

**Welcome to the
Scenic Acres Community Association
2016 Annual General Meeting**



**Sunday April 2th, 2017 1:00pm
Scenic Acres Community Centre**

Index

SACA Mission and Vision Statements.....	3
SACA – What does the association do for me?	3
Draft Minutes from 2015 AGM, held on Monday April 11 th 2016.....	5
Board of Directors and Non-Board Member Listings.....	8
Executive Board Member Reports	
President’s Report	10
Treasurer’s Report (Financial Statements provided separately).....	15
Board Member Reports	
Community Development.....	16
Facilities.....	17
Marketing and Communications	18
Parks and Environment	19
Special Project Report	
New School Integration Initiative.....	20
Non-Board Member Report	
General Manager.....	22

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 (Focus on the Future): "A vibrant and sustainable community that is safe and attractive, where residents have a sense of pride, community spirit and tradition."

SACA Mission (Focus on the Present): "A dynamic community that: operates own assets excellently to full potential; sustains and adjusts programs, events and services to satisfy resident expectations and entrench local traditions; leverages resources from sources to best meet local requirements; and represents community interests in the context of the broader environment."

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

The Scenic Acres Community Association (SACA) is one of 151 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 volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, and neighbourhood playgrounds.
- The SACA advocates on all vehicular or pedestrian traffic matters whether local roads or 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, yoga, dance 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 SACA is made up of a volunteer Board of Directors as well as some part-time paid staff who maintain daily operations. Staff and Directors 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 (Website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) 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
April 11, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Jim Palmer	Lee DeKorte	Mike Kelm
Larissa Roszell	Linda Miller	Chantelle Sonnleitner
Rebecca Li	Jason Scott	Colin Yeo
Ike Zacharaopoulos		

Guests:

Heather Mackay- Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator,
City of Calgary Ralph Smith- Ward 1 Representative
Alastair Starke – Constituency Assistant Calgary Northwest
Kelli Taylor-Constituency Assistant, MP Calgary Rocky Ridge

Members:

Resident members attended the meeting

Non-Members:

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

The SACA Annual General Meeting was held at the Scenic Acres Community Centre and was called to order at 7:05 pm by SACA President Jim Palmer, and a quorum of members was present.

1. Introduction of Board Members-

Jim Palmer introduced the following board members: President, Jim Palmer; Vice-President, Linda Miller; Secretary, Larissa Roszell; Treasurer, Rebecca Li; Ike Zacharopoulos, Lee Dekorte, Jason Scott, Mike Kelm

2. Introduction of Guests-

Heather MacKay-Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary
Ralph Smith – Ward 1 Representative
Alastair Starke-Constituency Assistant, Calgary North West
Kelli Taylor-, Constituency Assistant for Pat Kelly, MP, Calgary Rocky Ridge

3. MOTION

That the agenda for the 2015 AGM be approved.

Larissa Roszell/Bruce Lee

Carried

4. MOTION

That the minutes of the March 30, 2015 AGM be approved.

Mike Kelm/Rebecca Li

Carried

5. President's Report

The SACA Board is strong in many ways. We have proper transitions in place, strong continuity; strong business management (in General Manager, Ruth); an efficient staff (Julie, Pat, Rachel) and strong financials. In 2015, we worked on governance by revamping

the by-laws (which were approved by the Provincial Government); defining director portfolios; and measuring and setting performance targets. We've revised the Terms of Reference (TOR) and updated the Strategic Plan, which is used for broad, long term planning; and our Business Plan, which determines yearly activity to meet our Strategic Plan.

Some of the challenges facing our community are marketing SACA's value to residents and increasing community spirit, perhaps hosting other events in our community like the Stampede Breakfast; building relationships with our affiliate organizations; and finding new avenues of Revenue.

MOTION

To accept the President's Report. *Ike Zacharopoulos/Ruth Sorrentino* **Carried**

6. Presentation of Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report and Financial Statement

Contributing factors to our Statement of Operations deficit of only \$(1,446) for 2015 were increased program revenues and decreased building operating expenses, but we also no longer have revenue from Crowchild skating and a decrease in women's soccer. Statement of Changes in Net Assets has stayed consistent with 2014 numbers. Also noted in Accounts Receivable, was the disputed item with Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) with respect to a grant for the Schubert Hill Playground. Discussions are ongoing with respect to this matter.

MOTION To accept the Treasurer's Report and the 2015 Audited Financial Statements as read. *Jason Scott/Audrey Doerr* **Carried**

MOTION To appoint FCC as auditors for the 2016 year-end financials. *Rebecca Li/Ike Zacharopoulos* **Carried**

7. Community Reports

• **Community Development – Lee DeKorte, Director**

This committee monitors zoning changes, and development permits, for which opinions from neighbors are actively sought out, but generally there are no objections. Frequency of applications has been increasing (in the first three months of this year we've had four – with a total of 6 all last year). The two major developments this committee is monitoring is the ongoing development of the Francophone school, with respect to park space, traffic issues, etc. Another development, in initial stages, is the building of an assisted living and care facility northwest of the C-train station along Scurfield Drive.

