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Annexation Approved!

The Alberta Government has given their blessing to the annexation of 103 sq kilometers of land from the Municipal District of Rocky View to the City of Calgary.

Crestmont Developments Inc. owns one quarter section of land to the west of the existing Crestmont boundary. Coach Creek Developments (managed by Qualico Developments) owns the following two quarter sections to the west of Crestmont with the last quarter section bordering Old Banff Coach Road. Only one of Coach Creek's quarter sections was annexed by the City of Calgary with the final quarter section (bordering Old Banff Coach Road) remaining in the Municipal District of Rocky View.

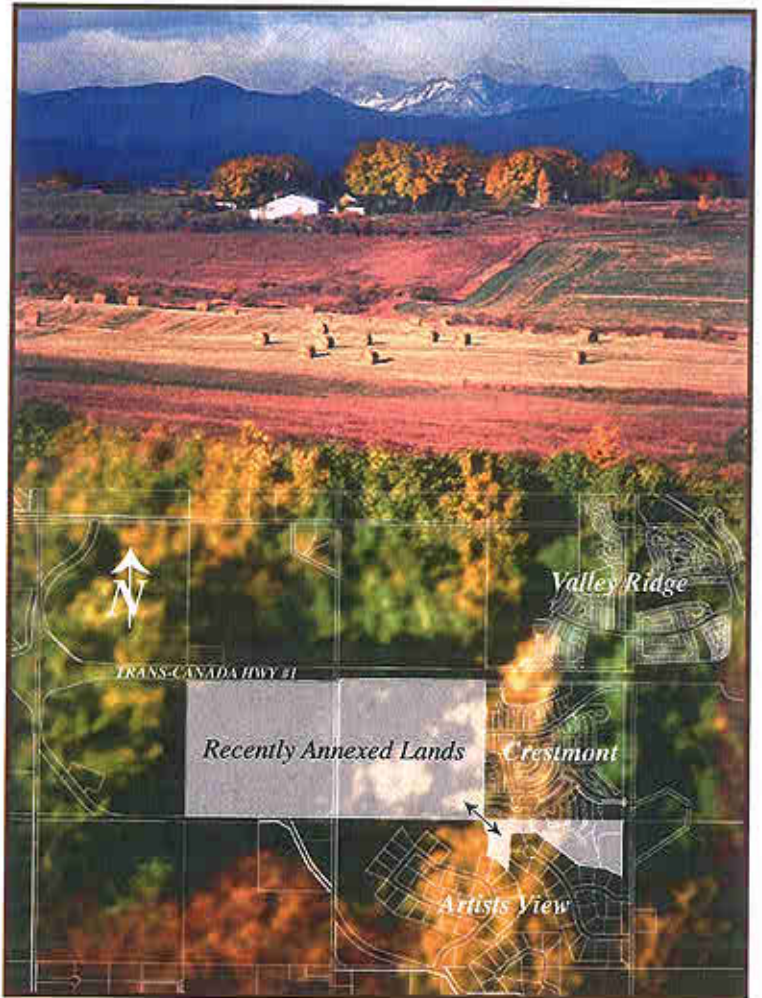
A portion of land south of Crestmont bordering Artist's View was also included in the annexation.

What does this mean to the community of Crestmont and when will homes start being constructed? Qualico Developments may begin the Area Structure Planning process with the City Planning Department as early as 2008. This process may take up to two years to complete. Development of the lands would be subject to land use approval and may begin as early as 2009.

Construction of homes on the parcel of land bordering Artist's View may start sooner than the lands to the west as these lands already have land use approval.

Community consultation is part of the development process and Crestmont will continue to be informed and involved as the steps are taken to add to the community.

City of Calgary Planning Department's Tim Creelman (268-5461, tim.creelman@calgary.ca) or Alderman Dale Hodges are great sources of information should you require more details.



