

**CITY OF CALGARY  
PARKS  
RECREATION  
ZOO AND  
CEMETERIES**



**1964  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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## The City of Calgary

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

His Worship the Mayor,  
Members of City Council &  
Board of City Commissioners.

Dear Sirs:

Please find here reported, the Parks, Recreation, Zoo and Cemeteries operations of the City of Calgary, for the year 1964.

The report reflects the continuing demand for Leisure and Recreational outlets by Calgarians. This is high-lighted by such new facilities as a second arena, an indoor pool, the development of Heritage Park, new Zoo buildings and a large increase in developed park areas.

These capital developments which total \$995,297.17, are all by their nature, high maintenance cost projects. For this reason, it is in the area of efficient organization, maintenance and programming of these facilities that we have concentrated our main management efforts.

Maintenance appropriations \$1,970,728, were increased by less than 5% in spite of general wage increases and the maintenance of more than a million dollars worth of development, which has been completed in 1963.

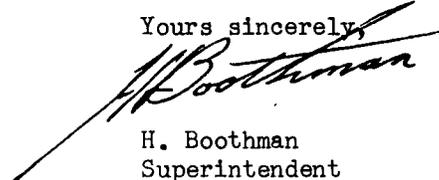
Revenue producing activities of the Department have been receiving more attention in 1964. The revenue increased by 10% over 1963 to \$231,000 in 1964. However, I believe that a review of the policies related to Parks and Recreation Services would result in a more significant contribution. The departure of making an admission charge for adults into Heritage Park has been well received. The Department Winter Recreation Program was put on a self-supporting basis, (this is one of the few in North America). A modest introduction of vending machines into the pools and arenas is also being experimented with. The policies related to admission charges and fees for pools, arenas, and golf courses is the main area for further and more detailed consideration of their revenue producing facilities. In addition, food and concession outlets could be increased.

Appreciation to the many citizens who have made a contribution to the Parks and Recreation Services is acknowledged and extended. Many of the major programs are dependant on volunteer workers in community associations and in other organizations. In particular, the Directors of the Calgary Zoological

Society and the Heritage Park Society are to be commended. In addition, I wish to express my appreciation to the personnel of this department for their energetic approach to their various tasks, and their attitude of sincere public service.

Detailed reports of the Department's activities are respectfully submitted in the following pages.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Boothman', written in black ink. The signature is slanted and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

H. Boothman  
Superintendent  
Parks, Recreation &  
Cemeteries Department

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ADMINISTRATION

DEVELOPMENT & DEMANDS

With the continuous growth of the City unabated, the year 1964 was a busy and challenging experience throughout all the many facets of operation. Expansion in every way, from the development of new park areas and facilities, to the acquisition of additional land and buildings through annexation posed many problems.

In the general offices of the Department this resulted in a considerably stepped-up demand from the public for information, advice, service of one kind or another, and the never ending requests for development of various facilities in new subdivisions. Time and money of course place definite limits upon what can be accomplished each year, not to mention the matter of available personnel and equipment.

With the back-log of new development yet to be done, together with proposed future provisions, this busy pattern of activity seems destined to continue indefinitely. Adjustments and improvements in organization and methods are a continuing necessity to meet work timetables and demands, and there is satisfaction in being able to state that the budgeted program for the year 1964 was successfully carried out.

Through the following pages, we have endeavoured to present as briefly as possible, a comprehensive picture of the basic highlights of all phases of operation during 1964.

EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

Continuing the pattern established in 1963 with regard to the statements of expenditures and revenue, we are now reporting the actual figures for that year, with appropriations only for 1964. This practice enables us to have this report available much earlier than would be possible if we were to wait for final audited figures for 1964.

<u>Staff establishment for 1964</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Temporary</u>
Administration	7	1
Golf Course & Zoo	22	14
Parks & Cemeteries Maintenance	52	266
Greenhouse & Nursery	5	20
Recreation Div. (Inc. Sw. Pools & Stadia)	35	233
Construction Division (Inc. Repair Shops & Plumbing)	<u>36</u>	<u>105</u>
	157	639

## GOLF COURSES

### GAMES PLAYED

At the Shaganappi course, all possible use was made of the facilities by the public between April 4th when the course opened, and November 1st on which date the course closed for the year. During this period there were 50,892 green fees paid, with an additional estimated 24,500 games played by season ticket holders.

### IMPROVEMENTS

The course was kept in the best possible condition, and favourable comments from the users was the rule. A new grass tee and a new permanent green were completed on the second fairway as a result of the widening of 12 Avenue S.W., and re-location of the fence along this side. Tree planting between fairways at various places was continued from previous years, as well as some replacement of old water lines.

The machine and equipment building was replaced with a new structure of concrete block which was a much needed improvement. Removal of part of the old storage building was carried out, and it is hoped that the whole structure can be replaced next season. Paving of the main entrance road was completed and additional paving around the club house and pro-shop is being considered.

### LAKEVIEW

Facilities at the Lakeview par-three course were improved by the addition of a temporary ticket office. This course was opened on May 9th, and between that date and October 18th, at which time the course was closed, there were 14,503 green fees paid. Desirable improvements at this course include a clubhouse building and construction of permanent greens as well as permanent chain link fencing.

## CAMP GROUND

This facility on St. Patrick's Island saw another busy season, with registrations in excess of 12,000 units. Under a new operating arrangement the camp was opened on Victoria Day weekend and remained open until September 21st.

During Stampede week there was the usual overflow into the Pearce Estate area, with some 300 units camped here at the peak period. Our registration books reveal that there were approximately 50,000 people accommodated during the full season, with people coming from all over Canada, United States, N.W. Territories, New Zealand, Australia, Chile, the British Isles, and Germany.



Shaganappi



Lakeview



Campground office and restrooms.



One of many tents



Small trailers are allowed.

## PARKS MAINTENANCE

### GROWING CONDITIONS

Throughout the six separate park districts, the annual program of maintenance was generally satisfactory. Weather conditions were somewhat less than ideal, with below normal temperatures prevailing during early summer, resulting in slow development of most plants. However, these conditions were ideal for the maintenance of the grass with the result that the parks remained pleasantly green throughout the summer.

Slower growth of the grass was an advantage to the mowing and trimming operations, nevertheless, with the addition of over 100 acres of parkland developed in 1963 and requiring maintenance, all men and equipment were kept fully occupied during the growing season.

### EQUIPMENT

New equipment consisting of a multiple gang-type, tractor drawn mower for use on large park areas assisted greatly, in addition to four large self-propelled rotary mowers. Several other old pieces of mowing equipment were replaced with new machines, which make it possible to maintain all grass areas to a high standard.

### TREE PLANTING

Replacement of many hundreds of trees on City boulevards throughout the various districts was carried out in the spring, in addition to equally as many new plantings of shrub beds, and specimen trees in recently developed park areas. These many new shrub beds and tree holes are excavated and filled with loam during the previous fall season in preparation for the spring planting program.

Pruning of trees and shrubs throughout the many parks and on City boulevards was a continuous occupation during the winter months for the permanent district maintenance force.

### BOWNESS ANNEXATION

With the annexation of the Town of Bowness by the City towards the end of the summer, an additional eleven park areas covering approximately 22 acres will require varying degrees of renovation and maintenance to bring them up to existing City park standards. A maintenance depot has been set up in the former town's public works maintenance building and equipped with the necessary tools etc. for the job.

### DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

On the north hill, a new maintenance building was provided in the vicinity of 16A St. & 25 Ave. N.W. and should assist greatly in the overall maintenance program within this large district. In the maintenance district centered around St. George's Island,



Burns Memorial Rock Garden



Canoeing at Bowness Park

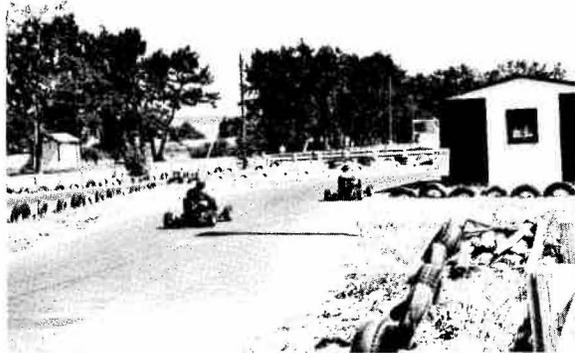
VARIED ACTIVITIES at BOWNESS PARK



Wading pool and boating lagoon



Miniature golf course

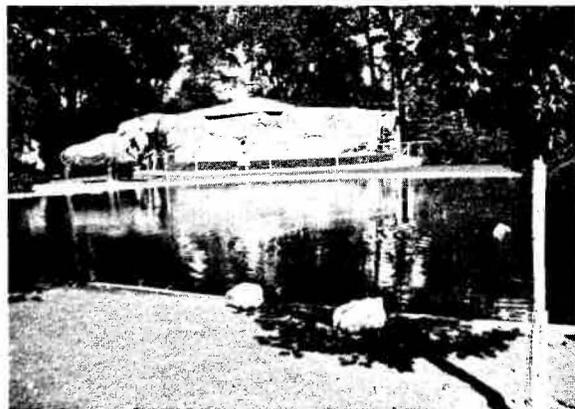


Scooter racing



Picnic grounds and shelter

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND PARK



Waterfowl lagoon

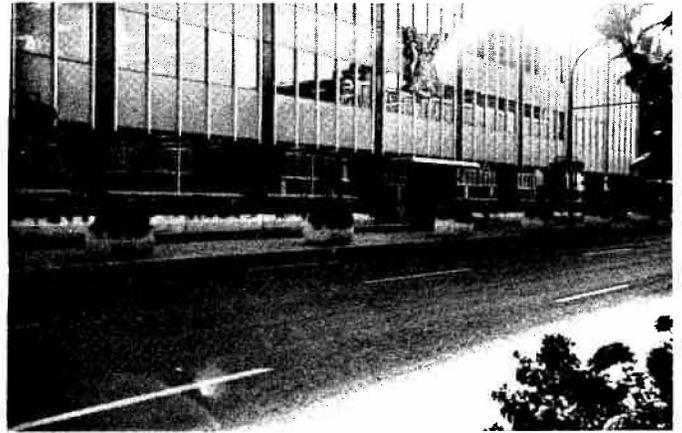


Wide lawns and shade

DECORATIVE BEAUTY



Part of Memorial Park



Planters at Administration Building

OPEN SPACE DEVELOPED



Rock Garden and Riley Park



Floral Lion on Lion's Buffer Park



A park for quiet and rest



At Glenmore - its barbecues and picnics

the headquarter facilities were improved by obtaining use of the building on the Island, formerly occupied by the Wrangler Football Club. This is much needed space and will improve working conditions and the direction of the maintenance program in this area.

A fire in the District Six headquarters building on Elbow Drive during the winter of 1963-64, rendered these quarters un-usable for most of the summer. Temporary headquarters were established in Stanley Park and it is planned to provide a permanent suitable structure at this location when funds are obtained.

**GREENHOUSES**

The maximum use of these facilities was made in producing the thousands of plants necessary for beautification throughout the parks and cemeteries etc., as well as the many special floral displays at the Tropical Aviary on St. George's Island.

This continually expanding complex will increase further it is expected, according to needs, however, all floral development is kept to a minimum wherever possible for economy reasons.

Following is a tabulation of the plants produced and used throughout the parks system during the past year.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>GREENHOUSE PRODUCTION</u>					
	<u>Annuals</u>	<u>Geraniums</u>	<u>Double Petunias</u>	<u>Dahlias</u>	<u>Tulips</u>	<u>Misc. Specimens</u>
Parks Districts	155,736	3,282	1,582	2,421	4,604	792
Cemeteries	14,994	381	-----	375	-----	200
Other Departments	13,041	452	95	196	-----	76
Tropical Aviary	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,954
	<u>183,771</u>	<u>4,115</u>	<u>1,677</u>	<u>2,992</u>	<u>4,604</u>	<u>10,022</u>

**NURSERY**

The growing of thousands of specimen trees and shrubs at the Civic nursery represents an important and necessary factor in the development of attractive parks throughout the City.

To keep up with actual requirements, however, and to replace depleted ranks in the nursery itself it is necessary each year to obtain quantities of trees and shrubs from commercial nurseries through the tender process, which for certain species is more economical.

Full development of the nursery area is not yet complete, however, more land is prepared and planted with seedlings each year, thus eventually providing more specimen material.

During the past year the western boundary of the nursery was altered to provide necessary parking space for the newly developed Heritage Park attraction. To compensate for this loss of land, the nursery will expand slightly to the south.

Following is a tabulation showing the number of trees and shrubs shipped out of the nursery for planting throughout the entire parks system.

NURSERY STOCK PLANTED IN PARKS AND BOULEVARDS ETC.

<u>Trees</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>Shrubs</u>	<u>1964</u>
Ash	2,145	Cotoneaster	1,095
Birch	3,260	Nanking Cherry	343
Elm	1,433	Lilac	1,511
Poplar	1,873	Dogwood	662
Spruce	862	Honeysuckle	552
Mayday	336	Spiraea	355
Misc.	553	Willow	599
	<u>10,462</u>	Misc.	<u>251</u>
			<u>5,368</u>
 Perennials	 4,979		

Entrance to Civic Nursery



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Part of almost 11,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space



## CEMETERIES

### QUEEN'S PARK

Throughout the five City operated cemeteries, the usual intensive care of grave plots and decorative plants and borders was maintained.

Continued development and improvement was carried out at the Queen's Park Cemetery in the area of the ravine in the north-west portion. Grading and landscaping was done in a manner designed to retain as much as possible the natural contours of the land, at the same time making possible the maximum use of the land for burial purposes.

### BUFFER STRIP

The tree border along the north side was extended to provide a screening buffer strip between the cemetery and the residential area to the north. Commencing at the south west corner of the cemetery, a start has been made to complete the fencing along the south side together with the development of a boulevard strip, which will be seeded in the spring. Trees will be planted later to provide a buffer between the cemetery and the residential area on the south, in preparation for eventual use of this part of the cemetery as a new Roman Catholic burial ground.

### UNION CEMETERY

In the Union and Burnsland Cemeteries, as well as the St. Mary's and Chinese, every effort was directed towards maintaining the most effective level of care possible. Many of the older areas were renovated and improved by filling and levelling sunken graves, straightening monuments and removing and replacing dead plant specimens. Renovations of the exterior of the cottage in the Union Cemetery was carried out, which improved its appearance considerably. A new entrance porch and steps are to be added.

### RENOVATIONS

The boulevard along the south side of the Burnsland Cemetery was landscaped during the summer, which was a much needed improvement and will be improved further when trees are planted in the spring. Entrances to both of the Union and Burnsland cemeteries from the Macleod Trail were improved by laying cold asphalt paving on the roads leading into the cemeteries. Roads and gutters in all cemeteries were treated chemically to prevent the growth of weeds and grass with good results, in addition to the spraying of the grass areas with 2-4D for dandelion control.

### NEW PORTION ST. MARY'S

Grading, filling and general development including a road, in the new portion of the St. Mary's Cemetery was started and is progressing. More fill is needed, and a fencing project will be commenced in the new year.

CHINESE CEMETERY

General renovating and removal of dead trees in the Chinese Cemetery was carried out as well as laying out additional burial lots to the south. A new road was graded out and gravelled on the west side, which was needed to provide proper access to this area. New tree planting and further improvements will be continued in the spring.

