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GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE





Hi Everyone

Here is our April edition of the SPFAS Park Patter Community Newsletter.

The largest and most exciting thing(s) we are working on right now at the Park, is the possible new Multi-Sport and Indoor Turf Training Field Complex – facility addition. We presented in front of Rocky View County's Recreation Governance Committee of Council on Feb 5, and it seemed to be well received, along with SPFAS getting compliments on the Park's planning thoroughness and presentation.



It was then m o v e d forward for a final decision on April 8th, during RVC's C o u n c i l and finance c o m mittee meeting being

held that day. So, we should know more real soon. The hope is still to have this new \$11,500,000 facility addition taking shape in late 2026, with a grand opening being held possibly sometime in early 2027.

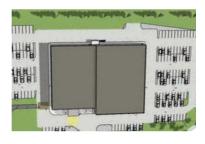
Much thanks go out to all the groups that sent in their letters of support for the project (e.g. Springbank Community Association, Springbank Heritage Club, Rocky View Schools, Springbank Minor Hockey, Springbank Figure Skating Club, Springbank Curling Club, Springbank Jr. Phoenix Football Club, Village Sports, Springbank Community High School Council, Elbow Valley School Council and Springbank Soccer. As well as thanks to the Springbank Pioneer Families

who were involved in the parks earlier times developmental projects, fundraising and activities, for kindly forwarding their letters of encouragement/support.

We are also actively collaborating and working closely with the Springbank Community Association (SCA) to ensure both the project mentioned above, and their new Community Hall/Event Centre complement each other, and maximize recreational and social infrastructure, as well as future programming for Springbank residents.

Thanks again also goes out to all the Volunteers who helped with last Oct 31 and Nov 1 SPFAS specific Casino (that was held at ACE Casino Airport). This key fundraising event for the Park, saw a 22% increase in that quarters AB Gaming funds pooling, so it raised roughly \$18,000 more than other casinos have, making it a most successful event!

You will read in this newsletter, that our Curling Rink Floor / Cement Slab and refrigeration lines replacement



construction project got underway on March 27, and this will see the over 40-year-old floor, renewed and brought back up to modern day more efficient operating and ice building standards.

Similarly to what was done to the Red Dutton arena's cement pad and lines in 2021/22. It's important to stay on top of these types of lifecycle maintenance needs, and keep the SPFAS facilities moving ahead, reliable and with very good ice.

Here's to a great spring and summer season for you all!

Todd Muir, BPE

General Manager

Springbank Park for All Seasons / Email: todd.muir@springbankpark.com

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SPFAS HISTORY BITES



1968 – Jim & Irene Robinson donated the land to & for the SPFAS

1968 – Mervyn "Red" Dutton matched the funds raised at a dinner to build the 1st of 3 Arenas (with real

Ice, that tended to melt). Red made it to the NHL as a player, coach, President & GM, and was

also, the owner of Standard General Construction the group that built Mc Mahon Stadium

1971-72 – SPFAS was incorporated as an Agricultural Society

1972 – Artificial Ice and Ice Plant was added to the Red Dutton Arena (with more funding Asst by Red D.)

1975 – The Springbank Community High School was added to the property (& a 50 yr. Reciprocal land

use Agreement through Rocky View County was put in place)

1979 - the Curling Rink was added

1997 - the Joe Phillips Arena was added (Joe was a Springbank Resident and Oil & Gas Executive)

2007 - the Outdoor Covered Rink was added

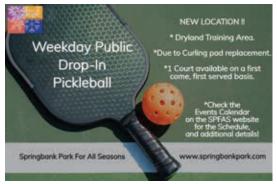
2021-22 - SPFAS carried out a \$2.8m Facility Renovations

and Enhancement project

2025 – new Curling Rink cement slab and new refrigeration lines replacement / construction project

2025-27 - \$11,500,000 Multi-Sports, Courts and Indoor Turfed Training Field complex / facility - addition (tbd)







Springbank Heritage Club is a not-for-profit organization created for the benefit and enjoyment of senior citizens age 50+ in Springbank and surrounding communities. We are located at 244168 Range Road 33.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on March 18, 2025. There were six vacant positions on the Board, the following members were voted in to fill those positions:

John Batiuk, Chris Brodeur, Peter Heerschop, Ron Kehler, Deb Kerr, Tim Maitland.

