

**Welcome to the  
Scenic Acres Community Association  
2018 Annual General Meeting**



**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1:00pm  
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. 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 Mission:** (Focus on the Present): SACA will advocate and act as a hub, physically and virtually, for our community. We will provide access to various facilities, programs, events and services.

**SACA Vision:** (Focus on the Future): For Scenic Acres to be vibrant, sustainable, safe and attractive, where residents value community and engagement with a sense of pride and tradition.

## **Scenic Acres Community Association What does the Association do for me?**

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. 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 SACA include beach volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, and neighbourhood playgrounds.
- SACA advocates on all vehicular or pedestrian traffic matters whether local roads, major surrounding arteries. Crowfoot LRT Station, transportation amenities, bus routing are influenced and designed through SACA advocacy; the City originally had a completely different plan to the detriment of our residents.
- On an ongoing basis, SACA manages all green space maintenance from planning to execution through the Landscape Enhancement and Appreciation Fund (LEAF).
- SACA provides a wide variety of programming for all ages and hosts a number of organizations and clubs. SACA offers sports and fitness programs directly or through its affiliates including soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey and multiple options for conditioning.
- 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.

- SACA provides community services such as Community Clean-up, Parade of Garage Sales, education sessions and political forums.
- 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.
- 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 SACA on all topics under their respective mandates.

SACA 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 on committees, hone their competencies by taking pertinent courses, engage individually and collectively with our residents and develop materials to keep residents informed. 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 SACA pay for all these services? Community association membership fees are collected from Scenic Acres residents at \$30 per family, \$15 per individual senior. How does SACA pay for all services? SACA operates using grants, casino proceeds and sponsorships and re-invests rental and program revenues back into operations and services.

Please contribute to the sustainability and growth of 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  
2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

Jim Palmer	Colin Yeo	Michael Chui (new)
Linda Miller	Keely Willment	Mike Fursier (new)
Katherine Hawkins (new)	Chantelle Sonnleitner	Ruth Sorrentino (non-Board Member)
Suzanne Greco (new)	Ike Zacharopoulos	

**Board Member Absent:**

Dean Petrillo (new)

**Guests:**

Kelli Taylor-Constituency Assistant for Pat Kelly, MP Calgary Rocky Ridge  
Sandra Jansen, MLA Calgary North West  
Ben Sasges, Constituency Assistant for Sandra Jansen  
Ward Sutherland, Councilor for Ward 1  
Heather MacKay- Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary

**Members:**

Resident members attended the meeting.

**Non-Members:**

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

The SACA Annual General Meeting was held at the Scenic Acres Community Centre and was called to order at 1:14 pm by SACA President, Jim Palmer, and a quorum of members was present.

**1. First Call for Nominations:**

Jim Palmer explained the process concerning the call for nominations. With the consent of the meeting, Jim Palmer asked that: Suzanne Greco act as Secretary for the meeting, and that Linda Miller act as Scrutineer for the meeting. It was confirmed that a quorum of members of at least 25 voting members was present.

**2. Introduction of Board Members:**

Jim Palmer introduced the following board members: President, Jim Palmer; Vice-President, Linda Miller; Secretary, Suzanne Greco; Treasurer, Katherine Hawkins; Ike Zacharopoulos; Colin Yeo; Chantelle Sonnleitner; Keely Willment; Michael Chui; Mike Fursier.

**3. Resignation of Board Members:**

Linda Miller has served a two year term as Vice-President and Chantelle Sonnleitner has completed a two year term as Marketing & Communications Director.

As a result of job and personal situational changes, Megan Berman and Rebecca Li could not continue their director duties through most of 2017.

**4. Introduction of Guests:**

Kelli Taylor-Constituency Assistant for Pat Kelly, MP Calgary Rocky Ridge

Sandra Jansen, MLA Calgary North West  
Ben Sasges, Constituency Assistant for Sandra Jansen  
Ward Sutherland, Councilor for Ward 1  
Heather Mackay- Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary

A number of SACA affiliate guests were identified and thanked for their contribution for the betterment of Scenic Acres.

**5. MOTION:**

That the agenda for the 2018 AGM be approved.

*Suzanne Greco/Bruce Lee* **Carried**

**6. MOTION:**

That the minutes of the April 2, 2017 AGM be approved.

*Chantelle Sonnleitner/Mike Kelm* **Carried**

**7. Second Call for Nominations:**

There was a second call for nominations to the Board of Directors.

**8. Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report and Financial Statements:**

Katherine Hawkins reviewed the revenue and expense components as well as the cash position of SACA. The complete Treasurer's Report is outlined in the AGM Report.

**MOTION:**

To accept the Treasurer's Report and the 2017 Audited Financial Statements as read.

*Colin Yeo/Michael Chui* **Carried**

**MOTION:**

To appoint the FCC Audit Department to perform the audit for the year ending December 31, 2018.

*Katherine Hawkins/Bruce Lee* **Carried**

**9. President's Report:**

Jim Palmer discussed volunteer based government, external contributions and the school implementation program.

**MOTION**

To accept the President's Report.

*Ike Zacharopoulos/Ray Hillman* **Carried**

**10. Community Reports:**

Colin Yeo highlighted items from the Community Reports. Each Community Report can be found in its entirety in the AGM Report.

**MOTION**

To accept the Community Reports as read.

*Colin Yeo/Mike Kelm* **Carried**

**11. 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:

Michael Chui	Membership Development Director
Katherine Hawkins	Treasurer
Suzanne Greco	Secretary
Dean Petrillo	Affiliates Director
Mike Fursier	Facilities Director

*Linda Miller/Ruth Sorrentino* **Carried**

## 12. Adjournment

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

## MOTION

To adjourn the 2018 SACA AGM at 2:06 p.m.

*Michael Chui/Sandy Palmer* **Carried**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Suzanne T. Greco  
Secretary

## 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 has recruited, coached and mentored people for 30 years and have led many business process improvement, control, reporting and governance initiatives. Jim has served with the SACA Board for over 15 years in director capacities of Transportation, Vice President and President and 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 Association, Vice Chair of the City of Calgary Subdivision & Appeal Board, Treasurer of his church board and leading several committees. He has been married to Sandy for 36 years and they have three adult children. They have lived in Scenic Ares since 1993.

**Secretary, Suzanne Greco:** Suzanne joined the SACA Board in February 2018. She worked as a corporate legal assistant for 15 years and when she completed her B.A. in Psychology/HR, transitioned to a career as an HR Professional. She has volunteered on many executive school councils, block parent associations as well as on the Community Committee for the Town of Slave Lake. Suzanne has been married to Paul for 36 years and they have two adult children. They have been living in Scenic Acres since 1997 and love this community.

