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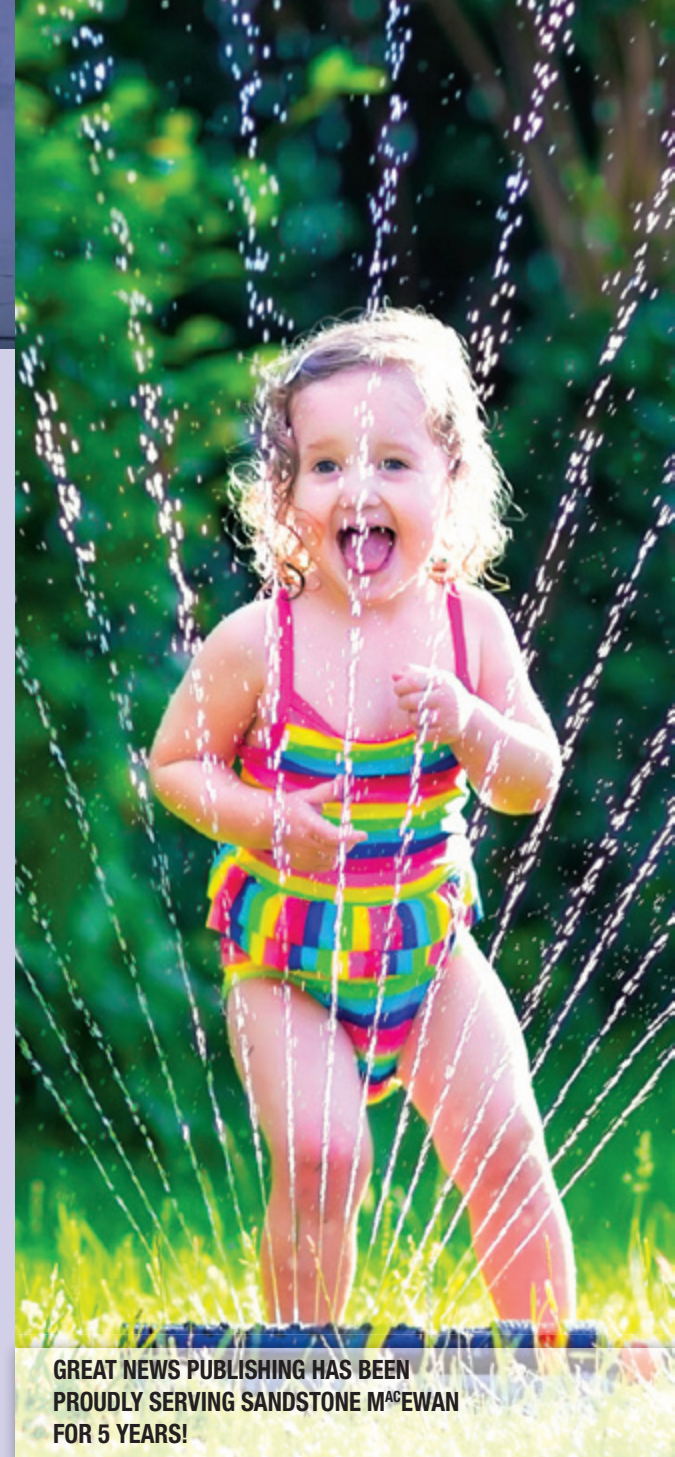
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(6-9 Spanish Bilingual)	403-777-7400
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(10-12 French Immersion/Spanish Bilingual)	403-289-2551



Playground/School zones

Please note that in Calgary Playground zones are from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., all year around with a speed limit of 30km/h.

SMCA has fielded numerous complaints about speeding thru our Playground/School zones, please slow down to make our community safe for everyone!

To report an ongoing traffic concern, such as speeding issues, please submit a Traffic Service Request at:

<http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx>

-Sarah Meagher-Bromley

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Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association Meetings

are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month
at 7:00PM at the Berkshire Citadel-Sandarac Drive, NW
Everyone is welcome to attend.

