

**Welcome to the 2015
Scenic Acres Community Association
Annual General Meeting**



**Monday April 11th, 2016 7:00pm
Scenic Acres Community Centre**

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Mission and Vision Statements

The Scenic Acres Community Association's (SACA) mission, vision and values reflect people, community and performance, working towards success. The SACA is built on a sharing foundation, thinking broadly without losing sight of its local roots to provide our members and the community residents with the attention and respect they deserve.

SACA Vision: A clean, safe, family oriented place to live where all residents have access to various programs and services that meet their needs so they enjoy a real sense of community.

SACA Mission: A vibrant and sustainable community that is safe and attractive, where residents have a sense of pride, community spirit, and are proud to live.

Scenic Acres Community Association What does the association do for me?

The Scenic Acres Community Association (SACA) is one of 150 community association non-profit entities operating within Calgary. In total, more than 20,000 individuals contribute to their community association, making it the largest collective volunteer movement in the City. Your neighbours in Scenic Acres have been keeping this Association running with effectiveness and integrity since 1985. The SACA contributes to the well-being and sustainability of the Scenic Acres Community by:

- Building and maintaining the community centre and associated facilities. The sports facilities that were built and/or refurbished by the SACA include beach volley ball, basketball and tennis courts, and neighbourhood playgrounds.
- The SACA advocates on all vehicular or pedestrian traffic matters whether local roads, major surrounding arteries. Crowfoot Station, transportation amenities, bus routing are influenced and designed through the SACA advocacy; the City originally had a completely different plan to the detriment of our residents.
- On an ongoing basis, the SACA manages all green space maintenance from planning to execution through the Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund (LEAF).
- The SACA provides a wide variety of programming for all ages and hosts a number of organizations and clubs. The SACA offers sports and fitness programs directly or through its affiliates including soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey, and multiple options for conditioning.
- The SACA plans and executes community events throughout the year such as the Stampede Breakfast, crafts shows, socials, Movie in the Park, and Breakfast with Santa.

- The SACA provides community services such as Community Clean-up, Parade of Garage Sales, education sessions, and political forums.
- The SACA regularly guides and advocates for our residents on matters related to physical developments and establishing local businesses whether they involve a local resident or something larger like the new school or seniors' facility.
- The SACA influences bylaw and development policy and enforcement of these policies and works with a variety of City departments, Calgary Police, Fire and Emergency Services. Our local politicians routinely engage with the SACA on all topics under their respective mandates.

The Scenic Acres Community Association is made up of a volunteer Board of Directors as well as some paid staff who maintain daily operations. Staff and Board of Directors members keep current on City issues, participate in committees, hone their competencies by taking pertinent courses, engage individually and collectively with our residents and develop materials to keep residents informed. The SACA leverages its Scenic Review newsletter and social media (Facebook and Twitter) to reach all residents and to open communication channels for constructive dialogue.

How does the SACA pay for all these services? Community association membership fees are collected from Scenic Acres residents at \$30 per family, \$15 per senior. In addition to membership revenues, the SACA leverages grants, casinos and sponsorships and invests our rental and program revenues back into operations and services.

Please contribute to the sustainability and growth of the SACA and our community through your volunteer time commitment on the Board of Directors, on committees or at events. Register or renew your membership today!



**Scenic Acres Community Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
March 30, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Palmer	Steve Ward	Lee De Korte
Michelle Parkkari	David Wright	Mike Kelm
Gerald Yamamoto	Ike Zacharopoulos	Jason Scott

GUESTS:

Heather Mackay - Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary
Paul Meunier - FCC
Ward Sutherland - Councilor Ward 1
Ralph Smith - Ward 1 representative
Sandra Jansen - MLA Calgary Northwest
Chris Davis - Legal Counsel
Peter Clark - Legal Counsel

MEMBERS:

Resident members attended the meeting

NON-MEMBERS:

Non-member resident and non-member non-resident observed the meeting

The meeting was held at the Scenic Acres Community Centre and was called to order by the SACA President Jim Palmer at 7:06pm.

1. **MOTION**

That the agenda for the 2014 AGM be approved.

David Wright/Bruce Lee **Carried**

2. **MOTION**

That the minutes of the March 31, 2014 AGM be approved.

Gerald Yamamoto/Sandy Palmer **Carried**

3. **Introduction of Board Members.**

Jim Palmer introduced the following board members: President, Jim Palmer; Secretary, Michelle Parkkari, Gerald Yamamoto; David Wright; Steve Ward, Ike Zacharopoulos, Jason Scott, Lee De Korte, and Mike Kelm. Other board members who could not be with us tonight: Vice-President: Dean Erickson; Treasurer, Rebecca Li; Past President: Ray Hillman; and Crowchild Hockey Representative, John Hecker

Introduction of Guests

Heather Mackay - City of Calgary
Paul Meunier - FCC
Sandra Jansen - MLA Calgary Northwest

Ralph Smith - Ward 1 Representative
Ward Sutherland - Councillor Ward 1
Chris Davis and Peter Clark - Legal Counsel for Save-Our-Park initiative

4. **President's Report**

-Scenic Acres Community Centre is 17 years old. We have continued to develop and maintain our green spaces and although we are a mature community we continue to grow in our scope and with our programs and events. We have a strong base of volunteers we leverage to operate efficiently.

-The community centre hosts lots of events both indoors and outdoors. Ruth handles all of it on a daily basis and we are thankful for the work that Ruth and the other staff do for us.

-Thank you to Ward and Sandra for their support of our community.

MOTION

To accept the President's Report.

Steve Ward/Bruce Lee **Carried**

5. **Presentation of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report**

President Jim Palmer presented the financial report as audited by the FCC on behalf of Treasurer Rebecca Li. Jim gave a brief overview of the expenses and revenues and financial statements.

Under expenses were staff wages and maintenance of the facility. The goal of events is to promote community spirit and they should breakeven financially but we will run them at a loss if necessary. The Facility is managed with a lifecycle plan (every year it is maintained). This year the office was expanded. We operate using casino funds, grants, membership fees and facility rentals as revenue sources. Our next casino is in July.

Question from the floor about the Casino: AGLC has non-profit organizations that volunteer at the casinos and receive a portion of the proceeds. Typically it is approximately \$70,000 every 18 months. The use of the funds is reported to the AGLC. Question about Grants: Some grants that we apply for are from the City, some are provincial and some are private grants. Grants are not recorded as revenue until they are spent.