**Treasurer, Katherine Hawkins:** Katherine joined the SACA Board in March 2018. She was born and raised in Toronto then moved to Winnipeg for the first part of her career. Moving to Calgary in 2000 she has owned and operated her small business accounting practice since then. She brings to the table a great deal of experience with process implementations, report writing and with the non-profit sector. She has also volunteered over the years with various organizations within the corporate world and with her children's clubs and schools. Katherine has two children that keep her very busy running to activities and when she has time, she enjoys travelling the world. She is looking forward to continuing her work on our Board and giving back to the community. She has been a resident of Scenic Acres since August 2016.

**Director, Community Development, 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 Former 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 on the Development 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 36 years.

**Director, Marketing and Communications:** VACANT

**Director, Parks & Environment, Ike Zacharopoulos:** Ike worked with the dedicated volunteers who mobilized the community in support of a special tax used to maintain and enhance our community green spaces. He now leads the volunteer LEAF committee managing this annual maintenance program. Ike has extensive experience with property and employee legislation, leading teams over a long career in the public and private sectors. Ike and his wife Julie have two grown children and have lived in Scenic Acres for many years.

**Director, Sports & Affiliates, Keely Willment:** In her day job, Keely works for the City of Calgary, with an array of experiences from coordinating programs, community initiatives, events, and advising sport organizations, to elections and census. She has also dedicated a significant amount of time supporting the women's rugby program at the University of Calgary. Keely's young family has been in Scenic Acres since 2015, and are busy running around soccer and ball diamonds, biking on the many pathways in the community, and watching owls, coyotes, and birds in the ravine.

**Director, Facilities, Mike Fursier:** Mike joined the Board as Facilities Director in April 2018. Born and raised in the UK, Mike has over 20 years experience in construction and project management roles in the UK, Middle East and Canada. Mike led the team building and maintenance of the SACA outdoor ice rink for the few last years and is looking forward to making it a more regular fixture in the community. After renting in Scenic Acres for 3 years, Mike and his wife, Amanda, recently bought their first Canadian house and are relishing putting down some permanent roots! Mike and Amanda have been married for 13 years and have two children.

**Director, Membership Development, Michael Chui:** Michael had 10 years experience in I.T., economics with last 5 years as a Finance Manager for a continental transportation company. He also spent last 14 years as technical official in the sport of triathlon and helped numerous sports organizations transition from operation to governance boards. He represented Canada and Alberta in the 2015 Pan American Games (in Toronto) and 2017 Canada Summer Games (in Winnipeg), respectively.

**General Manager, Ruth Sorrentino:** In addition to being 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. Ruth has also been the Editor of the Scenic Review for almost 15 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 15 years.



# 2018 President's Report

## Volunteer-based Government

SACA functions as a 'voluntary government body' for the community, so we represent you at all levels of government and with many other organizations. We interact, contribute and advocate more broadly within the City dynamic as many request our perspectives, our assistance, our leadership, our best practices and experience concurrently as we advocate for Scenic Acres' interests. SACA operates within the community to ensure that it functions well not only within our boundaries but in the context of this City. SACA's results take the form of events, programs, services, community maintenance and these results involve months of planning, organizing, preparing and meetings and in many cases, go unnoticed. When it comes to asset modifications that involve City spending capital dollars, it requires years of lobbying, justifying the need, specifying requirements, complying with detailed requirements. When initiatives require money, we determine the best way to fund them involves searching for grants and then doing the research to compete for them and complete the detailed administrative pre and post qualification requirements. SACA has become a 'master of leveraging restricted funding'; handling well funding sources that have strings attached.

We value your support by purchasing an annual community association membership. Our hope is that you will join us and transition from engagement phases of initially, joining and supporting SACA as a member; to helping at a specific event or program; to assisting on a SACA committee; and even to becoming a board member!

## Key 2018 Business Highlights

In addition to the 'business as usual' that occupies our time, I would like to highlight some key deliverables in 2018. The City relinquished administrative and contractual responsibilities regarding the LEAF program in 2018 and SACA along with a number of CA's worked with City Administration to assume responsibilities for procuring service providers for the landscape program, managing performance standards required by the City, developing new processes, handling invoices and payments, accounting and insurance requirements. The City had limited knowledge regarding how to accomplish this transition and I am pleased to say SACA took a leadership position in order to ensure proper controls and business processes were established. The result is that SACA manages the landscape enhancement program which includes City standard grounds keeping activities with volunteers that previously were handled by paid City staff. Thanks to Ike Zacharopoulos for implementing this transition.

After extensive engagement with our residents and City Transportation, SACA in cooperation with the three schools successfully implemented a number of parking and traffic modifications within our community. These include additional street parking on Scurfield Drive, new and modified parking restrictions, modified drop-off/ pick-up locations, and new safety signage and crosswalks. The changes were made to improve safety, increase parking options and slow traffic on Scurfield Drive and were completed based on feedback and observations over the last 10 years since the Crowfoot LRT Station was opened.

The Community Development Committee led by Colin Yeo has had a busy year working with the construction company Chandos and adjacent residents regarding the Revera retirement facilities being built along Scurfield Drive in order to ensure community impact is minimized and issues addressed. In addition, Council's approval of secondary suites in most residential areas in 2018 has kept the Committee busy educating and advising affected residents in Scenic Acres.

The Scimitar playground was completed in 2018 thanks to initiative of local residents Peter McIntyre and Cheryl Ryan working with SACA.

After much effort, SACA with the City and its contract service provider, has a refreshed Life Cycle Plan for our asset base. The Plan helps us determine what we do and when to ensure our assets on this property are sustained over the next five years. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Ruth Sorrentino and Mike Fursier to ensure we have a workable plan.

The SACA Board met in the fall to review and formulate a refreshed strategic approach for the next 5-10 years and our annual Business Plan in 2019 was developed to start the alignment to this new long-term plan.

## **Strategic Objectives**

SACA has five focus areas with specific objectives and goals:

### **1. Community Engagement**

#### Objective

Establish effective and compelling ways to engage the community that include opportunities for celebration and fellowship; for individual self-development and well-being, for service offerings that provide value and satisfy individual need.

#### Key Deliverables

- Community-wide event for each quarter of the year; Annual community meal event.
- Smaller events that exploit successes of Canada 150 day event.
- Secure added offerings for SACA membership; develop programs to reward membership.
- Develop programs in conjunction with affiliates.

### **2. Community Development**

#### Objective

Maintain and enhance vibrant, clean and safe neighbourhoods and community.

#### Key Deliverables

- Manage Revera facility construction and establish relationship with this new affiliate for SACA membership and SACA asset utilization.
- Manage developer construction for property south of Nose Hill Drive.
- Work with City on property re-development with Scenic Acres.
- Address Fort structure at southwest corner of Scenic Acres Park, west of school, for demolition, reconfiguration and re-development.
- Provide a community garden.