• **Parks and Environment – Ike Zacharopoulos, Director**

The LEAF committee is in talks with Urban Forestry, and a reforestation of new trees and pruning existing trees on the boulevards is planned. There will be a pathway cleanup on April 23rd. Scenic Acres Park is a priority in terms of trees planted, repairs to the grounds, and repairs to the basketball courts. There are plans to improve the soccer fields behind the schools. Another area of discussion is the log park west of the tennis courts. A group of university students has brought forth some ideas, but this will require funding. The Schubert Hill playground was successfully upgraded

• **New School Integration Initiative – Jim Palmer, President**

A SACA New School Integration Committee was formed last May. Members include Lee DeKorte, Steve Ward, Jim Palmer, Bill Mah, Stephen Miller, and Colin Yeo. There

will be a three-phase approach to the integration. We are currently in the first phase-the construction phase. Phase 2 will look at traffic and joint land use. The 3rd phase will optimize the green space. The committee was successful in delaying the fencing installation until June; was able to maintain the regional pathway around the construction site and created a safe pathway detour; four additional trees were saved; and we receive a monthly construction update from the project manager. Some challenges included demolition of one basketball court, and issues regarding construction fencing.

- **SACA Operations Report – Ruth Sorrentino, GM**

Ruth referred members to the detailed 2015 General Manager’s Report for updates on activities and events that occurred this past year. It was emphasized that great programming ideas come from our community members and their input is greatly appreciated.

MOTION

To accept Community Reports as read. *Colin Yeo/Mike Kelm* **Carried**

8. 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. The following motion was then presented.

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

Linda Miller-Vice President
Chantelle Sonnleitner – Marketing and Communications
Colin Yeo- Facilities

Lee DeKorte/Ike Zacharopoulos **Carried**

9. Adjournment

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

MOTION To adjourn the 2015 SACA AGM at 8:02 pm

Sandy Palmer/Lee DeKorte **Carried**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Larissa Roszell
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 on the SACA Board for over 13 years in director capacities of Transportation, Vice President and President as well as on a number of committees. Jim has also held executive positions for sports, church and YMCA boards in Calgary and Fort McMurray. Currently beyond Scenic Acres, Jim is President of the Rocky Ridge Conservative Board, panel member of City of Calgary Subdivision & Appeal Board and Treasurer of his church board. He has been married to Sandy for 34 years and have 3 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 3 children and have lived in Scenic Acres for 20 years. Larissa has served two years as Secretary and is transitioning her role to Megan Berman.

Secretary and Director Community Affiliates, Megan Berman: Megan moved to Calgary in 2005 from Winnipeg where she spent most of her life and earned a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) degree from the University of Manitoba. She moved to Scenic Acres with her husband Steve in 2010 and they welcomed their son in 2015. Megan has worked in oil and gas for the last 12 years in Finance, Marketing and Sales roles. She is also on the Calgary Alumni Committee for the University of Manitoba Asper School of Business.

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 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 three years ago and have been living in Scenic Acres for 2 years; they really like the neighbourhood. Lee and Marian have 4 grown children, with their youngest daughter living at home. Lee is an electrical engineer who worked 12 years for General Dynamics on a program for the Canadian Land Forces and is now transitioning to a similar role with OSI Maritime Systems. Most of his career has been in computing and telecommunications. Since moving Lee has started to explore and get a feel for Calgary and the nearby mountains. Lee believes in

knowing what is going on around us and 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 has also become a Big Brother since settling in Calgary.

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 2 children, and 2 grandchildren. They have lived in Scenic Acres for the past six years but were in Silver Springs for the prior 26 years.

Director, Marketing and Communications, Chantelle Sonneleitner: Chantelle joined the SACA Board in March 2016. Chantelle brings to the board 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 4 years ago. Chantelle and her husband enjoy spending time outdoors with their 2 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 2 grown children and have lived in Scenic Acres for many years.

Director, Sports Affiliates: Keely Willment: Keely has recently joined the board as a Director. In her day job she works for the City of Calgary in the Recreation department, coordinating programs, initiatives, and events. Keely has previously served on the board of directors for Alberta's InMotion Network – the provincial organization charged with promoting physical activity for girls and women in Alberta. She has also dedicated a significant amount of time supporting the women's rugby program at the University of Calgary. A born and raised Calgarian, Keely moved to Scenic Acres in 2015 with her husband and 2 small children.

Director, Crowchild Hockey Association Rep, Mike Kelm: Mike has been a member of the Board for 2 years. 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 3 children. It was his involvement in coaching and managing within the Crowchild Hockey 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. Mike has served two years in this term and is transitioning the role to Keely Willment.