In closing, the Audit was done by Heidi Brauer from the FCC and there were no concerns.

MOTION

To accept the 2014 audited financial report as presented.

David Wright / Mike Kelm **Carried**

MOTION

To retain the FCC auditor for the 2015 year end financials.

Ike Zacharopoulos /Jason Scott **Carried**

6. **Review of Directors Reports**

- **David Wright - Community Development**

Highlights of the report include the Cell Tower in Tuscany, Rivera development of lands across from the community centre needs to be watched closely, Noise levels from Stoney Trail, ATCO pipeline construction along Stoney Trail, the Francophone school, and finally secondary suites in our community.

- **Steve Ward - Facilities**
 Highlights include the lifecycle plan; Ruth does a great deal of work on applying to grants on our behalf and ensuring projects are well executed. Our facility is well-utilized for programs and personal events bringing in strong revenues to the Association.
- **Ruth Sorrentino - GM**
 Highlights include the replacement of all countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms and the expansion of the office. This year will be replacing lights and the floor in the main area.
- **Ike Zacharopoulos - Park and Environment**
 Highlights include that there is observed improvement of our green spaces over the last 2 years since LEAF has managed the program. There are approximately 12-14 grass cuttings/year, 27 flower pots throughout the community and 5 in-ground flower displays. There has been positive feedback from the community. New this year we have a community member (Rukshan) who will be leading up Neighbourhoods; the City will be subsidising trees \$30/tree per resident and they will help with the planting and maintenance of the trees.
 Please sign up tonight. We require that you are registered by July 23rd if you are interested in participating. In 2015, the LEAF plan is to try to develop smaller neighbourhood parks and possibly install a few more flowerbeds.
- *Please see the AGM reports for additional director reports.*
- **SAVE OUR PARK INITIATIVE - Jim Palmer**
 Highlights included the background information of the issue, how the committee was formed and 3700 signatures gathered on a petition, tabled before the Legislature. Engagement with governments was based on strong Park utilization over 30 years, lack of objective criteria in the selection process and better sites available with associated communities willing to consider the regional school. Legal proceedings were not planned and only were initiated with community support and when it was discovered that the City had not complied with requirements under the Municipal Government Act. In the end, SOP lost the legal action though the Justice agreed the City violated the law. The City is now working to correct the compliance issues at other locations uncovered by SOP actions. Going forward, the SACA is planning to liaise with FrancoSud, the City and the Province to help the community adjust during the construction period and integrate the new school community into the fabric of Scenic Acres. Jim thanked the SOP committee for the hundreds of hours invested over 10 months and very strong support and action from Scenic Acres residents.
 Question about whether there would be better reception from the City going forward? Jim replied that there will need to be someone working at the operational side of things to ensure that issues are being dealt with.
 Legal Counsel, Chris Davis spoke about the many hours of work that Jim Palmer put into this issue and how well he represented the community and acted reasonably and fairly.
- **Review of the revised SACA Bylaws - Jim Palmer**
 Highlights included elimination of policies and procedures buried in the bylaws, clarification regarding member meeting requirements, clearer definitions of

committees' purposes and results, identification of core activities where director governance needed to maintain the SACA operations, identification and measurement of performance goals. First step is to approve the revised Bylaws and then work on Terms of Reference and policies with the the SACA Board endorsement.

Paul Meunier from the FCC suggested deferring the vote for the revised Bylaws because the full document was not available for the membership to review during the meeting so therefore a vote could not be taken. A Special Resolution vote will be done in the near future once the bylaws have been made available for review.

7. **Video Presentation of the SACA Highlights to celebrate 30 years.**
8. **Paul Meunier made a presentation to the SACA for their 30th Anniversary**
9. **Paul Meunier made a presentation for Community Hero Awards to:
SOP Volunteers and David Wright**

10. Election of New Directors

Jim Palmer asked the membership if there was anyone from the floor who wished to stand for election to the board. This was asked three times throughout the meeting. Before announcing the slate of names, Jim thanked the directors who were stepping down this year: Ray Hillman, David Wright, Partho Mukherjee, Dawna Bell-Reed, Gerald Yamamoto, and Michelle Parkkari.

The following motion was then presented.

MOTION

To elect the following people to the SACA Board of Directors for a two year term:

Jim Palmer as President
Dean Erickson as Vice-President
Larissa Roszell as Secretary
Rebecca Li as Treasurer
Lee De Korte as Community Development Director
Jason Scott as Sports & Affiliates Director
Mike Kelm as the CHA Director

Ruth Sorrentino/Gerald Yamamoto **Carried**

11. Adjournment

Jim Palmer thanked everyone for attending and invited the attendees to stay for cake, wine and cheese with the Board.

MOTION

To adjourn the 2014 SACA AGM at 8:32 pm

Janice Wong/Mike Kelm **Carried**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Michelle Parkkari
Secretary, SACA

SACA Board of Directors Listing

President, Jim Palmer: Jim held a variety of senior corporate and operations business and finance manager positions over a 34 year career with Shell Canada. He recruited, coached and mentored people for 30 years and led many business process improvement, control, reporting and governance initiatives. Jim has served the SACA Board for over 12 years in director capacities of Transportation, Vice President and President. Jim has also held executive positions for sports, church and YMCA boards in Calgary and Fort McMurray. Beyond Scenic Acres, Jim contributes as member to the Rocky Ridge Conservative Board, City of Calgary Subdivision & Appeal Board and his church board. He has been married to Sandy for 33 years and they have three adult children. They have lived in Scenic Acres since 1993.

Vice President, Linda Miller: Linda joined the SACA Board in January 2016. Linda retired from the Calgary Board of Education in 2014. She specialized in teaching Mathematics and still continues to tutor junior and senior high students. Linda served on the Crowchild Skating Club board in Scenic Acres for 9 years in a variety of positions including President. She held a variety of Executive and committee positions on church boards, parent councils and a business club in Calgary and/or Mississauga. These experiences have provided perspectives in communication, leadership and governance which she brings to her role with the SACA. Linda and her husband Stephen have 2 adult children. They have lived in Scenic Acres since 1994.

Secretary, Larissa Roszell: Larissa has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics. Larissa worked in Oil and Gas Accounting for about 7 years until starting a family. Larissa and her husband Neil have three children and have been in Calgary for 20 years, all of them as residents of Scenic Acres.