### **3. Lands and Facilities**

#### Objective

Sustain and optimize SACA assets. Renovate or develop new assets where there is opportunity to generate revenues to enable them to be self-sustaining.

#### Key Deliverables

- Determine whether to re-develop existing building to provide more revenue options.
- Explore other options to develop or acquire other facilities within Scenic Acres.
- Explore options for an outdoor facility on existing License of Occupation (LOC) or other lands within Scenic Acres; expand LOC or add City facilities.
- Explore options to re-development the existing LOC.

- Determine optimal model for facility operations.

#### **4. Advocacy**

##### Objective

Ensure the SACA is recognized as the voice of the Community by taking tangible action with the principles and priorities that are legitimate and important to our residents. Intensity of advocacy is dependent on size and nature of the initiative and could include specific resident guidance, participation in a cross-community committee or establishing a SACA sub-committee, developing and executing an advocacy tactical plan.

##### Key Deliverables

- Respond to all advocacy issues before they escalate and broker resolution.

#### **5. Organization Sustainability**

##### Objective

Ensure SACA remains relevant and viable over the long term.

##### Key Deliverables

- Build a SACA reserve fund; operate without AGLC funding.

Each of these strategic areas has a list of goals and the intent would be to meet these targets in the next 10 years. The completed 2018 Business Plan is on our website and I invite you to review our accomplishments in more detail.

### **2019 Business Plan Initiatives**

The 2019 Business Plan is available on our website. We are in the midst of implementing our administrative and accounting processes into integrated software solutions that reside on the Cloud; major change that should move us to much greater efficiency and better management reporting so we can have the information needed to make timely decisions. Schooner playground development is planned for this year leveraging key residents in that neighbourhood. We plan to refurbish our volleyball courts and work on other Life Cycle projects. Many of the things I mentioned above in the Strategic Plan are also in the Business Plan.

### **SACA Directors as Community Leaders – Thank You**

SACA directors attend and contribute to the Federation of Calgary Communities that represents all community associations; SACA board members participate in courses in order to enhance their skills in order to serve our community better. In 2018, I provided teaching to FCC members regarding City regulatory issues based on my experience as member of the Subdivision and Appeal Board and I continue to provide consultative guidance on governance issues with other CAs. Colin, Ruth and I actively participated in the Community Representation Framework City initiative that has been ongoing for the last two years reviewing, assessing and recommending changes to how the City works with organizations and interest groups that operate within Calgary communities. I believe we were able to clearly show the City the depth and breadth of involvement in the dynamics of our community and how the City needs to provide more effective support so that we have the resources to fulfill our mandate.

I would like to thank Keely Willment who manages our sports affiliates and ensures these relationships continue to be strong. Her connections with the City are an invaluable contribution to SACA decision-making. Thank you to Katherine Hawkins for working with our financial systems and practices with an attitude to understand and make them effective and efficient and Pat our bookkeeper for her meticulous care of our records. Thanks to Suzanne Greco for

diligently taking minutes for our board meetings and being available to timely approve payments. Thank you to Michael Chui for his great questions and contribution to our board meetings. Thanks to Ruth and Julie Zacharopoulos for managing our many programs and events and operating our community centre efficiently and with a passionate customer focus; for Pat Bell, Amber Yoingco and Amanda Fursier's excellent administrative support. I would like to thank the SACA Board members for their faithfulness to lead and implement the activities associated with their respective portfolios and add value to topics that matter to Scenic Acres; for volunteering at events and engaging positively with our residents. I am grateful for this level of dedication and faithfulness through this past year. We manage to get many things done well with a small board complement and part-time staff.

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jim Palmer  
President

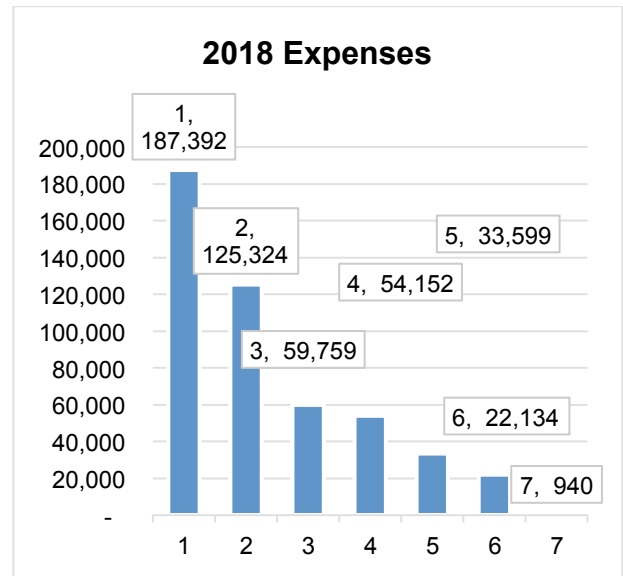
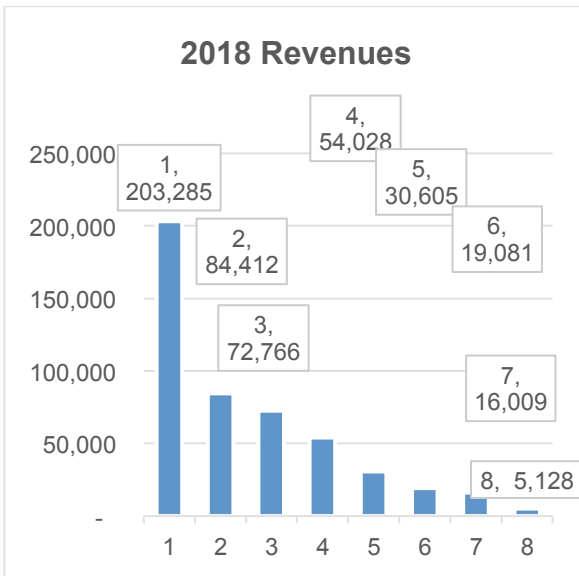
## **2018 Treasurer's Report**

***In a separate document are the audit report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.***

### **Financial Highlights of 2018**

**Revenue Breakdown as follows (see graph for representation of revenues):**

1. Community programs/events and sports revenue decreased due to Canada 150 grant, see schedule 1 for further breakdown of program revenues.
2. Rental Facilities had a slight increase this year, which is excellent considering the economy.
3. Casino Contributions are down due to proceeds being reduced from prior years, funds are used primarily for operations.
4. Playground Contributions relate to grants and donations for Scimitar playground built in 2018.
5. Memberships down 4% over prior year.
6. Amortization of Capital Contributions consistent with current amortization policy.
7. Miscellaneous Revenue is made up of interest income and unrestricted donations.