General Manager, Ruth Sorrentino: In addition to being the SACA's General Manager Ruth is a Provincial Returning Officer and Federal Field Liaison Officer overseeing all the Returning Officers in Edmonton and Central Alberta. She also sits on the Alberta 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 12 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 12 years.

2016 President's Report

I am always thankful I live in Scenic Acres and can serve our members and residents for the well-being of our community. SACA is one of 151 Community Associations (CA's) in Calgary that is estimated to provide 2.4 million hours of public volunteer service each year. The SACA has been honouring this commitment formally for over 32 years. Many people do not realize how CA's like the SACA impact their daily lives and I hope my report will provide some sense of the breadth and depth of involvement, time and energy your Board and other volunteers invest to make Scenic Acres and more broadly, the City of Calgary a great place to live.

I marvel that much of what we do as volunteers in Calgary is done by paid government employees in other municipalities across Canada; CA's are a great model of neighbours helping neighbours that is to be envied. The SACA has attracted and retained a strong, faithful board with managed individual turnover to ensure integrity and continuity but allows for fresh perspectives and ideas. The SACA has maintained financial integrity though the downturn has made it trying, with efficient business operations and controls and continues to serve our members with a variety of programs, events, value-added services and a credible representative advocacy voice to governments and other organizations impacting our community. Our stability and integrity give us good standing among CA's and the City. We have also been active in sharing our learnings and expertise with other CA's.

The annual Business Plan which details plans and progress is now entrenched in the SACA governance as regular routine and I will provide an update to 2016 results based on area of emphasis. The Business Plan is established at the beginning of each year to ensure we deliver results based on priorities that we have either received from your feedback as members/residents or that we know require action based on external influencing forces. The Business Plan has targets for Board members individually and collectively and ensures we produce results based on the limited resources we have including money, time, skills and people. It is established so we do not veer off course. Through the year there are many emerging topics and issues which can consume our time and energy and have the potential to derail us from executing a considered, well-planned mandate. The Business Plan provides transparency and enables you as members to hold your Board to account.

I want to thank Linda Miller who joined the SACA team as Vice President in 2016 for her contributions, working alongside me and sharing the responsibilities. She jumped right in and leveraged her skills, experience and her knowledge of the community to provide valuable guidance and challenge to me. Together, we were more efficient and productive and we had fun doing it too! I also want to thank those who have provided encouragement to the Board through the year regarding the work we do. The Board

and Staff log many hundreds of hours each year to ensure programs run smoothly, events are well planned, activities are handled with integrity and communication is relevant and strong with the overall intent to promote Scenic Acres and ensure it is attractive and resident-focused. Most people do not realize Directors are financially liable for the Association entity, the facilities and lands we steward, but would take notice if these services ceased. Thanks to the Board as a whole and to our volunteers who make our community a great place to live! I encourage you to demonstrate your support by continuing to maintain your very low-priced membership each year.

Governance – The SACA has an annual rhythm schedule to ensure we review and reflect upon the things that matter in order to remain sustainable. In this regard, we had an orientation training last spring for all board members and many directors also leveraged the variety of training offerings provided by the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC). These courses are available to board members at no additional cost and are included in our membership of the FCC. The SACA reviewed and updated our Strategic Plan which identifies maintenance and growth priorities as well as projects over the next 5 to 10 years, in addition to revising and adding to our list of Policies. The Board meets collectively each month but each director often has meetings and correspondence with residents, committees and various departments within the City throughout the month and prepares pre-read materials for review before each meeting. The Board's overarching role is to monitor progress, encourage, challenge and otherwise provide support to each director in order to ensure we achieve the expected results. The SACA General Manager is the 'eyes and ears' of the community, provides an operational update and highlights areas where the Board needs to assess and take action within its authority. Without this level of structure, plans would go awry, discussions would degenerate and priorities would be lost; there is so much to discuss each meeting! At the end of each year, we review individual results and collective results against the Business Plan to ensure we quantify results, reflect on strengths and determine opportunities for improvement.

The Executive Committee works with the GM during the month to handle issues that may arise and update the Board as a whole as required. The Finance Committee meets regularly to provide quality monthly reporting and these reports are monitored by the Board to determine what further actions are appropriate. Thanks to Directors Linda and Rebecca for handling financial controls and reporting and to GM Ruth and staff for managing daily spend judiciously ensuring we achieve good value.

Affiliates – The SACA maintains a level of oversight with respect to twelve sports affiliates as well as about twenty other organizations operating within the community and surrounding areas. There are several ongoing common issues where the SACA works with other community associations in the area as well. Because these affiliate director positions have been vacant through 2016, only maintenance-type administration has been handled and there are a number of outstanding initiatives that need to be completed. The SACA continues to be represented, promote and collaboratively engage with Crowchild Twin Area Association and Crowchild Hockey Association as voting members and our active involvement has contributed to the success of these associations especially with regard to Crowchild Hockey Association

which is providing efficiently-run programs. Thanks to GM Ruth and Director Mike for their contributions in this area despite our lack of resourcing.