Treasurer, Rebecca Li: Rebecca joined the SACA Board as Treasurer in July 2015. She is currently the Controller of a small oil and gas company. She has over ten years accounting and finance experience in a diversified industries, including utilities, oil and gas, services and public accounting. Rebecca obtained her MBA from University of Calgary and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She has significant experience in planning, financial modeling and reporting including budget preparation, variance analysis, forecasting and preparation of financial statements. She also has prior volunteering experience as Treasurer with University of Calgary Family Housing Association. Rebecca has lived in Scenic Acres since 2009 and has a teenage daughter. She enjoys contributing her expertise to the community she lives in and loves.

Director, Community Development, Lee De Korte: Lee and his family moved from Ottawa two years ago and have been living in Scenic Acres for a year. They really like the neighbourhood. Lee and Marian have four grown children, with their youngest daughter living at home. Lee is an electrical engineer working for General Dynamics on a program for the Canadian Land Forces. Most of his career has been in computing and telecommunications. Since moving Lee has started to explore and get a feel for the Calgary and the nearby mountains. Lee believes in knowing what is going on around us; community involvement is a practical way to do that. He was a director with his community association in Ottawa. Lee's interests are broad ranging, from the natural environment to city planning and governing. Lee hopes to make a contribution to this community and get to know more residents over time.

Director, Facilities, Steve Ward: Steve Ward has been involved with the SACA board for almost 4 years. He is currently working as a Maintenance Supervisor at the University of Calgary. He and his lovely wife Jane have an energetic 2 year old son, and have been living in Scenic Acres for 5 years. Of all the neighbourhoods they have lived in, this is by far their favourite. Steve has served two terms with SACA and will be transitioning his role to Colin Yeo.

Director, Facilities, Colin Yeo: Colin joined the SACA Board in March 2016. Colin is a retired geologist, having worked in the petroleum industry for 40 years. He is currently the Past President of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta and was the President of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists in 2007. Based on this experience, he brings strategic, communication and governance insights to the Board. Colin is currently a volunteer on the Development Committee and continues to serve on the Franco-Sud School Committee. He is the President of the BP Alumni Club and an outreach ambassador for the CSPG. Colin and his wife Maryann have two children, and two grandchildren. They have lived in Scenic Acres for the past five years but were in Silver Spring for the prior 26 years.

Director, Marketing and Communications, Chantelle Sonnleitner: Chantelle joined the SACA Board in March 2016. Chantelle brings to the Marketing and Communications Director role her experience in marketing and communications, event management, writing, editing, social media, website content, and public and volunteer engagement gained in previous roles with the University of Calgary, Alberta Ballet and The Galt Museum & Archives. Prior to that Chantelle worked for the City of Calgary for four years as an Archivist. Chantelle's family moved to Scenic Acres three years ago. Chantelle and her husband enjoy spending time outdoors with their two young children.

Director, Parks & Environment Ike Zacharopoulos: Ike led the initiative to mobilize the community to fund a special tax used fully to maintain and enhance community green spaces. He now leads the LEAF subcommittee who manages this annual maintenance program. Ike has extensive experience with property and employee legislation and has handled case work for various companies over a long career. Ike and his wife Julie have two grown children and have lived in Scenic Acres for many years.

Director, Sports & Affiliates, Jason Scott: Jason has a passion for community-oriented sports programs and would like to see our youth be able to grow up with fond memories of Scenic Acres and even come back and make it their home as adults. Jason has extensive experience and knowledge coaching multiple sports and running athletic programs for youth. He has played basketball at the CIS level and coached at the CCAA level. He has experience managing sports activities in a special education setting including program and curriculum design. Jason and Sylvia have lived in Scenic Acres for 4 years and have three young boys.

Director, Crowchild Hockey Association Rep, Mike Kelm: Mike has been a member of the Scenic Acres Community Association Community Board for the last year. As a Calgary Police Service member, he feels a strong commitment to service especially within this great community. Mike has a passion for hockey and the outdoors, a trait shared by his wife Karen and their three children. It was his involvement in coaching and managing within the Crowchild Association that brought him to his position with the SACA. He works diligently on both boards to ensure the families in Scenic Acres are best served by their community hockey program.

General Manager, Ruth Sorrentino: In addition to being the SACA's General Manager Ruth is a Provincial Returning Officer and Federal Assistant Returning Officer when Elections are called. She also sits on the Attendance Board where she helps mediate solutions for students who struggle to attend school on a regular basis. Ruth has been the Editor of the Scenic Review for almost 11 years. Prior to working for SACA Ruth was a stay at home Mum for 8 years who volunteered for SACA as a Director, as well as at Events. When not working Ruth is a Hockey, Soccer and Football Mum but also enjoys reading, camping, volunteering and staying active. Ruth has been living in Scenic Acres with her family for 11 years.

2015 President's Report

I have opportunity to liaise often with other community associations, non-profit entities and governments in my role as President and have led and/or participated in many City related community matters over 15 years, so I have a frame of reference to reflect, compare and contrast. This 'helicopter' perspective is encouraging and I am always thankful I live in Scenic Acres and can contribute to the sustained well-being of our Community though daily issues and interactions can be trying and believe me, it is daily! In terms of contrasting strengths, the SACA has attracted and retained a strong board with director transitions which have sustained overall Board integrity. The SACA has maintained strong financials, robust business operations and controls, and serves our members with a variety of programs, events and value-add services for the well-being of the Community. Our stability and effective results give us good standing and credibility among other Community Associations (CA's) and with the City. The SACA maintains a healthy percentage of residents as members and has a faithful volunteer base ensuring all our activities are well-executed.

Last year, I advised we had formulated a business plan with specific areas of focus. The plan was meant to provide transparency, a report card to our membership with regard to plans including targets. It was meant to ensure a reasonable sense of purpose for individual directors and the Board overall. I will highlight some of those key business activities, with more detail available on our website.

Governance – The SACA bylaws had not been updated in a number of years and were weak with respect to providing the practical oversight intended. Policies and procedures mixed in the bylaws were eliminated; clearer definitions were established for the SACA committees and director positions; defined director portfolios were established with requirements for performance goals, measurement and assessment. The Province approved these new bylaws and many other CA's have asked for them as a model for their own requirements. The SACA also refreshed and revised our Terms of Reference governance document which more expressly details how we operate, who is accountable, what are the requirements and competencies we need to remain sustainable.

