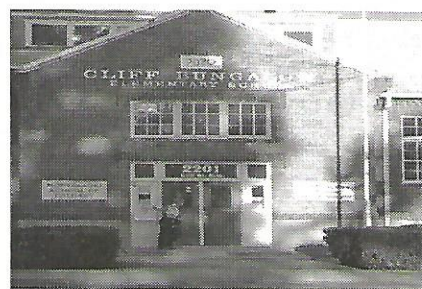
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Development Report

By Rob Jobst, Development Committee, Director

While recently reading the book *Goodbye History, Hello Hamburger* by famed American architecture critic Ada Louise Huxtable, I was struck by the title of the first chapter: "How to Destroy a City." While she was referring to some horrendous plan slated for New York City, my mind turned immediately to the contentious plan by Tonko Realty to redevelop their property at 17th Avenue and 7th Street SW. The site, currently home to several small independent retailers, would be levelled and rebuilt in the form of a generic two-storey building that would house a Shoppers Drug Mart and two or three other businesses. If their plan comes to pass, brick will give way to glass, small and charming will lose out to large and soulless, and the big-box banality of the suburbs will come to Uptown 17.

Tonko's plan is a textbook case of how to destroy a community. Or, at least, how to gut a thriving and popular shopping district. It illustrates how urban planners, authors and community groups can preach the rules of community-building until they're blue in the face, but it's all for naught unless the folks with the money share the vision and buy into the program. Tonko either doesn't see or doesn't care about the big picture, and if public opposition fails to derail their plans we will see the very heart of 17th eviscerated and replaced with an architectural hemorrhoid. Wine, art, gelato, clothing, dining and entertainment will be cashed in for toilet paper and Crest Whitestrips, and inner-city Calgary will become a little bit more indistinguishable from the crudscape of suburbia. Check out www.abettercalgary.com to see what you can do to help stop this destructive plan from moving forward.

Back in our own community, the rapid pace of change continues unabated in 2005 and most of us will find our quality of life in some way impacted by construction noise, dust and debris, and traffic headaches, not to mention the emotional toll of seeing your community so drastically reshaped. While explaining our situation to a reporter in November I was able to drive home the point quite dramatically by pointing out that seven houses had been razed in the community just that week! Since that time two more houses have been demolished and six more are likely to disappear in the coming months.

Understandably, a lot of people – particularly long-time residents – are saddened and even angry to witness the changes underway in our neighbourhood. In just the past year, three young and energetic members of our community association checked out of the madness that is



Side by side development projects on 21 Ave. west of 4th Street.

Mission and moved to the relative serenity of Bankview—development refugees. A lot of people would like to see Cliff Bungalow-Mission stay just as it is, or even as it was several years ago.

It might be more fair, however, to acknowledge that some good has come from the changes of recent years. A lot of American municipalities with abandoned and crumbling inner cities would love dearly to be in our situation, with people lining up to invest in – and potentially improve – the neighbourhood. Some condo projects (though certainly not all!) have been positive additions, and condo conversions have given new life to tired old rental properties. The Great West Life apartment towers that are nearing completion between 25th and 26th Avenues were constructed on vacant lots and will bring hundreds of new rental units to the inner city. The Setter Building on 4th Street (despite the controversial lease to Shoppers Drug Mart) is a relatively attractive structure that replaced a parking lot. Even the contentious Colonnade project rising out of the ground at 4th and 21st can be credited with making better use of the land than the previous ramshackle structures (the lovely Déjà Vu house being the exception, of course).

And the fact of the matter, like it or not, is that the changes will continue to happen. And it will be up to all of us to try to ensure that those changes are positive for the community. If you care about the fate of Cliff Bungalow-Mission, you cannot simply allow the community association and its volunteers to be the only line of defense. It is up to residents to take it upon themselves to fight – or encourage – the forces of change. Start petitions. Launch development appeals against projects that affect and offend you. Call your alderman. Attend open houses.

And if you have a few hours a month to spare, join our development committee. We currently have only seven active members to assess all the development proposals that come our way, and we could use some new volunteers to help with this very important task. If you are interested please call me, Rob Jobst, at 541-0070.

