

The Mission STATEMENT

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HOLY CROSS BRONZE STATUE UNVEILED SEPTEMBER 25TH

By MARILYN WILLIAMS



LEFT: MEET TWO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS,
THE "NUN AND THE NIGHTINGALE".

ABOVE: HUNDREDS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE,
INCLUDING ALUMNI, SISTERS, DIGNITARIES
AND COMMUNITY.

"DO NOT LET WHAT YOU CANNOT DO INTERFERE
WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO." —JOHN WOODEN

That phrase might have been the motto of the four alumni from the Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing whose ambitious commemoration project culminated in a celebration ceremony this fall. It might also have been the motto of the Grey Nuns and nursing students they were honouring. This tradition of facing daunting circumstances with determination and self reliance goes back to 1891 when four sisters arrived from Montreal to found the hospital and, later, a nursing school, starting essentially from scratch.

But when the ribbon was cut and the veil slipped away to reveal the beautiful bronzes to an admiring audience, it was clear that the project was well worth years of planning and hard work. Two magnificent larger-than-life figures of a nun and a nursing student surmount a large podium. The podium bears a plaque recognizing the contribution of the 2,409 nursing students who graduated at the Holy Cross between 1907 and 1979 and the 237 Grey Nuns who served there since 1891.

During the speeches it was not just the modest, can-do spirit which impressed me, but how much the sisters and alumni value and care for their history. It was clear when Germaine Hetu of the Grey Nuns from Edmonton spoke about "the Holy", that it had been and would always be an important part of her life. A recurring theme was the significance of the building which holds their memories, the historic Macnab Wing which was designated a Municipal Historic Resource in 2009.

Heart felt thanks to Barbara, Rita, Dolores and Anne for passing on your story to future generations, and for reminding us that the special places in our community are valued far beyond its boundaries.

The alumni are looking forward to a second phase in 2012. Their goal is to create a park-like setting for the artwork. If you would like to read more information about the history of the Holy Cross hospital and school and about artists Don and Shirley Begg, read Kendra Horosko's article in the May/June *Mission Statement*. ☘

NOTICE

Cliff Bungalow-
Mission
Community
Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday,
November 30, 2011
At the Community Centre
2201 Cliff St SW

(1 block west of 5 Street
at 22 Avenue SW)

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Snacks and refreshments

Committee displays

Meeting begins at 7 pm

- Meet your neighbours •
- Learn about the community •
- Renew your membership •
- Elect the Board •
- Approve CBMCA Bylaws •
- Get involved •

**Let's celebrate
our great
community!**

I would like to point out that the community of Mission-Cliff Bungalow is diversely-populated, with many renters and low-income people. (The average income a few years back was only \$23,000 per year). Many of these people, if not most, do not have computers let alone know how to use one, especially the elderly. I only know how to look things up on the internet and do g-mail. There are those of us who would love to have a voice and contribute to the Newsletter, but are unable to do so because of your submissions policies. I tried to submit something on paper a while back and was met with stunned silence at first, and then with people running around wetting their knickers figuring out what to do. Bob finally had me drop it off at his door. (Thanks, Bob). I for one would have loved to have put in an article from time to time for your consideration, but felt quite intimidated and discriminated against. This really cool community has always stood up for its diversity, so please remove the obstacles that stand in the way of the less fortunate. Otherwise, it comes across as elitist. I know you guys know exactly what this community stands for, so why should I have to tell you this? I know I am not a member of the Board, but feel it needed to be said. Thanks for listening.

—Megan McCarthy

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your letter to *The Mission Statement*. As the editor, please accept my sincerest apologies for denying your submission; that certainly was never the intention. We want you and all our readers to know that:

WE VALUE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Mission Statement exists to facilitate communication among residents of the Cliff Bungalow and Mission communities. We welcome your articles, stories, letters, announcements, and photos. Your submission in typewritten, handwritten, or photographic print format can be mailed or dropped off at the Community Association mailbox at The UPS Store, 1919B 4 Street SW, Suite 462, Calgary T2S 1W4, in an envelope labeled "Mission Statement". Electronic submissions should preferably be in Word 97-2003 format or as high-resolution jpeg or tiff files, and can be sent to cbmca.editor@gmail.com.

