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ONLINE MEETINGS: <https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc>

CLUB PRESIDENT: E. Chas Filipski, Jr.  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Christine Rendell  
RI PRESIDENT: Mark Daniel Maloney

**Joe Connelly** introduced our guest speaker, **Ward 6 Councillor Jeff Davison**. It is great to see you at our little Rotary Club at Stampede Park. **Jeff** is the Councillor from Ward 6 and I used to say in council that Ward 6 is the closest to heaven in Calgary. If you know anything about Calgary, you will know that I meant the topography and not the people. **Jeff** was elected in October 2017 and brought a pro-business vision to City Council. His work on the arena deal is evidence of that. He sits on the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, Calgary Economic Development, Opportunity Calgary Investment Fund, Calgary Film Commission, and Calgary Parking Authority.

Jeff is the Chair of the Event Centre Assessment Committee, and in July 2019 they reached a deal between the City, Calgary Stampede and Calgary Sports Entertainment Corporation to construct a new Event Centre, to be located in Victoria Park and anchor a new entertainment district. Prior to politics, he had a successful career in communications and investor relations in the energy and technology sectors. He is also acting as Deputy Mayor this month.

**Councillor Davison** opened his talk by noting that as Deputy Mayor he had suggested that **Mayor Nenshi** be quarantined when he returns from India, but the City Clerk would not let him advance the motion. People come to Calgary or choose to stay here because of the environment of peace and goodwill, and the spirit of optimism. The last 5 years have been hard, and we must now work on restoring our confidence and public trust.

The City has a great foundation for making it a great place to live. It has been built by great visionaries. It has a highly educated, young population. And, it is continuing to grow, even in these tough times. The population has grown by 40,000 over the past 5 years, and will have increased by 100,000 by 2024. City GDP is estimated to grow by 2.5% this year. Fourteen new communities are under construction, adding 18,000 new houses and 9,000 new condos by 2024.

New infrastructure such as the BMO expansion and new Event Centre give us unique spaces that will attract visitors. For instance, the 40,000 Rotarians that will be here in 2025. The entertainment district around the new Event Centre is expected to attract \$2.0B in private investment, and generate over \$1.2B in annual activity. CMLC is currently in the design phase for the Event Centre and expects to have shovels in the ground in 2021, with completion by 2024. It will take 3 – 4,000 workers to construct, which is a major uplift to the local economy in itself.

Spending major amounts on infrastructure in times of economic difficulty has been questioned. Many jurisdictions are undergoing the same process – reduce operating costs and increase infrastructure spending. The objective is to try to increase revenues without increasing taxes.



The Green Line final design is still being evaluated. Does Stage 1 go across the river, or does it just go south from downtown? What are the risks of the river crossing? The deep tunnel river crossing option has been rejected because of high cost and high risk, but what are the alternatives and what are the risks associated? All of the necessary land has required has essentially been acquired, and station locations established. It is interesting that designs put the Victoria Park station some distance from the Event Centre, so as to generate foot traffic that will attract entertainment and commercial ventures around the Centre.

A Grade 6 class came up with a good description of the reasons to go forward. “Standing still is the best way to go backward”. Calgary has gone through booms and busts, but it is still a city of volunteers and resilience. There are lots of new challenges and new opportunities out there, and lots of people are working to make better lives for all of us.



There was a Question and Answer period after **Councillor Davison's** talk.

***What is the City's share of Green line LRT cost?***

Currently it looks like about \$2.5B, but a lot depends upon the final position taken by the province, which is still being decided upon.

***How was the arena cost arrived at, with no design in place?***

Talks on a new event centre started in 2005, so some preliminary design concepts were available. Also, an approximate capacity of 19,000 provided a baseline for comparison to similar facilities that could be priced by several construction contractors. All of the concept estimates came in under the \$550M figure, which includes significant contingency amounts.

***There is a concern with City administered infrastructure cost and schedule over runs. The City does not have a good history on major projects such as the LRT West Line or the current Green Line.***

Administration has been directed come forward with their best estimates for the design decided upon, and to not try to expand scope within that number. Risks must be evaluated properly, any changes must be priced out and approved before changing the budget. A separate arm's length management organization, wholly owned by the City such as CMLC, may be set up for the Green Line and other major transit infrastructure.

***Will the new event centre be available to the public on a free or affordable basis?***

That is the intent, but experience with the Saddledome shows that it hard for public groups to utilize a 19,000 seat facility. It is just too big. The hope is that the design will include smaller venues that will be more suitable for these groups.

***Is there any current discussion about an LRT link to the airport?***

Yes, this is being looked at for the next capital cycle. It is recognized that rapid transit to the airport is a desirable piece of infrastructure for any major city.

**Norm Devitt** thanked **Councillor Davison** for his optimistic talk. Calgary is a wonderful city with great facilities, and it looks like we are on the path to making it even better. Just be sure to make our new event centre better than Edmonton's and please put in more bathrooms.



