



**Calgary
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Where Everyone Can Play

**SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN
Spring 2026 Edition**

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THE PARK'S AMBASSADOR TEAM



Left to right Trevor Thomson, Chris Dinsdale, Jack Thompson, Myrna Dubé-Thompson, J.F. (Jim) Burns, Gerry Darichuk, Toby Oswald-Felker, Mark Terrill, Don Ross, Colin Cantlie

A YEAR IN REVIEW – 2025

A message from the Board Chair (Marvin Pawlivsky) & Executive Director (James M Zackowski)

Our Park continues to make positive contributions to our communities. Some of the more significant highlights in each of our key results areas for 2025 are listed below:



Marvin Pawlivsky
Board Chair



Jim Zackowski
Park Executive Director

Community Involvement – Being a community special events hub for our surrounding communities, is a priority for the Park in building its utilization.

Whether it is hosting summer camps, community Caribbean Fests, outside organization fundraising events like DAFC's annual drug awareness walk, weekend soccer tournaments and track and field event days, corporate ball tournaments, or our own Family Day, the Park has become a destination activity Centre. When combining this with our local sport leagues or other community-based programming, the popularity of the Park is expanding.

We as well continue to rebuild our usage, from the disability community. Organizations like Challenger Little League, Janus Academy, CPLF, URSA, New Age Services, Forever Living, CP Kids have become regulars in building the Park into their programming plans. As well, our Everyone Can Play Fund (ECPF) continues to offer subsidization of the rent and transportation costs to the Park, for these groups, and plays a vital role to ensure the Park remains affordable to these organizations. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Calgary North (via its' Ivan and Frieda McNabb fund), and the Lou MacEachern Fund (via The Calgary Foundation), brings a level of consistent support to our ECPF program. We want to continue to acknowledge and thank these two (2) funders for their stellar and loyal patronage of this program.

Unfortunately, due to weather, we had to cancel our "Free" Family Fun Day for only the 2nd time over the last 20 years. This event has and will continue to be a large part of our "community involvement" strategy. The event will be back again this year, on June 20th. We have aptly named this year's event, the Cal Schuler Memorial Family Fun Day, in recognition of Cal's leadership in staging this annual event. Cal was an Ambassador for the Park and passed away this past year, but we are determined to ensure his legacy at the Park is remembered for many years to come.

Lastly, we were very proud to play a small part in celebrating Rotary's International Convention here in Calgary. The Park sponsored an event as part of the convention's Home Hospitality Program. The evening's theme was "Look What Rotary Built", referencing of course our local Rotary club's collective leadership in building Calgary Rotary Challenger Park. We were able to host over 150 Rotarians from around the world, along with local Rotarians, friends and family, to celebrate the good work that Rotary plays in so many communities worldwide. The evening was magical thanks to Toby Oswald-Felker (a Park Ambassador) and Corinne Wilkinson, who led and spent numerous hours in organizing. Thank you Toby and Corinne!

Facility Utilization – This past year we had 105,286 visits (95,979 – 2024). The Park is the home to several tenants, and our outdoor facilities continue to get busier during the May to September period.

Financial Sustainability – Long-term viability has been a very important cornerstone for the future success of the Park. To that end we succeeded in achieving our 20th consecutive budget surplus. As well we had a 6-7% return in our Reserves, thanks to Sean Baylis and his team, at RBC DS. We also continued to work through our lifecycle program, where needed, including this past year, by undertaking a reroofing of the James Burns Family Centre (\$150,000) in 2025.

Our operation's "green" component (solar system on the roof top of the Ball Complex), since installed (2018): generated 209 MWh of power (178 MWh – to 2024), saved 82 kg. of CO2 emissions (70 tonne -to 2024) and enough power to drive 1,698,818 kms on sunshine. As well our partnership with Pattison Outdoor Advertising, regarding our large Digital Message Super Board, continues to not only produce a stable and reliable revenue stream for the Society but an advertising medium, for the Park, Rotary District 5360, and local Rotary clubs.

Regarding development of the 5.34 acre parcel, in 2025 our Developer secured their Building Permit and at years end, were positioned to finish construction on their new structure. By the Fall of 2026 we should be able to formally announce all the details around this development and our new partnership.

As always, we want to take this opportunity, to say a special THANKS to all those who have, and/or continue, to support the Park. Your steadfast and loyal support, combined with your dedicated advocacy as; volunteers, staff, members, user groups and/or funders, is phenomenal. It is only with this support (and belief) in the Park, that the Park will remain a place "Where Everyone Can Play", and be here for future generations. Best wishes to all ... enjoy your summer with family and friends and hopefully we will see you all at the Park!