In the next *The Mission Statement* I will get back to updating you about all the specifics of the local development scene.

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Want to get involved in the Lilac Festival?

Does your company or you want to get more involved in the community? The 4th Street Lilac Festival is looking for volunteers for many organizing and event day activities. From set up to tear down, there are many exciting and fun things that a business, family or you could get involved with. Our first meeting will be held on February 8th at the BRZ office and anyone is welcome to attend. The Lilac Festival would not exist without the many wonderful volunteers and organizers involved. If you are interested please call Jen at the BRZ office: 229-0902.

Lilac Festival Registration is now available online!

We have uploaded all of the vendor registration forms for artisans and outside businesses to the website as well as all of the CRHA food forms and requirements. If you know someone who is interested in participating as a vendor send them our site at www.lilacfestival.net

Lilac Festival 2005 has environmental focus

We all love our perfect day of fun, food, music and shopping, but after it is all said and done our street is in dire need of a clean up! So this year we are implementing some changes to help keep our street cleaner. We are encouraging our vendors to be more cautious to our environment and give them the tools to leave their area cleaner once the day is done.

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ARP Plan Goes to City Council

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A Facilitator's Report will be the product of this process. It will go to City Council along with a report from City Administration. The Community Association will make a written submission, as will others (our July submission is on our website at www.cliffbungalowmision.ca). You may provide a submission also. You must submit it to the City Clerk by the deadline date in the notice in the paper. It is a good idea to provide copies to members of City Council also. Other means to contact City Council is through letters, e-mails and phone calls. You may speak for 5 minutes at the hearing but your presentation should be focused on what are called planning issues. If someone has already made your point(s), just say you agree with whomever you agree with, make any additional points not already made and then make a quick sum up. City Council does not like to hear points being made in detail many times. They tend to tune out if that happens, at the time of writing, the Facilitators report is being finalized. It will deal with issues in the commercial areas, the residential areas, the Holy Cross site, the Cathedral District and parking. Quite a bit of progress was made in identifying approaches that the groups could live with. Not everyone got exactly what they wanted but through this facilitated discussion, we were able to agree to language to deal with some issues.

The key issue on which the participants agreed to disagree is the height that will be allowed in new developments in the residential area of the community north of 25th Avenue SW. The current Mission ARP allows at least 6 storey developments and between 2nd and 4th Streets SW allows developments of up to 8 stories (the current ARP does not defined under what conditions this is allowed). The proposed Mission ARP that the City prepared would allow new developments to be up to 8 stories throughout the Mission area north of 25th Avenue SW. The Concerned Mission Property Owners are advocating up to 12 stories in new developments. They do not think that retention of older lower rise buildings is desirable. The community association disagrees with this view. We believe that new development should be compatible with older buildings that provide the foundation of the ambiance that makes this community special and attracts people to live in the community and

Proposed Tax and Fee Hikes

Residential property taxes will increase by 3.5 per cent and Calgarians will also see a rise in some user fees and utility prices if city council approves the proposed budget released this week. Council will vote on the budget in early February.

City transit users have already experienced an increase in some transit fares that were specified under the proposed budget.

Monthly adult passes have gone up \$5 to \$70. Single youth fares are now \$1.40 and a monthly youth pass has gone up \$7 and is now \$47.

The city is also proposing to increase arena ice rentals, swimming pool passes and admissions and golf course fees. Water fees would go up by 4.8 per cent and waste water fees would go up by 5.9 per [cent]. Landfill disposal fees would go up by \$4 a month.

The proposed budget includes funds for 44,500 additional hours of transit service, increased parks maintenance, 37 more police staff, 46 more fire department staff and 15 more bylaw enforcement staff as well as city-wide library system improvements.

to visit 4th Street. We have proposed that the maximum allowed height for new developments be limited to 5 stories and part of the fifth storey would be above the eaves (please refer to Section 7.0 in our July submission that is available on our website). We would actually like to encourage new developments be lower but the 5 stories concept (11 metres to the eaves) is a compromise position.

