

## Application for Commemoration

Contact Information	
Name of Individual or Organization Proposing Commemoration:	BOWNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Phone Number:	403-288-1737
E-mail Address:	Kjell@shaw.ca
3-1-1 Service Request #:	
Parks Representative:	Michelle Reid
Commemoration Information	
Name of <del>Individual</del> Organization Proposed for Commemoration:	BONNIE LAING
Person's or Organization's Field of Endeavor (e.g. Civic Affairs, Parks, Sports, etc.):	CIVIC AFFAIRS
Biographical/background Information and Rationale for Proposed Commemoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Report is Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Justification for not Including a Report is Attached
Written Consent from the Nominee or his/her Estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> NA
proposed wording for signage or plaque	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attached <input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Please Return Completed Application to The City of Calgary – Parks Department (Mailcode #54)  
PO Box 2100, Station M. \* Calgary, AB \* T2P 2M5



Bonnie Mary Sheila Laing (nee Paul)  
March 30, 1937 - November 11, 2016

Bonnie Laing was a Bowness resident since 1940. Her father John Paul and Uncle Art Lust were owners of the Bowness Bowling and Billiards Hall from 1946 to 1964. In 1957, Bonnie attended the University of Alberta at Calgary for her teaching degree. Her first teaching assignment was a grade 6 class at Belvedere-Parkway School, and then transferred to Viscount Bennett in the fall of 1959.

Bonnie was a teacher for 26 years in Bowness. She was married to Wyatt Laing and had two children, a daughter Starr, and a son Wade.

Bonnie was the MLA for Calgary-Bow from 1989 to 1997. During her time in office Bonnie served on the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. She also served as the co-chair on the government's Special Task Force on Province-Wide Health Services.

Bonnie also chaired the province's 1997 Health System Funding Review Committee. After leaving politics, Bonnie was appointed Chair of the Health Utilization and Outcomes Commission. She continued to serve as Vice-Chair after the commission was renamed the Health Quality Council of Alberta.

Bonnie was a Board Member of the Bowness Historical Society from 2000-2015.

November 13, 2019

Chair – Municipal Names Committee  
The City of Calgary

Dear Sir,

Please accept this letter to use the name of our mother, Bonnie Laing, in the name “Bonnie Laing Park” for the proposed interpretive sign located at Beaupre Crescent N.W. and 77<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.

Yours truly,

Starr Laing..... *Starr I. Morrissey* .....

Wade Laing..... *Wade Derek Laing* .....

*Cathy Gerritsen* \_\_\_\_\_



# BONNIE LAING



**Bonnie Mary Sheila Laing (nee Paul)**  
☞ **March 30, 1937–November 11, 2016** ☞

Bonnie Laing resided in Bowness for most of her life (from 1940 until her passing). Her father and uncle (John Paul and Art Lust) were owners of the Bowness Bowling and Billiards Hall from 1946–1964. She attended the University of Alberta in Calgary to obtain her teaching degree in 1957 and her first assignment was a Grade 6 class at Belvedere-Parkway School followed by a transfer to Viscount Bennett in the fall of 1959. Bonnie taught for 26 years in Bowness.

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Jim & Mary Sibthorpe Family Fund at Calgary Foundation



Bowness Historical Society  
bownesshistoricalsociety.com



**Location:** Beaupre Crescent and 77th Street N.W.



**BONNIE LAING PARK**



Office of the Councillors

October 28, 2019

Councillor Ward Sutherland  
PO Box 2100 Stn M, #8001  
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Re: Letter of Reference for the Bonnie Mary Sheila Laing Interpretive Sign

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to provide the Bowness Historical Society (BHS) with this letter of support. The Bowness Historical Society is a dedicated group of volunteers who promote and preserve the rich history of the community of Bowness.

Since I was elected in 2013, I have witnessed the members accomplish several historical projects. I have also reviewed the Bowness Historical Society's most recent project. I support their plan to install interpretative signs to commemorate the leaders of Bowness.

