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President's Message

Building big in Belgravia: 76 Ave and 115 St

As reported to BCL members by email, on February 26 the Edmonton City Council approved the "direct control" zoning change for the proposed four-story condominium building at 76 Ave and 115 St. This decision was made despite the concerns of Belgravians over certain aspects of the building, expressed to the developers, City staff and Council members over the past several months and during the February public hearing.

The proposed building greatly exceeds the density and lot area coverage permitted by the existing RA7 zoning ("low rise apartment"). At the public hearing, the BCL and community members made several presentations arguing, among other things, that the building should be moved further back from 76 Avenue to improve protection of the trees, reduce massing over the sidewalk, align the building with others on the avenue, and provide more ground-level front yard space for family-oriented units. The BCL contrasted the proposed building to La Grand Scala, the condominium across the street from the new development completed in 2012, which conforms to the RA7 zoning and yet represents a significant increase in density compared to what it replaced.

However, the increase in density that would have resulted from an RA7 building was not enough for the developer or City Council. In its push for higher population density in Edmonton's inner neighbourhoods, particularly those adjacent to LRT stations, Council is willing to exceed existing zoning restrictions. It became evident to the BCL that the City planning department has been instructed to help developers succeed with rezoning applications that result in higher density. While there are presumably limits to what will be approved (I don't think we will see 20-storey towers in the heart of Belgravia in the near future), we must anticipate additional buildings that exceed the size and density specified in the RA7 zoning.

Several minor amendments to the rezoning application were approved by Council, representing small victories for the community. More detail was added about the energy efficiency technologies to be featured in the building. A bicycle storage facility on the main floor was added. The developer made verbal commitments about efforts to protect the trees and the use of high-quality, attractive materials on the façade facing 76 Avenue, although no further details on these issues were added to the rezoning application.

The BCL board continues to work with City staff, Councillor Henderson, and the developer on several issues. Regarding tree protection, we have repeatedly asked that proper boarding be erected around the trees during the demolition that is underway, and asked to be present during excavation when the tree roots will be exposed. Council has stipulated that a "good neighbour agreement" must be drafted by the community and the developer. We are investigating what can be included in the agreement, which must be completed before a development permit can be issued for construction of the building.

My thanks again to the many Belgravians who contributed their time and passion to the effort to reduce the size of the proposed building. We will be able to build upon what we've learned, and what we've expressed to Council, when the next aggressive development is proposed. Please contact Susan Kamp (planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca) if you would like to participate in ongoing BCL activities related to development.

Lab Facility Construction

Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health Services plan to have an open house in September for a new 1,000-employee laboratory to be built north of the School for the Deaf (the current location of the soccer fields). The lab will centralize laboratory services for all of Edmonton.

The site will likely be fenced off for construction in November 2018 but construction will not start until 2019. The current plan is to have a parking lot located east of the LRT station. The site is Provincial land but the proposed parking lot is on University land (under negotiation). The proposed parking lot, if approved by the University, will likely require a change to the South Campus Long Range Development plan and thus community consultation.

AHS has indicated that they will consult with the surrounding communities. Alberta Infrastructure will commission a traffic study.

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The next MIB session is happening on April 25, 2018 (7 pm – 9 pm) in the upper BCL hall when Belgravia resident, Eleanor Olszewski will be talking about everything you might want to know about Medical Cannabis in Canada.

With her first degree in Pharmacy (and experience as adjunct professor in the U of A Faculty of Pharmacy) and then a Law degree from the U of A (and current law practice at MLT Aikins, Edmonton), Eleanor is uniquely positioned to talk about the history, uses, risks, stigma and misconceptions held about cannabis.

While the upcoming legalization of cannabis in Canada may lead to some wide ranging questions, Eleanor's session will focus primarily on the medicinal use of cannabis and related issues. Having spoken at many conventions, conferences and seminars on diverse topics from legal to medical to social justice and political issues, Eleanor is looking forward to sharing her

expertise with fellow Belgravians.

To help us prepare for the numbers interested in attending, please RSVP at mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca by April 24, 2018. Note: There will be a \$5 session fee to cover refreshments/facility costs.

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- Registrations for All City Summer Day Camps (Neighbourhood; Facilities & Attractions, RV) open March 14th

- Camp info at edmonton.ca/daycamps or call 311. Program guides available at schools, libraries, City Rec centres, etc.

New River Valley Map - Central Edmonton

Find out where to skate, toboggan, access a washroom and which paths are cleared of snow. Get a free pdf of the map [here](#).

15, 000 copies of the map are also available at City of Edmonton Rec Centres.

Public Engagement

Protected Bike Routes Snow Clearance Survey (open to May 1, 2019). Visit:

www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca



Kate Russell

Neighbourhood Resource
Coordinator
Neighbourhoods Services

Groat Road Bridges and Road Renewal Project

The City of Edmonton is undertaking the rehabilitation of three Groat Road Bridges and Groat Road from 87 Avenue to the North Saskatchewan River beginning in April 2018.

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Belgravia Hustle is back - April 28th

Be at the BCL at 12:30pm for an afternoon of fitness and fun, with walks and runs for everyone. In addition, there will be games, food and beer from the award winning brewery Blind enthusiasm. The event is organized by the Playschool committee and Multisportscanada.

