



Parkvale Post Dispatch

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

A big *Thank You* to everyone who came out to our community meeting on April 15th at our Parkvale Community Hall.

Avery Achison, our facilitator, is compiling the results of our group sessions and the executive will work to make them available to the community.

The City of Red Deer, under the direction of Council members, has undertaken a review of the bylaws and regulations concerning secondary suites. I think our efforts to defend our community from egregious secondary suite proposals has had a lot to do with this review taking place.

In an effort to ensure that the unique needs and character of Red Deer's historic neighbourhoods is honoured and acknowledged, your executive reached out to the community associations of Woodlea and Waskasoo. Our rationale was that we could present a united front to the city in this review process, and promote special regulations for our area. A joint committee meeting was arranged and from those discussions we determined that we would draft a joint letter asking for consultation in the rearview process and offered to organize a joint meeting with administration at the Pioneer Lodge at their convenience. The letter was sent to council members and the city manager. So far the office of the city clerk has responded in a very dismissing manner. We are expecting other responses.

Our injunction requiring the city to undertake a study of the actual number of secondary suites is duly filed and in the queue with the Court of King's Bench. I will remind everyone that our injunction request is unique and longer means no immediate rejection.

The city has accepted the \$12 million housing accelerator grant but are quick to point out that they are not yet bound to the program as they can still *return it. More information on the grant can be found at the City's website, but can be summarized as:

The Housing Accelerator Fund is a federal program administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). It provides funding to municipalities that implement initiatives to increase housing supply and improve affordability.

In total, The City of Red Deer will receive \$12 million over three years to support a variety of housing developments to increase supply in our city.

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This money comes with conditions. One of those conditions is for City Council to adopt four-units-as-of-right into our Zoning Bylaw.

This means no public consultation or re-zoning application will be required for landowners to increase the number of units on their property, up to four units. The City anticipates that 67 units would be created over three years with this change.

*A government returning money? The \$12 million grant comes with strings attached. A minimum of a 4 plex as a development right, no parking considerations, no consultation, no appeal and all development under administration control. I believe that some effort by the City for public consultation is underway, but this is not going to be debated before the election.

Len Carlson, President PCA and 45-year resident of Parkvale

Can anyone refer a Webmaster?

Your executive would like to rebuild our web site so we can do things like post the newsletters and link documents such as those I have referred to in this post. If you know someone who could help, please contact an executive member!

Our Webmaster will receive, for their 1-2 hours of work, and minutes of maintenance per month, a letter of Reference from the Parkvale Community Association, a portfolio piece if that is helpful, and our gratitude.

Please email ***ParkvaleRD@gmail.com*** if you can help us. Thank you for sharing this!

You're Invited: Parkvale Community BBQ Picnic!

Mark your calendars! The Parkvale Community Association is excited to host our Annual BBQ Picnic Celebration on **Sunday, June 22, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at The Pioneer's Lodge.

This fun-filled afternoon is open to everyone in the community—all ages are welcome! Come enjoy delicious burgers, desserts, and more. There will be a bouncy castle and games for the kids, plus lots of great company and good cheer.

Please bring a dish to share—the more, the merrier!

If you have any questions, please contact Ilene de Vera, Social Committee Head, at 587-693-4888.

Let's celebrate together—we hope to see you there!