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## EV STATIONS COMING

Promises of financing towards building public charging stations for electric vehicles are coming. Projections hold that the scale of the budget will be about half a billion dollars. Time to charge a vehicle typically lasts more than two hours therefore, charging may occur while parking. There are currently between 3000 and 5000 EVs in Calgary as other drivers wait for better batteries.

## REAL META

With the fresh incubators for startups in Calgary for Alberta youth entrepreneurs, news of Meta going company has surfaced. As cyberspace was the precursor to the metaverse, the company promises to explore the different spaces in which community can be built.

Beyond the common ideas of rendered spaces and characters, the real metaverse and its supporters champion rendering of new realities as mathematical-geometrical metaverses, as well as facsimiles of some zoomX. If eventual realizations of mathematical-geometrical metaverse come about, it would be the culmination of new forms of calculus extending new virtual spatialities. Present proposals include one forwarding old geocities, whereupon the space generated is of the surface of a sphere, which can be expanded indefinitely as needed.

# FRESH SPACE ANEW

A call is now being penned concerning the opportunity for established communities to elect certain businesses and enterprises as well as organizations to tenancy in one of the skyscrapers, likely the Bow Tower. All organizations are welcome to consider the opportunity, but oganizations loved and respected by local communities will receive the most interest. The objective is to plan together and pool resources to take a floor to completion stage in which a coherent design reflecting the taste and interest of the group could bring the finishing invigoration in architectural design to propel the space into architectural space. Interested entities are invited to consult and seek information with other related interested entities so that pre-design representation in community is possible.

### WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH RGH?

The popular phrasing of transitionary status by President Biden has stimulated a rush of copycats across the land. This includes some venues in Calgary including the Rockyview General Hospital, previously the Holy Cross Hospital. Despite the popularity of changing the label to match the scenic views, at times this facility continues to operate in a transitionary status.

If a general hospital is so named for its widespread administrative prowess, then RGH should more appropriately be labeled a health facility at present. Even though for months, the facility continued to operate without administrative staff in office, increasing concern from around the city for the happenstance of accidents and trespassing did return staff into office.

A sense of horror at the lack of proper supervision did transmit through clients who came to be within care of staff on duty. Such clients included a clergyman, a prince, a judge, an architect, and a commander. For many, the unusual circumstance and requirement for receiving medication without proper formal assessment drove arrivals seeking counsel with each other away from the premises.

There is evidence that over time, the much loved building saw various renovating tendencies by trademen of a variety of skills and aesthetics. Proper documentation should be made but was not made to keep records of the building history.

Efforts continue to maintain the appearance of a properly kept facility, but an identity crisis appears in the midst of dyanmic encounters and spontaneous reactions. Some staff are in fact looking for work, but have not been properly qualified nor have they been actually employed by AHS. Such included in the recent past security officers who acquired uniforms as new recruits and came to work without proper facility-oriented training.

The transitionary status of the facility, best thought of as a health facility rather than a hospital, has certain benefits. The most important may be the potential for the impromptu generation of spontaneous encounters between persons previously unknown to each other.

# **NEW OFFICE**

Reports have placed a new office related to building affairs in the city of Calgary at City Hall. Efforts continue in maintaining a track towards realignment after much has occurred including illegal condo erections. With other departments related to building already established in Calgary, including the Heritage Office, connections to them are sought.

#### INFORM DIGITAL

For how much more time is spent away from the analog world so the equivalent amount of time is spent in the digital world. But beyond apps and news wires, and beyond television, there is a entire set of repositories in digital content available by Calgary Public Library.

If your interest in movies include fine films and classic movies new and old, sign up for Kanopy. This app offers ten free movies per month. These include old films like *Metropolis* and Tarkovsky's classics, as well as cool new flicks like *Walt Before Disney* and cult classics like *Child Play*.

If your interest spans over a manifold in reading, check out Libby. This app allows you to access popular fiction as well as a large range of non-fiction titles including those that have pictures.

For those interested in academic literature, there are a variety of databases including Academic Search Premier and MasterFILE Premier.

For these and many other useful resources, go to *calgarylibrary.ca* and explore *Digital Library*.

## SPECIAL GATHERINGS

Calgary has seen many individuals and groups visiting from beyond the provincial and national borders because it is a city of potential. This draws crowds and sightseers interested in peering into the long and unique futures for which from the city can be drawn. There is a foundation called the Long Now Foundation; similar to this organization, this city has self-organized in such a dynamic way as to allow those who dwell here to contemplate the long future possibilities. Special arrivals are not excluded to astronauts, architects, designers, movie producers and directors, models, politicians, professors, students, artists, actors, and professionals of all types. Spontaneous meetings and scheduled gatherings continue to unfold.

#### LOST IN SPACE

Elderly scholars from the Ivy Legaue, most notably from the erudite core professor group at Cornell University, did arrive to Calgary in polite and silent enquiry concerning the possibility of building an outpost or even more established node in this city. However, their unassuming and erudite essence prevented effective communication with the locals in some instances, although in others success in connection has been reported. Their ways of examining closely and at extreme detail the matters about and within a subject sometimes lead to an appearance of otherworldliness that the average person may mistake. Nevertheless, the asceticism many practise results in distance despite intention.

## CALLING NATURE

Sometimes entering a search term into a platform will get you to a place a long way away, so in the city we have search boxes called parks to remind and recall us to the faraway places of true nature. These places include Fish Creek Provincial Park, conveniently located on the LRT, as well as Nose Hill Park, that includes off leash areas for walking dogs. Many guided tours are available to inspect closeup the ecology and ecological significance of plants, including the dangers and risks to invasive species that uptake resources beyond the normal capacities of native flora and fauna. While charging a fee, the fees are reasonable especially for group tours because the guides are local experts and academics who study biology and ecology and can demonstrate meaningful understanding and relay it for future reference and enjoyment. Nose Hill Park is the largest urban nature reserve in North America. Like Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, its borders were delineated from the get go in urban planning and so nature has been preserved.

## PREPAREDNESS2.0

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had in the past been labelled conservative and yet also very prepared for all circumstances. In light of the scenarios brought to view by the pandemic, the awareness for the necessity to be prepared for all circumstances should again be noted, similar to having been confronted with extreme weather. Books like Extreme Weather Survival Guide contains lists of items required for sudden cases of emergency. To be prepared for states of exception, a community needs to have in reserve goods and means which must be secured as soon as acquired and stored. These items are not exclusive to the following list: high energy food and hydration supply; first aid kit, hygiene items, medicine, and blankets; general foods and water; power supplies; communication technology; typing interface and stationary plus reference books; sugar, spices, and tobacco; et cetera. It is important to note the security a reserve would provide in times of peace and normalcy, in wise anticipation of whatever circumstance may arise. There is no reason to fear the worst, but there is every reason to be prepared for all possibilities.