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Dear Brentwoodians,

While rain is not the ideal weather to have over a Canadian festive season, that's what we are getting in Ontario where I am visiting family for the holidays. It has paused a few planned outdoor activities, but I am enjoying the respite from the frigid temperatures Calgary experienced in December. As I write, the year has just begun, and as always there is the hope for personal improvement and greater success that comes with a new beginning. By the time this issue is printed, it will perhaps be apparent which of our resolutions or ambitions for 2023 seem feasible and which might have fallen by the wayside; hopefully, all Bugle readers will be able to pursue the important things they wish for.

February is a month when we celebrate connections, on Family Day and Valentine's Day. Many cultures all over the world feel the need to have festivals of light in December when the days are at their shortest, so perhaps the bleak depths of February are the time when we most need the warmth of human affection, whether romantic on the 14th, or through our families on the 20th. It is important to remember that one's family need not only be connected through blood or marriage but can also consist of the important people in your life who care for and support you, and you them. Maybe a good resolution for the new year would be to strengthen the connections that matter most and seek to forge new ones in our community and beyond.

Brentwood's 60th

Brentwood is turning 60 next year, and the Brentwood Community Association is assembling an Anniversary Committee to plan events to mark this milestone. They are looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Linda Van Holst at the BCA office at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or 403-284-3477. Let's all help to make this a year to remember and celebrate our great community!

Photo Contest

The Bugle is looking for Brentwood's best amateur photographers to provide cover images each month. If you have a great snap of our neighbourhood saved on your phone or posted on your social media feed, send it in for a chance to be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue! Photos must be 300 DPI or higher (i.e., from a newer model phone or good digital

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Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Jucker

Brentwood Bugle Editor

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In Churchill, Manitoba, locals leave their cars and houses unlocked. Dubbed the 'polar bear capital of the world,' unlocked doors in this town are meant to give pedestrians safe refuge from polar bears in the streets. Churchill even has a Polar Bear Holding Facility, AKA 'polar bear jail,' for troublesome bears who spend too much time in the town!





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Thursdays at 6:00-7:00pm

Saturdays at 10:45-11:45am

(Register 1 or 2 days of skating per week)

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Brentwood Outdoor Rink Enhancements

The BCA intends to improve the Brentwood outdoor rink by installing end boards. This is a major project that will require volunteers, fundraising, and community support. This will provide a flexible space for hockey and recreational skating, and practice areas for other sports such as football and soccer in the off-season. The BCA is forming a committee to successfully carry out this project. If you are able to lead or participate, please send an email to office@brentwoodcommunity.com.

Casino Coordinator Needed!

If you are interested in taking on the role, which involves recruiting volunteers and submitting paperwork to AGLC, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477 or linda.vanholst@brentwoodcommunity.com.

Learn to Skate Coordinator Needed!

We are looking for two skating program coordinators to communicate with skaters and coaches and help to run the programs smoothly. If interested, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477, extension 2 or email office@brentwoodcommunity.com.

Brentwood Cares - Little Food Library and More!

With your donations and support, we continue to stock the Brentwood Cares Little Food Library twice daily, for use by people of all ages and circumstances, from elders to students.

Items can be dropped off in the library itself or in the box beside the door at 3624 Boulton Rd at any time. Because of COVID-19, please only donate sealed and unopened items. Hats off to Brentwood for your continued support!

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Calgary's Pathway and River Cleanup will be May 5 to 7, 2023. Volunteers will receive safety information and training prior to event day.

During the annual cleanup event, they help remove litter in Calgary's parks, greenspaces, along pathways, and riverbanks. Registration for returning volunteers is from February 15 to March 8, 2023, and registration for new volunteers is from March 13 to March 31, 2023. They may register in groups of at least ten, identifying a leader and a designated cleanup area. Anyone without a group is assigned to a City team at one of three designated parks.

