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Lakeview President Update

Dear community,

On behalf of our Fun Day Committee, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended our recent fun day. We are thrilled with its incredible success, and it wouldn't have been possible without your enthusiastic participation and support.

We saw smiling faces and felt the positive vibes which radiated throughout the day. It was a testament to the strength and unity of our community, and we couldn't be prouder to be a part of it. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, make new friends, and strengthen the bonds that tie us together. Seeing everyone come together and enjoy the activities, games, and delicious BBQ was truly heartwarming.

We extend our deepest appreciation to all the volunteers, sponsors, and contributors who generously dedicated their time, resources, and expertise to make this event a resounding success.

More broadly, thinking of our many volunteers, on behalf of the entire Board, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to Lakeview have been a source of inspiration and motivation to all of us. Your countless hours of service, your unwavering support, and your willingness to go the extra mile have made a significant impact on our success. We would not have been able to achieve our goals without your contributions.

We recognize that being a volunteer comes with its own set of challenges and sacrifices. It takes a lot of time, energy, and effort to be a part of any organization, and we appreciate that you have chosen to invest your time and resources right here in Lakeview.

Finally, as the warm sunshine embraces us, I wanted to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer! Whether you're embarking on exciting adventures, spending quality time with loved ones,

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or simply taking a well-deserved break, I hope you find fulfillment in every moment.

Let's also extend our care and kindness to those around us. Summer is a time for building stronger bonds, supporting one another, and fostering a sense of unity within our community. Together, we can create a warm and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

May this summer be filled with laughter, love, and a sense of wonder.

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Respectfully Yours,

Jon Himmens, MBA

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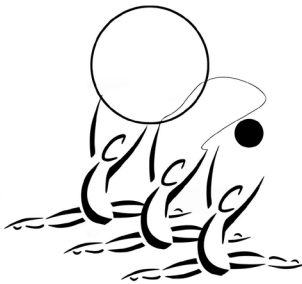
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Community Calendar

LCA Board Meeting - September 11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Field House

Ward 11 Community Coffee - June 23, 2023 - 8:00 - 9:30am, Main Hall

Community Clean Up Day - September 10, 2023

LCA Annual General Meeting - September 26, 2023 -7:00 to 9:00 pm, Main Hall

Newsletter Submissions

Send submissions to the editor; please email lakeviewnews@lakeviewYYC.ca

August 30, 2023 is the deadline for submissions for the October 2023 edition.

Volunteers

The Lakeview Community Association is always looking for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer for the many events that Lakeview holds, for building or grounds maintenance, to be on a Lakeview committee, such as Traffic, for our membership drive, or simply to bake treats for the bake sales, please email Nadia at info@lakeviewYYC.ca to get onto our volunteer database.

The News & Views LOVES local written submissions: lakeviewnews@lakeviewyyc.ca



Lakeview 85th Scouts Update

Cubs wrapped up this month by joining the Scouts in a one-day link camp. Kids of all ages had fun working through the challenges together. The Scouts finished up their climbing work and moved on to paddling skills in preparation for five days on the river going from Red Deer to Drumheller in early July to cap off the season.



☹ About Scouts Canada

Scouts Canada's mission is to develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world through a youth-led program where they have a say in what we do and how we do it. Scouting in Canada has been fully inclusive for decades. Scouters (leaders) are here to help pull it all together, share knowledge, and mentor.

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Board of director meetings are held at the Lakeview Community Association Field House on the second Monday of every month and are open to the public.

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The Lakeview Community Association is pleased to offer its facilities for rent to both members and non-members. The Main Hall at 6110 34 St. S.W. is ideal for large meetings, seminars, social and recreational events. The multi-purpose room provides a private atmosphere and is suitable for small informal meetings, birthday parties, craft workshops, etc. Phone (403) 242-8660 or email: info@lakeviewYYC.ca

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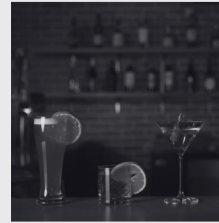
From our fluffy buckwheat pancakes topped with local maple syrup to our savory smoked salmon, each dish reflects the essence of Canadian cuisine. We are sourcing our free range eggs & local cheese from Sylvan Star, packed full of flavors.



LUNCH & DINNER

Our chefs work closely with local farmers to source the freshest ingredients, ensuring that each dish bursts with flavor and vitality.

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And don't miss out on our signature cocktails, inspired by Canadian ingredients and mixed with artistry and care.

