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# **GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE**



Happy November!

It's been a couple of very busy months since our last Park Patter Newsletter, and I am glad to let you know, we are in the last finishing up stages of the SPFAS's huge Red Dutton Arena, Front Entry, Concession, Tech Area addition, Elevator adding and Lounge area enhancements renovations project. Hockey fans should be able to return to the new bleachers / stands, and use the new upper deck viewing area by mid-November. We appreciated your patience and adaptability, as different areas were delayed in being completed, and as can sometimes be the case with big projects, especially with current extended delivery times for materials, parts and other supplies. Aside from that, it's been great to see hockey, figure skating, curling, playschool, soccer, football, parent and tot's skating, shinney and private rentals all going again.

We additionally, appreciate everyone complying with the Government's remaining restrictions program, and its requirement, to get an extra greeting, by one of our

four cheerful front door attendants, when you enter the facility.

Special thanks also go out to all the people / members, who volunteered for the SPFAS's Oct 6 & 7 Casino; as your support, and some staying up for the later evening shifts, was greatly appreciated.

We have another Park Patter Newsletter, scheduled right around the corner for Dec / Christmas release, and will be sending out notices for articles, content contributions, community happenings information, etc., November 8, for information all to be in by the November 30, deadline.

Cheers

Todd Muir, General Manager



## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & NEW HAPPENINGS**





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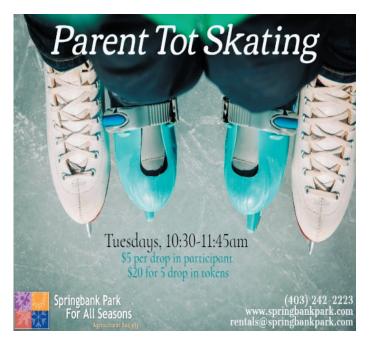
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## MEET THE STAFF

This edition continues introducing our highly valued SPFAS staff members.

Sean Whalen started here back in the summer of 2018 full time, and is the Operations Facility & Maintenance Technician. He has a primary role in looking after HVAC systems, building automation systems, he carries out minor electrical and plumbing work, trouble shooting and repairs. Sean is very mechanically inclined, and knowledgeable in all aspects of buildings maintenance. In his spare time Sean is an avid cyclist, loves his wife's cooking, and enjoys walks with the family dog. Sean also has a great sense of humor, which helps keep the mood at work upbeat. He typically works Mon – Fri days, and assists a number of the Contractors when they are on-site.







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# **LOUNGE UPDATE**

We are very happy to announce that the Springbank Ice Breaker Lounge is officially open! We look forward to having you drop in and enjoy the new atmosphere. Operator Ben is currently in the process of finalizing the set-up, and is adding in more cooking and other equipment (including sports channels for TV's, etc...)





#### Crafts, Chat & Coffee Group

Calling all community residents 55 years and older to join this group every Wednesday of each month at the Springbank Heritage Club (244168 Range Road 33).

You are welcome to come, bring your project in hand, participate in the project offered or sit and chat (coffee available)!

Some of our past projects include: sewn microwave bowl cozies, sewn hot pads, acrylic abstract art instruction, and making Halloween decorations.

Do you have a project to share or instruct? It can be exercise, yoga, cooking class – We have a wonderful facility to accomodate this. You can contact us at <a href="mailto:jambert@gmail.com">jambert@gmail.com</a> for more information and to be

added to a reminder and announcement list.

Snacks are always welcome. All AHS protocols are observed. Membership at the Heritage Club is encouraged only \$35.00 for the year.

We look forward to seeing you!







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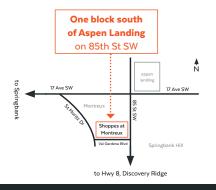
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It is time to "explore Springbank on foot". We live in a community with tremendous natural beauty but where development including access to natural areas do not complement each other. Springbank Community Association (SCA) recently sent a survey to residents asking whether public spaces and access to river access were important to our lifestyle. The answer was a definitive and resounding "YES" .... so, what happens next?

STAPA is an organization of volunteers that have been advocating to connect our communities through more pathways and to provide public access to natural, open spaces. STAPA feels natural areas and river access are precious and must be protected, but public access requires work and a definitive plan. Our mission is to establish a safe and accessible, integrated trail and pathway system in Springbank. We are looking for a pilot project to help us move forward. As development and Rocky View County (RVC) planning continues in Springbank, providing reasonable access to public lands and natural areas becomes critical to enhance our community and improve livability for all.

