



Annual General Meeting November 2, 2022

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MSCA President Report

I want to highlight a few accomplishments this past year:

Formed an Events Committee and held our first event in a number of years – the very successful Community BBQ and Unusual Car Show held the end of June. Many thanks to Chris, Teri and Ian as well as the staff of the community center for their efforts on this.

With the help of a city grant and two wonderful volunteers (thanks Pam and Erin), we arranged the painting of three garbage cans and one utility box in Midnapore and Sundance

We also Hosted three “Coffee in the Playground” events in May

Thanks to the efforts of Rose-Marie McKinnon and the volunteer hours of a number of community members we had a Casino in July to raise money for the community association

A big thank you to all the members of the board for their time and efforts this past year. A special thanks to departing board members Kathy Smith, Jessica Pauletig and Nikki Compton for their work on the board and a huge thanks to Karen MacDonald for taking over as board secretary.

As always, a big shout out to Sharmaleigh, Vanessa, Sagar and all the other staff at the community center for making this year so successful.

Patsy McNish
Mid-Sun Board President

MSCA Traffic Committee

- The extension to the Playground Zone along Sunmills Drive adjacent to Sundance School was completed with the road surface markings applied in the spring of this year. This has been hailed as a positive change in the street environment along this stretch of Sunmills Drive.
- The Traffic committee have now turned their attention to the traffic issues at Fish Creek School. The committee have met with the new Principal of Fish Creek School, (FCS), with his concerns being the same as those of his predecessor. These concerns include the uncontrolled second crosswalk to the west of the school; traffic exiting the school 'loop' onto Suncastle Drive; the use of the now redundant School Bus parking areas, and a few other detail considerations. It has been proposed that the school embark on the Active and Safe Routes to School program. The Traffic Committee are in the throes of planning a meeting with the School, the Manager of the Safe Routes to School program, representatives from the FSC School Council and our Councillor's assistant Devin Eklin, in an effort to introduce the School to this program. It is hoped that this meeting will take place in the coming weeks.
- the Traffic Committee continue to receive reports of concerns regarding traffic behaviour along the whole length of Sun Valley Blvd. These concerns include speeding, noisy vehicles, particularly in summer months, dis-regard of the flashing light crosswalks, lack of flashing light at crosswalks, and other concerns. Although Radar speed monitoring by Calgary Police Service (CPS), has been undertaken in the past, this is seen as a resource intensive activity, and is temporary in nature. The Traffic committee plan to enter into dialogue with the City regarding long term, permanent solutions to the often dangerous traffic behaviour along this length of urban roadway. A number of suggestions have been proposed by residents of Sundance; these are most welcome and are encouraged, and will be addressed by the Traffic Committee.
- In correspondence with residents expressing traffic concerns, the Traffic Committee refer the resident to the City complaints mechanism. This system is entitled Traffic Service Request (TSR) and is available by visiting :

<https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-request.html>

Activating this mechanism allows complaints to be lodged with CPS, and allows for better data collection and can trigger the appropriate response from CPS.

- The Traffic Committee welcomes input from the residents of Midnapore and Sundance; comments can be lodged at:

traffic@midsun.org

MSCA Seniors Committee

Other than structured activities and exercise programs for seniors in the Mid-Sun area, there had been an ongoing lack for senior's unstructured social activities available for seniors. COVID had made matters worse. A far larger number of seniors are housebound and not socializing for fear of contracting an illness by encountering others or simply engaging in any activities. Then there are others who are suffering from depression due to lack of socialization and activities. This is a growing serious dilemma. Our group was organized to alleviate those issues prior to COVID with it only worsening during and after COVID. It is very important for the senior's community to get out and socialize with others.

As you may be aware, our Social Seniors Group began meeting in February 2020, with decent attendances. We opened and closed three times due to COVID, hence the numbers had drastically dropped off, but, since September 2021, the Seniors Social Group has been meeting consistently every Thursday from 1:30 – 3:30 (except for MSCC holiday closures)

We have a group of regulars who drop in every week and then others who drop in from time to time at their convenience, with more becoming regulars, so the attendance has been rising and we anticipate that they will probably do more so over the winter months.