Where Everyone Can Play

Cal Schuler Memorial Family Fun Day

Saturday June 20, 2026

10 am – 3 pm at

CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK

3688 – 48th 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)**
- **YYC Princesses**
- **Wheelchair Basketball / Tennis / Fencing Demonstrations**
- **Calgary Stampede Promotions Committee**
- **501st Garrison (Star Wars Characters)**
- **Mascots**
- **Bikes with Cerebral Palsy Kids and Family**
- **Charlesglen Toyota Community Events Cruiser**
- **Lacrossing Barriers**
- **Musicians**
- **Indigenous Dancers**
- **Calgary Police Services**
- **Calgary EMS Services**
- **Calgary Fire Department**
- **Challenger Little League Baseball**
- **AEDARSA Safety Zone**

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2025 Financial Statement Information

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

CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Position

		<u>ASSETS</u>		
As at December 31, 2025			2025	2024
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Total
CURRENT				
Cash	\$881,804	\$39,782	\$921,586	\$670,331
Accounts receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90
Goods and services tax recoverable	11,581	-	11,581	18,286
Prepaid expenses	4,156	-	4,156	929
	897,541	39,782	937,323	689,636
MARKETABLE SECURITIES	601,585	5,065,049	5,666,634	5,119,350
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (N-3)	401	4,983,258	4,983,659	5,051,876
PARK CONSTRUCTION (N-4)	-	0	0	19,508
	<u>\$1,499,527</u>	<u>\$10,088,089</u>	<u>\$11,587,616</u>	<u>\$10,880,370</u>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$158,275	\$59,809	\$218,084	\$265,982
Deferred revenue (N-5)	42,721	-	42,721	104,069
Deferred contributions (N-6)	137,340	-	137,340	141,502
Tenant deposit	0	-	0	16,917
	338,336	59,809	398,145	528,470
TENANT DEPOSITS	204,900	-	204,900	33,207
	<u>543,236</u>	<u>59,809</u>	<u>603,045</u>	<u>561,677</u>
FUND BALANCES				
INVESTED IN TANIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	401	4,983,258	4,983,659	5,051,876
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED (N-7)	606,267	5,045,022	5,651,289	5,152,236
UNRESTRICTED	349,623	-	349,623	114,581
	<u>956,291</u>	<u>10,028,280</u>	<u>10,984,571</u>	<u>10,318,693</u>
	<u>\$1,499,527</u>	<u>\$10,088,089</u>	<u>\$11,587,616</u>	<u>\$10,880,370</u>

Statement of Cash Flows

As at December 31, 2025		2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Excess revenue over expenses:		\$ 665,878	\$ 837,367
Items not affecting cash:			
Amortization of tangible capital assets		272,120	273,410
Investment income reinvested		(111,461)	(162,936)
Change in fair value of market securities		(144,700)	(265,303)
Realized (gain) loss on sale of marketable securities		(42,695)	69,338
Recognition of deferred contribut. (N-6)		(17,619)	(17,252)
		<u>621,523</u>	<u>734,624</u>
Change in non-cash working capital:			
Accounts receivable		90	(90)
Goods and services tax recoverable		6,705	(5,328)
Prepaid expenses		(3,227)	(589)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(47,898)	63,452
Deferred revenue		(61,348)	(64,023)
Tenant deposits		154,776	16,917
		<u>49,098</u>	<u>10,339</u>
		<u>670,621</u>	<u>744,963</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of tangible capital asset		(184,396)	(189,800)
Park construction additions		-	(19,508)
Tenant deposit returned		-	(28,610)
		<u>(184,396)</u>	<u>(237,918)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Deferred contributions received (N-6)		13,457	12,792
Proceeds from disposal of marketable securities		637,643	2,389,094
Purchase of marketable securities		(886,070)	(3,013,974)
Purchase of guaranteed investment certificates		(475,000)	-
Proceeds from redemption of GICs		475,000	-
		<u>(234,970)</u>	<u>(612,088)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		251,255	(105,043)
Cash - Beginning of year		<u>670,331</u>	<u>775,374</u>
CASH - End of year		<u>921,586</u>	<u>670,331</u>
Non-cash transactions (N-3)			

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Where family,
friends and
community unite.



Enjoy our running track, tennis courts and a barrier free play ground and picnic area available daily,

Or book your next family, community, or corporate event and enjoy all the facility has to offer.

Calgary Rotary Challenger Park is a barrier free recreational facility that is accessible to all. A place where persons with disabilities can play next to and with their able-bodied peers.

Visit us today and enjoy this unique park
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