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Meetings will resume September 20, 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The SMCA board is very excited to announce Los Morenos and Locomotive Ghost will be playing at the 4th Annual Sandstock (Music in the Park) on August 21st from 100pm-500pm at the park on Sandstone Drive. We have sold more Artisan tables than ever and the Vivo play ambassadors will be on hand again running the bouncy house and getting the kids up and moving during music breaks. The older kids will be excited to hear Vivo has agreed to have their huge blow up obstacle course on site. The first one hundred families with valid community memberships (can also purchase them on site) will each get free burgers and a drink along with a backpack with goodies courtesy of YYC (airport community engagement) and the SMCA. As usual we will have raffle draws as well as 50/50 draws. Please contact us at macsand@macsand.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

In celebration of 30 years of SMCA, we are going to provide all new or updated members with a token of our appreciation. Those who purchase a three-year membership (\$50.00) will receive a SMCA go mug and those with a one-year membership (\$20.00) will receive two SMCA beverage koozies.

The SMCA board will be hosting a 30-year celebration of the incorporation of the Sandstone MacEwan Communities in September. We want to highlight the efforts of previous board members and volunteers who have contributed to making Sandstone and MacEwan great and safe communities to live in. Please contact Pinky Nantais if you were on the board or if you would like to volunteer at this event. Look forward to more informa-

tion regarding this event on our website, Facebook and twitter.

Thank you to many community members for stepping up to volunteer to adopt a flower pot for watering! You may have noticed in July someone dumped over one of our larger pots and stole the pot. It has since been replaced at a cost to the community association. It is disheartening to know some people don't care about the efforts we take to beautify our neighborhood. Could these be the same individuals who lit a fire in the middle of one of the tennis courts creating a significant cost for the city?

Monsignor Neville Anderson starts classes for year round school August 3, 2016. You may have noticed the bold signs the community association paid to have put at each playground zone for two weeks encouraging drivers to slow down. PLEASE pay attention when you are driving in our communities and do not hesitate to report erratic driving.

Please remember to nominate your neighbor! We will choose a lucky neighbor quarterly and recognize them with a gift.

Check out the website at www.macsand.ca or contact us at macsand@macsand.ca. We are at 490 likes on Facebook and would love to keep that number rising so don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

*Sue Coatham, President
Celebrating 30 years of SMCA*



Karen McPherson, MLA
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Please stop by weekdays between 9-4:30 pm for a visit! We are always excited to get to know our constituents and are happy to help you with matters of concern.

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The program has grown to **450 volunteers** from 45 at its inception.



Volunteers have collaboratively donated nearly **one million hours** at YYC.



Volunteers have performed nearly **4,000 White Hat Welcome Ceremonies** with over 12,520 participants.



Each volunteer commits to working a minimum of **150 hours per year**.



63% of volunteers are women, and 37% are men **from 27 to 89 years of age**.

To learn more about the White Hat Volunteer program visit yyc.com.



YYC CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Sandstone-MacEwan mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Abigail	14	403-295-7464	Yes
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Emma	15	403-275-0968	Yes
Jessica	15	403-831-3760	Yes
Joe	14	403-454-2801	Yes
Jordan	13	403-274-6910	Yes
Laikyn	13	403-702-5316	Yes
Lauren	22	587-893-8008	Yes
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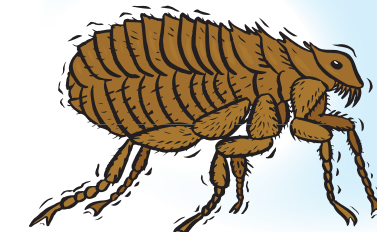
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Insects and Technology

Fleas Knees

Scientists have been studying a resilient protein that makes up the joints of many insects, including fleas.

This protein allows fleas to leap 100 times their body length in a single bound (that would be 600 feet high for a human). A manufacturer has produced a near-perfect rubber with 98 percent resiliency which could improve the responsiveness from heart valves to the bounciness of running shoes.