Re: Development Watch, September/October issue:

I just happened to read your column and wanted to provide some clarification regarding the statement "Strategic would have 3 years to begin construction before the permit lapses again," as this is not quite correct.

I've attached a link to the *Building Permit Bylaw* for your reference. (<http://www.calgary.ca/CA/City-Clerks/Documents/Legislative-services/Bylaws/64M94-BuildingPermitBylaw.pdf>). Of particular note is section 8.(2) Permit Term and Extensions (page 4), which states that a building permit "shall expire ... if work authorized by the permit has not commenced within 180 days of the date of issue of the permit."

I can, however, understand the "3 years" confusion since development permits (as opposed to building permits) typically have two or three-year "must commence by" dates associated with them. Once the shovel hits the dirt, this no longer applies (i.e., there are no provisions for expiring a development permit once the project has commenced). A development permit and building permit are two VERY different things: A DP is approval of a concept whereas a BP is an approval for an actual structure to ensure it meets minimum safety standards.

If you are planning to provide an update on the Strategic project in a future Development Watch column I would be grateful if you would provide this clarification. To assist in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me and I would be happy to inquire into and share with you the status of the building permit for your column.

—Marcia Andreychuk, Communications Strategist, Development & Building Approvals, The City of Calgary
for Kevin Griffiths, Chief Building Official, The City of Calgary.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CELEBRATES COMMUNITY

BY BOB LANG

THE FOCUS OF our Annual General Meetings has become a celebration of our great community. This year's AGM is being held on Wednesday, November 30th. We again have accomplished a lot during the last year. It has been a pleasure to work with a great group of people on our Board and committees.

This is a great chance to meet some of the people who live in the community. In addition to the usual AGM activities, you will have an opportunity to learn more about all the committees and explore how you can get involved.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. There will be food and refreshments. All in all it should be fun as we "celebrate community".

TELEPHONE SYSTEM HOPEFULLY WORKING SOON

Unfortunately, our telephone system has not been working and will not take messages. We are getting repairs done and hopefully it will be working soon. We apologize for any inconvenience this problem may have caused people who have tried to contact us. In the meantime, you can contact me at 403-229-2762 or rvlang@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIPS

Corinne Ofstie stepped forward since the last Mission Statement and has gotten our membership up to date. We also have updated our e-mail list. I want to remind everyone to print their information clearly so we are able to contact you in regards to community events. People sometimes do not print clearly and if we cannot read what you provide us, then we will not be able to contact you.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

At the September Board meeting, we appointed Corinne Ofstie as Secretary and Evan Woolley as Environment Director. Natasha Pashak will be stepping down as Development Director at the AGM.

If you would like to explore being on the Board, please contact me at rvlang@aol.com. There are also opportunities to

get involved in one or more of the committees. We are always looking for good people to help us make this an even greater community

EXPLORING SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

We know there are quite a few seniors living in our community, so we have had discussions on how we might engage them more. They of course are welcome at any of our community events and activities and many do attend. However, we are wondering if there is interest to have specific activities targeted to our seniors. We do have some challenges including the fact that our community centre is not wheelchair accessible (something we are looking at for a future project). In order to assess if there is sufficient interest we need those seniors who would like to have seniors' activities in the community to contact us and let us know of their interests. Ron Singer, one of our Directors at Large, is the person to contact. You can contact him at 403-870-5613 or by e-mail at rysinger@calcna.ab.ca. You can also drop off or mail your interest to 1919B - 4 St SW, Suite 462, Calgary T2S 1W4.

HAVE DRILL, WILL VOLUNTEER

Our piano in recent times has been very hard to move and when moved, left black marks on the hardwood floor in the Community Centre. The old castors on the piano were breaking down and the piano desperately needed new ones. So when I talked with David Lee at one of our potlucks, he said he would help replace them. It proved to be quite a job but true to his word he replaced the castors. Many thanks to David for this.

David has an interesting past. He visited relatives in Calgary in 1988 and 10 years later immigrated from Bristol. He has been living in our community for the last 2 1/2 years. He is currently working on a book with the working title *Places of Worship in Calgary*. ☺



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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BIDS ADIEU

BY NATASHA PASHAK

THIS NOVEMBER'S ANNUAL General Meeting marks the end of my third and final term as Development Committee director – a role that I have found deeply rewarding and enjoyable. As I am unable to attend the AGM, this column serves as a summary of the last year and also as an opportunity to share some reflections on what I have learned over the past 3 years.

YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

Because there were fewer development permit applications to review the committee and myself were afforded the opportunity to reflect and to take stock of how we approach our work. With the procedures and protocol of City Hall as confusing and overwhelming for all involved as ever, the Development Committee continues thinking about ways to simplify how we approach working with City planners, developers, politicians, local business owners and the community at large. Long-time community resident and committee member Nancy Tice suggested that the Community Association use one central concept upon which to orient our decision-making, particularly when related to development issues. The concept is pedestrian-friendliness.

Orienting community decision making around pedestrian-friendliness is a brilliant idea that I hope takes stronger root in the thinking of community residents and Community Association members. For example, when confronted with a change of use application, the Development Committee should question how the proposed use will benefit community residents – does a 5000 square foot restaurant benefit the local (within walking distance) population? What kinds of services or commercial activity will benefit the local population? When confronted with applications for advertising and signage, the committee should consider if it is targeted to passing motorists or pedestrians. When confronted with building applications, particularly on 4th Street, the committee should consider how the proposed building (parking, entrances, architectural details, scale and size) relates to people over how it will function for motorists. When deciding which projects to pursue or support, the Community Association board can ask: how does this project support a pedestrian-oriented community? What activities encourage local residents to strengthen their relationships with one another?

DAVE TAYLOR'S BILL 205 AND THE 'PIT' ON 4TH

At press time, there is still no confirmation about the Strategic Group's plan to proceed with the development of the 4th Street pit, though the City remains optimistic that activity will resume shortly. Those of us who have been trying for years to see some remedy to the situation sincerely hope that no community ever has to deal with a stalled construction project of this magnitude. Fortunately, because there will be a fall session of the Legislature, Dave Taylor's Bill 205 will have the chance to pass into law. Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to see change on 4th Street and who have advocated for Bill 205. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Bill 205 it is a Private Member's Bill developed by Dave Taylor to amend the *Municipal Government Act* to enable municipalities to better regulate construction sites to put

an end to unreasonably stalled, suspended or delayed projects. Bill 205 was inspired by such sites and the toll they exact on communities in Calgary Currie, but it will apply province-wide.

2011 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Listed below are our responses to each development permit application received this year:

DP2010-4745: Addition: Art Gallery, Signage – conditional support

DP2010-4908: Revision: Exterior Renovations – no comment

DP2010-4942: Multi-Residential: 2 Buildings, 38 Units – conditional support

DP2011-0185: Home Occupation - Class 2 – support

DP2011-0225: Change of Use: Dwelling Units – support

DP2011-0312: Relaxation: Existing Patio Flood Fringe – support

DP2011-0373: Addition: Single Detached Dwelling – support

DP2011-0478: Patio Renovation – application on hold

DP2011-0758: Revision: Exterior Renovations – conditional support

DP2011-0566: Change of Use: Counseling Service – support

DP2011-1390: Addition: Financial Institution – under appeal

DP2011-1805: Change of Use: Vehicle Sales Minor – objection

DP2011-2568: Multi-Residential: - support

We encourage developers to meet with us as early on in the process as possible so that community concerns can be addressed before the application goes to the City or before the developer has invested considerable sums into the planning process. This makes for more amicable relationships between all parties.

FINAL THOUGHTS

To whoever replaces me, I hope that you continue advocating for the pedestrian-oriented character of our community, that you are able to further develop and improve relationships with developers, City employees, fellow Board members and the community at large, and that you take as much enjoyment from the work as I have. ☺

PETS IN THE HOOD



Girls Day Out at Lindsay Park features this trio of pals, Kaycee, Misty and Gidget. This mature trio prefers to keep their ages secret.

MOVIE NIGHTS

BY EILISH HIEBERT

POPCORN, MEETING NEIGHBOURS, building community, discussing ideas....all for free at your community centre!

A Jane Jacobs September movie and lively discussion launched 2011-2012 movie nights; October gave us a look at immigrant workers changing the face of a small prairie town, working with the townspeople, in *24 Days in Brooks*.

