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## CALGARY GREENWAY PROJECT

Myra Dubé, CEO Parks Foundation Calgary

Parks Foundation Calgary (PFC) is a private, not for profit organization that was formed with the mandate to develop parks and green spaces throughout the City. PFC is dedicated to making Calgary stand out as one of the most livable cities in North America because of its exemplary parks, protected river valleys and excellent facilities for amateur sport.

Since 1985, PFC has seen significant growth in its fundraising efforts with projects such as Griffith Woods Natural Area, Shaw Millennium Park and Calgary Rotary Challenger Park. Now, PFC is set to tackle its largest and highest profile project ever – The Calgary Greenway.

The Calgary Greenway is basically a series of connected green areas which will completely circle the City of Calgary and offer 138 km of year round outdoor destinations. It is currently well underway and has been broken down into three phases.



Launched in 2009 in partnership with the City of Calgary, the first phase of the project, called the East Calgary Greenway received financial support from all three levels of government, as well as donations from corporations, private individuals and other Foundations. This Phase is now complete and fully funded. It runs along the Northeast edge of Calgary from Airport Trail to 17th Avenue SE and showcases the Calgary Greenway's

signature 3.5 meter wide pathway, has eleven rest nodes and four major amenities along its 13 km.

Phase 2 will be 40 km from the Western Irrigation District Canal through Fish Creek Park as far as 37th Street SW. The communities of Copperfield, McKenzie Towne, Mahogany, Auburn Bay and Cranston, as well as all Calgarians, will be able to experience wetland interpretive areas, the Family Fitness Training Park and a unique dog training facility. Phase 2 is known as "the wetland experience" because of the abundance of naturally occurring wetlands in the area. The Greenway will connect these wetlands and offer interpretive experiences at each. This Phase has 22km currently under construction and will utilize 18km of Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Phase 3 is the final phase of the Calgary Greenway with 79 km completing the connection around the city. Starting at Airport Trail and proceeding *cont'd on page 3 ...*

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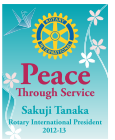
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# Meeting Minutes



February 19th, 2013

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

Vice President Stephen started our meeting promptly at 12:15. He welcomed everyone to Rotary and introduced "Oh Canada" and "Rotary Grace" with Betty on the piano.

At 12:30 Stephen called on Ron May to introduce our visitors and guests, which comprised of three visitors and five visiting Rotarians representing four different City Clubs.

Stephen called on Harry for our Sunshine Report and he advised that there was nothing new to report. Lyle Davidson has commenced Chemotherapy last Wednesday and would appreciate calls from his Rotary friends.

Stephen reminded everyone of the Hungarian Dinner which is being hosted by our exchange student, Janos Takats (at Fran's home), on Saturday, March 9th at 6pm (dress code casual). Janos is attempting to raise some funds for his wilderness trip in June and it would be great if we could add our support. Tickets are limited and cost \$25 each and there are 6 open places to be filled. Please contact Fran.

Stephen reminded everyone that there are only a couple of weeks left (last day February 28th) to take advantage of the early bird discount to attend our District Conference being held this year in Lethbridge from May 3rd to 5th.

Jeff Evans gave Peter a break this week and took over as our Rotary Foundation representative. He presented Ron May with a Paul Harris pin (plus 3). Thanks to Ron for his continuing support.

Stephen took the opportunity to remind everyone that we have three Fellowship opportunities coming up: an evening of 5 pin bowling at Toppler Bowl on Monday, February 25th (organized by Ted Wada); a pot luck dinner event at Red Deer Lake United Church on Saturday, March 16th (organized by Anne Dale, Heide Kramer and Linda Colclough); and a short Saturday bus trip to Rosebud, lunch and play, on Saturday, April 27th (organized by Paul Gaudet).

## Minutemen:

- Ted Wada was our single minute man today as he announced that we have 34 people signed up for the bowling evening next Monday night at Toppler Bowl (on Fairmount Drive just north of the Fairview School). Bowling starts at 5pm so please be there early to get your shoes organized. We plan on moving on to Cravings for a meal after we wrap up the bowling.

