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SPFAS GREEN LIGHTS MAIN FACILITY LIFE CYCLE SUSTAINABILITY RENOVATION CAPITAL PROJECT

SPFAS Board of Directors Approves Project Tender Award & Capital Budget on March 29, 2021

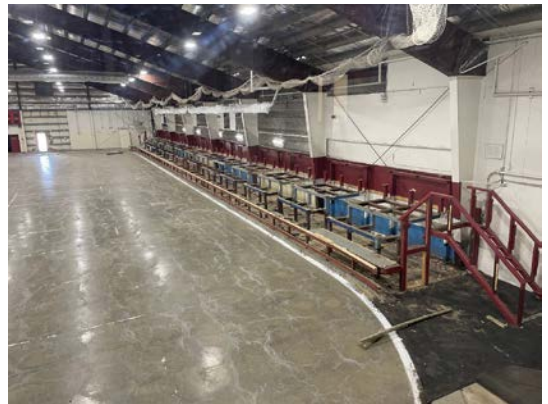
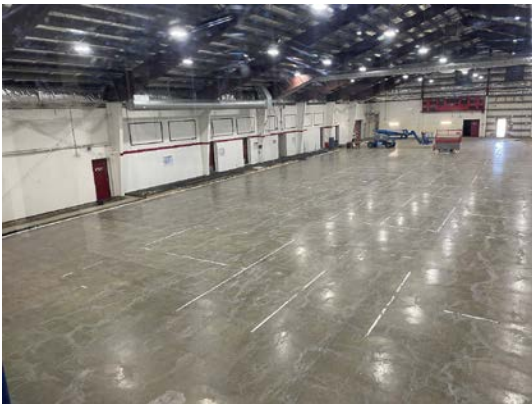
After almost a year of extensive due diligence while SPFAS allocated time to appropriately and thoroughly develop a capital project scope, prepare an overall budget, consolidate related funding, work with Rocky View County representatives and issue a detailed Project Tender, on March 29th the SPFAS Board of Directors formally approved final plans for an ambitious \$2.8M Main Facility Sustainability Renovation Capital Project that was awarded to Chandos Construction. This initiative is scheduled to be undertaken in the Spring and Summer of 2021. Chandos Construction arrived at SPFAS earlier in April and, as is indicative of the photos below, immediately began to undertake the related capital work.

This capital project is the largest SPFAS has ever undertaken to renovate, sustain, renew and enhance the existing Main Facility. This project revitalizes and extends the life of the Red Dutton Arena, as well as other components located within the Main Facility (all of which are currently in and around 50 years old), so that these venues can be utilized by Springbank residents generationally for the next 50 years to come.

The Main Facility Sustainability Renovation Capital Project's conceptual scope is highlighted as follows:

- Replacing the Red Dutton Arena's concrete floor pad, along with installing a heat liner under a new

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pad so ice can be installed on a year-round basis

- Changing the Red Dutton Arena's spectator seating area, including providing wheelchair access
- Reconfiguring the concession and curling rink entry area, including installing new washrooms (including a barrier free/wheelchair accessible washroom), creating new seating areas, a new curling rink entry point and a new "link to technology" work and study space, redesigning the concession, replacing air exchange, heating, water and sewer infrastructure and introducing new natural lighting amenities
- Installing new washrooms (including one that will be barrier free/wheelchair accessible) in the lounge
- Installing an elevator to service all 4 levels of the SPFAS Main Facility (Level 1 – Front entrance ground entry; Level 2 – Location of the two skating rinks; Level 3 – Location of the playschool, dryland training, community board room and other venues; Level 4 – Access to the lounge).

SPFAS is enthusiastically looking forward to working with Chandos Construction, as well as with Gibbs Gage Architects, Rocky View County and other organizations, to complete the entire capital project this coming August. SPFAS is also currently very much looking forward to presenting the Main Facility refurbishments and new installations to residents of Springbank and other communities commencing later on in the month of August. In conjunction with doing so, SPFAS is maintaining an appropriate measure of cautious optimism that, subject to COVID-19 virus spread restrictions that may be in place early in September, we hopefully can come together to celebrate the completion of this capital project during a "new normal" 2021 Springbank Fall Fair that we all can attend.

When completed, this capital project will provide many benefits to all of the visitors who come to SPFAS. As has been previously identified and prioritized by the SPFAS Board of Directors, the most important of these include:

- Providing full access for everyone to all four levels of the Main Facility
- Providing barrier free/wheelchair accessible washrooms on all four levels of the Main Facility
- Extending the Red Dutton Arena's long-term life cycle, with ice use being available for use 12 months of the year (which further advances SPFAS annual operational sustainability efforts)
- Creating enhanced long-term curling rink, concession, and lounge access experiences that include new opportunities for seniors and others with mobility limitations to be able to access the lounge via the new elevator (this installation offers

new opportunities for everyone to socialize in the lounge, as well as for this venue to be rented for events that will be accessible to all, including seniors activities and family anniversaries and reunions).

SPFAS keeps moving forward to provide recreation and other facilities to our community. We appreciate your ongoing support! And we are very much looking forward to you coming to SPFAS in the latter part of August, as well as early in September to see the results of this completed capital project.



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A TRIBUTE TO JIM MCKENDRICK

Remembering and Celebrating Jim's Many Contributions to the Springbank Community

Jim McKendrick, a long time Springbank resident and community booster, passed away on February 5, 2021 at 95 years of age. During his lifetime, Jim saw and participated in many substantive changes that took place within the Springbank community. During his adult years in particular, Jim was instrumental in leading many initiatives that, to this day, continue to benefit the Springbank Community. Jim's legacy of community service to both past and current Springbank residents will always be cherished, honored and respected as a shining example of how one can give back to and help others.

Jim's early childhood years are highlighted by him growing up on his father's fox farm, which was first established in 1932 along Springbank Road. The Elbow River School (with Grades 1 - 5), which was then located on Lower Springbank Road, was the closest school to the McKendrick Family's farm. Jim and his sisters travelled from the farm to the school and back on horseback. On colder winter days to keep each other warm, they often "doubled up" riding the same horse. After they each completed Grade 5, Jim and his sisters went to the next closest school, this one located in Bowness. They also travelled on horseback to and from the farm to the Bowness School. This was a much longer and riskier trek. They had to ensure that their lunches did not freeze during their lengthier horse rides on cold winter days. Jim and his sisters also had to be sure that their horses did not slip while they rode them up and down the steep Paskapoo Slopes hills (where the WinSport facilities are now located).

