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Morant's Curve, Banff National Park

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In the next few months, we will also be selling flower bulbs as a fundraiser.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Mark your calendar and join us for the next upcoming event in our Winter/Spring 2019 program:

March 13 - *The World is My Country*
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Parkland United Church
2919 – 8th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, AB

There is a change to our March 13th meeting. Instead of our originally scheduled speaker, we will present the movie, *The World is My Country*, followed by a facilitated discussion. This lively movie tells the amazing story of Gary Davis and his controversial efforts to promote world citizenship. Could such efforts provide a roadmap to a better future? This film is also scheduled to screen at the 12th Annual New York Annual Peace Festival on March 23-24. Join us for an opportunity to see it now in Calgary. For more information about the film, see [The World is my Country](#).

Note: There is no charge to attend our events, but donations are always welcome.

**Our annual fundraising drive: Place your order with us by April 9, 2019,
for quality foods from Spolumbo's and Community Health Foods**

In the past, many of you have enjoyed placing an order for quality meat from Spolumbo's during our annual fundraising drive. This year, we have partnered again with Spolumbo's and Community Foods to bring you an extensive list of quality food products that you can order from us and pick up from one convenient location on Thursday, May 2nd. The order forms and details for ordering, pick-up, and payment are noted on pages 5-8 of the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Sally at (403) 247-1653.



- ❖ ***“Is the world ready to face a nuclear war? No. So let’s ban the bomb”*** by The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), February 11, 2019. In this news release, the ICRC points to the rising wave of nuclear dangers in today’s global politics, due to the “worrying erosion of the nuclear disarmament and arms control framework.” To educate the public about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of a nuclear war, the ICRC, along with its member agencies, announced the launch of a global video campaign. They are encouraging people to urge their governments to sign and ratify the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**. See [Let’s ban the bomb](#). To sign up and join the campaign, see [Join us and say no to nuclear weapons](#).
 - ❖ ***Former disarmament ambassador speaks about U.S. withdrawal from nuclear arms treaty***. On February 12, 2019, CPAC published an interview with Paul Meyer, who served as Canada’s permanent ambassador and representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2003 - 2007. In it, he warns of a backwards march towards Cold War tensions. See [Former disarmament ambassador](#).
 - ❖ ***In this newsclip from CTV News, Earl Turcotte***, a former Canadian diplomat and now board member of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, discusses the U.S.’s very serious move to pull out of the nuclear arms treaty with Russia, its withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal, and its previous announcement that the U.S. will spend up to \$1.5 trillion on modernizing its nuclear arsenal. Turcotte says these moves mean we have now moved into another nuclear arms race. See [Earl Turcotte interview](#).
 - ❖ ***More than 1,000 Canadians honoured by the Order of Canada and concerned with the urgency for nuclear disarmament sent Prime Minister Justin Trudeau a letter on January 24, 2019***, urging him to take public action to press the United States and Russia to save two vital nuclear disarmament treaties now in jeopardy. See [Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#).
 - ❖ ***Why women are vital to a peace agreement in Afghanistan***. In this article posted on *Dateline*, an Australian television public affairs program, Susan Hutchinson discusses the ongoing peace negotiations between the U.S. and the Taliban over ending their prolonged conflict in Afghanistan. However, Hutchinson raises the alarm that these talks have excluded Afghanistan’s democratically-elected government and women. Afghan women are angry about being excluded from the talks; they view their inclusion as vitally important for securing their rights against the patriarchal Taliban and to ensure the durability of peace. See [Why women are vital to a peace agreement in Afghanistan](#).
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A more inclusive story of Canada's history through hearing the voices of Indigenous Peoples

By Kathleen McWilliams

At Calgary Ploughshares' February meeting, Troy Patenaude, Director of Cultural Development at Fort Calgary, presented a captivated audience with an enhanced understanding of the history that Indigenous Peoples and other Canadians share. Patenaude, who draws inspiration from his Métis heritage, explained how the conventional story of Calgary's origins privileges Canada's colonial history by identifying Calgary's founders as the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP), an all-white police force and today's Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This version of history describes how the NWMP built Fort Calgary at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in 1875 to protect the area for the fur trade and from U.S. whiskey traders, many of whom were known outlaws bringing illegal alcohol across the border. But, Patenaude stated, the truth is more complex than merely hearing one side of a story—it can be understood more holistically when other equally authentic voices are also heard.