One of the arguments being made to support higher new developments is to increase the density in the community. In actual fact, while the number of dwelling units in the community has increased substantially, there has not been a corresponding increase in density (the number of people living in Mission). Please refer to Section 6.0 of our July submission to see what we mean. The new lower rise buildings have added more density proportionately to the new high development on the northeast corner of 2nd Street and 26th Avenue SW, for example. So our position is, we do not object to density but do object to high rise development. We aspire to be an urban village like other parts of the inner city of Calgary and diverse neighbourhoods found in mature cities like Montreal and Toronto, not a high rise area that is devoid of history and sense of community. Mission is a very small land area and does not need to be a high rise area. Mission will have little impact on the overall density of Calgary one way or the other. So why do we have to destroy what you have told us for many years that you value?

Your support on March 14th would be appreciated. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Bob Lang at 229-2762 or at rvlang@aol.com.

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Your Neighbour Bill Longstaff: A New Bohemian

by Lison McCullough

What drew me to Cliff Bungalow-Mission back in the late 1980s was the “artsiness” of the area – the fact that it had a little character, a little something different about it. Did it march to a different beat? Was there a different feel here than other areas? I think so. It's not just about the restaurants and the coffee shops and the riverside pathways. Back then there seemed to be – dare I say it – a certain bohemian quality to the area. Not on the scale of SoHo in London or the Village in New York – nowhere near the left bank of Paris – but something small and intangible that drew me, and others like me, to this place. I think it is the energy of a place that attracts people. And that energy doesn't necessarily come from the place *per se*, but the people who live in that place, pursuing dreams that have something to do with art, self-expression and the creative living of a life, rather than material pursuits.

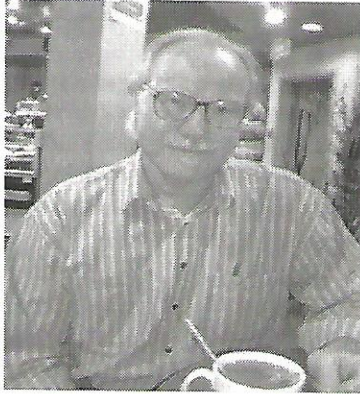
Now, more than 15 years later, things have changed. And without doubt, it is easiest to notice the most radical changes in the physical environment. But what of the ‘creative types’? The artsy bohemians who for years were basically ignored, but now are perceived (if indirectly) as contributing to the quality of life in Calgary. This neighbourhood has seen residents such as musicians Jann Arden, Steve Pineo and Tariq call it home. Even Will Ferguson, best-selling Canadian author featured a couple of years ago in this newsletter, chose Mission as his place of residence. Many have moved on. Others have stayed.

One of those quiet bohemians is happy to have called Mission his home since 1990. Bill Longstaff, the soft-spoken secretary of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association, is a writer and publisher who started his career working in the newspaper industry before becoming an oil business engineer. Motivated to try something completely different, he then attempted to make a living as a cartoonist, before accepting a teaching position in communications at SAIT. Bill favours a compact, high density inner city, as he feels it creates a certain vitality and believes that it is cheaper and more efficient in terms of cost and energy usage. Like many, he feels there are great amenities here, all within walking distance – shopping, restaurants, etc. – and that this area has a distinct neighbourhood feel that other areas seem to lack. Bill maintains that “keeping people close to the street” lends that certain sense of immediacy and keeps people in touch with each other as they go about their daily business. He feels that urban greenery is an important component of comfort for inner city residents, but – like others – is not sure what the magic number should be when discussing how many residents should be nestled amongst those (few and far between) downtown trees.

Bill shares the view that development in our neighbourhood is inevitable, but has to be conducted sensitively so as not to overwhelm residents or result in too many developments going on at once. “We simply need different standards for development in the inner city ... A development permit needs to include not just what's going to be built but how ... which sidewalks will be closed, when, and for how long. And it [construction] needs to be reasonably paced and bylaws need to be more demanding and specific.” He proposes creation of a city

ombudsman to represent the interests of citizens and to make sure that developers know they're guests in these neighbourhoods – it is not like building a mall or suburb.