You may be aware that an opportunity exists to formalize a public corridor from the end of RR31 to the Elbow River. These lands are currently publicly owned, and an undeveloped, road right of way (ROW), that is used by local residents to access the river. We feel this presents a tremendous public opportunity to help offset development pressures and provide a transition between development and open spaces. There is considerable momentum building to protect this ROW as a public access point to the river and to make it into a formal RVC trail. STAPA has been collaborating with SCA, RVC, and local residents to explore opportunities to transition this road ROW into a protected asset for Springbank residents. As Springbank grows, we should be able to recreate in our own community with and access what nature has already provided in our backyard. We also need to demonstrate to RVC that this is important to most residents and offer potential projects for consideration.

What can you do to support and help us investigate op-

portunities for RR31 river access?

- 1. Provide direct feedback to STAPA on your thoughts on developing a public river access at RR31 info@springbankpathways.ca
- 2. Consider joining STAPA to collaborate with us and help explore how this ROW could be developed responsibly
- 3. Indicate if you would consider donating funding, time, or equipment to any potential construction
- 4. Send a letter to your Councilor showing your support for RR31 public access

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"Should section 36(2) the Constitution Act, 1982 - Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the [Canadian] constitution?"

According to 62% of Albertans who voted

in October 18th's provincial referendum, the answer to that question was an unequivocal yes. Here in Rocky View County, you voted even more resoundingly with a 73% mandate. Next door in Foothills County where I also represent, 80%. You delivered our government a decisive mandate to pursue efforts that will fortify our province against those in our country who work actively against our economic and cultural interests, so that is what we will do. Still, there exists a large amount of misunderstanding about the equalization program and how it operates, so I would like to take the opportunity to explain it a bit better.

The only mention of equalization in the Constitution Act of 1982 is Section 36(2) which vaguely states: "Parliament and the government of Canada are committed to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure that provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation." The existence of equalization is nothing more than a vague concept, created initially to ensure provinces had equitable essential services for their residents. It was never intended to be a program that transferred wealth from one province to another, allowing the recipient province the ability to spend to their heart's desire at the other's expense. Now that system is broken, and equalization is no longer equalizing.

From 2007-2018 Alberta made a net contribution of nearly \$240 billion to the rest of Canada. On a tax base of 4.2 million people, that is over \$57,000 per Albertan in a decade - more than many people's annual salary.

Based on our young working population and strong resource economy, Alberta has some of the highest revenues per capita of anywhere in Canada. Yet once equalization transfers are paid out, our province is left with the second lowest per capita revenues of any province in Canada. Not only is equalization not equalizing, but it is actually leaving our province poorer than nearly all others in Canada on a per capita basis. In budget year 2019-20, Quebec ran a \$32 million surplus - their sixth consecutive surplus since 2014 - while still being a net recipient of equalization. The program's initial constitutional intent has deteriorated entirely, and equalization has become merely a wealth transfer rather than something that exists to guarantee essential services.

The formula by which equalization payments are calculated is complex, although not directly included in the Constitution. Equalization is calculated by subtracting a province's "fiscal capacity" - its ability to raise revenues - from the national average fiscal capacity. There are strange intricacies, however.

Natural resource revenues are accounted for at 50% in the formula. Yet if a province chooses to nationalize their resource industry, such as Quebec has done with their hydroelectricity, the revenues derived from those resources then become exempt from the calculation. This skews the formula against provinces who believe in self-determinant free market principles, in favour of provinces who do not - effectively punishing entrepreneurial spirit while rewarding irresponsible governance. Further, as Danielle Smith recently pointed out, Quebec's nationalized, subsidized, equalization-exempt hydroelectricity is charged to Quebec residents at just seven cents per kilowatt-hour, in stark contrast to the 23 cents per kilowatt-hour charged on their outward exports. If Quebec would merely charge a six cent per kilowatt hour increase, still well below the going market rate, with a dividend back to the government similar to Alberta's oil and gas royalties they would generate nearly enough own source revenue to completely displace their need for Alberta's equalization dollars. Unfortunately because equalization payments are distributed by the federal government with taxes collected from the provinces, and because the equalization program is enshrined in the Canadian Constitution, the only approach a province can take to alter the equalization formula or attempt to abolish the program altogether is to host a successful referendum against Section 36(2). A province cannot unilaterally change the Canadian Constitution. Any alteration is required to pass through the Senate, House of Commons, and two thirds of the Provincial Legislative Assemblies before coming into effect. A successful referendum by a province does, however, require the federal government to step forward and negotiate in good faith, which is where we will start. This precedent was set by the 1998 Secession Reference in which the Supreme Court clearly asserted that the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change must be recognized, and that this right requires a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions and address any legitimate initiatives to change the constitutional order. The road to fairness for our province will be a long and challenging one, but as Albertans decided on their referendum ballots, it will be a worthwhile journey. Alberta has remained a generous member of the Canadian federation through boom years and bust, but we cannot settle for being treated as second-class citizens in our own country any longer. The days of allowing other provinces to run multi-million surpluses with our money while simultaneously campaigning to shut down our industries and shut out our people must end. On October 18th, Albertans spoke. Now, our government begins the work.