Last year, there were four areas assigned for cleanup in Nose Hill Park:

Nose Hill West: Shaganappi Trail/Edgemont Blvd. parking lot, to head south along pathway beside Shaganappi Trail, stay to right at trail junctions, south to John Laurie/Brisebois Drive parking lot.

Nose Hill East: parking lot at 64th Ave. NW and 14 St. NW - to clean trails south to 14th St. NW parking lot.

Nose Hill North: Shaganappi Trail/Edgemont Blvd. parking lot east to 14th St Berkley Gate parking lot (and stay left at paved trail junctions).

Nose Hill - 64th Ave.: Nose Hill, 64th Ave. Parking lot.

During the cleanup, volunteers remove the litter in their assigned locations and collect it in bags, which are placed beside pathways or in City garbage bins. City staff pick up and transport them to a designated dump site where they are properly disposed of by City Waste and Recycling Services. If you have any questions about volunteering for the 2023 Pathway and River Cleanup, or garbage bags have not been picked up, please contact 3-1-1. Join the conversation on cleanup day and see photos from the events by searching #yyccleans.

What Will Brentwood Look Like in the Next 60 Years?

Submitted by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

Last month's column looked back at the first 60 years since the Brentwood Community Association (BCA) was formed. What will Brentwood look like 60 years from now? Most of us probably won't be around to see it then, and we can't really imagine how it might look, just as we couldn't have predicted some of the changes we have already seen. Take houses, for example: none of the original Brentwood houses were wired in for computers or multiple (colour!) TV sets, and phones were landlines, not cell phones. Houses are being redeveloped into more open layouts, more square footage, and double garages instead of singles. Those things changed over time in response to technology and consumer preferences or demand.

In the 1960s, there was no LRT, no surrounding high-rise buildings, and no overpass interchanges at Charleswood and Brisebois to accommodate the LRT tracks running up Crowchild Trail. Northland Mall continues to evolve and change. We experience all those changes around us, but often they happen gradually so we barely notice them.

However, some changes can have a more immediate and direct impact on us, such as proposed changes to the Land Use Bylaws which would allow for more building types, such as townhouses or multi-plex buildings. You can see examples of new building types by driving along 19 Street between Confederation Park and 16 Avenue: what were once "single family" homes are being replaced by townhouses (some with basement suites) or other multi-unit buildings.

Why are these housing forms being built? Why do communities change? One factor is that family sizes have decreased since the 1960s. New families moving in tend to have fewer children, which would lead to a decline in the community population over time. Another factor is the type of dwelling unit: people who are single, widowed, or who are empty nesters may wish to downsize or look for a different type of home. In addition, ideas around "sprawl" (the footprint of the city), density, environmental issues, and transportation options have changed over time.

Two overall plans provide policy and direction to guide decision-making in Calgary: the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). In 2009, the City of Calgary approved a new MDP which set a very ambitious target that 50% of all population growth from 2009 until 2069 would be in older established communities, called the Developed Area. The City has set a mid-term target of about 33% of this cumulative population growth in established communities by 2039.

All of those factors set the stage for future changes. The challenge for communities is how to adapt and change with the times yet retain the desirable features of our community. The missing piece is you, the residents. The community has and will change, with or without your involvement and input.

If you think that your voice doesn't matter, then realize that silence is taken as agreement. If you don't provide your opinions, then realize that others will gladly step in, including developers, investors, and City Planning, and their visions may not align with yours.

How to start? By learning as much as you can about the development process so that when there is a proposed change, you have a solid understanding and background. Start at www.calgary.ca and look into some of the following:

1. Subscribe to updates from the Planning Department. Enter "dispatch" into the search bar, then sign up on the link. This will keep you informed about planning matters or changes.
2. Look up the MDP or Local Area Plans by typing those keywords into the search. This will provide some background into the documents that are guiding redevelopment in other communities.
3. Planning and Development resource library has links for Planning Policies and other resources. A great starting point is <https://www.calgary.ca/planning/publications.html>.
4. At the top of the page, go to "Engage" to see City-wide projects which are open for input.

