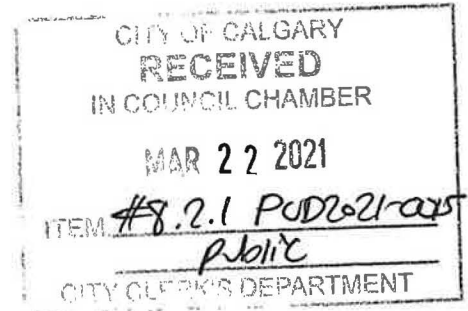


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Re: Guidebook for Great Communities



Dear Mayor Nenshi and City Councillors,

I and my family moved to Elbow Park 50 years ago in 1970. It seemed a perfect community in which to raise a family and it has turned out that way. I had just been appointed assistant professor of Environmental Science at the newly created University of Calgary. We began searching Calgary for a house that would shelter and inspire our family of six. We were looking for a community that had a sense that people were a part of the landscape, and that the landscape inspired residents. Someone suggested Elbow Park. We have been here ever since.

Already in 1970 Elbow Park conveyed the sense that here there was a partnership of people with each other, and with nature. The Elbow River flowed through it. The topography spoke of recent glaciation. There were mature trees. Many of the houses were constructed in the 1910-1918 building boom and had mellowed into place, as had some of the residents. We knocked on doors and talked to people. We got a sense of rootedness. People were here because they were inspired by Elbow Park and most residents were planning on staying. They had found a home, and so had we.

Elbow Park is a unique community in Calgary. Its landscape, its streetscapes, its mix of mostly old houses, and some new, conveys partnership between residents and with nature. I hope the character of Elbow Park with its predominance of single family detached homes will remain as symbolic of partnerships between people and homes and nature. Elbow Park is unique, and inspirational, and will best contribute to Calgary by emphasizing these and related features.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen Herrero".

Dr. Stephen Herrero