Marketing & Communications – Regular and timely communication updates increased in frequency in 2016 and were available through all social media channels. Even yours truly became a regular user of Twitter! The SACA Board takes seriously our interaction with you and our Marketing and Communications Director reports on the level of social media activity monthly. The SACA developed a comprehensive Community Needs Survey in 2016, receiving feedback and providing education related to the SACA dynamics by engaging directly with our residents at events and activities within the community. This survey was the first such endeavour completed since 2003 and our demographics have changed markedly within that time period. Thanks to Director Chantelle for the extensive work she completed to lead and tabulate survey results for further action in subsequent years. In addition, the SACA submitted a well-prepared grant application early last fall and as a result were successful in being one of only a few communities in the City to receive federal funding for a multi-faceted Canada 150 celebration to be hosted on August 26, 2017.

SACA Operations – The SACA continued to provide a variety of programs and services adjusted to customer feedback leveraging community lands and building and continued to offer events many have come to expect. We continue to take preventative measures to sustain facilities by adhering to our life cycle plan as much as possible which currently outlines maintenance projects through to early 2018. In 2016, the SACA planned for improvements to outside concrete work and internally maintain the attractiveness of our centre with paint and cupboard re-finishing. The costs of operating and capital projects are financed through the SACA financial reserves and government grants. Thanks to GM Ruth and staff for administering the activities of the community centre and servicing members, residents and rental customers.

Community Development – LEAF, New School and Community Development Committees, headed by individual directors and staffed with volunteers, meet and correspond often, working from detailed mandates and on activities to advocate for the betterment of our community. Each committee has had significant results in 2016 which include maintaining and improving the physical environment as well as handling many residential and commercial development permits.

The Community Development Committee advocated with NORR Architects for several improvements regarding the Revera development on Scurfield Drive and the New School Committee advocated for several issues that involved construction and project work related to Scenic Acres Park; this advocacy involved compliance with approved drawings where the City and Bird were not following approved drawings. Thanks to Directors Lee and Colin and committee volunteers for their advocacy and assistance to many residents and the community as a whole regarding development permits. The Committee's reach extends beyond Scenic Acres to projects that affect our residents such as the Crowchild Trail Corridor Study and the current improvements to Stoney Trail around Sarcee Trail. Thanks to Director Ike and his committee in managing many LEAF activities and thanks to Directors Ike, Lee, Colin and committee members regarding the school and area successful results.

The SACA Board also acknowledges and offers thanks to Audrey Doerr who was the Scenic Acres representative to a transit community consultation committee on bus route assessment in Northwest Calgary. She attended and provided constructive input into the transit decisions that resulted in streamlined bus routes but with expanded daily service and ensured we are well-served in Scenic Acres. This initiative was the first bus transit review since the implementation of Dalhousie LRT Station.

Challenges and Opportunities

1. Marketing and Resident Support – I have given a summary view of the SACA's reach into the well-being of the community and we have refreshed our membership campaign to increase awareness to residents how EVERYONE benefits from a healthy CA not just specific individuals. As members, I ask you to please give testimony to the SACA's benefits and encourage your neighbours for a nominal annual membership fee of \$30 to support us. Many think membership is just for families with kids in sports which is about as far from reality as can be measured! Our membership base has decreased with the aging of our demographics and we are working to turn this trend around.

2. Relationships – The SACA has a number of affiliate organizations operating within and near Scenic Acres and there are opportunities to proactively work with them intentionally to be more efficient, deliver common programs and services effectively and advocate collectively as needed. With our new directors in place for 2017, we expect to focus on these relationships.

3. Financial Resources – The SACA revenues are derived from membership dues, user fees, grants, casino funds, facility rentals and programs. The SACA is weathering the storm of the financial downturn by being as efficient as possible with respect to operations. Since we are volunteer-led with minimal staff expenses, the more we are self-funded, the more we can put back into programs and facilities to better service our Community; the City is not going to initiate or finance these initiatives. However, at this time, revenues are flat and we are looking for more ways to operate efficiently, grow the rental base as well as expand our repertoire of grant options so we can maintain and grow our asset base.

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 with more discretionary time, we should be able to deliver more and stronger results.

I would like to thank the SACA Board for their faithfulness to attend and contribute to 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. I would also like to thank Ruth and staff: Julie, Rachel and Pat for running a very efficient and customer-focused SACA operation. This part-time team continually demonstrates a high level of devotion to our Community and also contribute as volunteers too!