The Board refreshed and approved the SACA Strategic Plan which had not been done in many years. In addition, these governance documents are now aligned and interdependent. The Business Plan reflects the current year's activities that should progress and align our overall strategy. The Board meetings annual schedule ensures key topics are deliberated and actions taken so we do not fall behind on business controls and risk management. More formal processes are in place for individual director target setting and assessment albeit there is more work to entrench these new concepts and habits. Transaction accounting and financial reporting were simplified and the Board was able to review monthly reporting with more clarity and take appropriate action. Funding was secured in 2015 for the next 18 months continuing the successful run of the SACA-operated casinos that we have executed since 1993. The SACA also leveraged grant funding options to fund life-cycle projects, community playground redevelopment and special events. Business sponsorships once again played a large role in our ability to provide community events.

Marketing & Communications – Though we had limited resourcing in this area, we sponsored federal and provincial election forums in cooperation with Tuscany and Rocky Ridge Royal Oak CA's and for the first time held an event of this nature at our community centre. Regular and timely written Community communication updates were increased in 2015, available through Facebook, Twitter and Scenic Review newsletter. In partnership with the neighbourhood, the SACA sponsored refurbishment of Schubert Hill playground; our fifth such project in Scenic Acres.

SACA Operations – the SACA continued to provide a variety of programs and services using our community facilities and offered annual events people have come to expect. We continue to take preventative measures to maintain facilities by adhering to our life cycle plan which currently outlines maintenance projects through 2018 and beyond

Community Development – It seems the number of development permits in Scenic Acres is increasing and the SACA provides guidance and advocacy to both homeowners and the City Development Authority to ensure regulations and standards are met while satisfying the needs of the owner and adjacent neighbours. The new school project has consumed a great deal of time and effort for Board members and committee volunteers, ensuring we inform and advocate for residents and maintain constructive relationships with the Province and City (see separate report). The SACA has increased this service to our residents by forming a Community Development Committee that works with our director Lee DeKorte. The LEAF Committee led by Ike Zacharopoulos continues to maintain and progress the enhanced landscape maintenance plan for our community leveraging contracted services. Results were strong in 2015 and demonstrated a marked contrast improvement to our boulevards and green spaces prior to the implementation of LEAF. This success has led to inquiries from other communities and of note, Edgemont recently voted to implement a LEAF program tagging on to guidance from the SACA.

Challenges and Opportunities

Generally, we have not completed plans where there has been a lack of director resourcing over a sustained timeframe and therefore we have operated in a 'maintenance' mode, not progressively. These are labelled as 'growth' opportunities in the 2016 Business Plan.

1. Marketing - Specifically, there is much more we could be doing to market the SACA's value to residents and provide venues to attract a broader audience and build community spirit beyond the annual Stampede Breakfast.
2. Relationships - The SACA has a number of affiliate organizations operating within Scenic Acres and there are opportunities to proactively work with them intentionally to be more efficient, deliver programs and services effectively and advocate collectively as needed.
3. Financial Resources - The SACA revenues are derived from memberships, sponsorships, grants, casino funds, facility rentals, user fees and programs. For a number of years, we were becoming less reliant on restricted funding sources from governments that provided us freedom to better serve the needs of our Community. However, at this point in time, revenues are flat, membership numbers are declining and we need to consider opportunities that will again move us to more self-reliance and flexibility.
4. Committed Volunteers – The SACA has a good base of volunteers but we need those who are willing to commit beyond a specific event and have the skills and competencies

to execute faithfully (e.g. legal, project management). With a diverse and skilled population, many now with more discretionary time, we should be able to deliver more and stronger results.

We had a number of new members join the Board in 2015 and I would like to thank the SACA Board for their faithfulness to attend monthly meetings, to deliberate and add value to topics that matter to Scenic Acres; for volunteering at events and engaging positively with our resident population and supporting and encouraging me. I would also like to thank Ruth and staff, Julie, Rachel and Pat for running a very efficient and customer-focused SACA operation. This small team continually demonstrates a high level of devotion to the well-being of our Community!

The 2016 Business Plan is available on our website. The SACA would like to facilitate a Needs Assessment study in 2016 to formally gather feedback and guidance from the community in order to develop specific initiatives that will increase member satisfaction as well as profitability. The SACA last completed a Needs Assessment in 2003 and our demographics have changed dramatically since then. Director roles have been filled where there have been vacancies but there is always opportunity to appointment willing volunteers to the Board with needed skills and experience for mutual development and satisfaction. There are also Committee opportunities and we welcome those across the wider breadth of our demographics to get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Palmer, President SACA

2015 Treasurer's Report

Attached are the audit report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Financial Highlights for 2015: For the year ended December 31, 2015, our association's revenues were \$314,798; our expenses were \$316,244 which resulted in a deficit of \$1,446 compared to a deficit in 2014 of \$11,129. Contributing items have been highlighted in the table below. Favorable factors are \$1,832 increase program revenue and less building operation expense \$10,796 offset by a reduction in Sports programs \$5,195. This reduction is primarily due to us no longer providing the Crowchild Skating Club with our program registration services and a reduction in the number of participants in the women's soccer program. Please refer to Schedule 1 for detail comparison.

Highlight of Statement of Operation 2015 vs. 2014			
	2015	2014	Variance
Revenue			
Rental facilities	\$ 66,671	\$ 66,845	-\$174
Memberships	\$ 22,524	\$ 23,278	-\$754
Program/Events	\$ 66,166	\$ 64,334	\$1,832
Sports Program	\$ 19,253	\$ 24,448	-\$5,195
Casino Contribution	\$ 42,640	\$ 39,693	\$2,947
Expense			
Building operation	\$ 117,084	\$ 127,880	-\$10,796
Community Programs	\$ 49,325	\$ 51,378	-\$2,053
Administrative	\$ 25,880	\$ 24,233	\$1,647
Sports Program	\$ 11,228	\$ 14,944	-\$3,716
Donations	\$ 8,317	\$ 6,350	\$1,967

For the year ended December 31, 2015, our association is financially sound as highlighted by the statement of financial position. As illustrated in the table below, the cash has seen a reduction of \$17,992 from prior year due to the increase in the accounts receivable and increase in investment in property and equipment. Decrease in deposit is due to cash out investment to facilitate awarded grants processing.