Some exciting movies, guests, and proposed partnerships are coming up! We are waiting for a February, March, April, or May date from Mayor Naheed Nenshi when his 2012 calendars are set, and are saving the Gary Burns movie *The Radiant City* for that event. It is a MOST interesting look at urban sprawl in Calgary. And we are in negotiation with Mount Royal University about possible partnering with us on some of our movie nights

Since we have no movie in December, for Christmas our November 27 peace movie is from a most unlikely source: *The World According to Sesame Street* is a heartwarming look at the popular kids' show trying to set up in war-torn, poor and HIV-ravaged areas of our world: Kosovo, Bangladesh and South Africa -- fascinating!

January 29th, 2012 brings us yet another *Tes Men* movie -- a hilarious look at the antics of two men working unusual angles of world issues!

The February 26th, March 25th, April 29th and May 13th lineup is just as exciting. Watch *The Mission Statement* for details.

Come on over and enjoy a local movie night; meet and interact with your neighbours on some lively issues!

The Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre is at 2201 Cliff Street, two blocks west of 22 Avenue & 4 Street. We're sorry that it's not wheelchair-accessible.

See you there! ☺

Acoustic Music Jams

Last Saturday of each month (except December 2011)

November 26 followed in the new year on January 28, 2 to 4 pm

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association Hall,
2201 Cliff St. SW (one block west 5 St. & 22nd Ave SW)

There is no age limit or skill limit! Just bring along an instrument, or simply your voice along with a desire to listen and tap your feet. We also have a multitude of percussion instruments to choose from. Whether you lead or follow is up to you, although it is a good idea to bring along a few copies of a song you are familiar with so the rest of us can join in. It can be blues, bluegrass, folk, rock, or any other genre you enjoy. So please come on down and share music! Refreshments served!

**We hope you'll drop in and join us.
For further info please call Megan at
403-244-2208**

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Jazz Concert Series

These concerts feature some of Calgary's best jazz musicians and ensembles and provide an ideal opportunity to spend a relaxing evening. They take place in the historic ambience of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre on the first Wednesday of every month till June. Each 2-hour performance starts at 8 pm so everybody can get a good night's sleep and be rested the next morning. There is a \$15 cover fee for each event. Community members, seniors and students pay \$10. Tickets are sold at the door (cash only). Call 403-650-7695 for more info or visit: www.cliffbungalowmission.com and follow the link into the jazz concert series.

Wednesday, December 7 – Christmas Special with Keith Smith and Deb Rasmussen

First concert of the New Year is Wednesday, January 4th. There is a new group every month. Come join us in your own back yard and enjoy some great jazz music at a low cost. Refreshments are available to enhance your evening enjoyment.

Doors: 7:30 pm; music: 8 pm.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on November 30, we will be proposing changes to the Bylaws of the Cliff Bungalow — Mission Community Association. We will be deleting clauses related to the Newsletter Editor. That does not mean we will not have someone responsible for the newsletter, it just means the position will not be named or mandated in the bylaws. The mandated positions will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (or can be combined as Secretary/Treasurer).

THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE TO BE DELETED:

Clause 1.10 (d) "Newsletter Editor"

Clause 8.8 "The Newsletter Editor shall:" and subsequent clauses (a), (b) and (c)

This will require renumbering a few clauses that currently follow the above clauses.

To simplify the process, we will propose a new set of bylaws replacing the current bylaws without those clauses noted above. Other than those changes noted above, there will be no other changes.

In practice, we are changing the role to Communications Director that includes the newsletter, the website, Facebook and such. The vehicles of communications have changed and we are just recognizing these changes.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Lang at 403-229-2762 or rvlang@aol.com.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY FORUM

THE CBMCA is holding a Crime Prevention and Safety Improvement Forum on January 19, 2012 from 7 till 9 pm. We plan to have community residents voice their opinions about the current state of crime in our neighborhood. There will be Community Liaison Offices from the Calgary City Police, City of Calgary Bylaw Officers and Parking Authority representatives available to answer questions and present their resources. We will ask the community three questions which will help direct crime prevention initiatives in our community.

1. What do like about Cliff Bungalow-Mission?
2. What do you NOT like about Cliff Bungalow-Mission?
and
3. If you could, what do you want to change?

Looking forward to the discussion.