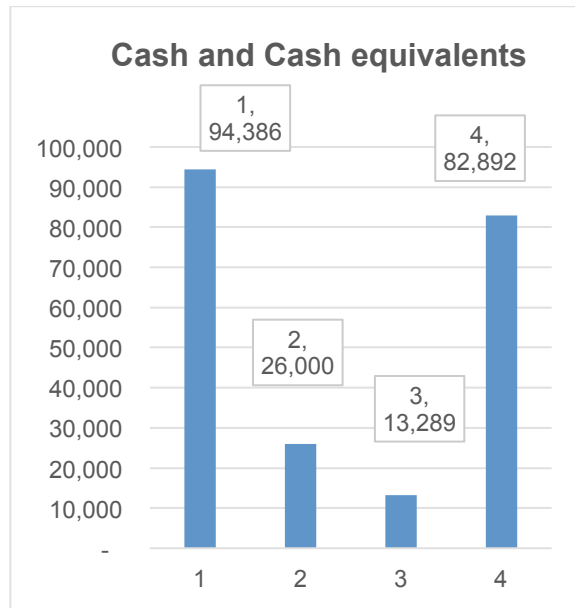


**Expense Breakdown as follows (see graph above for representation of expenses):**

1. Building Operations and Administrative are consistent with prior year. See Schedule 2 in audited financials for details.
2. Community programs/events and sports are down due to Canada 150 Event, see Schedule 1 of the audited financials for further breakdown of program expenses.
3. Scimitar Play ground is complete this past year and all expenses have been dispersed.
4. Amortization is consistent with current amortization policy. See notes 2 and 4 for details of Assets.
5. Life cycle expense costs were incurred for maintenance purposes only during the year. SACA decided to not proceed on new capital projects until we received the new five year plan from the City.

**Cash and term deposits breakdown as follows see graph for representation of holdings:**

1. Unrestricted Cash is consistent with prior year.
2. Restricted Cash - no change from prior year and is made up of life cycle reserve funds.
3. Leaf funds are managed by SACA as a flow through agency and funds are strictly used for the Leaf program.
4. Externally restricted cash is made up of Casino funds, unspent grand funding and Schooner playground grants and donations. See notes 3 and 8 for details of our grants.



I would like to thank Michael Ihekuna for his service as our annual auditor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Katherine Hawkins  
 Treasurer

## 2018 Community Development Report

### Scenic Acres Community Development by the Numbers

Category	Number of DPs	SACA Comments
Relaxations	8	0
Secondary Suites	3	3
Class 2 Home Occupation	3	3
House Re-build	2	0
Institution	1	1
Antenna	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>

### Development Permits

18 development permits were issued by the Development Authority during 2018 compared to 9 in 2017. Of those, the SACA Community Development Committee made comments on seven of them. SACA commented on the three secondary suite applications. While we did not object to any of them, we spoke with the file manager on two that had parking issues. We had no objection to the three Home Occupation applications. We supported NORR Architects' re-application for the Revera Assisted Living Facility which we believe is in the best interest of the community as it provides an opportunity for aging-in-place within the community. In all cases, affected residents (neighbours) had no complaints. We alerted affected neighbours through mail drops and, with one exception, heard no complaints from neighbours.

## **Land Use Re-designation**

The Marquis Development is located at Nose Hill Drive and 85<sup>th</sup> Street. It is a small parcel of undeveloped land at 5651 Nose Hill Drive. Marquis was successful in re-designating the property from S-FUD to M-H1 Multi-Residential – High Density Low Rise District. This zoning will allow for a low rise apartment complex of 150 to 200 units and will be 6 to 7 stories high (22m, 72 feet high). Calgary City Council approved the re-zoning on June 11, 2018. No further work has been done on the property.

## **Revera Assisted Living Facility Update**

After a hearing at the Subdivision and Appeal Board, a revised Development Permit was issued on April 3, 2017. During the summer of 2017, Revera Inc. decided to make some changes to the interior of the development and some minor changes to the exterior design of the building. NORR Architects, the architect and project consultant, applied for a new Development Permit, DP2017-5006, in April, 2018, having made the following changes:

- minor changes to the building footprint;
- enlarged underground parkade;
- the building location, height, and overall form and character are in keeping with the original Development Permit;
- relocation of the parkade ramp and surface parking to improve traffic circulation and reduce impact on neighbouring properties; and
- the SDAB requirements from the previous Development Permit are binding and are included on this proposed development.

We conducted a detailed review of the new construction drawings and determined that the changes were not material. We confirmed that the conditions stipulated by the SDAB in approving the original DP were incorporated in the new DP, with one exception which was brought to the attention of the Development Authority.

Construction commenced in August 2018 and continues today.

## **Secondary Suites**

City Council made changes to the Land Use Bylaw that allows secondary suites as a discretionary use. Now, a property owner may apply for a development permit for a secondary suite and, if conditions are met, it will be approved by the development authority. As with any discretionary use, there is an opportunity to appeal the authority's ruling.

The Community Development Committee met to review the Development Permit Checklist, compiled by the Federation of Calgary Communities Urban Planner, and identified those considerations that should be examined for a secondary suite application and used to appeal a decision. The checkmarks below are the relevant considerations in assessing secondary suite applications.

## Development Permit Checklist

Planning Consideration		Planning Consideration	
Site Layout	NA	Intensity of use	✓
Buffering	NA	Lighting	NA
Noise	✓	Signage	NA
Screening	NA	Finishing materials	NA
Visual Impacts	NA	Building height	NA
Transitions between land uses	NA	Massing	NA
Parking	✓	Setbacks	NA
Site access for vehicles and pedestrians	✓	Privacy	✓
Pedestrian connections	NA	Safety	NA
Landscaping	NA	Garbage and recycling facilities	NA
Community character and context	NA	Sidewalks	NA
Density	✓	Phasing	NA

### Community Development Committee

The Community Development Committee (Bill Mah, Dean Petrillo and Colin Yeo) met to review our responses to the previous year's land use re-designation applications and development permits, looking to ensure we have well represented Scenic Acres. Our goal is to balance the rights of property owners with the concerns of neighbours. We believe we have achieved that balance.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Colin Yeo  
Director, Community Development

## 2018 Facilities Report

### Current Status

The past year has seen two main projects being pursued:

#### Beach Volleyball Courts

The extended cold spell at the start of 2018 prevented the refurbishment of the courts due to the ground being frozen until it was then too late to be able to complete the refurbishment prior to needing the courts for existing bookings. We are hopeful that the work can be completed in the spring of 2019. This work is being funded through two grants and should not result in any reduction in SACA funds.

#### Energy Efficiency Program

With the help of Ruth Sorrentino, we have applied to participate in the Province's next round of energy efficiency audits, with the aim of identifying suitable energy saving measures and associated funding sources, such that we can reduce operating expenditures with minimal



capital outlay from SACA funds. We are awaiting feedback from the Province as to whether our application has been successful.

