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Elbow Park Residents' Association www.elbowpark.com

FALL 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2009

Well we are back at it and the EPRA agenda is quite full. Among the things before us are the following:

1. Identifying a new treasurer to replace Deborah Ambrose is an immediate priority. After many years serving in that role Deborah is stepping down and our whole community owes her a huge thank you for her contribution to the EPRA. We are looking for a community resident with an accounting background who would be able to step into the position and transition the duties with Deborah prior to the annual meeting of the members of the EPRA this fall.
2. Finding a volunteer to replace Tom Plunkett who has been responsible for the hockey rinks and the fundraising casino. The role essentially is coordinating the set up and taking down of the hockey boards and arrangements with the contractors who carry out the flooding and clearing functions. In terms of the casino it is essentially orchestrating volunteers once every 14 months or so.
3. We are continuing down the path of examining improvements to the clubhouse as reported in the Spring 2009 Gazette and will be seeking feedback from members of the community as part of that process. Obviously we would be looking to raise sufficient funds to implement whatever improvements are determined to be appropriate.
4. We hope to complete updated traffic counts and assess that data with a view to continuing with our strategy to reduce traffic volumes cutting through Elbow Park. In that regard we will liaise with community residents in connection with any changes that may be implemented.
5. Our membership drive kicks off in mid-September and in the back of this Gazette is a membership application form. Remember that much of our funding comes from membership fees, so please get your membership forms completed and your money in to Rhonda Fulton as soon as you can.
6. The annual meeting of members of the EPRA will be held October 20, 2009 at the clubhouse and all residents are welcomed, indeed encouraged, to attend.

As we proceed with our budgeting process for the upcoming year it is important that we recognize one of our valued sources of funding which is the Community Spirit Donation Grant Program established by Alberta Culture and Community Spirit in 2008. Under that program the Alberta Government essentially recognizes the choices Alberta residents themselves make in donating to not-for-profit organizations. Under the program cash donations made to the EPRA are matched to a certain extent by Community Spirit

Donation Grants. Between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008 the EPRA received approximately \$23,000 in donations by community residents and based on that giving the EPRA was entitled to a grant of approximately \$16,500 under that program. Those funds were used for removal of danger trees and in part to fund Flock Park located at 38th Avenue and 9th Street in our community. The Community Spirit Donation Grant Program is a three year program and we will be applying based on donations received. I again encourage all residents who are thinking about contributing to the EPRA to do so in order that we can apply under the grant program.

I received numerous telephone calls and e-mails in connection with Elbow Park's off-leash park status in response to the President's Message in the Summer 2009 Gazette. I think I have responded to everyone who has contacted me and for the benefit of all residents I want to take this opportunity to convey a bit of the background and the same message I have given to those to date. Elbow Park is unique in that we lease the entire grassed park area from the City (unlike most communities who only lease the buildings) and the EPRA is responsible to maintain that park area and the buildings, which costs us about \$30,000 per year. Under our lease the EPRA has the authority and the right to determine whether or not our leased area can be an on or off-leash park. The City is currently undertaking a review of off-leash areas and the guidelines that apply in connection with those areas. Typically off-leash areas are prohibited where there are children play areas and active sporting activities as we have in Elbow Park and under the City's guidelines Elbow Park would likely never have become an off-leash park. Over the last few years there have been a number of incidents with dogs and people and we are experiencing an increased number of dog walking services from outside the community showing up with vehicles carrying a number of dogs which compounds both the volume of traffic in the community and number of dogs in the park. It is important to note as well that the hill (which is not part of our lease) is not part of the off-leash area and people tend not to "pick up" in that area. In any event no decision has been made yet by the EPRA board as we have been waiting for the City to complete its review and then we will seek input from community residents. As a dog owner I personally value having an off-leash park in our community but as President of the EPRA it is important to do the right thing for the community and for the majority of its residents by both assessing the appropriateness of off-leash park status having regard to the City's guidelines, input from community residents and consideration of other factors such as insurance costs and liability risk. At the end of the day I am prepared to accept a decision to eliminate the off-leash park status if it is the right thing to do for our community.