The 2017 Business Plan is available on our website (www.scenicacresca.ca). Key initiatives among a host of other activities include developing and executing the Canada 150 celebration on Saturday August 26, establishing formal agreements with key affiliates, funding and building the playground facility in Scimitar, implementing transportation initiatives related to parking and speed reduction within the community, building the membership base and integrating the new school into the fabric of the our community with a final completion of surrounding amenity projects.

Thank you for attending and actively engaging in the SACA AGM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Palmer, President SACA

2016 Treasurer's Report

In a separate document are the audit report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements of the year ended December 31, 2016 and nominate the auditor for fiscal year 2017. The following table is the financial highlights of 2016.

Financial Highlights of 2016				
	2016	2015	Comparison	
Revenue	\$ 350,679	\$ 314,798	\$	35,881
Expenses	\$ 252,728	\$ 316,244		-\$63,516
Excess of Revenue (Deficit)	\$ 97,951	-\$1,446	\$	99,397
Cash	\$ 49,150	\$ 28,342	\$	20,808
Deposit	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,303	\$	24,697
Net Assets	\$ 471,734	\$ 373,783	\$	97,951

- Revenue in 2016 was \$35,881 higher than 2015, largely due to a recognition of amortized capital contributions. Hall rental and membership revenue was in line with prior year.
- Expenses are lower in 2016 which mainly due to Schubert playground expenses recognized in 2015. Other operation expenses are slightly higher than prior year.
- The net result of 2016 was an excess of revenue of \$97,951. Which is \$99,397 higher than 2015 mainly due to the additional revenue recognized from capital contributions.
- Cash as of December 31, 2016 was \$49,150 which was \$20,808 higher than prior year.
- Deposit as of December 31, 2016 was \$100,000, which was \$24,697 higher than 2015.
- Our net assets at \$471,734, which was \$97,951 higher than prior year.

I would like to thank Heidi Brauer CMA for her quality auditing services. It would be my pleasure to nominate the Federation of Calgary Communities, Heidi Brauer's employer to be the auditor for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Li, CPA, MBA, Treasurer, SACA

2016 Community Development Report

The SACA Development Committee is responsible for monitoring development aspects in the community, such as new facilities, zoning changes, and home based businesses. In response to requests from the City, the Committee provides feedback on proposed developments. Also, the Committee is involved in wider aspects of the City, such as roads and public transport, that might impact Scenic Acres residents. The Committee has three members: Colin Yeo, Bill Mah, and Lee De Korte (Director). The Committee reports to the SACA Board of Directors.

Highlights of the year:

A major development is a new proposed senior care facility on Scurfield Drive. The owner, Revera Inc., engaged NORR Architects to generate detailed plans for the site. Last year the Committee hosted three open houses to allow residents of Scenic Acres to comment and provide feedback directly to Revera and NORR representatives. The Committee submitted recommendations for noise reduction, increased surface parking, improved landscaping, and less intrusive lighting. A development permit was granted by the City. Committee recommendations were accepted and have been incorporated into the detailed site plan.

The Committee provided comments on 12 applications within SA: 10 were for home based (class 2) businesses and two for zoning changes (one for an addition and one for a secondary suite). The home-based businesses included a bakery, landscaping, massage therapy, acupuncture, kitchen renovation, frozen food distribution, and hair styling. The Committee contacts the applicant to get more information and enquires about any concerns the immediate neighbours might have. The Committee was involved in one home business appeal by residents where the business was deemed unsuitable. In this case the City rejected the application. The City approved all other applications. If the Land Use Bylaws and Building Codes are expected to be met and the operation does not adversely impact the living conditions of other residents, the SACA will not object.

The Committee attended several events related to highway improvements. One is the long-term Crowchild Corridor improvement plan which aims to optimize the traffic flow with additional overpasses. Implementation will benefit residents who travel south from SA. The Committee also provided comments during an open house for the redesign of the Stoney Trail–Sarcee overpass and intersection. While this development is not near SA, it is of interest to our residents who commute to the east of the City.

The Committee will continue its work to ensure Scenic Acres will continue to be a safe and pleasant community to live in. We always appreciate feedback from residents. We will liaison with the City and the Councillor's office to keep residents informed about new developments.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lee DeKorte, Director Community Development, SACA

2016 Facilities Report

The SACA maintains and develops the Community Centre and adjacent lands to provide recreational facilities for the community and to generate rental income to support operations.

The SACA follows its Capital Lifecycle Plan to budget for routine maintenance and estimate potential major capital expenditures. It applies for Capital Conservation Grants from the City of Calgary which will reimburse 75% of capital expenditures on items within the Plan. This year, remedial cement work was completed on some walkways near the Community Centre and storage shed, new commercial grade eaves trough and downspouts were installed and the kitchen cupboards were refinished. In some cases, work was deemed unnecessary and deferred. Because a new Lifecycle Plan will be prepared by early 2019, all projects where possible will be deferred in 2017 until a new Plan is prepared by engineers.