## **Ongoing issues**

### **Facilities Maintenance**

At the end of 2017 we received the updated facility maintenance plan from the City's external consultants. Unfortunately, this fell far below the standard that both SACA and the City expected in order to make the plan entirely useful. In collaboration with the City, the plan was revised as best as possible and we have received commitments from the City that they will work with us for any emergent needs that aren't identified.

As our building ages, the need for increased maintenance and capital replacement projects is inevitable. I work with the Board and SACA staff to prioritize projects as the need arises and the budget allows. We are considering establishing a team of practical like-minded people who would be willing to join 'working groups' to undertake one-off projects, such as repainting the main hall, in order to make our capital budget stretch further. If you are interested, please contact the SACA office and we will coordinate further.

### **Outdoor Ice Rinks**

Unfortunately, we weren't able to recruit a sufficient number of volunteers to be able to guarantee a safe rink facility could be maintained for the 2018-2019 season. Coupled with the significant cost of water, that we are not reimbursed for, the decision was reluctantly taken to not pursue a rink this year. We will continue to explore this each year and will install a rink whenever practical.

### **General Facilities**

As part of the strategic planning session held in late 2018, we will be actively investigating opportunities for providing additional facilities and maximizing utilization of the current facilities for the benefit of our members and the Scenic Acres Community. I would welcome any feedback on what you think the community is missing – we will focus on projects that would act as differentiators from other local communities in order to maximize revenue potential.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Michael Fursier  
Director, Facilities

## **2018 Sports and Affiliates Report**

SACA supports the provision of a variety of sport opportunities in the community for children and adults.

### **Hockey**

SACA is a founding member of both the Crowchild Twin Arena Association (CTAA) and the Crowchild Hockey Association (CHA), and is represented by the President of SACA elected community members and/or the Sports & Affiliates Director. CTAA governs the operation of the Crowchild Twin Arenas, and is made up of 2 representatives of the three governing Community Associations (CAs) of Varsity, Silver Springs and Scenic Acres. In return for the financial investment made by the three CAs all participants in programs run out of the facility must have a

valid CA membership for their area, and must pay a \$20 user fee. CTAA has two dedicated SACA members on its Board: John Palazetti and Bob Fong, and we appreciated their many years of contributions to the success of this association.

CHA supports the operation of the Northwest Warriors hockey program. The Northwest Warriors were created in 2012 from the amalgamation of the Westwood Warriors and the Crowchild Blackhawks hockey programs). CHA maintains a separate board of directors (represented by members of the Scenic Acres, Silver Springs and Varsity community associations) and financials, and is the primary tenant of the Crowchild Twin Arena. CHA is a registered society under the Alberta Society Act, and receives casino licenses to support the financial operation of the program.

## **Soccer**

Norwest Soccer (a shared-governance program of the Scenic Acres and Silver Springs Community Associations) provides recreational outdoor soccer for ages U4 to U18 who take part in inter-community house leagues within Northwest Calgary and U18/16 which is co-ed and also participates in an inter-community house league within NW Calgary. Norwest Soccer is a volunteer based community soccer league. All families are expected to volunteer for the program. SACA would like to thank Chair Dino Sorrentino for his time and effort in leading all aspects of the program. SACA would also like to thank all parents who step-in to the vital coaching and team managing roles.

## **Adult Slo-Pitch**

Recreational Adult Slo-Pitch (18+) is offered in Scenic Acres, coordinated by volunteers, and governed by SACA. This league uses the fields at Scenic Acres Park, and plays on Sundays. SACA would like to thank Daniel Sawyer who coordinated the league in 2018 with Brodie Colwell, and for Brodie who will continue coordinating the 2019 season, and on!

## **Women's Soccer**

This recreational soccer program is for women (age 18-99'ish) and runs mid-April to late June. This program sees players of all skill levels (from beginner to seasoned veterans) come together on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Scurfield Park. Participants come from Scenic Acres, and across the City. This program is administered by Fiona MacDiarmid who volunteers her time to organize jerseys, assign teams, develop schedules, and arrange referees.

## **Beach Volleyball**

SACA offers its own Play and Train style Beach Volleyball Program for Youth. Led by a varsity athlete from the University of Calgary, the program focused on teaching volleyball skills to enable registrants to play at a recreational level.

## **SACA Affiliated Sports Programs**

To participate in any of the programs listed below you must have a valid SACA membership throughout the entirety of the program. The SACA membership is best purchased directly through SACA.

Calgary Northwest Ringette ([www.nwringette.com](http://www.nwringette.com))

Offering Ringette to over 400 athletes in NW Calgary to make 26 teams from Active Start up to the U19 level.

Calgary West Soccer Association ([www.calgarywestsoccer.com](http://www.calgarywestsoccer.com))

Offering CMSA Competitive Outdoor Soccer and Recreational and Competitive Indoor Soccer for ages U6 through to U18.

Crowchild Skating Club ([www.crowchildskatingclub.ca](http://www.crowchildskatingclub.ca))

Offering Parent & Tot, Learn to Skate, CanSkate and StarSkate programs to community members, and our neighbours.

West Valley Softball ([www.wvsoftball.weebly.com](http://www.wvsoftball.weebly.com))

West Valley Softball is the designated program for children living in Scenic Acres and neighbouring NW communities. West Valley offers a Learn to Play (LTP) program starting at 4 years, all the way up to a competitive U19 program.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Keely Willment  
Director, Sports & Affiliates

## **2018 Parks and Environment Report**

The key activities of the portfolio are outlined below.

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, Darrel, Julie, Lorna and Simone for their untiring work and commitment to our community's public green spaces. Feedback from the community regarding the program has been extensively supportive to date. On January 14, 2018, we held a program reaffirmation vote as mandated by the City. Our program was reaffirmed for another five years with a vote of 135 for and 12 against.

This was a landmark year for our LEAF program. In October 2017 we were informed of City Council's decision that Calgary Parks would not be providing LEAF program maintenance services going forward, or hiring contractors to deliver said services. Our volunteer LEAF committee had a very busy and productive 2018, planning and managing a financially prudent, high quality program. Through year-end 2018 our LEAF program funded the following work:

### **Turf**

Regular cuts, trims and repairs as needed were provided throughout the season by Foothills Landscaping.

### **Beautification**

Public shrub bed maintenance in 2018 was performed by Vermilion Landscaping, including improvements at the Fountain Park leading into the Westchester area, the beds behind Scenic Glen Close and around Scurfield Place. Foothills installed three new in-ground beds along the Scenic Acres Link median this fall; these will be planted this spring. Our 2018 flowers were grown by AVB Greenhouses; the displays were installed and cared for by Pixie Gardens. This fall we replaced the destroyed planter along Scenic Acres BV, added another one along that

median, and two along the Scenic Acres Link median. Our 2018 winter displays were installed by Pixie.