The Importance of 30km/h Speed Limit

Lakeview residents are asking me “Why is the 30km/h speed limit so important?” The answer is complex and I will attempt to provide some information on why speed limits in general are important and how 30km/h was determined to be an appropriate speed limit for residential areas.

According to the OECD (Speed Management Report, 2006) excessive and inappropriate speed is the number one road safety problem in many countries, often contributing to as much as one third of fatal accidents and an aggravating factor in all accidents. Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists are particularly exposed to vehicle impacts especially in urban areas.

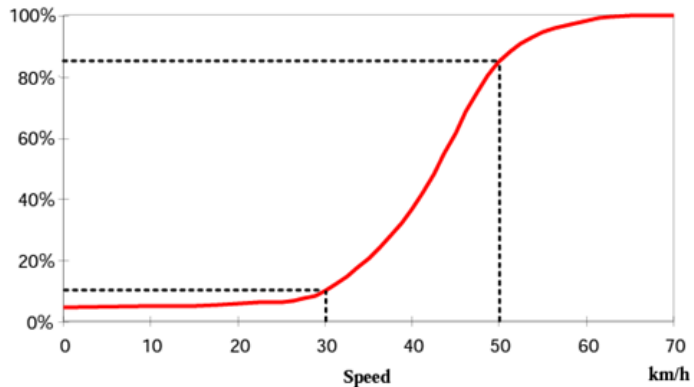
Pedestrians and cyclists have a high risk of severe injury when vehicles collide with them, as they are completely unprotected: no steel framework, no seatbelts and no airbags to absorb the collision energy. As a result, the probability of a pedestrian being killed in a car accident increases with vehicle speed. Results from investigations of on-site collisions involving pedestrians and cars show that 90% of pedestrians survive being hit by a car at speeds of 30 km/h; whereas only 15% survive at speeds of 50km/h (see Figure below). At 70km/h, pedestrians and cyclists have a 0% chance of survival (OECD, 2006). Last year the traffic committee witnessed a Lakeview resi-

dent travelling at 78 km/h on 37 St SW in the 50km/h zone. At that speed, any collision with a pedestrian or cyclist would have been fatal.

The speed at which a vehicle is travelling impacts its stopping distance. For example, the total distance to bring a vehicle to a stop from 50km/h is approximately 50m. Whereas, the distance needed to bring a vehicle to a stop at 30km/h is much less, 28m. The importance of this extra 22m of distance is that it gives the driver of the vehicle, additional time to react, brake and hopefully avoid a collision.

The positive safety effect of reducing speed limits from 50km/h to 30km/h has been well established in many studies across the world. A study in the UK found that injury accidents were reduced by 60% and child injury accidents were reduced by 67% after reducing speed limits to 30km/h (FEVR, 2013).

Figure 2.5. Probability of fatal injury for a pedestrian colliding with a vehicle



Source: Interdisciplinary Working Group for Accident Mechanics (1986); Walz *et al.* (1983) and Swedish Ministry of Transport (2002).

Other societal benefits to having lower speed limits include (FEVR, 2013):

- 1) Lower fuel use – in Germany, 30km/h zones led to car drivers using 12% less fuel.
- 2) Less congestion – At 30km/h more cars occupy the same road space due to shorter gaps between them, easing traffic flow.
- 3) Quieter – compared to 50km/h, 30 km/h means 3 decibels less traffic noise.
- 4) Increases physical activity – reducing speed limits from 50 km/h to 30 km/h contributes to more cycling and walking by 12%.
- 5) Less driving for parents – increased road safety brings more independent child travel, improves their life skills and frees up parent's time for more productive activities than driving.

6) Health benefits – fewer road victims free up health facilities for other needs. Active travel reduces obesity and heart disease. Quality of life rises.

As you can see there are many valid reasons to reduce speed limits in urban areas as they are critically important in protecting the safety of our most vulnerable road users; pedestrians and cyclists. Please do your part to continue to make Lakeview a safe community to walk, cycle or drive!

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Level Up in Birding: Song & Savannah Sparrows

By Cathy Warwick

If birding were a video game the hardest level would be the “LBJ”s. This acronym is a birder term for “Little Brown Jobs”. Calgary is full of these little birds flitting about and singing away. Can you believe there are 32 types of sparrows found in Canada! It’s enough to make a beginner bird watcher’s heart sink. You will be heartened to hear that scientists have had a hard slog of it too.