Light refreshments and goodies will be available. ☺

INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS #8

THE LAURENCE APARTMENTS 2402 5TH STREET SW

BY ROGER MARLER,

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOAN LAWRENCE

AND ROGER MARLER

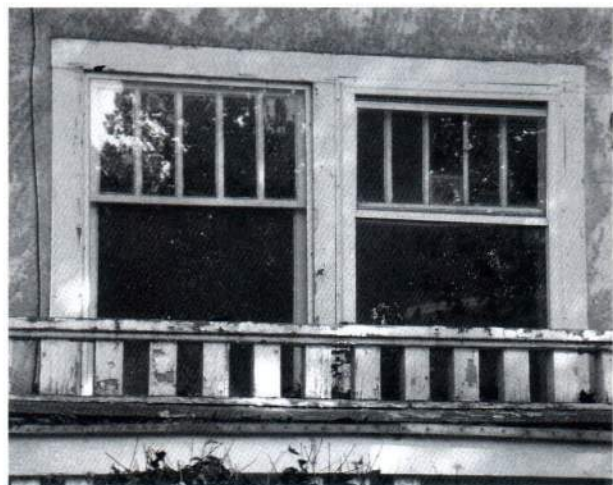
TO COMPLETE THE trio of buildings that can be attributed to Arthur B. Himmelman, here is some background into the Laurence Apartments building.

As with the Gordon Suites, the Laurence was named after one of Arthur Himmelman's sons and was built at about the same time: circa 1929/30, and it was yet another example of the optimism in the Calgary housing market in the late twenties. Throughout their lives, Gordon and Laurence lived variously in one building or the other.

The Laurence has a few design features that are similar to the Gordon Suites: projecting front entrance bays with recessed doors in pairs; rear kitchen entries; a flat roof; 2 storey timber frame; unadorned stucco finish; and an unknown architect. However, in contrast to the Gordon Suites' Spanish influences, the Laurence Apartments are considered to represent a California garden apartment vernacular; it is certainly an unusual design and layout for Calgary.

From the August 2009 Evaluation Form that accompanied the application for this building's inclusion into our Inventory of Historic Buildings, the "Interiors were inspired by the Craftsman style, which was popular in California, and include three-quarter-height rails, arched doorways, and fireplaces with clay tile hearths and solid fir mantles. Notably, the kitchens retain a rare degree of integrity with original, geographic-motif linoleum and cabinets."

Further details include such character-defining elements as: arched doorways separating living and dining areas; original radiators; narrow oak flooring; panelled doors, rails, casings, baseboards and mouldings; original wooden kitchen cabinets; and a street setting with significant setback that accommodates some front garden landscaping. I don't know how many of these features remain, but I can imagine the cosy ambience created by such attention to detail.



Finally, a somewhat rare feature of the Laurence was the inclusion of double hung sash windows of a "five over one" design. It is possible that these were made either on site or at Arthur Himmelman's boat building shop; but, while not unique, they are unusual and worth noting. Unfortunately I could see only 4 remaining.

(Regrettably, the Laurence Apartments are not in the "Mission and Cliff Bungalow" walking tour guide.) ☹



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WHY I SUPPORT THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE

REPORT FROM DAVE TAYLOR, M.L.A.

WHEN IT COMES to energy and the environment, it's a fine balance.

Alberta has the ability to be a world leader in sustainable energy and we need to get to work on a plan of action to accomplish the transition. And because the most optimistic scenarios suggest it will take between 25 and 50 years before green energy will have the capacity to meet the demand, we also need to acknowledge that the world needs fossil fuels and that Alberta can be one of the most responsible sources of oil and gas on the planet.

I support the Keystone pipeline and let me tell you why.

This is a worthwhile project that will provide economic growth for Alberta and energy security to the United States. The United States remains the biggest and best customer for everything we export, and ensuring your best customer can continue to power its economy so it can continue to buy from you is smart business. Simply put, transitioning to green energy is going to be an expensive proposition. A

robust Alberta economy and a healthy oil and gas sector will produce the revenue needed to fund the transition.

Is putting raw bitumen in a pipeline and sending it somewhere else to be upgraded and refined into a value-added product the best strategy? Often it isn't. But often it is. This is where the balance comes in.