The SACA has applied to the NEET Program. This program provides funding to determine the current lighting, heating, cooling, and hot water system efficiencies and explore efficiency opportunities to reduce energy use and costs.

The SACA ensures facilities within the community, but beyond the Community Centre and surrounding lands, are maintained in good working condition. The SACA, through the New School Sub-Committee, advocated with the City of Calgary to ensure detrimental changes made to the Scenic Acres ball diamond with the construction of l'école du Nouveau-Monde parking lot would be remediated. Additionally, the SACA made sure the basketball courts adjacent to the new school were restored to their original length and surfaces were repaired and recoated with a high-quality product.

The SACA is working with a community volunteer group to redeveloping the Scimitar/Westchester playground. Funding has been secured through the Provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program, the City of Calgary and the Alberta Recycling Management Authority. The committee is actively seeking private donations from residents and local businesses. To learn more please visit: <http://scenicacresca.ca/facilities/scimitarwestchester-playground>.

The General Manager undertakes an annual review of the Community Centre Usage Policy and the Facility Rental Rates schedule. These reviews are done on an ongoing basis and are designed to maximize rental hours with competitive rental rates. This is presented to the Board of Directors.

We wish to thank Ms. Ruth Sorrentino, the SACA General Manager, for her very effective oversight of the Community Centre and Community Programs.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colin Yeo, Director Facilities, SACA

2016 Marketing and Communications Report

As this board position was vacant previously to 2016 there were some major projects accomplished in 2016 in this portfolio.

- Developed and approved a comprehensive **Communications Policy** for all Staff and Board members.
- Some improvements and changes were made to the **Scenic Review** including an update to the membership benefits as well as to the overview of the role of the Scenic Acres Community Association which can be found on the last page of the Scenic Review.
- Developed and implemented a **Social Media Strategy** using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Through this strategy we increased output of SACA information and saw a 36% increase in followers. Like or Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!
- Conducted a **Community Needs Assessment Survey** over a 4 month period from May-August. During this time we received valuable feedback from 384 out of 2991 households (12.8% of our community). Thank you to those who took the time to participate, give us feedback and share their ideas. By conducting the survey ourselves from planning, execution to the collation of data, the cost of administering the survey was only approximately 14% of the total estimated cost of outsourcing the project. We learned that our community loves spending time outdoors and values the amenities that our community offers. A number of suggestions and opportunities were presented in the final data for changes to and expansion of facilities, services, programs and events to best serve our community. In 2017 Portfolio Directors and the General Manager will use the data to develop plans to best integrate these opportunities in 2017 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Chantelle Sonnleitner, Director Marketing and Communications, SACA

2016 Parks and Environment Report

The key activities of the portfolio are outlined below. The assistance of Ruth, Julie, Rachel and Pat in the SACA office with the various initiatives was essential and appreciated.

LEAF: The Scenic Acres Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund (LEAF) program is overseen by the LEAF committee comprised of resident volunteers and thanks go out to Barb, Julie, Lorna and Simone for their commitment to our community's public green spaces. Also, to Justin, Jerry and Lori with the City's Parks department. The department manages the delivery of services, the majority of which were provided by ULS Landscaping in 2016.

Through year end 2016 our community public green spaces have received the following services through our LEAF program:

1. Turf: bi-weekly cuts and trims; turf repairs as needed; annual weed control as per City review; aeration and fertilizer application as needed; garbage clean-up from public green spaces.
2. Beautification: 25 planters purchased and located throughout the community; 12 in-ground gardens developed throughout the community; design, planting and maintenance of the planters and gardens; planter winter displays started in 2016; shrub pruning on a revolving schedule.
3. Maintenance: spring cleanup of road material from boulevards; fall cleanup at the end of the growing season; waste collection from public bins throughout the year; public tree well maintenance including mulch.

Feedback from the community to date has been extensively supportive of the work to date and the positive impact to our community green spaces. 2016 was the fourth year of our LEAF program and we will be holding a reaffirmation vote after this season. Look for more information on this later this year.

The plan for 2017 is to continue with the turf maintenance program and to sustainably manage our beautification initiatives. In keeping with our commitment to the community at the outset of the program, the \$60/year fee structure has been maintained and beautification has been focused on arterial locations in order to maximize community access and enjoyment. We thank all who have provided feedback on the program; it is welcome and should be sent to scenicleaf@shaw.ca.

Playground refurbishment: In 2017 the focus is the Scimitar Westchester playground and thanks go out to Peter and the team of volunteers who stepped up for that project. You can contact them at scimitarplayground@gmail.com.

Scenic Acres Park facilities: The tennis courts were resurfaced in 2016. The restorative work on the basketball courts was completed. The key activities of the portfolio are outlined below. The assistance of Ruth, Julie, Rachel and Pat in the SACA office with the various initiatives was essential and appreciated.

