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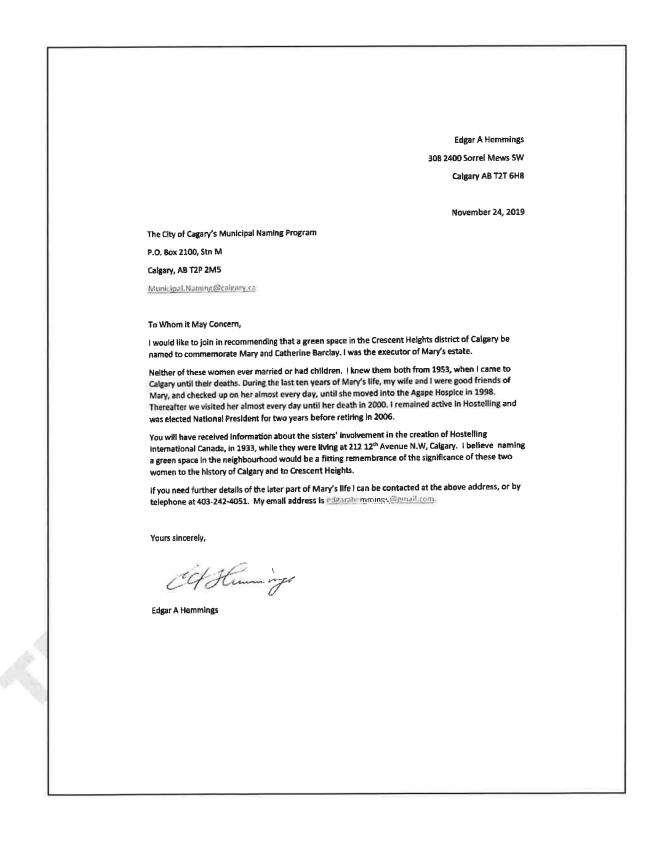
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Attachment 4 - Application and letters of support for "Mary and Catherine Barclay Park" (Confidential)

Proposed Name:	Mary and Catherine Barclay
lominator:	Liz Ferguson, Hostelling International Mountain Region
Achievements:	These two remarkable Calgarians were instrumental in founding the Canadian Hostelling Association. The movement started in 1933 with a single tent as the first hostel in North America. Their vision and insight inspired many in Calgary and beyond. Their energy and commitment was recognized by the Int'l Hostelling Association in 1937 when their organization was officially recognised as the Canadian Hostel Association. There are now over 50 hostels in the Canadian network in every region of the country annually hosting >200,000 travelers (Canadian and international) with >20,000 members and > 400 employees. Inspired by the learning opportunities in travel and connection with nature, they were both teachers in Calgary for over 30 years. Both are regarded as innovators in teaching methods in their respective subjects. The sisters received these recognitions: • Calgary Jaycees - Citizen of the Year (in 1973) • Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977). • Calgary Stampede's as two of 100 Outstanding Albertans (2012) • In 2017, listed in the YWCA Calgary's She Who Dares project (an installation highlighting stories of 150 women who impacted Calgary duri Canada's first 150+ years). • Bragg Creek, in 2012, was recognized by Parks Canada as a place of historical significance on the strength of its status as the location of the first hostel in Canada. • There is a 2,260-metre summit in the Canadian Rockies named for Mary. Mary Barclay's Mountain can be seen from Highway 40 in Kananaskis Country. • In 1987, in recognition of Canada. • In 1935 E. Catherine formed the "Cercle Francais an organization for Grade 12 students started to award bursaries for members for study in Quebec and France th is reported that over 35 years, 100 students had received a bursary. It is also reported that Catherine played key role in founding the French section in the Banff School of Fine Arts and the Calgary branch of Alliance Français. • E. Catherine Barclay Award was established by a dedicated group of her friends, colleagues an
Impact:	Mary Belle and Elsie Catherine Barclay moved to Calgary with their parents and younger brother in 1913. In 1929, both began teacher training at the provincial Normal School (now Heritage Hall at SAIT). Even as qualific teachers, each sought further post-secondary education, Mary at the U of Chicago and the U of Toronto, Catherine at the Sorbonne in Paris and the U of Alberta. As the founders of the Canadian Hostelling Associati since the 1930s, the Barclay sisters have inspired thousands of students and young adults in Calgary to enrich their lives through travel and learning experiences. The vision that began with enthusiasm, a rented tent and permission from a landowner in Bragg Creek quickly expanded to more permanent structures throughout the countryside surrounding Calgary. From the beginning, the activity brought opportunities for travel and touris encouraging Calgarians to expand horizons and showing them an affordable way to do so. Both sisters made extraordinary contributions to teaching in Calgary: Mary, a dedicated naturalist, bought a passion for the outdoors into the classroom. The Calgary Herald (Oct 7, 2000) credited her with "pioneer[ing] outdoor educations and the use of parent volunteers in the classroom". A recent quote from one of Mary's former students, "One of the sisters [Mary]was my grade 4 teacher at Stanley Jones. Her classroom was full of stuffed owls, birds and small mammals. I remember vividly the field trips we went on to identify mushrooms a plants." Catherine, passionate about French language and culture, brought what was at that time an innovatit to teaching the language. "During her career as a high school teacher in Calgary, including 18 years (1937-195) at Western Canada High, she spearheaded a minor revolution by encouraging – sometimes insisting – that he students speak French language training calgary. These continuing energies honour her belief that "travel enhanced" and in the enduri operations of Alliance Français in Calgary. These continuing energies honour her b
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Preferred Greenspace: letter of support from CA: letter of permission from family:	her collection of colour slides of trees, rocks, flowers, etc. to the Calgary Board of Education. CRE864 attached - Crescent Heights Edgar Hemmings letter stating no next of kin 5 attached: Hostelling International, Chinook Country Historical Society, Catherine Barclay Scholarship Adviso