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SSC participated in an Apple/Pair fundraiser with partnership with Springbank Community Association and we are pleased to say we raised almost \$1000 to go towards some new equipment for the participants in the programs. This fundraiser was successful through the great efforts of Nicole Perizzolo. She was instrumental in planning and organizing the event and her efforts were the reason why it was so successful.

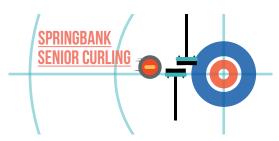
With COVID restriction becoming a common thought in the past year and a half SSC has continued to operate and provide for all our participants. We would like to thank all those families who continue to support the club and enjoy the love of soccer with SSC. Our successful outdoor season has come to a close and we have started up our indoor season. SSC will continue to keep things

fun, educational and accessible to all our members and communities moving forward.

For information or to register please visit our website.

springbanksoccer.com





Hello Everyone:

We would like to announce that Friday mornings we gather to have a nice visit and a rip roaring game of curling.

Surprisingly, our numbers are up from last year no doubt we were having serious social and curling withdrawal. Our teams are all made up for the fall season and we only have room for spares before Christmas. If you want to join us, please contact our drawmaster Brian Davies at briancapitalland@gmail.com.

There is no charge for curlers who are sparing, regular curlers pay about \$100 per season - we have fall and winter seasons.

We are all tired of hearing about Covid, but, because we are all advanced in years, we require everyone to be fully vaccinated. No vaccine, no curling.

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Thank You

Tim Presber, President (tpresber1@gmail.com)

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The fall season brings the return of figure skating competitions in preparation for Sectionals, the major qualifying event for Canadian Nationals. The return of competitions are a welcome relief for skaters who are testing out new programs, and returning to the public eye. Depending on the location, timing, and health protocols, various accommodations were put in place to ensure that the competition could run. In some cases, videos were pre-submitted prior to the online competition for judging; in other cases, skaters were able to skate at the competition with restricted viewing by judges evaluating remotely, with little to no spectators in the stands. Despite these evolving shifts, having stability in regular held competitions helped to motivate and inspire skaters in furthering their personal best scores and rankings.

In late August, Grace Johnson and Gianna Riabowol headed to Burnaby British Columbia to compete in the Belairdirect Skate Canada BC/YK Summer Skate Super Series. Katya Gereluk headed to Las Vegas in late August to compete in the Nevada Silver Skate Competition, and received first place for her artistic gold skate. In September, Grace Johnson and Katya Gereluk were off to Leduc, Alberta for the Fall Invitational, the final competition prior to the major Sectional competitions, and Grace secured a second place finish for her short program.

As the senior skaters continue to place well, the club has seen tremendous growth of new skaters entering the sport. Increased sessions for Canskate programs on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, combined with new power skating programs for hockey players, has meant that there is a strong foundation for the next generation of skaters at Springbank for all Seasons. It is

truly impressive to see young three and four year olds learning to stand and skate on their own within three sessions. The progress that is made over such a short amount of time, as the toddlers race to catch the bubbles, navigate the obstacle courses, and learn to jump, stop, and skate backwards. Given the high demand of these sessions, those parents in enrolling their young ones are encouraged to do so early for the winter session. For more information, please go to: Springbankskating.com

Contributed By: Dianne Gereluk





## **WELCOME TO KEVIN HANSON**

On behalf of the Springbank Park For All Seasons – Agricultural Society (SPFAS).

We would like to cordially welcome Rocky View Country

Councillor Kevin Hanson, to a position on the SPFAS's Board of Directors

His term will officially begin at the next Board Meeting which will be held November 29th 2021.

## SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB

We are so excited to be gathering at our club again. It has been very difficult, not being able to meet in our beautiful facility.

We have missed our weekly gatherings: singing, jam sessions( which we are still unable to do) cards, pool, games and monthly pot-lucks as well as the yearly special activities. We have missed the physical contact with our members — our friends. It is very important for our physical and mental well being to have in person contact with others.