There are many opinions about how or where densification is most appropriate or how sensitive it should be to the existing community. There are no right or wrong answers, and yet intuitively each of us recognizes that some redevelopments simply seem to

work better than others. It's important to understand potential future changes because at the end of the day, each resident is an "expert" on their own neighbourhood, and their voice deserves to be heard.

Please consider joining your Community Association. It's important for the BCA to represent as many residents as possible. It's very difficult to represent residents if we can't easily communicate with you. Memberships are sold on a calendar year from May 1 to April 30. Membership fees are \$12.50 per individual adult, \$25 per senior couple, and \$35 per family. Contact the BCA at 403-284-3477, email to office@brentwoodcommunity.com, or go to www.brentwoodcommunity.com to sign up and find out more about how your membership helps our community.

If you are interested in community planning and redevelopment issues, we welcome new members to join us. The Development and Transportation Committee (DTC) meets at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of every month in the Sportsplex Boardroom. Contact the BCA for more information at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403-284-3477.

Public Skating at Brentwood Sportsplex

Cooler weather is here, so get your skates sharpened and enjoy some ice time at the Brentwood Sportsplex!

Mondays: 10:00 to 11:30 am

January 9 to March 27, 2023

Wednesdays: 1:30 to 3:00 pm

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February 20, 2023.

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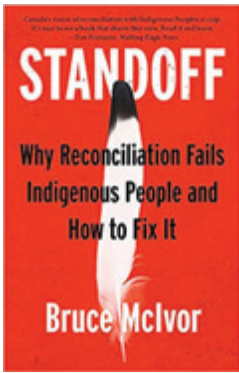
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Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

With the recent Papal visit to Canada, there were numerous headlines and stories about Indigenous peoples calling upon Pope Francis to repudiate the 'Doctrine of Discovery'. This term applies to several 15th- and 16th-century papal edicts which gave European

nations the right to claim as theirs any lands which they discovered. Embedded in this doctrine was the concept of "terra nullius" by which lands not already inhabited by Christians were deemed empty of inhabitants and therefore available for discovery and possession.

Bruce McIvor's book *Standoff: Why Reconciliation Fails Indigenous People and How to Fix It*, which consists of a series of short essays, offers a clear discourse on the doctrine of discovery and how adherence to it by the Canadian government and provinces lies behind many of the confrontations between the Canadian state, provinces, and Indigenous peoples from coast to coast.

McIvor is a member of the Metis Nation of Manitoba, holds a Ph.D. in history, and is a senior law partner with First Peoples Law LLP in B.C., a firm dedicated to defending the inherent and constitutional right of Indigenous peoples to their lands.

McIvor participated in our last Chapters and Chat discussion and stated that his intent in writing *Standoff* was to present in plain language – free from legal jargon – the legal concepts underlying many of the confrontations we hear about in the news. For example,

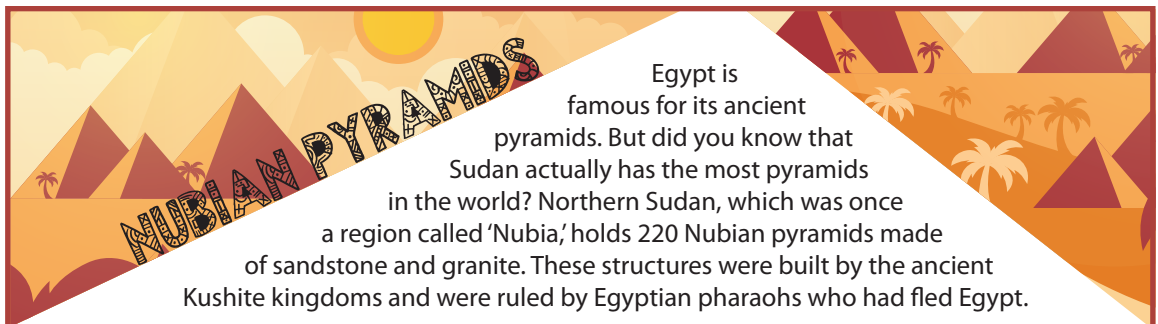
he dedicates several chapters to the opposition of the Wet' suwet'en nation in B.C. to the Coastal Gas pipeline.

