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## About Us

The Eau Claire Community Association (ECCA) was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of living in Eau Claire. It is recognized by the City of Calgary as the official voice of the Eau Claire community. The ECCA bylaws define the purpose and direction of the ECCA and are registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws are available at [www.eauclaireca.com/about](http://www.eauclaireca.com/about).

The community of Eau Claire is located adjacent to the downtown commercial core, bounded by Prince's Island and the Bow River on the north and centre of 4 Avenue on the south, extending from the centre of 2 Street SW to the centre of 9 Street SW.

## Mission

The Eau Claire Community Association strives to create a vibrant connected community. Our approach to planning and development is to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

## Vision

Eau Claire is a safe, clean and liveable residential community proud of its natural environment. We are supportive of social and recreational gathering places and relevant businesses that support the community.



## Membership

Membership in the ECCA is open to all residents. The annual fee is \$6 per household. The majority of Eau Claire condominium complexes (and therefore their residents) hold a membership, paid for by the condo corporation. Business memberships are also available. Strong membership empowers the ECCA to protect the interests of our community. Issues of key interest are planning, transportation and safety. The ECCA's role is to provide a voice for Eau Claire residents, to help ensure that community interests are being considered and that development is in keeping with the Area Redevelopment Plan.

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# Eau Claire's Western Gateway

Before



The 8 Street Revitalization Project starts in Eau Claire with North Anchor Park and extends to 17 Avenue; RiverWalk West starts in Eau Claire and extends to 14 Street. ECCA is concerned that these two projects, and any future decision on Lot 6, are being designed without any reference to each other or residents of Eau Claire. We encourage all residents to engage with the City at any opportunity and help us make the point that this is our Western Gateway and we want the intersection at Eau Claire to be viewed holistically.

The 8 Street Revitalization Project has already held public engagements and North Anchor Park is presented as entirely separate from anything else in Eau Claire. "The key directions to improve this space include bringing in features to animate the park, creating a variety of playful seating options, and introducing lighting to create a special ambiance, welcoming character, and improved sense of safety. The rendering above demonstrates how these design moves can enhance the park to become both a destination and work with 8 Street SW to improve the overall pedestrian experience."

Lot 6 is an underutilized parking lot that's been activated for the past two summers for pop-up events. There isn't any engagement yet on Calgary.ca but given its location it needs to be discussed in concert with the other two projects.

RiverWalk West is undergoing a juried selection process and most of the five designs currently being considered

do reference the land that's currently Lot 6 and/or the space the other team is calling North Anchor Park. "RiverWalk West presents an opportunity to create a unique identity and continuous public promenade connecting Fort Calgary to the west end of downtown. The redevelopment will continue the work to harmonize flood mitigation, increase stormwater improvements and upgrade the public realm required to support the growing demands for safe recreational and alternative commuter uses."

Ironically, one of the mandates from the Greater Downtown Plan for RiverWalk West is to "consolidate and review land use for fragmented City-owned parcels." But we haven't found any evidence they're considering the portion of the project in Eau Claire with either of the other two projects.



# Eau Claire Community Association Mural

We're proud to announce the completion of our new ECCA mural by Calgary artist Sarah Slaughter.

Sarah has helped us to commemorate our 30th anniversary as a community association with a colourful mural depicting the heritage of The Eau Claire Lumber Company from which we got our name. We are very grateful to the City of Calgary for funding this project through their Downtown Strategy Programming Funding.

This heritage project includes a second part which will be available on our webpage within a few months. This project will commemorate many more points in our history, from the initial use by local First Nations communities onwards.





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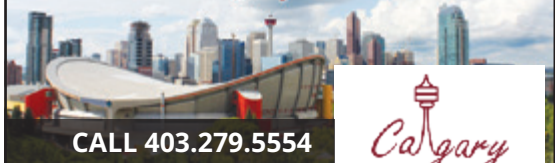
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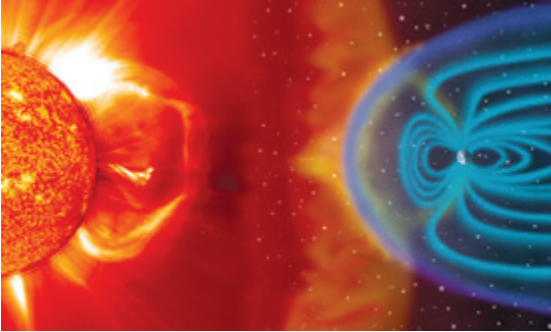
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# The Sun: Our Friend and Sometimes Foe

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Astronomers had been aware of dark spots on the Sun since the early 1600s, but it wasn't until 1755 they discovered the number of sunspots increased and decreased in cycles spanning 11 years.

On September 1, 1859, an English astronomer named Richard Carrington was keenly aware the number of sunspots was on the rise. While sketching a particularly large cluster, he witnessed an explosion of light lasting about five minutes. The flare was a coronal mass ejection (CME), a burst of magnetized plasma from the Sun's upper atmosphere. Normally, a CME takes several days to reach Earth. In this case, it took only 17.6 hours.