Highlight of Statement of Financial Position 2015 vs. 2014			
	2015	2014	Variance
Unrestricted cash	\$ 28,342	\$ 46,334	-17,992.00
Short term deposit	\$ 49,303	\$ 74,303	-25,000.00
Accounts receivable	\$ 33,291	\$ 1,251	32,040.00
Externally restricted assets	\$ 90,222	\$ 63,270	26,952.00
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,760	\$ 18,232	-5,472.00
Investment in property and equipment	\$ 288,319	\$ 281,427	6,892.00

Note: Included in Accounts receivable is a disputed item with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA). In February 2015, ARMA awarded the SACA a grant of \$25,300 for the Schubert Hill Playground refurbishment based on submitted plans. ARMA revised this grant allowance to \$18,200 in late December after the work had been completed. The SACA has escalated this matter with ARMA and is working to a peaceful settlement.

Heidi Brauer once again served as our auditor to our association's 2015 financial statements. On behalf of the Scenic Acres Community Association, I take the opportunity to thank her for the service.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Li, CPA, MBA, Treasurer, SACA

2015 Community Development Report

The Development Committee was formed last year and has three members: Colin Yeo, Bill Mah, and Lee De Korte (Chairperson). The Committee reports to the SACA Board of Directors.

The Committee concerns itself with development aspects in the community. Developments can be divided into three different categories:

1. Developments not requiring a permit. These involve permitted uses under current bylaws and regulations. The SACA may be aware of these changes but involvement is not required.
2. Discretionary developments such as zoning changes or home business permits. The SACA provides comments and recommendations to the City and consults with homeowners and affected residents.
3. Non-discretionary developments requiring direct, extensive involvement. These tend to be major projects and often require a dedicated committee to handle the workload.

The Committee monitors the City website which provides much information on many aspects of governance and program execution. The ward councilor's website also provides regular updates on activities.

On a regular basis, the Committee receives requests for comments from the City for development applications. Generally, these applications concern the rezoning of properties for a secondary suite or permits for home based occupations. The number of these applications is still relatively small (a handful per year). The aim of the SACA is to ensure the Community remains a safe and pleasant place to live while not placing undue constraints on activities that meet applicable bylaws. The SACA has authority to appeal development decisions within the Community but historically has not had to exercise this option.

The Committee monitors and provides feedback to the City about developments both in the vicinity of Scenic Acres, and in a larger context in the North West quadrant of the City. Examples are highway and road improvements, transportation changes (bus routes and LRT), urban expansion, and public facilities. While these topics often may not directly affect many of the SA residents, they are of interest, could have development implications for SA and allow the SACA to provide feedback to the City, specifically to the councilor's office.

The City provides assistance to community associations in the form of information or training sessions. Our committee members attend these sessions when they are applicable to the Scenic Acres community.

The Committee is involved in major developments, with the members having overlapping membership in the Franco-Sud School Committee. This new school has a major impact on the community in terms of park space and facilities, traffic patterns, and visual streetscape. In the past year, the Committee held two information sessions to keep the community up to date and to allow for resident feedback. After the building is complete, the Committee will work for a proper integration of the school into the Community and for the rehabilitation of Scenic Acres Park.

An emerging development, still its initial stages, is the building of a care and assisted living facility on the property along Scurfield Drive north west of the LRT station, owned by Revera. This also is a major development and we look forward to working with the stakeholders to achieve a well-integrated facility.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee DeKorte, Director Community Development, SACA

2015 Facilities Report

The SACA works hard to ensure both the indoor and outdoor facilities owned and operated by the association are well maintained and well utilized, and provides support to the redevelopment of other community facilities where appropriate.

In 2015 the SACA along with a number of residents participated in the Neighbourhoods Program, which permitted us to add 9 new trees to the front of lands. Thank you to all those who came out to help plant these new trees.

In 2015 the SACA once again applied for funding through the Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) program offered by the City of Calgary, where they will reimburse 75% of the cost of a project listed in our professionally produced Lifecycle Plan. In 2015 we completed the replacement of the interior wall lighting fixtures with energy efficient LED fixtures, and as well as the VCT flooring in the Main Hall, Cloakroom, Washrooms, Kitchen and Storage area. The SACA would like to thank the City of Calgary for continuing to support our ability to provide a quality facility with this funding. In the Spring of 2016 we plan to apply for a CCG to replace some sagging and failing concrete within the exterior pathway system around the centre. If funds permit, in the Fall of 2016, we will reapply for the replacement of some aging door hardware as well as sections of compromised exterior siding, and any other facility projects deemed necessary at that time.

The SACA once again supported the building of two outdoor rinks. The rinks were well received, but we still struggled to find sufficient volunteers to flood and maintain the rinks. Thank you to Mike Fursier who emerged as the leader of our rink volunteers as well as all the others who came out to volunteer their time.

Although the SACA manages the leased lands where the Community Centre is located, we also work with residents to improve other community facilities. In 2015 the SACA obtained funds through the Alberta Government Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) for the re-development of the Schubert Hill Playground. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee Members Margaret Kerr, Barb Fabris and Stacey Reinsch for volunteering their time to raise funds and re-develop the Schubert Hill Playground. This playground boasts the only rubber surface in our community, along with a large saucer swing making it our only accessible playground in Scenic Acres. Many local residents and local businesses donated to the redevelopment of this playground. I encourage you to visit our web site to learn more about the truly community effort to bring this new playground to our community (www.scenicacresca.ca/facilities/schubert-hill-playground).

In 2016 so far we have applied for an Energizing Spaces Grant provided by the Federation of Calgary Communities in conjunction with Enmax to replace the non-LED light bulbs both on the interior and exterior of the building with energy efficient LED bulbs. We have plans to once again apply to CFEP for the re-development of the Scimitar Playground in 2017. The City of Calgary has already committed to partially fund this playground redevelopment. If you would like to volunteer on the Playground Committee please contact the SACA Office.

I would like to thank Ruth Sorrentino, General Manager of the SACA, for her tireless efforts in developing our Lifecycle Plan. Ruth has played an integral role in sourcing out and securing the grants and funding that have made this plan sustainable and has ensured continued improvement to the SACA. If you have any questions regarding any of our facilities please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steve Ward, Director Facilities, SACA

2015 Parks and Environment Report

2015 was the third year for the Scenic Acres Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund (LEAF). The LEAF work program is overseen by the LEAF committee comprised of resident volunteers: Barb Fabris, Julie Zacharopoulos, Lorna Drieger, Simone Cotton and Ike Zacharopoulos (Chairperson). The City's Parks department continues to be our service provider. Through year end 2015 the Scenic Acres LEAF program has addressed the following needs:

1. Our community public green spaces have received the following services:
 - bi-weekly cuts and trims,
 - turf repairs as needed,
 - once a year weed control as deemed necessary by the Integrated Pest Management Plan
 - aeration and fertilizer application as needed,
 - garbage clean-up from public green spaces,
 - shrub pruning on a revolving schedule.
2. Beautification has been achieved through flower displays as follows:
 - 25 planters purchased and located throughout the community,
 - 9 in-ground flower displays developed throughout the community,
 - flower design, planting and maintenance throughout the growing season.
3. In addition, the following services have been provided:
 - spring cleanup of road material from boulevards,
 - fall cleanup at the end of the growing season,
 - garbage bin pickup throughout the year,
 - tree well maintenance including mulch,
 - maintenance of community features on public green spaces.