**President Chas Filipski**, on behalf of our membership welcomed us all to the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary **AT STAMPEDE PARK!**

## This day in History:

- **1496:** King Henry VII commissions an Italian, John Cabot, to explore new lands. He proclaimed Eastern Canada for England in 1497. His real name was Giovanni Caboto.
- **1770:** Boston massacre, killing 5 and wounding 6
- **1853:** Steinway piano company formed in NYC
- **1946:** **Winston Churchill** coined the term "Iron curtain" while accepting an honorary degree from Westminster College in Missouri
- **2013:** Nicholas Maduro assumes Presidency of Venezuela after death of Chavez.

**Lisa Fernandes** led us in the singing of the national anthem followed by Rotary Grace.

**Head Table:** Guest speaker **Jeff Davison**, **Joe Connelly**, **Norm Devitt**, **Exchange Student Carlotta**, and **PE Penny Leckie**.

**Peter Penner** was welcomed back after a lengthy absence.

**Bulletin Editor:** **Bev Ostermann**    **Photographer:** **Chad Hason**

**Health and Wellness:** Nothing much to report this week, except that **Spencer Tonkinson** was with us today even after suffering a concussion while skiing yesterday and having to be transferred from Banff into Calgary for additional testing. That is dedication.



**Visitors and Guests:** **Darlene Whitmore** introduced our visitors and guests.

**50/50 Draw:** **Jim Hutchens** awarded \$136 to **George Deegan** (his first win in 45 years, according to George).



**Sergeant-At-Arms:** **Chad Hason** extracted some funds from **Darlene**, and various others based on their knowledge of celebrity name changes.

**Announcements:** **PE Penny Leckie** reminded us that the District Conference is coming up in May and the Club is sponsoring speaker **Brad Gushue** at one of the luncheons, for all you curlers out there. He will be introduced by our **Sherry Austin**.

**PE Penny** also gave a shout out to the SISP. One of our students was recently having a problem at school, and **Bryan Targett**, **Earl Huson** and **Stan Cichon** all stepped forward to advise / help her with her problem. Another indication of how important and effective our SISP is.

**Earl Huson** reminded all SISP mentors that report cards are due for this year's first semester, and there are still a few outstanding from last year.



**President Chas** advised that the recent evote on Bylaw/Constitution changes yielded the following results.

**Out of 130 eligible voters, 83 voted**

**Constitution: 77 Yes, 6 abstentions (92.7%)**

**Bylaws: 79 Yes, 4 abstentions (95.1%)**

Both measures exceeded the 2/3 majority required and thus are ratified.

He thanked **PP Ron Prokosch** for setting up the e-vote and **Club Secretary Larry Stein** and the Bylaws Committee for their time and effort. **President Chas** urged all members to participate in future votes. It is important to be involved.

**President Chas** also advised the **Carlotta** has still not made it to a Flames game yet so if anybody has tickets could perhaps help her on her wish list.

She also would like to see Niagara Falls and have dinner at the top of Calgary Tower. Carlota started French in the second semester and is enjoying it.

Carlota went to her host sister's ringette game to cheer for her and sent a picture for us



**HAVE A GREAT WEEK**



## ROTARY CALGARY DISTRICT 5360 DISCON 2020

Friday, May 1st  
Saturday, May 2nd  
Sunday, May 3rd

### CONNECT COMMUNICATE COLLABORATE

We - Rotary Members - are shaping Rotary's future. While the club remains the core of the Rotary experience, **we are now far more creative and flexible** in deciding what a club can be, how it can meet, and even what can be considered a Rotary meeting.

Rotary feels and really is like family! Yet too often, the structure of our membership seems to place Rotary out of reach for our younger professionals. **Rotary can and should be an experience that complements our families** instead of competing with them.

When our Rotary clubs are warm, welcoming places where service and family go hand in hand, **we give family-oriented young professionals more opportunities** to embrace our organization.

DisCon 2020 is such an opportunity. Innovative in how we approach membership, forging wider and deeper connections to our communities, and attracting more and diverse members. **This year, we even have an award-winning daycare** to ensure that young, busy families can still participate in our activities.

**Let's make this another *How Rotary Connects the World* event!** Building connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

**Bring Your Family To DisCon 2020 And Celebrate Rotary!**

<http://discon5360.ca/registration/>

**REGISTER NOW for DisCon 2020 to hear the one and only **Paul Brandt** Talk about Not in my city! Raising awareness for Child Exploitation and Sex Trafficking**





Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park

## EMAIL FROM THE R.I. PRESIDENT MALONEY RE: COVID-19 VIRUS



**THIS EMAIL WAS SENT OUT THIS WEEK TO ALL ROTARIANS FROM THE R.I. PRESIDENT**

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### **Dear fellow Rotarians,**

The health and safety of our members are our top priorities. We are closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) and continuously assessing its potential impact on our operations, meetings, trainings, and other events.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of this situation, I encourage you to use your discretion when it comes to club and district meetings and events, and Rotary programs and activities. Canceling or postponing meetings or Rotary-related travel might be appropriate. Even if events are held as scheduled, some people may choose not to take part. And, of course, if the World Health Organization and your national, regional, or local health authorities discourage or prohibit gathering or traveling because of the risk of spreading COVID-19, follow their recommendations.

