

CASWELL HILL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CASWELL HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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An artist rendering of one of the Caswell Bus Barn's streetscapes, Source: Caswell Bus Barns

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Article by: Alex MacPherson

A decision on one of the most consequential and potentially transformative projects in Caswell Hill's long history is imminent, with city council poised to consider the first phase of the proposed bus barns redevelopment.

City Hall agreed last year to sell the former Saskatoon Transit maintenance building at 321 Avenue C North to the CBB Group for \$2 million.

The local group is now proposing to redevelop the 37,000-square-foot vacant building just south of 25th Street East into a commercial hub, including a restaurant and community centre.

CBB Group is also planning a new three-storey residential building facing Avenue D North and containing a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, as well as a new commercial building facing Avenue C North.

Because the proposal requires a rezoning, everyone living in Caswell Hill — and the rest of the city — has an opportunity to share their thoughts when it goes to the municipal planning commission and then city council for a decision.

Both are expected in the coming weeks, and the city's engagement page has all of the details: saskatoon.ca/enagage.

City hall is also readying the southern portion of the former bus barns location — the second half of the south Caswell project — for sale to a developer, though no potential buyer or redevelopment plans have yet been disclosed.

Avenue C is meanwhile slated for a facelift — though no dates have been set — after council voted in favour of a proposal to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists between Spadina Crescent to the south and 45th Street West in the north late last year.

That project includes a range of upgrades, including protected bike lanes, wider cycling lanes, curb extensions, shared pathways. The project is worth about \$8.8 million, with city hall planning to seek funding partners.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic is planning for a new campus at Innovation Place, a move that is likely to have a significant effect on our neighbourhood.

The school is raising money for the development, and the province has pledged \$200 million to the cause, but the total cost and timelines have not been revealed — and we anticipate more conversation about what that means in the coming months and years.

Saskatoon has also signed on to the federal government's housing accelerator fund, a roughly \$41-million deal aimed at expediting construction of new homes across a range of categories over the coming months.

While there haven't been specific projects announced in Caswell Hill, the promise of more than 25,000 new units over the next decade likely means new construction in neighbourhoods across the city — including ours.

The Caswell Hill Community Association also has lots on the go this spring and summer, and into fall, including new programs and a survey for residents about what you would like to see in terms of programs.

We're also planning a spring clean-up on June 8, which is a great way to meet your neighbours and help make our neighbourhood beautiful. For those who can make it, we'll meet at Caswell Hill School at 9am.

Finally, the association is looking at staging Art In The Heart this fall, with local artists and musicians selling their work and performing at Christ Church Anglican on September 8. The event is a fundraiser for the association and Christ Church. Please see inside for more details.

As always, if you're interested in helping out, please contact our president, Ian Roach, at president@caswellhill.ca. It's an exciting time to live in Caswell Hill, and we hope you all have a lovely spring and summer!

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EMAIL: newsletter@caswellhill.ca

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

WHEN:

The Second Wednesday of every month (except March, July and August)

WHERE:

Christ Church Anglican
515 28th Street West

TIME:

7:00 p.m.

*Meetings usually last about 1 1/2 hours.
Everyone is welcome.*

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Caswell Community Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Christ Church Anglican

515 28th Street West



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Article by: *Ian Roach*

Stupid pandemic. Yes, I know it is behind us in many ways, but we're still coming to grips with its long-term effects.

Like many volunteer organizations, your Caswell Hill Community Association adapted to a new way of operating during the pandemic — and like many groups, we struggled for volunteers.

At our annual meeting last fall, I was heartened by the number of you who stepped up to volunteer for the board. Community involvement is crucial as we rebuild and plan more in-person events. I'm excited about the future. Read our article in the newsletter for an idea of what we can look forward to in the coming months.

We still have work to do. We are working to streamline our communications. We're

slowly making strides to make sharing information among the board and with the broader community easier. Thank you, Drew, for all your efforts. I also want to thank Raeanne for all her work keeping our social media channels full of useful information.

All of this is easier as we get more volunteers on board, and at the last couple of business meetings, we have been planning new community events. To help shape future programming, find our programs coordinator Kendall's update in this newsletter and complete the survey.

Our community rink has been an important constant for the neighbourhood these last three years.

Thanks to the hard work of Brett and his team, we have one of the best outdoor rinks in the city. We all should be proud. Thank you, Brett.

The power poles at the Caswell community rink need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$12,000, PHOTO - Ian Roach

That's the good news on this file. But here's the bad news: the city has told us that power poles around the rink need replacing, to the tune of around \$12,000.

The city is looking for funding; the community association is looking for grants. Chances are, we'll organize some fundraising starting this fall — stay tuned.

I said it in the last newsletter, and I'll repeat it again: we can use more volunteers. Your community association is what we all make of it. Please consider volunteering to help shape our neighbourhood.