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Sandstone MacEwan Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months SANDSTONE VALLEY
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$464,450.00	\$458,900.00
May 2016	\$399,500.00	\$413,000.00
April 2016	\$459,900.00	\$459,500.00
March 2016	\$455,000.00	\$448,900.00
February 2016	\$470,000.00	\$453,000.00
January 2016	\$369,900.00	\$366,000.00
December 2015	\$439,900.00	\$416,500.00
November 2015	\$459,900.00	\$451,000.00
October 2015	\$549,900.00	\$536,500.00
September 2015	\$429,900.00	\$420,000.00
August 2015	\$569,000.00	\$557,500.00
July 2015	\$459,894.00	\$448,500.00

Last 12 Months MacEWAN GLEN
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	6	6
May 2016	9	7
April 2016	8	6
March 2016	6	9
February 2016	7	4
January 2016	6	1
December 2015	0	1
November 2015	3	1
October 2015	5	1
September 2015	3	5
August 2015	4	3
July 2015	7	8

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BLOCK PARTY

The 4th annual block party in the green park along Sandringham Way included a fire truck visit and a bouncy house. There were about 50 neighbours participating and everyone had a great time! Thank you so much for the support from the community association!



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

- **August 26 to September 5 - Calgary Pride Parade and Festival:** Celebrate Calgary's LGBTQ community and attend events during the Calgary Pride Festival. After watching the parade, head to Shaw Millennium Park for the free Pride In the Park festival. www.calgarypride.ca
- **September 1 - Easter Seals Drop Zone:** On the first day of September, 120 brave Calgarians are facing their fear of heights. They'll rappel down the 30-storey Sun Life tower in support of the Easter Seals. www.thedropzone.ca
- **September 3 to 4 - X-Fest Calgary:** This year, X-Fest has an impressive lineup of contemporary musicians. Headliners at the festival include Twenty One Pilots, The Lumineers, Halsey, Vance Joy and Arkells. www.xfestcalgary.com
- **September 9 - Calgary Night Market:** Running roughly every second weekend, this night market is a chance to sample local food, shop at vendors' booths and listen to buskers and other live performers. www.facebook.com/events/1104858596212708
- **September 10 to 11 - One Love Music Festival:** The One Love Music Festival is Western Canada's Largest Hip Hip Music Festival! Featuring Big Sean, Lil' Wayne, Tyler, The Creator and more. www.onelovefestival.ca
- **September 13 to October 1 - Waiting For the Parade:** Waiting For the Parade is a Canadian production that centres around five Calgarian women living during the Second World War. www.atplive.com
- **September 14 to 18 - Beakerhead:** Science and engineering meet art and design when Beakerhead takes over the city for its fourth year. There are going to be more than 60 events that combine science, engineering and art. www.beakerhead.com
- **September 20 - The YWCA Walk a Mile In Her Shoes:** Each September, more than 200 men strap on high-heeled shoes to help raise awareness of family violence. Money raised supports the work that the YWCA of Calgary does to help break the cycle of domestic violence and keep women and children safe. www.ywcaofcalgary.com
- **September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF):** The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award ceremonies and special presentations. www.calgaryfilm.com
- **September 22 to 24 - Shadowland by Pilobus Dance Theatre:** The production is a coming of age story that sees a young girl on the cusp of adulthood taken by the shadows in her bedroom. She's transported into a different, dreamlike world, filled with adventure. www.albertaballet50.com
- **September 23 to 24 - Calgary Oktoberfest:** This annual event is based off of the original Oktoberfest from Munich, Germany. Like that festival, Calgary Oktoberfest is a celebration of beer and food. www.albertabeerfestivals.com

SEPTEMBER 3 CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES

Anyone can come out to the Springbank Park For All Seasons for a day of highland dancing, piping, heavy lifting and plenty of tartan. www.calgaryhighlandgames.org



SEPTEMBER 16 TO 18 CALGARY GREEK FESTIVAL

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IN & AROUND CALGARY

Backyard Fire Safety tips from your Calgary Fire Department

Enjoying a recreational fire in your backyard can be a great way to spend a summers evening. Here are some Safety and bylaw considerations for you.

- Always confirm that a Fire Ban is not in effect before starting a fire for recreational purposes.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Rules for fire pits

1. Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container. Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck. Always refer to the Fire pit manufacturer for approved fire pit locations.
2. Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.
3. Fire pits must **NOT** be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.
4. All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; 1 metre high and wide. This helps to ensure embers, sparks or smoke don't harm anyone or cause a nuisance to your neighbours.
5. Only burn clean, dry firewood. **Do NOT burn:**
 - Wood that is painted, treated or contains glue or resin
 - Wet or green/fresh cut wood
 - Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
 - Garbage
 - Rubber or plastic
 - Furniture
6. Always have a way to extinguish the fire in the event of an emergency. Easy options are having your watering hose or a bucket of water nearby.
7. All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.