The first special event was the corn and burger day, held in August, it was well attended and enjoyed by all those responsible, who did an amazing job! Wednesday, October 27, we are having a pizza, salad and dessert night, followed by card bingo. Normally we would be having our monthly potluck, because of Covid restrictions, they are not allowed. The pizzas and salads are ordered and will be served to our members. 42 people signed up to attend.

We are planning a Christmas bake sale and lunch, for November 27, 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. What an easy way to have delicious baking for the holiday season! We follow all Alberta Heath regulations. Come and enjoy, the Christmas atmosphere.

December 8th, we are hoping to have our catered Christmas dinner. Once again we will be collecting gifts and food for the food bank as well as cash for the veterans. Items can be left at the club any Tuesday from 1:00 till 3:30 PM or December 8th, from 12:00 noon till 4:00 PM.

We are happy to welcome several new members to our club, some of whom joined after talking to our members and seeing our display at the fall fair. A new, active group at the club are the Crafts, Chat and Coffee Group . It was heartwarming to see someone take the initiative to start something new, hopefully others will be inspired to plan and incorporate something else. The Crafts, Coffee and Chat Group meet every every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00. All ladies are welcome to attend. The only criteria is to be a member of the Heritage Club, (membership is \$35). Enjoy the group and plan on attending on a regular basis.

Each attendee can decide if they'd like to participate in a project one of the ladies is providing instructions on / or they can bring their own project / or they can come for a chat and coffee. Recently they had a class on acrylic painting / small boxes from greeting cards / triangle pot holders / microwave bowl cozies/ Halloween shoe centre pieces. Each class usually takes just one Wednesday to complete.

If you would like to attend please, email Janice 3Lambert@gmail.com.

The members responsible for the flowerbeds, hedges and lawn care did such a great job through the seasons, keeping the yard looking so great, even though very few where there to see it.

Contributed By: Joan Zwingli, Heritage Club



#### SPRINGBANK CONCESSION STAND

Here's a peek at our modern newly updated concession, and it now has a new Tech area beside it to the rear, for your studying, waiting or relaxing times.

It's great to have Sunny & Gil back behind the counter, always ready to serve with a smile.





Congratulations to incumbent Councillor Kevin Hanson (Div 1, formerly Div 3) and incoming Councillor Don Kochan (Div 2) on their successful election to Rocky View Council.

We look forward to working with both area councillors on the following:

- Improving community engagement practices at RVC including improving notification practices, transparency & resident feedback

- Moving the South Springbank community facility (event centre / gymnasium) project forward in a timely manner
- Improving planning & development processes to ensure that new developments are well-planned this includes requiring developers to make positive contributions to our community through social infrastructure such as parks and pathways, water and waste-water, roads & more
- Creating new Area Structure Plans for Springbank & Highway 8 that meet the challenges of tomorrow, including addressing the complexities of the shared border with Calgary.

Thank you to Brent V Moore, Div 1 Candidate for his campaign and participation in the election process. We thank outgoing Division 1 councillor Mark Kamachi for his service to the community and design of our logo. We wish Mark all the best.

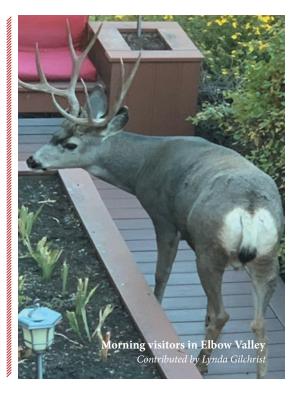
We would also like to thank outgoing Div 2 Councillor Kim McKylor for all her engagement with the Springbank Community Association over the past few years. Kim worked tirelessly on recreation and raised the profile of the Springbank Off-Stream Dry Reservoir / Elbow River-

Diversion project (SR1) at RVC.

The \$10M payout to Rocky View County by Alberta Transportation for SR1, which has been earmarked for Springbank recreation, is in large part due to Kim's acknowledgment and advocacy of the Community Association's concerns to the County. Until the Community Association raised concerns about the Dry Reservoir in June 2018, Rocky View County had not taken a position on the project. It was in December 2018 that Rocky View County, spurred by our concerns & Kim's efforts at Council, released a report on the Reservoir and validated the issues we raised, including extensive sediment deposition.

In the spring of 2020, the County took a deal with AT for SR1 (which saw promises of road infrastructure in East RVC, Bragg Creek & Balzac) that required withdrawing opposition to the project. A motion arising to direct Alberta Transportation's payment of \$10M to Springbank was a byproduct of the deal. This motion was supported by all Councillors including Councillor Hanson. We are optimistic that the incoming Council will honor this commitment.

