

April President's Update

2020 Business Plan

In past issues I've highlighted excerpts from our Strategic Plan, our vision and goals over the next 10 years (Feb 2020) and 2019 Business Plan results (Mar 2020). Annual plans are approved at the beginning of each year, are aligned to the Strategic Plan and results of which are published at beginning of the following year. SACA's AGM will be held on Sunday April 26th at 1pm. These topics will be discussed in greater detail with opportunity for dialogue with SACA Directors.

Community Engagement: To establish effective and compelling ways to engage the community for fellowship; for self-development and well-being, with service offerings that provide value.

The Community Engagement Committee has been meeting regularly and has plans to increase social and educational events this year. Ike and I have been participating in the Conversation and Coffee bi-weekly meetings with a growing number of participants. The AGM is a brief, formal meeting required per our fiduciary responsibilities under the Alberta Societies Act, but will also include an interactive session; your chance to give input so we represent our residents effectively! Annual events and regular communication on relevant topics will continue.

Community Development: To maintain and enhance vibrant, clean and safe neighbourhoods and community.

Active sports engagement with SACA affiliate organizations will continue, Crowchild Twin Arenas, Crowchild Hockey Association with respect to their projects, governance and finances. SACA is working with Silver Springs CA to enhance the effectiveness of the kids' soccer program. LEAF planning activities are well underway with the City, suppliers, finances; though this program is for all Scenic Acres residents, it is governed through SACA by our volunteers. Planning for tree placement and replacement will occur this year with City Forestry. The Revera facility should be opened in early fall and SACA will be engaged with them to determine how we can engage with their residents. The annual environmental events will continue.

Lands and Facilities: To sustain and optimize SACA assets, leveraging them to be self-sustaining.

SACA plans to execute major project work at the community centre that involves roof and HVAC equipment replacement funded generally by Life Cycle grants. The City applauds our project work as we proactively ensure our assets don't fall into disrepair which is always more expensive to remedy.

Advocacy: For SACA recognized as the voice of the Community by taking action, leveraging principles and priorities that are legitimate and important to our residents.

SACA will continue to review, instruct and advocated for the many development permit applications that we receive within our community and manage Revera construction issues through to completion. We are intensely involved with other CAs on major changes to planning statutory regulations where the City would like to transform the current regulatory processes from a community focus to a regional focus and further intensify development within communities. These changes will come before Council end of April.

Organization Sustainability: To ensure SACA remains relevant and viable over the long term.

SACA will continue to leverage our new integrated systems in order to develop effective and timely reporting so the Board can make appropriate decisions. The annual audit which leveraged our paperless processes and reporting was just successfully completed and will be shared at the AGM. The SACA casino event is scheduled for March 28 and 29th and these monies provide limited, restricted funding for our organization. Sign up to volunteer!

The SACA Board is focused on results, but has been operating over the past few years with a small number of directors meaning we're limited as to what we can accomplish. If you have a desire to make a contribution to our community and at the same time develop your own skills and experience, give me a call. I'd love to hear from you; Jim Palmer at scenicboard@shaw.ca or 587-969-4951.