Bill's ideas about how we live in societies can be found in his books, several of which he has self-published through his own company, Ballot Publishing. *Confessions of a Matriarchist: Rebuilding Society on Feminine Principles* examines a world ruled by masculine principles such as aggression, dominance and competition, and suggests solutions as to how feminine principles of cooperation may solve political, social and economic problems of our day. Bill argues that even our language is laced with pervasive patriarchal meanings which shape our thoughts and ideas and, ultimately, our actions. He maintains that he does not dismiss capitalism, but that it is a matter of emphasis if we want a healthier society to result. Now wouldn't that subject make for great debate over your favourite latte in the local coffee house?


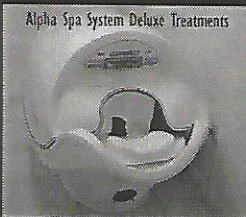


Frankly, I found his optimism refreshing. “It's just the way I am,” Bill says. We've got to “chip away and maybe over generations, things will change.” Does he think his books make a difference? “If they can just change a couple of minds or give people encouragement – sometimes that's all you can do.” Thank God for Bill's patience and his words: welcome in a world going too fast and filled with sad stories.

Bill's current book is a collection of essays which challenges our beliefs concerning politics, economics and morals. Weighty subjects to talk about over that cup of latte ... and while you're at it, maybe discuss how we can maintain the character and the heritage of this neighbourhood through the way it looks and how we live here and who we are in the fifth year of the 21st century. Welcome to the new Bohemia.

Are you an artist? Writer? Musician? Perpetual student? In a 'creative profession' outside the norm? I would like to profile the "New Bohemians" in the Mission area. Please contact me at getattitudeink@yahoo.ca so we can celebrate our collective artistic diversity and what makes us unique among neighbourhoods in Calgary. And if you're shy, no problem! I can write about you anonymously (sort of – I mean, your mother and your friends will know who I'm talking about, right?)

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Keeping Your Community Safe



*Madelene King,
Alderman, Ward 8*

November has been a busy time at City Hall. Several new development projects are in the works for Ward 8 and I thank everyone who has taken the time to send me comments. It is through this contact that I can continue to advocate for appropriate development to fit the character of our vibrant inner city communities. I also welcomed two new staff members to my

office. Ines Palombo is my Executive Assistant, organizing my schedule and Council activities, and can be reached at 268-1627. Jennifer Miles is taking on the role of Constituent Assistant, supporting my research and action on issues brought forward by the residents of Ward 8, and can be contacted at 268-2431. You can always keep in touch with me via email through the Ward 8 web page, at www.calgary.ca

Ensuring safe communities has always been a high priority for me, so I was delighted to support the "Safe Streets – Safe City" strategy developed by the Community Life Improvement Council (CLIC). This innovative approach to combating crime at the community level was spearheaded by the Beltline Communities, where several recommen-

dations from the strategy will be implemented as a pilot project in the New Year. This project will serve as a template across the city providing long term solutions to crime and social disorder issues. The City will be implementing a key recommendation in January – the introduction of Neighbourhood Wardens. Two bylaw officers will expand their roles to include helping Police to monitor crime and provide an immediate resource for victims of crime. In essence, we will be putting more eyes and ears on the street to develop a stronger relationship with the community. Another recommendation put forward by the report was to encourage the development of Apartment Watch programs. This is similar to the successful Block Watch Program, which operates on the premise that the Police can't be everywhere all the time so they require the assistance of citizens in identifying and reporting suspicious or criminal activities. Apartment Watch groups work in a similar way, allowing neighbours to get to know each other and keep an eye out for each other. You can find out more information by checking out the Calgary Block Watch Council's website: www.calgaryblockwatch.com

Talk to your neighbours to find out if your neighbourhood already has a Block/Apartment Watch group – you'll be able to get them thinking about starting one if they haven't already and get a chance to make some new friends. Getting to know your neighbours is one of the easiest and most effective ways of reducing local crime.

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Lee Richardson, MP

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Problems with Citizenship and Immigration Canada

—Travelling has become difficult in recent years. Canadians must be able to prove their identity and citizenship even when travelling to the United States. Birth certificates, passports, permanent resident cards and citizenship certificates can serve as proof of identification. It is important to have these documents up-to-date and valid if you are planning to travel out of Canada.