To register/volunteer/sponsor go to:

www.belgraviasthustle.com

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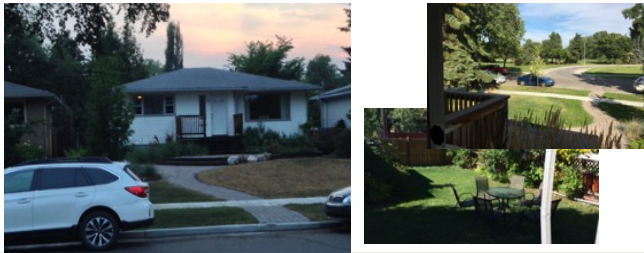


Spring session April 19 to June 21!

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New! Belgravia School Page

Every issue of the belgravian during regular school year (Sep to end of June) will now feature photos, events and news of the Belgravia School



The Woodlands Art Exhibit on display in the Belgravia library. Belgravia school receives several Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibits throughout the school year.



'Jungle' themed recycled art projects students made for Belgravia School's Green Day



Grade 1 children enjoying the St Patrick's Day potato lunch, an annual tradition at Belgravia School.

Other Events since the last issue of the belgravian!

- Running Room Winter Games. Belgravia School competed Feb 20 at the U of A Buttermere. Belgravia had 5 teams encompassing close to 50% of grade 3 to 6 students



Division 1 students at their final Tae Kwon Do session, offered at lunch time over the winter.

Register now for Spring, 2018 BCL Programs at the Hall

Program and Location	Day/Dates	BCL Member/Non-member fee
Soapstone Carving (Upper Hall)	10 Mondays April 9 – June 18 7:00pm -9:00 pm	\$120/\$140 No drop ins
Chair Yoga (Upper Hall)	10 Tuesdays April 3 – June 12 (No class May 22) 11:30am – 12:20 pm	\$80/\$100 Drop ins: \$15/20
Strength & Stretch (Lower Hall)	8 Fridays 11:30 am–12:30 pm April 20 – June 15	\$64/\$85 Drop ins: \$15/20
Zumba (Lower Hall)	10 Thursdays April 19– June 21 7 pm – 8 pm	\$80/\$100 Drop ins: \$15/20
Mat Yoga (Upper Hall)	10 Tuesdays April 3– June 13 10:20am - 11:20am	\$80/\$100 Drop ins: \$15/20
Evening *BCL Knitters Group (community living room)	Tuesdays Ongoing 7:00pm to 9:00pm	Drop-in with current BCL membership
Soapstone Carving Workshop (Upper Hall)	Saturday & Sunday June 23 & 24 10:00am to 5:00pm	\$100/\$120 No drop ins Min 10; Max 12

Please contact programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca for registration

* Afternoon Belgravia Knitting Group: We have had more people able to meet to knit together in the evening. However, we would love to make an afternoon available for Belgravia knitters who prefer to meet at that time. Please let programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca know if you are one of those afternoon knitters. We have two people on that list now ... it would be great to get 5 or 6 out to establish a second group. Thinking even further, if we had that group meet on Thursdays after early school dismissal, we might even attract young knitters who could learn from more experienced ones.

BCL Volunteer Appreciation Event April 28th

The BCL is an organization that is only as good as the people who volunteer to make it happen. Just some of the volunteer efforts: promoting programs for everyone in Belgravia; planning, development, transportation & community safety; maintaining the hall and making it available

for family and friends; community building; fund raising efforts. So many people have stepped forward to make the BCL a healthy, thriving community league.

A BCL Volunteer Appreciation Pasta Dinner is being planned for the afternoon of April 28, 218 in the BCL Hall following the Belgravia Hustle.

All volunteers are invited ... stayed tuned for details!

Meet Your Neighbour - Doug Klein

Doug Klein is passionate about the connection between health and fitness. As a family doctor, he sees lots of patients whose health issues result from lifestyle choices related to diet and exercise. His response has been to launch programs to help children and adults learn about and learn to enjoy – cooking, exercise, and outdoor activities.

Change Adventure Camp (campchange.ca), established in 2016, runs summer camps, family camps and field trips. Children gain hands-on experience with basic cooking skills that they may not have learned at home, and learn about healthy food and where it comes from. The camps also feature physical activities, mostly outdoors, that don't require a team or equipment. In the family camps, run weekly at schools, children and their parents participate in the activities together. The goal of the camps is to promote equitable access to nutrition and physical activity resources for all Albertan families while re-connecting them to the natural environment.

"The Adventure Change Camp had a remarkably positive impact on my son. He's always been high energy, which can result in many challenging behaviours. During his time at the camp, I noticed that he was much calmer and happier. The long periods of physical activity and time outdoors made a huge difference in his mood and behavior. He voluntarily read books and helped at home, even though these activities usually result in opposition. "

-- Parent, Summer Camp 2017



The MOVE program (moveyeg.ca), began in 2011, operates three times a week at Hawrelak Park and outside the Allin Clinic. It offers connection with nature, social interaction, and exercise without the need for gym equipment.

"I have come to love going to MOVE each week for so many reasons!!! Not only are we moving our body and physically becoming stronger but there's an entire social aspect to it as well! I highly recommend the MOVE program to absolutely anyone who is looking to start or already has an active lifestyle and for those who want to meet new people and get to know them as you walk yourself to better health!"

--MOVE Participant



Doug, an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, grew up in Regina. He has lived in Belgravia with his family (wife Jen and children Evan, Katie and Emma, ages 10 to 16) since 2001. "We love the nearby access to the river valley and Belgravia's friendly community," says Doug. "It's wonderful to live in a neighbourhood where people look out for other families."

