

Calgary Lake Chaparral Community Association History

Meetings commenced in spring of 2000 concerning Genstar's development plans and timetable for the rest of Lake Chaparral. Over the course of further meetings, information was gathered from the developer, the Municipal Alderman, Linda Fox-Mellway and concerned residents. Information was shared concerning Lake Chaparral and Chaparral Ridge. A suggestion was made that the formation of a community association could be of assistance when dealing with matters between the area, the developers, city and provincial representatives.

It was determined that a Steering Committee should be established to get the ball rolling to form Chaparral Community Association. Over the next year a group of interested volunteers from both Lake Chaparral and Chaparral Ridge began meeting to put together the principles and bylaws of the community organization. Much work went into this initial process to get the community association up and running.

Meetings have been held at the Lake Chaparral Rec. Center. Guest speakers have been Alderman Peter Demong, police community liaison officer, representatives from South Fish Creek Recreation Association, MLA candidates, community developers Genstar and Chaparral Land & Cattle Co., Catholic and Public School Board Trustees.

Several issues have been raised including:

- Only one access to our community
- Schooling and bussing issues
- Rate of speed on our main streets
- Crime
- Parking on residential streets
- Further community development

The Chaparral Community Association has enjoyed tremendous success in its early years. The association has a great relationship with Genstar (developer of Lake Chaparral), Linda Fox-Mellway (local Alderman) and Cindy Ady (MLA). We have provided input into many issues and concerns relating to our community. We have run some great events including our first annual Family Picnic and Clean-Up day last June.