YOGA IN THE PARK

FALL 2009 SCHEDULE

*"The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are."
- Joseph Campbell -*

MONDAY

Hatha Yoga Level 1 (Glenda) 6-7:30 pm
Hatha Yoga Multi Level (Glenda) 7:45-9:15 pm

TUESDAY

Hatha Yoga Multi Level (Glenda) 9:30-11 am
Pilates Mat Class (Christy) 9:15-10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Pilates (Christy) 9:15-10:45 am
Pilates Ball Class (Christy) 1-2 pm

THURSDAY

Early Morning Yoga (Glenda) 6:15-7:30 am
Pilates (Christy) 9:15-10:45 am
Pilates Mat Class (Christy) 11-12:15 am
Belly Dance (Afsana) 6:30-9:30 pm

FRIDAY

Svaroopo Yoga (Mary Lynn) 9-10:15 am
Prana Flow (Mary Lynn) 10:30-11:30 am

For details of class descriptions, registration, and pricing please contact the teachers directly.

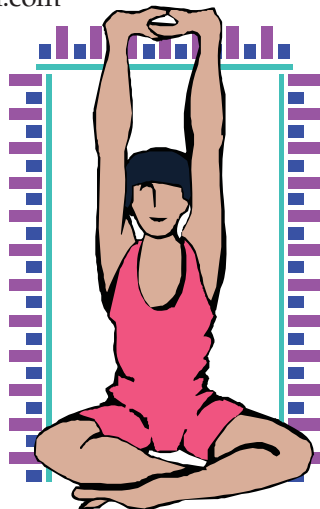
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Keeping Calgary Clean

We all know that litter and waste, if not disposed of properly, can have a negative impact on the enjoyment of our public spaces. Studies also show that litter, in addition to graffiti and abandoned grocery carts, gives the perception that no one in the community cares. This can lead to increased incidents of crime.

Littering offences are addressed in the Street Bylaw and the Parks and Pathways Bylaw. In the City's continuing commitment to promote safe, clean and healthy communities, changes have been made to these bylaws to improve how we deal with litter in our streets and parks.

In September 2008, the Street Bylaw was changed and fines were increased for littering on any portion of a street. Offences now include littering from a vehicle or disposing of burning litter, such as cigarette butts. Similar changes were added to the Parks and Pathways Bylaw. Waste or burning waste must be disposed of in designated receptacles and no person shall leave or dispose of waste from a vehicle.

At present, Animal & Bylaw Services is collecting data and will be using these statistics to begin educating and working with calgarians to promote awareness about the bylaw changes. Following the education phase, enforcement will be stepped up, so be prepared. Fines range from \$500-\$1000 for offences such as throwing that fast food wrapper on the ground or carelessly tossing a cigarette out the window.

If you are concerned about litter or waste in a public area, call 3-1-1. Burning litter and litter disposed of from a vehicle can become safety concerns, so we encourage citizens to report these offences.

For more information about the recent bylaw amendments and subsequent fines, consult the Street Bylaw and Parks and Pathways Bylaw at calgary.ca/bylaws or call 3-1-1.



CELEBRATE ELBOW PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

The 4th annual community fundraising event, Celebrate, will be held this year on Saturday, September 19 following the Flock Park Grand Opening. All residents of Elbow Park are invited to join the festivities of celebrating the newly completed Flock Park that will be held from 2pm to 3:30pm at 9th Street and 37th Avenue. From the park grand opening, residents of the community will continue down to the Elbow Park Clubhouse and enjoy Celebrate 2009 Fundraiser, a carnival themed festivity that includes a barbeque!! Events at this year's Celebrate include fun for the entire family – carnival games, climbing wall, face painters, inflatable bouncy houses, magic show, balloon artists, inflatable obstacle courses, tattoo artists, and inflatable gladiator jousting! Display booths are also being incorporated in this year's Celebrate to showcase to our residents two very exciting projects for Elbow Park: Flock Park and the Clubhouse Improvements. Don Terway, Landscapes Director, will be displaying the newly completed Flock Park that will showcase the transformation of park over the summer and highlight the sponsors and volunteers that were an integral part of being the project to completion. Tim Sprung has been volunteering his and his company resources, Sprung Instant Structures, this year to develop renderings for the Elbow Park Clubhouse Improvements. The renderings will be on display for residents to view and provide feedback.