Karen Sobel, and Penny Visser. Congratulations to the 2025 Board, we lookforward to your contributions:

Janice Lambert - President

Deb Kerr - Vice President

Brian Holtsbaum - Treasurer

John Batiuk - Secretary

Chris Brodeur - Director

Peter Heerschop – Director

Ron Kehler - Director

Tim Maitland - Director

Ed Mullens - Director

Karen Sobel - Director

Penny Visser - Director

We would also like to thank the outgoing Board Members for all their hard work in making the Heritage Club a great place. These will be tough shoes to fill!

Gary Baptist

Glen Eliason

Klaaske Grimm



Ellie Janz

Valerie McGillivray

Brenda Watson

We are fortunate and appreciate all the volunteers who contribute to the Heritage Club for keeping our Club active, fun and successful!

NEW! – The Heritage Club now has a book club! Book club meeting will be the 2nd Friday of every month from 10:15 am to approximately noon. The initial meeting will be April 11th. The first book is "Cold Edge of Heaven" by Whit Fraser. The book is available at Calgary Public Libraries as well as on Kindle. Hope to see you there!

Spring Exercise is coming up in April, continuing with three days per week – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00-10:00am.

Mondays – April 14th through June 30th. (Note there will be no class on Easter Monday, April 21st and Monday, May 19th for the long weekend.)

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Fridays - April 25th through June 27th

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Also restarting on April 24th is our Happy Hoofers walking group. The group meets at 9:00am and walks for about an hour. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge. Please email springbankhc@telus.net for details.

For more information check out our website at www. springbankheritageclub.com.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & NEW HAPPENINGS



The Springbank Park For All Seasons website is a great resource for all Park activities! www.springbankpark.com

*The Events Calendar shows all paid Drop-In and free Public Use activities!

*Facility Rental availability can be seen on the Facility Rental Availability Calendar.

*Up-to-date Old Tyme Fall Fair information is located in the FALL FAIR 2025 tab on the Home Page.

*Explore the website further for details on the SPFAS Board, our Mission, History, Bylaws & Policies, and read the Park Patter Newsletter online.

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CURLING RINK REFRIGERATED FLOOR & CEMENT SLAB REPLACEMENT PROJECT





This March 27 to Aug 31, 2025, Bry Sand Ice Arenas Ltd (the same contractor who completed the Red Dutton Arena's, refrigerated floor), will be replacing our curling rink floor wich was done in 1979.

This project will upgrade, modernize and fully revitalize it to be enjoyed for years to come.

Special thanks go out to Rocky View County, for supporting the renewal / life cycle maintenance project, and for the Government of Alberta's – Community Facility Enhancement Program, that provided \$125,000 in matching grant funding support.

For winter program info visit our website: springbankcurling.com or send us an email at: springbankcurlingclubcalgary@gmail.com





The 2024/25 Curling Season has come to an end but it has been an eventful and fun filled season.

March marks the beginning of playoffs for most the Club's seven leagues. To see the results of each of the league playoffs and photos please visit our website at www.springbankcurling.com.

The club hosts 4 Bonspiels a season. The last Bonspiel of the season wrapped up on March 16. It was the 30th Anniversary of the SCC Winespiel!!! We celebrated by expanding to the largest bonspiel in our recent history with 36 teams participating, and we gave away more than 350 bottles of wine! Thanks to all who participated!

A long time participant in the Monday Night Ladies League, Adele Williamson, has had a very successful season. She is a member of the Senior Women Provincial Gold Medalists for 2025.



