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**SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN  
Spring 2023 Edition**

## HONORARY PATRON OF THE PARK



Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani AOE, B.Sc.,  
the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

## 2022 - 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers:

- Toby Oswald-Felker - Chairperson
- Marvin Pawlivsky - Vice Chair

### Directors:

- Earl Huson
- Brian Kozak
- Liz Lyle
- Sheila MacLean
- Ronald Stickley
- Craig Stewart Tervit

## THE PARK'S AMBASSADOR TEAM



### **Back Row** (Left to Right)

Gerry Darichuk,  
Mark Terrill

### **Front Row**

Cal Schuler & Sierra  
Trevor Thomson,  
Bob Sartor,  
Sheila Taylor,  
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Memory of*

Duane Allan Schmeekle  
1920 – 2010

Walter Werner Haessel  
1941 – 2022



## A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2022 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Well, we are one year older and we hope one year wiser, as we distance ourselves from the pandemic! Challenger Park continues to play a positive role in our communities. Below is a brief summary of some of the significant highlights in our key results areas for 2022:

**Facility Utilization** – 2022 saw us continuing our recovery from our pandemic numbers. We welcomed 75,859 visits (53,651 – 2021) to the park. From June to December, our visits were within 5% of our pre-pandemic numbers in 2019.

**Financial Sustainability** – We continue to achieve a surplus budget; 2022 was our 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of achieving this financial milestone. However, as with most investors we were not as fortunate with our return on our Reserves. In 2022, we took a step backwards, but as in the first half of 2023, we appear to be on the road to recovering. We also endeavored to undertake as much of our lifecycle work as possible. Our operation's "green" component (solar system on the roof top of the Ball Complex) generated 26.93MWh of power (27.23MWh -2021), saving 51,605 kg. of CO2 emissions (41,142 kg. of CO2 emissions -2021) which is equivalent to planting 1,540 trees (1,228 trees -2021).

Our successful partnership with Pattison Outdoor Sign's, regarding our large Digital Message Super Board (along southbound Metis Trail) continues to produce a stable and reliable revenue stream for the Society. As well, through this advertising medium, the Park, Rotary District 5360, and the Rotary clubs in Calgary, have benefitted from the increased visibility this advertising medium gives us to the general public.

As for our 2<sup>nd</sup> land parcel (adjacent to the Park's SW boundary), we continued to market it through our Realtor, to the broader Development community. We are seeing more and more interest as the market distances itself from the pandemic. As much as we have not secured a Developer as of yet, we were successful in achieving the removal of a 2<sup>nd</sup> development constraint from our land parcel (a pipeline traversing the property), at no cost to the Park thanks to our friends with Trans Northern Pipeline. By having this done, a future Developer will be in a better position to maximize as much of the lands' square footage as possible and, in turn, the Park will maximize its return on the land's value. This development opportunity remains one of the Park's most important long-term strategies in furthering its' move to being more financially self-sustainable. Patience continues to be a very important virtue on this project ... so please stay tuned!

**Community Involvement** – As with our "Facility Utilization" key result area, this area has begun to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Community special events and some of our larger sporting events have returned, however the usage by the disability community, still remains a challenge. So, this latter area will be a focal point going forward. We continued to support our surrounding communities as much as possible by having facilities like our tennis court and track open for drop in use (at no cost), along with supporting some disability-based groups, such as Challenger Little League, in subsidizing their rental of the Park, via our Everyone Can Play Fund (ECPF).

Thanks to our loyal supporters we were able to continue to build up the ECPF, as we prepare to welcome more of these organizations back to the Park. As well, we continue to be very proud to be the home of Rotary District 5360's administrative office.

2022 also saw the return of our very popular Family Day and despite the cool weather we still had nearly 1,000 people join us for our event. We once again hosted our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament and were able to raise nearly \$50,000 thanks to our players and sponsors. In 2023, we hope to build on our Family Day's success (June 17<sup>th</sup>) and deliver another successful 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary International Airport Tournament of Diamonds Charity golf tournament (August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at The Hampton's Golf and Country Club).