Thank you, Kim, for advocating for us. We wish you all the best.





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As we all have become very much aware of during the past year and a half, it is impossible to plan too far ahead during these "unprecedented" times. Unfortunately, Ladies TIme Out in Springbank had to cancel our Fall session and we are now crossing our fingers (and toes!) that we will be able to resume our classes in January. Follow us on social media to stay up to date with our plans.

We are on Facebook at www.facebook/springbanklto and Instagram @springbanklto. General inquiries can be sent to springbanklto@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Although we can't gather together in our class kitchen, we hope you'll love the following recipe.

#### **Vegetarian Tacos**

Filling:

3/4 cup Long Grain Rice

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 large onion, finely chopped

1/2 red bell pepper, deseeded, finely chopped

1 can diced tomatoes

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1x300g cans red kidney beans, rinsed, drained

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon mild chili powder

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 cup water

To make the filling, cook the rice in a large saucepan of boiling water, following packet directions, or until tender. Drain and set aside. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the onion and red pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3-4 minutes or until softened slightly. Add the tomatoes and the tomato paste and mix well. Stir in the red kidney beans, cumin, chili powder, garlic powder and water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 10-15 minutes or until the sauce has thickened. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place the taco shells on a baking tray and heat for 4-5 minutes.

Increase heat to high, add the rice to the bean mixture and stir to combine. Cook, stirring constantly, for 2-3 minutes or until heated through. Serve with taco shells, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, and other desired toppings.

Enjoy!

# **SPRINGBANK RAWHIDES**

4-H is a world wide youth development program for children ages 9-21 as of January 1st of the project year. Many of you may know of 4-H from your parents or even grandparents mentioned about being in a 4-H club in their youth. 4-H celebrated 100 Years in Alberta in 2017. Original started as the boys and girls clubs of Alberta, most common projects were rural based such as swine, sheep, cattle, grain and seed clubs, gardening, poultry and of course, the inside the home courses which included sewing, crafts and foods. For more information on projects available, go to the project link below.

https://www.4hab.com/projects/

Head Leader: Norma Ansloos



#### (NormaAnsloos@gmail.com)

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For more information about 4-H go to https:// www.4hab.com/what-is-4h/

Springbank Rawhides is currently looking for more members for our club for the 2021-2022 project year. At present we have equine and canine projects. Deadline to add additional 4-H members, additional projects and leadership for additional projects for this year is November 26, 2021.

We have 1 meeting a month at the Springbank Equestrian Park on Lower Springbank Road. Project related workshops are held at the equestrian park or at other local facilities, depending on the specific project. Membership costs for Springbank club is \$170.00 per year per member which covers membership, project books and liability program insurance.

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# **TRUSTEE HUNTER WARD 5**

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your continued support allowing me to serve the students and families of West Rocky View for another four years. It has been a personally rewarding experience to work with so many wonderful and engaged parents and students. Please know that I will continue to serve the families and students of West Rocky View to the best of my ability.

The Board of Trustees was sworn in at the October 28, 2021, meeting.

Ward 1 Shaii Baziuk Chestermere

Ward 2 Shelley Kinley.Rural Chestermere

Ward 3 Todd Brand Airdrie

Melyssa Bowen

Fred Burley

Ward 4 Norma Lang East Rockyview

Ward 5 Judi Hunter West Rockyview

Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert Cochrane

Fiona Gilbert was elected chair. Norma Lang was elected vice-chair.

Rocky View School Division board of trustees approved a modular request to the province for 16 new units to be added to the following schools: Mitford in Cochrane, Fireside, Northcott Prairie, George McDougall in Airdrie since all of these schools are over

100% capacity.

Insurance costs continue to rise and insurance parameters for compliance are becoming stricter. This continues to impact budgets and operations. School societies are also impacted by insurance rules and costs.

October 21, I had the opportunity to visit the innovation lab at



Springbank High School. It was amazing. The area was renovated last year to allow two classrooms to be joined by a glass wall with a large opening, giving the students opportunities to work on robotic or other projects while the teacher can continue to work in a teaching setting. Students were actively engaged in preparing their robots for the upcoming First Robotic Competition to be held at Nelson Mandela School in Calgary.

The lab is equipped with design software, 3 laser printers, a CNC machine, and other tools for construction. The Springbank School Council, the Springbank Community Association and students raised funds for this project.



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