From left to right:

Adele Williamson - lead (Masters Provincial gold + 2 silver)

Allison Earl - second (2 Scott Tournament of Hearts gold + 1 silver, Mixed Canadian silver, Senior Canadian bronze)

Glenys Bakker - third (Olympic silver 1996 + Olympic gold 2006, 2 Scott Tournament of Hearts)

Delia DeJong - skip

Glenna Rubin -alternate (Senior Canadian silver + bronze, Mixed Doubles Canadian gold))

This foursome of accomplished curlers came together for the first time the day before the Senior Provincials started. They played 81 ends, the most of any of the 12 teams competing at Provincials, to earn the gold medal. Next, they will proudly represent Alberta at the Senior Canadian Championships to be held in Ottawa December 1-6, 2025.

We're looking forward to summer, but we'll be excited to get back on the ice in September. Please follow along on our website for announcements about the launch of the new season, at www.springbankcurling.com. You can also email us at springbankcurlingclubcalgary@gmail.com if you ever have any questions. See you at the rink in September.



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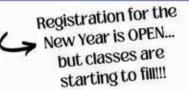
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LADIES CURLING LEAGUE

Another wonderful curling season finished off with our final playoff games on March 17 and a fun Year-End Windup on March 24. Curling is a great winter team sport where you can develop friendships while enjoying time out on the ice! The quality of our ice this year was the best ever thanks to Jayden Asham. We wish him the best as he moves



on in his career. Our members are lucky to have the Springbank IceBreaker Lounge to meet after our games and attend events where the service, food and staff are exceptional. Thank you Ben, Lisa and all your staff!

Congratulations to our winners:



League Champions - Masse Team (Nyree Masse, Joan Walker, Amanda Blotski and Laurie Coopersmith)

B Division Champions - Coldham Team (Joanne Coldham, Connie Chyz, Jeanne Scotland and Lynn Morine)

C Division Champions - Hunter Team (Carrie Hunter, Robin Horvath, Lana Schafer, Maureen Brandemark

and Patty Korchinski)

The league accommodates 24 teams every year and welcomes any level of experience. Contact Deb Phillips springbankmondayladiescurling@gmail. com to sign up for the 2025-2026 season. See you in the fall!





SENIOR CURLING LEAGUE

This is your invitation to participate in our Friday Morning Senior Curling League. We have two seasons a year that start up in October and January, all at the Springbank Curling Rink. The cost is normally around \$90.00 per season.

Our league is for all players 50 and above and at all levels of expertise, from beginners to advanced players. We'd be happy to have you join us. Also, there is free practice ice made available by the Springbank for All Seasons Sports Center, and our league puts on free clinics every season.

No need to bring a team as we draw all our teams out of a hat according to your skill level. Alternatively, if you prefer to play on an impromptu basis you can sign up as a spare, and there is no cost to spare.

To register or obtain further information please contact our Draw Master, 403 681-0227, odorizzi@shaw.ca





2025/2026 School year

Registration is also still open for 2024/25, and we have a few spaces available in our afternoon 4 & 5 year olds class. There are also a few morning class spots from 8:50-11:05am available for 3 yr olds (but starting and for the fall program). Our 4 and 5 year old class runs Monday to Thursday 12:30- 2:45pm, from September to May. It can be a great addition to your child's morning kindergarten class and/or an option for afternoon preschool.

The children have been enjoying going to class to see their teachers Ms.Kim and Ms. Chelsea, and their teacher assistant Ms.Sheryl! They played through our community helpers unit awhile ago, and got to enjoy a Fire Station Field Trip, practiced songs in preparation for our past Christmas Cheer Concert, and helped with a Food Drive Charity Project, that

saw food gathered and then donated to the Cochrane and Calgary Food Banks.

Our education program focuses on children learning through play. Each class day often includes stories, crafts, songs, going outside/ to the gym, circle time, as well as a significant amount of time for free play!

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Ms. Kim, Ms. Chelsea & Ms. Sheryl



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Tips To Prevent Auto Theft

RCMP is providing residents with crime prevention tools and tips to reduce the risk of auto theft.