The demand for fox fur dropped substantially in the late 1940's and the McKendrick Family's farm transitioned to a mixed agricultural operation which included dairy and beef cattle, as well as additional cleared land that produced hay and grain crops. Jim became a full-time farmer with his father. In 1947, he married the love of his life, Margaret Lawrie. They built their family home

and raised their 3 children on the farm. From their first years together, they were very committed to their community on many fronts in many different ways. One of their earliest community contributions involved helping introduce the sport of curling to Springbank. Under Jim's presidency of the Springbank Men's Club, a "natural ice" curling rink was constructed near the Springbank Community Hall. The coldest days produced the best curling ice! This curling rink served

as Springbank's social center throughout many a winter season. Along with other Men's Club

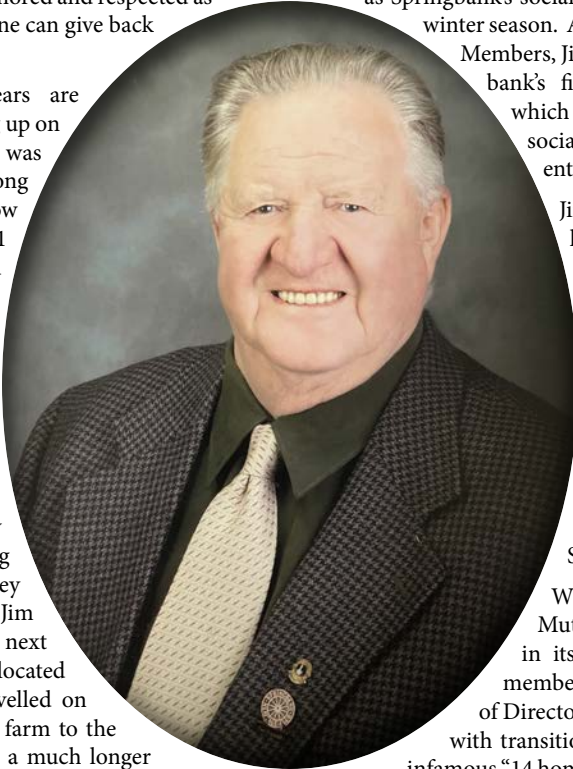
Members, Jim also helped build Springbank's first outdoor skating rink, which became another important social gathering venue for the entire community.

Jim recognized that children living west of what were at that time the City of Calgary's corporate boundary did not have a school in their immediate vicinity to attend. So he started one of the first bus routes that brought students back and forth from their homes to attend classes at the Springbank School.

When the Springbank Mutual telephone system was in its infancy, Jim served as a member of the company's Board of Directors. He was heavily involved with transitioning Springbank from the infamous "14 home party lines phone system" to a new modern Alberta Government Telephones (AGT) system.

Jim was a lifetime member and leader of the Springbank United Church. For many years, he voluntarily served as the caretaker of the Church's cemetery. Together Jim and Margaret also for many years volunteered to look after the bookings and upkeep of the Springbank Community Hall.

Jim was one of the many dairy farmers who used to milk cows in Springbank. While raising and milking Holsteins, he and his family became very involved in the local 4-H Dairy Club. With Jim serving as a leader, the



McKendrick Family participated in this 4-H Club for many years. Under Jim's leadership, this Springbank 4-H Club retained an outstanding reputation throughout the rural areas surrounding Calgary.

Jim loved taking care of animals. He went way "beyond the normal call of duty" by tending to numerous strays, including horses and cows. During the 20 year period when he operated the Springbank Pound, the McKendrick's farm served as a temporary refuge and home for many lost and forlorn creatures.

Jim's and Margaret's community involvement and leadership continued to evolve as they welcomed to Springbank many new residents who were looking for a rural living experience. During a period of rapid population growth, many people came together with a new sense of energy, a strong desire, a practical vision and an enthusiastic commitment to contribute finances, voluntary time and other resources to help build the Springbank Community in many different ways. During this period, Jim participated in the development of the Springbank Park For All Seasons Agricultural Society's facilities. He was also a founding member of

the Springbank Heritage Club, as well as the Springbank Lions Club.

Jim and Margaret stood side by side over a 40 year period of voluntary service as they both supported the Calgary Meals on Wheels Program.

Jim was an avid community volunteer and he always said that volunteering provided him with a lifetime of satisfaction. His strong and steadfast devotion to his family and his community were one and the same. Jim was also continually recognized for his friendliness, his good humor and for always making himself available to lend a helping hand.

Jim is sorely missed by his wife Margaret and all of the other McKendrick Family's members, as well as by the many friends he made while serving and living in the Springbank Community. Jim has left a lasting legacy that we will always cherish and remember. Thank you, Jim, for being a shining light for all of us!

Contributed by the McKendrick Family and John Rop

SPFAS WELCOMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

The SPFAS Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, on April 13th, the Park officially welcomed the Society's new General Manager, Mr. Todd Muir, for his first day of work.

Todd has spent the last 30 years working in community recreation. Originally from the Innisfail area, he and his wife Kathleen have been Cochrane residents for many years. While Cochrane has been their home base, up until he accepted the SPFAS' offer to join the Park as General Manager, Todd was the General Manager of the Bonnyville & District Centennial Centre for 3 years. While at the "C2 Centre", he completed a number of capital projects that made that facility better than it was when he arrived, including a much-needed lounge renovation, the addition of an outdoor rink and the accommodation of the local high school in need of a new home.

We look forward to seeing how Todd's years of experience in recreation help us chart the course for the Park over the next several years. We are confident that he will soon find himself happily immersed in the SPFAS community and that he will be a wonderful asset to the Park. And of course for his and his family's sake, we are very happy that his commute to work will be much more reasonable now!

As many of you know, the next 5 months or so will be one of the busiest times the Park has ever had. With our major capital project in full swing, it will be a busier summer than normal, particularly for our management

team of Todd, Jody Wesgate and Jeff Schmidt. Our SPFAS community has a great deal to look forward to and I would like to thank Todd, Jody and Jeff for all of the hard work they will be doing through this exciting but demanding time to get us to the other side, when we can showcase our beautiful renovations and hopefully come together for our much-loved Fall Fair.

Please join the Board in welcoming Todd Muir to the Park.



Contributed by Lisa Skelton, SPFAS President





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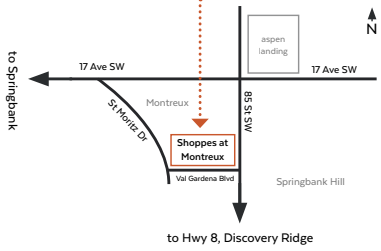
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Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 2



As we are closing in on the likely adoption of the CMRB's (Calgary Metropolitan Growth Board) new Regional Plan, I have become more and more concerned about what this means for the long term well-being and sustainability of all of the member municipalities located within the CMRB's entire region.

It is so important to have a good regional planning framework, there is little doubt about that. We share resources. Most of us here in Springbank drive into Calgary every day. We use the City's roads, LRT, and other amenities as well, so we place an additional burden on Calgary's infrastructure. The reverse is also true (which is so often overlooked by Calgary). Thousands of Calgaryans access the fantastic trails in Bragg Creek, head out to Big Hill Springs Park or Glenbow Ranch, drive on RVC's roads (including zigzagging through Springbank as they traverse on to Highway #1 and/or Highway #8), or cycle their way along our County's roads system. However, since we are subject to the CMRB, we know that the Board's framework and the currently proposed Regional Plan policy document includes little recognition of what RVC brings to the table (or what any other municipality aside from Calgary does for that matter). That is because the Board's primary focus is on what Calgary wants. As an aside – most of the larger infrastructure projects planned for the City of Calgary are funded with Provincial and Federal dollars, to which we (not just Calgary taxpayers) all contribute.