Both the birds I speak of in this article were originally many species across North America. They were named just two species after DNA testing proved it. There is just a lot of color and marking variation between local populations, this is local selection at work. Don’t worry though, we don’t have to run around with tiny syringes getting DNA samples to tell apart these two brown birds - the Song Sparrow and the Savannah Sparrow. To identify them we can simply listen and look for context clues.

In Calgary if you want to find a Song Sparrow head to some running water, the Bow River for example. Then listen for a 3 part song from the bushes lining the river. Cheep-Cheep-Cheep, trill-buzz, something like that. The Audubon webpage shows their mnemonic as “Madge-Madge-Madge, put-on-your-tea-kettle-ettle-ettle”, a bit of a clunky mnemonic in my opinion. If you hang around the bush you may see it perched or moving from branch to branch. The Song Sparrow is a little brown bird with a streaky chest and two brown stripes on its head. Once you recognize the song you will identify the Song Sparrow every time, they sing it frequently and it is very distinctive.

Song Sparrows are known for their advanced nest building skills. They build a little cup nest with a lining of soft material,

like fur or moss. Scientists find that the birds will always go back to specific places to gather material, they just know which is the softest moss for the babies. While the female does most of the nest building the male will defend the territory by singing his song relentlessly, so helpful! Where we hear a pleasant chirping, another Song Sparrow hears a call to fight.

The Savannah sparrow in Calgary is a brown bird with a fetching yellow eyeshadow streaked over its eye. They are found in open grassy areas, in particular the nice field you walk through approaching the North Glenmore storm pond. It will perch on the sign or on a sturdy piece of grass and watch you walk by.

This sparrow usually builds its nest on the ground under grass and bushes. This is why there are ‘Nesting Area’ signs around the storm ponds. You could be trodding on a female Savannah Sparrow’s hard work. Yes, the female does the work for this species too. The male is out singing and carousing, because that’s what’s important I guess.

The House Sparrow (also known as the English Sparrow) flock around our bird feeders and loudly chirp away in the bushes. If you see a brown bird near your house it is probably one of these. They aren’t native to North America and are usually in urban areas.

Now you have a good foundation to pick out two of the brown streaky birds flying around Calgary. It’s true they are difficult to tell apart visually, we usually use song and context to help us out. Remember while you are watching the birds, they watch you too. They probably can’t tell you apart from the next person either.



Song Sparrow by
Diane Stinson



Song Sparrow -
"Come and fight
me - I dare ya!"
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Stinson

A Savannah
Sparrow with
the yellow
streak over the
eye.
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Not a Song or Savannah Sparrow.
A boring old House Sparrow. Photo
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Lakeview Community Soccer Wrap Up Message

By Andy Baxter, Lakeview Soccer Coordinator

By the time this is published, the full time whistle will have blown on another successful kids spring soccer season in Lakeview. Normally as the season progresses we often face game day questions and decisions relating to snow/sleet/hail/rain, temperature, wind, field conditions. Who would have thought that a soccer organizer would have to be familiar with the acronym AQI but 2023 proved to be the year of the Big Smoke.

2023 saw a couple of changes in our program delivery:

- In late 2022, the Board approved the purchase of the TeamSnap operating platform. This platform allows parents to register and pay for soccer much more seamlessly. It facilitates rostering and scheduling but, most importantly, it enables parents and coaches to communicate quickly and easily with us and each other. Special thanks to George Nazarey for basically setting the platform up for us and doing most of the heavy lifting. He spent many hours making it "just right".

- Our major on-field initiative this year was with the Under 6 age group. The City, Provincial and National soccer associations all endorse Festival Soccer and we switched to this format in 2023. Dan Robb took on a leadership role with this program and was our Under 6 on-field coordinator. Thanks to him for championing things and for his ability to tweak the format on-the-fly.

There are 4 people and groups who continue to be integral to our program. Their continued support is appreciated :

1. Ron Garneau and his team at Re/Max House of Real Estate for donating the shirts once again.

2. Robyn Calvert at MortgageLine for sponsoring the season ending wind-up events.

3. Victoria Baker and the Chinooks FC for providing us with pre-season coaching clinic resources.

4. Nadia Janssens at the Lakeview office for her support and insight and giving us perspective.

Special thanks as usual to Robyn Calvert for coordinating the purchase of the shirts, organizing the photos and getting the medals. Speaking of terrific volunteers, it would be great if we could have a couple of people come forward and take on leadership roles in the following two areas:

- We pulled together half a dozen folks in early April. They spent a couple of hours assembling kit bags and blowing up soccer balls. Take it from me – there is no inflation problem in Lakeview. It would be great if we could find an Equipment Coordinator to quarterback the assembly of the kits once a year and to ensure our inventory is properly replenished.

