



Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association

**REPORT TO COMMUNITY 2018**



### **Mission:**

**“to preserve and enhance a healthy and vibrant quality of life for the residents of Hillhurst Sunnyside”**

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# Message from the Board and Executive Director

Dear Hillhurst-Sunnyside Residents,

On behalf of HSCA we are pleased to present you with the 2018 Report to Community. 2018 was a full and vibrant year at HSCA and throughout Hillhurst Sunnyside.

Some highlights include celebrating HSCA's 70th Anniversary, several resident-led Neighbour Day parties, adding 15 new spaces for residents in our Daycare, and launching Community Connections which creates opportunities for residents to connect through volunteering and in multiple programs at HSCA.

A new partnership presented itself in 2018 that has created many opportunities for creativity and engagement at HSCA. What started as a partnership between North Hill Centre and HSCA to renovate the Hearth Room, grew into a project involving many partners and neighbours. Read the full story on page 10

As we look forward to 2019, we eagerly await the Hearth Room Hub Project's completion. While the room is due for a much needed update, what we are most excited for, is to have a space that reflects the vibrancy of Hillhurst-Sunnyside; welcoming neighbours in to connect, engage and shape their community.

HSCA has many programs, services and activities for you to get involved in and we are always open to discussing new ideas to ensure we stay relevant. Please visit our website, [www.hsca.ca](http://www.hsca.ca) to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved. In 2019, whether you subscribe to our newsletter, sign-up for a volunteer shift, attend a new program or just stop in to say hi, please find a way to join us as we strive to make this the best organization it can be.

Sincerely,

Tyler Chalmers  
Chair, HSCA Board of Directors

Kate Stenson  
Executive Director



# 2017 COMMUNITY SURVEY

## What we've done

HSCA conducted a community survey in 2017 and since then we have been working to implement feedback we received into our programs and services.

Here is what we've done so far:



Host Community Potlucks one evening per month



Increased social media presence to spread the word about programs



Updates to HSCA'S Hearth and Board Rooms coming this summer!



Hosted HSCA's 70th Anniversary Party for community



Launched a volunteer database to make it easier for community members to get involved



Speaker series at Farmers' Market to share information on food, health and sustainability



Increased clarity about programs we are already offering



Increased frequency of chair yoga

We will continue to use this survey data to shape what we do, including in our upcoming strategic planning.

## 2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE

In 2018, HSCA programs continued with growth in both number of participants and donations. The Drop-In Practice English group has reached its capacity for participants, and Fresh Food Basket increased by 25 households more per week to access the program.

Our programming and planning was informed by the 2017 Community Survey results and we will continue to commit to fulfilling our mission with engaging and informative community programming, as well as volunteer opportunities.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Programs: a collection of programs that aim to bring neighbours together to nurture and strengthen relationships, provide opportunities for learning, skill building and recreation and where possible, provide basic needs supports.



The Farmers' Market **Incubator Booth** was a huge success this year. The Incubator Booth is intended to assist new and emerging entrepreneurs with growing their business through reduced rates on a booth rental at the Market and a chance to reach a broader audience. This program also gives the opportunity for local shoppers to test new products and have a say in how to fill gaps in our market line-up.

**6** small businesses took part in the program  
**3** of the vendors returned on a casual basis to our market

**"This Farmers' Market is just the tip of the iceberg for all the good food efforts happening here at the HSCA"**

- Liisa Hawes, The Apple Lady

### Community Gardens

Sunnyside Shared Garden: **6** people consistently in attendance (all residents)

Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Garden: **32** plots rented

Kensington Community First Garden: **24** plots rented

All **3** gardens grow food for Fresh Food Basket



### Fresh Food Basket

~**250** households (households vary in size)

Average households per week: **72** in 2018 (57 in 2017)

In 2018, we introduced a Social Space to the Fresh Food Basket program. Many relationships developed among participants, and this has made it more comfortable and accessible for families. We are able to provide a safe space for people to spend time, enjoy a snack and hot drink, as well as connect with external resources and organizations that can support them in ways the HSCA cannot.