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On the Record: A Message From Alderman Dale Hodges For The Crestmont Community Newsletter

In my previous article for the Crestmont Newsletter, I provided a summary of the status of two infrastructure projects being undertaken by the City of Calgary in northwest Calgary; the Crowchild Trail/Nose Hill Dr. NW interchange & road widening project and the L.R.T. extension from Dalhousie Station to the new station at Crowfoot/Scenic Acres. I included a paragraph on the floor replacement project at the Bowness Sportsplex in the same article. In this article, I will provide some current information on the City of Calgary's transportation infrastructure projects in northwest Calgary and the status of the train whistle issue. I would like to mention that all of the construction work on Stoney Trail is entirely within the control and jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta's Transportation Infrastructure Department. Information on the Stoney Trail project is posted on the Province of Alberta's Transportation Infrastructure website at www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca then click on Roads & Highways, then Ring Roads – Edmonton/Calgary. From there choose North West Stoney Trail Ring Road Project.

Nose Hill Drive Bridge and Crowchild Trail Detour Work

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic was transferred onto the bridge on July 16, 2007. The Crowchild Trail to Nose Hill Drive eastbound ramp and the westbound ramps were opened on July 25, 2007. Retaining wall construction on westbound Crowchild Trail to Nose Hill Drive is proceeding on schedule. All of this construction work is part of Contract #2.

Contract #3 work consists of the Crowchild Trail stage 2 detour, which is two-way traffic on the ultimate eastbound lanes, was opened to traffic on July 16. The south side lock block wall adjacent to the LRT rail track and Crowchild Trail has been installed under the pedestrian connector bridge.

Contract #4 consists of work on the Crowchild Trail westbound lanes and the park and ride lots. Retaining wall construction above the south connector bridge approach and along the south side of Crowchild Trail NW is proceeding as well. Storm sewer construction has been completed in the south (Scenic Acres) park and ride lot.

Future Construction Work

Future construction will consist of installing the utilities and building the roadway for the ultimate westbound Crowchild Trail traffic lanes. The north section of the connector and pedestrian bridges will be a key element in completing the access to both the south and north park and ride lots. The new LRT extension will require an electrical energy supply which will be available from three new substations. Landscaping work will be undertaken by Cedar Crest Lands, a local landscaping contractor.

Bowness Sportsplex – Floor Replacement Project

This paragraph will be of interest to those families in the Crestmont community who intend to register family members in either the hockey or figure skating programs at the Bowness Sportsplex for the 2007-2008 season.

In a previous article in this newsletter, I provided some background information on the status of the Bowness Sportsplex, i.e. its operation by the court appointed receiver, RSM Richter. A report on the cost of replacement of the concrete floor was proposed by the City Administration and approved by City Council at the regular meeting on April 23, 2007. The report indicated that the cost of replacement of the floor and the brine circulation system would be approximately \$1.3 million. However, it would now appear that the work may be completed at a cost somewhat less than the approved budget. The construction work required to replace the floor began in mid May. If the construction schedule is maintained over the next three months, the arena facility should be available for recreational use on or about October 1.

If you have any questions about anything in this article or about any other municipal issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office by telephone at (403)268-2430 or by e-mail at www.calgary.ca/aldermen/ward1

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Fountain News

We certainly have had some mis-adventures with the Water Spray Park (fountain) located at the Residents' Hall this year. As the season is nearing its end we thought we would summarize the events of the past year.

Early last year the Crestmont Residents' Association (CRA) received a letter from the Calgary Health Region regarding new regulations pertaining to the Water Spray Park located at the Crestmont Residents' Hall. These regulations affect not only Crestmont but all wading pools of a similar nature throughout Calgary. This was the unfortunate reason CRA was unable to turn on the fountain early in the season.

The regulations require a system that can automatically monitor chlorine and pH levels so that the ongoing operation of the water spray park now requires storage and handling of chemicals on site. Not only must this system be automated, but also the Calgary Health Region requires a sample to be taken daily.