## **Maintenance**

Spring clean-up of road material and fall clean-up at the end of the growing season were provided by Foothills. Median tree wells were cleaned out this year by Foothills and Vermilion.

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. Our committee's plan for 2018 (our first year directly managing the program) was to provide a high level of service and end the year with "money in the bank". We accomplished both goals, including a nest egg of \$100K that will fund pending 2019 work, including displays along the Scenic Acres Link median, improvements at "the fort" park (see below) and continued work on our neighbourhood parks. The 2019 LEAF work plan includes:

- continued public turf care (including regular cuts, trims and repairs as needed) starting in May;
- planting of our 38 flower displays in early June;
- continued refreshment of neighbourhood shrub beds and clearing of public tree wells through the season;
- planting of new displays along the Scenic Acres Link median in early summer; and
- installation of winter displays in November.

We thank all who have provided feedback on the program; it is welcome and should be sent to [scenicleaf@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicleaf@shaw.ca).

## **The Fort**

This is the park on the north side of Scenic Acres Drive, immediately west of the tennis courts. The City has noted that the perimeter posts are rotting, being vandalized and presenting a safety concern. Repairs are not an option and it has been proposed that the perimeter posts be removed. The interior columns, concrete pad, pathway and bridges will remain. The LEAF committee is considering beautification options around the perimeter of "the fort" pad in 2019, once the City work is completed, to make the area more open and inviting. Email your ideas to [scenicleaf@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicleaf@shaw.ca).

## **Trees**

The City's Urban Forestry group has tentatively planned a maintenance program for Scenic Acres in 2019. You can identify empty public tree wells by email to [scenic.trees17@gmail.com](mailto:scenic.trees17@gmail.com). The LEAF committee is reviewing the cost of monthly watering of median public trees.

## **Community Garden**

The idea of establishing a community garden in Scenic Acres has been discussed from time to time. We are still looking for a leader to work with volunteers interested in advancing this idea and establishing a community garden in our community. If you are interested in the concept, please email us at [scenic.garden.2016@gmail.com](mailto:scenic.garden.2016@gmail.com).

## Pathway Cleanup

During the 2018 pathway cleanup our community volunteers removed 31 bags of garbage from our community. This year we have scheduled a community pathway cleanup for April 27<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00am and 1:00pm. If you can participate please contact us at [sceniccleanup@gmail.com](mailto:sceniccleanup@gmail.com).

A note of "THANKS" to all the volunteers I had the pleasure to work with this year on the various issues important to our community.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ike Zacharopoulos  
Director, Parks & Environment

## 2018 Membership Development Report

At our November 2018 strategy meeting, the Board decided to leverage our improved social media presence and community engagement from previously Marketing & Communications portfolio to grow our membership. As part of our 10 years strategy, SACA aims to grow and sustain our membership at 30% of community by a) developing programs to reward membership; and b) securing added offerings for SACA membership.

Based on our current membership trends, this roughly translates into 150 (or 18%) more membership registrations compared to 2018 year-end membership:

SACA Membership	March	September
2014	682	855
2015	713	791
2016	651	722
2017	629	716
2018	615	736
2019	643	770 <sup>^</sup>
Future state: <b>~870</b> 30% of 2,898 dwelling (2014 Consensus)		
<sup>^</sup> Projected based on 2018 run-rate		

The Board created the Membership portfolio to better focus our efforts to meet our membership goals. Below are some of the portfolio's goals into 2020:

Summarize Community Needs Assessment survey results and other community engagement information to provide status of progress and actions to residents.

- Portray a compelling story of the community association's purpose to all Scenic Acres residents.
- Procure tangible offerings along with membership purchase that have value to residents.
- Develop and execute a Membership campaign to increase numbers and percentage of Scenic Acres.
- Develop a plan to differentiate members from non-members.

We are actively seeking your input to improve your experience and engagement with our Scenic Acres community. We are also looking for portfolio volunteers to contribute to our ongoing engagement efforts.

I look forward our conversations.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Michael Chui  
Director, Membership Development

## **2018 Special Projects Report**

### **Transportation Update**

SACA has been working with the City to implement a number of transportation initiatives for some time. You may recall we proposed a number of changes in north and south Scenic Acres in order to improve parking options and traffic flow as well as ensure safe travel for pedestrians. These suggestions were based on your feedback; through conversations, emails or through the open houses we held last year and we submitted that feedback directly to the City. Certain improvements have progressed but there are others where we are still waiting and/or City Transportation wants to analyze further.

### **South Scenic Acres**

Along Scenic Acres Drive and Scimitar Point in the vicinity of École du Nouveau-Monde, there have been a number of signage additions. 'No U turn' signs have been installed at or near this busy intersection on both streets and 'no stopping' signs on the north side of Scenic Acres Drive near the driveway to the school in order to discourage parking too close to it. A 'Stop' sign has been installed on Scimitar Point at the intersection to replace the 'Yield' sign, so drivers will take more care to watch for the increased pedestrian traffic at this intersection. Another crosswalk ladder has been installed on the east side of Scimitar Point at Scenic Acres Drive to more safely accommodate the increased pedestrian traffic related to the school. We had suggested additional 'No U-turn' signage on Scenic Acres Drive west of the intersection with Scimitar Point where this behaviour occurs frequently and an additional crosswalk to connect the pedestrian pathway by the tennis courts and the ravine where people cross routinely but those suggestions were not endorsed by the City; U-turns are already illegal on Scenic Acres Driveway and they didn't want to have too many crosswalk locations.

The proposal to extend the Scenic Acres restricted parking zone west along Scenic Acres Drive to Scenic Ridge Gate is still on hold as the City has been reviewing how they administer restricted zones in general. A reminder that a restricted zone doesn't necessarily mean there will be restrictions; the onus would then be on local residents along each street block to decide what they wanted to do and within the limits set by the City. Generally, it seems there have been minimal impacts to the local area traffic patterns related to the school. As you may recall however, the school has capacity for 400 students. Last year, they had approximately 250 and this year about 300 students so we haven't experienced the full impact of the traffic and pedestrian increase.

Parking signage along westbound Scenic Acres Blvd at Scurfield Park will be revised from allowing street parking after 6 PM to after 5 PM in order to better accommodate evening sports activities.

## North Scenic Acres

Changes to parking restrictions have been made along Scurfield Way and Scurfield Drive to facilitate student drop off from parents. Parking time limits have been extended to 3 hours to accommodate school volunteers.