**"Everybody's in the same boat, so there's no, you know, people looking down on other people because they're standing in a line for food. What has happened, what has been my experience, is just the opposite. It's that I've made friends and acquaintances just standing in that line on Monday afternoons. Coming into this community centre really stands for a lot [...] you know, they run the whole gamut from kids to seniors and it's a very inclusive environment. Non-judgemental. And very encouraging."**

- Catherine Bartlett

A parent with two young kids came to Neighbour Night in the early spring looking for ways to get more connected to their community. They participate almost every week, and in about six months they have started to build some very meaningful connections that extend way beyond the community centre. They now help out a second participant by picking up their child from school two days a week. They also have play dates with a third participant who has similarly aged children, building a supportive relationship between them and their children. This participant has also connected with a participant who needed help moving and donating some items, and because they have access to a vehicle, they offered to help.. They provided the following feedback when asked what their most significant learnings have been from Neighbour Night: “[I am] so struck by the honesty and vulnerability in these relationships and the willingness to care for one another, despite one’s own poverty (financial, time, resources, etc.)”.



### Community Connections

Total participants across:  
 Neighbour Night  
 Community Potlucks  
 One-on-One Neighbour Connections  
 Drop-in Knitting  
 Drop-in Card Group  
 Drop-in Chair Yoga  
**85** (approx)  
 Drop-in ESL **30** (approx.)  
 Volunteer Income Tax Clinics **44**

## CHILDCARE

With the addition of the Early Learning Childcare Centre (ELCC) grant and affordable child care, we’ve been able to offer additional spaces in our daycare to those families in need who would otherwise be unable to access our program.

Late 2015 - Early 2016 - HSCA acquired the Daycare from Churchill Park. In 2015, only 20% of families were residents

In the Spring of 2017 we were named an ELCC 2018 - **100%** of the families are residents of Hillhurst Sunnyside with 10% coming from partner organizations Brenda Strafford and Calgary Housing



The HSCA OOSC Kindergarten Program became part of the ELCC Curriculum Framework Pilot Project in 2018. With this, we are able to serve and support families, who otherwise wouldn’t be able to access our program.

**95%** of families registered in our school year program (Sept-June) are community residents.  
**75%** in our summer program (July/August) are community residents.

# COMMUNITY PLANNING

## From NIMBY to YIMBY

We were successful in turning the conversation from not-in-my-back-yard to yes-in-my-back-yard via events and communications. Reinforcing Hillhurst Sunnyside as a welcoming community where diversity is its strength through:

### Community Engagement

Organized and hosted HSCA's first Jane's Walk. **3** hours long, we had **45** attendees at first and **30** by the end. **9** guest speakers from the neighbourhood, including local housing providers and city-wide non-profit housing providers. Attendees who came out to the Jane's Walk supported affordable housing, social housing, laneway housing and creative partnerships.

Inner City Working Group: working with neighbouring communities and City of Calgary to improve planning processes, decrease interdepartmental silos and bolster community engagement

Supported **3** Neighbour Day celebrations that built on advocacy and neighbour connections

### Traffic

**2500** flyers delivered across Hillhurst and Sunnyside (2018-2019)

Outreach and presentation at a Transit Oriented Development Symposium with leaders from City of Calgary, community, industry, and academia on the future of redevelopment of LRTs and BRTs with the Green Line LRT. Learning and finding common threads from all perspectives.

### Safety Initiatives

Worked with residents on safety

Supported resident-led neighbourhood watch group

Built excellent relationship with Alpha House and the harm-reduction support they provided to Hillhurst Sunnyside with the DOAP Team vans in 2018 and now, the needle collection team for 2019.

### Good Neighbour Relations

Supporting the Good Neighbour Agreement with HSCA and Aurora on the Park. Facilitating quarterly meetings and action items. Organizing **16** stakeholders for quarterly meetings representing residents, HomeSpace, Alpha House, neighbouring businesses, Kensington BIA, Calgary Police, Ward 7 Councillors' office

Sunnyside Sustainable Living, a local company that gives back to community and provides family affordable housing.



**Badminton**  
 10 Year Anniversary Party  
 HSCA staff and badminton players celebrated with a few rounds of badminton and a potluck lunch

**2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE**

**EVENTS**

2018 was a year of growth and community building. HSCA staff and volunteers hosted new events including: the first Eco-Fair, Jane's Walk and Hillhurst Neighbour Day party in our community.

There were also a few anniversaries - biggest of them was the 70th Year of HSCA's incorporation as a society in 1948.

