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McKernan/BelgraviaStation Area Plan Public Open House Workshop #3

Michael Strong - City of Edmonton Planner

As you are aware, a station area plan is being prepared for McKernan and Belgravia neighbourhoods. This plan will determine the location and design of future transit-oriented land uses such as housing, employment and retail as well as supportive infrastructure such as streets and parks.

Where an initial workshop was held on November 22, 2011 to introduce the McKernan/Belgravia station area and planning process, a second workshop held on March 20, 2012 presented a set of design options for the plan. A number of people in the community attended these events, emailed, phoned and wrote us about key issues, opportunities, concerns, areas of potential change, and envisioned improvements or intiatives.

Please note that we have now set a date for the third Public Open House Workshop and notices are in the process of being formally mailed out:

MCKERNAN/BELGRAVIA STATION AREA PLAN PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: WORKSHOP #3

Thursday, November 8th, from 6:00–9:00 pm (Presentations will be held at 6:30 and 8:00 pm).

University of Alberta (Main Campus), Lister Centre (116 Street – 87 Avenue) Wildrose Room (2nd Floor, 003).

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from the editor's desk...



Now that we're all full-swing back into the grind of life in Belgravia, it's time to focus on winter and the coming holiday season.

In official Belgravia business we have a McKernan/Belgravia Station open house scheduled for November 8th (front page); There

is some news on the Belgravia off-leash (page 10); We have an update on our community's EverActive efforts (page 7); Councillor Ben Henderson encourages us to fall in love with winter again (page. 9); We require some assistance with rink maintenance (page 7); And, we also need your help in completing our community hall survey (page 11) so we can get the ball rolling on that project.

With the plunge back into the dark and snowy months of winter, I encourage you all to embrace the sub-zero temperatures with lots of layers and hot chocolate.

Despite being born and raised here in Edmonton, it seems as though I feel the bite of winter anew with each year! Instead of blaming it on growing older, I have decided to fully embrace, to the best of my ability, living in our wonderful city. It may be cold, but we have the sun and the big blue sky, which is a huge consolation.

So you will see me out with the kids on my winter bike (studded tires are the best), and I'm going to see about learning how to cross-country ski too. We also have plans to light up a nice fire every now and then, and invite our neighbours over for hot drinks on our four-season patio! Our city may freeze our roads and noses, but it can't freeze our collective spirit.

I encourage you all to take my good wishes for a fun and cozy winter into the holiday season. Stay safe and warm.

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It's not too late!

Buy your BCL membership by contacting membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca or call Therese @ 780-436-1918.

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Purpose:

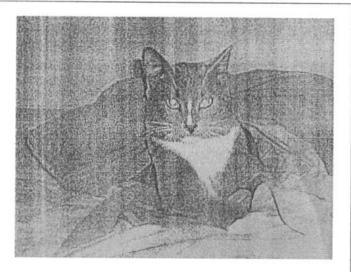
The purpose of this meeting will be to present a draft of the proposed McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Plan and to seek input from you and other community members regarding it. City representatives and the consultant team will present the preferred vision, design principles, and development concept for the station area based on previous stakeholder input. We encourage you to attend and provide us with any additional feedback you may have to further inform and help finalize the McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Plan.

Please note that we are currently in the process of updating our project webpage and will provide additional information as we get closer to the November 8th meeting date here:

http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/ urban_planning_and_design/mckernan-belgravia-stationarea-plan.aspx

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at michael.strong@edmonton.ca. Thank you and I hope to see you November 8th.





Willy is Lost!

2 1/2 yrs old. Belgravia area. Soft grey with pronounced white markings: front sockettes, back stockings, chin, throat, chest, tail tip, very thin stripe on nose. Chipped, tagged, and neutered. Last seen Tuesday Oct 2nd, 10:30 pm. Call Linda @780-435-4656.

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Visions of an Evolving Neighbourhood

David Ridley - BCL President

In October 1994, the residents of Belgravia, McKernan and Parkallen, working with City of Edmonton staff, developed a set of vision statements (along with supporting principles and recommendations for implementation) as part of a community development plan:

On housing and residential development:

Generally maintain the low-density residential character of the area while at the same time providing opportunities for the sensitive integration of higher density infill redevelopment on a selective basis, for a wide range of housing needs.

