

## HISTORIC BLOCK

Heritage Calgary put together a presentation at the Calgary Public Library central branch concerning the future of the 7 Av historic block. It is believed the some development is imminent, likely a multi-use building in vertical architecture. The current question up for debate and lobbying is the extent to which the interior spatial logic and the spaces themselves could be preserved in the historic buildings currently occupying the site.

If only the facades were retained with 1 1/2 meters of space behind them preserved, then all spatial logic of the original buildings would disappear into thin air. Further more, the heritage status of the entire downtown area may be endangered. A more positive development would extend the area to be protected to at least 14 to 15 meters behind the facade. This was stated as the ultimate objective of efforts towards protecting the heritage value of these buildings.

The block contains one of the original stock exchange in Calgary, as well as a mall. Both enjoyed tremendous popularity in its time and are considered a significant part of local history. The original stampede parade also passed by this block, resulting in historic photos.

Presenters urged locals and interested parties to write letters to councillors.

## SMART HORIZON

With intriguing calls as the Wall in the Middle East and smart cities abroad as supported by new venture capital firms based in Calgary, this city should begin to catalog and consider the smart improvements that it is interested in implementing in our very own city.

While most Albertans may be resistant to smart technologies that infringe on our privacy as free citizens, there are some options that may be worth considering. One is the smart roads that encompass solar energy tech, erosion resistant tiles with photovoltaic cells that can capture the sun's energy and charge to power street lights. A whimsical idea already implemented near Stockholm and in Japan is the melody road, a road that generates musical tones depending on how drivers drive over it.

## SKYSCRAPER READINESS

A legal founding article is being prepared by the Helix design office based in Calgary with the working title Future Protective Zoning to outline the premises and conditions belonging to the urban and social heritage of the city. Its purpose is to disclose the particular concerns relevant to undertaking the completion stage including move-in's and interior design realizations of the skyscrapers of the city. The principle architect of the article is one and the same as the world architect who has been responsible for many of the tallest glass clad vertical architecture still in pristine condition in the City of Calgary.

The idea behind the article came from inspiration by the protective sentiment and respect by Calgarians towards such as the national parks and forests as well as indigenous and local communities. The notion that forests and cultures could be protected was the basis for founding the skyscrapers to be a type of resource, novel as they may be, which could be managed and utilized with due diligence and wisdom. That the architectural principle has grown large means that Calgarians are enjoying a type of wealth fairly distinguished and unique amongst world cultures. Skyscrapers are today a sign of modernity and sophistication associated with strong ecommunities and prospering communities. However, that proper compensation has yet been rendered to some who were involved at different levels remains an issue to be resolved as many benefits have been endowed.

A notion subsequent to the penning of the legal article has been generated of a virtual or meta community being raised in virtual reality. Such would be constituted of digital environments that simulate real life office spaces and views, perhaps with additional adornments. The perks of a virtual polis would be the opportunities to acclimate to vertical architecture inhabitation and office functions, to engage with colleagues across business communities, to work out special social order and zoning that would be conducive to positive growth within the contexts of skyscraper utility. It could also create interest and foster knowledge about skyscraper culture.

## SPACE FOODS

It was revealed at the Banff Venture Forum during one of the panels that venture capital in Alberta has gone not only into fertilizer futures and clean meats, but also into space food.

Offered as a plug, the brief mention caught the attention of more than one participant, and moved a venture capitalist to project a possible future niche market for space food that can serve in space tourism opps.

## THE BANKET

The creative economy has been invoked in the past decades by the computer revolution that reached new heights. As countries that have traditionally and longstandingly supported creativity and innovation, the very patent desk system is coming under scrutiny as per its capacity to not only support innovative works in providing historical value and practical protection, but also to power innovative drives and support their injections into the economy.

A new financial instrument or institution is in the elevator pitch stage of development, fondly but preliminarily called the "banket." It has the ability to qualify and quantify a patent like item depending on several metrics: power of persistence, innovative value, market potential, evolutionary fluidity, complexity of logic, viability-feasibility, design difficulty, ecological fit, and performance history. These indicator categories provide a overall score allowing a patent to be converted into a commodity.

## NEW SPACE COMPANY

Once or twice a century a company comes around that commands the attention of the elite. The Company of Syene was founded on the dream of building on the Moon from more than three decades ago. The company founder is a local Calgarian who graduated magna cum lauda at an Ivy League University and went onto start the company HQ'ed in NYC. An office is being planned in the city of Calgary for its futuristic bend and good traditional and tomorrow oriented mentality based in optimism.

A platform project housing a hab-lab was pitched to NASA that received gracious acknowledgment. It would include a docking orbiter that facilitates lowering and landing the project on the moon. The project is projected to span three decades of development and deployment.

A digital project called ThetaONE is also in the works. It is grounded in the tradition of active cartography on long and difficult voyages. It is proposed that it should support practical and psychological utility.

## WHAT IS CYBERSPACE

Cyberspace was the catch word on the 1990's, but the concept has persisted in contemporary new notions of the metaverse. While the metaverse can have a literary sense as well as a context in virtual reality and games, there is also the notion to create a space, similar to real world spaces, in which objects and activities can be generally enacted. Imagine the web housing its many websites, but a metaverse that house many individual spaces. These spaces may be just an object spinning, or a house or castle, or entire worlds onto its own. Proponents of this type of metaverse are proposing that a resolution-size metric has to be created to support real world like spatiality. The possibilities associated with this kind of spaces supported by supercomputers are endless.

## SPINNING ECONOMY RECALL CORNELL

Bloomberg recently reported a likely recession to be occurring in the next twelve and twenty-four months. Out of control oil price points may effectively lead to a spiral of inflation across the economical landscape.

Although it has been suggested that certain regional and national conservatism in oil usage could lead to the possibilities of market interventions that could contain price points in respective regional and national contexts, the idea has not been taken up readily for the difficulty in this information climate to advance agendas contained to understandable boundaries. The balance between global agendas and national agendas continues to offset in attention.

Today Cornell University is a bustling international university campus, but once upon a time, it was a remote location where scholars attended to their studies and teachings at a leisurely and old world pace. It was a romantic campus, stoic and classical, where erudite studies emerged from many years and decades of careful and meticulous scrutiny, over one and many subjects simultaneously. Today, some of these scholars still persist but are generally displaced; such is the tragedy that occurred when nobody was paying any particular attention to the state of affairs.

While there is one call to resecure the Ivy League campus to its golden days, there is now the new notion of creating a classical academy within the milieu thus generated. It is unclear who or what is leading the creation of this notion, but it has caught the attention of some of the oldest professors, who despite many worldly work experiences, still yearn for the refuge and sanctuary that once existed for erudite studies of a rare kind.

The university libraries now house many modern volumes, but Cornell continues to house a Rare Books and Manuscript Library.