I want to take this opportunity, as I step down from the Board, to say a sincere THANK YOU to all of you that have, and continue to, support this amazing facility. Your loyalty and dedication as advocates, volunteers, staff, members, user groups and/or funders, has been and continues to be phenomenal. It is only with your continued support and belief in the original vision of the Park as a place "Where Everyone Can Play", that allows us to have confidence in the belief that the park will continue to be here for future generations. As well, I would be remiss, if I did not thank my fellow Directors, and our staff (of two) for their support and assistance, over the years. Best wishes to all ... hopefully I will see you all at the Park – Toby Oswald-Felker, Board Chair.



**Toby Oswald-Felker,  
Board Chair**

***When life puts you through a tough situation,  
don't think "why me," say "try me"!***

Toby Oswald-Felker, Board Chair

# 2022 Financial Statement Information

Our complete audit report and statements can be found on our website

## CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK SOCIETY

### Statement of Financial Position

### ASSETS

As at December 31, 2022

	2022				2021
	General Fund	Park Construction Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Total
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash	\$575,765	\$117,901	\$0	\$693,666	\$679,127
Goods and services tax recoverable	13,652	0	0	13,652	12,581
Prepaid expenses	200	0	0	200	188
	589,617	117,901	0	707,518	691,896
<b>Marketable Securities</b>	481,062	1,643,450	1,661,829	3,786,341	3,804,173
<b>Capital assets (N-3)</b>	2,288	0	5,335,586	5,337,874	5,551,577
<b>Park Construction (N-4)</b>	0	25,680	0	25,680	
	<u>\$1,072,967</u>	<u>\$1,787,031</u>	<u>\$6,997,415</u>	<u>\$9,857,413</u>	<u>\$10,047,646</u>

### LIABILITIES

<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$154,683	\$30,886	\$3,906	\$189,475	\$161,819
Current Portion of long term debt (N-7)	0	0	0	0	36,281
Deferred revenue (N-5)	91,077	0	0	91,077	110,872
Deferred contributions (N-6)	147,288	0	0	147,288	119,836
	393,048	30,886	3,906	427,840	428,808
<b>Tenant Deposits</b>	81,817	0	0	81,817	25,097
	474,865	30,886	3,906	509,657	453,905

### FUND BALANCES

Park construction operating	0	(30,886)	0	(30,886)	(4,290)
Invested in capital assets	2,288	0	5,335,586	5,337,874	5,551,577
Internally restricted (N-8)	481,062	1,787,031	1,657,923	3,926,016	3,919,776
Unrestricted	114,752	0	0	114,752	126,678
	598,102	1,756,145	6,993,509	9,347,756	9,593,741
	<u>\$1,072,967</u>	<u>\$1,787,031</u>	<u>\$6,997,415</u>	<u>\$9,857,413</u>	<u>\$10,047,646</u>

### Statement of Cash Flows

As at December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses of the:		
General Fund	\$ 374,718	\$ 450,145
Park Construction Fund	(177,285)	54,984
Capital Fund	(443,418)	(236,844)
	(245,985)	268,285
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	288,922	301,338
Loan Forgiveness	-	(20,000)
Investment income reinvested	(41,843)	(94,945)
Change in fair value of market securities	321,982	22,062
Realized gain on sale of marketable securities	65,284	(22,855)
Change in foreign exchange	7,411	161
Recognition of deferred contribut. (N-6)	(11,482)	(1,980)
Fair value difference in long-term debt	3,719	-
	388,008	452,066
Change in non-cash working capital:		
Accts. receivable	-	500
Goods and services tax payable (recoverable)	(1,071)	(2,689)
Prepaid expenses	(12)	-
Accts. payable and accrued liabilities	27,656	47,552
Deferred revenue	5,205	(24,322)
Tenant deposits	56,720	-
	476,506	473,107
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Capital asset additions	(75,219)	(91,496)
Park Construction Additions	(25,680)	-
	(100,899)	(91,496)
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Deferred contributions received (N-6)	13,934	13,346
Proceeds from disposal of marketable securities	576,086	574,749
Purchase of marketable securities	(911,088)	(799,746)
Proceeds from long-term debt (N-7)	-	20,000
Repayment of long-term debt (N-4)	(40,000)	-
	(361,068)	(191,651)
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	14,539	189,960
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	679,127	489,167
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	693,666	679,127

Non-cash transactions (Note 6, Note 14)



# Family Fun Day

**Saturday June 17, 2023**

**10 am – 3 pm at**

**CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK**

**3688 – 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**

Hosted by Calgary Rotary Challenger Park, you will not want to be out of town because there is just so much to see and do at **CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK**. With acres of park to explore and exciting activities wherever you turn, we guarantee this will be a day to remember.

**CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK** is a unique concept of athletic fields, a playground area and an activity center constructed to ensure that all citizens regardless of age or ability have equal access to recreation, sport and play.

This event is a day of activities brimming with **FREE** programming. amongst the great family fun there will be something for everyone.

In addition, there will be opportunities to increase your understanding of individuals living with disabilities through your participation in individual and team sports and recreational activities!

- **Free Barbeque**
- **Face Painting**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Bouncy Tents**
- **Pacific Assistance Dogs**
- **Jubilations Dinner**
- **Theatre Entertainers**
- **Petting Zoo**
- **Hay Ride (Accessible)**
- **Wheelchair Basketball / Tennis / Fencing Demonstrations**
- **Calgary Stampede Promotions Committee**
- **501<sup>st</sup> Garrison (Star Wars Characters)**
- **Mascots**
- **CP Rail – Puffer Belly Express Mini-Train**
- **Mental Health Games**
- **RCMP**
- **Musicians**
- **Indigenous Dancers**
- **Calgary Police Services**
- **Calgary EMS Services**
- **Calgary Fire Department**
- **Challenger Little League Baseball**

For more information contact:

Cal Schuler at 403.830.6466 or [cal.schuler@c-a-s-s.org](mailto:cal.schuler@c-a-s-s.org)

For instructions on how to get there, please visit [www.challengerpark.com](http://www.challengerpark.com)

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# Sponsorship Form

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Location: **The Hamptons Golf and Country Club**

## Our sponsorship level is:

(check off your level of support)

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>10 Carat</b> Title Sponsor                               | <b>\$15,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>7 Carat</b> Diamond Sponsor<br><i>Includes 4 players</i> | <b>\$7,500</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5 Carat</b><br><i>Includes 4 players</i>                 | <b>\$5,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4 Carat</b><br><i>Includes 2 players</i>                 | <b>\$3,500</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3 Carat</b><br><i>Includes 2 players</i>                 | <b>\$2,500</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2 Carat</b><br><i>Includes 1 players</i>                 | <b>\$2,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 Carat</b>  | <b>\$1,000</b>  |

## Return This Form To:

Tournament Workgroup  
c/o Calgary Rotary Challenger Park,  
Jim and Pearl Burns Centre  
3688 – 48 ave. NE  
Calgary, AB T3J 5C8

Phone: 403-250-2707  
Fax: 403-250-2055  
Email: [info@challengerpark.com](mailto:info@challengerpark.com)

We/I understand that specific recognition will be produced under the direction of our Tournament Workgroup, and we agree to provide our logo, if requested, for the Workgroup to use in promoting the tournament. We/I also give permission to the Tournament Workgroup, and the organizations they represent, to utilize any information provided and/or pictures taken during the tournament (of which we/I may be included) for promotional purposes of the tournament.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Method of Payment:

☐ Cheque Attached (*made payable to CRCP*)

Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

\_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Cardholder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Cardholder



# Team Entry Form

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Location: **The Hamptons Golf and Country Club**

Registration **7:00–8:00am**

Breakfast **7:30-8:00am**

Tee-Off **8:30am**

(Format will be a Shot Gun and type of Scramble)

Banquet approx. **1:30pm**

Team/Player Entry Includes 18 holes of golf, shared golf cart, breakfast sandwich, complimentary practice tee privileges, dinner and a fun day with friends.

## Entry Fee:

Team of 4: **\$1,320.00**

**OR**

Single Player: **\$330.00**

Company/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Team/Player Information:

Player Name	Email Address	Handicap

## Method of Payment:

☐ Cheque Attached (*made payable to CRCP*)

Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date

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Name of Cardholder

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Signature of Cardholder

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### **2022 PROGRAM FUNDERS**

**(Everyone Can Play Fund)**

**L.W. (Lou) MacEachern Endowment Fund at the Calgary  
Foundation and Dr. Ivan Friede McNab Fund with RCC North**



Congratulations to Ed Wasylyshen and his team for winning the Provincial and National Cribbage Tournament. Ed (second from left) is a long time volunteer and Park advocate.





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**James Zackowski,  
Executive Director**