In reference to the oft-repeated and conventional version of Calgary's beginnings, Patenaude asked, "Why is the beginning of [Calgary's] story the coming of the Mounties?" He pointed out that we seldom hear another truth about Calgary's origins—specifically, the Indigenous view. Members of the first NWMP troop to the region even later acknowledged that "There were thousands of red men in the country in those days, and they could easily have annihilated the small force of police had they so wished" (George King, *Calgary Herald*, 1917). This already abundant, knowledgeable, and skilled population, Patenaude explained, actually created a great deal of fear in some of the NWMP regiment due to encountering a new culture they did not understand; consequently, the NWMP "were scared to be here." In contrast, Patenaude said, the conventional story plays into the iconic, mythical strength often associated with the Mounties, who are frequently represented as strong, pioneering men. Patenaude then pointed to another seldom-heard truth—that it was the Blackfoot who found and rescued the southern NWMP troops after they separated from the larger group on the March West, became lost in between the Cypress Hills and Fort Benton, and were ill and in danger of starving. Such truths, he said, are inviting us into a new kind of conversation that presents a more holistic view of our shared history, allows equally important voices to emerge, and works toward the mutual understanding and respect required of truth and reconciliation. In other words, we need to be open to hearing other authentic voices who can provide differing perspectives.

Calgary and its surrounding areas are located in the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta (a vast area encompassing most of Southern Alberta from the Red Deer River south), which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations) (University of Calgary, n.d.). Calgary is also the location for the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. Patenaude noted that Treaty 7, signed at the Blackfoot Crossing in 1877, was the last of the numbered treaties to be signed between the Government of Canada and the Indigenous Peoples along the U.S. border over to the Rockies. This event,

Patenaude observed, was part of lengthy process to compress the spread of First Nations' groups onto small, stationary reserves, and some people are still angry about the inequitable consequences of this today. Patenaude noted that the fear of Indigenous Peoples has continued to be displayed throughout our shared history, such as when the government imposed the PASS system that lasted until the 1960s. The Pass system was introduced in 1885 as a way of controlling the movement of Indigenous persons and keeping them separated from settlers and confined to reserves unless they had a special travel permit issued by an Indian agent. The Canadian Encyclopedia notes that the PASS system "aimed to prevent large gatherings, seen by many White settlers as a threat to their settlement." Though never passed as a law, this system restricted Indigenous freedom on the Praries and caused damage to Indigenous cultures and economies (Canadian Encyclopedia, 2019).

Patenaude's talk was insightful and educational. My takeaway was that Patenaude is calling us to educate ourselves about truths that are not regularly heard in our society, as told by Indigenous' voices and perspectives. A few days later, a friend's posting on Facebook alerted me to a performance at the Jubilee Auditorium by the Making Treaty Cultural Society (see [Making Treaty 7 Okotoks](#)). The Society notes, "The Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society explores the historical significance of the events at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877, while investigating the consequences and implications of Treaty 7, 141 years later. The Society invites people of all ages and backgrounds to consider an enlightened, sustainable future for everyone—together." Attending similar events and visiting places such as Fort Calgary to learn about the peoples and cultures that have shaped our history will encourage critical thinking about the past and, I believe, give promising hope for our shared future.



Left and Right: First Nations' dance performers, Canada Day PowWow, Drumheller



**Ploughshares
Meat Sales Fundraiser**

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Orders and payment are due on

April 9th, 2019

Orders must be picked up at the following location:

**24 Varston Place NW
(403) 247-1653 (Sally)**

**from 3:30 pm to 6 pm
on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019**

Purchaser Name:

Sellers Name: Ploughshares Calgary Society

Purchaser Phone:

Seller's Phone: 403-270-7366

Purchaser Address:

Seller's E-Mail: office@ploughsharescalgary.ca

Purchaser E-mail:

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SPOLUMBO'S FINE FOODS

	Description	Sales Price	Cases Ordered	Total Price
	Spicy Italian Sausage (36 x 155 gm link)	\$80		
	Mild Italian Sausage (36 x 155 gm link)	\$80		
	Chorizo Pork Sausage (36 x 155 gm link)	\$85		
	Bratwurst Pork Sausage (36 x 155 gm link)	\$80		
	Maple Breakfast Sausage (110 x 50 gm link)	\$80		
	Maple Breakfast Sausage (158 x 36 gm link)	\$85		
	Whiskey Fennel Sausage (36 x 155 link)	\$85		
	Chicken Apple Sausage (36 x 155 link)	\$95		
	Spicy Chicken Sausage (36 x 155 link)	\$95		
	Chicken Sundried Tomato Burgers (36 6 oz patties)	\$100		
	Spolumbo's Burgers (36 6 oz patties)	\$90		