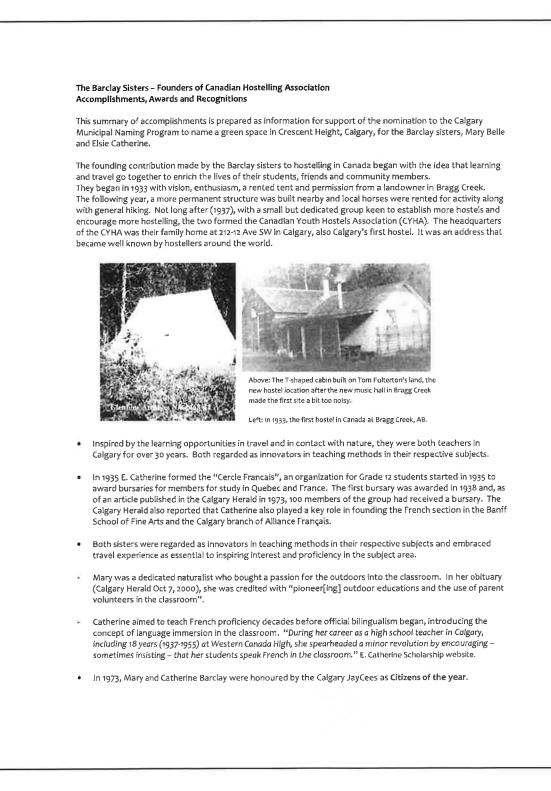
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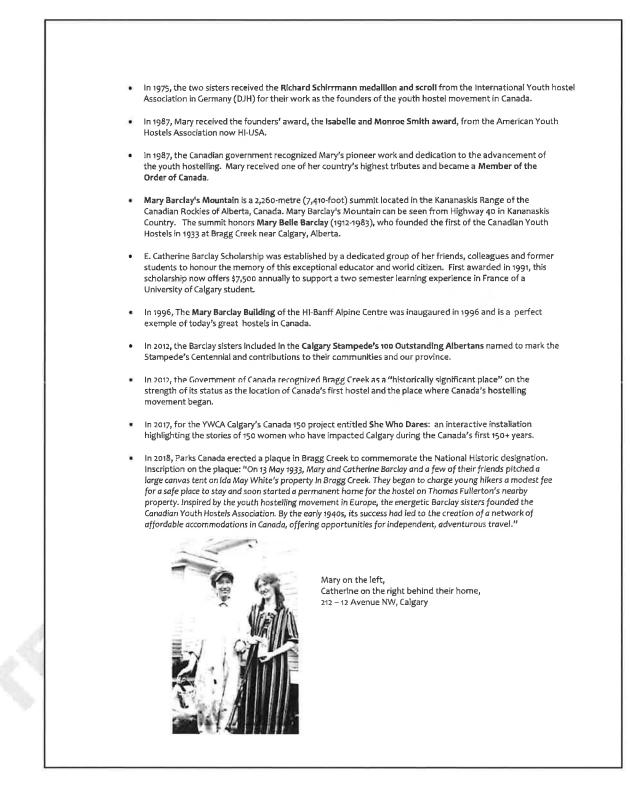