Aside from safety considerations, not following these rules can lead to fines of \$500, \$1000 or even \$5000. For more information, go to Calgary.ca/fire.



I came across a website which ranks Alberta parks and playgrounds. See: calgaryplaygroundreview.com/nose-hill-park. In addition to free parking, Nose Hill has many features, with hiking, off-leash area, washroom, wildlife spotting, interpretive signs, native grasslands, larger mammals, such as deer and coyotes. You can also find geocaches. OISEAU Agents of Nature is a free downloadable mobile app about nature and wildlife. The idea is to encourage outdoors discovery with interactive fun. Be an agent of nature and solve challenges. You can access Nose Hill and the codes for the app from the parking lot off Berkley Gate. Then unlock some mysteries of nature. Go to the City website for details about the program: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Programs/Get-to-know.aspx> and follow the links.

Speaking of city parks and other green spaces, after the City decided to end the Adopt-a-Park program, there were a few complaints about these areas. The residents involved are proud of how beautiful and green their neighborhoods are through the help of this volunteer program. If this is coming to an end (or being replaced) due to more strict water management, how can we keep the neighbourhoods looking green and nice so that the residents continue to be proud of them?

The General Manager of Community Services responded that the Adopt-a-Park program came into effect in 1984 and was discontinued in 2015. It served a very good purpose and encouraged pride in community, but there were several issues with the program, such as the possible wasteful use of water, safety, collective agreements, and some centralized pieces of the services that the City provides.

The program was replaced with two new programs. The Green Leaders program for community volunteers pro-

vides oversight to doing projects in the community to enhance it, such as painting park benches or weeding. The second project, Water Stewards, will have volunteers focus mostly on keeping the city's many high-use playing fields watered.

Both programs are trying to address some of the issues that had emerged but also respond to the community desire to continue to care and have pride in their community with a more focused, targeted, and supportive approach. The General Manager noted that the programs will be evaluated over the course of 2016.

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"For thousands of homeowners, polybutylene plumbing has become a recurring nightmare."
- Ed Bradley, CBS-60 Minutes

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Alberta is developing a new strategy to address climate change based on recommendations put forward by the Climate Change Advisory Panel and I wanted to let you know what to expect in the weeks and months ahead. Details of the final strategy are being developed, and there are 4 key areas that the Alberta government is moving forward on as part of our Climate Leadership Plan.

Under the Climate Leadership Plan, Alberta will be phasing out emissions from coal-generated electricity and developing more renewable energy production to reduce pollution, specifically from coal-fired sources of electricity, by 2030. Moving to cleaner sources of generation like natural gas, wind, solar and biomass to meet our power needs will protect the health of our children and other vulnerable Albertans by making the air we breathe cleaner. Coal fired electricity generation is the source of almost 20% of Greenhouse Gas (or GHG) emissions from electricity generation in Alberta. Our government is developing a transition plan that ensures workers, communities and affected companies are treated fairly in this process.

The Climate Leadership Plan calls for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions via a carbon levy to encourage people, businesses and communities to lower their emissions. The levy will help diversify our energy industry and create new jobs through reinvestment in renewables and infrastructure, while improving opportunities to get our traditional energy products to new markets. Carbon rebates will offset costs associated with the levy which six out of ten Albertan households will be eligible for a



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man's vanity and
impertinence
to call an animal
dumb because
it is dumb to his
dull perceptions.

Mark Twain

full rebate, and another 6% of households will receive a partial rebate. The small business tax rate is being cut by one third to support businesses in the change as well.

A legislated oil sands emission limit Alberta will transition to a \$30/tonne carbon price for oil sands facilities to drive reduced emissions. A legislated maximum emissions limit of 100Mt in any year, with provisions for co-generation and new upgrading capacity, will help drive innovation and give operators time to develop and implement new technology to remove carbon emissions from every barrel and reduce Alberta's overall emissions.