## Greeters

February 26th Ann Marsh and Don McKenzie

March 5th Al Holt and JackLeuw

March 12th TBA

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982

Our regular 50-50 draw was won by Will Schmidt however the amount was not announced.

## Sargeant-at-Arms:

Peter Bickham took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and proceeded to tell a story about the difference between the words "complete" and "finished". The difference became clear as he advised that when you marry the right woman, you are "complete", however if you marry the wrong woman, you are "finished". This tale caused some heckling to be heard from some of our members (mostly the female ones).

Ron May was fined for "advertising" his trip to Paris (under the guise of complaining about the wet cool weather in Paris); Ian for making his guest wait at the door while he was late in arriving; Gwynneth for setting up our "4 Way Test" banner upside down, and as the Director in charge of set up, Paul Hussey was also dinged for this offence; Will for not turning up the heat in our room (although he insisted that he had), and also for winning the 50-50; Joe Jogia for arriving late; Norm Moro for failing the 4 way test by "gloating" over his cribbage win (over Sgt. Peter of course); and, lastly, Jeff Evans for turning his cell phone off during the Anthem (note to all – never sit beside the Sgt. at Arms!).

## Good News/ Bad News:

- Maureen Tynan announced Great News in the arrival of a healthy baby boy (Benjamin Jacob) to proud parents Orion and Sherri Taylor! Hearty Rotary congratulations to this wonderful couple on this momentous event.
- Ian Burgess had a happy buck for the great February weather we have been enjoying while others in our country have not been so fortunate.
- Bev Tonkinson had a bad news buck in that both of her sisters have recently broken their ankles while walking on icy spots. Please be careful when out and about.

Peter wrapped up his comments (fines) with a story about ice fishing which was only memorable because he lost his place in the middle of the story and fined himself \$1 for doing so.

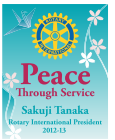
Bart Dailley introduced our speaker, Myrna Dubé, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary. Ms Dube spent 16 years in various capacities with the Calgary Airport Authority, and also served as President and CEO of the Canadian Centre for Aerospace Development. She was also a major player in the development of Rotary Challenger Park. She and her staff at Parks Foundation Calgary are now heavily involved in the Calgary Greenway Project, the subject of her presentation today.

Our speaker was thanked today by Ed McLean, who summed it up nicely by referring to the speech as a "magnificent presentation on a magnificent project".

Stephen wrapped up our meeting early at 1:15 by advising that next week's speaker would be Bill Dunn, a Foothills Historian who will tell us something about our past in Southern Alberta.



# Upcoming Events



## World Understanding Month

February 26th

Bill Dunn, Foothills Historian

## Literacy Month

March 5th

Ed Lukowich, former Brier and World Curling Champ

March 12th

Jocelyn Davis, 17 year old Philanthropist

March 16th

Fellowship Event: Potluck Dinner at Red Deer Lake Church

March 19th

Fairview School Lunch

March 26th

Shibanee Verma, Strategist in Health Care Space

## Magazine Month

April 2nd

Kim McConnell, CEO, AdFarm Canada

April 9th

Harry Sanders, Calgary Historian Laureate

April 13th - 14th

Parking for the Horticultural Show at Spruce Meadows

April 27th

Fellowship Event: Rosebud Theatre – lunch and play

April 29th - 30th

Casino @ 'Calgary Casino' — contact Joe Hooper for info

April 30th

Jungle Jim Hunter, motivational speaker and former Olympian



## Promote RI Convention Month

May 3rd to 5th

District 5360 Conference 2013 "Peace, Passion & Partnerships" in Lethbridge

— early bird registration ends February 28th

May 7th

John Hufnagel, Head Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders

## CALGARY GREENWAY PROJECT

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northwesterly, users will meander through the communities of Saddleridge, Skyview Ranch, Sage Hill and Sherwood, then west through Evanston, Kincora, Royal Oak, Royal Vista, and Tuscany, then south through Montgomery, Strathcona Park, Signal Hill, Springbank Hill, Discovery Ridge, Lakeview, Bayview, Oakridge, Cedarbrae and Woodbine, completing the circle at the western edge of Fish Creek Provincial Park. Users will have direct access to Inland Park, Twelve Mile Coulee, Baker Park, Shouldice Park, Edworthy Park and many others. Anticipated amenities in Phase 3 include fitness parks and interval running tracks, wetland enhancements, an active gaming playground, Greenway geocaching and a series of prairie sky viewing and information nodes.