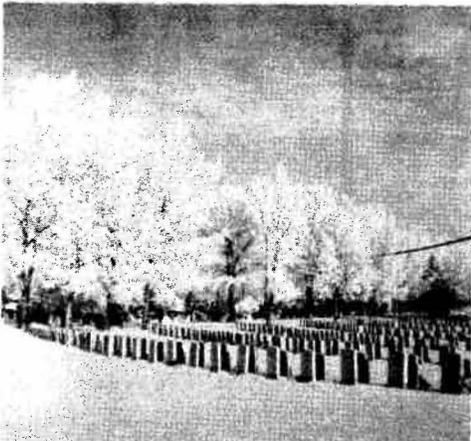
BURIAL STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Queen's Park	<u>1964</u>
Union	870
Burnsland	154
St. Mary's	326
Chinese	324
	<u>29</u>
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"Show me the manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals."

William Gladstone



CALGARY ZOO

There were several notable developments in connection with this major park attraction during 1964.

RETIREMENT

This year saw the retirement of Mr. Tom Baines as Curator after a total of 35 years service, during which time Calgary's Zoo grew from a few small animals and birds, to the extensive and wonderful attraction it is today. Many honours and words of appreciation were showered on Tom on this occasion, and we trust he will enjoy a long and enjoyable retirement.

NEW CURATOR

As successor to the position of Curator, we welcome Mr. L. W. "Larry" Cahill, former Suptintendent of the Paignton Zoo in Devon, England. Mr. Cahill has a long background of keen interest in the study of animals, first as a hobby, and then since the end of the second world war, in a professional capacity.

NEW BUILDINGS

Three new animal buildings, namely the "Great Ape House", "Large Mammal House", and a four cage section for carnivores were completed this year. Total area of these buildings is 11,200 sq. ft., with enclosed pens having a total area of 8,900 sq. ft.

EXHIBITS & VISITORS

As will be seen from the exhibit figures, the population at the Zoo has increased considerably over the previous year. For the first time an actual count of the number of visitors to the park was made during the month of July, which showed a total for the month of 237,350 persons.

Visitors to the Children's Zoo, between January 1st and October 25th numbered 221,678 persons. From the information obtained in counting the number of visitors to the park during July, it is now known that about 15% of this number visited the Children's Zoo. Using this as a basic figure, it is calculated that estimated total visitors to the park in 1964 was close to 1,500,000 people.

NUMBER OF EXHIBITS FOR 1964: (1963 in brackets)

521	(396)	Mammals	of	166	(164)	species
843	(802)	Birds	"	328	(325)	species
48	(47)	Reptiles	"	21	(21)	species
30	(30)	Fish	"	1	(1)	species

Accommodation for live exhibits are as follows:

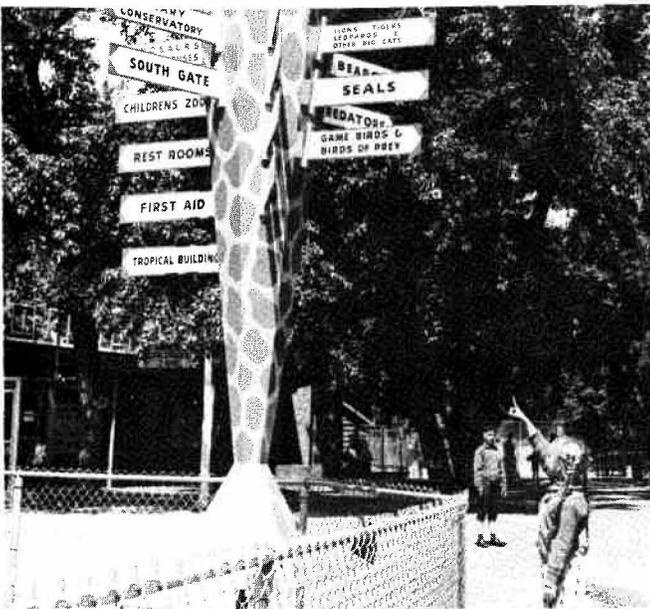
Total area of buildings, 59,318 sq. ft.  
Total area of enclosed pens and cages, 40,430 sq. ft.  
Total area of enclosures for hoofed animals, 54 acres.



Tom Baines, retiring Curator, receives honorary life membership in Calgary Zoological Society from President Lars Wullemson



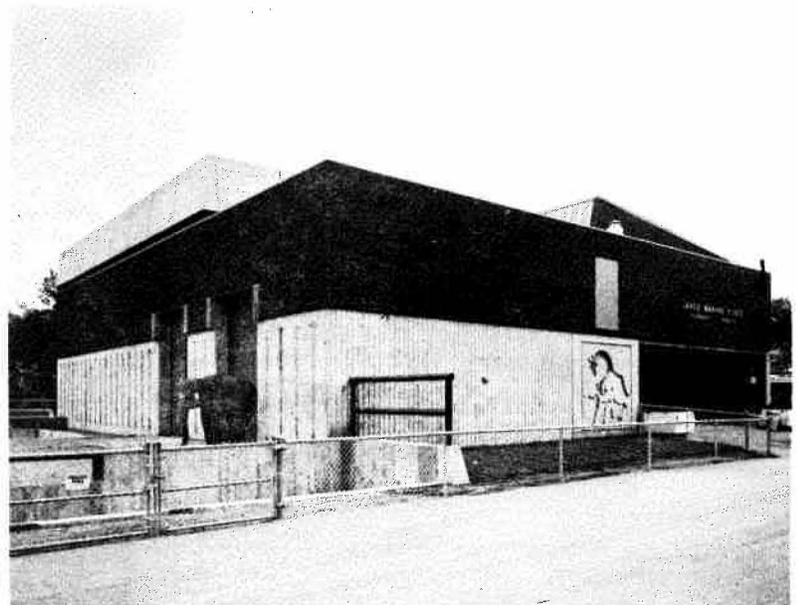
New Curator, L. W. (Larry) Cahill gets acquainted with some of his charges



Unique sign post directs many visitors



Official opening of new "Large Mammal House", with H. Boothman, Parks Supt., at microphone



"Large Mammal House" completed in 1964



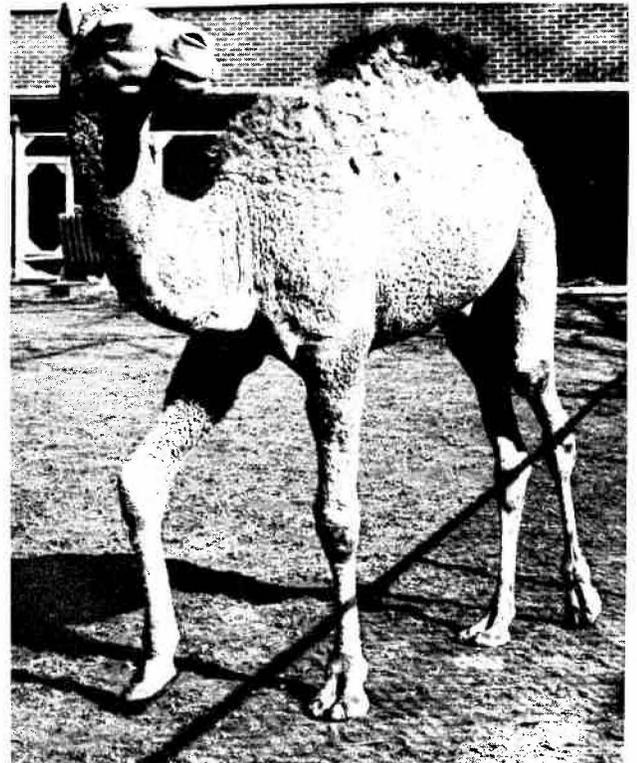
"Great Ape House" - another fine building in 1964



Natural water courses provide pleasant haunts for the many waterfowl



One of the fifty life size models in the Natural History Park of St. George's Island



Dromedary camel, one of the 166 species of mammals at the Zoo



Amusement Concession at St. George's Island on a warm Fall day

#### TROPICAL AVIARY

This beautiful attraction on St. George's Island, was viewed by several hundred thousand persons during the year, with undoubtedly very much enjoyment, judging from the many words of appreciation expressed to attendants by visitors from many places.

