



2020 Winter Highlights

Rec Committee

Chair: Christa White

- Stash Lounge Outdoor Craft Event: Maria Beehan, Christa White
- Ralphie – Ramsay's Elf on the Shelf: Nicole Newton, Maria Beehan, Christa White, Jennifer DeJonge, Nic Riess, Anne Finnimore, Nicole Battistella
- Cross Country Ski Tracks: Christa White, Ben Shaw, Shannon Fox, Vanessa Porteous, June McKinnon, Shelly Arnusch, Charles Ingoldsby, Dan Ansley, Teresa Smith, Ken Haggart
- Coordination of donated fire pit and benches: Christa White and Kevin Watkins

Adopt-A-Rink Ice Crew

Lead: Ray Chow

- Regular Maintenance Crew: Ray Chow, Simon Battistella, Wayne Magwood, Mark Carignan
- Recent Snowfall Helpers: Anne Finnimore, Joline Magwood, Shawna Sutor, Devin Walter

RCA President's Update - Dec 2020

Despite the unique challenges of 2020, Ramsay took community spirit and pride to the next level and generated an incredible highlight reel to close out the year. The names listed on the left are just a few of the amazing people helping out and initiatives happening in our community.

The Ramsay Community Association would not be entering the new year with as much optimism without our incredible volunteers and sponsors. As we look ahead to 2021, we have some exciting projects and volunteer opportunities.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Board of Directors, Treasurer**
Our valued Treasurer is moving. If you have a finance background or are eager to learn, we'd love to connect with you
- **Board of Directors, Director at Large (2-year term)**
If you have an interest or a skill set that could assist in some of our upcoming projects, let us know

If you are interested in hearing more, please email:

president@ramsaycalgary.ca

Upcoming Projects:

- **Community Engagement Initiative**
Now that we no longer have the community hall, we will be seeking your feedback to help shape the long-term vision of our social and recreation facility, located at the top of the hill at 2102 Ramsay St SE. Keep an eye out for updates on the various ways to participate and provide feedback in the new year
- **BILD Calgary Region Grant**
The RCA was awarded a grant from the BILD Calgary Region that will allow us to expand our Bike Skills Park and add a large outdoor storage unit, thereby providing an opportunity for a community art project. More details to follow in early 2021
- **New Playground**
Parks Foundation Calgary has confirmed a summer 2021 construction start for Ramsay's all-inclusive playground, located in the greenspace at Bellevue and Macdonald Ave SE



RCA Parade of Lights

Lead: Shawna Suitor

- Support: Lindsay Vala, Erin Joslin
- Sponsors: Espy, Silk Road Spice, Spolumbos, Cold Garden, Stash Lounge, Fair's Fair, Inglewood Pizza

Memberships Committee

Chair: Teresa Smith

- Reaching over 200 members so far this year

Ramsay's all-inclusive playground

Project Lead: Teresa Smith

- Raised enough funds to tender the project and set a target construction start of Summer 2021

Awarded grant from

BILD Calgary Region

- Enhance Bike Skills Park:
Lead: Nicole Newton
- Outside Storage Unit:
Lead: Nicole Battistella

The RCA turned 65!

This year has really reinforced our roots as a Community Association, as the pandemic and subsequent restrictions have many of us relying more heavily on the resources and amenities available within our own neighbourhood.

As 2020 marks Ramsay Community Association's 65th anniversary, I thought it might be fitting close out the last update of the year with a piece of history recently shared by Erin Joslin, our Vice President External:

"During the period of prosperity following the Leduc Oil discovery in 1947, there was increased focus on improved services and infrastructure as well as improving parks and recreation in the city.

Around that time a number of Calgary Community Associations were established to provide direction for the latter activity." The Grandview Association was formed in 1948, meeting in St. Anne's church basement. In 1956 the organization applied for a charter as the Grandview Community Association, but an association in Edmonton was already operating under that name. The group reapplied as Ramsay Community Association in honour of Silas Alexander Ramsay, a former Calgary mayor and long serving alderman.

The objectives of the charter included establishing social programs for adults and children (Social and Sports Committees), supporting worthy causes, conducting business meetings directed toward the "general welfare" of the community, and operating the Ramsay Clubhouse (Building and Rental Committees) at 1138 - 8th Street S.E." (1)

Lastly, a huge shout out to the RCA Board of Directors - I couldn't be more thankful to be a part of this talented and supportive team. Thank you for putting in the hours, for what often feels like invisible work, to keep us moving forward.

Sincerely,

Nicole Battistella

(1) Ramsay Historical Context Report, Draft - Author: Land Use Planning & Policy Planning, Development & Assessment Calgary Heritage Authority - Date: September 2013