The promotional material for this project lists "Greenway Benefits" for:

- Families – by offering free and safe recreational opportunities suitable for the entire family
- Communities – by creating places for communities to connect
- Wildlife – by preserving green space and wetlands for plants and animals to thrive
- Athletes – by developing a year-round outdoor training destination
- Schools – by creating educational opportunities through wetland interpretive areas
- Commuters – by offering carbon free transportation routes
- Dog owners – by developing fully fenced off-leash parks complete with garbage receptacles

The Calgary Greenway is a \$65 million dollar project. By bringing together partners, the project has an anticipated \$23

million remaining to be raised. The City Parks Dept will maintain the Calgary Greenway and it is noteworthy that 10% of all funds raised will be placed in an Endowment Fund held at PFC. This fund will be for maintenance over and above that provided by the City, and is designed to guarantee the Greenway remains pristine and that life cycle improvements are made.

*Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess*

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## Cribbage Club

Horton Road Legion

9202 Horton Road SW

(close to the bar)

Arrive anytime after 5:30 to enjoy food, drink(s) and most of all, fellowship.



**Start play:** Tables of four to be ready to start play at 6:30 sharp.

**Membership:** New members are welcome. Lifetime Membership is \$3.00

**Thursdays** February 28th March 14th

March 28th – final game for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy and possible Cash Tournament, if there's enough interest.

Questions, contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca

## Fellowship Events

More information on these events to follow. Keep the dates free for fun and fellowship!

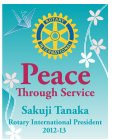
March 16th Potluck Dinner at the Red Deer Lake Church. Facility is booked. Anne Dale is contact.

April 27th Trip to Rosebud Theatre. We have been approved for the bus. Paul Gaudet is contact.





# THIS AND THAT



## CALGARY GREENWAY PROJECT

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There is an opportunity for Rotary to consider and that is by raising funds to purchase the "naming rights" for this project. An example would be the Rotary Challenger Park in Calgary's Northeast.

Our speaker ended her presentation in an enthusiastic manner by indicating that this project has "lots of momentum" (scheduled to be

completed in 2015), and is "on a roll".

She responded to a number of questions which included the cost of the "Naming Rights" (\$5million over 5 years); washroom facilities along the route? (no, only in existing parks); snow clearing in the winter months (no commitment due to costs involved); is our Nature Park included in the Greenway (yes, apparently it is).

For further information, check out their website:

[www.parksfdn.com](http://www.parksfdn.com)

or call 403 974 0751 or email: [info@parksfdn.com](mailto:info@parksfdn.com)

## Distinguished Rotarian of the Year

### NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

This award is presented annually to a current or honorary member in good standing with ten or more years of service who personifies "Service Above Self" both in Rotary and otherwise.

Submit your nomination in writing to Hank Popoff, Chair of the Awards Committee, **no later than March 29, 2013**. Please handle your nomination in a confidential manner to avoid embarrassment to all nominees. Selection criteria is available from Hank if you need it.

## Potluck Dinner

**Saturday March 16th 5:00pm - 9:30pm**  
**Red Deer Lake United Church Hall**  
**Spruce Meadows Trail, 1 km west of 37 Street SW**

Please come and join your fellow Rotarians for a fun evening, and enjoy the tastes of the best of all of our special dishes. This is a social event, so bring your better half, or don't hesitate to come alone and enjoy some fellowship.

A sign-up sheet will be sent around the next couple of weeks for you to indicate your participation, and for saving a spot to bring your favourite dish or dessert that you love to make and take to events like this! We may have to juggle some dishes around if everyone signs up for desserts!

Contact: Anne Dale [anne@mysewingroom.ca](mailto:anne@mysewingroom.ca)  
Heide Kramer [admin@mysewingroom.ca](mailto:admin@mysewingroom.ca)

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