#### BIRDS & PLANTS

Of special interest to visitors are the varieties of tropical birds flying freely within the building, not to mention the flourishing display of tropical plants, most noteworthy of which are the large banana trees, which this year grew almost twelve feet, with two of them producing small broad bananas. Approximately 50 oranges were produced by the Naval orange tree. Of great interest to the birds is the Fig tree which continuously produces fruit.

#### SPECIAL DISPLAYS

A new exhibit in the main building which is attracting much attention is what is known as an epiphytic tree, composed of the dead trunk and branches of a 12' elm tree, with approximately 20 exotic plants of various kinds and varieties planted on the trunk and branches, thus producing a very arresting and interesting exhibit.

During the year there were several special floral displays created, namely an Easter show of lilies, hydrangeas, primula, hyacinthus, and tulips, followed by a Springtime in Paris, featuring a patio of gray and black patio slabs, around which was planted a display of Rosa floribunda, high stem fuchias, hydrangeas and pilargorium domesticum. Later, a special show of chrysanthemum was displayed, followed by a Christmas display featuring poinsettias, azaleas and cyclamen, together with plywood figures of choral singers flanked by freshly cut spruce trees. Appropriate recorded Christmas music came from a speaker placed behind the plywood figures. Also at this time, a very effective show of poinsettias was grouped at the back of the waterfall and pool in the main house.

#### TEMPERATURES

New attractions are planned for next year, and one or two problems associated with the control of heating in the different houses, as well as the shading of plants during very hot weather, will require to be solved before this operation is ideal in every way.



Tropical Aviary is popular winter attraction.



Epiphytic tree attracts much attention



Luxurious tropical growth is amazing change from snowy climate outside.



Varieties of cacti thrive throughout the year.



Tropical Aviary, surrounded by beautiful lawns and gardens.

## HERITAGE PARK

### ATTENDANCE

Public acceptance and appreciation of this unique attraction which was opened to the public in July, was tremendously encouraging to all those responsible for its planning and development. Total paid admissions to the park during the eighty two days of operation numbered 109,413, for a daily average of 1,334 visitors.

### GROWTH

In a marvelously co-operative effort, under the vigorous leadership of the project manager Mr. William Pratt, this undeveloped sixty acre piece of land on the shore of the Glenmore reservoir, was transformed in six short months into one of Calgary's major park attractions.

### PIONEERS

This full scale model of the pioneer period in this western land, contains a myriad of items provided by the Glenbow Foundation and displayed in authentic buildings moved to the site and skilfully restored. Those who can remember the period depicted are at once miraculously transported back to their younger days.

### MAIN FEATURES

Major developments to date, include the Midnapore Station and the train and railway, the pioneer town with its board walks, general store, post office, doctor's office, blacksmith shop, barber shop, school, church, graveyard, undertaker's parlor and hearse shed, fire station and two dwelling houses. Other exhibits include the Hull carriage house, a ranch house and outbuildings, farm equipment, Hudson's Bay Fort, a second railway station adjacent to the town, an Indian encampment of teepees, a stockade, trappers cabin and a mining camp. Adjacent to the main entrance which is also a stockade is a main refreshment concession building.

### PLANS

Main plans for next year include a paddlewheeler and docks for taking visitors for rides around the lake, the erection and restoration of the old Canmore Opera House, as well as completion of the Hudson's Bay Fort.

### PARKING & OPERATION

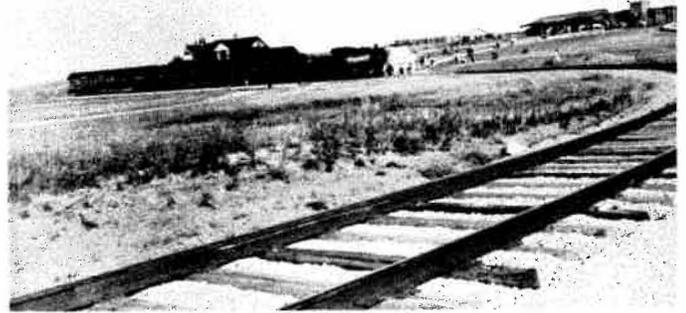
Extensive parking lots outside the entrance to the park were also developed this year, not to mention the landscaping work completed in conjunction with their development, as well as extensive landscaping inside the park.

Operational management of the park is the responsibility of this Department, with Mr. David H. Turner being appointed to the position of Park Manager in March of this year.

HERITAGE PARK



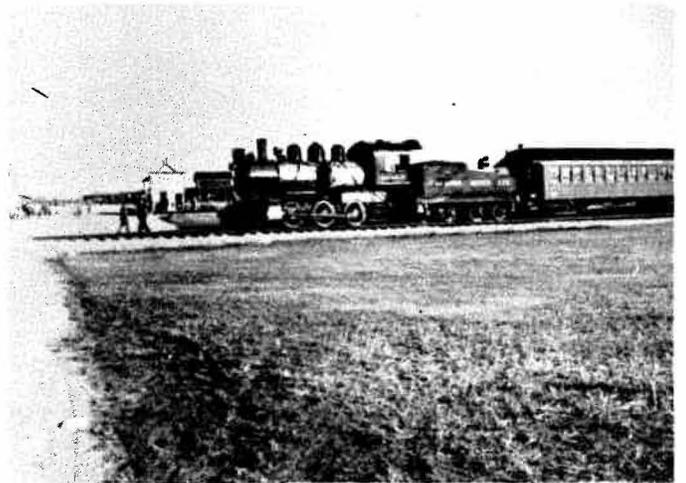
Midnapore Station



Stockade entrance and train below



Part of town site



Railroad circles the town



Below park entrance - the dock for sailboats

## RECREATION DIVISION

The following outline of the activities of the Department will we trust, illustrate the many varied facilities and programs provided for the enjoyment of the citizens of Calgary.

### RECREATION FACILITIES

Major new facilities provided during 1964 include the Killarney indoor swimming pool costing \$363,000.00 and the Foothills Ice Arena at a cost of \$439,000.00 as well as the Foothills playing field. Hockey facilities were used by seventeen different leagues and skating groups, with the stadia or playing fields being used by a great many Public and Separate High School groups for track and field meets, football, soccer and archery, in addition to other football clubs etc. In the City operated Pee-wee and Tiny-Mite hockey league, there were 74 teams participating, which represents 1332 boys.

#### Facilities

Swimming Pools - outdoor	10
Swimming Pools - indoor	1
Stadia & ballparks	6
Community parks with baseball backstops	123
Community Hockey Rinks, (natural)	98
Hockey rinks (natural) - City operated	4
Artificial Ice Rinks - uncovered City operated	1
Artificial Ice Arenas - City operated	2
Community pleasure skating rinks	137
Playgrounds with tot-lot equipment	124
Playgrounds - supervised	18
Wading Pools	10
Winter Recreation Centres, operated	28
Summer Day camps for children	2

### SWIMMING ATTENDANCE

During the 115 days between May 16th and September 7th, the total paid admissions to the eleven swimming pools was 342,664 persons. The Killarney indoor pool re-opened for public use on October 1st with paid admissions to the end of the year numbering 21,561, with total for the year being 99,822.

Swimming instruction was given at the pools with total registrations numbering 5,023. The Canadian Red Cross and the Royal Life Saving Society supplied examiners. Instruction is still continuing at the Killarney pool with 870 people registered.

A competitive swim program was arranged, with 10 clubs participating and having an approximate membership of 263 swimmers.