On "circulation":

Enhance an urban lifestyle that promotes walking, cycling and the use of public transit for residents and non-residents, and which minimizes the use of the private automobile.

On the urban landscape:

Preserve and enhance the village atmosphere within the neighbourhoods of Belgravia, McKernan and Parkallen... a place where residents

may safely walk and socialize with their neighbours in pleasant surroundings, whether it be in the parks, on the streets or at one of the neighbourhood business centres. A community where mutual respect and concern for the well-being and safety of others is commonplace.

In the foreword to the report, Bradley Odsen, Belgravia resident and chair of the plan's committee wrote that this was "not only a plan for the development of our community for the foreseeable future", but was also "a breaking with tradition" by Edmonton City Council "in enabling local neighbourhoods to chart their own course."

Much has happened since 1994. With the current Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project, we again face challenges and opportunities in the evolution of the neighbourhood. While those 1994 vision statements (as below) have largely, I think, stood the test of time, it is important to look at emerging TOD recommendations in relation to this earlier work and connect it with the way Belgravia residents see their neighbourhood evolving now and into the future.

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Continued from page 4... The TOD project is an important aspect of this evolution, but it should not be the only forum where Belgravians consider and discuss the neighbourhood's future development.

In the past year, besides the TOD project, the Belgravia Community League board has discussed the vision for Belgravia as a neighbourhood and what the community league's mission and work would be in relation to that vision. The board's working vision and mission statements (and corresponding goals) fit well with the 1994 statements:

Vision statement: Belgravia is a sustainable neighbourhood, and a connected, engaged, and diverse community

Mission statement: The Belgravia Community League is a catalyst to create and sustain quality of life for the whole community through community engagement, programs, facilities, and advocacy

We'll fill you in on the goals and actions for a future edition of The Belgravian, but suffice to say that these draft statements, along with the 1994 statements and the forthcoming TOD recommendations are all elements for further discussion on Belgravia's development as a neighbourhood.

Keep an eye out for further information on the presentation of the TOD recommendations and further neighbourhood consultation on Belgravia's evolution. You can do this by subscribing to www.belgraviaedmonton.ca for updates.

You can find the Belgravia-McKernan-Parkallen Community Development Plan, 1994 and information on the TOD planning process on the City of Edmonton website in the city government/ urban planning and design section. You can find the full BCL draft vision and mission statements with more detail at www.belgraviaedmonton.ca

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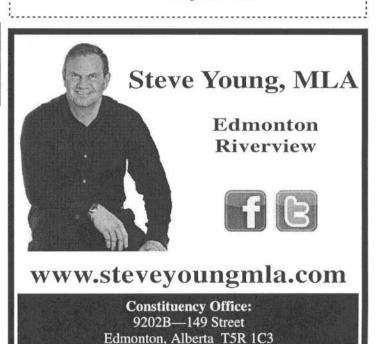
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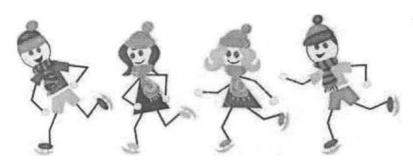
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Beginner Learn to Skate Lessons



Belgravia Community League 11540- 73 Ave.

> Mondays, January 14 to February 25, 2013 (No class Family Day Feb 18th)

*Make-up classes March 4 & 11

*In the event there are no cancellations due to inclement weather, the 2 extra sessions will still run!

Preschool Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 4 to 6 years old who have limited or no skating experience. Children will learn basic skating skills at their own pace.

Time: 3:15 to 3:45 pm

Cost: \$34 (Code: 482578)

Children Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 6 to 12 years old that have limited skating skills and are still learning the basics. They will learn to glide and skate using proper technique and balance in a safe and fun environment.

Time: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Cost: \$41 (Code: 482578)

CSA approved skating helmets are mandatory.

Lessons take place outside and will be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (below -20 Celsius).

Parents will be notified in case of a cancellation (see make-up dates above).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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E-REG: ht

http://eReg.edmonton.ca

In person: Any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre

Please register early as spaces are limited.