Finally, save the date: our annual general meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 30. We hope to see you there.



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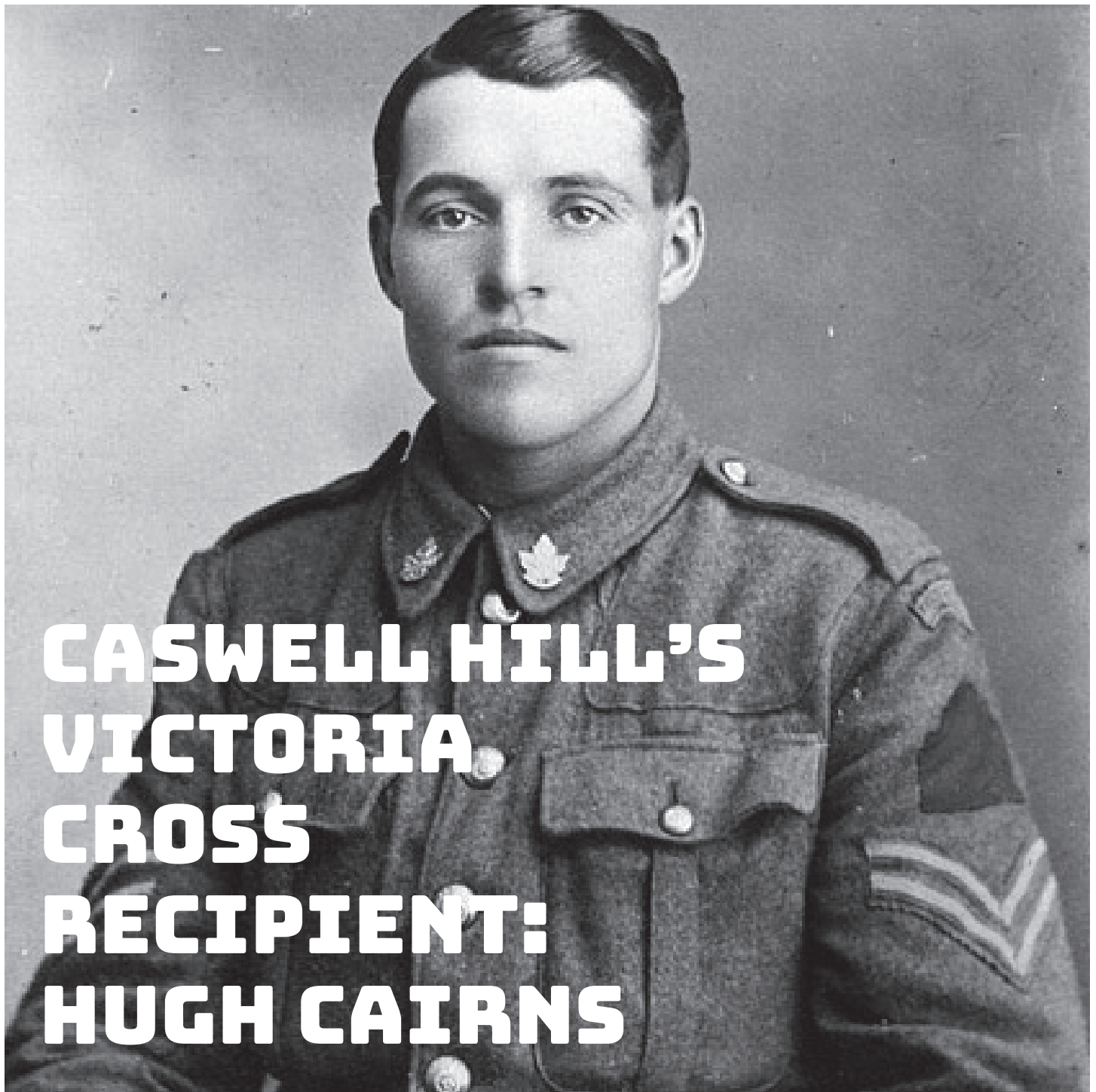


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Article by: *Alex MacPherson*

It's impossible to spend time in Saskatoon and not come across the name Hugh Cairns.

Killed during the Hundred Days offensive hours before the end of the First World War, Cairns was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross — the Commonwealth's highest award for gallantry in the face of the enemy.

Today, Cairns is memorialized across the city. There's a school named for him, as well as a sports complex where he played soccer before shipping off to war. The Canadian Forces armoury on Idylwyld Drive also bears his name.

And, in 1921, the city erected a memorial to Cairns and other local soccer players — "footballers" — killed during the Great War. Topped with an 18-foot marble statue, it looks over the intersection of Spadina Crescent and 25th Street East.