CRA researched other spray parks in the City of Calgary and determined how they were upgrading their systems to meet these new standards. CRA hired In-Depth Pools to upgrade and maintain this new system and they are currently in the process of installing a new computerized system that will automatically feed chlorine/pH into the water.

During the upgrading of our systems, In-Depth Pools discovered that the fountain is losing a large amount of water and that there is a leak in the system. They have shut down



the exterior jets to investigate this problem further. In the interim this system and maintenance will continue until the September long weekend and will resume next year around the May long weekend.

With all this work being done to upgrade and maintain the fountain, CRA asks that every resident take the time to ensure they are doing their part to keep this fountain running smoothly and a safe place to play.

- Please do not let your children put gravel or foreign objects into the fountain or the spray heads surrounding the fountain. This gravel causes tremendous damage to the fountain, not only plugging the system, but also eventually leading to breaking the main pump which is very costly to replace.
- Keep your children away from the open vaults when maintenance is being done.
- Do not let children ride their bikes, skateboards or rollerblades through the fountain. Not only is this dangerous to smaller children it causes damage to the spray heads.
- No dogs or animals are allowed around the play area and spray park.
- Crestmont Residents' Association has a no tolerance policy for bullying, especially around the spray park. Please ensure that all children (and adults) are playing nicely.

This fountain is a valuable asset to the community of Crestmont and requires diligent attention from residents to ensure years of fun for the future.



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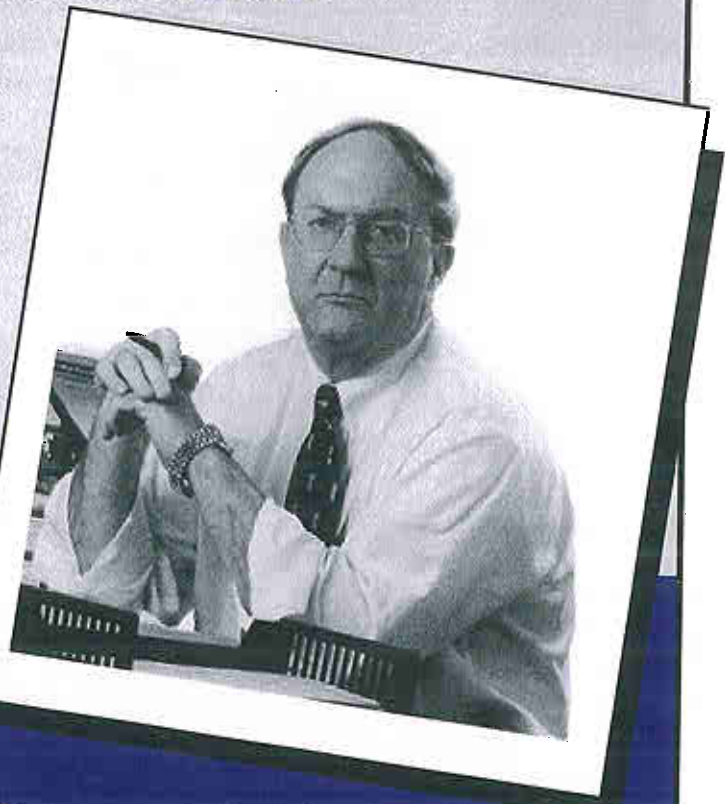
- ✓ A balance between maintaining existing services and expanding city services to support dynamic growth with a minimal increase in property tax.

Effective Representation of Community Interests in Ward 1

- ✓ Twenty four years of experience representing the interests of residents of Ward 1 as a full time alderman since 1983.
- ✓ Active communication with community associations and individuals in Ward 1 in order to deal with the day-to-day local issues and large infrastructure projects.

Active Leadership on City Council

- ✓ Chairman of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee. Member of 15 Civic Boards and Committees.



