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# GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone

Here is our April / Spring edition of the Springbank Park Patter Newsletter !

We had a solid winter season, with lots of Hockey being played, several well attended and received Curling Bonspiels, lots of Figure Skating in the Joe Phillips Arena, and Playschool (soon to be a Daycare) saw lots of parents and children's weekday traffic. With the appreciated assistance of Rocky View County we are glad to be replacing our two older 2015 Zamboni Ice Resurfacing machines, with shiny new more modern equipped 2026 Olympias (from the local Big Hill Services & Arena Supplies company.) Eventually we will be listing our current Zambonis, if anyone (or you know someone) is looking for an Ice Resurfer.



We are also happy to let you know, that SPFAS was successful with our Fundraising efforts for contributing to the Multi-Sports, Courts and Indoor Turfed Training Field Complex, that we have been working on with RVC.

Special Thanks goes out to the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Arts Culture, and Status of Women for the approved CFEP Grant we received March 10th, and a Special Thanks to the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Tourism and Sport for the Alberta Communities Initiative Grant we received Jan 7th. The combined takes our fundraising total for this specific project to \$1,650,000. RVC Administration will be bringing a report to Council in April and anticipated timelines for the project moving forward. We are looking for Council's final approval during their spring budget finalization.

The Park continues to fulfill its Vision, which is - SPFAS is the " Heart of Springbank ", where families and individuals of all ages can come to play and have fun, learn, socialize, and enjoy programs, activities, and events, available at the Springbank Park For All Seasons.

Here's to a beautiful and fun spring and summer season



*Todd Muir, BPE*

*General Manager*

*Springbank Park for All Seasons*

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## MEET THE STAFF

This edition continues introducing our highly valued staff members, and we are pleased for April, to be able to introduce our Administration Assistant Larisa Shreder.

Larisa came to work with SPFAS part-time (last July, just before the busy 2025 Fall Fair). Larisa is from Cochrane, and has been living there with her family for the past seventeen years. Prior to Cochrane, they came to Canada from Russia. Larisa has two grown boys who were both heavily involved in hockey playing as Goalies, and her husband is also a past Goalie.

Larisa brings a welcomed and great deal of customer service experience / background to SPFAS, and prior to joining us she worked with students as a Financial Planner at a local Calgary College, & in Cochrane as a Customer Services Manager prior to that. Larisa enjoys cooking, getting outdoors for hikes and walks, spending summer times at lakes and beaches, and she is busy helping Jody prepare again for this year's Sept 12th Fall Fair.

As always, it's great when SPFAS is fortunate to be able to add quality team members to the crew/team, and Larisa definitely fits the bill. If you haven't met her already, do feel free to say hi when you see her around the office and or the facility.



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- 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 (incl replacing Red Dutton arena slab and refrigeration lines)
- 2025 – New Curling Rink cement slab and new refrigeration lines replacement, added 2 new heating units to the JP Arena, and added new heat exchangers for both indoor arenas.
- 2026 - Adding 1 possibly 2 new Olympia Ice Resurfacing machines with ice leveling capabilities.
- 2026 - Liaising with RVC on a possible new Multi-Sports, Courts and Indoor Turfed Training Field complex / facility - addition



A special thanks to the Government of Alberta’s Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women (who distribute the Community Facility Enhancement Program grants). Thanks to Minister Fir, the review committee and their admin group for approving and administering SPFAS recent \$800,000 project grant contribution.

SPFAS greatly appreciates that the Government of Alberta values the contributions of non-profit sport and recreation organizations, in creating and enhancing activity spaces that enable more Albertans to be more active more often.

“I am proud to support projects that help Albertans live

healthier and more active lives. We are happy to support the Springbank Park For All Seasons, through our Active Communities Initiative grant, to bring the community together and offer opportunities for families, athletes, and residents to engage in active lifestyles.”

*Andrew Boitchenko*  
*Minister of Tourism and Sport*  
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With this being our 2nd of 3 annual Newsletters, and our Aug / Fall edition being the 3rd (that lets members know the next AGM is shaping up to be held Mon Sept 28/26). We just wanted to share that come Sept's AGM, we could have 1 Director at Large Board Member position coming available. The time commitment is pretty low (typically the 4th Monday of the month 7-8:30pm meetings, during the main Sept to April season, when business needs or new initiatives dictate). You get a nice community and families oriented group, with lots of experienced professionals to work with, and an organization that appreciates

quality Board Members. If this is something of interest, & for more details, please feel free to reach out to our GM at [todd.muir@springbankpark.com](mailto:todd.muir@springbankpark.com) or 403-242-2223, ext 21



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**Duke of Edinburgh Program**

The Springbank Community Association is proud to host the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program. This incredible, internationally recognized initiative offers youth ages 12-24 the opportunity to build meaningful skills, stay active, contribute to their communities, and take part in exciting outdoor adventures.