## Residential Parking Permit Review

The Residential Parking Permit Program is a parking management tool that is used in areas next to amenities that generate parking demand. In the case of Scenic Acres, the parking generator is the Crowfoot LRT station. The parking restrictions deter all day, non-resident parking.

The City has been inundated with complaints about onerous parking restrictions by visitors to restricted areas and by business that need adequate parking for customers and patrons. City Council has directed the Calgary Parking Authority to undertake a review of the program with the intent to improve the system.

The Community Development Committee attended three “Walkshops” and one engagement session to provide input from Scenic Acres. Our intent is to maintain our current restrictions which we feel are working well for our community.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Colin Yeo  
Director, Community Development

## NON-BOARD MEMBER REPORT 2018 General Manager’s Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the office staff team for their hard work to further the mission and vision of SACA: Julie Zacharopoulos, Pat Bell, Amber Yoinco and Amanda Fursier. SACA is blessed to be supported by such a dedicated team of staff, volunteer coordinators and volunteers who enable SACA to provide the variety of quality Events, Programs, Facilities and Services offered to residents and members of this community and beyond.

## Community Events

Residents of Scenic Acres once again enjoyed a variety of wonderful community events in 2018. 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, however others such as the Bubble Gum Boogie dances and the Wine Appreciation events are targeted to specific age groups. SACA is very 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 have not yet volunteered your time to help at one, please consider doing so; it is a great way to meet people in the community and feel connected. Volunteers are also an essential requirement for SACA to be able to maintain and add to our wide range of events. If you are interested please email [scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca). Thank you to Sandy Palmer for once again taking on the volunteer coordination for our larger events in 2018 such as the

Community Clean Up Day and Stampede Breakfast.

**The following is a summary of the SACA Events from 2018:**

- **Bubble Gum Boogie Dances:** These dances occur once every two months and run for 2½ hours on a Friday evening. The dances are open to students in grades 4-6 who are members of SACA as well as their guests so they can bring friends from outside the community. In addition to a DJ who provides the music, lights and most of the entertainment, the kids enjoy a concession and door prizes. These supervised dances are well received with attendance of 50+ children. If your child enjoys the dances please consider volunteering as a chaperone by e-mailing [scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicvolunteers@shaw.ca).
- **Post-AGM Open House and Social:** In 2018 we moved our AGM to an afternoon and invited attendees to stay and chat with Board Members over light refreshments. We also provided complimentary Babysitting services in the Boardroom. 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.
- **Wine Appreciation Socials:** In 2018 we held two “appreciation” events in partnership with the Silver Springs Liquor Store whose owners provide their extensive knowledge of the various beverages they select to bring to these social events.
- **Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza:** The Annual Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza was held on Saturday April 14. 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. Raffle baskets with goodies from each vendor raised funds for the Calgary Humane Society.
- **Spring Arts & Crafts Sale:** In 2018 we held our first Spring Arts & Crafts Sale in response to demand from local artisans and crafters. Sellers of 24 different homemade products rented tables. Raffle baskets with goodies from each vendor raised funds for the Calgary Humane Society.
- **Jane’s Walk:** SACA has joined in with many other organizations across the country to host a Jane’s walk for the past 4 years. In 2018 our theme was our LEAF-Landscape Enhancement Appreciation Fund initiative. At the time the initiative was starting its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation and we thought a walk around the community providing insight into the program and all the enhancements made to date would be appreciated by those interested. In 2019 our theme will be dog friendly and examine on/off leash areas in our community as well as responsible pet ownership.
- **Community Clean-Up Day:** On Saturday May 26, a long line up of Scenic Acres residents and residents in NW Calgary came to the SACA Parking Lot for our annual 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 Cerebral Palsy for re-selling. For 2019 this event will be moving to Sunday June 23, 2019 (the City’s decision to schedule on a Sunday, not ours) where we will be offering as many of the same disposal, recycling and donation



options as before. Our hope is to continue to offer this event on an annual basis, however, demand for these services is resulting in limited availability.

- **Parade of Garage Sales:** This event has traditionally taken place on the last Saturday in June prior to the July long weekend. This event, initiated in 2005, provides an opportunity for residents to sell their own items and to hunt for a few new treasures and brings neighbours together by either opening their garage doors to welcome buyers, or by visiting those with their garage doors open. Resident realtors Bill Hamilton and Rich Fraser of Re/Max Mountain View co-sponsored the sale with SACA. Community maps and addresses were made available at the community centre as well as for download on our website. Moving forward this event will be moving to the first Saturday in June to avoid being on the same day as Neighbour Day.
- **Neighbours Day:** Neighbours were encouraged to hold block parties, and get together with neighbours. To add an extra incentive in 2018 we offered 12 mini grants to residents to reimburse them for up to \$50 worth of their expenses. Most people used the grants for food, soft drinks, entertainment and activities for the children.
- **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 Grandin Ghosts Marching Band, Chinook Country Line Dancers, two Bounce Houses, the Little Red Fire Truck driven by Larry Clayden and entertainment from local performers "Ph Unbalanced".
- **Community Picnic & Outdoor Movie:** Hosted by SACA in partnership with our title Sponsor Servus Credit Union Bowness with funding from the Ward Community Event Fun, Revera Retirement Living Scenic Acres and the Advent Lutheran Church. Despite the smoky summer evening families gathered to take part in a variety of activities in Scenic Acres Park. As the sun started to sink in the sky we were entertained with an Irish Dancing Demo followed by a Magic Show. As the sun set families snuggled together in their blankets and sleeping bags to watch Sherlock Gnomes under the stars.
- **Pumpkin Giveaway:** Hosted by SACA and sponsored by resident realtor Leslie Schmeiler of Re/Max House of Realty, this event was held on Saturday October 27 and 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 17, various resellers of mass produced product such as jewelry, food, clothing and cosmetics participated in the sale. In addition, another basket raffle, with products donated by the vendors, raised money for Calgary Food Bank.
- **Christmas Craft Sale:** Held on Saturday November 24 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 at 10:30am. Families enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, Spolumbo sausages, coffee, juice and mandarins while being entertained by Prince Charming and Cinderella. All attendees were invited to visit with Santa. Members of SAY (Scenic Acres Youth) and the Scenic Bow Valley Guides Trex unit 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.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** New for 2018, SACA in partnership with the Scenic Acres Dental Centre and supported by Revera Retirement Living held a complimentary Christmas Luncheon for anyone 55+ in the community to attend. Over 40 people RSVP'd and joined us for a delicious Turkey dinner with all the fixings and pumpkin pie for dessert. Dinner was capped off with a good old Christmas Carol sing-a-long led by resident Piano teacher Janice Wong.