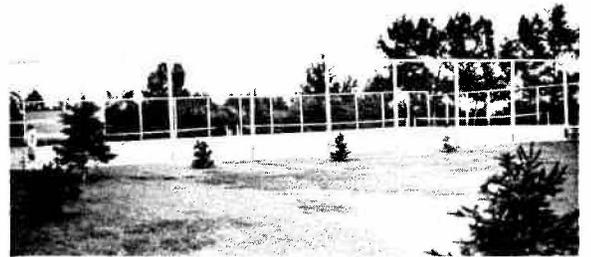
MANY FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED



Two of ten outdoor City pools



Mayor MacEwan officially opens Killarney indoor pool



Tennis

Baseball

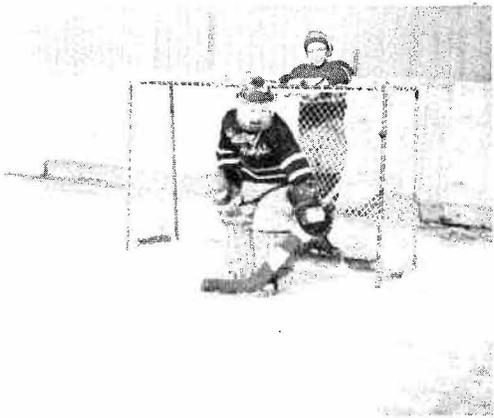


New Foothills Athletic Park with Arena beyond



Inside Glenmore Arena

POPULAR WINTER ACTIVITY



One of 98 Community hockey rinks



Speed skating oval - Glenmore



Mighty Mite hockey



All is not play

SWIM MEETS

A total of seven swim meets were held, including three diving competitions. Several clubs attended the Provincial B Championships at Drumheller.

Next year it is planned to have an A & B Section, with the A section using the indoor pools in a year long program.

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SAILING SCHOOL

This year for the first time a sailing school for children was started at Glenmore Lake in co-operation with two local yacht clubs. A total of 162 children took instruction during the summer.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

In other activities this Division co-sponsored the City Volleyball championship at U.A.C., and the City Table Tennis championships at St. Mary's High School, in addition to holding four hockey referee clinics, a speedskating instructional program and six special twilight track meets.

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BOWNESS

A special afternoon and evening program of Highland dancing in which visitors to the park participated was held during the summer at Bowness Park, in addition to several band concerts. A canoe regatta was planned, however, due to heavy rain this attraction was cancelled.

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INDIAN TRACK MEET

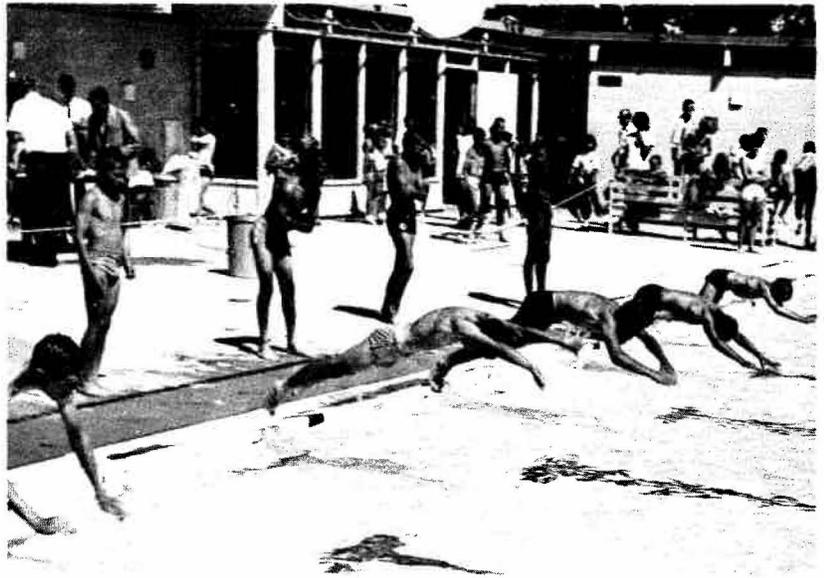
The annual Indian Children's track meet was conducted at the Stampede Grounds during the Calgary Stampede by members of the Day Camp staff assisted by volunteers from the Ninaki Club which is a club having Indian & non-Indian women members. There were some 150 Indian children competing in this event, which was geared to mass participation, thus causing much excitement. Prizes and refreshments were provided and the program was well accepted by the adults.

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CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

Two Childrn's Day Camp locations were set-up this year, one being at Prince's Island, and the other at Edworthy Park, with three camps being conducted at each location. A total of 350 children, ages 9 to 13 years attended these camps, which for most was undoubtedly an enjoyable and educational experience, judging by the comments from parents who visited the camps on the final evenings.

Swim meets, sailing instruction, miniature stampedes, special events, day camping, crafts, archery and many other activities give wholesome pleasure to many youngsters.





During each two-week camp period, there was one sleep-out, with the remaining time being strictly day camping. Activities included camp and nature crafts, nature study, archery, games and hikes, campfires, singsongs and story-telling. Breakfast and supper was supplied for the children who assisted in the cooking, and each child brought his or her own lunch to the camps each day.

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#### PLAYGROUNDS

This year there were eighteen supervised playgrounds in operation at various locations throughout the City. This was six fewer than in 1963.

Playground staff were mainly recruited from universities and the standard of applicants was high. A playground leader's course was conducted from June 17th to 30th, featuring a Japanese theme.

The playgrounds opened on July 2nd and closed August 21st, with daily hours being 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except Wednesday, which was 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Total registrations for all playgrounds was 3,137, with total attendance reaching 51,216 for the 36 days of operation. Approximately 2500 additional children could be added to attendance in connection with City-wide special events. Participation totals for all events numbered 112,642.

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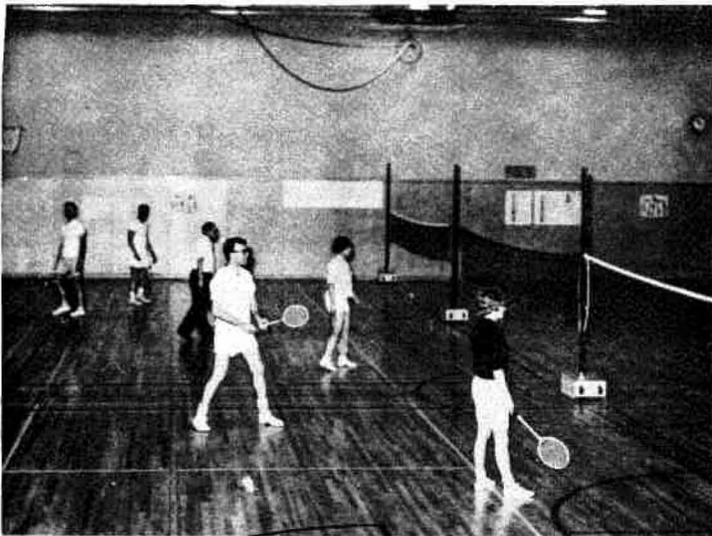
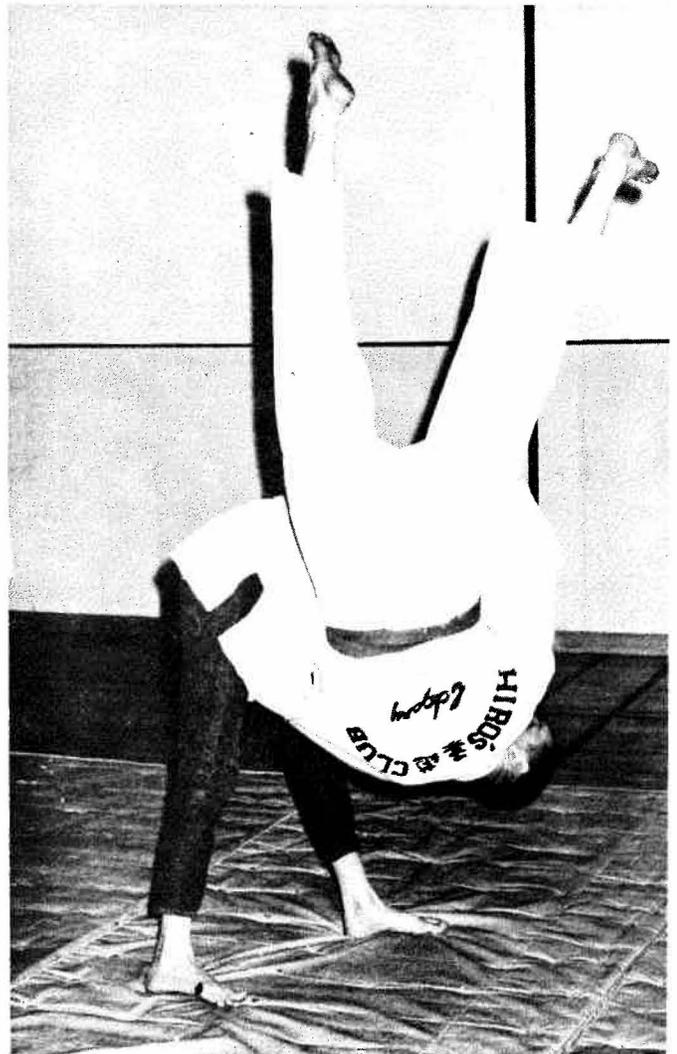
#### RECREATION CENTRES