Opportunistic criminals often take advantage of unlocked vehicles, or vehicles left running with keys in the ignition, especially during the winter months.

Once stolen, vehicles are often subject to various disposal methods, including disassembly for the sale of individual parts, shipped abroad, or to be resold to unsuspecting Albertans with a new vehicle identification numbers.

RCMP is advising residents of the following theft prevention tips:

- Always make sure to lock your vehicle.
- Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle.

- Never leave important documents with personal identifying information in your vehicle.
- Ensure all valuables are removed or out of sight. This includes shopping bags, loose change, sunglasses, and any electronics.
- Do not leave your windows open when you leave your vehicle.
- If possible, store your vehicle in a locked garage when not in use.
- Park your vehicle in well lit areas and within sight. If you're unable to park in a locked garage, keep outdoor lights on for added security.
- Install anti-theft and vehicle tracking devices.

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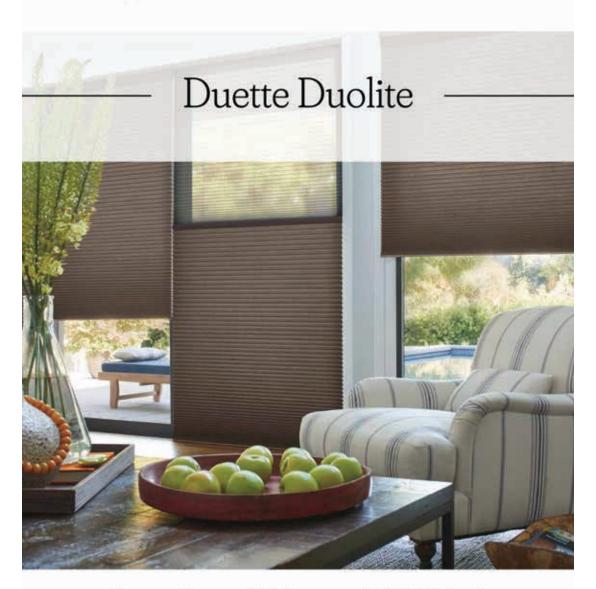
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Ryan is a product of Rockyview schools where he received his K-12 education. Subsequently, Reed earned a Bachelor of Education/ Bachelor of Management from the University of Lethbridge

in Lethbridge, a Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Alberta in Edmonton and is currently completing his Chartered Professional Human Resources (CPHR) Certification from the Captus Institute in Toronto. Ryan will assume the Superintendent position September 1 as Greg Luterbach retires.

The Alberta government has enacted Bill 27, the Education Amendment Act, which starts with the preamble:

Whereas the role of education is to develop engaged thinkers who think critically and creatively, and ethical citizens who demonstrate respect, teamwork and democratic ideals and who work with an entrepreneurial spirit to face challenges with resiliency, adaptability, risk-taking and bold decision-making;

Whereas the Government of Alberta recognizes public schools, separate schools, Francophone schools, private schools, charter schools, early childhood services programs and home education programs as being valued and integral in providing choice in education to students and parents;

The bill makes the following changes:

- Every child has the right to an education during emergencies.
- Ensure parental notification for pronoun use.
- Provided parental opt-in for sex education.
- Requires ministry approval of third-party teaching materials.
- Forbids transgender women from competing in women's sports leagues.

Link to more information

https://www.alberta.ca/supporting-alberta-students-and-families

The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act ("the Act") received royal assent on May 30, 2024, and was proclaimed in force on October 31, 2024. The Act amended the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). Party affiliation for trustees is not part of the legislation. The Act sets out manual counting of ballots which is a more costly option than machine counting.

Trustee Compensation Ad Hoc Committee

An ad hoc committee to review trustee compensation at RVS and other comparable school boards across the province has been struck. The committee will also review and compare practices related to board policy frameworks and board development

Calendar Update

The calendar of meeting dates for the Board for the 2025/26 school year was approved and will be posted on the RVS website.