Tickets are now on sale for Celebrate 2009 and we are encouraging the residents to purchase tickets early as they are limited for our community fundraising event! The Social Committee is still recruiting volunteers to help with the Celebrate events. If you are interested in donating 1 hour during the celebration or if you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call or email Joanne at 403-542-1307 joanne.unger@yahoo.ca. And last but definitely not least, our Celebrate event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors (Valentine Volvo, Calgary Stamp & Stencil, Rogers Insurance Ltd, and Rooney, Cronin & Valentine), volunteers and the residents.

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CELEBRATE

ELBOW PARK

Saturday, September 19

FLOCK PARK GRAND OPENING

*After long awaited anticipation,
the park is complete.
Please join us for an opening celebration.*

2-3:30 pm
9th Street & 38th Avenue SW

CARNIVAL IN THE PARK

Adults \$25
Child/Student \$15
Kids Under 2 Free.
3:30 -7:30 pm
Elbow Park Clubhouse

- Carnival Games

- Inflatable Obstacle Course

- Face Painting

- Magic Shows

- Inflatable Bouncy Houses

- Climbing Wall

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- Barbecue

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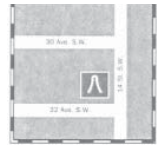


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Designed for new Canadians. Presented in partnership with the YWCA. There is a non-refundable fee of \$45 payable at time of registration. (Registration must be done in branch.) Ages 18 and up
Saturdays, October 3 to November 14
10:15 am - 12:45 pm

LAW AT YOUR LIBRARY: LANDLORD AND TENANT

Learn about your rights in regards to tenancy, contracts, and information on the Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service. Presented by Calgary Legal Guidance.
Tuesday, October 6 7-8:30 pm

MUSIC: A WINDOW TO THE SOUL - PART TWO

Part two of the introductory guided tour to classical music by Lorraine Kneier. Ages 50 and up
Wednesday, October 7
10:30 am - 12 pm

CAREER BASICS 101: RESUME DEVELOPMENT

Learn how to create a professional resume to put your best foot forward. Workshops are led by professional career practitioners from Bow Valley College's Career Connection.
Tuesday, October 13 6:30-8:30 pm

INTRODUCTION TO ASTROLOGY

Join astrologer Peggy Lynch as she talks about astrology and how you can use it as a reflective tool. Ages 50 and up
Wednesday, October 14 7-8:30 pm

HOW TO INVEST IF YOU ARE NOT A MILLIONAIRE

Learn strategies to maximize returns on a modest investing budget. Presented by Edward Jones.
Wednesday, October 21
10:30 am - 12 pm

OUTDOOR COMPOSTING

Learn how to recycle your organic waste at home, how to overcome composting challenges, and make good fertilizer. Presented by the Clean Calgary Association.
Thursday, October 29
7-8:30 pm

FAMILY WII PARTY

Bring the whole family and enjoy some video game fun with the Nintendo Wii. Ages 7 and up with a parent/caregiver
Friday, October 23
3:30-4:30 pm

