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President's Message

by Anne Burke

Thank you to our board members who have met monthly and produced two newsletters sent by mail and email. The web site has been updated with postings from City Council and links to other resources. Our Facebook Group is growing and now has 44 members.

Thank you for your support and please plan to attend our Annual General Meeting on November 18, 2015, at Triwood Community Centre at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker this year will be Cory Gross, President of the Alberta Paleontological Society

It is time to renew your membership for 2016. You may pay in person at our AGM, or sent a cheque or money order by mail.

Trans Canada Trail

The city will receive \$225,000 from Ottawa to upgrade the trails within Nose Hill Park that connect to the Trans Canada Trail. Alberta Trail Net is responsible for implementing the 2,960 km Trans Canada Trail route in Alberta.

The Trans Canada Trail is one of the world's longest networks of multi-use recreational trails. The goal is to connect the Trail as a continuous route from coast to coast by 2017, the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Calgary's Biodiversity Plan

City Council has adopted the Biodiversity Policy, "Our BiodiverCity", Calgary's 10-year biodiversity strategic plan, and the Terms of reference and framework of a Biodiversity Advisory Committee. The Committee reports to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services, and will provide an annual progress report. Meetings will be open to the public. Additional reporting may occur as matters arise. Applications were open for committee membership from August 14 to September 15 for the 2015 – 2016 term. The Committee will have 13 members appointed by City Council at the annual Organizational Meeting of Council on October 19, 2015.

Coyotes in Cities

The media has branded them "Pesky", "Wily Canines" and "Coyote Ugly". New neighbourhoods are continuing to encroach on their territory.

The City of Edmonton plans to increase its wildlife management budget, in part, due to complaints about coyotes. The 2016-18 budget for wildlife management through animal control and public education could provide for more staff, research, and trapping or killing of animals "that have become dangerous".

The Manager of community standards branch reported that two cats had been eaten in one week (Calgary's bylaw prohibits cats from free-ranging). He added, however, that coyotes are a valuable part of the local environment, particularly because their diet features pests such as mice, jackrabbits, and grasshoppers. He cautioned the public not to feed coyotes and to ensure that garbage is not accessible to them.

Calgary has the black garbage bins and will soon introduce green bins for organics. However, they are not locked or otherwise

"bear proofed".

Nose Hill Ice Age Tour

Cory Gross, President of the Alberta Paleontological Society, led an ice age tour of six million years on Nose Hill, on Monday, August 3, Heritage Day. *Our Sandstone City's geologic past unfolds at Nose Hill, illustrated by bedrock outcrops, gravel pits, glacial erratics, and spectacular views of the Bow Valley.* There was an uphill walk on a paved pathway, after a meeting at the parking lot at 14th St. NW and 64 Ave.



The “Buffalo Rubbing Stone”, an erratic on Nose Hill.
(photo by Cory Gross)



Fossil corals in an erratic rock from the Nose Hill gravel pit.
(photo by Cory Gross)

**Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Nose Hill Society,
18 November, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pub/Lounge
at the Triwood Community Centre, 2244 Chicoutimi Dr. NW.**

Agenda

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2014
- 2) Annual Report by the President
- 3) Approval of the audited Financial Statements
- 4) Appointment of the Auditors for the coming year
- 5) Election of Officers
Elections will be held for the following positions, for two-year terms:
Vice President, Secretary, and two Directors. Nominations for these positions should be received by the Secretary of the Society before the start of the Annual General Meeting. The President, Treasurer, and two Directors will continue serving the second year of their terms in the coming year.
- 6) Other Business
We need your input! We want to hear from you. Come out and share your views.
- 7) Adjournment

Guest Presentation: “An Ice Age Tour of Nose Hill”

Cory Gross is a professional educator with over 15 years of experience in the field of museums and heritage. An Alberta native from a ranching family, he studied geology at Mount Royal University, and Museum and Heritage Studies at the University of Calgary. Currently, he works as an educator at the Glenbow Museum, as an interpreter at the Calgary Zoo, and he provides public earth science programs through his own company, Sandstone Prehistoric Safaris.

His lecture will explain what Ice Ages are, what causes them, what amazing wildlife species were in the area of Nose Hill at the end of the most recent Ice Age, and what happened to them. And finally, what studying the past can tell us about climate change, extinction of species, and the environmental impact of human activities in the future.



**Animal species that lived in Alberta 11,000 years ago,
displayed on an erratic rock on Nose Hill.**

(photo by Cory Gross)

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The Friends of Nose Hill invite submissions of articles, poems, thoughts, drawings or photographs from members, visitors and others who have experienced the Hill. We will do our best to print all submissions, but because of space limitations, we reserve the right to edit as necessary.

Please include your name and phone number with submissions.

The views expressed are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect those of the FONHS



The Friends on Facebook

The Friends of Nose Hill have a Facebook Group. If you are a Facebook member, check out the group: "Friends of Nose Hill Society". Feel free to post your stories, photos, comments and questions about the Park.

Members who would like to receive future issues of the Friends of Nose Hill Newsletter by e-mail should send an e-mail message with their request to: ervan@ucalgary.ca

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