A good regional planning framework should have puts and takes, and in the end, everyone should benefit. Calgary would likely benefit the most with such a Regional Plan, simply because it is the largest CMRB player. However, developing and approving a Regional Plan should not be about creating winners and losers. This is exactly what the currently drafted Regional Plan does. Calgary is the winner and virtually every other municipality belonging to the CMRB is a loser. The rural municipalities that belong to the CMRB have already recognized this. Wheatland County, Foothills County and Rocky View County are all sounding their alarms. Rocky View has followed the lead of Wheatland and Foothills by asking the Province's Minister of Municipal Affairs to intervene (as of this writing, the CMRB's currently drafted Regional Plan has not been changed, however the Minister has said that he will review it). Other urban municipalities (including

Cochrane, Okotoks and Chestermere) are hearing from their residents that this is a bad deal for them. However, for many of the CMRB's urban members, the City of Calgary controls their water supply. So, when the largest urban "kid on the block" holds this important card, it is very hard for the smaller urban "kids" to say 'no' and not support the interests of the "biggest kid".

One doesn't have to look far to see that the currently drafted Regional Plan document is about the CMRB and the City of Calgary protecting Calgary. Calgary controls the water supplies for the majority of the urban CMRB members. Calgary also retains a veto vote, so if the "biggest kid" doesn't like a development that is being planned, it will not happen for any of the smaller "kids". As evidence of this, I refer to the following quote from City of Calgary Councillor Ward Sutherland pertaining to a proposed development in RVC that, if it were to be approved, would be located close to the Calgary's north-west municipal boundary. This quote appeared in the March 26, 2021 edition of the Calgary Herald: "My concerns are the transportation impact ... it's all about responsible planning," he said. "Would it take away from (nearby) businesses here? Certainly." He is right to point out that transportation and traffic are valid issues. Clearly, any developer would need to be responsible for solving these issues to the satisfaction of the impacted municipalities and their residents. However, the second part of his statement is about "protecting" Calgary's business tax base and not allowing another municipality to increase its business tax base. This should be very concerning and alarming for all of the other CMRB member municipalities.

Since RVC's Council has not yet received or reviewed the application for the above noted proposed development, I have no idea whether it is an example of a good or a bad, or a right or a wrong, type of land use. However, I can assure you that my concerns outlined above are not land use planning issues or problems. One only has to look to Calgary to see how the City plans to locate most of their major commercial/mixed land development uses together. For example, have a look at the West Hills/Signal Hill/Richmond Road area – it includes 4 major malls, all located at the same intersection. This is actually an example of good planning, because businesses truly benefit from being located in close proximity to each other. If the development Councillor Sutherland commented on was proposed to be located in the City of Calgary rather than in RVC, it would likely already have been built, quite likely in the exact same form and maybe even to a higher density adjacent to similar developments.

When preparing a new Regional Plan, all of the CMRB's members should be talking about jobs that can be created, likely most of them for Calgaryans, but also perhaps some for residents of other member municipi-

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palities. There should be talk about investment in the entire greater region that is covered by all of the CMRB's members. There should be a lot more talk about regional benefits for all CMRB members. But there isn't any such talk. This is exactly why there is a problem with the CMRB's current format and structure.

This isn't about scare tactics. Rather, this is about fairness for all of the partner municipalities included in the CMRB's greater region. With the currently proposed Regional Plan, there is only one elected body that will

ultimately make decisions that impact the entire region, that being the City of Calgary. This is true – if that scares you, it should.

I was elected to represent RVC – not Calgary. I will continue to do just that. I will work to ensure that RVC, while being a good regional partner, isn't just a land bank for the City of Calgary.

You can always reach me to ask your questions or present your comments by sending your emails to kmckylor@rockyview.ca or by calling 403-462-9207.

Happy Spring everyone!


WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT THE 2021 SPFAS COMMUNITY GARDEN?

For the third consecutive year in 2021, the Springbank Park For All Seasons Agricultural Society is planning to celebrate Springbank's agricultural roots by planting a Community Garden. Due to COVID-19 virus spread prevention restrictions, last year's Community Garden was planted, nurtured and harvested solely and exclusively by SPFAS Staff. The combination of terrific weather conditions, timely plantings, good soil, as well as lots of weeding, nurturing and watering by SPFAS Staff over the spring and summer led to the 2020 SPFAS Community Garden producing a bountiful crop of vegetables. On behalf of our community, SPFAS was very pleased to have "given back" last year by donating a large volume of fresh vegetables harvested from the Springbank Community Garden to support the Calgary Food Bank in its efforts to help families in need.

As SPFAS Staff plan for the upcoming growing season, we are currently cautiously optimistic that COVID-19 virus spread prevention restrictions will be less onerous this spring and summer than they are currently. If you are interested in regularly volunteering to help SPFAS Staff to plant, water, weed and harvest this year's Community Garden, you are most welcome to email your expression of interest in participating in this initiative to springbankpark@springbankpark.com before May 15th.

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions that will be in place from May to September of 2021, SPFAS Staff will then work with you to create opportunities for you to safely participate in nurturing the 2021 Community Garden. Come and join the fun and share in the pleasure that comes from planting and tending to carrots, turnips, kale, beets, dill, swiss chard, corn and other vegetables. Or, if you would prefer to make a financial donation to this year's Community Garden, you can send your expression of interest in doing so to the email address outlined above.

Thank you for your support of SPFAS and for your interest in potentially helping with the 2021 Springbank Community Garden.

 Contributed by John Rop



KEVIN HANSON

Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 3



Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) Commentary

Further to my comments included in my contribution to the February Park Patter Newsletter, the FAQ section of the CMRB website provides a good summary of the Regional Growth Plan (the

Plan) and its impacts – See <https://www.calgarymetro-region.ca>.

Some additional background might be helpful. All of Rocky View County's (RVC's) existing Area Structure Plans (ASP's) are grandfathered and development can continue under them without the CMRB's involvement. Also, development below "regionally significant" thresholds continues without CMRB involvement. Only new or amended ASP's require CMRB approval.

The County's ability to approve new urban-style residential and commercial developments without conversations with municipal neighbours is impacted. The reverse is also true. The Plan recommended concentrating forecasted regional growth into 3 Joint Planning Areas, of which 2 include some Rocky View County lands. With regional influx of the next 1 million people, the Plan anticipates the County maintaining its 3% share of population, but benefiting from 14% of the region's employment growth. This has good potential to expand our opportunities in these lands, as cost-effective access to services such as water, waste water, public transportation and shared soft services may be possible through joint participation. This aligns with the County's own strategy of striving to achieve a target 30% commercial assessment base.