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Scenic Acres, Silver Springs, Tuscany, University of Calgary, University Heights, ValleyRidge, Varsity

Stampede Breakfast

By all accounts this year's Stampede Breakfast was a resounding success! Despite the cool day we managed to have the best turn out ever!! Thanks to Scarecrow for the wonderful music, Good Morning News Incorporated for the delicious eats, Neal Voll for his excellent photography and, especially Terri Delarue for organizing this fun event! Last but certainly not least, thanks to the Calgary Fire Department for bringing out their fire engine and supporting this community event.



Fencing, Painting & Planting

Crestmont residents planning to install fencing on their property should be aware of the City of Calgary's guidelines. Fences should be a minimum of 1.2 metres tall but no higher than 1.8 metres tall (4.0 feet & 6.0 feet respectively). Further details related to city bylaws including decking can be obtained by calling 311.

The common paint stains used for fencing are available through Cloverdale Paint (284-5353). Ask for 'Crestmont fence'. If you're an AMA member there is a discount involved as well. The basic rule of thumb is your fence should ideally match other fences in the area in design and colour. What this really means is you should discuss your plans with your neighbours (good boundaries make good neighbours). Copies of the 'community approved' guidelines are available in handout form at the hall.

Complimentary tree planting usually takes place in the spring and fall. All households are eligible for either one large tree or two smaller ones in the front yard. There are a number of different types of trees that are predetermined for each property. Generally speaking there are no substitutions for either the location or type of tree(s). Foothills Landscaping (273-0113) surveys the neighbourhood looking for 'tree friendly' properties (graded and loamed) and contacts the proud property owners prior to adoption.

Community Announcements

If your child is in need of tutoring for grades 1 – 12 please contact Mary Tuttle (242-0014) former teacher from Fort McMurray. Mary currently is a resident of Crestmont who lives at 110 Crestbrook Hill and is looking for students to help out.

Hall Rentals

Facility Manager Terri Delarue is the source for all rental information, including availability, rates and room capacity. As always, Crestmont residents receive substantial discount rates for both hourly and daily rentals. Terri can be reached at 861-8815 or crestmonthall@shaw.ca.

Annual Residents' Fees

Fitzpatrick Lee Professional Corporation handles the residents' fees for Crestmont. Call Lorena at 241-2030 for all financial inquiries related to your account. FYI: Although the company's name is now Fitzpatrick Lee, the business is still currently listed in the phone book as Mary Ann Lee.

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Put Your Gardens to Bed for the Winter

It is hard to admit, but winter is coming. Let's look at the bright-side now is the time to plant your bulbs. Next year you will be glad you did when your tulips are the first to bloom in the spring.

As your annuals start to look sad, why not spruce up your pots with a little fall colour? Now is the time to renovate your gardens by thinning them out and planning how to create your refuge for next year.

Please read the following fall gardening tips:

Start cleaning. It's important to rake all the leaves and clean up any plant debris from

your flower beds and around the borders. Your clay pots also need to be emptied and cleaned and stored indoors for the winter.

Choose your indoor plants. Select which plants you want to bring indoors and make sure they are vibrant and healthy. Make sure you give these plants a good pruning to encourage growth and remember to use a good-quality potting soil.

Pull 'em up. If you've been pulling up plants that have stopped blooming as you spot them, you won't have to face a back-breaking Saturday in the garden.

Perennial know-how. Once your perennials have stopped blooming, cut them back. As the ground freezes, cover their base with about 12 inches of mulch.

Help young trees. Since the wind will soon start howling, support young trees with stakes. Wrap their trunks to prevent splitting and use wire mesh to keep animals away.

Don't forget your tools. Give your tools a good cleaning and oil all moving parts. It will save you time in April when you're just busting to get your spring garden underway.

Card Keys

Members of the community are entitled to a keycard, which allows access to the residents' section of the hall. Located on the west-side lower level, the area features washrooms, change benches and skate-friendly flooring. Residents are eligible for a card once their annual fee is paid. There are no additional charges involved (unless you lose it) and you are not required to renew the card annually. The area is open between 8:00am and 10:00pm seven days a week. Call Facility Manager, Terri Delarue, for further details.

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