And the Farmers' Market continued to play host for multiple community events geared at engagement

**Hello Neighbour**

**Birdhouse Painting**  
 The kick off event for our partnership with North Hill Centre. HSCA staff and volunteers went to a community birdhouse painting party to engage with community members, raise funds and move forward on work in the HSCA Hearth Room



**Eco-Fair**

HSCA Sustainability committee and partners hosted an eco-fair to bring awareness to climate change and sustainability in our community

**Jane's Walk**

**Alternative Housing**

Co-hosted by Decker Butzner (resident and Jane's nephew), this walk explored emerging forms of housing (modular & laneway suites), affordable & million dollar homes, housing for families, seniors, cooperative housing and supportive housing for vulnerable citizens







## Neighbour Day

### Hillhurst Block Party

In an effort to engage our neighbours west of 14th street we invited residents to host a block party. 80 neighbours attended along with special guests from CBC, Kensington Legion & Calgary Bylaw Services



### Sunnyside Park Party

Held annually in Sunnyside the event hosted games for kids, food from the Lions Club and a cat costume competition and great, local, live entertainment



### Stampede Breakfast

Pancakes and dance lessons were provided by the Stampede Caravan.

### Yard Sales

Residents from 10A Street and beyond hosted their annual yard sales and put on live entertainment, and lemonade stands



## HSCA's 70th Anniversary Party

HSCA staff and volunteers hosted a 70th Anniversary Party for residents and Calgary community members. Participants competed in the Hillhurst versus Sunnyside games (a set of challenges designed to engage residents and bring awareness of HSCA). Sunnyside emerged victorious

## Birdhouse Fundraiser

Inspired by the North Hill Centre Hello Neighbour project our neighbours at Framed on Fifth challenged artists to beautify birdhouses. Artwork was auctioned off at an Indoor Farmers' Market and proceeds went to the Hearth Room improvement project



## Farmers' Market

Special Events: Outdoor Season Opener, Pollinator Party, Teddy Bear Picnic, Local Food Week, Salsa Fest, Harvest Fair, A Very Local Holiday

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Roughly 50 HSCA volunteers joined us for dinner, giveaways and an interactive art project.



# VOLUNTEERS

Adam Martineau  
Adrian Caceres  
Alicia Noecker  
Alyson Bennett  
Amanda Siu  
Ana Uribe  
Andrew Giles  
Andrew Hoskin  
Andrew Jones  
Andy To  
Anna Wingenbach  
Anthony Ahtom  
Asia Walker  
Audrey McDonald  
Barb Down  
Becky Rock  
Ben Ooi  
Ben Komos  
Beverly Armbruster  
Bill Latimer  
Bob Corless  
Boyd Hansen  
Brian Bass  
Brian Du  
Buff Smith  
Carolyn Ormsbee  
Cathal Murray  
Catherine Bartlett  
Catherine Melnyk Wilson  
Chantel Truong  
Charlie Lund  
Chris Andrew  
Chris Koper  
Christine Bohn  
Christine Neff  
Chuck Churchill  
Colin Cubbon  
Dabial Kopala-Sibley  
Darren Anderson  
David Brindle  
David Campagna  
David Reese  
Decker Butzner



Eliot Tretter  
Ellen Armbruster  
Erin Murray  
Evan Rutledge  
Francesca Davenport  
Gail Holwell  
Gaye Forbes  
Geoff Higgins  
George Thompson  
Glen Wierzba  
Gord Armbruster  
Hannah White  
Hannah Yaholnitsky  
Hillary Munro  
Jack Blitt  
Jan Ooi  
Janet Melrose  
Janet Spensley  
Janet Turchak  
Janine Bracewell  
Jasmine Down  
Jason Goebel  
Jennifer Craddock  
Jennifer de Bruyn  
Jennifer Noronah-Varzari  
Jenny Campbell-Krocker  
Jeremy Barretto  
Jeremy Mroch  
Jesse Pruden  
Jim Besse  
Jim Shea  
John Masterson

Joyce Dann  
Judith Wale  
Kate Winterbottom  
Kathleen Kenny  
Katie Fung  
Kerri Treheme  
Krista Kaert  
Lorna Cordeiro  
Louis Huang  
Manucheh Noshiravani  
Maria Lee  
Maricris Ussher  
Mark Beckman  
Markus Nestle  
Mary Trociuk  
Matt Crowley  
Mekale Kibresb  
Michelle Dallaire  
Mike Bradfield  
Molly Eliot  
Nick Boulton  
Nikki Mak  
Norman Hall  
Pamela Romanchuk  
Pat Jans  
Patricia Gustafson  
Patti Dawkins  
Peter Bolton  
Peter Davenport  
Peter laBastide  
Peter McLaughlin  
Perter Piliounis  
Reg Jans  
Richard Bolt  
Richard Johnson

