

Civic Affairs Committee (CAC) Newsletter Report for July/Aug 2011

Art Matsui, Chairman

Planning activity in June:

DP2011-0745; 723 24 Avenue S.E. (Ramsay Crossing)

The Committee could not support this change of use development permit application due to lack of information, non conformity to applicable bylaw, increased commercial traffic into a residential area and disregard for the existing Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) for the subject site. We asked for adequate screening for Outside Storage operations from the adjacent residential area as called for in the bylaws. We were concerned that increased traffic through the Spiller Road gate into a residential district, is a health hazard, given the contaminated nature of the site. We feel that egress from the site directly to Dartmouth Road would be more suitable as this would allow traffic to flow through an industrial rather than a residential area.

DP2011-1423; 1103 Maggie Street S.E.

The Committee felt that this development does NOT preserve the existing rhythm with respect to roof form detailing and exterior finish and made suggestions to correct these issues and a overlooking/privacy issue. The proposed development is in Historic Sub Area 2 and is in an area that exhibits a consistent streetscape.

Planning Tour of Ramsay

Members of the committee met with several of the planners assigned to our area to give them a tour of issues in and around Ramsay. Areas toured included the potential LRT station, Lilydale, Ramsay Crossing, Stampede dirt barn and zone 3, Penguin carwash, the escarpment and historical 9th and 10th Street. A tour map and explanation can be found at <http://goo.gl/maps/u6jx> The tour was arranged with an eye towards opening a dialogue with regards to a revamp of the Ramsay Area Development Plan (ARP) and to get the planners perspective on future Ramsay planning matters.

Ramsay Event Management Plan

The Committee met with Roads, Parking, Bylaw Services and other City departments to confirm the Event Management Plan for Scotsman Hill during Stampede. (July 7-17). Full details will be in everyone's mailbox but here is the summary. Access to the hill will be from Burns Ave and Spiller Road or Bellevue Ave and Macdonald Avenue. Checkpoints will be manned from 5 pm to 12 am. Residents will need a permit D or proof of residence to access the hill at those times. Please be courteous to those manning the checkpoints, they are there to protect the safety of the hill.