Winter centres operated in schools during the second half of the 1963/64 period numbered twenty-eight. In addition, the Bankview Community Association operated a centre in their own building, and several special programs featuring athletics were scheduled at certain schools. The Mewata Recreation building was utilized as well for three regular recreation activities, and accommodation was provided to an Indian group in this building also.

#### LEADERS

Most of the leaders recruited for work at the centres are school teachers, and many have worked for more than one season which is of much value. One training course for children's leaders was operated before Christmas, and with the increasing interest in adult activities which is apparent, some special attention to this phase is indicated.

Adult recreation activities at the 28 centres provide needed relaxation and some tangible results are displayed



ATTENDANCE

Although this program was in operation for only nine weeks instead of the usual ten week period, the registration and total attendance figures were higher than the corresponding figures for the same period in 1963, with total registrations numbering 6,265 and attendance totalling 37,242 being recorded.

Activities offered at the centres are as follows:-

Adults

Art & Painting  
Badminton & instruction  
Basketball  
Basketry  
Bowling  
Bridge Clubs & Instruction  
Ceramics  
Coppercraft  
Drapes & Bedspreads  
English Smocking  
Dressmaking  
Family Camping  
Flowercrafts  
Golf Instruction  
Horsemanship  
Indian beadcrafts  
Interior decorating  
Mixed Judo Instruction  
Ladies Keep Trim  
Leathercrafts  
Men's Conditioning  
Millinery  
Mosaic Tile Crafts  
Social & Modern Dancing  
Table Tennis  
Volleyball

Children - 9 to 12 years.

Art & Painting  
\*Baton & Majorettes  
Basketry  
Coppercrafts  
\*Dancing (Tap, Folk, & Creative)  
Flowercrafts  
\*Group Games  
\*Indian Beadcrafts  
Model Building  
Small crafts  
\*Stamp Collecting  
\*Tumbling  
\*Wrestling

13 to 15 years

Activities above marked \*  
Basketball  
Good Grooming  
Judo  
Table Tennis  
Volleyball

16 to 18 years

Basketball  
Volleyball  
Table Tennis

## CONSTRUCTION & PARK SERVICES

### DEMANDS GREAT

An extensive program of new park development at many locations throughout a number of new sub-divisions was carried out during the year. Due to budget limitations and the time factor there is always a sizeable carry-over of new development work, which, with the continuing expansion of the City will mean a continued heavy annual park construction program for a number of years.

### DEVELOPERS

A measure of assistance to the Department has resulted from land developers now being required to level and loam all boulevards, traffic island and small parks, with the City only required to seed these areas to grass and eventually improve them with trees and shrub-beds etc. Development of the larger parks on the public reserve land, however, must be completely undertaken by the Department, and involves both planning and designing before the landscaping can be carried out.

### WATER & FENCING

In addition to these phases of development, the plumbing section must lay-out and install the watering system, to ensure the provision of an adequate water supply for maintenance purposes. Fencing is carried out where necessary, with mainly post and cable-type being provided, except where the park adjoins a major thoroughfare, at which locations chain link fencing is erected.

### MAJOR FACILITIES

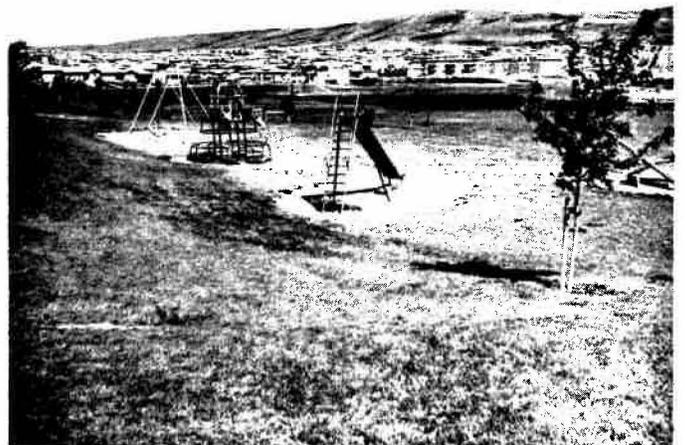
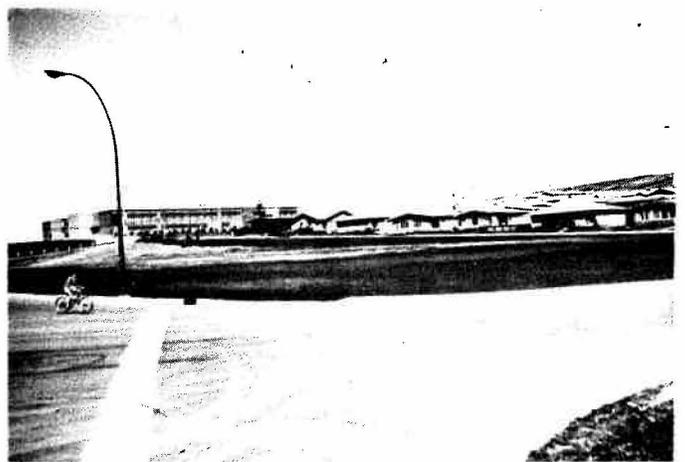
Development of the Foothills athletic park on the north hill saw the playing field turfed and fenced with a solid metal type enclosure, bleachers installed, and the necessary sprinkler system provided. Contractors completed the new ice arena and the tender was awarded for the construction of a large indoor swimming pool also on this site, similar to the Killarney indoor swimming pool which was constructed earlier this year in the park at 29th Street & 17th Avenue S.W.

In other areas, a continuation of the development at the Glenmore Athletic park was pursued with the provision of a speed skating oval and preparation of the running track for final surfacing. In Stanley Park there were six tennis courts provided for public use.

### EQUIPMENT & WATER SERVICES

The usual annual program of servicing the machines and equipment in use throughout the parks system went on as scheduled. This involves the maintenance and repair of all machines, hand tools, park benches, signs and portable tool boxes. In addition, the more than 375 separate park watering systems were turned on in the spring by the plumbing division, maintained throughout the summer and drained before frost arrived in the fall, in addition to maintaining all plumbing installations in the many buildings throughout the entire parks system.

As the City expands , new parks are graded, levelled, loamed, seeded and provided with sprinkler services and finally equipped for use and planted with trees.



WEED CONTROL

During the entire growing season, the weed control section were kept very busy attending to the demands for control measures required under the local weed by-law. During the majority of the season there were three crews consisting of six men in each crew, covering complaints, with each crew having a truck and Gravely Tractor mower. In addition, there were three Ferguson tractors with 5' cutting bars controlling the growth of undesirable plants along roadways and on large undeveloped land areas. Two, one hundred gallon weed spraying units were used to control weeds and dandelions on park land.

Following are some statistics of interest pertaining to the work performed by this division.