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Richard Smith  
Robert McKercher  
Ryan Hall  
Sam Ooi  
Sandra Walker  
Sarah Greenwood  
Sarah Milbury  
Sarah Pooler  
Shalina Ousman  
Shana Wolch  
Siu Ping Shum  
Susan Chong  
Tammy Martin

Tao Jiang  
Tess Ooi  
Tim Mullen  
Tina Wong  
Tony Wimmers  
Torsten Geldsetzer  
Trevor Gair  
Tyler Chalmers  
Wendy Lambkin  
Ximena Gonzalez  
Yasmeen Huq  
YMCA LIT program  
~11 youth volunteers (cannot disclose their names)

## DONORS

### Partners:

Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta  
City of Calgary  
Community Food Centres Canada  
Family Community Support Services  
Federation of Calgary Communities  
Government of Alberta  
Kinder Education Foundation  
North Hill Centre  
Providence

### Supporters:

Alberta Approved Market Program  
Calgary Parking Authority  
Calgary Rotary Club South  
Calgary Stampede

# THANK YOU DONORS!

Calico Farms  
Framed on Fifth  
Jeremy Barretto and Alexandra Mann  
Kensington Auto Pro  
Kensington Commons Church  
Liisa Hawes The Apple Lady  
Natasha and Tyler Chalmers  
Richard Thiessen  
Volunteer Alberta SCiP

### Contributors:

Allen Bass  
Christopher Chung  
Chow Family  
COBS Kensington  
Czirjak Family  
Decker Butzner  
Enbridge on behalf of Christine Neff  
Francesca Davenport  
Gallant Family  
Gordon Family  
Grace Yuen  
Hanlon Family  
Henry Tse  
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Garden  
Hillhurst Sunnyside Farmers' Market  
Program and Vendors  
Hillhurst Sunnyside OOSC Program  
Janet Melrose- Calgary's Cottage Gardener  
Jessica Clark  
Jill Cairns  
Joanne Gordon  
Karen Gallagher-Burt  
Kensington First Community Garden  
LAN Solutions  
Lindsay Read  
Mary Marson-Troicuk  
MEC  
Midtown Kitchen  
Mohanish Wakde  
Monica Kidd (on behalf of teachers at OOSC and at Hillhurst School)  
MYo Lab  
Natalie Galant  
Neighbour Day Contributions (Sunnyside

Park Party, Yard Sales, Westmount Neighbour Day)  
Norfolk Housing  
Oranj Fitness  
Repsol Oil & Gas John Bartlett  
Robert Coward  
Robert McKercher  
Robin Donaldson  
Safeway  
Scott Mulroy  
Sonchris Developments  
St. Barnabus Community Garden  
Sunnyside Natural Market  
Sunnyside Shared Garden  
Throp Family  
True Buch Kombucha  
Ward Community Event Fund  
Wayne and Jennifer Pope  
Wong Family  
Yasmeen Huq  
10, 000 Villages

### Campaigns:

**Fresh Food Basket Summer Fundraising Campaign:** raised **\$1770.65** specifically for Fresh Food Basket groceries. Money was raised through: OOSC bake sale over the summer at the Farmers Market as well as a basket raffle at the market and partnership funds from Kombucha sales.

After the campaign finished, an additional **\$5600** was donated online or through local sponsors and initiatives

**Total FFB donations in 2018: \$7370.65**

**HSCA Hub Build Campaign:** raised **\$13,806** in 2018 through partnership with North Hill Centre's Hello Neighbour initiative (see below), online fundraising and Birdhouse Fundraiser. We expect to reach our goal of **\$30,000** in 2019 thanks in part to Rotary Club of Calgary.

# PARTNER PROFILE

In the spring of 2018, Paula Lee and the team from North Hill Centre (Bentall Kennedy) reached out to HSCA staff and asked us how they could help the community of Hillhurst Sunnyside. She mentioned their Hello Neighbour initiative, a two-year project which was intended to engage community associations in the four quadrants around the shopping centre. Paula says, "You're our neighbours. You're the people we want to be neighbourly with."