The plan for 2016 is to continue with the turf maintenance program and existing planter and garden locations and consider additional beautification displays as our funding

allows. In keeping with our commitment to the community at the outset of the program, the \$60/year fee structure has been maintained and beautification improvements have been focused on arterial locations in order to maximize community access. Community feedback on LEAF is welcome and should be sent to scenicleaf@shaw.ca. We have engaged with the City's Urban Forestry team and look for a significant tree planting and tree pruning program in our community this year. Lastly, we have scheduled a community pathway cleanup for April 23rd, between 9:00am and 1:00pm. If you can participate please contact us at sceniccleanup@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Ike Zacharopoulos, Director Parks and Environment, SACA

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

New School Integration Initiative

The SACA activities related to the New School Project began last January, adjusting programs involving the sports fields, working with sports providers and proactively engaging the Province regarding construction plans and timelines. The SACA representatives met with project construction officials from the Province and Bird Construction last April to review the project timelines and develop mutual expectations for further dialogue and updates. Regular monthly written updates were provided to the Community throughout 2015 and will continue in 2016.

The SACA met with the FrancoSud Board early in 2015 to discuss regular dialogue options for mutual benefit and to review a draft communication policy. They however stated they were not prepared to engage with Scenic Acres during the construction phase which has been their practice with other construction projects. They expect to engage with the Community once the school is named and a principal hired; anticipated during the second half of 2016. Therefore SACA's primary focus in 2015 has been school construction and issues and adjustments to surrounding lands and traffic, working with the Province and City officials as well as project managers.

New School Integration Committee

A SACA New School Integration Committee was formed and convened their first meeting in May with members Lee DeKorte, Steve Ward, Jim Palmer, SACA directors and volunteers, Bill Mah, Stephen Miller and Colin Yeo. Ike Zacharopoulos has been a supernumerary member, providing guidance and advocacy related to environment matters with Scenic Acres Park and Ralph Smith from Ward Sutherland's office has provided assistance on investigations and advocacy to the Committee where the Councilor's assistance has been required.

A New School Terms of Reference document was drafted with three main areas of focus and a variety of initiatives under each category. Phase 3 is more fluid at this point until we gather, analyze and prioritize residents' ideas and leverage additional volunteer and financial support.

1. Construction Phase One, focused on program and event adjustments, environment and facility restoration, safety and security.
2. FrancoSud Community Integration Phase Two, focused on joint use lands management, traffic and parking changes, safety, new school and SACA ongoing collaboration.
3. Optimize Scenic Acres Green and Open Spaces Phase Three, focused on larger projects and how to leverage Scenic Acres spaces more effectively including the Park.

The Committee has handled and advocated for resident construction concerns, answered many resident inquiries and facilitated two open houses over the last year. Specific 'wins' include: 1) Delayed installation of construction fencing from April to June; 2) Screening on the construction fencing to enable use of the baseball diamond for the Adult League; 3) Keeping the regional pathway open around the construction site, reflected in signage posted on the fencing; 4) Regional pathway detour on the west side of the property to make it safer to descend to street level; 5) Four additional trees saved from the original Tree Protection Plan; 6) A monthly construction update from the Project Manager. The Province has not provided updates on their construction projects and has relied on the public to review higher level, periodically generated postings on their website.

The Committee has also faced challenges where the Province has made commitments to Scenic Acres and then changed their plans: 1) Opening the basketball courts early once construction in the southwest corner is completed; 2) Demolition of one basketball court; 3) Reducing the footprint of the construction fencing so the regional pathway is left open along Scenic Acres Drive; 4) Installing porous construction fencing and not providing meshing along the north section. The Committee scrutinizes the monthly updates and queries the Project Manager on an ongoing basis.

Construction is expected to be completed in November with new school opening in January 2017. Many thanks to our dedicated Committee Team who have the technical expertise to ask the right questions!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Palmer, President SACA

NON-BOARD MEMBER REPORT

2015 General Manager's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other office staff Julie Zacharopoulos, Rachel O'Hara-Scully and Pat Bell for their hard work to further the work of the SACA. I am blessed to be supported by such dedicated staff as well as the key volunteers who enable the SACA to provide the variety of quality Events, Programs, Facilities and Services we provide to the members of this community.

Community Events

Residents of Scenic Acres once again enjoyed a variety of wonderful community events

in 2015. The SACA's events are designed to **foster community pride, enable residents to share, cooperate and get involved in their community**. Most events cater to all ages allowing many residents to connect with neighbours. The SACA is fortunate to have a pool of wonderful volunteers, without which our events would not be possible. However, each year recruiting new volunteers has been an increasing challenge. If you enjoy our events but you haven't yet volunteered your time to help out at one, please consider doing so. If you're looking to meet people in the community, volunteering at one of our events is also a great way to connect. We can only continue to provide these quality events if we have the volunteers to make them happen. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Palmer at scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca.

The following is a summary of the SACA Events from 2015:

- **Bubble Gum Boogie Dances:** These dances occur once every two months and run for 2 1/2 hours on a Friday evening. The dances are open to students in grades 4-6 who are members of the SACA. In addition to a DJ who provides the music, lights and most of the entertainment, the kids enjoy a concession as well as door prizes. These supervised dances are well received with attendance of around 100 children. The cost to attend is \$10 per dancer which includes entrance to the dance as well as one drink and one snack. If your child enjoys these dances please consider volunteering as a chaperone by e-mailing scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca.
- **Christmas Shopping Extravaganza:** Held on Saturday November 21st various resellers of mass produced product such as jewelry, food, clothing and cosmetics amongst the items for sale. In addition, another basket raffle, which products donated by the vendors, raised money for Calgary Food Bank.
- **Christmas Craft Sale:** Held on Saturday November 28th this annual event continues to be extremely popular with crafters from around the city. Vendors selling their handmade jewelry, Christmas décor, knitting, painting, and clothing are a sample of the wonderful items available for sale. This year the funds raised through the gift baskets filled with items supplied by the various crafters was donated to the Calgary Food Bank.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Once again we offered two breakfast sittings at 9am and again at 10:30am. Both sittings were once again sell outs! Families enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, Spolumbo sausages, coffee, juice and organic mandarins from Amaranth, while being entertained by the Just For Fun singers who managed to have Santa join them for one of the songs. Members of the SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) group entertained the little ones helping them to make Christmas tree decorations and all children attending the event had a chance to visit with Santa in his grotto where they made their Christmas present requests and Santa gave them a gift.
- **Community Clean-Up Day:** On Saturday May 30th the line of up cars and trucks in front of Monsignor Doyle school never stopped as families came to have their documents shredded, drop off yard waste for composting, garbage for the city garbage trucks, electronics and metal for recycling and gently used items for Women In Need to re-sell. This annual event will once again take place on Saturday June 25th, 2016.
- **Neighbours Day:** Coinciding with our Parade of Garage Sales neighbours are encouraged to hold block parties, and get together with neighbours. Many of our community members do this by co-hosting garage sales. Those in Scenic Hill Close have been doing this by holding a Block Party. We hope more people in the

community will get together with their neighbours this Neighbours Day to hold Block Parties and BBQ's.

- **Pumpkin Giveaway:** Hosted by the SACA and sponsored by resident realtor Leslie Schmeiler of Re/Max House of Realty, this event held on Saturday October 24th raised cash and food donations for the Calgary Food Bank. Community members brought food bank donations and then selected their perfect pumpkin from our large pumpkin patch of over 200 pumpkins. They then mingled with neighbours over a Hot Chocolate while family members participated in fun activities lead by members of our SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) group.
- **Outdoor Movie and Picnic in the Park:** Initially scheduled in August, this event was postponed to September 19th due to strong winds. This very popular family event was also relocated this year to Scurfield Park, as access at the Scenic Acres Park location was cut off due to the new school construction. Despite less than ideal weather a large number of families bundled up to come out to play for an hour or to two prior to the movie, and then snuggled under their blankets for the movie "Home".
- **Parade of Garage Sales:** This event takes place every year in June and provides an opportunity for residents to sell their own items and also hunt for a few new treasures. This event was initiated in 2005 to bring neighbours together by either opening their garage doors to welcome buyers, or by visiting those with their garage doors open, so it is very apt this sale now coincides with Neighbour Day. Once again resident realtor Bill Hamilton of Re/Max Mountain View co-sponsored the sale with the SACA. Community maps and addresses were made available at the community centre as well as for download on our website.
- **Post-AGM Wine & Cheese Social:** In 2015 Bartier Bros. kindly provided four complementary wines which we paired with delicious cheeses, for all attendees of the SACA AGM to sample. While the wine and cheese was sampled, attendees caught up with friends and neighbours and chatted with the SACA directors and staff about their thoughts on our community and ways we can work together to improve life in Scenic Acres.
- **Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza:** The Annual Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza was held on Saturday May 23rd. Resellers of 24 different home party products rented tables and previewed their new Spring/Summer lines for anyone interested in seeing what the different lines had to offer without feeling the pressure to host a party. A raffle basket with goodies from each vendor raised funds for the Women In Need Society.
- **Stampede Breakfast:** This event continues to be one of the highlights of the year. Live music, line dancing, and a fabulous pancake breakfast! Once again the weather cooperated and we had a high turnout of approximately 2000 people. Highlights were the Stampede's Harry the Horse, the Cranbrook Bugle Band, Chinook Country Line Dancers, two Bounce Houses, the Little Red Fire Truck driven by Larry Clayden and entertainment from local performers "Ph Unbalanced".
- **Youth Night:** This year's youth night took the form of an Amazing Race Scenic Acres. Four teams raced around Scenic Acres solving clues to visit well known and lesser known landmarks in as short a time as possible. Bonus points could be earned by participating in activities back at the community centre. This year the youth will be holding a Games Night in April, and if successful a Survivor Scenic Acres event in late May.

As a not-for-profit, the SACA is constantly reaching out to the business community to support our initiatives and community events. In 2015 we were supported by a number of local, regional and national sponsors. We were also fortunate to receive financial support through being awarded grants. We also received cash donations, product donations and direct sponsorships for portions of events from the sponsors. We recognized these sponsors through robust advertising which included signage at the event, mention in the Scenic Review, website presence and in some instances, media mention in our public service announcements. As we continue to develop our events and grow our sponsorships, we will continue to pursue additional sponsors and work with them to develop an equally beneficial relationship. We would like to take this additional opportunity to thank all those who helped us in 2015:

- Annual General Meeting post Social: Wine courtesy of **Bartier Bros.**
- Breakfast with Santa: **Amaranth & Spolumbos Fine Food & Deli**
- Pumpkin Giveaway: **Leslie Schmeiler Re/Max House of Realty**
- Movie In The Park: **Ward Community Events Fund** and **Heather MacKay Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator** both through the **City of Calgary**
- Parade of Garage Sale: **Bill Hamilton of Re/Max Mountain View**
- Stampede Breakfast: Platinum: **SACA, Allstate Insurance Crowfoot; Charlesglen Toyota Scion; Spolumbo's Fine Foods & Deli.** Gold: **Crowfoot Plates; The Cooperators Crowfoot; Scenic Acres Dental Centre.** Silver: **Mountain View Optometry; Hon. Sandra Jansen MLA; Knibbe Automotive Repair.** Bronze: **ATCO Gas; Ed Williams Menswear; Amaranth; Shoppers Drug Mart Silver Springs; Village Honda.** Supporter: **Playtime Toy & Party Rentals; Tony Roma's.** Friend: **Crowfoot Safeway.**
- Youth Night: **Heather MacKay, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator** with the **City of Calgary**

If you or your company would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ruth at scenicgm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589.

Programs

The SACA provides numerous programs for a wide variety of community members. The SACA also provides in-kind sponsorship to other program providers to enable them to provide programming for our community members, which is in line with the SACA Strategic Plan. The following provides a summary of our Registered Programs as well as Drop-in Clubs and Groups.

Triple A: Triple A stands for the Alliance for Active Aging, which is a collaborative effort by six (6) local community associations (Dalhousie, Edgemont, Montgomery, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs and Varsity) to work together to provide programming and social opportunities for adults 55+. The following outlines our current regular Triple A programs. Each group/club is coordinated by a volunteer from within the community, with the support of the SACA. All attendees must have a SACA or Triple A Membership. Attendees are also charged a small fee of \$2 or \$5 (if a full day gathering) to help the SACA offset our high facility costs.