My office is happy to help in an emergency, but to avoid such a situation, please plan ahead. Passports take four weeks to process. There is a 22 month backlog to receive a Permanent Resident Card and an 8-9 month backlog for Citizenship Cards. I have approached the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration on your behalf regarding this issue and will keep you apprised of when we might expect a more reasonable level of service.

Events in Calgary Centre —If you have an issue or event that you would like to make us aware of, please contact us. Our address is: Lee Richardson, MP, Suite 105, 1410 11th Ave SW Calgary, T3C 0M8 or phone (403) 244-1880. Our e-mail address is Richardson.L@parl.gc.ca

Representing Your Concerns



*Dave Taylor,
MLA, Calgary Currie*

As many of you are likely aware, Albertans went to the polls on November 22, 2004 to elect a new provincial government. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the constituents of Calgary Currie for placing their trust and faith in me as the newly elected MLA. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be able to serve and represent you, and I will do my very best to justify your support.

One of the questions that I have been asked most frequently since being elected is if I intend to give up completely my career as a media personality on QR77 radio. The short answer is yes, and I have already concluded my responsibilities at the station. I am committed to being a full-time MLA, and will work hard to be accessible and responsive to your needs.

In the few short weeks since being elected, I have already undergone my official MLA orientation and have started the process of moving into my constituency office. The office is centrally located in Marda Loop at 2108B - 33rd Avenue S.W., Calgary, T2T 1Z6. The phone number is (403) 246-4794, the fax number is (403) 686-1543, and the e-mail address is calgary.currie@assembly.ab.ca. If all of this sounds vaguely familiar, it is because this was the exact same address and contact information for the previous MLA. Since property leases such as this are signed by the Alberta Legislature, the office space automatically passes to any incoming MLA.

With the first session of the new Legislature not scheduled to begin sitting until February of 2005, Calgary Currie residents can expect to find me in my constituency office for most days leading up to Christmas and again starting on January 10. I will be hiring a constituency office manager shortly, and that individual will also be available to handle constituent concerns and inquiries.

As you may have noticed, Alberta's electoral boundaries were recently redrawn to reflect the latest shifts in the province's population. Calgary Currie is now comprised of the communities of Altadore, Bankview, Cliff Bungalow, Garrison Woods, Glencoe, Glendale, Glendale Meadows, Glengarry, Killarney, Knob Hill, Mission, Mount Royal, Richmond and South Calgary.

'J' Parking Permit Renewal Reminder!

Residential Parking zone J permits expire Feb. 28, 2005. You may obtain your year 2005/2006 permit beginning Jan. 1st '05 from Calgary Parking Authority 620 - 9 Ave. S.W., Calgary T2P 1L5 Phone 537-7000, Fax: 537-7001, 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Mon-Fri. You will need a valid Alberta vehicle registration for each vehicle requiring a permit, showing the correct address within the restricted zone. Bring your driving licence along with a copy of some other proof of address.

City of Calgary Contact Numbers

Alderman (Madeleine King, Ward 8)	268-1627
Bylaw complaints (garbage, blocked sidewalks, snow/ice on sidewalks, noise)	268-CITY (2489)
Hazardous material (Fire Dept.)	287-4248
Landlord/Tenant disputes	1-877-427-4088
Parking (illegally parked or abandoned vehicles) ...	537-7100
Parking permits	537-7000
Roads/alleys - maintenance complaints	268-4933
	after 4:30 p.m. 268-1155
Sidewalk repairs	268-4933
Police -Report suspicious activity	266-1234
District 1 Office (to report minor non-injury accidents, minor thefts, property damage, car prowlings)	268-8601
Crime Stoppers	1-800-222-8477

www.calgarycrimestoppers.org

Community Casino April 9 and 10

The Community Association has been assigned the dates of April 9 and 10 for its next casino. We are lucky that we got a Saturday and Sunday slot. This is the largest fundraiser that the community has. It occurs only about every two years. The funds are used to pay for rent, utilities (ever increasing), cleaning and maintenance of our community centre. These funds paid for the paint, floor refinishing, carpet replacement and other special maintenance done last year. We will be exploring other uses of these funds also.