Since HSCA serves two communities: Hillhurst and Sunnyside, Paula felt that a partnership could then help more individuals and families in the area. So, we invited her to our community centre for more information and some inspiration. We told her about the Community Connections programs at HSCA - specifically, Fresh Food Basket, Community Potlucks and Neighbour Night, all of which are hosted in the Hearth Room. And all of which are free to residents. Paula says, "When we were able to spend time with you and see the true extent of what you're doing for the community it was mind-[blowing], it was amazing. So that's how it started, and we just really are grateful."

We expressed to Paula our desire to make the Hearth Room space an inviting and functional hub for those Community Connections programs and for other users of the space, such as the art class. The Hearth Room is the heart of the HSCA and functions as a community family room of sorts with the intention of bringing residents

together; whether it be for those programs, the indoor Farmers' Market, or public events like the AGM or development open houses.

Paula was excited for the opportunity to help us revitalize the space and developed the Living Room project idea. We would beautify the space to encourage more residents to engage in programs and events there. She went back to her team at North Hill and developed the idea to paint birdhouses as a fundraiser. She says, "The reason we chose birdhouses is because we wanted to start a dialogue around the Hearth Room and the centre of a home. We couldn't build a house, so we decided that birdhouses were a kind of metaphor to what the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association does. You have programs for the community, for seniors, for kids. So it was just a way to give people a fun project that was around this idea of home. And the Hearth Room being the centre of this project."

The project grew to include support from Framed on Fifth as Hannah White and Patricia Gustafson engaged artists in Calgary to paint birdhouses of their own that were auctioned off in December 2018.

The auction raised almost \$4000 and through fundraising efforts online and from Paula and North Hill Centre (including an ask to Rotary Club North) the project has raised

just over \$10,000 to go toward revitalizing the Hearth Room space. We are continuing to work with Paula and other funders to cover the total project cost of about \$30,000.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to partner with North Hill Centre on this project. They have demonstrated a shared value of community engagement and sense of belonging and we look forward to the improvements in the Hearth Room space. Paula would like to recognize that this project is a gift from the merchants of North Hill Centre as much as the patrons and neighbours of the mall. She says, "I think it's really important to understand that this gift and this relationship are an opportunity to help the community and it starts with the merchants. And it's their giving that's allowed us the opportunity to do this."

The construction in the Hearth Room should start in the summer of 2019. Stay posted to HSCA channels for progress updates. Thank you North Hill Centre, Bentall Kennedy, Rotary Club North, Framed on Fifth and all of the artists, residents, HSCA staff and volunteers who contributed to this project.



# FINANCIALS

## HILLHURST SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Audited

December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$ 65,294	\$ 164,875
Internally restricted cash (Note 3)	95,794	74,113
Externally restricted assets (Note 4)	275,311	297,823
Funds in trust (Note 5)	23,116	7,842
Short-term investments (Note 6)	106,922	104,825
Accounts receivable, unrestricted	65,453	66,274
Government receivables	11,342	7,499
Prepaid expense	12,261	8,840
	<u>655,493</u>	<u>732,001</u>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b> (Note 7)	973,747	887,223
<b>GOODWILL</b> (Note 8)	99,000	99,000
	<u>\$ 1,728,240</u>	<u>\$ 1,718,314</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 58,298	\$ 59,764
Funds in trust (Note 5)	23,116	7,842
Deferred revenue (Note 9)	40,318	27,016
Deferred cash contributions (Note 4)	275,311	297,823
	<u>397,043</u>	<u>392,445</u>
<b>DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> (Note 10)	891,190	847,336
	<u>1,288,233</u>	<u>1,239,781</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Investment in capital assets	82,557	39,887
Internally restricted assets (Note 3)	95,794	74,113
Unrestricted net assets	261,656	364,533
	<u>440,007</u>	<u>478,533</u>
	<u>\$ 1,728,240</u>	<u>\$ 1,718,314</u>

Please refer to Final Signed Audited Financials 2018 for full details (available as separate document).

# MEMORIES OF A 70-YEAR-OLD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The 70th birthday of the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association gives me pause to think back on my 44 year relationship with the community. In 1982 I bought a reprint of a book from the HSCA called Hillhurst Sunnyside Remembers by Margaret Tanko. It was simply made with black and white photographs and stories told by members of the community, some who had lived here since the early part of the 20th Century. The book charmed me and became a treasured part of my library.

I have always loved Hillhurst Sunnyside because of its heritage houses, mature trees, vintage lilac bushes, layers of history, diversity of residents and small town feel. As time passes, the community continues to grow and change, but recently these changes have become alarmingly rapid changing the look and feel of the neighbourhood. Residents come and go. Old houses get demolished to make way for condos altering the heritage character. Businesses open and close on 10th Street, 14th Street and Kensington Road.