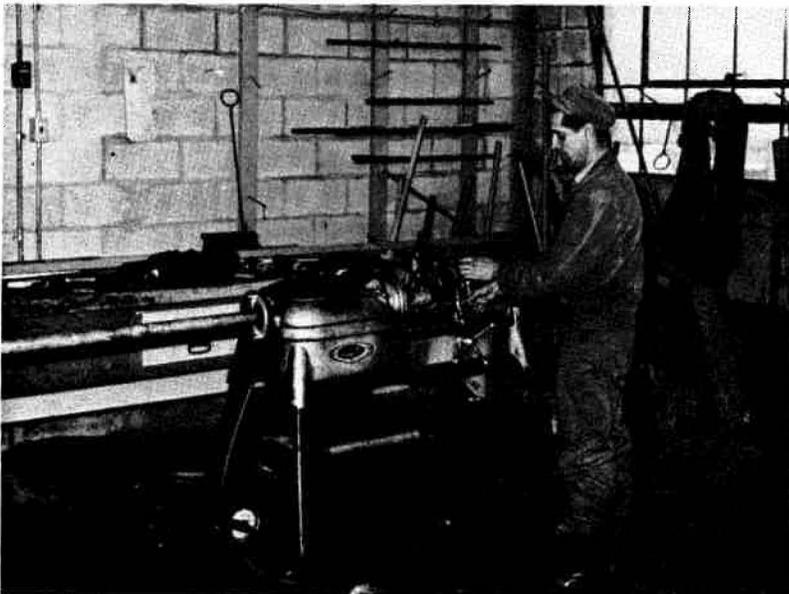
<u>Development</u>	<u>1964</u>
Community Park areas	9.23 acres
Playing Fields	21.94 "
Heritage Park	11.17 "
Transmission line easement	6.59 "
Playgrounds	7.92 "
Decorative Parks	17.28 "
Road Separations	<u>3.97</u> "
	78.10 "
Boulevard seeding	2.84 miles
Boulevards planting	2,488 specimens
<u>Weed Control</u>	
Weed notices issued	761
Private properties treated for weed control	191
<u>Materials used</u>	
Loam	67,866 cu. yds.
Grass Seed	58,890 lbs.
Trees & shrubs, boulevards excluded	13,341 specimens
Galvanized water pipe 1" to 4"	51,230 lin. feet
Plastic pipe 1" to 2"	6,795 lin. feet



Contractors build ice arena



Tools and machines are kept in good repair



Plumbers prepare more pipe

STATEMENTS FOR 1963 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation: \$50,289.00  
Expenditures: \$54,388.11

Salaries	\$47,063.28	
Travelling Expenses	279.00	
Private Car Allowance	1,320.00	
Telephones, Telegrams	361.20	
Subscriptions & Association Dues	146.09	
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies	3,934.77	
Furniture and Furnishings	659.40	
Staff Development and Training	<u>624.37</u>	\$54,388.11

PARKS DIVISION

DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation: \$605,169.00  
Expenditures: \$630,516.83

Salaries	\$35,806.58	
Wages	377,443.71	
Telephones, Telegrams	470.85	
Rental - Equipment and Services	39,361.35	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	27,765.48	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	29,165.80	
Maintenance of Facilities	26,242.94	
Utilities	4,101.27	
Hydrant Water	13,687.44	
Commissionaires and Policing	4,154.87	
Agricultural and Horticultural Material	53,958.69	
New Equipment and Replacements	12,117.38	
Sundry Materials	<u>6,240.47</u>	\$630,516.83

WEED CONTROL

Appropriation: \$62,658.00  
Expenditures: \$65,198.50

Salaries	\$ 5,713.00	
Wages	40,767.55	
Rental - Equipment and Services	7,309.15	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	6,182.99	
New Equipment	3,968.01	
Sundry Materials	<u>1,257.80</u>	\$65,198.50

STREET TREE PLANTING

Appropriation: \$35,767.00

Expenditures: \$32,575.76

Wages	\$10,529.88	
Rentals - Equipment and Services	544.47	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,228.67	
Agricultural and Horticultural Materials	<u>20,272.74</u>	\$ 32,575.76

CAMP GROUNDS - ST PATRICK'S ISLAND

Appropriation: \$11,943.00

Expenditures: \$10,874.57

Wages	\$ 335.98	
Telephones	23.45	
Rental - Equipment and Services	73.98	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	97.04	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	753.73	
Maintenance of Facilities	1,140.66	
Utilities	1,766.05	
Management and Remuneration	5,480.00	
Sundry Materials	<u>1,203.68</u>	\$ 10,874.57

RECREATION DIVISION

SWIMMING POOLS

Appropriation: \$216,390.00

Expenditures: \$197,082.86

Salaries	\$ 1,964.24	
Wages	114,929.45	
Private Car Allowances	442.87	
Telephones, Telegrams	368.30	
Equipment Maintenance	4,976.46	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	19.37	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	22,278.43	
Maintenance of Facilities	11,748.36	
Utilities	21,258.65	
Commissionaires and Policing	6,960.00	
Laundry Service	1,338.73	
Chemicals	7,265.10	
Clothing and Incidentals	530.40	
Sundry Materials	<u>3,002.50</u>	\$197,082.86

SWIMMING POOLS - 1963

POOL Pool	No of Days Open	NUMBER OF SWIMMERS			Total Swimmers	Revenue
		Junior	Intermediate	Senior		
Mount Pleasant	76	13,690	6,395	1,854	21,939	\$3,587.05
South Calgary	121	21,245	13,330	4,508	39,083	7,115.90
Bowview	119	20,021	10,208	3,558	33,787	5,712.35
Millican	47	6,512	2,418	741	9,671	1,406.15
Bridgeland	121	12,355	10,522	8,647	31,524	6,727.45
Acadia	94	19,641	8,925	2,392	30,958	4,977.65
Forest Lawn	107	24,163	8,469	3,066	35,698	5,585.45
Stanley Park	101	29,385	12,045	8,658	50,088	8,883.35
Inglewood	72	9,271	3,646	2,057	14,974	2,303.95
Highwood	85	25,200	8,371	3,614	37,185	5,760.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>181,483</b>	<b>84,329</b>	<b>39,095</b>	<b>304,907</b>	<b>52,059.60</b>

ARENAS AND RINKS

Appropriation: \$145,692.00  
Expenditures: \$125,866.87

Salaries	\$ 972.39	
Wages	56,037.16	
Private Car Allowances	240.00	
Telephones, Telegrams	119.00	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	5,324.23	
Rental - Equipment and Services	3,726.19	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	510.27	
Maintenance of Facilities	12,679.45	
Utilities	10,843.01	
Hydrant Water	2,000.03	
C.C.R.A. Hockey	300.00	
Community Floodlighting	31,395.00	
Agricultural and Horticultural Material	1,230.00	
Sundry Materials	<u>490.14</u>	\$125,866.87

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation: \$ 93,371.00  
Expenditures: \$ 94,025.65

Salaries	\$ 2,305.89	
Wages	52,571.63	
Private Car Allowances	240.00	
Telephones, Telegrams	338.35	
Rental - Equipment and Services	2,990.32	
Equipment Maintenance	1,762.80	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	3,298.20	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	19,652.15	
Maintenance of Facilities	2,989.75	
Utilities	5,236.87	
Agricultural and Horticultural Materials	988.56	
Recreation Supplies	538.17	
Sundry Materials	2,899.21	
Floodlighting Fees	<u>1,786.25</u>	cr. \$ 94,025.65

RECREATION SERVICES

Appropriation: \$ 93,530.00  
Expenditures: \$ 80,590.65

Salaries	\$ 27,750.86	
Wages	33,451.60	
Private Car Allowances	3,472.62	
Rental - Equipment and Services	65.88	
Equipment Maintenance	1,015.31	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	497.35	
Rental - Buildings and Property	10,284.61	
Recreation Supplies	3,483.69	
Sundry Materials	193.73	
Band Contests	<u>375.00</u>	\$ 80,590.65