In order to volunteer, you do not have to be experienced in casinos. We have professional advisors and many of us have helped at many casinos over the years. There are two shifts a day, one starting late morning to around suppertime. This is followed by an evening shift to closing time. In addition, there is a late shift (starts around 9 pm or later) of people who count all the money from the gaming tables. We feed you and there are snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. When not busy, you can read, watch a video, do homework, talk about world or local affairs or do other things like that. We can pay for baby sitting if you need it. We can provide a ride to and from the Blackfoot Casino where our event is located.

While you may not know yet if you are available then, we need you to sign a volunteer form now so we can submit your form and those of others along with our final submission to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission prior to the casino. We can adjust to your schedule closer to the casino dates. To obtain the form or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Lang at 229-2726 or rclang@aol.com

New Rental Property

Established in 1870 by French Canadian Catholic Priests, the Mission near St. Mary's Church was a vibrant part of the early Calgary landscape. In 1899, the area was incorporated as the Village of Rouleauville, named for Edward Rouleau, a respected physician, and his brother Charles, the Stipendiary Magistrate for Calgary.

The Rouleau brothers, who arrived in Calgary in 1877, settled their families near what was once the Mission and were prominent members of the community. By 1907, with the influx of Protestant settlers, the area was annexed by the City of Calgary and has since been referred to as "Mission".

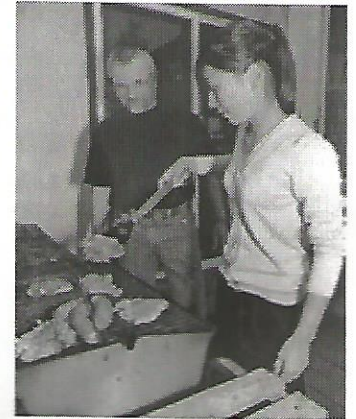
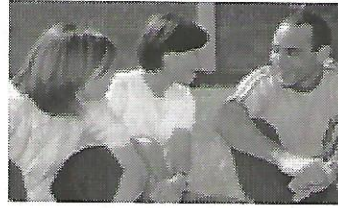
The Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community has been carrying on the Rouleauville heritage by saving the Rouleau House on 114-18th Ave SW and implementing a program to add the original street names to the current street signs in the Community.

The Mission District in southwest Calgary is a highly desirable residential neighbourhood within 4 kilometers of downtown Calgary. With the recent development of the Rouleau Premium Apartments, renters now have a premium yet affordable rental option when looking for a new home in this area.

This impressive development is made up of two high rise towers featuring 227 suites. The 14 storey north tower consists of 106 suites ranging from 673 to 1028 square feet and is scheduled to open May 2005. This residential community features underground heated parking, a fitness centre, media room, two guest suites, large windows providing an abundance of natural light and panoramic mountain and city views.

The leasing office is now open at #102, 1204 - 26th Avenue S.W. with the show suite scheduled to open soon. With such a high level of interest in the development, availability will quickly become limited. Call 244-1003 for more information or e-mail rouleau@realstar.ca (See outside cover for advertisement)

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Creating Safe Neighbourhoods

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- double-hung windows usually have latches; these are NOT locks and function only to keep windows closed against the weather. For double-hung windows without special locks, use a pin to make them harder to pry open. Drill a downward-sloping hole through the top of the bottom window frame and into (but not through) the bottom of the top frame. To secure the window, insert a pin or nail into this hole.
- casement type windows, if not of the best quality, are difficult to secure. If the window is not equipped with a sturdy lock that will resist prying, it is best to install bars or a grill on the inside of the window. Ensure that bars are easy to remove from the inside in case of fire. If the window is in a bedroom that does not have an exterior door, any security bars on the window must be openable from the inside without the use of any tools or special knowledge.

Protecting ourselves as individuals is easier if we take responsibility for our neighbours' safety as well. Thieves don't like watchful neighbours who are collectively interested in the security of their neighbourhoods.