I liken this to forming alliances and partnerships in business in order to succeed. The whole may very well be greater than the sum of its parts. For our region to compete on the North American stage for economic growth and prosperity, I believe this cooperation is essential. I am not saying that a "Made in Rocky View" solution doesn't work, just that it likely will not be optimal, and we will be leaving prosperity (i.e. lower

taxes) on the table.

The CMRB has no authority to impose taxes or levies on any member. Going forward, if neighbouring municipalities agree to share services, they may also agree to share the associated costs (any cost-sharing will have to be willingly agreed to by all participating municipalities).

Again, if RVC is not part of a conversation between municipalities, that conversation will continue to happen regardless, and we will have zero voice at the table. The CMRB has been criticized for its lack of an appeal mechanism. As mentioned previously, the CMRB is finalizing an appeal mechanism that should be in place by the time the Regional Growth Plan is approved.

Councillors Heading Back to Court

Some of you may have read in the Calgary Herald and/or heard on the CBC News that Councillors Wright and Kissel and I are heading back to court to obtain our salaries that were withheld due to the sanctions – sanctions that were "set aside" by the Court of Queen's Bench. We had hoped that this could be reasonably settled without further court action, however this was not the case. The three of us continue to act professionally and with integrity in this matter, persevering in doing exactly what we said we would do. As a result, in early January we each filed with Alberta Provincial Court - Civil (Small Claims Court) for the approximately \$32,000 we are each owed.

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On February 25, our Government tabled Budget 2021.

One short year ago, we were on track to achieve a balanced budget significantly ahead of schedule. Yet after witnessing oil prices plummet to negative values and the economic impact of COVID-19, circumstances have changed and governments all over the world have been forced to adapt. Over the past twelve months our Government took action to protect the health and financial security of everyone living in our province. Budget 2021, centered around the theme of Protecting Lives and Livelihoods, reflects just that. Budget 2021 makes a historic investment in healthcare, funding it at its highest level in history. This includes a \$900 million overall increase, \$1.3 billion in new contingency funding specifically for COVID-19, \$97 million to clear surgical backlogs caused by the pandemic, \$143 million over three years for new health care facilities, \$200 million to boost continuing care, and \$140 million for mental health supports. Of course we recognize that additional funding is not the only way to reform and improve healthcare, which is why these funding announcements are complemented by the measures our Government has already taken

to reduce surgical wait times by contracting some surgeries to chartered surgical facilities, and our decision to privatize hospital laundry and janitorial services so that all existing healthcare dollars can be directed into actual frontline healthcare delivery.

In addition to new funding to protect the lives of Albertans as we emerge from COVID 19, Budget 2021 also makes investments to strengthen and diversify our economy and protect the livelihoods of Albertans. Budget 2021 includes new financial supports for working parents, \$3.1 billion in economic recovery programs, a \$22 million increase to support tourism and destination management, and the continued advancement of the largest infrastructure stimulus spend in Alberta's history – \$20.7 billion to create 90,000 jobs and ensure our province is prepared for the economic growth ahead. While Budget 2021 makes strategic investments to grow our economy and protect the health of Albertans, it simultaneously recognizes the dire need to return to fiscal balance as promptly as possible. That is why Budget 2021 also seeks to find labour efficiencies across multiple ministries, keeps debt-to-GDP below 30 per cent, reduces spending to municipalities by a whopping 25 per cent, and most notably, rolls back public sector compensation.

Our Government understands that the best way to pursue a balanced budget is to grow our economy, and that's what the strategic investments in Budget 2021 will do. If West Texas Intermediate (WTI) prices can sustain themselves at \$55/barrel over the course of this year, the projected deficit in Budget 2021 forecasted

on a WTI price of only \$46/barrel will reduce itself by \$3 billion. If oil prices continue to rise from there and our economy continues to grow, Albertans can be confident that our province will be on track to fiscal balance once again in no time.

The Bank of Montreal, the Conference Board of Canada, and the National Bank of Canada are collectively projecting that Alberta will lead the country in both GDP and employment growth this year. With the WTI already rising more than \$20 higher than the \$46 price our budget is predicated upon, a suite of major private sector investments in our province spanning every industry from robotics to geothermal to film production, and the most competitive tax rates in North America, we can be confident that Alberta will remain the economic engine of Canada as we embark into this new year.

The future is bright for Alberta, and our Government will continue to unapologetically support our province's economic growth and recovery as we put COVID 19 in the past. Budget 2021, "Protecting Lives and Livelihoods", is the first step in a new and better direction.

A blue graphic for MLA Miranda Rosin's constituency offices. It features the Alberta coat of arms at the top, followed by the text "MLA Miranda Rosin's Constituency Offices". Below that, it lists "Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm". At the bottom, there are two office locations: "Bragg Creek: 226-7 Balsam Ave" and "Canmore: 2026-1080 Railway Ave". A small portrait of Miranda Rosin is included in the bottom left corner of the graphic.

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SPFAS AUGMENTS SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY HISTORY ON DISPLAY AT THE PARK

In addition to being the “Heart of Springbank” where people come to have fun, play, learn and socialize, the Springbank Park For All Seasons has traditionally also given priority to honoring, respecting and celebrating our Springbank Community’s history. SPFAS does so in many different ways, including highlighting our agricultural roots during annual Fall Fairs, having named facilities in honor of leaders who have made substantive contributions to our Springbank Community, as well as by incorporating a wide array of recognition displays into many of the facilities located at the Park. As examples, we are grateful for having the Red Dutton and Joe Phillips Arenas, the Mary Leggett Figure Skating Coaches Room, the Al Fitzsimmons and Don Quinn Baseball Diamonds, the Brawn Family Foundation Football Field & Fieldhouse, as well as the Springbank Lions Soccer Park & Danielle Kendall Field, available at SPFAS for everyone to enjoy.

Remembering, profiling and reviewing our community’s history helps all of us to learn about and understand how others have in the past contributed to building our Springbank Community. We see their community building legacies and we can draw upon their contributions as we continue to build our community for future generations to come.

Since January of 2021, SPFAS Staff have been steadily working on updating and refreshing a number of the historical displays that have been on display for some time at the Park. And in the past 4 months or so, SPFAS Staff have also been steadily working on incorporating new historical displays into the Park’s Main Facility. Collectively, this work has led to SPFAS having significantly enhanced the historical items that are currently on display at the Park.