Besides the opportunity to socialize and play cards and games (great for cognitive skills), beverages and snacks are provided, quite often supplied by attendees. While munching, we have friendly discussions and afterward play different games and cards. All is done in good spirits and even laugh over our losses. The atmosphere is so uplifting.

In early June we organized an afternoon social open to the Mid-Sun communities in recognition of Seniors Week. A little luncheon was provided and had solicited donations for door prizes (everyone got a prize). The attendance was great and was enjoyed by all.

Due to the Summer Students Program running at MSCC from the end of June until the beginning of September, we knew that our meeting room wouldn't be available for our activities during that time. On behalf of our committee, Joan requested that the community hall purchase some sturdy picnic tables for the outdoors in order for our group to continue meeting in the outdoors. The board agreed to purchase 4 tables. Our group met on the west side of the building, with canopies, tables and mosquito repellants until it became too hot. Luckily the group of children using our old meeting room were scheduled for "Lake Day" on Thursdays so we were able to meet in our meeting room once again. It worked out wonderfully. Thank you to the MSCC staff for being so accommodating.

On August 17, we all met at a local pub for "Wing Nite". Emails had been sent out to everyone interested in our program. Consequently, we now meet once a month, at different pubs/restaurants for an evening out. The attendance has been good and enjoyable for all.

We have some speakers scheduled to stop in to do talks occasionally, at our Thursday sessions, with interesting topics pertaining to seniors.

We are planning on arranging some outings and other activities as well. Things are slowly starting to come together.

With the help from the office and some Seniors Committee Members, we have applied for a Horizons Seniors grant just recently. We won't receive a response from them until sometime next spring. Hopefully, we will get accepted and be able to offer more activities for a successful senior's program.

Some great friendships have evolved from these social activities and they have contributed to increased attendance for other MSCC scheduled exercises and other programs offered by MSCA.

It has been a fun year.

MSCA General Manager Report

Summer 2021: Ran summer day camps at 50% capacity

In September, we attempted to run programming at 50% or utilized bigger spaces to accommodate more people; Our OSC program located at Midnapore School and our Kinger program at the Centre was full. Our Mid-Sun OSC program for students at St. Theresa in Grades 1-6 had still not filled. This was further compounded when the school closed, as some of our families opted for other schools, or preferred to transport their kids themselves. Most of our long term renters returned however a few smaller ones did not as they either closed their businesses or were still unable to provide their services due to restrictions.

The vaccine passport came into effect on October 25th, to which we chose to continue operating under the restrictions. This did cause some issues for us and certainly created some animosity with a few of our residents; however, most were understanding when we explained how many staff we would have to lay off again and would have also meant putting many families out of childcare.

On February 9th we saw the Vaccine Passport requirement come to an end and were able to have all of our participants back in the facility. This meant that the Spring session saw a larger increase in people returning to recreation programs.

In June, we held our first post-pandemic community event, the Community BBQ and Car Show which saw a large number of our residents come out and enjoy the evening with us.

Courtyard Project: In December 2019, the Mid-Sun Board engaged GroundCubed Landscape Architects to create a landscape/hardscape design for us to help finish off the exterior area of the community centre. When the Pandemic hit, we were forced to put the project on hold. In April of 2021, we engaged GroundCubed to begin the project again, and had an approved final design by June. In July we applied for the Canada Community Revitalization Fund from the Federal Government. In March of 2022 we received confirmation that we had been approved to receive the funding. The timeline to begin and end construction was extremely tight. After a tender process, Year Round Landscape was selected to complete the project. They began in late August, and the project will be fully complete by the end of the month. We are looking forward to the extra storage and programming space.