The program is designed to help young people grow into confident, resilient leaders. Through its structured, supportive, and safe environment, participants develop valuable life skills that prepare them for future success in their education, careers, and personal lives..

For more information contact Lynn at [ldrobb55@gmail.com](mailto:ldrobb55@gmail.com)



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# SPRINGBANK SOUTH LANDS



Don't Lose This Land: Act Now for Springbank's South Lands

Help preserve important natural lands south of the Springbank Dry Reservoir (SR1). These "South Lands," located between the reservoir berm and the Elbow River, provide open space, wildlife habitat, trails, and local river access.

The provincial government is currently in the process of selling these surplus lands. Springbank Trails and Pathways Association (STAPA), along with other community groups, recommends that they remain public for long-term community benefit.

Protecting the South Lands would:

Support outdoor recreation and river access to the Elbow River

Connect to future regional trails, including the proposed Trans Canada Trail extension between Cochrane and Bragg Creek

Preserve the natural character of Springbank and protect wildlife habitat

STAPA is working with the SR1 Operating Team to plan a public pathway along the south side of the reservoir. Preserving the South Lands would strengthen these plans and protect trails, river access, and natural spaces for everyone.

## How You Can Help

Email the Minister

To: [transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca)

Cc: [info@springbankpathways.ca](mailto:info@springbankpathways.ca)

Subject: Keep Springbank's South Lands Public

Message:

Dear Minister Dreeshen,



I am writing to request that the "South Lands" south of Springbank Reservoir Surplus Lands (SR1) in Springbank be retained as public land for recreation, trails, and river access. These lands are important for community use, wildlife habitat, and the development of future regional trails, including connections to the proposed Trans Canada Trail extension.

Preserving these lands would provide long-term benefits for both residents and the broader community.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name], [City, AB]

Share this newsletter with friends, family, and neighbours to spread the word.

Connect with STAPA to learn more or find out how you can get involved.

Together, we can protect these lands for recreation, wildlife, and future generations.

More info:

Website: [springbankpathways.ca](http://springbankpathways.ca)

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We have had a busy few months at the preschool learning about arctic animals, emotions, shapes, colours and all sorts of other things. Our students have been enjoying creative interactive play, creating large train tracks that expand onto the whole play area, as well as dinosaur and car chases. We just finished our last round of show and share days where they learn to speak in front of their peers and how to ask questions. We enjoyed watching the Flames Alumni hockey game against Springbank Highschool, the event helps raise money for the Mustard Seed. Our last few months before summer break we are helping our four-year-old program prepare for kindergarten in the fall by focusing on independence while getting ready to go to the park, proper grip for holding pencils and scissors, communication skills, letter and number recognition, and days of the week recognition.

We had a successful registration night in January, with our three-year-old program now full for the fall, and we have a few spaces still available for our four-

year-old program. We are excited to announce we will be offering a full day program for our four-year-old program this fall. We also offer classroom tours if you wish to come see in person, if you would like more information please reach out to our registrar at [registrar@springbankplayschool.ca](mailto:registrar@springbankplayschool.ca).

In April we will be exploring Inglewood Bird Sanctuary to talk about migration, local wildlife and the importance of nature preservations. We are also looking forward to a visit from the local elementary school Principal Mr. Pols who will be helping our four-year-old program transition to kindergarten in the fall. Our last few months are full of lots of outdoor exploring, special events like Mother’s Day tea, Teddy Bear Picnic, Preschool Graduation and our big year end party.

Cheers!

Ms. Kim and Ms. Sheryl



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# SPRINGBANK CURLING



The 2026 Springbank Ladies Curling Bonspiel, held January 9–11 at the SPFAS Shane Homes Curling Rink, was a wonderful weekend defined by friendship, sportsmanship, and competitive play. We were pleased to host teams representing 10 different curling clubs from Calgary and the surrounding area, including a couple teams preparing for the upcoming Senior and Masters Provincials.



On behalf of the bonspiel committee and participants, we would like to thank SPFAS for their ongoing support and for coordinating the ice staff. Special thanks go to Mike, Daniel, and the entire ice operations crew. The ice conditions were outstanding, and we received many compliments on the facility.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Springbank Curling Club for contributing toward ice rental costs and the executive assisting with advertising, payment processing, and financial management.