Capital Projects in Progress or Completed

Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon had its official opening March 7. It has a capacity of 1004 students.

Bow Valley High School expansion is expected to be completed for the 2026/2027 school year. This project adds 300 student spaces and upgrades career and technology facilities.

Approved Capital Projects

Full construction funding for an Airdrie K-9 P3 School in the community of South Windsong.

Full construction funding for an Airdrie High School in the community of South Windsong

Full construction funding for a P3 school in Chestermere K-9 in the community of Dawson's

Full construction funding for an Airdrie K-9 in the community of Bayview

Full construction funding for a Cochrane K-8 in the community of Rivercrest

Congratulations to the Grades 3 and 4 students at Banded Peak School, who are learning to cross-country ski.

Grade 6 students from Windsong Heights School shared their social studies mock Alberta parliament at the March 6 Board meeting. The students enjoyed their opportunity to role play the various positions in the legislative assembly and they moved a bill through the legislative process.

Official Opening of Horseshoe Crossing School in Langdon

The opening of the first high school in Langdon is a wonderful addition to the community of Langdon, offering the students in that area a local learning facility and community hub.

Officials from the provincial government, Rockyview County, and Rocky View Schools celebrated this community milestone together with the students of Horseshoe Crossing who were happy to offer tours of their beautiful new facility.



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LETTER TO MEMBERS



April 3rd, 2025

Dear: Springbank Members and Residents

Subject: Clarification and Updates on the Proposed Multi-Sport and Indoor Turfed Training Field Facility at Springbank Park For All Seasons

We are writing to expand upon and clarify information to the community about the exciting Multi-Sport and Indoor Turfed Training Field Facility at Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS), which will enhance and improve recreational opportunities for Springbank



residents. It is fully aligned to the work initiated with past Master Plans, RVC's South Springbank Community Facilities Business Case Stakeholder engagement processes.

Comprehensive **Facility Features**

The proposed facility is designed to serve a wide range of community needs. In addition to the fitness and wellness spaces, it will include:

- Multi-Use Sports Courts: Suitable for pickleball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and activities space for groups such as the Air Cadets, etc.
- Indoor Walking and Running Track: Providing year-round exercise options.
- Full-Sized Gymnasium: Meeting competition hosting specifications and accommodating various sports and events.
- Indoor Turfed Training Field: Supporting field sports regardless of weather conditions.
- · Spectator Viewing Area: Located on the second floor, it can seat up to 190 people, allowing families and community members to support local athletes.

Additionally, the second floor is structurally prepared to incorporate a fitness training area with strength and cardio equipment in the future, ensuring the facility can adapt to evolving community fitness needs.

Alignment with Community Feedback



Multiple past surveys indicate a preference for a fitness/ wellness facility, and the comprehensive design of the proposed facility aligns with and expands upon these desires. The inclusion of diverse sports and fitness amenities reflects a broader community interest in multifunctional spaces that cater to various activities and age groups. Activities like court sports, pickleball and space for a wide variety of indoor practices, are all in demand, and a Multi-Use Sports and Indoor Turf Training Field facility is a high priority for the community.

Community Hall/Event Centre Plans

Rocky View County (RVC) has recognized the need for a Community Hall/Events Centre. Following the decommissioning of the Springbank Community Hall in 2015, RVC has initiated plans for a new Community Hall/Event Centre on 75 acres located between Range Road 33, Springbank Road, and

Huggard Road. The proposed facility with features yet to be finalized, includes a great hall, two multipurpose rooms, and a studio space. The estimated opening date is 2027, pending funding and further planning. rockyview.ca

Collaborative Planning

A South Springbank Stakeholders Advisory Committee was formed by RVC in 2022, made up of members from RVC council and staff, SPFAS, the Springbank Community Association, SCA (AKA My Springbank Community Association), the Springbank Heritage Club, an Elbow Valley representative, Schools representative and public representatives, as well as RVC's commissioned Hargroup Management Consultant. The Committee met several times, and a proper planning/engagement process was followed.