Other essays address specific court cases, the connection between his growing up Metis in Manitoba and his decision to become a lawyer, and other legal concepts, especially the "duty to consult," which he addresses in several of the essays.

According to McIvor, the major problem related to the duty to consult is the refusal of federal and provincial governments and corporations to recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples to the land. Instead, they cling to the idea that land rights were extinguished via the "doctrine of discovery." In the book club discussion, McIvor noted that of all the provinces he has worked in on behalf of Indigenous nations, Alberta together with Saskatchewan is at the bottom of the list when it comes to respecting Indigenous rights. In *Standoff*, he argues that recognizing the inherent right of Indigenous peoples to the land would lead to the transformation of the "duty to consult" process into a "duty to obtain consent."

McIvor goes on to argue that we will not have reconciliation until the federal and provincial governments acknowledge the systemic racism that has imbued government policies and practices and acknowledges that Indigenous title to land has never been extinguished. Only then will there be a level playing field when it comes to negotiations.

Individual Canadians can play a key role by holding their governments accountable, by playing supporting roles in indigenous-led struggles for land and other rights, by sitting in discomfort with the truth of what colonization and the "Doctrine of Discovery" has meant for Indigenous peoples and communities, and to confront racism on both personal and systemic levels.



Outdoor Soccer



The New Year is upon us which means summer soccer registration is almost here. Soccer registration normally runs February 1 to March 1 for all age groups. (U4 birth year 2019 to U16/U18 birth year 2005). Registration will be on the Brentwood Community website at www.brentwoodcommunity.com. Look for further advertising!

Support your community and Brentwood soccer by signing up to be a coach, assistant coach, or any of our other important coaching positions when registering your child. There are a number of critical roles that are currently vacant which need to be filled. This includes:

- U10 to U16/U18 Coordinator
- Tournament Coordinator (Super Soccer Saturday will be in Brentwood this year!)
- Equipment Coordinator
- Assistant Coordinator

Training and support will be provided to anyone willing to take on these roles. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Samantha McKee at Samantha.mckee@brentwoodcommunity.com. Your involvement is needed to ensure we can continue this awesome program for our kids.

I would like to reintroduce myself. My name is Samantha (or Sam) and I have lived in this community for most of my life. I have three young children, two of which are playing in the U8 and U4 programs again this year. I work full time and during the year volunteer as a Sparks Leader (98th Sparks out of St. David's Church) and this program. Thank you to our previous supporters and parent volunteers. I am looking forward to seeing all the kids playing soccer this spring, Super Soccer Saturday, and meeting more people within our community.



In Memory

by Lee Hunt

Shauna Wilson, a Brentwood resident since 1996, passed away on November 8, 2022. She will be missed.

For many of those years, Shauna and her dog, Max, were a frequent sight walking in Brentwood. In later years, despite failing health, Shauna continued walking on a regular basis using her walking poles.

Shauna's brother, Scott, spoke of Shauna's kindness, saying, "she helped me a lot through bad times." Scott also told me of Shauna's generosity and that, "Shauna touched a lot of people – I've heard from quite a few."

Neighbour Christine spoke of Shauna as, "a quiet and honest person who never gave up despite ill health." Long-time friend Lorrene described Shauna as, "always generous – not only with gifts but with time and in spirit."

We at The Bugle extend our condolences to Shauna's family and friends. May you have special memories to help support you in your loss.

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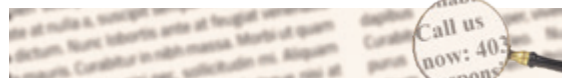
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