The photos that accompany this article are intended to give Park Patter Newsletter readers a glimpse of some of the historical items currently on display within the

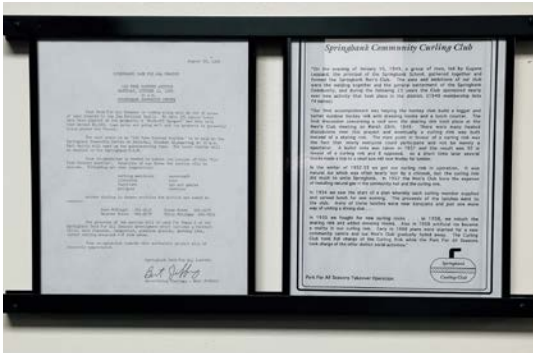
SPFAS Main Facility. SPFAS warmly thanks the Wills Family for preparing their Family History Panel, which earlier this year was added to the History Panels that have been prepared to honor many other Springbank Families who have deep historical roots within our community. SPFAS is pleased to have realigned and refreshed the placements of all of these Family History Panels, as well of History Panels that have been prepared for the Springbank School and the Springbank Union (United) Church.

With Arlene Rop’s voluntary assistance, SPFAS Staff have also prepared four new Springbank Community History displays. The first of these is located in the last



of the Main Level Hallway’s Display Cases. It includes a series of written documents and photos, as well as older sports equipment, that provide a historical perspective of the recreational activities that have taken place over the years in Springbank. This display includes a number of wonderful antique sports equipment and curling memorabilia donations that Eric Longeway and Doug Bateman have respectively contributed to our Springbank Community.


The three other new displays are located within the Main

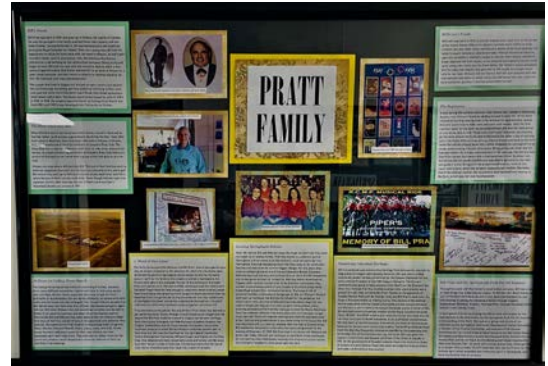


Facility's Red Dutton Arena Viewing Area adjacent to where the majority of the above noted Springbank History Panels are on display. Thanks to SPFAS Staff's efforts to design, construct and erect an appealing large scale panel board to which a number of photos and other memorabilia items have been mounted, Springbank's participation in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games Torch Relay is prominently on display here. SPFAS Staff have also incorporated a series of Torch Relay banners into this Olympic display. Time does indeed fly by! This panel contains photos of individuals who were Springbank elementary, junior and senior high students when they celebrated the Olympic Torch coming through Springbank. Now these same individuals are young adults, some likely attending university and others who have started their work careers and perhaps are now raising their own families! The other two new historical displays are smaller in scale. They too are important history pieces that include documents and photos which help to tell the story of how building recreation facilities within the Springbank

Community and at SPFAS evolved over the years from the late 1940's on into the late 1970's.

SPFAS is both humble and proud to be able to play a key role in preserving our Springbank Community's history. We look forward to you coming to SPFAS in the future to see our community's history on display at the Park!

 *Contributed by John Rop*





Kiyooka Ohe Arts Centre



In a year where so many things ground to a halt, at KOAC we kept working quietly and persistently in the background, and accomplished more than we thought possible.

And with a hopeful end to this difficult period on the horizon, we are looking forward to many exciting developments here at the Centre. With details to come as we navigate the best and safest way to share KOAC with the community, here are some of the fabulous things we have planned:

- Readyng the Sculpture Park grounds to welcome visitors as soon as it is safe. This includes the finishing of pathways with crushed limestone for easier travel throughout the park, installation of signage to tell the story of the centre and guide visitors around, and the continued planting of native trees and shrubs to further beautify this special place. We are sincerely grateful to Rocky View County for their continued support in bringing our vision to life.
- The official unveiling of our newest addition to the Sculpture Park, “Shimmering Willow” by James Ziegler.
- Refurbishing and prominent installation of two Katie Ohe sculptures that have lain dormant for some time.
- Large-scale community/group art projects, led by our resident artists, including a giant weaving amongst the trees and a “transparent” painting in the forest.
- An exclusive sculpture workshop with Katie Ohe. Participants will get the coveted opportunity to create scrap-metal sculpture “collages” with the guidance and support of Katie Ohe herself!
- Corporate team building events hosted at KOAC, where groups can gather safely and rebuild their connections after such a long period of separation.

- Rocio Graham's continued Artist Residency, with a focus on projects connected to the garden that she planted at KOAC last fall. In Rocio's words: "We are planning another community gardening event in the spring. Stay tuned with shovels ready for this super exciting project. Seeds are growing under lamps right now waiting for their transition. You can tell this is my favourite time of the year!"
- The long-awaited cataloguing of Harry Kiyooka and Katie Ohe's expansive collection of artworks, with the goal of sharing this valuable collection with the world when the much-anticipated Pavilion is built.
- Guided tours of the Sculpture Park: With precautions in place, we look forward to hosting you and your cohort to learn about and enjoy the sculptures that populate the gardens and fields.
- Lots of volunteer opportunities to help nurture and grow KOAC into the spectacular art-in-nature destination it is becoming.
- Membership drive! In celebration of mothers everywhere and of all kinds in May, we are planning a membership drive that will include several chances to win an original silkscreen print by Katie Ohe (\$300 value).

Contributed by Heidi Gedlaman, KOAC Programs Coordinator
Email: heidi@koartscentre.org

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You can go to www.koartscentre.org to obtain more information about KOAC. Thank you for your interest and support!



Winter Resident Artist Patricia Lortie at KOAC



KOAC Summer Resident Artist Rocio Graham by Paula Angel Franco

SPRINGBANK CONCERNED LANDOWNERS GROUP EXPOSES SR1 FLAWS AT NRCB HEARING

On March 22, the National Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) began its hearing on the SR1 project, with presentations from Alberta Transportation, the Springbank Concerned Landowners Group (SCLG), the City of Calgary, First Nations and other special interest groups. The NRCB is responsible for reviews of proposed major natural resource projects and its mandate is to determine whether the proposed project is in the public interest. SR1 is an 'extreme consequence' dam, 3km west of SPFAS and area schools. This 'extreme' classification is based on a potential for loss of life in a failure scenario of more than 100 lives.

The SCLG was granted intervener status by the NRCB in December 2020. This status allowed the group to retain counsel, and gather the services of independent experts in the areas of hydrology, air quality, dam safety and risk, biodiversity, fish and weeds.

Unsafe Air Quality

Following the submission of SCLG air quality expert's report on February 26, 2021 which highlighted risk of dust storms, Alberta Transportation shared a report

dated March 11, 2021, from its own air quality experts, which clearly states airborne particulates from sediments deposited by floodwaters will create an "unacceptable short-term risk to human health".