Both SPFAS and RVC have engaged the same Hargroup Management Consultants for planning and feasibility studies, ensuring that the proposed facilities meet community needs and are financially viable. The SPFAS Business Case for the Multi-Sport and Indoor Turf Training Field Facility includes a detailed operating budget, projecting a modest annual surplus once the facility is fully operational.

Community Support and Communication

The proposed facility has garnered support from over 2,200 community members, including major sports organizations, mid-sized groups, local schools, and the School District. SPFAS has kept the community informed through newsletters like the Park Patter, which reaches approximately 3,500 households. Additionally, Springbank Community Association (SCA) distributes newsletters to 1,000 + Springbank Residents households, and utilizes platforms like its Network Neighborhood and Web page to engage residents.

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Consideration of Existing Facilities

A project review is considering different building locations, and depending on the final footprint selected for both the new facilities (E.g. On 75 acres just north of the outdoor rink; or leased land east of the outdoor rink etc, and their access at exit roads and parking areas), there may be minimal to no impact on existing facilities.

Budgeting – The current proposal is estimated at a savings of \$6.8 MLN on the proposed Multi-Sport and Indoor Turf Training Field Facility, compared to the initial budget for it represented in the RVC South Springbank Community Facilities Plan Business Case (Dec 2022).

Ongoing Collaboration

SPFAS and the Springbank Community Association

(SCA) are actively collaborating to ensure both the Multi-Sport and Indoor Turf Training Field Facility and the new Community Hall/Event Centre complement each other, maximizing recreational and leisure opportunities and operational efficiency for the community.

We are excited to move forward with these two (2) facilities and hope this information clarifies the scope, planning, and community support for the proposed facilities. Your continued engagement and feedback are welcome as we work towards enhancing the recreational and social infrastructure in Springbank.

Sincerely,

Frank Walsh / President / SPFAS Stu Pritchard / President / SCA Todd Muir / General Manager / SPFAS



SB FIGURE SKATING CLUB

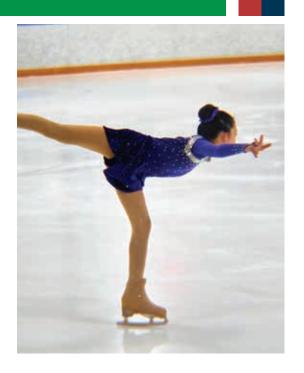
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Congratulations to the SFSC skaters that competed in the different Star Series events across Alberta from Nov to Feb of this season. Five Star skaters have qualified for the Skate AB / NT / NU StarSkate Championships: Chloe, Alexa, Sasha, Coco and Amaliya. Joan will also be participating in the Adult Championship. We wish them all luck Mar 21-23, 2025.

Springbank Figure Skating Club will also be hosting a StarSkate Seminar with Ben Ferreira on Mar 30 and a CanSkate/Star 1-3 Competition on April 12, 2025.

Ben is a 3-time Senior National Medalist; 3 Time World Team Member 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2004 Canadian Silver Medalist and Skate Canada International Silver Medalist. Skaters will have two on-ice sessions focusing on jumps and spins, as well as off-ice sessions with a sport nutritionist, dance and a zumba.





GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

This edition would typically continue to introduce our highly valued staff members, but at this time we have already introduced everyone in our team.

We would like to wish Jay Asham all the best in his future endeavors, as March 23rd was Jay's last day with us.

He will be off to Manitoba (where he grew up and his curling family is from). We are sad to see him go, but he has some interesting work opportunities hopefully ahead, and we wish him all the best!

We expect to see a couple of new faces joining us in the Fall, and hopefully Jamie will be back then and driving the Zambonis, etc.

We will update you again with a Meet the Staff for the Sept or Dec's. newsletters.

Todd, Jody, Jeff, Jane, Shaun, Alice, Geoffrey, Jason, Jamie, Akeem, Ryland & Grace

Springbank Old Tyme Fall Fair 2025
Saturday, September 6
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vendor Market Registration

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