- To augment the TeamSnap platform, we created a Lakeview soccer website. If there is a creative individual out there who can "kick" things up a notch and raise the "bar" with our soccer website, we would love to chat.

In addition to our Lakeview kids we were able to welcome 7 children from Ukrainian refugee families to our program in 2023. We hope that the 2 hours a week that they spent on the pitch provided a

little stress relief for them and their parents.

Finally, and notwithstanding the fantastic work of everyone mentioned, the program really only works because there are parents in Lakeview who step up and, in some cases, step out of their comfort zone to provide the on-field coaching the program requires. This is the core of the program. This is our community and it is folks like this who make our little corner of the world so great. They are the heros.

And finally the kids. From XS to XXL and everyone in between, we hope you all had fun and made new friends along the way. We sure enjoyed watching you all play!!



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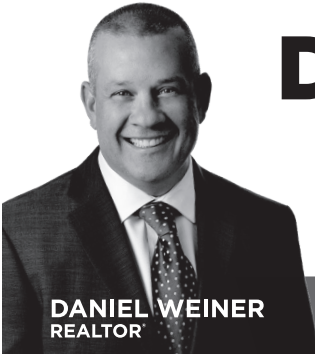
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Enjoy Off-Leash Dog Parks Safely this Summer

Calgary is a haven for dog lovers, with numerous off-leash dog parks across the city. As summer approaches, many pet owners are eager to enjoy the warm weather and spend quality time with their furry friends. However, it is crucial to ensure that off-leash interactions are safe and enjoyable for everyone. Following simple guidelines, dog owners can create a positive and secure environment for their pets and fellow park-goers.

Know the Rules

Familiarize yourself with the specific rules and regulations of each dog park you plan to visit. Be aware of any size restrictions, leash policies, and speak to your veterinarian about the vaccinations your dog will require.

Training and Socialization

Before heading to the park, ensure your dog is well-trained and socialized. Basic commands like "sit," "stay," and "come" can go a long way in managing their behaviour.

Supervision and Control

Keep a close eye on your dog. Stay within a reasonable distance and maintain control over their actions.

Communication with Other Owners

Establish open lines of communication with fellow dog owners. Respect their space and recognize any signs of discomfort or tension between dogs.

Bring Essential Supplies

Carry essential supplies such as water and waste bags. Clean up after your pet to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the park.

Calgary's off-leash dog parks provide a fantastic opportunity for dogs to socialize, exercise, and have fun during the summer months. To learn more about responsible pet ownership, check out our video series at: calgary.ca/pets/licences.

Clean Up Day – September 10, 2023

Clean Up Day is coming, but not until September 10th. The day runs from 9:00 am until 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed so while you're enjoying summer and cleaning out your garage and your yard, please consider volunteering – as always, we need your help. .

Please contact Ann Bright at 403-249-4075 or acbright@telus.net to help.

'Bee' YardSmart

Did you know? YardSmart yards keep our rivers healthy and help create a green and healthy city.

Visit calgary.ca/yardsmart to learn how to create a beautiful yard or green space that is easy to maintain, is suited for our city's unique climate and needs little watering during hot and dry conditions. You can also visit calgary.ca/droughtinfo for more tips on caring for your yard during dryer times through the summer.

We have several free resources available:

- Garden bed layouts for all areas of your yard – wet, dry or a combination of sun and shade
- Plant lists to help you choose beautiful and low-maintenance plants at your local garden centre
- How-to video series, including gardening on a budget and planning a garden bed

- Native wildflower plant lists and native meadow garden bed design

Our YardSmart program was created in partnership with The Calgary Horticultural Society to help craft garden designs that thrive in Calgary and support our natural environment.

A tip to get started: Begin your YardSmart yard by replacing a bit of your grass with water-wise plants and greenery this summer!



SOME NEWS FROM YOUR PEWS (or, how I see it)



Lakeview United Church

Seeking Spiritual Renewal and Growth in
a Caring, Affirming Community...