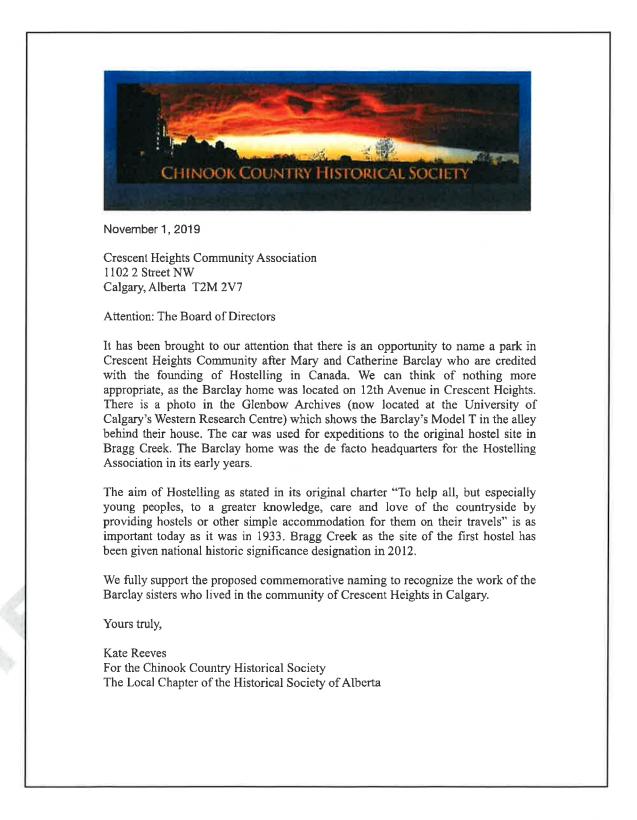


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January 12, 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: Our Parks, Our People, Calgary 125 Campaign Nomination of Mary Belle and Elsie Catherine Barclay

The E. Catherine Barclay (ECB) Scholarship Advisory Committee enthusiastically endorses the nomination of Mary Belle and Elsie Catherine Barclay to The City of Calgary's Naming Program for a green space in their memory and in honour of their legacy.

Our committee is a group of independent volunteers that formed in 2012 to continue the work of The Friends of E. Catherine Barclay Society. The Society was comprised of students and colleagues of Elsie Catherine Barclay who were inspired by her pioneering philosophy of having students to speak French inside and outside of the classroom. In Calgary at the time when Miss Barclay was a high school teacher, language education tended to focus on written grammar and translation exercises, so her passion for having students speak the language and be creative with it truly set her apart. She founded exchange programs so that young people could experience immersive language learning and a new culture. The Society also included Elsie's sister Mary Belle, with whom Elsie opened the first youth hostel in North America in Bragg Creek, Alberta. The remarkable Barclay legacy is what the Friends wished to share with future generations through the establishment of the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship in 1990.

Each year, the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship sends a student to France for a full academic year. To date, 16 students have spent a year studying in French and hostelling in Europe.

The mission of the ECB Scholarship Advisory Committee is to collaborate with the University of Calgary to perpetuate the award founded in honour of Elsie Catherine Barclay. Our vision is an annual award in perpetuity that attracts talented candidates and retains active alumni. We create and distribute two newsletters per year; past issues can be viewed on the ECB webpage, hosted by the University of Calgary (https://sillc.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/french/e-catherine-barclay-scholarship). The Committee also hosts a growing group of alumni, their families, University stakeholders, and community partners at an annual gathering to share stories of how Elsie Catherine and Mary Belle Barclay's legacy has made such a difference in our lives.

The Committee members are Scholarship alumnae who spent a year in France, studying in French, adapting to a new environment and culture, hostelling and meeting other students from all over the world. This international opportunity fostered in each of us the development of a broader and deeper worldview. We owe the experience, which we have all described as transformative, to the pioneers being nominated for the Calgary 125 Campaign: Elsie Catherine Barclay and Mary Belle Barclay. It is our pleasure and privilege to support this nomination.

With sincere regards,

The E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship Advisory Committee: Silvia Rossi (1991 Scholarship Recipient), Andrea Jung (1993 Recipient), Audrey Taylor Bereznicki (2009 Recipient), Paola Velasquez (2016 Recipient)

E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship Hdvisory Committee



Calgary, December 4th 2019

Subject: Support letter for the naming of a green space after the Barclay sisters

Dear Madam or Sir,

With this letter I hereby wish to support the naming of a green space after the Barclay sisters, Mary and Catherine, in Crescent Heights. Miss Catherine Barclay was a French teacher and one of the founders of the Calgary branch of our organization and as such, she has contributed immensely to the cultural vitality of the Francophone community of our city. She is also admirable in many other different regards and in particular the creation of the first youth hostel in Canada. She truly was an educator who believed in creating connexions through education and travels.

The Alliance Française of Calgary is part of the largest non-profit cultural organization in the world: the network of Alliances Françaises with more than 850 branches in 130 countries. All of these branches rely on the passion and energy of local individuals who believe that building a diverse community would enrich our cultural landscape. Miss Catherine Barclay was one of these visionaries and the support she showed for Alliance Française helped establish an institution that has been thriving in Calgary for more than 70 years.

As a language teacher myself, I know the importance of supporting the learning of other languages and how it helps us better understand our world. As Fellini said, "A different language is a different vision of life" and I find that Miss Barclay is the perfect embodiment of this precious thought. She had a vision that would help people, and youth in particular, transcend themselves through education and travels.

In that respect, I strongly support the initiative of naming a green space after the Barclay sisters as I believe they are strong inspirational figures that should be remembered and honoured by present and future generations.

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