While upgrading and refining creates jobs and economic benefit here at home, upgraders and refineries consume a lot of water and produce a lot of emissions that contribute to both climate change and air pollution. The environmental impact of upgrading all the bitumen we produce would be more than Alberta could bear.

The most responsible thing for Alberta to do is to take a leadership role and start applying some of the wealth generated by our fossil fuels to get us to more green energy faster.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with your thoughts. Reach the Calgary-Currie office at Calgary.Currie@assembly.ab.ca or 403-246-4794. ☎



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SNOW CLEARING IN CALGARY

REPORT FROM ALDERMAN JOHN MAR

ON OCTOBER 4, 2011, Council approved Administration's proposal to implement temporary parking restrictions on snow routes during snow events. These restrictions will come into effect during the 2011/2012 winter season to facilitate snow clearing on Calgary's roads.

Starting October 15, 2011, parking will be temporarily restricted on designated snow routes for 72 hours following the declaration of a snow event by The City. Snow events are snowfalls with five cm or more of accumulated snow in any part of the city.

Snow routes are located on most priority 1 and 2 plowing routes and will be identified by signs with blue snowflakes installed on impacted streets. They include major streets and bus routes.

The City will declare when snow route parking bans are in effect and citizens will be asked to remove their vehicles from the affected roads immediately to facilitate plowing. Vehicles that are not moved off snow routes during a declared parking ban could be tagged and towed.

If you want to know more about where Priority 1 & 2 routes are located and if your street is on the map or you want to know the road conditions have a look at: <http://www.cocnmp.com/snic/> for other information and resources on The City of Calgary's Snow and Ice Policy please go to: www.calgary.ca/snow

If John can be of assistance on any civic matter do not hesitate to contact his office by phone (403) 268-2430, fax (403) 269-3823 or at www.johnmar.ca. ☎



EXPANDING TRADE MARKETS

REPORT FROM LEE RICHARDSON, M.P.

OUR GOVERNMENT RECENTLY took an important step forward in deepening Canada's economic ties with Southeast Asia by adopting a joint declaration of cooperation with ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations.

Our Government's top priority is completing the economic recovery and creating jobs.

Our government is committed to opening new markets for Canadian businesses in Southeast Asia, which we know will sustain and create jobs and prosperity for hard-working citizens both in ASEAN countries and in Canada.

Trade accounts for over 60% of Canada's annual GDP and one in five Canadian jobs. When we trade, prices for goods and services go down, wages, salaries and the standard of living goes up, and businesses are able to hire more workers.

That's why our Government was pleased to announce that Canada's economic ties with Southeast Asia have been strengthened by adopting a joint declaration of cooperation with ASEAN.

The joint declaration calls for further cooperation among governments and businesses and represents a commitment by Canada and the ASEAN countries to explore other ways to deepen economic ties.

This joint declaration is our first trade and investment arrangement with ASEAN and is another example of our government's job-creating, pro-trade plan.

Canada's ambitious free trade plan is opening new markets and creating opportunities for Canadian business and jobs for Canadian workers.

Overall, we are in discussions with close to 50 countries, including free trade negotiations recently launched with Ukraine and Morocco. ☎



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MAKING DO WITH LESS

BY NANCY TICE

A HEARTY SALUTE goes out to those resourceful local gardeners who manage to grow colourful flowers and food crops in extremely limited space. Whether it is Original Joe's long, narrow flower box bordering on 4th Street (1); or the Athlone building's side yard potato crop which, along with sweet pea vines, screened an unattractive view (2); or a narrow boulevard filled with vibrant flowers along 22nd Avenue in Cliff Bungalow (3); or a scrap of herbs and salad greens growing beneath a lilac (4); all are wonderful examples of utilizing limited space with gusto. This year it was Nanci Laughlin who grew the tallest sunflowers I could find in Cliff Bungalow and Mission (5). It is a miracle that such magnificent plants can grow from a narrow strip of soil between an apartment building wall and a paved driveway. Imagine what we could do with more space to work with! ☘



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Community Calendar

All events are at the Community Hall
 (2201 Cliff Street SW) unless otherwise noted.