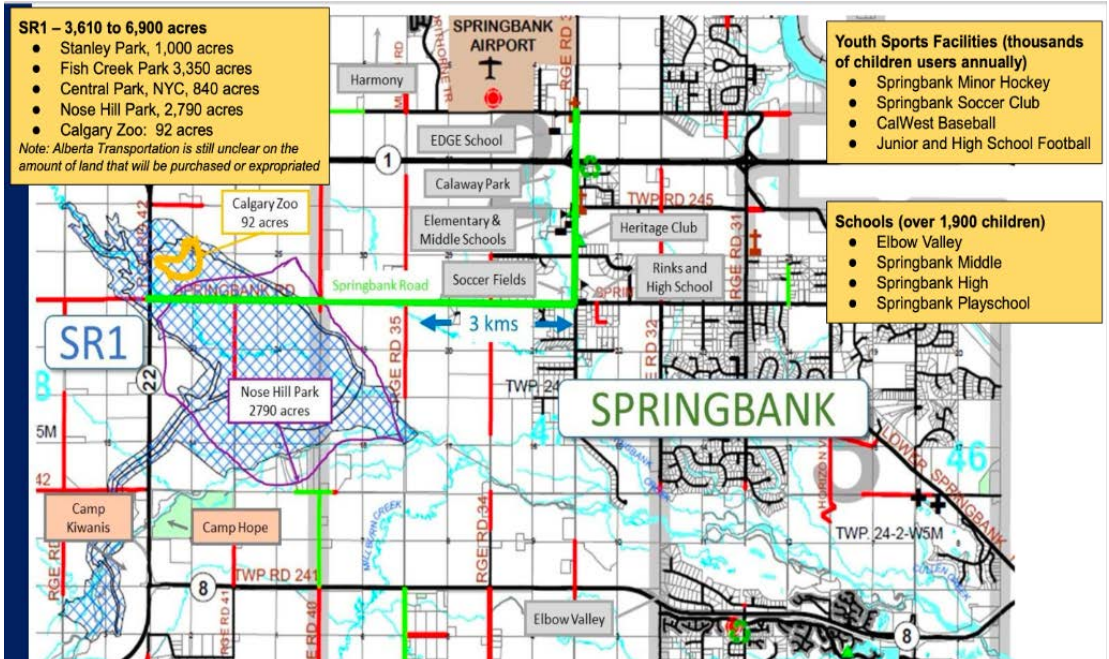
Alberta Transportation states that the unsafe air conditions will only be for short periods of time, further stating these risks are not significant. What is an acceptable period of time that children should be knowingly and intentionally be exposed to unsafe air quality levels? There should be no debate – any exposure is categorically unacceptable.

Thousands of children who attend Springbank schools and participate in sports programs at Springbank Park For All Seasons will be directly in the "blast zone", immediately downwind of SR1.

Many Communities Will Still Experience Flooding

Due to the design limitations of SR1, which can only 'divert' a portion of the flood waters into a temporary reservoir, Springbank, Elbow Valley and Discovery

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SR1 Footprint in comparison to other land marks

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Ridge will experience flooding and do not receive the minimum level of protection of '1-in-100 year' level of flood mitigation required by the Canadian Dam Association, the Alberta Government, and City of Calgary. The full benefit of SR1 is only experienced downstream of the Glenmore Reservoir, where residents receive protection to a '200-year' flood event. Only through the NRCB process did Alberta Transportation acknowledge this inequity.

The instream dam alternative at McLean Creek (MC1) has no intake restriction and will mitigate flooding on a far superior level versus the SR1 project for all communities. Using Alberta Transportation's own data, MC1 would protect all communities – Bragg Creek through Calgary – better than SR1, including in large flood events such as 2013 and greater.

Rocky View County Withdraws Opposition and has Disregarded its Responsibility to Residents

In 2018, Rocky View County requested a halt to the SR1 project. However, in May 2020, Rocky View County withdrew their opposition to the SR1 project in exchange for compensation agreements of \$30 million, which included intersections in Balzac and Langdon. As a result, Rocky View County has had no involvement in the NRCB hearing.

The SCA sent Rocky View County a letter, dated December 14, 2020, that stated the following:

"Rocky View County continues to have an obligation and responsibility to residents to evaluate the project, identify shortcomings and areas for improvement and to work to minimize the negative outcomes, should it proceed. ... We remind Council that 100% of the negative

outcomes of this project fall directly on Springbank and Bragg Creek residents. It is notable that Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver specifically acknowledged that there was "no benefit for Springbank" at the September 24, 2020 Information Session hosted by Alberta Transportation. Meanwhile, project benefits accrue to the City of Calgary. Has Rocky View County secured a legal opinion on its decision to forego participation in regulatory processes? If so, we request Council release the opinion received to residents. Ultimately, we ask Council to consider whether Rocky View County has adequately fulfilled its fiduciary responsibilities to taxpayers and residents."

To date, the SCA has not received a response from Rocky View County, which has traded "unacceptable short-term risk to human health" for residents of Springbank, inferior flood mitigation for Bragg Creek and stretches of the Elbow River downstream of SR1, for intersections in Balzac and Langdon. Meanwhile, the SCA and area residents are trying to represent the best interests of our community long into its future.

Following the conclusion of the hearing in early April, the NRCB will issue a decision report either approving or denying the application within 80 working days. The SCLG has put forward numerous conditions for the NRCB panel to consider.

Visit the Springbank Community Association's website (www.springbankcommunity.com) to obtain more information.

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CLOSING MESSAGE FROM FORMER SPFAS GENERAL MANAGER JOHN ROP

As in my role as the SPFAS General Manager (GM) I am writing my last article for a Park Patter Newsletter, I wish to first and foremost express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for all of the support and encouragement I have received during the entirety of my 13+ years of service as the Springbank Park For All Seasons Agricultural Society's General Manager. During my term of service, so many different people have contributed by "pulling the same rope in the same direction" as we have continually strived to operate, sustain and build SPFAS for the benefit of those who live in our Springbank Community, as well as for others who reside in other communities. I have had the privilege and pleasure to serve in the SPFAS GM's role while always being confident that my leadership efforts have been strongly supported by the SPFAS Board of Directors, by SPFAS Staff Members, as well as by the vast network of partners with whom SPFAS retains ongoing work relationships. For that I am very grateful. Knowing that so many people have "had my back" gave me the courage to continually and consistently strive to move SPFAS forward. Together we've met difficult challenges, we've implemented new ideas and initiatives, and we've also celebrated many successes, accomplishments and victories!

If the entire space in a Park Patter Newsletter was made available to me to individually say "thank you" to each and every person who has contributed to my efforts to serve in the GM's role, I would not have enough room to express my appreciation to all of these individuals. However, I am using this limited space to especially express my gratitude and thanks to the SPFAS Presidents and Board of Directors members who have provided such strong direction and support to me during my term of service (they know who they are). I also express my appreciation to all of the past and current SPFAS Staff Members who have worked hard to contribute to the

Park's successes during my term of service. My gratitude is particularly extended to Administrative Manager Jody Wesgate, (the currently longest serving SPFAS employee whose term of service far exceeds my 13+ years), as well as to Operations Manager Jeff Schmidt (who now has more than 5 years of service with SPFAS). During my GM's tenure, the SPFAS Presidents, Directors and Staff have all been strong allies who have greatly supported my efforts to serve our Community.

