

## Presidents Report 2011

- **AGM march 13 2010, board of directors elected:**

Bart Benoit - President, Myron Wintonyk - Vice President, Catherine Garry - Secretary, Kitty Lee - Treasurer, Al Del Degan, Chad Ravlo, Ralph Seizer, William (Bill) Gilson - Directors

- **Developed Vision and Mission Statements created**

Vision: A coherent and supportive Crestmont Community that all residents are proud to call home.

Mission: To improve the Crestmont Community by promoting community activities, building resident relations and advocating on behalf of members.

- **Established Short and Long term planning goals established in the following areas:**

Create a sustainable association. Gain Community support. Represent our residents. Better our community

- **Developed Policies and Procedures:**

Code of conduct. Conflict of interest. Grievances. Banking and accounting.

- **Technological development of the CCA**

Developed an online presence and Social Media initiative

- Website / Blog <http://crestmontcommunity.org>
- Facebook Page
- Twitter Account

- **Configured collaborative technology using Google Apps**

- Association email accounts that go with current board members
- Document Management with live / shared updating
- Calendar / Contacts / Other collaboration tools all with the live / shared updating

- **Planning and Liaise with the City and the Developer on; development planning for the annexed land to our west:**

- We followed and had some input on the West Regional Context Study (WRCS) which is driven by the city and must follow the Municipal Development Plan (MDP). We got established a little late to have much impact on the WRCS and the MDP was established a couple years before our inception.

- **Liaise with City and Developer on planning for WVASP**
- Our board members spent a huge amount of time reviewing and commenting on the 120 page very detailed document, I am very proud of our group for how well we all pulled together to have some very positive influence with only 6 weeks to do it, meeting up to 4 times a week throughout that time. The final document with our input included has not been made publically available yet, I will personally continue to follow up and make sure the link gets posted to our website once available.

We negotiated a more gradual transition zone from our current density of  $\pm 4.5$  units / acre to the MDP driven density target of 9-10 units per acre. The transition will take place leading up to the creek, where the intent is to reach 9-10 units on the west side of the creek.

The NAC will be located near the east edge of the creek.

The real “big” news is the ASP has been shelved until it is resolved who pays for the 133<sup>rd</sup> street interchange and what it’s final configuration / location will be. Without this proposed new interchange the densities desired by the City planners are not achievable with current infrastructures in place. The ASP is anticipated to be a 20-25 year build out plan; we have been told it could take as much as 10 years to resolve the Interchange challenges. Having said this it could be up to 30 – 35 years before we see the whole half section built out. The current draft ASP that we were able to influence will be the basis for a new ASP once things get rolling again.

Qualico may be allowed to develop up to the eastern edge of the creek in the meantime, so we all must be diligent to continue to have positive influence when Qualico comes out with their Outline Plan / Land Use Amendment Application (OPLUA).

When this occurs, a strong Community Association is the only way to have input into this process. If there were no Community Association, the residents of Crestmont will have no voice in how our community is developed. That would leave the surrounding communities (Artists View, Springbank and Valley Ridge) to voice their concerns. We have met with these community associations and I can assure you that their vision for the development of our community is not in the best interests of Crestmont.

- **Liaise with Qualico and their design Consultant for west development.**
- We had several meetings at a more in depth design level of what the residential configurations and street scapes options might be to reach the mandated densities.

- **Spring Clean-up in May**
- Despite snow storm had good turnout, many bags of garbage collected, had a nice hamburger and hot dog bar-b-queue for the volunteers. Had a magician and two guest speakers, local hero two times Olympian Free Style ski jumper and a well-known botanist with growing tips for our local climate.
- **Games Night** was held in October with smallish turnout but great fun was had by all. We hope the new board will continue to plan games nights.

In closing I believe we had a very successful first year and we all hope that more members will volunteer to help continue to build both the community association and the community. Getting the Community Association up and running as well as having significant input into the ASP required a great deal of effort. Those difficult tasks are behind us now, but there is still work to do. For personal or work reasons, some of the current board will not be able to make the commitment to continue, so we require some new volunteers. The current financial situation is excellent with a bank balance near \$4,000.

The bylaws of the Community Association require a minimum of 6 board members to function. If enough volunteers are not forthcoming TODAY, then all that hard work will be lost, the association will need to be dissolved and any remaining money will be donated to charity. That itself would be a sad end to a great start. But, the real tragedy would be leaving the fate of our neighbourhood to others. The City of Calgary whose focus is higher density; the developer - Qualico whose focus is profit and the surrounding communities whose focus is what's best for their neighbourhoods. So please do the right thing and nominate yourself to the board.

Thank you, I will now pass the floor back to Bill Gilson our MC.