Thank you for considering the Bowness Historical Society for the grant. I fully endorse their application and I wish them much success in their future endeavours.

Regards,

Ward Sutherland  
Ward 1 Councillor



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EC2023-0245  
Attachment 2

September 24, 2019

Attn: City of Calgary

Re: Bowness Historical Society Application for Commemoration

The Bowness Community Association is happy to provide this letter in support of the Bowness Historical Society in their application for Commemoration for an interpretative sign honouring Bowness pioneers, John Hextall and Bonnie Laing. The Bowness Historical Society does much to recognize, promote and present the importance of history in Calgary and in our community.

We look forward to this project coming to fruition and continued work of the historical society in all they do for Bowness.

Yours truly,

Michelle Dice  
Executive Director  
Bowness Community Association





INVOICE **designs**

CLIENT: **CAROL CARPENTER** | Bowness Historical Society  
 DATE: December 19, 2019 IN  
 JOB NUMBER: **412-BHHL-19**

PROJECT: **Bowness Historical Society - J. Hextall, B. Laing**  
 DESCRIPTION: **Design & Pre-production of Digital File(s)**  
 QUANTITY: **2 Digital file(s) - 1 @ 15.75" w x 26" h**

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 BOW CRESCENT NW  
 CALGARY, ALBERTA  
 T3B 2C9  
 E  
 info@  
 m2-designs.ca

ITEMIZED	PHASE	PRICE	UNIT
EXPENSES			
FOR			
DESIGN		\$ 270.	T
PHASES:	<b>P3 • Design Implementation</b> Quantity 2 @ 15.75" w x 26" h 1 image(s) per panel 2 logo(s) - BH. Society - Calgary Foundation  <b>Client to Provide</b> Text - Word doc Images - Tiff or jpg @ minimum 200 dpi approximate size 6" x 8"		403.286.5695
	<b>P4 • Review/Revisions/Approvals/Client Aids</b> Client Aids PDF/JPGS proof(s) for VCD[1 second D[2 Review/approval draft 3 - all project panel[s D[3 - Approval and sign off - final design/imagery/copy - Revisions after third[3 draft are billable as client's alterations @ \$ 60/hr - Final panel 12/19-19/3	\$ 100.	C
	<b>P5 • Electronic Files Pre-production/Printers Aids</b> Provide detailed printer's aid PA[1 for fabricator Electronic files are prepared to fabricator's specs Provide/upload electronic files for fabricator and client	\$ 140.	T
	<b>P6 • Project Management/Client Communications</b> E-mails, faxing, telephone consulting, and or project updates	\$ 35.	403.698.1440
	<b>P7 • Additional Requirements/Expenses</b> Additional digital requirements to fix image - Photoshop and created images Bonnie Laing - Adjusted text for content flow Bonnie Laing	\$ 50.	C

AMOUNT: \$ 580.00  
 Plus applicable taxes GST 847 594 546 RT 0001 \$ 29.00  
**TOTAL:** \$ 609.00

**Thank you** Your business - our business  
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Estimate: Subject to change after 60 days  
 Adjustments: Client agrees to request any adjustments of, terms or invoice data, within ten (10) days receipt.  
 Term: Net 30 days - interest at 2% charged on amount outstanding in excess of 30 days.



Called Kathy  
Sept 23 -  
EC2023-0245  
Attachment 2



August 31, 2019

Mr. Walt Deboni  
President  
Chinook Country Historical Society  
311-223 12 Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2R 0G9

**Re: Grant #20201511**                      **Amount: \$7,000.00**

Dear Mr. Deboni,

Calgary Foundation is pleased to advise that a grant will be issued to you shortly in the amount of **\$7,000.00** from the **Jim and Mary Sibthorpe Family Fund**. This grant is to support the charitable activity of the **Bowness Historical Society** as follows: **\$5,000 towards the park naming project** and **\$2,000 towards the Main Street Bowness store-front plaques**.