- **Ladies Social Coffee Craft Club:** Every Monday morning at 9am with one full day per month including a pot luck lunch; no need to be a crafter, ladies looking to come out and chat are also very welcome. Thank you to Jeri Orr for coordinating this group.
- **Single Ladies Get Together:** A group of single ladies have been meeting for coffee at the Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. This group has grown each month, and the ladies frequently get together between meetings. In 2015 5 of the ladies who met each other through this group took a trip to Cuba together.
- **Quilting Club:** The quilting group get together on the third Tuesday of the month for a full day of quilting. Thank you to Jeri Orr for bringing this group together.
- **Book Club:** Meeting on the first Tuesday of the Month from 1 to 3pm this group gathers to discuss a different book. Thank you to Barb Hone for taking on the leadership of this group.
- **Walking Club:** The walking club continues to be very popular. Thank you to Kathleen Vernon for leading this group.
- **Fun & Games:** Wednesday afternoons 12:45 to 3pm Card and Games, 3 to 3:30pm Coffee/Tea and Conversation. Thank you to Ron Crowther for informally leading this group.
- **Artist Gathering:** A number of locals who dabble in art join together on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon of the month (1:00 to 3:00pm) to work on their art projects in the company of others. Thank you to Katharine McFarquhar for leading this group.

Are you 55+ and looking for something else? We are always open to expanding our program offerings where demand exists. If you have an idea for another club or group please contact me (scenicgm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589) to discuss possibilities.

Adult Programming: In 2015 the SACA continued to provide a variety of exercise classes for adults such as **Core Conditioning, Zumba Gold, Intermediate Yoga, Morning Yoga, Line Dancing Beginner and Intermediate, Pilates & Props, Yoga Basics and Tai Chi** during the day as well as **Bliss Yoga, Evening Zumba** and **Evening Yoga** in the evenings. We are constantly looking to better meet the needs of our community members, so if you have an idea for a class, please contact the SACA Office. Thanks to our volunteer coordinators we were once again able to offer **Women's Soccer** (thanks to volunteer Program Coordinator Fiona MacDiarmid) and **Adult Slow-Pitch** (thanks to volunteer Program Coordinator Laurie Bell). If you are an adult in the community interested in facilitating a drop in club or program please contact the SACA office.

Youth Programming: The SACA offers both outdoor **Volleyball** and outdoor **Soccer** programs to youth. The **Norwest Soccer** program for U18/U16 continues to be one of the fastest growing age group within the association. Maria Doll has continued to offer her **Leadership Matters** courses for children and youth in the community. The **Scenic Acres Youth (SAY)** group continues to meet once per month at the community centre, and gets involved in leadership and volunteer opportunities in our community. In 2015 members of the group volunteered at our Bubble Gum Boogie Dances, Stampede Breakfast, Outdoor Movie and Pumpkin Giveaway. They also planned and executed **Amazing Race Scenic Acres** on May 29th, where teams of youth in Grades 7 to 12 raced

around Scenic Acres visiting well known and lesser known points of interest/landmarks in Scenic Acres to earn points, and participated in activities in the Main Hall.

Children's Programming: Although the number of children in our community had seen a decline, it looks as if we are on the verge of a new influx of young families. **Norwest Soccer** continues to be popular for young children, and many of our affiliates such as **Crowchild Hockey Association, Crowchild Skating Club** and **Calgary West Soccer** continue to provide programs for the younger members of our community. Through our many rentals the SACA members can also participate in **Music Pups Classes, Scouts, Guides, Mini-Sport Classes through Sportball, Cycling and Motor Skill Development in the summer through Pedalheads and Heroheads.** In 2016 we are looking to bring back the Community Play Group, to help those with young families in the community to connect, and continue to bring in new renters to provide additional recreational and education programs for children.

Facilities

The Main Hall and Palmer Boardroom continue to be in great demand. The Main Hall is booked well in advance for special events such as Weddings, Anniversaries and Family Celebrations. An increasing number of members are also opting to host their children's birthday parties in the hall, either providing the entertainment themselves or by bringing in a party provider such as Mad Science, Sportball or Butterfield Acres to provide the entertainment. The SACA office has a binder containing information on various party and special event service providers for the SACA members and other renters to peruse in the office when planning functions.

The following outlines our various regular renters, but we also rent to a large number of the SACA members and other groups for one off events, meetings and workshops:

- **SACA Palmer Boardroom:** The Palmer Boardroom is receiving more and more interest as a place to hold meetings as well as after-school programs, clubs, workshops and birthday parties. Not only does the SACA hold a number of clubs and meetings in the space we also rent to groups such as the **Qigong Wisdom, Kings Christian Centre, Leadership Matters, and Music & Play.**
- **SACA Main Hall:** The Main Hall is booked at least 50% of the time during the day and on weekends, and 100% of the time during week nights, with a wide variety of programs provided by the SACA and various renters such as **Beavers, Sparks, Pathfinders, Child Safe Canada, Happy Tails Dog Training, Kings Christian Centre** and **Sportball.** New in 2016 are **Tuck n Tumble Gymnastics** as well as **Puddle of Mud Productions** who are bringing dance and drama programs to our community.
- **Beach Volleyball Courts:** The SACA provided programs in the Beach Volleyball Courts and we also received a number of rentals from individuals and groups such as **Bowness High School, Robert Thirsk High School, Bearspaw Volleyball Club, Alberta Volleyball** and **other private groups.** We look forward to continuing to provide programs and the use of our courts to other school and community groups as well as individuals and organized teams.
- **South Field: Sportball** continues to rent the South Field (the grassed area to the west of the Volleyball Courts) to provide summer soccer programs for 2 to 5 year olds.

Services

The SACA Office is open five days a week to serve our members (M, T, Th, F 9-3 and W 9-5). We are continually looking for new ways to serve our membership. The new Commissioner for Oath services has been popular, and we continue to field many questions and offer advice on a wide variety of topics, especially to new members of the community. In order to remain informed on issues affecting Scenic Acres, the SACA actively maintains relationships with other agencies with who provide services to Scenic Acres. This enables us to know what supports are in place, so we can refer anyone in need to the most appropriate agency.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above and the work we do to support the SACA please contact me scenicgm@shaw.ca or 403.547.9589.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ruth Sorrentino, General Manager, SACA