Jazz Concerts

First Wednesdays of the month
 at 8 pm (doors open 7:30 pm)
 including December 7 and
 January 4

Acoustic Jams

Last Saturdays including Novem-
 ber 26 and January 28, 2 to 4 pm

Movie Nights

Last Sundays at 7 pm including
 November 27 and January 29

Community Pot Lucks (New Day)

Second Sundays, 6 to 9 pm,
 including November 13 and
 December 11

Meet Our Neighbour Day

Weekly on Mondays, 7 pm
 Meet at the south west corner of
 4 Street & 22 Avenue SW

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

Deadline for Mission Statement submissions

First Wednesday of the month
 prior to publication; next deadline
 is December 7. E-mail to
 cbmca.editor@gmail.com



FUZE LIGHTS, BUT DOESN'T QUITE SET OFF AN EXPLOSION OF DELIGHT

By JIM BOWMAN

I AM USUALLY wary of restaurants that have white tablecloths. Using this trick to present a "luxury" ambiance, they can usually extract more from the customer than they would otherwise.

Fuze on Fourth, at 2116-4 Street SW, is a white-tablecloth restaurant most evenings. Located in the former 4 St. Rose building, it does in fact have an elegant ambiance. The main dining area is the glass-roofed atrium at the south side of the building. There is also a front patio, a large lounge area which sometimes doubles as a dining area, and a private dining room for business lunches upstairs. The décor is very simple, with aubergine and white walls, grey carpets and furniture, and large unframed photos of wheat fields decorating the walls.

The ambient music is mostly world-beat and acid-jazz, calming, yet prominent enough and interesting enough to *really* listen to. The wait staff are mostly young women wearing little black dresses, who seem to genuinely enjoy serving their customers. I was impressed once when the chef, Gary Dayanandan, came to my table to ask if I was enjoying my meal. The customers on weekday evenings are mostly couples, mature and successful, who come to enjoy a quiet, unpretentious, relaxing and aesthetic experience.

One of Dayanandan's specialties is a roasted tomato soup, made with fresh tomatoes, double-smoked bacon, cream, and basil oil. I tried the lunch special one day, described as a "surf 'n turf philly cheese steak". It consisted of thinly-sliced, tender, well-marbled roast beef and sweet-tasting (and genuine) crab meat, with asparagus and chopped red sweet pepper. It was served on a large toasted bun with an Alfredo-like sauce containing a little Swiss- or northern-Italian-style cheese. I really enjoyed the contrasting flavors and textures.

Lunches at Fuze are around \$15. Soups are \$6-\$9. Dinner entrées range from \$15 to \$42. There is an interesting selection of bottled beers from around the world at \$7-\$9. Wines by the glass are \$5.50 to about \$16. A coffee is \$4.50, but that pays for a carafe containing about 2½ cups of delicate-flavored French press coffee.

Dinners come with complimentary bread and butter. The baguettes are apparently made in-house from unbleached flour with soft interiors and crisp, flavorful crusts. The butter (this is important!) was not frozen and was easy to spread. One night I tried a standard menu item, vegetarian spaghetti



puttanesca, at \$15 the least expensive entrée. Made with whole-wheat spaghetti, diced fresh tomatoes, capers, garlic, and chili pepper, it was acceptable, but disappointing compared with the puttanesca sauce I make at home. Without anchovies and without juicy canned tomatoes, it was lacking something.

Another evening I tried a daily special, Catfish Goa. I was expecting something fiery, as the Goa region of India is known for its spicy cuisine. But the catfish filet, a somewhat bland product of fish farms in the south-eastern U.S., was served on a bed of wilted spinach, which in turn covered a bed of basmati rice. It was dusted with a mild masala of Indian spices, and garnished with a bit of cilantro, chopped green onion, and roasted garlic cloves. Surrounding it on the plate was an Alfredo-like sauce (see above) topped with olive oil.

The components were fresh and flavorful, and complemented each other nicely. I enjoyed the meal. But it wasn't quite as spectacular as I had hoped. As its name implies, Fuze serves "fusion cuisine", created by combining various cuisines from around the world. Perhaps Chef Dayanandan's objective is to be all things to all people. Perhaps in doing so he falls short of achieving brilliance. ☹

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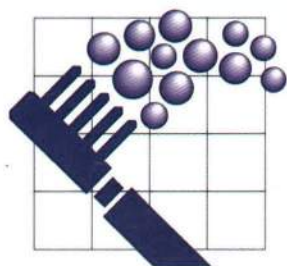
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