

MALMO PLAINS

• COMMUNITY NEWS •

LAST DAYS FOR VANIER

Michener Park tower set
for summer demolition



PHOTO: Mike Kendrick

Longstanding residential complex Vanier Tower is scheduled for demolition in the months ahead. The decision to tear down the iconic Michener Park residence was made on February 25. The University of Alberta will begin a tender process for a contractor to perform abatement within the tower, a process that is expected to take two months.

Once the abatement is complete, the tower will be torn down.

University contacts say that while the details of demolition are pending, it is unlikely that the demolition will be conducted via dynamite or implosion.

The process is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Vanier Tower has long stood as the centrepiece of Michener Park, the University of Alberta-owned residence for families on the western boundary

of Malmo Plains. Opened in 1967, the community was named after Canada's 20th Governor General and U of A alumni Roland Michener, and designated as a residence for couples and students with families.

After experiencing decreased demand and increased maintenance costs in recent years, Michener Park ceased operating as a residence on August 31, 2020.

Since its closure, the property has been used by the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to conduct training exercises, while the University has overseen ongoing maintenance costs.

While the University decides how to proceed with the remaining properties and infrastructure onsite, Malmo Plains Community League President Ken Hemmerling says he hopes to hear more official details on the decision from the University of Alberta in the coming weeks.

\$600K needed for Community Hall revitalization

\$1.5M project aims to
transform grounds into
modern community hub

The Malmo Community League (MCL) Infrastructure Redevelopment Committee (IRC) is seeking solutions to bridge a \$600K funding gap for the community hall redevelopment project.

The MCL is pursuing the \$1.5M project to revitalize the Malmo Community Hall and surrounding facilities to transform it into a modern multi-use community hub.

The IRC will be organizing a community and sponsor donation campaign to solicit funding and showcase the design process with holo blok, the project's prime consultant.

As part of this effort, the IRC is currently seeking volunteers with experience in fundraising, development, and grant application writing, as well as donors and sponsors for the project.

As of Spring 2022, the IRC has raised a total of \$900K in grant-matching funds from project partners: City of Edmonton (\$450K); Westcorp (\$200K); and Malmo Community League (\$250K).

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MALMO COMMUNITY LEAGUE AGM

APRIL 19, 2022 | 7PM

MALMO COMMUNITY LEAGUE HALL
11525 48 AVE NW

Join us at the MCL Annual General Meeting for a presentation from League reps and architects holo-blok on the Community Hall redevelopment project. Residents are invited to ask questions, provide feedback, and learn more about the neighbourhood at large.



Malmo residents Archie and Bandit eagerly await furry play-dates with other well-behaved canine companions this summer.

PHOTOS: @Archie.Freckles [Instagram] / Chris Oullette

Off-leash dog park project a go this summer

The Malmo Community League will be participating in the City of Edmonton’s Temporary Community League Rink Off-Leash Pilot Project.

The pilot that runs May–September allows any community league ice rink to transform into a summertime off leash dog park.

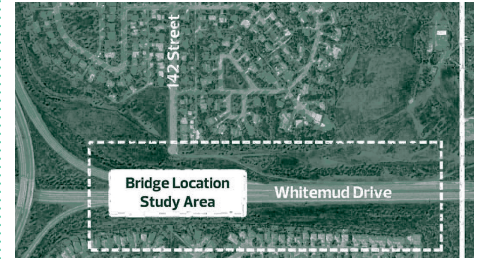
MCL Infrastructure Redevelopment Committee Co-Chair Chris Oullette has agreed to be the point of contact for the pilot, and is currently seeking volunteers.

Volunteer duties include keeping the free dog food bag dispenser stocked, emptying garbage cans, and sanitizing common surfaces like garbage can lids and gate handles.

All ages or abilities are welcome to apply. For more information or to volunteer, contact Chris at ageng@telus.net or **780-887-1637**.

Details from the City can be found at edmonton.ca/offleash.

Neighbouring Whitemud overpass nears build phase



SUPPLIED: City of Edmonton

A new pedestrian and cyclist bridge planned over Whitemud Drive near 142 Street will soon begin construction.

Work is anticipated to begin in 2023 or 2024. The project is part of the Terwillegar Drive Expansion Program, and plans to reduce barriers to pedestrian and cyclist traffic between communities adjacent to Whitemud Drive.

The project is funded as part of the Terwillegar Drive Expansion Program and in partnership with the Government of Alberta. The City funding includes planning and design while detailed design and construction is funded by the Government of Alberta.

More project information is available at edmonton.ca/142StreetBridge.

GET INVOLVED

Join the Malmo Community League

Membership entitles neighbourhood residents to use facilities and to participate in programs and events hosted by the community league.

Our combined membership fees, fund-raising activities, volunteer services, and matching government grants all provide for this enjoyment.

To join the Malmo Community League, please complete and drop off this form at the Malmo Hall mailbox, **11525 - 48 Avenue NW**.

You can also purchase your membership online and learn more about membership benefits at malmoplains.com/membership

MEMBERSHIP FORM		
MALMO COMMUNITY LEAGUE		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Street Address		Phone Number
Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTED (\$0)	Payment Method <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> CONTACT ME FOR PAYMENT	Would you like to receive very occasional e-mail updates regarding Malmo Plains Community League news and events? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Questions? Contact our membership coordinator at membership@malmoplains.com



Volunteers, donors needed for MCL Hall redevelopment

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In June and July 2021, the IRC submitted applications to the province’s Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) and the federal Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) to help fill the \$600K funding gap.

