

## **President Report - December 2017**

The MOCA Annual General Meeting was held back on October 17 and again I want to thank all of those who attended. We do appreciate your interest in the community and of course your membership. I am pleased to advise that those of us who were up for re-election did get re-elected for another two year term and I am also pleased to introduce our newest Director, Ian Van Lange. Ian is resident of the community and employed as a Process Server with training as a Paralegal. He will be a welcome addition to the Board but we are going to let him find his way and determine where in the organization he has the greatest interest.

At a subsequent Directors meeting the Executive positions were selected by election and I am pleased to say that all remained unchanged. I am very pleased to remain as the president and I do enjoy the role. The Board is fortunate to have some very solid people who bring strong skills to the organization -- Mike Berger with his knowledge of construction and the mechanical side of buildings and their equipment, Pieter van Lindenberg with his knowledge of almost everything but particularly finance, Lorraine Robinson for her knowledge of policies and procedures, Paula Woolley and Deanna Wylie for their background in social services. Ray Jasper and I handle the community planning side of things and Hillarie Brock is our representative on the This is My Neighbourhood project. However it is true that we are at a point where we need to start looking at succession planning. The Bylaws will allow us to remain in these positions for up to 4 more years, but as volunteers we cannot count on that. In an employment situation we can put out a job posting for a position with certain skill sets, but for volunteer positions, that is not always possible, or practical. I mention this because if any of you have any thoughts of getting involved in MOCA, particularly if you have an area of interest, we would certainly like to meet with you.

As mentioned in my President's Report at the AGM, we had a very productive year over the past twelve months. You have seen the new Community Entrance Sign on 18th Street with two more to follow once we get the City approvals, a review of the MOCA Bylaws was completed with the proposed Amendments approved at the AGM. The next step is to submit them to the Provincial Government for final approval. And we continue to work on the Greenline project including the Millican Ogden Area Redevelopment Plan and the South Hill Station Area Plan. The full President's Report is available on the MOCA website and I would encourage you to read it.

We should soon see the start of the installation of traffic signals at Ogden Road and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue scheduled for December with completion in January.-As you may have noticed, preliminary work has begun on Millican Road for the Greenline related projects. This particular work relates to the deep utilities, hence why the concerns on hydrocarbon odor issues. That should resolve itself when the hole gets filled. For up to date information on the Greenline visit [www.calgary.ca/greenline](http://www.calgary.ca/greenline)

I was reminded by Constable Karen McLeod of the Calgary Police Service that we are approaching the season for “cold weather vehicle thefts”. To avoid this happening to you, it is best to adopt the following practices --

- Do not leave a vehicle running with the keys in the ignition for any length of time, even with the doors locked.
- Never hide a second key in or around the vehicle.
- Always close the windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Take valuables with you or hide them out of sight.
- Use anti-theft measures such as a steering wheel lock, a vehicle immobilizer system or an alarm system.
- Consider installing a remote starter if you need to warm up your vehicle in the morning.
- Report suspicious activity. If you see suspicious people in or around motor vehicles, call 9-1-1.

And finally, if you do experience any type of criminal situation, vehicle theft, break-in to your vehicle, break-in to your home, break-in to your garage, etc, please report these to the police. Even the most trivial situations need to be reported so the data becomes recorded. As I have mentioned in the past, no reports means no problems, which results in police resources being deployed elsewhere.

Given the weather this past month, this might also be a good time to remind residents of the rules of the Snow Route. If you live or work on a street that is labelled as a Snow Route, and if you typically park on that street, and if a Snow Event is declared by the City, you might have to find a new place to park for few days. The City has not made that declaration for a couple of years now, but you still need to be aware of the possibility and we do have roads designated as Snow Routes in the community.

And of course, if you are planning a social event, ie Christmas Party, for your family, or business, or organization, please give some thought to renting the MOCA Hall, - main hall upper floor, or lower level lounge. We would appreciate your business.

As always, if you have questions or concerns that you would like to direct to me, please either call into the MOCA office, or send me an e-mail at [president@millicanogdencommunity.com](mailto:president@millicanogdencommunity.com). [note-this is a new e-mail address].

I can't believe how quickly this year has passed, but here it is, December again. On behalf of the Board of Directors, all of the MOCA staff and volunteers, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. This is the season to enjoy the company of family and friends. Stay safe and enjoy the Holidays !!

Best Wishes

Rick Smith , MOCA President