Trees: Our thanks go out to Niki, Linda and Dale with the City's Urban Forestry group; their work with us in 2016 resulted in the planting of approx. 100 trees and a significant tree pruning program throughout our community. This year we are working on the potential planting of 50 new trees and the replacement of the deceased trees removed last year. We also thank the residents who have engaged on this issue. Input can be provided to scenic.trees17@gmail.com.

Temporary ice rink: Our temporary (seasonal) ice rink has been used extensively by the community this winter. Thanks go out to Mike Fursier and the impressive team of volunteers who have taken on the task of rethinking, improving and maintaining this important community asset.

Pathway cleanup: During last year's pathway cleanup we removed 24 bags of garbage from our community and thanks go out to our 19 volunteers. This year we have scheduled a community pathway cleanup for April 22nd, between 9:00am and 1:00pm. If you can participate please contact us at sceniccleanup@gmail.com.

Canada 150 Celebration: The SACA has received federal funding in support of a Canada 150 Celebration, to be held in our community on Saturday August 26th, 2017. An initial steering committee has come together and we thank those volunteers. We are looking for residents to help plan and execute this daylong celebratory fun event which will include displays, performances, food and activities. Please e-mail scenic.CA150@gmail.com to indicate your interest. An Open House will be held on April 23rd, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Community Centre, where we look forward to a sharing of ideas on how we can best deliver a program the community will enjoy. More immediately, we have posted a survey as a means of receiving feedback from the community on events that you enjoy, so please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/SACA150 and let us know what you think.

My "THANKS" is a heart-felt effort to recognize at least some of those I had the pleasure to work with this year; it is in no way a complete or sufficient recognition of the importance of engagement on issues important to our community.

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 have been continuing since January 2015 based on a three phase Terms of Reference (TOR) project plan approach that targeted specific objectives for construction, school integration and green space utilization post-school opening. This TOR is available on the SACA website. The SACA New School Integration Sub-Committee includes Directors Lee DeKorte, Jim Palmer, Colin Yeo as well as volunteers, Bill Mah and Stephen Miller. Ike Zacharopoulos has

been a supernumerary member, advocating for Park amenities on our behalf with City Parks. Ralph Smith from Ward Sutherland's office has also assisted the Committee where the Councillor's intervention has been required.

In 2016, soccer and baseball programs maintained their programs utilizing Scurfield Park and modified facilities at Scenic Acres Park. Unfortunately, the Picnic in the Park and Outdoor Movie event could not be hosted at Scenic Acres Park due to the construction intensity but the SACA plans to re-introduce this event in 2017. The New School Sub-Committee advocated very regularly and intensely with the Province, the City, Bird Construction and the Ward One office to obtain updates of plan progress details and to advocate for specific issues related to the Park amenities, parking and traffic issues along Scenic Acres Drive and Scimitar Point, also ensuring that construction execution adhered to approved drawings. The Sub-Committee was not required to liaise with the FrancoSud School Board during the construction phase but this engagement has begun again in 2017 with completion of the school building late in 2016. Regular progress updates were provided to the Community throughout the year and are available on the SACA website. There was also regular correspondence by committee members with individual residents most affected by disruption caused by construction.

During the transition of approved development permit drawings from Province to City through different architects, detrimental changes were made that required our advocacy with respect to baseball field – shallower right field distance than plan, fence height - reduction to five feet from eight feet, waste disposal placement altered further west and basketball court size reduced in length. The Sub-Committee identified these discrepancies and over a period of months, involving many interactions and engagement with all parties, we were successful to have the fence returned to the original intended height with commitments from the City that the baseball asset would still be able to accommodate adult slow pitch requirements once project work completed. At time of writing, these baseball field modifications must be completed in 2017 before the final permit is released and could involve altering the fence height further and adjusting the backstop. The Sub-Committee was able to determine the placement and size of the new basketball court before it was poured and ensure it was restored to its original length. The Sub-Committee was also able to ensure a high-quality coating product was applied to the new court surface that existed on the previous demolished court. The construction project team is consulting with the Sub-Committee to ensure there is adequate masking and appropriate shrubbery surrounding the waste disposal facility which also involves working around Enmax utilities. Bird must resolve all residual construction issues before final approval by the City.

Thanks to Bird Construction and Alberta Infrastructure for providing Scenic Acres with regular updates not just monthly but as we advocated for specific issues over the last two years. These SA communication updates were unique for Alberta Infrastructure-led projects; typically, there is infrequent high level, multi-school project information revised periodically on the provincial website. The Sub-Committee is thankful that many specific concerns we raised were addressed by Bird quickly minimizing disruption impacts to residents. Finally, the Sub-Committee is thankful to City Parks for their support to Scenic Acres with respect to park amenity deficiencies we highlighted. The

school facility was transferred to the FrancoSud school Board in December and trades workers have continued to address minor building deficiencies. The Sub-Committee is moving into Phase 2 - School Integration with school opening in September 2017 based on a final population of 400 students.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Palmer, President SACA

NON-BOARD MEMBER REPORT

2016 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 2016. 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. Thank you Sandy for taking on this very important volunteer coordination role.