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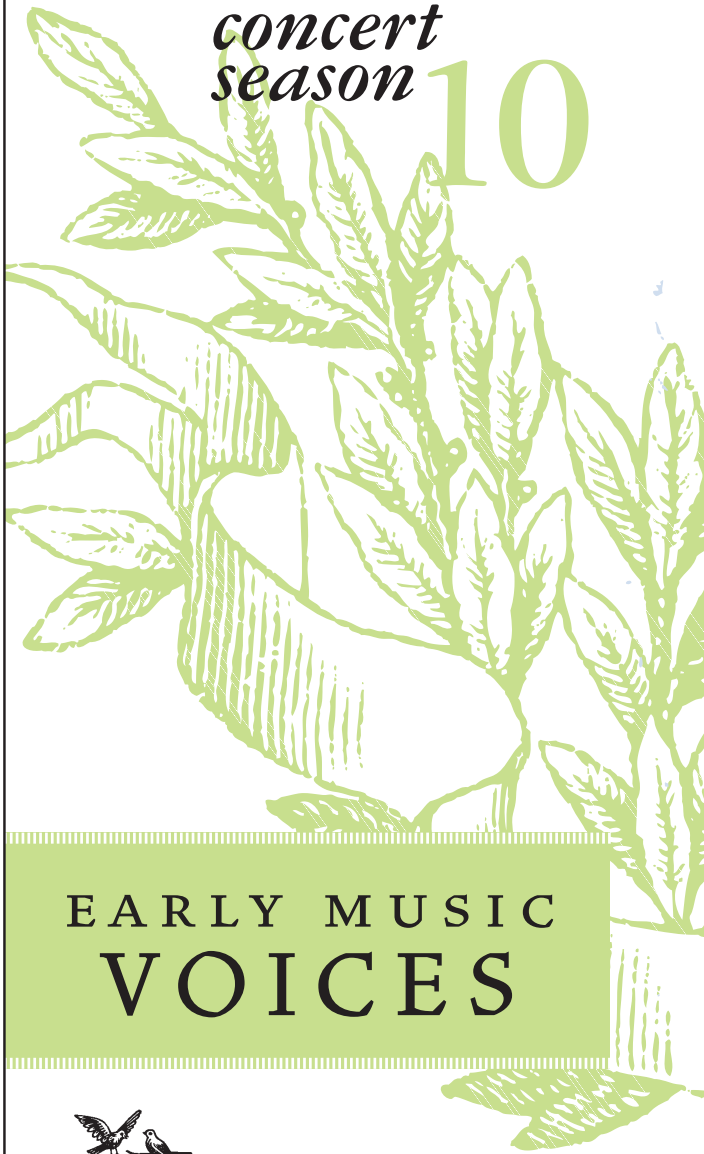
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Pre-concert talk with Bob Lawrence 7:00pm

A Baroque Christmas
Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:30pm
Christ Church Elbow Park (3602 8 St. SW)

The Red Deer Symphony Orchestra and VoiceScapes will present a glorious evening of Christmas music including Part Two of Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Charpentier's Messe de Minuit pour Noël.
Pre-concert talk with Bob Lawrence 7:00pm

Handel: Love and Betrayal
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Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 8:00pm
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WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 28 7:30-9 PM

If I Should Die Before I Wake

The series will feature experts in a number of fields and focus on a variety of things everyone needs to know about death and dying. Subject areas will include the legal matters such as wills, probate, and personal directives; what funeral homes know and do; what dying people want and need; grief and grief recovery; and what the Anglican tradition tells us about death and dying. The series is free and open to all.

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 23 7:30-9 PM

When Faith Meets Reason

A book study, which examines the reflections of thirteen religious scholars on how they have confronted the conflicting claims of faith and reason. The fee is \$20, which covers the cost of the book.

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 4-25 7-9 PM

Handel's Messiah, the Music & the Message

Neil Cockburn and the Rev'd Canon Ansley Tucker will bring their musical and theological training to bear on Part 2 of The Messiah. On Friday, December 4, the group will attend the CPO performance of The Messiah. Cost for the series is \$85, which includes the CPO performance and course text. Enrolment is limited.

NOVEMBER 7-8

A Day with Dean Peter Elliot

The dean is rector of Christ Church cathedral in Vancouver, a vibrant Anglican parish. On Saturday, November 7, he will conduct a day-long "spiritual booster" workshop, and on Sunday, he will preach at Christ Church. Fee for the workshop is \$35, which includes lunch.