The land Calgary stands on is the traditional territory of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. This includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Piikani, Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (Chiniki, Bearspaw, Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also

home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. They have been the stewards of our land for thousands of years and continue to maintain a very positive relationship with it.

English and Scottish settlers arrived in this area, now known as Hillhurst and Sunnyside, as homesteaders in the late 1800s. New Edinborough was the name of the suburb created between 10th Street and Centre Street that eventually became Sunnyside. In 1914 it was incorporated into the City of Calgary. The Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) built workers' cottages in Sunnyside on 25-foot lots and rented them to their employees. Many of these cottages still remain today, although they are quickly disappearing due to development spurred on by City Council priority of densification. In the early days Sunnyside residents took a ferry across the Bow River to get to work at the CPR or the Eau Claire lumber mill. Now we hop on an LRT.

Squatter Felix McHugh staked a claim to homestead on CPR land. The CPR contested it but he was successful in receiving one acre of land through the courts. He built a house at the corner of 9A Street and Memorial Drive, where the green space with a Community garden now exists and the LRT tracks go overhead. McHugh Bluff is named after him.

Ezra Hounsfield Riley was a pioneer

rancher and politician who owned the property west of Sunnyside. He also purchased McHugh's. Eventually Riley sold his property to the City of Calgary and it became Hillhurst, West Hillhurst, Sunnyside and Hounsfield Heights. He donated the land that is now Riley Park to the City of Calgary.

In 1948 the Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Association was formed. FYI there is no community in Calgary called Kensington, only a shopping district. Under the Municipal Government Act, the City of Calgary developed several Business Revitalization Zones (BRZ) to encourage Calgarians to shop in areas of Calgary that weren't thriving during the '80's. The shopping area at Tenth Street and Kensington Road was first named Louise Crossing, due to its proximity to the Louise (Tenth Street) Bridge, and eventually Kensington Village named after the street. When the BRZ legislation expired in 2016, these areas became Business Improvement Area (BIA)



"a group of businesses in a defined geographical area that come together to improve and promote their businesses."

I am including a photograph of Gleason family in front of my house on Memorial Drive in 1914 when Hillhurst was a new suburb. Michael and his brother James built two houses side by side on lots purchased for \$650 each using materials from the Eau Claire lumber mill at a cost of \$1,250 each. Taxes were \$68.50 a year. The 10th Street steel and girder bridge is in the background. The City of Calgary's saplings were newly planted and would stand for almost 100 years. The streetscape shows similar houses on small lots with picket fences lining "Westmount Boulevard" (as it was known then).

I peruse my little 24 page Hillhurst Sunnyside Remembers book with the stories and photographs so lovingly gathered and assembled by Margaret Tanko and wonder who

she was and how the book came to be. When I moved into Sunnyside the HSCA had just fought the city to stop them from turning Memorial Drive into a freeway. Instead Bow Trail was built on the other side of the river. HSCA also slowed the construction of apartment blocks during the '70's by insisting that the community preferred homes with yards for families.

Is it time for more stories that document the 40 years since Hillhurst Sunnyside Remembers was published in 1978? Do you remember the protests about the LRT? Shoppers Drug Mart taking over Telstar Drugs? The Saturday School? Communicare? Art classes held at The Heart Studio in the home of Carol Bondaroff and Stan Phelps? Fighting to keep the schools open? The Fall Fair and Parade? Did you witness the fire that destroyed the Ross Kerr Block? Or St John's Church? The Carpenters' Hall all ages gigs? Gallery 510 in a Sunnyside garage? Wreck City?

Ant Hill Fabrics? The blacksmith shop in the backyard of a Sunnyside resident?

Thank you to all who were able to attend the 70th Anniversary Celebration. And thank you to all of the residents, volunteers and staff who make this community so fantastic.

Article written by Patti Dawkins  
Patti Dawkins is a long time Hillhurst Sunnyside resident. She is a graduate and former employee of the Alberta University of the Arts (formerly know as the Alberta College of Art and Design). She walked through Riley Park and up the hill to study or go to work for 27 years. She is currently retired but continues to wander the streets of Hillhurst every spring taking photographs of each individual home to document the changes over the years.

Credit for photo is:  
The Gleason Family on "The Boulevard" 1914 Photo courtesy of Jennifer Hill



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