Ben and Lisa Lohet and the staff at the Springbank Ice Breaker Lounge provided exceptional service and food throughout the weekend. Ben went above and beyond to prepare a delicious 3 course meal that all the women enjoyed and raved about! We appreciated all their hard work!



Our "Out of This World" theme was a great success, with many teams participating in creative costumes. I also want to recognize Heather Pragnell, the Young team, and the Phillips rink for their help with sponsorship, decorating, and logistics. The incredible support from the 10 participating Springbank Ladies Teams, who donated prizes and volunteered their time, was vital to the event's success.

## Congratulations to our 2026 Bonspiel winners:

### A Event

Winners: Phillips (Carlson) Team (Springbank Curling Club)

2nd Place: Ewanchuk Team (Calgary Curling Club

& CWC)

### B Event

Winners: Wytrychowski Team (Okotoks)

2nd Place: Northcott Team (Springbank Curling Club)

### C Event

Winners: Carson Team (Calgary Curling Club)

2nd Place: Dobler Team (Huntington Hills Curling Club)

### D Event

Winners: Columbus Team (Canmore Curling Club)



2nd Place: Coldham Team (Springbank Curling Club)

A notable mention goes to the Tuor, Young, and Hemstock teams from Springbank for reaching the semifinals.

Finally, we are deeply grateful to our sponsors for their generous donations: Curlers Corner, Goldline

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year's bonspiel a significant success!

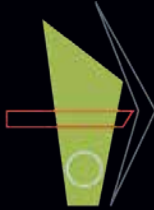
*Sincerely,*

*Bonspiel Coordinators*

*Deb Phillips, Heather Pragnell, and Adele Williamson*

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I thought I would introduce myself to the community as I'm the new owner as well as lessee of the space upstairs at SPFAS. I've instructed the program since February of 2023 so many of you have seen me around over the last couple years.



If you would like any more information on our lessons and programs please send me an email.

*Mike Bosch*

*PGA of Canada*

[mike\\_bosch@pinebrookgolfclub.com](mailto:mike_bosch@pinebrookgolfclub.com)

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few weeks of trusteeship I have had the opportunity to get to know and work with some of you, seeing all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make our school operations run so smoothly day to day. I am very fortunate to be working with so many who are just as passionate as I am about making our schools the best they can be.

*Trustee Brownlee*  
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*Cheers, Ben and the Ice Breaker Lounge Team.*

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# SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB



The Springbank Heritage Club is a not-for-profit organization created for the benefit and enjoyment of older adults age 50+ in Springbank and surrounding communities. We are located at 244168 Range Road 33, and online at [www.springbankheritageclub.com](http://www.springbankheritageclub.com). Join us for Games/ Pool, Crafts, Sewing, Pickleball, Singing, Exercise Classes, Book Club, Trivia Night, Special Outings and more! New members are always welcome!

Trivia/ Name that Tune, Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00pm. This monthly event is lots of fun – even if you are not a trivia nerd! Our professional host Ryan, from “Out of Our Heads Productions”, will be entertaining us with three rounds of Trivia, and two rounds of Name That Tune. Gather up a team of four in advance or come as you are and make up a foursome when you arrive. The winning teams(s) will earn a cash prize; prize amounts will depend on the number of people who attend – the more teams the greater the cash prize(s)! The cost is \$10, payable in cash at the door to cover the host’s fee and cash prizes. BYOB&S (hard or soft drinks) and optional snacks. You can sign up at the Club or by emailing [springbankhc@telus.net](mailto:springbankhc@telus.net).

The Tuesday morning singing group is looking for more singers to join in the fun! No experience needed. The singing group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:00

– 12:00pm.

Senior Fitness classes are low-impact and co-ed with a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, balance, and activities for daily living. Equipment is provided including weights (3, 5 and 8 lbs.), bands, and balls. Sign-up sheets for the 2026 Spring session are at the Springbank Heritage Club or send an email plus e-transfer to [springbankhc@telus.net](mailto:springbankhc@telus.net). Fees must be paid before first day of class. Note you are only allowed to attend on the day/days of the week that you sign up for. There is no drop in or prorated fees. Classes run for 11 weeks from 9:00am to 10:00am:

Mondays April 13 - June 29 (May 18 Victoria Day will be cancelled)

Wednesdays April 15 - June 24

Fridays April 17 - June 26

1 day per week as registered \$78.00 for members  
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