The following is a summary of the SACA Events from 2016:

- **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. If your child enjoys the dances please consider volunteering as a chaperone by e-mailing scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca.
- **Post-AGM Wine & Cheese Social:** In 2016 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 28. 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.
- **Community Clean-Up Day:** On Saturday June 25 many Scenic Acres residents and residents in NW Calgary came to the SACA Parking Lot for our Community Clean-Up Day. Residents had the option to drop off many items: Up to four boxes of documents to be shredded on site, yard waste for composting, garbage for the city garbage trucks, blue bin type recycling items, electronics and metal for recycling as well as gently used items for Women In Need to re-sell. This annual event will once again take place on Saturday April 29, 2017 where we will be offering more drop off options than ever before.
- **Parade of Garage Sales:** This event takes place every year in June and provides an opportunity for residents to sell their own items and to 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.
- **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.
- **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".
- **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 29 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.
- **Christmas Shopping Extravaganza:** Held on Saturday November 19 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 26 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 mandarins 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.

As a not-for-profit, the SACA is constantly reaching out to the business community to support our initiatives and community events. In 2016 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 2016:

- Annual General Meeting post Social: Wine courtesy of **Bartier Bros.**
- Breakfast with Santa: **Spolumbos Fine Food & Deli**
- Bubble Gum Boogie: **Qoola Frozen Yogurt**
- Community Clean Up Day: **City of Calgary - Community Standards Fund** and **Boston Pizza Dalhousie.**
- Pumpkin Giveaway: **Leslie Schmeiler Re/Max House of Realty**
- Parade of Garage Sale: **Bill Hamilton of Re/Max Mountain View**
- Stampede Breakfast: PLATINUM: **Cancare Children's Centre; City of Calgary – Ward Community Event Fund; Allstate Insurance Crowfoot; Crowfoot Plates Registry** and **Spolumbo's Fine Foods & Deli.** GOLD: **Scenic Acres Dental Centre** and **Charlesglen Toyota Scion.** SILVER: **Hon. Sandra Jansen MLA; Safeway Crowfoot; Mountain View Optometry** and **Co-operators Insurance Crowfoot.** BRONZE: **Shoppers Drug Mart Silver Springs; Crowfoot Dodge; PCS Cleaning; Knibbe Automotive; German Automotive; ATCO Gas; Playtime Toy & Party Rentals; Ed Williams Menswear; Pedalheads and Teasers Hair & Esthetics.** SUPPORTER: **Village Honda.** FRIEND: **Tony Roma's; The Travel Agent Next Door** and **Councillor Ward Sutherland.**

If you or your company would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact me 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, Marilyn Gummo and Elaine Wong 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 2016 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, Yoga Basics and Tai Chi** during the day as well as **Bliss Yoga, Evening Zumba and Evening Yoga** in the evenings. We introduced a new **Barre Class** program during the day, and hope to find an instructor who can teach this class in the evening to serve those interested in this type of conditioning class but who are unavailable during the day. 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: In 2016 we saw the dissolution of the SAY group (Scenic Acres Youth) and the formation of the SA Youth Volunteer Corp. The SACA has tried very hard to connect with youth in our community and provide services, volunteers opportunities and social activities, but there appears to be little need or desire in this community for the SACA at least, to provide much more than volunteer opportunities. We are a relatively affluent community and our youth on the whole are well engaged in the broader community through their schools, sports teams, choirs, churches, Scouts, Guides etc. and consequently most youth who desire to develop leadership skills are finding other avenues to meet their needs. The SACA continues offers both outdoor **Volleyball** and outdoor **Soccer** programs to youth through **Norwest Soccer**.

Children's Programming: The number of children in our community had seen a decline but this trend appears to be reversing with a number of young families moving into the community. The SACA brought the Playgroup back in 2016 which is attended by Mom's, Dad's as well as Grandparents and the little ones in their care. **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, Gymnastics through Tuck n' Tumble, Cycling and Motor Skill Development in the summer through Pedalheads and Heroheads**. In 2017 **Mad Science** will once again be offering summer day camps (full and half days) in our facility, as will **Tuck n' Tumble Gymnastics**.

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, Family Celebrations, Dance Rehearsals and Children's Birthday Parties. 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** 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 as well as various renters such as **Beavers**,

Sparks, Pathfinders, Child Safe Canada, Happy Tails Dog Training, Kings Christian Centre, Sportball and Tuck n Tumble Gymnastics.

- **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