But, hidden deep within Caswell Hill, is another tribute to Cairns, who died on Nov. 1, 1918 from wounds suffered during his Victoria Cross action: the unassuming home where he spent much of his adolescence.

Although it does not have a municipal heritage designation, the home at 832 Avenue G North is marked with a plaque describing the exploits — and untimely demise — of one of our neighbourhood's most notable residents.

Born in Northumberland in 1896, Cairns moved with his family to Saskatoon when he was 15 years old. He was a member of Christ Church Anglican's choir and soccer team, and ended up working as an apprentice plumber in the city.

Cairns enlisted in 1915, ultimately ending up in the 46th Battalion of the Saskatchewan Regiment. In early 1917, he won the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery during the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in which Canadian troops succeeded where their allies had failed.

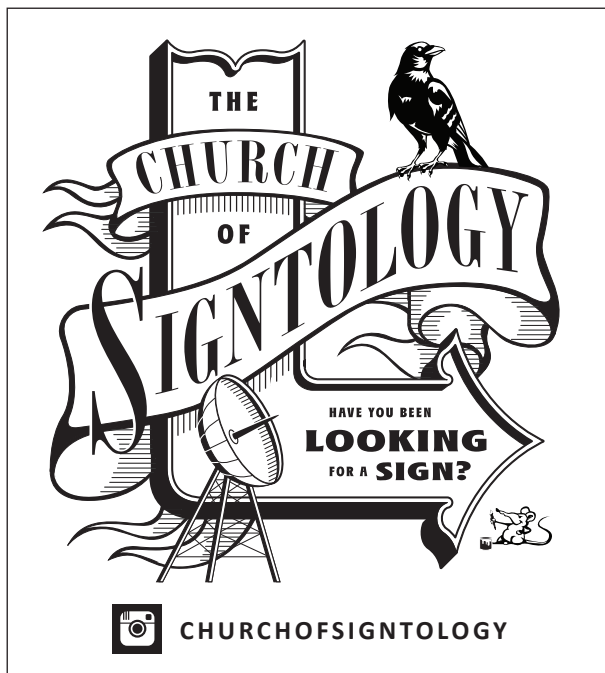
In that action, Cairns led a machine gun crew against a German position and captured several enemy gun emplacements before covering his comrades' retreat. Cairns was wounded 13 times by shrapnel during the fight, but ultimately recovered.

A year later, on Nov. 1, 1918, Cairns displayed what his VC citation calls "most conspicuous bravery" during an action At Valenciennes in northern France, when he single-handedly stormed a German machine gun nest, killed its crew and captured the gun.

Later the same day, Cairns rushed and captured another machine gun, killing 12 enemies and capturing 18 as well as two guns. Then he led parties that captured groups of 50 and 60 enemies before collapsing from his wounds.

"Throughout the operation, he showed the highest degree of valour, and his leadership greatly contributed to the success of the attack," states the citation for the medal, which has been awarded to just six Saskatchewan soldiers since its inception in 1857.

Cairns died the following day, just over a week before the guns of Europe fell silent. He was 21 years old, and would never again see the leafy neighbourhood he called home.



Menstrual Health Matters

The Family Health Lab at the University of Saskatchewan is conducting a research study focused on understanding and improving menstrual pain in youth.

We are seeking youth ages 10-13, who have not yet had their period, and a parent/caregiver to participate in this important research!

Participation involves completing a series of online surveys.

Families will be compensated each time they complete a survey!

To learn more about this study or participate, use the QR code or visit:

<https://familyhealthlab.com/teenperiods>

**You can also email us at:
family.health.lab@usask.ca**



This study has been approved by the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics Board (BEH 2777).



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PROGRAMS

It has been a busy few months as we work to scale up Caswell Hill Community Association programming, and there's lots to look forward to over the summer and into fall.

Currently, we are offering a community favourite: birdwatching in Ashworth Holmes Park with Ryan Bradshaw.

Starting in June there will be a bike club on Sunday mornings, as well as pick-up spike ball in the park.

Come fall, we are planning for the return of ball hockey and the Caswell Hill Book Club, a cooking class, and art classes, depending on the interest of the community.

We are also looking for your feedback. Please use the QR code to complete a short survey about what programs you hope to see from your community association moving forward.

Our goal is to offer recreation and community connectivity, so participation is key. We would love to hear your thoughts on what programs will bring you out and add value to the neighbourhood.

One final note: we are always open to ideas and volunteers as well. If you have a skill or hobby that you would like to share or any questions about our programs, please don't hesitate to contact us at programs@caswellhill.ca



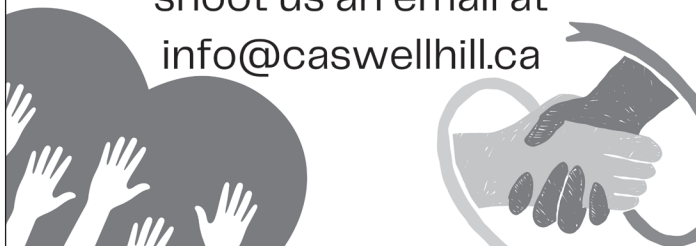
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We're always looking for great volunteers.