NOVEMBER 20-22

The Sacred Art of Loving Kindness

Rabbi Rami Shapiro, a Jewish mystical teacher will conduct a day-long workshop at Christ Church. The rabbi also will preach at Temple B'Nai Tikvah on Friday night and at Christ Church on Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Wisdom Centre, Fire and Grace, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Calgary, and Temple B'Nai Tikvah. Fee for the Saturday workshop is \$75, which includes lunch. For more information and to register go to www.wisdomcentre.ca.

AS USUAL

Education for Ministry, the Thursday *Bible Study on Genesis* and "*Anglican 101*" on Sundays will offer weekly opportunities for learning more about the Anglican faith, all beginning in mid-September.

For more information on any of these educational programs at Christ Church, call the church office (403-243-4680) or go to www.christchurchcalgary.org. A brochure describing Christian Education at Christ Church can be downloaded from the website.

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The HRTC can be claimed for renovations and alterations to a dwelling or the land on which it sits that are enduring in nature. Costs associated with such projects will be eligible for the credit, including permits, professional services, equipment rentals and incidental expenses. Routine repairs and maintenance normally performed annually or on a more frequent basis will not qualify for the credit. Individuals will need to keep receipts for expenditures and may claim the HRTC when filing their income tax returns for 2009.

Eligible expenses include renovating a kitchen, bathroom or basement, new carpet or hardwood floors, a new furnace or water heater and painting the interior or exterior of a residence.

For more information on how your family can benefit from the Home Renovation Tax Credit please visit: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hrtc/>

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For the first time in almost 30 years, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama is visiting Calgary as the honored guest of the University of Calgary. His Holiness, a spiritual leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner is the keynote speaker for NOW – a three-day event and conference from September 30 – October 2, 2009.

Act NOW, a Day of Action, combines the Dalai Lama's values of compassion, connectedness and community. Join thousands of Calgarians on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 as they undertake in neighborhood projects, service initiatives, and events that bring citizens and students together. act NOW stories and special events will also be featured by CBC and Rogers Media.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Businesses, organizations, schools, communities and individuals are challenged to initiate their own community volunteer project on Oct. 2 with peers, friends, family or neighbors, and create a lifetime of service to community. act NOW is a great way for Calgarians to do team building exercises, help their community, get to know their neighbors, and to inspire each other. These volunteer projects can be big or small:

- An office could do a warm clothing collection and deliver the clothes to the Mustard Seed
- An individual could help an elderly neighbor with winter yard preparation
- A classroom could make sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Centre
- A community association could host a community-building event

Join thousands of Calgarians and be part of this change. How will you act NOW?

For more information or to become involved please contact: Melanie Walker, Special Projects Assistant: engage NOW
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THE CITY'S BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PROCESS

Last November, Calgary City Council adopted business plans and budgets for 2009 to 2011. During the past year, we have been operating in an economic recession. As The City starts its annual review of business plans and budgets, accommodating economic changes is critical.

As always, The City's priorities are based on the needs and preferences of its citizens. The approved 2009-2011 business plans and budgets address citizens' top issues – safety, the environment, transportation, healthy communities and affordable housing – and these will not change.

Keeping the fine balance between affordability and high service quality is the challenge. Calgarians don't want to compromise on services such as clean drinking water, well-maintained roadways, and parks and recreation opportunities.

In 2008, Calgary had the lowest municipal residential property tax in Canada for a single detached house, according to a City of Edmonton survey. That's good value, but it isn't the whole story. Out of every tax dollar collected by all levels of government – federal, provincial and municipal – The City's portion is about 5 cents, a fraction of the federal or provincial share.