I also thank the community members who have come to SPFAS to have fun, play, learn and socialize in the past 13+ years for all of their support. The smiles and laughs, seeing families being together, taking time to say "hi", the visits to my office, the voluntary spirit demonstrated by so many, as well as seeing how a community comes together to help kids evolve into strong young adults, have all given me such inspiration!

I have saved my biggest and deepest "thank you" for my wife, Arlene. She has been so very steadfast, patient and encouraging in her support for my efforts each and every day to serve as the SPFAS GM. I can't thank her enough for all of her

contributions to SPFAS and to me in my GM's role. I am very much looking forward to spending more time in retirement with Arlene, as well as with our children and our two grandkids. Arlene and I are staying in Springbank and we are very much looking forward to having our family come to the Park in the future to have fun, play, learn and socialize.

My thanks to everyone for making the SPFAS GM's job the best and most rewarding of all of the positions that I have held during my professional work career. It's been a great run! I feel that I am going out on top! Thanks again! Stay strong in your efforts to support and build our community and I will be sure to do the same.



Contributed by John Rop

SPRINGBANK WILDLIFE


The wildlife with whom we share our community are very much looking forward to spring and summer in Springbank. This time of the year brings with it a return of many species of birds who have migrated south for the winter, as well as the awakenings of other species who have spent the winter hibernating. This time of the year also brings with it many signs of new life, including birds making nests, laying and incubating eggs, and then raising their broods, during the upcoming warmer months. Just as us humans are eager for spring and summer to come, it's truly amazing to see how the wildlife around us are also looking forward to enjoying this time of the year!

We can enjoy three wonderful bird pictures recently taken by Brian Robb, who has been a long-time steady contributor of terrific photos to the Park Patter Newsletter's Wildlife feature. We thank Brian for his willingness to share with us so many of his outstanding wildlife photos. Earlier this month, he snapped a picture of two pairs of hooded mergansers trolling along in the Bow

River. He also observed a tundra swan strolling on ice along the Bow's shoreline. And along the banks of the Bow, he located a colorful male house finch who had recently returned to Springbank from its winter migration.

We also thank Arlene Rop for alertly spotting a rare sight in Springbank. While driving near the Springbank United Church earlier this month, she safely pulled off of the road and stopped her vehicle after having driven by what she thought was an unusual bird sitting along the road side. Sure enough, she had spotted a pheasant, which is indeed a rare sight in our community! While pheasants are generally quite skittish and nervous, this one hung around just long enough for Arlene to snap a quick photo before it scurried off to hide in a caragana bush windbreak.

We warmly Brian and Arlene for contributing their photos to this edition of the Park Patter Newsletter.

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SPRINGBANK FRIDAY MORNING MIXED SENIOR CURLING LEAGUE

The Springbank Friday Morning Mixed Senior Curling League's members congratulate John Rop on his retirement from serving as the SPFAS General Manager. We wish him and his wife Arlene a happy and adventurous retirement.

We thank John, as well as all of the other SPFAS Staff Members, for their continual steadfast and willing support and encouragement for our League over the years. Our League's members have certainly missed not being able to get together on Friday mornings this past curling season. And they have also missed not being in regular contact with the SPFAS Staff Members who have supported and assisted our League in so many different ways.

We are eager to return to SPFAS in the Fall of 2021 to once again curl on Friday mornings. Let's all hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be "in our rear view mirror" by then, with everyone being vaccinated against

this virus. In addition to having fun as we sharpen our curling skills, we want to get back on to the curling ice at SPFAS in order to enjoy all of the social networking, exercise and overall mental well being benefits that come with being part of such a wonderful group of people.



We would be delighted to have new League members join us when we can regularly curl once again.

If you are interested in being included in our League, then contact the Springbank Park For All Seasons to obtain information about signing up for our 2021-22 Fall/

Winter/Spring seniors mixed curling season. And no

worries at all if you may be younger than

50 years of age. You "young ones" are also welcome to join us! And who knows? Maybe we will see John and Arlene Rop out on the ice curling with us next season!

Stay safe and well.

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WINTER RELEASES ITS GRIP ON SPRINGBANK

As we are now well into the month of April, we continue to look forward with much anticipation to what the upcoming spring and summer will bring to Springbank. April is very much a transition month for us, one in which winter slowly and gradually releases its grip on our surroundings as we watch for signs of spring. I am grateful to share with Park Patter Newsletter readers some of the nature photos I have recently taken. They let us know that winter is indeed letting go of Springbank (as is demonstrated by melting icicles and frost), while at the same time also reminding us that winter is still evident only a short distance away from our community (as is showcased by the snow-capped Rocky Mountains).

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RCMP DISPATCH

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny! Does February like March? No, but April May!!! Hey, I'm just building off of the jokes that I included in my contribution to the February Park Patter Newsletter. I need to keep this streak rolling along!

I hope that everyone is safe and healthy these days. This April submission will be read by some who have been vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus, which should bring brighter days ahead for them. As always, it is best to get the most current up-to-date COVID-19 pandemic information from the Alberta government's website at <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>.

With the nice spring weather, lots of people are spending more time outside. This means that lots of pedestrians are out walking, running and biking. We as drivers need to be very cognisant of them, especially at the crosswalk on Range Road 33 near the Springbank Community High School. The High School students have lots on their minds, including being with their friends, exams, sports, graduation and many other things, so they may not be paying a lot of attention to the traffic. So please keep our future leaders safe, by paying attention and slowing down when driving around the High School, by the Springbank Park For All Seasons, as well as in the areas where our other Springbank schools are located.

Spring also brings out the motorbikes and scooters. These are fun and exciting modes of transportation for many drivers, some experienced, some learning, and all with different driving skills. Here are some suggestions for motorbike and scooter riders:

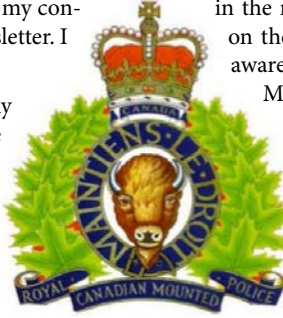
- Stay visible. This can be as simple as not riding along in a vehicle's blind spots.
- Dress for safety, wear gloves, thick long-sleeved shirts and boots that go over your ankles.
- Wearing a helmet is safety priority #1, so put it on (it's the law in Alberta).
- Don't ride while being impaired by alcohol or by a drug.
- Don't ride if you are tired or fatigued, as doing so can be very dangerous to yourself and others.
- Know your motorbike (or scooter) before you go out. Consider taking a motorbike safety course, as doing so can help you to learn how to balance, brake and generally handle your motorcycle.

While motorbike and scooter riders are responsible for driving safely, those driving other vehicles also share in the responsibilities of keeping these riders safe on the roads. Drivers of all vehicles need to be aware of all of the other vehicles on the roads.

