

MARTINDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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2008 Report to residents

Over the last year there has been many hours spent by volunteers in Martindale to enhance the community for residents. Please see our report that lists the accomplishments and challenges that the volunteers have spent many hours dealing with.

JANUARY – AGM held at Saddle Ridge Community Hall Jan. 24, 2008.
Donation to NECCS for the construction of the new building. This was a large donation for the community association.

FEBRUARY – Community Enhancement -Graffiti removal on Martindale Gate and 64th Ave.

Social Event Family Skate was held on Feb. 17, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. We had volunteers cleaning and flooding the rink for a month before the event. Residents were treated to hot dogs and hot chocolate.

MARCH- Open House NE LRT Extension

APRIL – Calgary Airport -ACNCC Meeting. This is a community committee that reviews the noise from the airport. Martindale has contributed for the last several years.

MAY – Casino – \$80,000.00 and 35 volunteers worked the Calgary Casino. This is our major fundraising campaign for the year. The money will be spent in the community and the expenses are approved by Alberta Gaming. To date we have spent money of programming for the community, Movie in the Park, Skating Rink equipment and maintenance, office supplies.

Federation of Calgary Communities – held an information session to explain the new Bylaws that were passed by the City of Calgary. Martindale received a copy of the new bylaws as we use them to review development permits.

JUNE - Community clean up was held on June 21 at the Martindale skating rink. Residents collected and filled up 3 City of Calgary garbage trucks and we collected 33,473 lbs of trash and 5440.95 lbs of recycled electronics. This was a great community event and this will help reduce the footprint that we leave on the environment.

Social Event Cricket Club was held on June 28 for all ages. This was an event planned by the social committee for residents. Martindale purchased cricket equipment and planned 4 days throughout the summer. We had several participants come and play cricket. As Crossing Park School has embraced Cricket as part of the curriculum for the school year 2008-2009, Martindale CA will keep promoting this sport. We have had some initial discussions with the City of Calgary and the Alberta Cricket Association in order to have a baseball diamond in the community converted to a Cricket Pitch. This will take some collaborative team work with all partners.

JULY – Social Event- Movie in the Park July 12- 300 residents were treated to games, popcorn, hula hoop contest and the BEE Movie.

Social Event - Cricket Club July 19 & 26

Community Partnerships - MCA sponsored HOLE at the 2nd Annual NECCS Golf Tournament. This tournament raised money toward the new community recreation building that MCA has been working on for the past 8 years.

Community Enhancement -Lighting outdoor rink replaced from damaged pool in 2006 and it took until the middle of this year to replace. We started in 2007 and it was completed in 2008.

AUGUST- Programs - Park N Play this was a great week and was attended by 60 children. This is a free program sponsored by Martindale community association.
Social Event Cricket Club – we added a fourth cricket day and we had 15 residents come and play. This day was attended by members of the Alberta Cricket team.

SEPTEMBER – Tri Services Ground Breaking Saddle Towne Circle – Barlow Trail Closure letter of support for Alderman Stevenson for tunnel construction. Community Newsletter ceased – MCA board took on the production and publishing of newsletter. We are looking for more volunteers to help with the newsletter production and delivery.

OCTOBER – Open House NE LRT Extension, Calgary Airport -ACNCC Meeting

NOVEMBER – New Park Construction – Saddle Towne Circle

DECEMBER – Accomplishments

Neighborhood watch was actually started at the end of September and was called the Martindale Community Task Force. Meetings were held in October and November at which time a number of issues and concerns were addressed. A list of items was sent to the MLA's office, who actually initiated talks with the task force. It was the office of the MLA who then contacted the individuals listed in the report for the third meeting in December. It was through the recommendation of the task force that speed bumps, removal of the payphone, etc. were implemented. Under recommendation from CPS the name was changed to Block Watch. After taking part in a CPS ride along it was clear that Martindale had a serious problem and Block Watch need to be resurrected. This community requires a huge overhaul when dealing with crime, January 20, 2009 Kelly Jones attended the orientation and became the new Block Watch President for Martindale. There are a number of residents ready to go and will take part as block captains.

Planning & Development – 199 Martindale Blvd – Francophone Regional School building.

Several small Development Permit's were reviewed and the Development and Planning Committee returned them to the City with comments of how they impact of home businesses to community.

Accomplishments – we had a group of residents clean up broken bus shelters throughout the community. When a bus shelter is damaged these residents have taken it upon them shelves to clean up the broken glass. In the newsletter in June it featured these residents. Thanks for making this a priority. Your time is greatly appreciated. Kelly Jones and Greg Elliott have made this a priority and have cleaned up the bus shelters within 8 hours of them being damaged.

Community Enhancements – The Francophone Regional School was awarded the green space on the west side of the Sheik Temple to build a school. This land was designated as joint use site for a school. It was released by the City of Calgary Joint Use Committee. This school will be a registered french public school that will cater to the French speaking school children in the northeast quadrant of the city. It will hold 115 children this will bring diversity to our community of Martindale. The expected school opening is slated for September 2009.

Community Consultative Committee – NE LRT Extension - monthly meetings or bimonthly meetings to choose designs, hear impact of LRT on residents, sound walls, detour of intersection to accommodate the construction of overpass so traffic on 64th will go over train level crossing at 64th Ave. as it moves into Martindale.



NE Centre of Community Society – two MCA board representatives sit on NECCS as official board members. A third resident sits on the NECCS board as treasurer and this year we had a fourth resident volunteer as secretary. Martindale is well represented on this board.

- MCA gave a donation, detailed design in progress, Genesis Wellness Center - naming rights and 5 million donations complete. City of Calgary LOC agreement in progress
- NECCS has suggested one community membership for Martindale, Saddle Ridge and Taradale. Martindale has not committed to the one membership concept
- To date this committee has raised 28 million dollars towards the new building

Volunteers – This year this board has collectively donated over a thousand hours of volunteer time. This includes attending meetings to represent Martindale, organizing social events like, family skate, Movie in the park, and Cricket, essential events like Community Cleanup, fundraising Casino, Committee work like Airport Noise Committee, LRT Extension Committees, park clean up, skating rink maintenance, responding to requests from residents and helping them to understand the importance of bylaws, planning & development. There are many tasks to complete and as we enter into 2009 the work will continue with many important initiatives, if you have any time to help we would welcome your donation of time.

I would like to the volunteers who have so generously given their time,

Kelly Jones, Chris Clarke, Nancy Perry, Amandeep Khangura, Guy Joly, Shaique Mushaque, Shawna Couchman, Ravi Prasad, Steve T.

THANK YOU

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These local businesses have given us donations, sponsored events or distributed our newsletter to residents over the past year. The MCA would like to thank these businesses for their own going support. Please support these local businesses.