In February 2022, the IRC received the news that the new hall grant applications submitted last summer were not successful, due to the overwhelming number of applications received. Priority ranking was given to projects that were “shovel ready,” meaning they could proceed with construction within 3-6 months of receiving funds.

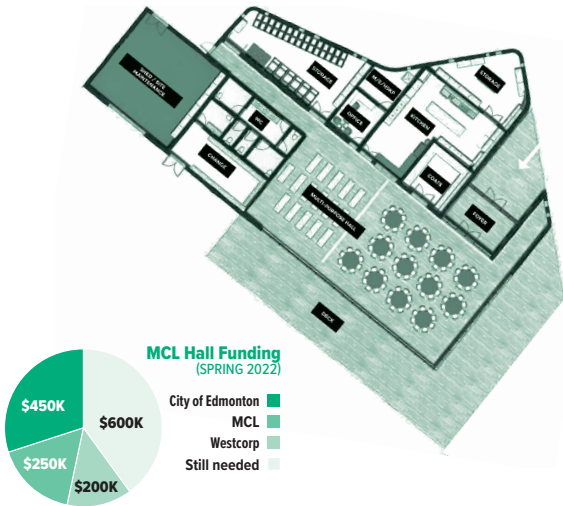
The IRC is actively pursuing new applications to the CFEP, CCRF, and other grant options in the coming years to bridge the project’s \$600K

funding gap.

Given this feedback, along with City of Edmonton Project Manager Laure Kowalashyn’s encouragement, the IRC has opted to proceed with the Design Phase of the project. In this phase, the project’s construction drawings are expected to be permit-ready by June 2022, with the project ready to go to tender by approximately September 2, 2022.

Information on the project will be shared at the MCL Annual General Meeting on **April 19 at 7pm** with members from the MCL, IRC, and holo-blok present to answer questions and solicit feedback.

The presentation will include a site plan, floor plans, project elevation details, overall project dimensions, estimate of construction costs and donation/sponsor opportunities. The Concept Phase functional program and masterplan can be found on the MCL Facebook page or malmoplains.com under the “Hall Renewal” news tag.



Concept renders of the revamped Malmo Community Hall from architects and project prime consultant holo-blok
SUPPLIED: holo-blok

Janz suggests new overpass plan to improve Malmo safety

Ward papastew Councillor Michael Janz recently approached the Malmo Plains Community League with a proposal to improve security and safety in the area around the Southgate LRT overpass.

The new program would have Edmonton Transit Service (ETS) officers lock the doors to the west overpass that connects to Malmo Plains after the last train passes through Southgate station each night, and reopen it prior to the arrival of the morning’s first train.

Individuals occupying the space at the time of closure would be asked to leave, and, if necessary, provided transport to a shelter for the night.

Before approaching City Council with the proposal, Cllr. Janz has asked for feedback from the Community League and the residents of Malmo Plains.

In recent weeks, the City has implemented a temporary closure of public washrooms in most transit stations,



PHOTO: Darren Kirby [Wikipedia, CC BY-SA 2.0]

including Southgate. City spokesperson Olena Babiy says the decision was made based on the Enhanced Transit Safety Plan, which was approved in February.

The report noted an increase in medical calls in transit station on ETS property in the last five years. According to the report, ETS is currently lacking adequate resources to deal with the volume of these incidents.

The move has drawn criticism from some councillors, including Janz, who is concerned that the decision will only move the issues to other public spaces, rather than address the root causes.

As a result, Janz is exploring alternative solutions that balance the safety considerations of transit-adjacent neighbourhoods with accessibility and safety concerns of transit station users.

If you would like to provide your feedback on this proposal, please contact Community League president Ken Hemmerling at president@malmoplains.com, or contact Councillor Michael Janz directly at michael.janz@edmonton.ca

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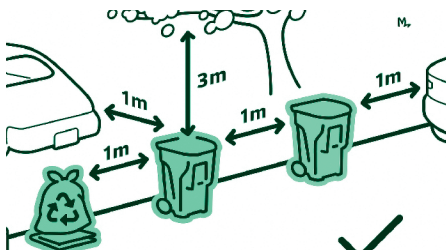
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Looking for an hour or two a week of weeding help during garden season. Text Alex @ **780-497-2777**



Spring waste collection schedule begins this month

Starting the week of March 29, the City's waste collection schedule returned to the Spring/Summer collection schedule.

Malmo Plains' collection day is Friday, with the new schedule taking effect April 1.

Green food scraps carts and recycling are collected weekly. Black garbage carts will still be collected every two weeks, starting April 1.

Seasonal yard waste is collected twice a year, with this year's Spring collection scheduled for May 16. Waste pickup regulations remain the same:

- All waste must be set out by 7am on Friday.
- Set out garbage in your black cart, food scraps and organics in your green cart, and recycling in blue bags. No extra bags or containers will be collected.
- Ensure carts have 1 metre of clearance and the lid is fully closed.

To view the collection schedule and learn more about sorting waste and proper use of the waste carts, visit edmonton.ca/waste.

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- We will not advertise for large corporations.
- Space is limited, so ads may be edited or omitted to allow all qualified ads a chance for publication.

The deadline to submit any newsletter articles or ads is the last weekend of the previous month. Submissions may be edited due space.

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