As a not-for-profit, SACA is constantly reaching out to the business community to support our initiatives and community events. In 2018 we were supported by a number of small business, corporate sponsorships and government 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 2018:

- Breakfast with Santa: **Scenic Acres Dental Centre, Spolumbos Fine Food & Deli;**
- Christmas Luncheon: **Scenic Acres Dental Centre, Revera Retirement Living Scenic Acres;**
- Community Clean Up Day: **Community Standards Fund (City of Calgary) and Boston Pizza Dalhousie;**
- Community Picnic & Outdoor Movie: **Servus Credit Union Bowness, Ward Community Event Fund (City of Calgary), Revera Retirement Living Scenic Acres, Advent Lutheran Church;**
- Norwest Soccer: **Tim Hortons Canada, Boston Pizza Dalhousie;**
- Pumpkin Giveaway: **Leslie Schmeiler Re/Max House of Realty;**
- Parade of Garage Sale: **Bill Hamilton & Rich Fraser of Re/Max Mountain View;**
- Stampede Breakfast: **PLATINUM - Scenic Acres Community Association; Spolumbo's Fine Foods & Deli; CanCare Children's Centre; Crowfoot Plates; Tim Horton's; Scenic Acres Dental. GOLD - Dickau Insurance & Investment; Charlesglen Toyota; AllState Insurance; Bon Ton Meat Market; Sprog & Sprocket; Tuck n Tumble; ATCO. SILVER - Sandra Jansen MLA; Jeff Mueller (Edwards Jones); Mountain View Optometry. BRONZE - Knibbe Automotive Repair; Cobs Bread; Playtime Rentals; Ed Williams; Jenny's Acupuncture; Crowfoot Crescent Dental; and**
- Wine Appreciation Socials: **Silver Springs Liquor Store.**

If you or your company would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact me at [scenicgm@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicgm@shaw.ca) or 403.547.9589.

## **Programs**

SACA provides numerous programs for a wide variety of community members. 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.

### **Seniors Programming**

In past years, SACA had been an active member of the Alliance for Active Aging also known as Triple A. This had been 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+. Over the years, the level of activity among the communities has varied. Moving forward the members decided to disband the formal aspect of the collaborative but to maintain its essence and continue to honour the other CA Memberships, for adults 55+ wishing to participate in each other's programs. Although many of our programs are attended by those 55+, we welcome adults of all ages to all our adult programming.

### **Adult Clubs & Groups**

The following outlines our current regular programs for Adults. Each group/club is coordinated by a volunteer from within the community, with the support of SACA. Membership is required and attendees also donate a small fee of \$2 or \$5 (if a full day gathering) to help 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. This group has grown each month, and the ladies frequently get together between meetings.
- **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 Horne, 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 1:00 to 3:00pm. Cards and a variety of Games, 3:00 to 3:30pm Coffee/Tea and Conversation. Thank you to Kathleen Vernon for taking the lead for this group and for Barb Horne for introducing American MahJong to this group.
- **Laugh & Learn Series:** Periodically we offer education seminars on a variety of topics. In 2018 we held two evening seminars "Mimosas and Mammos" on Breast Cancer Awareness, and "SMILE" a seminar for women on Success, Mindful, Inspired, Loved and Empowered living. We also hosted two daytime seminars on Scam Awareness and Living on a Fixed Income. Thank you to our partners who came to SACA to share their expertise on these topics.

- **Artist Gathering:** A number of locals who dabble in art join together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Mah Jong (Traditional Chinese):** Thursday afternoons Noon to 3:30pm upward of 24 people gather to play Mah Jong in the Main Hall. Thank you to Nadie for coordinating this group.
- **Quilting Club:** The quilting group get together on the third Friday of the month for a full day of quilting. Thank you to Jeri Orr for bringing this group together.

### Looking for something SACA does not offer?

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](mailto:scenicgm@shaw.ca) or 403.547.9589) to discuss possibilities.

### Adult Exercise Classes

In 2018 SACA continued to provide a variety of exercise classes for adults such as **Core Conditioning, Zumba Gold, Beyond Yoga Basics, Morning Yoga, Beginner and Intermediate Dancing and Yoga Basics** during the day as well as **Bliss Yoga, Evening Zumba** and **Evening Yoga** in the evenings. In 2019, **Simplified Tai Chi** was added to our offerings. 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 Brodie Thorsteinson, and Daniel Sawyer was a co-coordinator in 2018). If you are an adult in the community interested in facilitating a program through SACA please reach out to the SACA office.

### Youth Programming

In 2018 we saw the continuation of the SA Youth Volunteer Corp. SACA tries hard to connect with youth in our community to provide leadership and volunteer opportunities. This past year we were fortunate to have a small core of youth who give their time to help out at a number of our events. The local Guides were also very helpful in supporting SACA and bringing out members of their older Trex section to volunteer at SACA events. SACA continues to offer 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. SACA continues to offer space for the Playgroup where Moms, Dads as well as Grandparents and the little ones in their care can come to connect and play with toys in the Main Hall. Once or twice a month we also partner with **Sprog & Sprocket** for the **SACA Playgroup Takeover**, when they set up their indoor playground in the SACA Main hall from 9am through to 3pm. This is especially popular during the winter months. **Norwest Soccer** continues to be popular for young children, and many of our affiliates such as **Crowchild Hockey Association, Crowchild Skating Club, North West Ringette** and **Calgary West Soccer** continue to provide programs for the younger members of our community. Through our many rentals, SACA members can also participate in **Music Pups classes, Scouts, Guides, and Mini-Sport Classes through Sportball**. Over the

summer we host summer day camps (full and half days) provided by **Pedalheads and Heroheads** outside on our grounds and **Mad Science** in the Main Hall.

## 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 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 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 SACA host a number of clubs and meetings in the space, we also rent to groups such as **Qigong Wisdom** and **Music & Play** and host their programs. In 2019 we will be hosting birthing classes with **Get Ready Baby** as well as a number of private rentals.
- **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 SACA as well as various renters such as **Beavers, Sparks, Pathfinders, Child Safe Canada, Happy Tails Dog Training, Church Groups, Sportball** and until last Spring, **Tuck n Tumble Gymnastics**. We currently have an opening on Sunday mornings in the Main Hall (and Palmer Boardroom) for a new church group.
- **Beach Volleyball Courts:** SACA provided our own program in the Beach Volleyball Courts and we also received a number of rentals from individuals and groups such as **Bowness High School, Sir Winston Churchill High School, Robert Thirsk High School, Bears paw 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. Pending continued interest in their league the **Calgary Sports and Social Club** is looking to offer a league from our courts throughout July and August.
- **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. We continue to provide Commissioner for Oath services, and we continue to field many questions especially about the new Revera development 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, SACA actively maintains relationships with other agencies which 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 SACA, please contact me [scenicgm@shaw.ca](mailto:scenicgm@shaw.ca) or 403.547.9589.

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