Welcome to summer as it calls out to you. Summer has its own communication and when you wake up each morning the voice of summer beckons to you to wake up to its countless gifts. Communication is so important to all of us and not only in the technological world but in listening and conversing with creation in all of its aspects. With this in mind I'm going to share an incident in my life where communication made my understanding of it become picture clear.

Many years ago I had been invited by my parents to join with them on a trip back to Holland and to meet all of my relatives. What a wonderful opportunity it was and I gladly joined in with them. I had spent a week in the Netherlands visiting with as many as possible and then tagged back to the airport to meet with a couple of my friends as we had planned to spend three weeks together and 'travel the world of Europe' (as if we could do all of that in three weeks!) We bought train passes for the three weeks and stayed at youth hostels in Belgium and Germany, Austria and parts of Holland, Lichtenstein and finally, Switzerland. This is where my communication story happened.

We had got off our train in Zurich, stayed overnight, and caught an early train to a small town in the Innerthal area. A small car was waiting for us at the train station and we were taken up into the mountains to a beautiful youth hostel on the edge of

a crystal clear lake and mountains on all sides. It was truly idyllic. We settled into our hostel and made an early night so as to enjoy the full day ahead.

Early in the morning, as the sun was trying to find its way through the mountain peaks, I awoke early, made a cup of coffee and sat on the veranda, giving thanks.

And then I heard it.

High in the mountains to my right I could hear someone yodeling and it echoed throughout the valley. And once more the yodeling happened and then silence. And then the most amazing thing – yodeling happened from the other side of the valley and happened twice. Something which I had never heard before so when breakfast time came, I asked the hostel folks what it meant. They just smiled and said that a couple of widowed gentlemen lived on different sides of the mountains and this was their communication to each other to let each one know that all was well. How unique. How real. How loving and caring for each other. Maybe that's what summer does to us when it messages us of its magic. I truly hope so. It's our Creator's way of saying, "You are truly loved and this my gift to you".

Happy summer to you all.

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Family Fun Day Enjoyed by All

It was a warm and sunny day this year for Lakeview family fun day. We were excited to welcome hundreds of Lakeview residents to the grounds to celebrate community and join in on all the fun activities.

First and foremost, thank you to the dedicated volunteers who made this event come to life. Every year a small but mighty group of returning members join the planning committee to help ensure Fun Day continues to be the event residents know and love. The energy on event day is powered by more than 20 people – adults and teenagers – who show up with smiles to manage the ticket lines, bouncy castle bouncers and tone their shoulders spinning cotton candy. We appreciate everyone's time and effort.

The day kicked off with the annual kids' bike parade. Cyclists came donning their fancy, colourful costumes, and bike decor. Thank you to Pedalheads and the Calgary Police Service for leading the way.

Many local organizations came to promote their services and programs:

- Scouts Canada
- Lakeview United Church
- Northglenn Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Lakeview Preschool
- Jenny Elliott School Council
- Weaselhead Preservation Society
- Trickle Creek
- Telus
- Calgary Public Library
- Calgary Fire Department

Everyone was well fed by the barbeque led by Joel Workman and his crew of volunteer burger flippers. Even on a hot day they made standing over the grill look like a fun task.

Rob Lennard from Hurricane Hollywood kept the party going with awesome tunes and the occasional dance moves.

This year we enjoyed crisp delicious Banded Peak beer. The local brewery truly made the beer garden vibe special.

Face painting, obstacle course races, pony rides... all of Fun Day is funded through sponsorships {and LCA membership dues}. A big THANK YOU to all of our sponsors for helping us hold such a wonderful community event. See the following page that acknowledges our generous sponsors.

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Betty Stein, Lakeview Resident

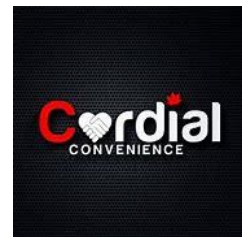
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Tour of the Glenmore Dam

I recently participated in yet another great Jane's walk near our neighborhood. For those who haven't heard of "Jane", she was a US- Canadian New York urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community approach to city building. At the core of her work and thinking was the need to get out and walk your city and observe how people, through their actions and interactions, create communities with a strong sense of belonging. Jane's Walks began in Toronto in 2007 and is now a global event of free walking tours led by volunteers and held in Calgary and around the world each May. In previous years I've learned about the history of the Weaselhead and Edworthy Parks and this year it was the Glenmore Dam.

This walk was led by Ward 11 Councillor Courtney Penner who reached out to the City of Calgary Water Services who provided two expert employees and access to behind the scenes of the water treatment facilities.