Check [My Rotary](#) for our latest information on COVID-19 and any updates to our travel guidance.

I encourage you, as leaders in your community, to provide whatever assistance your community needs at this time. Contact your local health authorities to learn what your Rotary club can do to help prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please accept my best wishes for the health and safety of your family and of all the members of the Rotary family in your area.

Kindest regards,

**Mark Daniel Maloney**  
**2019-2020 President, Rotary International**

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# Calgary Peace Prize 2020

The Calgary Peace Prize will recognize **Stephanie Nolen** for her exemplary courage and leadership through journalism on the world stage. Her vast body of work has given voice to victims of violence and has informed and engaged Canadians on some of the most pressing humanitarian issues of our time, including gender equality and environmental justice.

**April 8, 2020**

Jack Singer Lobby  
Arts Commons

Tickets available at

[mru.ca/PeaceTickets](http://mru.ca/PeaceTickets)





## Hello Fellow Wine Aficionados!

This is a reminder that **Chas and I** will be hosting the **Rotary Wine Club** on **Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm**

*The Theme is Italiano!*

Please let me know if you are attending by email so that I can prepare enough food for everyone!

Here is the email address: [flipclan@shaw.ca](mailto:flipclan@shaw.ca)

**Grazie!**

**Terri & Chas**



**Calgary  
Christian  
School**

President Chas Filipski presented a cheque to a Senior High School student at The Calgary Christian High School on February 27th 2020 on behalf of the World Community Service Committee.

This Senior High project is something Chas' sons were a part of when they were getting ready to graduate from the Calgary Christian School.

The project is to help someone or some group and their community. This student raised this money to help augment supplies for students in Belize.

The Calgary Christian High School sends a group down there every year to aid in the education and general welfare of the Belize youth. This was championed by Dave Tod and Chas was able to deliver the cheque on the Club's behalf.





# SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY PARTNERS OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK

## *Spring Luncheon*

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 11:30am**

**Willow Park Golf and Country Club**

**Jewelry Raffle & Big Book Sale**

If you have an item that would  
like to donate for a door prize,  
contact Denise MacLeod  
(403) 771-1913



### **ROTARY BOOK CLUB Meeting at CALGARY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB March 16<sup>th</sup> AT 9:30 AM SHARP**

Please email [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca) by Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve you a spot. We are anxious to hear about all the books you have read this past month!

Please remember to return the books you have borrowed and try to and read "Where the Crawdads Sing" for the discussion with Lorna Hamm in May.

**Submitted by: Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens**

# RCCSP CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Mar 12	 <b>St. Patrick's Day Celebration</b> 	<b>Rotary House</b>
Mar 12	Wine Club: Chas Filipski's House: Theme is Italian	Chas' House
Mar 19	Glen Street: CEO Street Characters	Rotary House
Mar 26	Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update	Rotary House
Apr 2	Gus Yaki: Alberta Southern Prairie Orthinology	Rotary House
Apr 9	Tom Leppard: Field of Crosses	Rotary House
Apr 16	Alberta Health Minister: Tyler Shandro	Rotary House
Apr 22	Partners Spring Luncheon	
Apr 23	Calgary Philharmonic (CPO) Presentation	BLUE ROOM
Apr 27	Wine Club: Brett Albers	Brett's House
Apr 30	Bethany Atrium Tour	Bethany Riverview
May 7	Stuart Cullum: Olds College	Rotary House
May 14	Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test	Rotary House
May 22	President Chas' Cocktail Social	Lazy S: Grandstand
May 21	Annual Stay In School Luncheon	TBA
May 28	Annual Dream Home Kick off	Rotary House
May 29	Invermere Golf and Social Weekend (May 29-31)	Invermere
June 4	Annual Stampede Board Presentation	BLUE ROOM
June 11	U of C Vet School Offsite Tour	U of C
June 18	Annual Charity Day Presentations	Rotary House
June 25	Changing of the Guard, Large Grants and WCS	Rotary House
July 2	Annual Dream Home Kickoff Party	Heritage Park
July 9	NO MEETING: ON PARK WITH DREAM HOME	
July 16	NO MEETING: ON PARK WITH DREAM HOME	
July 23	NO MEETING: STAY IN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT	
July 30		



## HEALTH, WELLNESS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Please contact David Read with health updates or requests for transportation for the months of March and April at: 403 271 5856





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