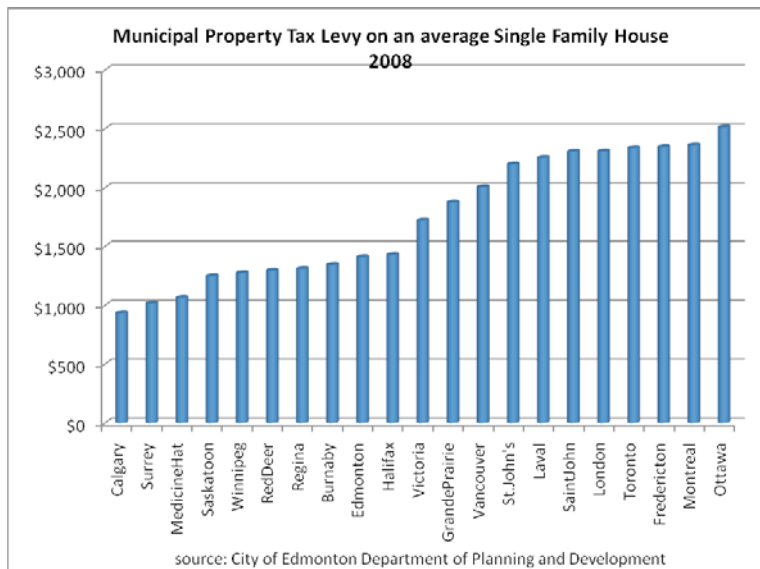
The City recognizes that we are all caught in an economic slowdown and we all have to tighten our belts. In 2009, The City trimmed operating expenses by reducing the staff complement and support services. City departments have been directed to identify budget cuts of approximately \$20 million for 2010. The City will be looking for ways to adjust the operating budget that preserves its long-term capability to provide needed services to citizens in a still-growing city.

The City has established a new website to address citizen questions about how tax dollars are spent – please go to calgary.ca/taxtalk for more information. This site will also provide updates on The City's budget adjustment process and the changes that result. If you have further questions, please contact 3-1-1.

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City of Calgary

2008 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Calgary	\$936
Surrey	\$1,018
MedicineHat	\$1,066
Saskatoon	\$1,248
Winnipeg	\$1,275
RedDeer	\$1,295
Regina	\$1,310
Burnaby	\$1,345
Edmonton	\$1,411
Halifax	\$1,430
Victoria	\$1,720
GrandePrairie	\$1,878
Vancouver	\$2,007
St.John's	\$2,200
Laval	\$2,254
SaintJohn	\$2,307
London	\$2,309
Toronto	\$2,337
Fredericton	\$2,345
Montreal	\$2,361
Ottawa	\$2,513



This survey is used to assess the relative burden of municipal property taxes for a similar sample house across various Canadian cities; it does not include user fees, or the provincial tax portion, which makes up 47% of Calgarians' property tax bills.

*Note: the sample house used in this year's survey is defined as a 25 to 30 year old single-detached, three bedroom bungalow with a main floor area of 1200 square feet, double car garage and full finished basement.

ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Your ORANGE CARDS ARE EXPIRING: Saturday, September 19 is our annual membership drive. A volunteer canvasser (most likely one of your neighbours) will knock at your door to greet you in person and provide membership information. If aren't home then it is too bad we missed you, but don't worry because this form is everything you need to be a part of what is taking place in Elbow Park!

Please check out our website at www.elbowpark.com for upcoming activities, committee updates, ongoing initiatives and even some history of the area. You can become a member online or we've made it easy for you to just fill in this form and mail us your information.

FAMILY/SPORTS \$35

Family use of sports facilities including hockey, skating, tennis, basketball, etc. In addition to community projects and maintenance and enhancement of local area parks and buildings

SINGLE/ASSOCIATE \$25

Supports maintenance and enhancement of local parks, buildings, and community projects

NON-RESIDENT \$20

Non-Resident use of sports facilities including hockey, skating, tennis, basketball, etc.



2009/2010 MEMBERSHIPS

Name(s) _____
(Please include full names of both partners.)

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail (optional): _____

EPRA Membership (check applicable):

Family / Sports \$35 \$ _____

Single / Associate \$25 \$ _____

Non-Resident \$20 \$ _____

Additional Donation \$ _____ (tax receipt will be sent) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Your financial support is appreciated. Please mail the completed form and cheque payable to
EPRA, c/o Rhonda Fulton, 3808 9th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 3C9

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