Also in April of 2021, we applied for the Engineering Consultancy Program through the City of Calgary to review the status of our roof as we have been dealing with many leaks and have had conflicting notes on our Lifecycle reports. We received notice in November that we had been approved and a firm would be contacting us to set up a review. In December the team came in and began their assessment. We have since been supplied their opinions and the board has questioned the solutions as it would mean a shutdown of the facility. The board is currently weighing the pros and cons and expect a decision on the preferred option to be made in the next couple of months.

What's happened so far this fiscal:

Summer Day Camps were full the entire summer, and back to normal with Lake days and Field Trips; long term renters back to regular schedules. We had a change in the office with the hiring of a new programmer, late August, and he has brought loads of new ideas and energy to the centre.

Sneak Peak at the Courtyard Project

The Community Centre is getting some upgrades to its landscape! Phase 1 includes the south side, west side, and some minor changes on the east side.

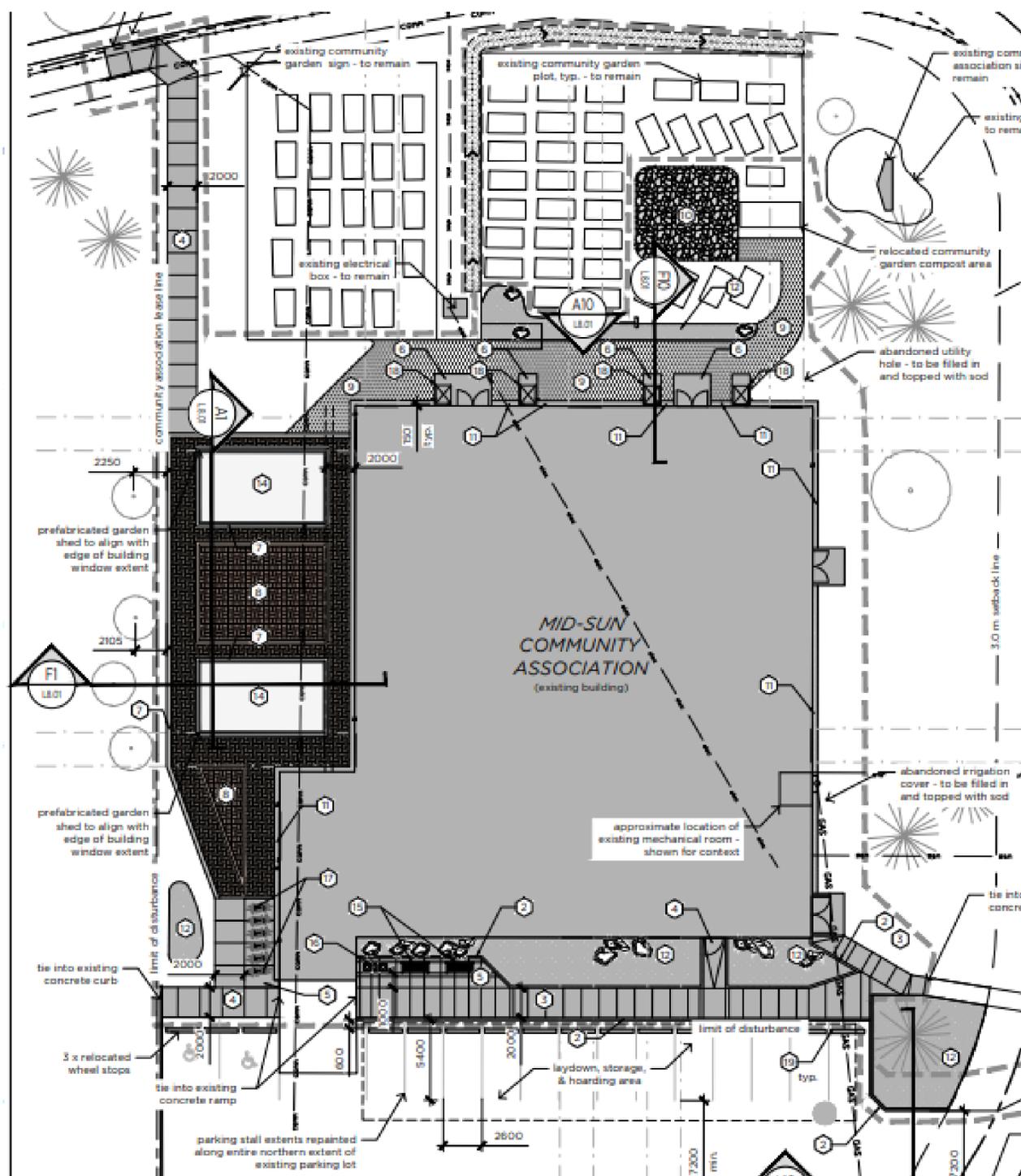
South side/East side: Widening of sidewalk from the East to the front door access; Reducing tripping hazard to sidewalks entering building from East; Landscaping improvements along the south side of the building including boulders, plantings, and seating.