That night, the Earth experienced unprecedented electrical chaos. Telegraph poles and substations (precursor to the telephone) started catching fire and

northern and southern auroral displays, normally confined to the polar regions, were now visible as far south as Hawaii and as far north as Australia.

Carrington realized the flare he'd seen was almost certainly the cause of this massive geomagnetic disturbance. This connection had never previously been made. In his honour, the 1859 incident is now known as the Carrington Event.

It was the most powerful solar eruption in recorded history; causing wide-reaching communication failures as the telegraph system was simply unable to withstand the tremendous amount of electricity surging through the wires.

In 1989, a CME knocked out power to the province of Quebec, leaving 6 million people in the dark for nine hours. It also damaged transformers as far away as New Jersey and nearly took down the U.S. power grid from the Eastern Seaboard to the Pacific Northwest. On July 23, 2012, a CME equivalent to the Carrington Event narrowly missed Earth. Had it hit us, our technology dependent world would have suffered catastrophic damage.

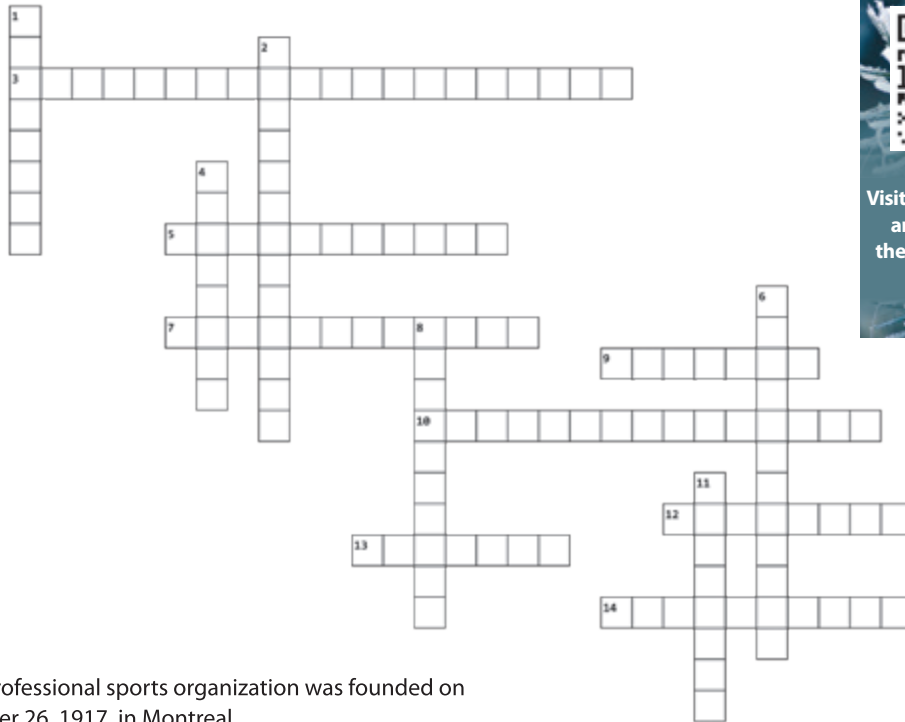


# CANADIAN BROADCASTING

CBC/Radio-Canada, very well known for both television and radio broadcasting, was founded and established as a Crown Corporation in Ottawa on November 2, 1936. That makes it 87 years old this month!



# November Crossword



## Across

3. This professional sports organization was founded on November 26, 1917, in Montreal.
5. Born on November 12, 1980, but he's just Ken.
7. November is National \_\_\_\_\_ Month, and during this 30-day period, thousands of writers around the world attempt to complete a full manuscript – minimum 50,000 words.
9. On November 1, 1946, the fist NBA game occurred between the New York Knickerbockers and the Toronto \_\_\_\_\_.
10. This weekly country music radio broadcast premiered in Nashville, Tennessee on November 28, 1925.
12. This month is the only month used in the 26-letter NATO phonetic alphabet.
13. Pink Floyd's iconic 11th album, \_\_\_\_\_, was released on November 30, 1979.
14. On November 29, 1961, the Mercury-Atlas 5 circled the Earth twice with Enos, a male \_\_\_\_\_ onboard; thankfully, he survived the three hour and 20-minute space flight.

## Down

1. On World \_\_\_\_\_ Day, celebrated on November 13, many wear cardigans in honour of Fred Rogers who promoted love and self-esteem building on his show.
2. November's official flower, which originates from East Asia.
4. Released on November 22, 1995, this film featuring Tom Hanks and Tim Allen was the first feature-length film made entirely by CGI technology.
6. The world's longest running play, written by Agatha Christie, premiered on November 25, 1952, in London.
8. November 1, 1611, was the first recorded performance of this Shakespearean tragicomedy. It was performed for King James.
11. The reason people grow moustaches in November.