Neighbours should:

- get to know each other. As far as possible, residents should become familiar with the routines in their neighbourhood and know their neighbours by sight. They should also be aware of strangers and know what to do if something or someone looks suspicious.
- good neighbours look out for each other and let others know when they will be away. Leave keys and emergency phone numbers with a trusted neighbour, friend or relative.

- keep up appearances. A well-kept community is less attractive to criminals and vandals. Appearance often reflects residents' concerns, pride and willingness to work together to defend their interests.
- register for the free PACT (Police and Community Telephone) system by calling 290-2990. PACT is a police-operated computer system which sends out recorded messages about criminal activity, police concerns and information affecting your community.

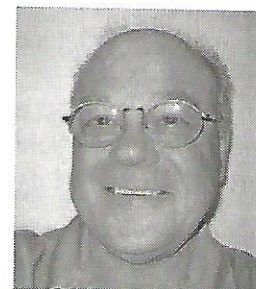
To reduce crime in your community, report the following to the police:

- vehicles moving slowly and randomly through the neighbourhood
- a stranger running or walking randomly through the neighbourhood
- a stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- furniture being removed from homes when the owners are on vacation or at work
- abandoned cars
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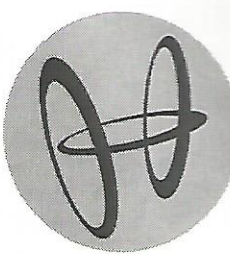
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Community Calendar

February 19 Skiing at Lake Louise

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March 11 Community Wine and Cheese

This is an opportunity to meet your neighbour while enjoying wines from all over the world. The wine will be poured by local experts and the cheese will be tempting and tasty. Dress is casual, admission is free! There will be a charge for the wine. Location: CBMCA hall (corner of 22 Ave. and Cliff St. SW). Time: 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

April 23 Garage Sale

Spring is the time to clean out your attic, garage or spare room and get your saleable items to the community hall. Tables will be available for a nominal fee (TBA), and if you don't want to haul your unsold possessions home at the end of the day, we will arrange for pick-up by a worthy charity. Register early – table space may be limited.

Location: CBMCA Hall Time: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Sherry Barkase, CBMCA Events & Volunteer Director, at 245-6001 ext. 33.

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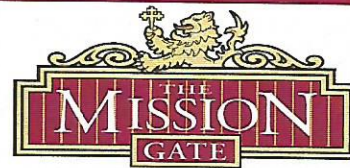
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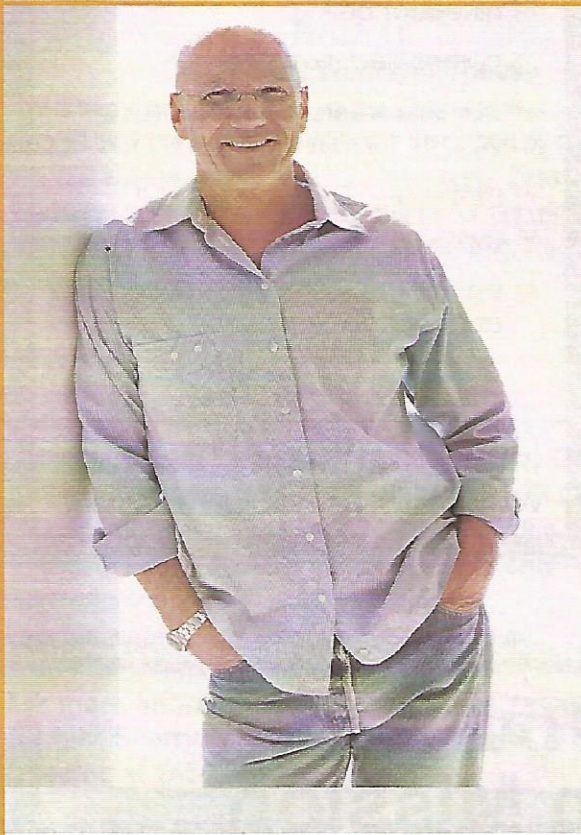
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