West side: Two smaller exterior buildings are being added. One is designated for storage to remove the Sea-Can in our parking lot and alleviate some storage safety concerns within the Centre. The other building is designated as an indoor/outdoor multi-use building that we can utilize for programs, events and more. Between these two buildings will be a Courtyard area for the public to enjoy, for Mid-Sun to host events, or for private bookings. A sidewalk is being added from the fence break near the Community Garden from Midlake Blvd to the front entrance of the building. New bike racks, benches and garbage receptacles will also be added.

Phase 2 includes upgrades to the areas surrounding the Community Garden. Expected start of phase 2 will begin closer to October so that our gardeners will be able to continue their gardening and hopefully complete their harvests before it is set to begin.

North side: Concrete pads for the rain barrels, mitigation to prevent water build up around the garden area, and flagstone installation

We hope that with these upgrades we will provide a safer, more welcoming environment for our community and its guests! We are very eager to host many community events in this space and provide a place for people to gather!



MSCA Front Office Report

All our Mid-Sun Programs we has scheduled are running. Found some new instructors from our communities that can help us offer new and favorited programs from previous years. Rolled over successful, desired programs and introduced some new ones. New programs include, not limited to: Adult & Senior Mobility (educating and helping individuals feel confident with everyday movements); Youth Multi-Sport (new), Youth Dodgeball & Basketball (returned); Ukulele Lessons; FREE walking club (to provide a safe, community environment for people to gather, move their bodies, and socialize).

Tech Talks. Bi-weekly. Starting Nov 9. Vanessa and Sagar are volunteering their lunch hour to answer questions and have an open discussion about technology. People are invited to bring their devices. We are not professionals and we might not get to all questions but we will do our best.

Youth Movie Nights. Striving to offer movie nights for youth on a monthly basis. First one is Dec 10.

Hosted a Stargazing event on Oct 28. Awesome turn out (~25 people). Royal Astronomical Society brought two telescopes and we had treats, learned about what's in our night sky, and saw Jupiter, Saturn, a Ring Nebula, and other cool things! Hoping to do more of these.

Trivia Nights. Hopeful to start seasonal Trivia nights (4/year). First occurring between Jan – Mar. A casual event, looking to partner with either Dixon's or a local brewery to make these an 18+ alcohol events.

Sagar brings with him ample volunteer experience so we are working on creating a viable volunteer base using our nearby schools/youth. If you know of any youth looking to gain volunteer experience, please connect with Sagar (programs@midsun.org).

Sagar visited in-person our community Lakes meeting Christie and Deanna. Very positive conversations surrounding how we can all communicate and be involved with one another better.

Vanessa added a few more businesses to our Community Business Partner list. To view our list of partners and the discounts they offer you can visit [our website](#).

Feedback we are listening to and working on:

Creating and publishing our own seasonal programs book (in lieu of lack of space available in Mid-Sun Messages)

Redesigning our website to improve our user experience

Pickleball at Mid-Sun (ongoing feedback from our dvanced and beginner players but our community, inclusive values are being understood and we are working as a team to find solutions)