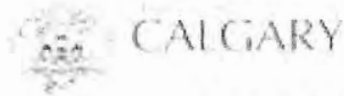
**REPORT:** The Fund holders have requested a brief (1-2) paragraph report on the use of these funds. We kindly request that you provide the report by May 15 of next year.

**IMPORTANT:** Calgary Foundation's financial institution will issue the grant payment directly to your organization. Please retain this letter and reference the grant number above to ensure the proper allocation, use and recognition of this grant. **We ask that you share the letter with any others in your organization who might be responsible for the receipt or stewardship of these funds.**

Calgary Foundation understands that your organization has appropriate controls in place to ensure that this grant is used in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. We reserve the right to request a review of the financial records relating to your organization's use of this grant.

Our Foundation is committed to strengthening the charitable sector in Calgary and other geographic areas as recommended by our donors. It is important for citizens to be aware of the role that we and our donors play in supporting communities. To that end, we request recognition, according to your donor recognition practices, as follows: **Jim and Mary Sibthorpe Family Fund at Calgary Foundation**. If you wish to





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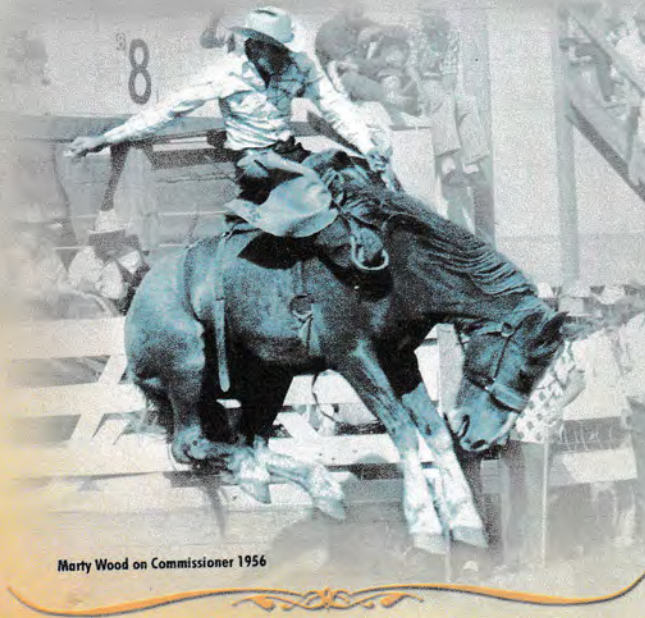
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E-mail Address:	kjoellashanna.ca
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Parks Representative:	Michelle Reid
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# MARTY WOOD PARK



Marty Wood on Commissioner 1956



1965 Stampede Parade Marshall

## Martin Roy Wood 1933–2019

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They started Wood's Riding Academy shortly after. The riding academy was located on Chinook Avenue (now 34 Avenue NW and 81 Street NW). Many of the young people growing up in Bowness spent much of their time hanging out, working and riding at Wood's Riding Academy. Marty broke and showed horses for his father.

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Jim & Mary Sibthorpe Family Fund at Calgary Foundation



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**City of Calgary – Parks Department**

**Re: Written Consent from the Nominee – Marty Wood**

Shortly after his passing in 2019, we have attempted to contact Marty Wood's son, regarding a written consent for an interpretive sign to commemorate his father, Marty Wood.

To date, we have not received any correspondence from him.

Carole Carpenter



Bowness's own world renowned Bronc Riding champion Marty Woods waving to the crowd as Marshal of the 1965 Calgary Stampede Parade seen here heading down ninth Ave. S W  
Marty has his awards noted on a bronze monument in front of the grandstand in Stampede Park

#### **PASSING OF A BOWNESS LEGEND – MARTY WOOD**

Marty came to Bowness around 1941/1941. Many of the young people growing up in Bowness spent many days hanging out, working and riding at Wood's Riding Academy. Everyone knew Marty Wood! The Bowness Historical Society is in the process of installing a number of interpretive signs in some of our parks, to honour people famous in Bowness history, one of them being Marty Wood. Excerpt from our book *Bowness - Our Village in the Valley* - "The family started Wood's Riding Academy and in the early 1950s, Marty took up rodeo, riding bulls and bareback and saddle broncs. Marty went on to be Canadian Saddle Bronc Champion in 1954, 1955 and 1963. In 1965, during the Calgary Stampede "Salute to the Cowboys", Marty was Parade Marshal. He was inducted into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame, the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame."