GOLF COURSE

Appropriation: \$ 60,000.00  
Expenditures: \$ 65,509.71  
Revenues: \$ 61,744.90

Wages	\$ 33,882.50	
Telephones, Telegrams	97.00	
Rental - Equipment and Services	6,358.31	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,983.84	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	5,029.21	
Maintenance of Facilities	2,121.25	
Utilities	2,822.87	
Management Remuneration	4,500.00	
Agriculture and Horticultural Materials	3,488.35	
New Equipment	1,912.50	
Sundry Materials	3,313.88	
Contribution to Reserve for Golf Course	<u>nil</u>	\$ 65,509.71

GOLF COURSE REVENUE

GREEN FEES

1044 Junior	@ \$ .75	\$ 783.00	
105 "	@ \$1.00	105.00	
7683 Senior	@ \$1.00	7,683.00	
10112 "	@ \$1.50	15,168.00	
36359 9 holes	@ \$ .60	21,815.40	
11170 (Lakeview)	@ \$ .35	<u>3,909.50</u>	\$49,463.90

SEASON TICKETS

Husband & Wife	\$ 1,820.00	
Adult (Unrestricted)	5,985.00	
Adult (Restricted)	840.00	
Junior (Restricted)	3,504.00	\$12,149.00

LOCKER RENTALS

132.00 \$ 61,744.90

CEMETERIES

Appropriation: \$184,838.00  
Expenditures: \$180,052.16

Salaries	\$ 14,520.20	
Wages	148,780.10	
Private Car Allowances	360.00	
Employees Transit Tickets and Passes	25.00	
Telephones and Telegrams	171.15	
Rental - Equipment	27,396.24	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	4,733.68	
Building and Property Maintenance	287.34	
Maintenance of Facilities	4,128.99	
Utilities	878.87	
Hydrant	4,312.56	
Agricultural and Horticultural Material	7,436.91	
New Equipment	1,493.20	
Sundry Materials	863.57	
Interest from Perpetual care of Graves Fund	<u>35,335.65</u>	cr.\$180,052.16

PERPETUAL CARE RECEIPTS \$67,560.00

ST GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO

Appropriation: \$148,962.00  
Expenditures: \$159,050.44

Salaries	\$ 12,515.50	
Wages	88,065.95	
Private Car Allowances	360.00	
Telephones and Telegrams	118.95	
Rental - Equipment and Services	57.00	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,680.07	
Buildings and Property Maintenance	3,215.27	
Maintenance of Facilities	5,276.63	
Utilities	22,976.47	
Commissionaires and Policing	633.25	
Horticultural and Agricultural Material	2,491.07	
Feed Supplies	16,089.08	
New Equipment	2,298.21	
Sundry Materials	<u>3,272.99</u>	\$159,050.44

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Appropriation: \$160,325.00  
Expenditures: \$158,591.47

Wages	\$ 46,946.00	
Rental - Equipment and Services	11,768.00	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	7,786.00	
Inter Divisional Services	37,982.16	
Agricultural and Horticultural Material	44,313.11	
New Equipment	<u>9,796.20</u>	\$158,591.47

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1963

	<u>1963</u> <u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>1963</u> <u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1964</u> <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATION DIVISION</u>	\$ 50,289.00	\$ 54,388.11	\$ 60,813.00
 <u>PARKS DIVISION</u>			
District Maintenance	605,169.00	630,516.83	698,884.00
Weed Control	62,658.00	65,198.50	67,637.00
Street Tree Planting	35,767.00	32,575.76	37,522.00
Camp Grounds	<u>11,943.00</u>	<u>10,874.57</u>	<u>13,120.00</u>
	<u>715,537.00</u>	<u>739,165.66</u>	<u>817,163.00</u>
 <u>RECREATION DIVISION</u>			
Swimming Pools	216,390.00	197,082.86	257,190.00
Arenas and Rinks	145,692.00	125,866.87	160,852.00
Athletic Fields and Playgrounds	93,371.00	94,025.65	112,543.00
Recreation Services	93,530.00	80,590.65	96,578.00
Golf Course	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>65,509.71</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
	<u>608,983.00</u>	<u>563,075.74</u>	<u>692,163.00</u>
 <u>GEMETERIES DIVISION</u>	 184,838.00	 180,052.16	 187,131.00
 <u>GALGARY ZOO &amp; HERITAGE PARK</u>			
St. George's Island Zoo	148,962.00	159,050.44	176,208.00
Heritage Park	-----	-----	<u>25,000.00</u>
 <u>DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</u>	 160,325.00	 158,591.47	 120,812.00
	<u>1,868,934.00</u>	<u>1,854,323.58</u>	<u>2,079,290.00</u>
 <u>SUPPORTING UNITS</u>			
<u>Cost of Operation</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate 1964</u>
Repair Shop	150,585.00	166,692.00	158,710.00
Plumbing Shop	116,929.00	147,535.00	129,995.00
Nursery	47,521.00	59,305.00	60,712.00
Greenhouse	<u>22,520.00</u>	<u>29,398.00</u>	<u>29,840.00</u>
	<u>\$337,555.00</u>	<u>\$402,930.00</u>	<u>\$379,257.00</u>
 Cost recovered through charges to budgets etc.		<u>\$402,930.00</u>	
		nil	

GENERAL REVENUE STATEMENT FOR 1963

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	1964 <u>ESTIMATE</u>
Bowness Park	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 8,788.81	\$ 10,000.00
Camp Grounds	12,000.00	15,995.00	15,000.00
Swimming Pools	70,000.00	52,059.60	60,000.00
Arenas and Rinks	8,000.00	9,096.46	8,000.00
Athletic Fields	3,000.00	3,685.33	3,000.00
Golf Course	60,000.00	61,744.90	65,000.00
Sundry Rentals	1,000.00	2,761.25	1,200.00
Cemeteries Fees	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>62,240.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
	<u>\$237,500.00</u>	<u>\$216,371.35</u>	<u>\$222,200.00</u>

1 9 6 3 C A P I T A L W O R K S

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Development of Park and Playground Areas	\$ 203,600.00	\$ 196,481.42	\$ 7,118.58
Cemetery Development	7,500.00	3,973.42	3,526.58
Golf Course Development	6,000.00	6,000.97	Dr. .97
Heritage Park	210,000.00	145,874.28	64,125.72
Fencing Parks and Playgrounds	44,000.00	45,542.69	Dr. 1,542.69
New Swimming Pools - Highwood	156,059.00	153,325.25	2,733.75
New Swimming Pools - Inglewood	127,435.00	131,918.15	Dr. 4,483.15
New Artificial Ice Rink - Glenmore (Carried forward from '62)	152,514.13	156,590.81	Dr. 4,076.68
Artificial Ice Rink Northhill	373,000.00	42,764.98	330,235.02
New Buildings	17,500.00	17,500.00	Dr. 166.33
Playground Equipment	12,100.00	12,187.65	Dr. 87.65
Lower Intake at Glenmore Nursery Pump Station	2,500.00	2,725.22	Dr. 225.22
Landscaping Civic Centre Area	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>16,210.10</u>	Dr. <u>1,210.10</u>
	\$1,327,208.13	\$931,261.27	\$395,946.86

CITY OF CALGARY

CAPITAL BUDGET

	<u>Appropriations</u> <u>1964</u>
Development of Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 290,250.00
Cemetery Development	8,000.00
Golf Course Development	4,000.00
Heritage Park	92,000.00
Fencing Parks and Playgrounds	49,000.00
Indoor Swimming Pool - Southwest	357,400.00
Northwest Arena - Foothills - to complete	57,000.00
New Buildings	58,000.00
F.M. Communications Units	3,300.00
Recreation Facilities	<u>76,347.17</u>
TOTAL	\$ 995,297.17
1963 Works in Progress (Carried Forward)	\$ <u>401,184.69</u>
	\$1,396,481.86