SPOLUMBO'S SUB-TOTAL: \$ _____

COMMUNITY FOODS

Line No.	Item No.	Description	Unit Size	Sales Price	Quantity Ordered	Total Price
		BEEF				
1	#13501	TOP SIRLOIN 5OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK)	22/pc	\$120		
2	#13236	TOP SIRLOIN 8OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK)	18/pc	\$145		
3	#CF1101	FLAT IRON 6OZ – AAA (1/PK)	22/pc	\$130		
4	#17312	NY STEAK 8OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK)	10/pc	\$110		
5	#17522	NY STEAK 6OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK) CALIFORNIA CUT	14/pc	\$110		
6	#17550	NY STEAK 10OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK)	10/pc	\$130		
7	#21419	TENDERLOIN BACON WRAPPED 4OZ (1/PK)	10/pc	\$100		
8	#21429	TENDERLOIN BACON WRAPPED 6OZ (1/PK)	10/pc	\$125		
9	#31051	RIB EYE 10OZ ALBERTA – AAA (1/PK)	10/pc	\$140		
10	#53238	PRIME RIB SLIDER 2.5OZ (72/cs)	8 lb	\$75		
11	#53400	BEEF BURGERS 5OZ ALBERTA AAA (32/cs)	10lb	\$75		
12	#CF1102	BEEF STIR-FRY ALBERTA AAA(1LB/BAG)	10lb	\$85		
13	#73017	GROUND BEEF 1LB/pk	10lb	\$70		
14	#CF1106	BEEF BACON (375gm)	5/pc	\$50		

		GRASS FED & FINISHED BEEF PRODUCTS				
15	#11382	GRASS FED GROUND BEEF (1lb/pk)	10lb	\$80		
16	#190003	GRASS FED LIVER (1lb/pk)	10lb	\$50		
17	#192010	GRASS FED N.Y. STRIPLOIN 8OZ (2/pk)	12/pc	\$155		
18	#192011	GRASS FED RIBEYE 10OZ (1/pk)	12/pc	\$200		
19	#192020	GRASS FED TENDERLOIN 6OZ (1/pk)	12/pc	\$160		
20	#192001	GRASS FED SIRLOIN 6OZ (2/pk)	24/pc	\$150		
21	#11385	GRASS FED BURGERS 4OZ - UNSEASONED	10lb	\$90		
		WAGYU BEEF				

22	#3120	WAGYU BEEF ROAST (2lb/ea)	2/pc	\$60		
23	#3121	WAGYU BEEF HOT DOGS	5 lb	\$45		
24	#3026A	WAGYU BEEF MINUTE STEAKS 4 oz	10 lb	\$100		
25	#3026B	WAGYU BEEF MINUTE STEAKS 6 oz	10 lb	\$100		
		DUCK				
26	#CF1103	DUCK BREAST (1/pk)	10/pc	\$90		
		FISH and SEAFOOD				
27	#66144	COD LOIN 3 oz	10 lb	\$110		
28	#72651	SALMON FILLET 6OZ (SOCKEYE)	10lb	\$205		
29	#73154	SCALLOPS BACON WRAPPED - 1LB X 5	5lb	\$130		
30	#CF1107	21/25 PRAWNS RAW 45-50/bag	2lb	\$45		
		LAMB				
31	#1911	GROUND LAMB (1lb/pk)	6lb	\$80		
32	#1290	LAMB CHOPS BONE IN 4OZ	24/pc	\$90		
		ELK				
33	#1031	GROUND ELK (1lb/pk)	6lb	\$90		
		VEAL				
34	#3390	VEAL CUTLETS	20/pc	\$95		
35	#51107	VEAL OSSO BUCCO (1 ½" cut)	12/pc	\$145		
36	#3610	GROUND VEAL (1lb/pk)	10lb	\$90		
37	#62165	VEAL CHOPS 11/2"	10/pc	\$145		
		BISON				
38	#2089	GROUND BISON (1lb/pk)	6lb	\$90		
39	#20150	BISON N.Y. STRIPLOIN 8OZ (1/pk)	12/pc	\$260		
40	#6062	BISON/BEEF BURGERS 5OZ	10lb	\$100		
41	#8042	BISON SLIDERS 2.5OZ	10lb	\$110		

PORK						
42	#54137	PORK BACK RIB 16/20OZ ALBERTA NATURAL 1lb	10lb	\$105		
43	#54500	PORK CHOP 6OZ ALBERTA NATURAL (2/pk) BONELESS	28/pc	\$65		
44	#54505	PORK CHOP 8OZ ALBERTA NATURAL BONE IN	20/pc	\$65		
45	#54682	PORK BITES BONELESS BREADED 1LB	4/pc	\$50		
46	#55068	BACON NATURALLY SMOKED 14/16 - 1LB	8/pc	\$70		
47	#55069	SWISS & BACON SMOKIES	10 lb	\$80		
CHICKEN						
48	#WS1111	WINGS NATURALLY RAISED RAW (1.5lb/pk)	10/pkg	\$80		
49	#60292	CHICKEN BREAST 5OZ BONELESS/SKINLESS (4/pk)	8 LB	\$70		
50	#60797	CHICKEN STRIPS (2KG/BAG)	4.4lb	\$40		
51	#72049	WHOLE C10 CHICKEN APPROX 4 lb EACH	2 pc	\$55		

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Total Amount of Order: \$_____

Payable at time of ordering by cheque to our address:

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 Calgary, AB, T2N 1C8
 Ph: 403 270 7366

Thank you for your support!

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