We started atop the dam where the new flood gates and bicycle pathway were completed in 2020. These gates have doubled the capacity of the reservoir (which supplies 40% of Calgary's drinking water), but also they are rated for ice (unlike the old wooden gates), allowing the full capacity of the reservoir to be maintained over the winter months. As visitors to North Glenmore Park and the Weaselhead will know, the levels in the reservoir are typically dropped in mid-May in anticipation of the spring run off, then raised around mid-July to start storing water for over the

winter. We also heard quite a few anecdotes of what operations had to contend with in the 2013 floods.

Next, we were led behind the gates and toured the solar array (helping to power the dam operations) and the new treatment works.

The highlight for many of us however was seeing inside the beautiful heritage buildings, recognised as a Canada Historic Place.

While the Glenmore system was designed and approved in 1929, prior to the Great Depression, construction of the system became Calgary's largest relief project of the era. With the onset of the Depression, construction of the facility was changed to a make-work project. At the insistence of elected civic officials, and to the greatest extent possible, local firms, locally produced materials (including Medicine Hat brick and Manitoba Tyndal stone), and thousands of Calgarians were contracted and employed for the project, greatly benefiting the local economy.

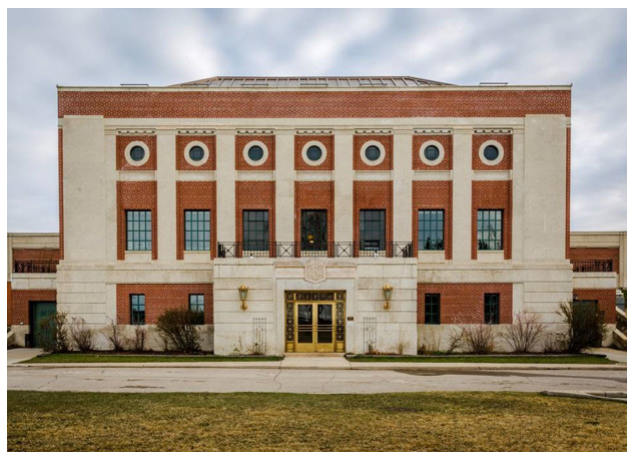
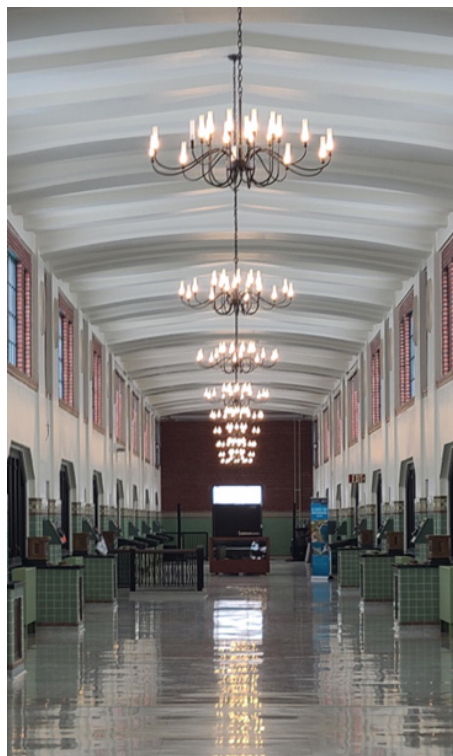
Built 1930-33, at a cost of over \$4,000,000 the Glenmore Water Works System was one of the most significant engineering projects completed in western Canada up to that time. The brick and stone Art Deco structure, comprises a three-storey office building with a long, rectangular, one- and two-storey filtration gallery attached to the rear. The building features distinctive 'porthole' windows and sleek marble-clad, terrazzo and tiled interiors.

Until 1972 the Glenmore Water Treatment plant was the sole distributor of Calgary's treated water, but has since shared this function with the Bearspaw system. The new buildings at Bearspaw, we were told, are not nearly as beautiful!

Water Services are not offering public tours of these facilities at this time, which makes events such as the Jane's Walk tour all the more special. Mark your calendars for Jane's Walks in the first weekend in May next year, where hopefully this walk, and others, will be offered again.

Paige Martin

(Photos courtesy of Calgary Water Services).



Photos left to right:

- Administration Building, visible from the bike path
- Inside the filtration building, extended in 1955 and 1967, still in use today
- Original filter bed controls, not in use today

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