If you think you can help out,
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Community Clean Up

Saturday, June 8

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meet in front of Caswell School



2 Tokens

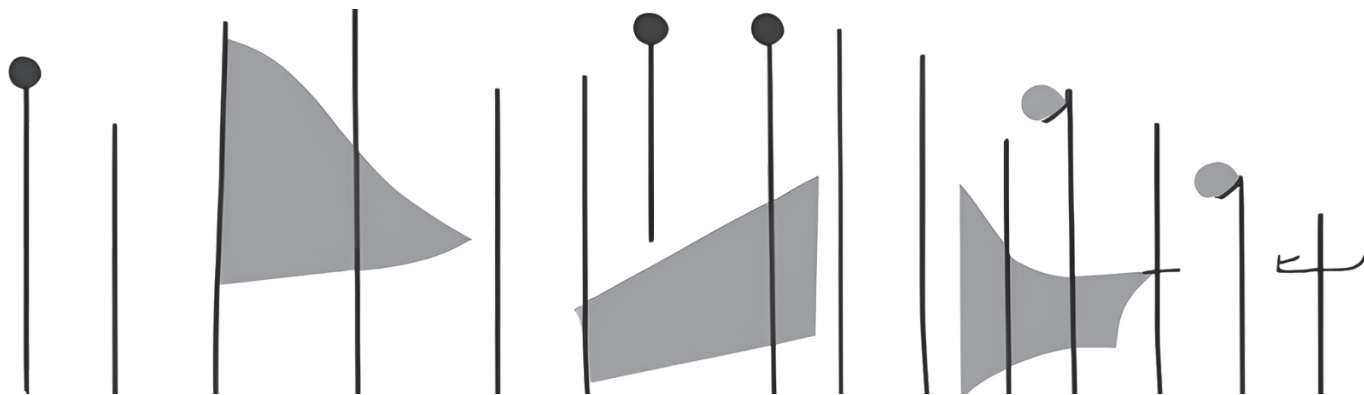
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ART AND SOCCER: TO DO, OR NOT TO DO



Article by: *Ian Roach*

The community association regularly receives two great questions: “Is Art In The Park happening?” and “Will there be soccer for kids?”

About soccer: We had a kids’ program in the past but it fell off when no one from the neighbourhood was available to run it. It’s been terrific to hear that there is renewed demand. Now, we’re looking for a volunteer to help make it happen. If you’re interested, please get in touch: info@caswellhill.ca.

Answering the second question is more complicated. Art In The Park is in some ways a victim of its own success. It ultimately became a massive event requiring a huge amount of work. At the same time, the

community association has struggled with its volunteer base, even more so since the pandemic.

There is also a considerable financial risk with an event the size of Art In The Park. Both factors have contributed to the board’s reluctance to bring back Art In The Park.

But here’s the good news.

Christ Church Anglican recently approached the community association about co-organizing an Art In The Park-like event, but on a smaller scale. Together, we have been planning for a community event with the working title Art In The Heart.

Planning is in the very early stages, but it will take place at Christ Church at 515 28th Street West — both inside and outside.

The concept is to have local musicians playing indoors, with food prepared and served from the church’s kitchen. Outside, there should be room for 30 artists and vendors.

Being able to draw on two volunteer bases should be helpful, and the scaled-down version — for this year, at least — should reduce the financial risk. Baby steps for now, but steps in the right direction.

The tentative date is Sunday, Sept. 8. We’re excited about the potential it holds for our community.

Again, if you are interested in volunteering, email us at info@caswellhill.ca

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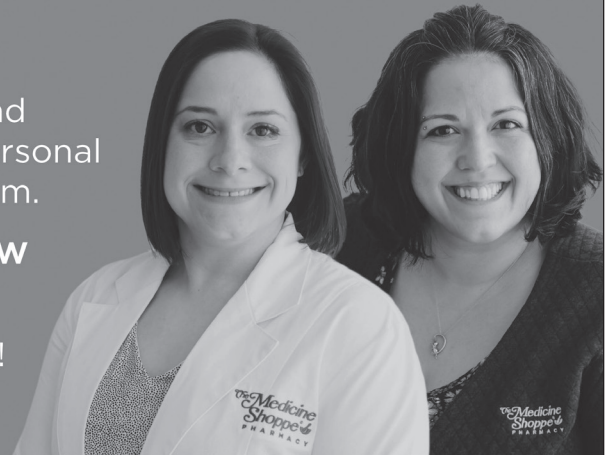


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