



Annual General Meeting

As a result of a 'first in a long time' community get-together, the Woodlea Community Association was established at its inaugural general meeting on October 24, 2014. Much of the work done since has involved the business of setting up the association – registering as a society, opening a bank account and successfully applying for grants, building a website (woodlea.ca), establishing committees, attending meetings that are relevant to the community, strategizing, and hosting community get-togethers.

On February 9th, about forty residents attended the Annual General meeting to meet their neighbours, conduct required business, learn about the activities and potential of their community association and to share ideas. Minutes of the meeting, including the Financial Statements are available at woodlea.ca.

Six of seven board members are returning to serve a second term and following the AGM, another has joined the Board. The 2016 Board members are: Sheila Bannerman, Bruce Buckley, Trish Campbell, Chris McLeod, Jane Proudlove, Peter Slade and Laura Turner.

Arising from past community get-togethers, three committees have been formed – Community Events, Planning & Development and Safety & Crime Prevention. Sheila chairs Community Events, Laura chairs Planning & Development and currently there is no chair for Safety & Crime Prevention. If you have an interest in any of these areas, consider coming to a meeting or joining a committee.

There is so much that can be done, but it takes volunteers (like you) to make it happen. This is your community association. The Board sees itself merely as the 'organizing committee' that set up the structure and basic needs for residents to mobilize their community pride.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting, to Streams Christian Church for hosting us and to all who are helping make Woodlea better.

BE A WOODLEA WASTE WARRIOR

Woodlea Spring Clean-up

Sunday, May 29

Let's make Woodlea the GREENEST, CLEANEST neighbourhood in Red Deer.

9:30am at Woodlea Park

Come for coffee and donuts before we start the clean-up and stay for a wiener roast in Woodlea Park afterwards.

The City of Red Deer will supply bags for waste, gloves and other supplies for safety and hygiene.

The Woodlea Community Association will provide neighbourhood maps with designated clean-up areas, food, coffee and water, campfires and (yay!) prizes.

Get involved!

- visit woodlea.ca
- send your ideas or questions to the association at info@woodlea.ca
- join the Woodlea Facebook group
- become a Woodlea Community Association member
- share your photos
- attend an event / come to a meeting

woodlea.ca





Planning & Development

At our community get-togethers, residents have shown an interest in planning and development and have had ideas and suggestions around preserving the integrity of our neighbourhood. Hence, the forming of the Planning & Development committee.

Like you, the committee acknowledges that new development can be good for older neighbourhoods like ours.

In Red Deer, Neighbourhood Area Structure Plans (for new communities) and Area Redevelopment Plans (for established neighbourhoods) supplement regulations in the Land Use Bylaw, but no such planning tool exists for Woodlea.

As you likely know, the City has been working with residents to develop the Waskasoo Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted by City Council on February 1st.

The plan is essentially a set of Character Statements that describe and detail the elements that make areas in Waskasoo unique and it includes recommendations for preserving Waskasoo's desired character. By providing neighbourhood-specific guidelines for development, the Waskasoo Neighbourhood Plan will assist the City and property-owners.

Given the many similarities between our neighbourhoods – and conversations with the Waskasoo Community Association and the Planning Department – the Waskasoo experience is relevant to Woodlea.

We invited Emily Damberger, City Planning Manager to the Annual General Meeting to give an overview of Character Statements. Using Waskasoo as an example, she spoke about the intent and benefit of Character Statements and how a similar process could be undertaken by Woodlea.

At the meeting, it was suggested that having residents join a City Planner on a neighbourhood walk-about to identify and detail Woodlea's character would be an ideal way to begin. Please join us.

More info — www.reddeer.ca/business/planning/area-redevelopment-plans/

Woodlea Gardens

Gardening is another hot topic at our get-togethers. Some residents have an interest in establishing a Woodlea Community Garden. Others have a garden area that they no longer use and would consider sharing. Some would like to plant and grow, but don't have a garden space. And others may have "extra" produce – such as zucchini or raspberries – to share.

If you are interested in...

- community gardens
- sharing your garden space
- gardening, but don't have a plot
- helping to harvest
- sharing produce or perennials

... please contact Jane Proudlove
jane358@telus.net
or 403-340-0624.

Woodlea Walk-about Saturday, April 16

We're walking around Woodlea with a City Planner to determine what makes our area unique and gives it character. After the walk, we'll meet at Streams Christian Church. Join us!

**Walk-about
Meet at 12:30pm at
Streams Christian Church**

**Talk-about
If you prefer not to do the walk-about, join us for refreshments and lively discussion at 2:00pm at Streams Christian Church**

Safety & Crime Prevention

The committee encourages you to report crime and safety concerns. Here's a list:

403-343-5575 RCMP & Bylaws

This is for all non-emergency complaints. Your information is reported to the proper Bylaw officers or RCMP members for follow-up. Call 9-1-1 only when there is an emergency - if lives are in danger, immediate action is required or you witness a crime in progress.

Typical calls to the Complaint Line might include reporting suspicious activity, a found bicycle, a homeless camp, or a seemingly abandoned vehicle.

If you find a needle or drug paraphernalia, call 403-342-8238 immediately.

403-356-8908 Graffiti Hotline

Report graffiti on public or private property. If you witness graffiti in progress, call 9-1-1.

1-800-222-8477 Crime Stoppers Hotline

Call this number to report tips and information anonymously.

Report a Problem at www.reddeer.ca

This is an on-line tool that can be accessed from the City's homepage (via On-Line Tools at top tab menu). It can be used to report a variety of concerns and is a good one-stop resource for contact information.

Neighbourhood Watch

Another program we strongly encourage residents to consider is Neighbourhood Watch. All that is required is that you agree to be a "block captain". This can be anyone. As a block captain, you collect and share contact information for 8 of your neighbours (2 houses on either side of your own, 3 behind and 3 in front). Keep it updated and you and your neighbours have a great resource for contacting each other if there is an emergency or safety concern. Go to nwatch.ca for more information.

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