

Events Liaison

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A community committee was formed in January 2006 to meet with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede (CES) and the City of Calgary to discuss the impact of the CES Expansion Plans on the community. The committee's ongoing goal is to protect the community of Ramsay from unwanted event parking, shortcutting traffic, littering and vandalism associated with events on Stampede Park including Saddledome events.

Events Management Plan Open House

There will be Open Houses on Thursday April 6 (4:30-8:30pm) and Saturday April 8 (1:00-4:00pm) at the Ramsay Community Centre, to explain to residents what the Events Management Plan will do.

What is the Events Management Plan?

The Plan has two parts:

- 1.) Parking restriction changes for Scotsman's Hill.
Right now approximately 60% of Ramsay west of Spiller Road has Zone D permit parking. The committee recommends making the entire area Zone D permit parking, with the streets adjoining parks (Salisbury, Bellevue and Ramsay) signed for One Hour 6:00 am-6:00 pm except by permit, and No Parking 6:00pm-6:00am except by permit. These changes will effectively prevent non-resident parking anywhere on Scotsman's Hill for all Stampede Park events including those at the Saddledome, and will happen prior to 2006 Stampede.

The committee also recommends changing the entire community of Ramsay to Zone D permit parking, with the exception of street frontages for commercial buildings like stores and businesses that require customer parking. This process may take a year to implement. However, if there is strong community support, a July 2006 implementation could be possible.

- 2.) Access Control Plan for Calgary Stampede and Exhibition July 7-16. This Plan will effectively seal off Scotsman's Hill to all vehicles except residents. The Zone D permit will be used to gain access to the area via two controlled access points at Burns Ave. and Spiller Road, and at Bellevue Ave. and Macdonald Street. Paid public parking will be provided at Ramsay School and hopefully at another site with proceeds going to the RCA to support community initiatives. Non-residents wishing to view the evening fireworks will walk from public parking or take public transit to Scotsman's Hill. The committee also has recommended more police presence and more portable washrooms during fireworks, garbage containers on the hill and throughout the community, and traffic enforcement during fireworks.

What can Ramsay residents do to help?

- 1.) Come to the Open House, view the information and ask questions of committee members and City of Calgary officials.
- 2.) When notified by the City, get your Zone D vehicle permit (one per registered vehicle at each home address) and two visitor passes per address, from Calgary Parking Authority offices at 620-9th Ave. S.W. There is no cost for this service, but you must have your vehicle registration and identification with you. This permit and/or visitor pass, from an "Access Control Plan" address, will be the only way to access Scotsman's Hill area during Stampede each year from 5:30am to 2am.
- 3.) Most Important—when you see cars without permits parking illegally on your street at any time of the year, **call Calgary Parking Authority at 537-7100** to report it and request an officer come to ticket the vehicle. Say to the operator "I live in a parking permit zone at (your address) and I wish to report an illegally parked vehicle." You have a right as a citizen of Calgary to do this, and CPA has an obligation to respond. Enforcement of the existing and new parking zone restrictions will not happen unless residents take responsibility for their own street and for their community.