

## **Civic Affairs Committee (CAC) Newsletter Report for Sept 2011**

**Art Matsui, Chairman**

Planning activity in August:

There were no Development Permits presented to CAC this summer. However the big news was that the Stampede purchased the former Ramsay Exchange site (now called Ramsay Crossing) in June.

### **723 24 Avenue S.E. (Ramsay Crossing)**

The Chair met with the VP of the Stampede and the President of New Urban Consulting, the new owners of Ramsay Crossing, pre-Stampede to discuss future plans for the site. The tentative plans discussed have Stampede expanding the current Back of House operations into half the site adjacent to their current operations. New Urban is considering a mixed use (commercial and residential) development on half the site, that would include the current Riverside Ironworks but would not include High Rise apartments. (high rise was defined as buildings over 50 metres) The land division between New Urban and the Stampede has not been finalized and could take up to three years. Both parties promised extensive community consultation.

Also discussed were Stampede's usage of the site during the 2011 Stampede. Access to the SE corner of the site was provided by a gate cut into the south fence and the entrance on Spiller Road was permanently closed. The Stampede indicated they were to use this area as a parking lot for Back of House. The Chair asked for dust mitigation measures given the contaminated surface soils in the parking area and a buffer zone along Spiller Road to prevent soiled livestock transportation trucks from being adjacent to residential areas. After prompting these measures were mainly complied with.