Bob Swainger was best friends with Marty during his Bowness years. Bill Carpenter recollected that many people of the Soldiers Settlement will remember Marty Wood and friends such as Bob Swainger herding the horses back to the Riding Academy from Wilson Gardens.(across the Bow River from Montgomery)

For the benefit of relative newcomers to Bowness (1950 and later) Wood's Riding Academy was located at 81<sup>st</sup> Street and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave N W. (South of the bend in Bowness Road where the auto repair is now located) I feel this is a historic site worthy of special notation. (Ed)



**Location:** 34th Avenue and 80th Street N.W.





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March 16, 2021

Attn: City of Calgary

Re: Bowness Historical Society Application for Commemoration

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We look forward to this project coming to fruition and continued work of the historical society in all they do for Bowness.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michelle Dice'.

Michelle Dice  
Executive Director  
Bowness Community Association





**Calgary**

Office of the Councillors

March 18, 2021

Councillor Ward Sutherland  
PO Box 2100 Stn M, #8001  
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Re: Letter of Reference for the Marty Wood

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Regards,

Ward Sutherland  
Councillor, Ward 1



INVOICE **designs**

CLIENT: **CAROL CARPENTER** | Bowness Historical Society 7031  
 DATE: May 17, 2021 IN BOW CRESCENT NW  
 JOB NUMBER: **434-BHWS-21** CALGARY, ALBERTA

PROJECT: **Bowness Historical Society - Marty Wood** T3B.2C9  
 DESCRIPTION: Design & Pre-production of Digital File(s) E  
 QUANTITY: 1 Digital file(s - 1 @ 15.75" w x 26" h info@  
 m2-designs.ca

ITEMIZED			
EXPENSES			
FOR			<b>marr</b>
DESIGN			
PHASES:	<b>P3 • Design Implementation</b>	\$ 135.	<b>T</b>
	Quantity 1 @ 15.75" w x 26" h		403.286.5695
	1 image(s per panel		
	2 logo(s - BH. Society		
	- Calgary Foundation		
	2 Image - touch up for bronco and parade marshall		<b>C</b>
	<b>Client to Provide</b>		403.816.2747
	Text - Word doc		
	Images - Tiff or jpg @ minimum 200 dpi approximate size 6" x 8"		
	<b>P4 • Review/Revisions/Approvals/Client Aids</b>	\$ 20.	
	Client Aids PDF/JPGS proof(s) for VCD[1		
	- Approval and sign off - final design/imagery/copy		
	- Final panel 0506-21[1		
	<b>P5 • Electronic Files Pre-production/Printers Aids</b>	\$ 85.	<b>virri</b>
	Provide detailed printer's aid PA[1 for fabricator		
	Electronic files are prepared to fabricator's specs		<b>T</b>
	Provide/upload electronic files for fabricator and client		
	<b>P6 • Project Management/Client Communications</b>	\$ 10.	403.698.1440
	E-mails, faxing, telephone consulting, and or project updates		<b>C</b>
			403.803.6000

**AMOUNT:** \$ 250.00  
 Plus applicable taxes GST 847 594 546 RT 0001 \$12.50  
**TOTAL:** \$ 262.50

*Thank you Your business is our business*

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Estimate: Subject to change after 60 days  
 Adjustments: Client agrees to request any adjustments of terms or invoice data, within ten (10) days receipt.  
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January 31, 2020

Mr. Walt Deboni  
President  
Chinook Country Historical Society  
311-223 12 Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2R 0G9

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