Motorcycles and scooters can sneak up on you while you are driving, as they are smaller and sometimes harder to see. Make sure that you frequently check your mirrors. It can be easy to misjudge the speeds of motorcycles and scooters, as well as the distances that they are away from your vehicle. So it's best to give them lots of space in order that they can slow down quickly simply by rolling off the throttle, rather than by hitting the brakes hard. Also, be sure to slow down when going through intersections. The sun can at times cause motorbikes and scooters to be difficult to see, or even invisible for an instant or two. Also, be sure to watch for turn signals that are more difficult to see on motorbikes and scooters, as they are smaller than those on other vehicles.

I owned a motorbike for 18 years, (yes, I was two when I owned my first motorbike, ☺) and I loved every time I rode my bike! I loved feeling the temperature changes, the open air and being free out on the open road. I was lucky and did not have any collisions, or major problems. I wish the same for all riders and drivers out there. Have a great couple of months, stay safe and healthy.

Contributed by RCMP Constable Clayton GELINAS – RCMP Cochrane RCMP Detachment





OUTDOOR REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The children attending the Springbank Playschool are thoroughly enjoying Spring! They are spending lots of their time outside at the Springbank Park For All Seasons playground. And they are also involved in many more fun learning activities, including recently having completed working on their Easter Crafts.

The Springbank Playschool still has room in our A.M. 3 year old and A.M. 4 year old classes for the 2021/2022 school year. You can obtain more information about the Playschool and you can also register your child for the next school year by going to www.springbankplayschool.ca.

Our Spring Fundraiser launched earlier in April! Please call the number included in the notice below if you would like to buy tickets and support the Playschool.

Contributed by Trevor Prior, President of the Springbank Playschool



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SSC Indoor Soccer Facility Update

We opened our new Springbank Indoor Soccer Facility in October of 2020. We managed to get over a month into our training before the Province of Alberta mandated COVID-19 virus spread restrictions that curtailed our ability to deliver our programs. Once we were able to start programming again in February of 2021 with social distancing and other safety measures in place, the Club extended the indoor season to April 15th. SSC worked very hard to do all that we could for our indoor soccer players to keep them safe while ensuring that they had fun, developed their soccer skills, enjoyed each others' company and also participated in some really good physical activities. The Club thanks to all of our valuable Board Members who continue to guide us through these difficult times. Also, a big thanks to all of the parents who continue to volunteer as managers, coaches, consultants, as well as in other roles

to help the Club. And, most importantly, thanks to all of our players for continuing to want to play soccer, as well as for continuing to want to belong to our Springbank Soccer Club. Together, you all make the difference with helping the Club continually find ways to succeed!

Contributed by Vance Alexander – Springbank Soccer Club's General Manager



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Figure Skating Club



The month of March afforded opportunities for more of the Club's skaters to return to the ice. During March, the Springbank Figure Skating Club (SFSC) was able to offer to our current registrants some modified Canskate and Learn to Figure Skate sessions at the Optimist and George Blundun Arenas. These sessions brought much joy and many smiles to the skaters who were able to attend them!

Junior Starskate skaters have been regularly attending ice sessions. They are attaining steady improvements, both on and off the ice. Taking advantage of warmer temperature days, they have completed some off-ice exercise routines outside while adhering to virus spread prevention protocols.

The return to Assessment Days was a welcome change from regular practices for the intermediate and senior skaters who participated in these skating skill and dance evaluations. The Centralized Assessment Day event was held on March 27th & 28th. Strict protocols meant that spectators were not allowed, while skaters entered the arena at very strictly enforced entry and exit times. Participating in this event provided skaters with opportunities to evaluate their skills development and physical conditioning, while also determining whether their skating outfits still fit. They also benefitted by participating in an event that simulated how Skate Canada Judges would assess their developmental progress. In consultation with their coaches, the following skaters tested and passed the following skills assessment components:

| Student Name | Skill | Coach |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Isabella Berridge | Ten Fox | Kate McGrath |
| Lilly Nazarchuk | Keats | Kate McGrath |
| Tirzah Bissky | Keats | Kate McGrath |
| Megan Schlueter | Fourteenstep | Kate McGrath |
| Katya Gereluk | Quickstep | Natasha Taylor |
| Aurora Zhu | Quickstep | Natasha Taylor |
| Gianna Riabowol | Starlight Waltz | Natasha Taylor |
| Lilly Nazarchuk | Star 6 Free Skate Elements | Kate McGrath |
| Vincy Chan | Star 6 Free Skate Elements | Natasha Taylor |
| Lilly Nazarchuk | Star 6 Free Skate Elements | Kate McGrath |

Congratulations to all of these skaters who, while working on developing and enhancing their skills, continue to find joy in their figure skating!

Subject to the future implementation of COVID-19 virus spread prevention protocols and related restrictions, SFSC is planning to offer Spring Skating Programs during May and June. Go to SFSC's website at <https://springbankfsc.uplifterinc.com/> to obtain additional information regarding the upcoming Spring Programs.

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SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB

The Springbank Heritage Club congratulates John Rop on his recent retirement from the SPFAS General Manager's position. His numerous informative articles in the Park Patter over the years have been invaluable with promoting our Springbank Community. The Club has appreciated John's hand delivery during his tenure as SPFAS General Manager of every issue of the Park Patter to our Heritage Club's facility. His helpful nature has enhanced all interactions the Club has had with the Park. John will be missed! We wish John and his wife Arlene a healthy and happy retirement, with lots of post-pandemic travels. And, when they both are not away on an adventure, maybe we'll see them at the Heritage Club.

The Club owes a debt of gratitude to those members who are steadfastly volunteering their time and expertise to maintain our facility during the COVID-19 closure. Gerry and Peter deal with the outside issues and Gary takes responsibility for inside the Club's facility, with help from Terry when needed. Bev, Flo, and Joyce have Spring time plans to amend the soil in the raised flower beds. And Ellie continues to send out the Club's Monthly Calendar. We also recognise our president Val for his tireless efforts in taking care of the Club and its

facility throughout this difficult time. A deeply appreciative thanks to you all for your efforts on behalf of all of the Club's members!

The Springbank Heritage Club's 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be advertised and held as soon as Alberta Health Services regulations allow for normal use of the Club's facility. Thank you to the 73 members who have to date renewed their Club memberships for the 2021 calendar year. The \$35.00 annual membership fee payment can be sent in the mail to the Springbank Heritage Club, 244168 Range Road 33, Calgary, AB T3Z 1E4.

When the Heritage Club's facility is regularly open once again, we will invite all of our neighbourhood 50+ers to come and visit us on Tuesday afternoons, so they can enjoy the friendly relaxed atmosphere at the Club and also check out the various activities and events the Club's members engage in. We warmly welcome newcomers! We would be glad to arrange for them to secure Club memberships so that they can then join us on an ongoing basis.

Stay safe and well.

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