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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Society Suspension 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Society activities and events have been suspended. Alberta is currently under restrictions and vaccination is well underway. Society events and activities will resume once everyone feels safe. Thank you for your patience and consideration.



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## Society Memberships Extended

The COVID – 19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of most Society events and activities since March 2020. The Board has reviewed this unfortunate turn of events and that members have not received value for their Society membership. Therefore, the Board of Directors has approved a proposal to extend every member’s membership expiry date by one year to ensure value for the cost of membership and to ensure that once life returns to normal, all Society events and activities are available to all members. In the meantime, please practise safe health precautions to protect yourself, those in your family, and the Scottish community.

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## Society Annual General Meeting



The Society will announce the date and location of the Annual General Meeting once restrictions have been lifted and outdoor gatherings greater 10 are allowed. Please go to the Society website or check your email for the notice.

**BOARD POSITIONS:** The Society’s Board of Directors is looking for two members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities. The Board is the place for those who would like to make a difference in the Society. Board positions are elected for two year terms, and meetings are usually held the first Wednesday evening of the month. A Director would be expected to take

on a project during their term to determine: 1. the funding required, 2. source of the funds, 3. the member participation and, 4. to bring the project to commencement and/or to completion. The Board particularly needs a Secretary and a member who would take responsibility for bar sales. Interested members are asked to contact Andrew Joo at [andrewjoo@msn.com](mailto:andrewjoo@msn.com) via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate, then please supply a contact telephone number and/or email address for follow-up with that individual. Thank you. *Andrew Joo*



Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

One of the most important symbols of Scotland and Scottish culture, the Tartan is an emblem for those of Scottish descent. *Tartan Day* recognizes Scottish heritage and the contributions made to the development of human rights, technology, education and industry in Canada and around the world.

Whereas: Calgary has a distinguished Scottish past and character with Scots bearing a significant responsibility for the city we have today;

Whereas: The Calgary Tartan was adopted by Calgary City Council on July 14, 2003 and celebrates the vibrant and influential role of Scottish immigrants and their descendants in our community;

Whereas: The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society is entrusted as guardian to promote and manage this symbol of Calgary.

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary, I hereby proclaim April 6, 2021 as:

**“TARTAN DAY”**

**NAHEED K. NENSHI**  
**MAYOR**



# Tartan Banners Additions

The Society's display of national, provincial and municipal tartans has been augmented by the recent work of Pat Purvis and Nonie Sundstrom. We now have the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Dress Calgary tartan shields which will be on display at our next gathering. In the meantime. These three

shields will be added to the Society's collection bringing the Society's collection to sixteen banners. Many thanks from the Society to Pat Purvis and Nonie Sundstrom for this outstanding work.



## Calgary Tartan Sales

The Society has a number of items available in Calgary tartan, St. Andrew, and Society related. Please consider any of the following: Society golf shirts and ball caps. Lambswool wraps and wool scarves in the Calgary tartan. Whiskey glasses for your special toasts (Slàinte mhath). Special pricing is available for Society members on many items. Information on the items available can be found on the Society website <https://>

[standrewcaledonian.ca/merchandise/](https://standrewcaledonian.ca/merchandise/), and to get member pricing and place an order, send an email to [sales@standrewcaledonian.ca](mailto:sales@standrewcaledonian.ca).

Socially-distanced doorstep delivery can be arranged. We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.





# Gaelic Language Workshop

We are going to have an online learning session for Gaelic. This course will be an immersion session, meaning it is taught using Gaelic. It is primarily for people who have had exposure to Gaelic, but we would welcome people who are wanting to start learning and are up for a challenge. If that is you, we would encourage you to spend some time on Duolingo, or the lessons on [www.learnghaelic.net](http://www.learnghaelic.net) in advance. We will have a video conference using Zoom on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. We would have 4 hours of immersion sessions on each of Saturday and Sunday - 2.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 in the afternoon. The afternoon session would be used to reinforce what is covered in the morning. Given that we have not been able to have classes since early last year, the first hour of Saturday morning will be very basic to help us get back into speaking the language. There would also be a Ceilidh style session on Saturday night, with music and stories!

In April, prior to the session, we will offer a Zoom tutorial for anyone unfamiliar with the application. There

will also be a note coming out prior to the session with suggestions for prep, including some props that will be used to make the session practical. While the objective will be to use Gaelic only, there will be specific short periods of time to use English where clarification is necessary. We would charge \$40 for the weekend sessions to cover costs. Please contact [stuartclark51@gmail.com](mailto:stuartclark51@gmail.com) to let him know if you interested or have questions about the event. We will be limiting the class size to 15 to ensure all attendees get attention. Class registrations have gone well for this workshop and only a few vacancies remain. *Stuart Clark*



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## Society Asset Storage

The Society is looking for a member who would be able to store either the Highlander Tartan Alley or the Manhattan Billiard Table. The Highlander Tartan Alley came from the Highlander Motor Hotel on 16th Avenue and consists of panels displaying numerous Scottish tartans. The panels are mostly 11' long, with one being 15' long, by 3 1/2' tall by 20" wide. The Manhattan Billiard Table is a 6' by 12', 3 piece slate table and is currently disassembled. If a member

wishes to assemble the table, it would require a clear space of 16' by 22'. If any member would like further details, please contact Robert Henderson, [A thistle flower with a green, spiky base and a reddish-brown, fuzzy top.](mailto:rob-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

## Member Benefits

Benefits of Society membership include:

- reduced rates for pipers at your function,
- 10% discount on purchases at the Highland Scottish Gift Shoppe,
- Free entry to the Calgary Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Canmore Highland Games.
- \$2.00 reduction in the regular adult admission to the Globe Theatre 617—8th Avenue SW.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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