## Calgary's Portuguese Heritage

by Anthony Imbrogo (*The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC volunteer*)



*Grandview district, 1909 (Glenbow Library and Archives Collection)*

Portugal's era of seafaring exploration is tied to Canada's history. Portuguese ships were in the waters near Newfoundland by the 1450s. In 1498, João Fernandes o Lavrador reached the coast of North America, with many expeditions following.

A major influx of Portuguese people to Canada occurred in the 1950s and 1960s. Many were from the Azores, a group of volcanic islands about 1500 km off the European coast. They are tropical outposts in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, with rich soils and mild weather. Before the rise of the services economy and tourism, agriculture and fishing were the main economic drivers.



*Street Parking, Ramsay, 1959 (City of Calgary Archives)*

Ottawa's official sponsorship of Portuguese immigration began in 1953. Canadian government officials on the islands actively recruited and assessed Azoreans to fill labour shortages on farms and the railways. With their skills in the trades and agriculture, Alberta was a natural destination for many, including my grandparents. Whereas immigration to Canada had previously taken place by boat, many from the Azores used a newer technology: the airplane.



*Lilydale poultry plant, Ramsay, 2023 (Anthony Imbrogo)*



*Lilydale poultry plant, Ramsay (looking east along 21 Ave SE), 2023 (Anthony Imbrogo)*

For 17 years, my grandmother, and mother for a summer, worked at Pinecrest (later under the Lilydale brand) poultry plant in Ramsay. It opened in 1943 with community permission when the neighbourhood (formerly called Grandview) was a mix of residential and industrial activity, particularly since it was also a stockyard for the railway. The City acquired the land in 2022 and the plant will be demolished to make way for Green Line LRT construction and new developments. A modern and efficient poultry plant now operates in Dufferin North Industrial Park.

Two organizations in Calgary celebrate Portuguese heritage. Our Lady of Fatima Church began in 1970, with Father Raymond Vozza of Holy Trinity Parish offering monthly Mass for Calgary's Portuguese Catholics. Other services were held at host churches until Fatima Church was constructed in 1996.



*Portuguese Folk Group performing at the Calgary Stampede, July 2023 (Anthony Imbrogo)*

At the Portuguese Society of Calgary, my grandfather played the tuba in the Filármonica Portuguêsa de Calgary, and dances are performed by the Portuguese Folk Group, established in 1983. Whether through culture or work, Portuguese people continue to add to Calgary's vibrancy and prosperity.



## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays starting at 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend any public Council meeting in person or watch remotely online through our webcast page on [Calgary.ca](http://Calgary.ca). Members of the public can attend and speak to items during a Public Hearing which are usually held once a month.

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## Your Photos on the Cover?

We'd love to see some community photos in The Current and even on the cover. Please submit them to [info@EauClaireCA.com](mailto:info@EauClaireCA.com) with the subject line "Photos."

- All photos must be taken in Eau Claire; if at an event or festival please identify.
- No pictures of kids unless accompanied by a parental release.
- If your photo is chosen for publication you will get a photo credit in the issue.
- Photos must be 1MB in size and 300 DPI for print quality.

## CRIME STATISTICS



### Eau Claire Crime Activity was Down in September 2023

The Eau Claire community experienced 5 crimes in September 2023, in comparison to 8 crimes the previous month, and 7 crimes in September one year ago. Eau Claire experiences an average of 4.8 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Eau Claire experienced a total of 58 crimes as of September 2023, which is down 12% in comparison to 66 crimes as of September 2022. To review the full Eau Claire Crime report visit [eauc.mycalgary.com](http://eauc.mycalgary.com).

*How To Report Crime In Eau Claire: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at [crimestoppers.ab.ca](http://crimestoppers.ab.ca), or text tttTIPS to 274637.*

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November 11 is Remembrance Day, a time of reflection and gratitude. The sacrifices made, the lives lost, and the hopes for a peaceful tomorrow are etched in our collective memory. In knowing our past, we pave the way for a brighter future. We pledge to remember, ensuring that such devastation is never repeated.

To the brave souls who served and the indomitable spirit of those affected, we salute and honour you. Your resilience continues to guide us.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.


The conflict between Russian and Ukraine has continued for over a year and a half now. That tells us a few things: that the world is still subject to conflict between nations who believe that their relative size and strength are more important than people’s free will to choose their own way of life; and, despite the relative differences in apparent capabilities, there is no quick subjugation of a people who will fight to uphold their values. The latter is good (in my opinion), but it means that the awful price in lives and destruction will continue. I think the resolve of our free world is being tested, and we must rise to the occasion. If this Russian ‘annexation’ of an independent and democratic country is not stopped, then this behaviour will continue in the world. There is much at stake, and it is imperative that our support for Ukraine’s continued independence remains strong.

This is a moment in history, and we ignore the consequences of complacency at our peril.

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