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Belgravia Elementary School's Ever Active Update

Kim Kelly, Ever Active Committee Chair



BELGRAVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ever Active hopes that you and your family have had an active Fall season! We'd like to update you on our successful initiatives and upcoming events.

Firstly, thank you to the talented Allissa Fletcher for the creation of our fantastic logo. We love the energy and active living that she was able to depict.

We thank all who attended our first family monthly activity held at Elk Island. We had 52 participants, including Frankie the dog. We also hope that you were able to join us in the river valley for Geocaching. Thanks to Ken Bond for leading these activities.

Mark your calendars for a **GAMES** afternoon of dominoes and mazes to name two, held at our community hall on Sunday, Nov. 25th from 1 to 3 p.m.

December's family activity will be a **SKATING PARTY** at the community rink on Sunday, Dec. 30th from 1 to 3 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to see some new faces and to try out your new skates from Santa!

We appreciate BCL's partnership and thank our community league for providing the hall for these events at no charge.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:

10:10 BOOTCAMP – Tuesdays 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. October 2nd start, adults, leader present, school gymnasium (no class Dec. 25th through Jan. 10th)

ADULT WALKING GROUP – Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. (meet at southerly doors), 1 – 1.5 hr, neighbourhood and/or ravine

GAMES – Join us for dominoes, mazes and board game fun at the Belgravia Community Hall Sunday, Nov. 25th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SKATING PARTY – Sunday, Dec. 30^{th} 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Belgravia Community Rink

ROCK CLIMBING – pre-registration for 13 to 18 year olds for Sunday, Jan. 27th 1 – 3 p.m. at Vertically Inclined (entrance fee, equipment and instruction paid), maximum 15 teens, contact Kim Kelly <u>rufkim@shaw.ca</u> to register, thanks to SOGO Participaction

MONDAY NIGHT FITNESS FOR WOMEN – Oct. 22nd through Dec. 10th 7 – 8 p.m. Contact Heather at chwurfel@telus.net \$5 drop-in to cover hall rental

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Contact Jim Sawada to get involved:

rinkmanager@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Fall Classes

(Sept 10-Nov-16)

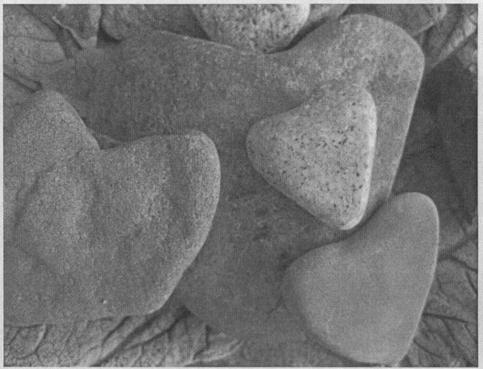
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Winter City Strategy: Fall Back in Love with Winter



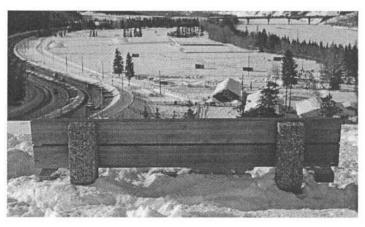
Ben Henderson, Ward 8 Councillor

After a number of years of work, we are now ready to launch Edmonton's WinterCity Strategy. The Strategy is about changing how many of us feel about winter – from enduring to embracing it.

When we look at vibrant winter cities around the world,

they encourage thriving public life through well-designed public spaces for all seasons; they brand and market themselves as places you want to be, especially in winter; they creatively use light and snow to highlight the beauty of winter, and they take great advantage of winter's recreational opportunities.

Edmonton's WinterCity Strategy calls upon us to create a leading winter city: to be a city where people want to be outside in winter because of inviting, vibrant public spaces with activities and comfortable places to gather; to use light and colour to create warmth and luminescence; and to use snow and ice as resources, for things like wind barriers, snow slides and public sculpture.

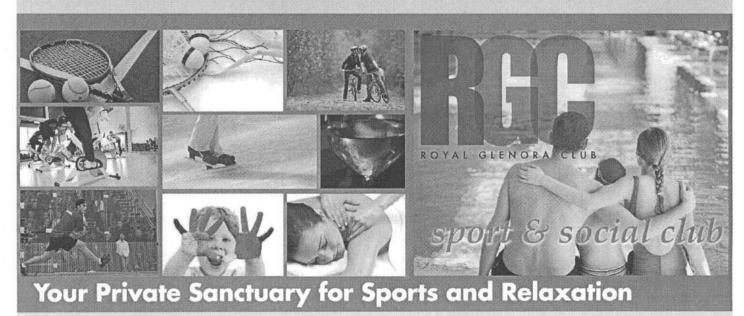


Edmonton is already doing a lot of things well with its winter activities and festivals, but we can build on our strengths, learn from other cities, and create the Edmonton we all want: one that is welcoming, enjoyable, and vibrant all year round.

The WinterCity Strategy will guide City Council's policies so that everyone enjoys the best the season has to offer. Our goal is to make Edmonton fall back in love with winter in our city.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me, either by email at <u>ben.henderson@edmonton.ca</u> or by telephone at 780.496.8146.

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Belgravia Dogs Off Leash Site

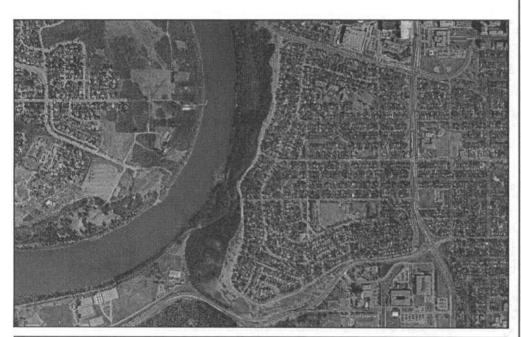
Signage has recently been posted to confirm the boundaries of the Belgravia Dogs Off Leash Area (see map below).

The original designated southeastern boundary for the Belgravia Off Leash site is understood to be at the footbridge on Saskatchewan Drive South - previously known as '71 Avenue at a point near 116 Street'. The lack of specificity in the description of southeastern boundary combined with temporary boundary changes to accommodate construction resulted in confusion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 311.

For further information regarding Off Leash sites visit:

http://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/parks_rivervalley/off-leash-parksites.aspx



#20 - BELGRAVIA

Off-Leash Area

Saskatchewan Dr. top of bank from University Ave. south to 116 St. footbridge

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THANKS FROM **BELGRAVIA CO-OP PLAYSCHOOL**

Dear Neighbours,

Thank you so much for your donation of recyclable beverage containers to the fall bottle drive of the Belgravia Home and School Association and the Belgravia Cooperative Playschool! We raised \$1932 for the school and playschool.

At Belgravia School, funds from bottle drives support the outdoor learning centre and initiatives that are not directly related to instruction, such as the hallway coat hooks that were installed in 2011 to free up space within classrooms. The playschool uses bottle drive funds for special activities such as field trips and music programs.

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Fill out the survey to the right, or online at belgraviaedmonton.ca

2012 Belgravia Hall Survey

PLEASE DO YOUR PART. This is a very important first step as we will not be able to proceed without it. We have 50 of the 100 required please fill out online www.belgraviaedmonton.ca or drop off. The following survey is required (by the city) to solicit input from the Belgravia community residents to ensure that the hall Reno or Rebuild is something the community wants. This survey will help in the facilities design for future activities and demands of the hall. A committee will be set up to review and make decisions about the future of the hall. Our first meeting is mid—November

Your Postal Code

Estimate your family's use of the facility, amenities, and grounds around the hall?

How many times per month?

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Wheel Chair Accessibility	C		C	C
Eco Friendly Renovation	C	E	С	C
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Playschool	C	С	C	C
Meeting Rooms	E	C	C	E
Outside Access to Equipment Storage.	C	C	C	E
Larger Hall Space	C	C		C
Stage for Plays, Meetings and Speeches	G	С	C	C

What other things would you want to see at BCL to help increase your and others use of the hall? Example: Events, Programs, Social Gatherings, Groups, Sports

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