Lastly, the oil and gas industry is the source of 70% of the province's total methane emissions. Alberta is targeting a 45 per cent reduction in methane gas emissions from Alberta's oil and gas operations by 2025. The climate change impact of methane is significant — 25 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 100-year period. We are confident that this new plan will lead us to a greener future for all Albertans.

I hope you find this information helpful in understanding some of the changes we will see as our province enacts the Climate Leadership Plan. The Plan is an important framework for our province's future economic prosperity and for the health of all Albertans, especially children and other vulnerable populations. As always, I'm happy to answer any questions or concerns for you regarding the Climate Leadership Plan, I encourage you to reach out to my office via phone (403-215-7710) or via email at calgary.mackay.nosehill@assembly.ab.ca

Some general info:

*All Albertans who take steps to reduce their emissions – by turning down the heat when no one is home, installing smart thermostats, choosing more fuel efficient cars, using public transit, walking, biking, or taking advantage of coming energy efficiency programs – can reduce the cost of the carbon levy.

Estimated impact on households

	Single	Couple	Couple w/ 2 children
2017 Impacts			
Natural gas (\$1.011/GJ)	\$101	\$124	\$136
Gasoline (@ 4.49 ¢/L)	\$90	\$135	\$202
Total 2017 Costs	\$191	\$259	\$338
2017 Maximum Rebate Amount	\$200	\$300	\$360

Learn More: <http://www.alberta.ca/climate-leadership-plan.cfm>

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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
OTHER	
Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7000
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Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403.705.3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
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As a member of the Standing Committee on Immigration and Citizenship, my duties require that government decisions are held up to scrutiny, and where necessary, improved upon. An unprecedented number of refugees have arrived and will be arriving in Canada and it is of crucial importance that the federal government provides the services they need to integrate into our country, our culture and our economy.

The Minister of Immigration and his officials have been unable to address the total expenditures on the Syrian refugee initiative to date, when appearing before committee to discuss Supplementary Estimates. The government told Canadians during the campaign that the total cost of the initiative would be \$250M, now it's climbing towards \$1B, they haven't calculated the downstream impact on provinces and municipalities, and frontline service groups are testifying at committee saying that their funding has been cut.

The government needs to show Canadians a fully costed plan to support the refugees that they've brought to Canada.

For weeks now at parliamentary committee, as well as in the media, we have been hearing how Syrian refugees are struggling now that they are in Canada. We've heard that they haven't been able to make long term arrangements for affordable housing, access language training services, or find employment. All of these issues put refugees at risk of isolation and poverty. Supporting refugees means more than taking pictures with them when they arrive.

Front line agencies providing services to Syrian refugees are also struggling. Many groups in recent weeks have told a parliamentary committee that they have faced funding cuts, and have been overloaded by the rapid influx of refugees precipitated by the government's Syrian refugee initiative. School boards have described having to raise class sizes and defer maintenance due to the influx of refugees. By the Minister of Immigration's own remarks in the House of Commons and in parliamentary committee, Canada's intake of refugees has increased by nearly 400%, while funding for resettlement has only increased by 4%.

This committee study will conclude in September. I will continue to advocate on this issue on your behalf.



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Greetings everyone,

In case of an emergency, know your location

Each year, Calgary's 9-1-1 centre receives over one million emergency and non-emergency calls. It takes a team of over 300 employees, working in a 24-7 environment to answer those calls and get citizens the help they need.

The most important piece of information a 9-1-1 emergency communications officer needs is your location. If you don't know where you are, there may be a delay in getting you the help you need. Many citizens assume that emergency responders can find them based on cell phone GPS. This is not true. While the 9-1-1 officer may receive your approximate location, it's not always accurate. That's why it is so important to always pay attention to your surroundings and know your location.

It's easy if you're at home where you can provide your home address to the 9-1-1 officer. But what if you were outside, enjoying your day in one of Calgary's parks, when you suddenly need to call 9-1-1? If you're in Fish Creek Park, Glenmore Reservoir or on the Bow River pathway, you can look for our emergency locator signs. These signs are an initiative between Calgary Parks and Calgary 9-1-1. Taking note of them will help crews locate you in an emergency.

Whether you're at home or out enjoying the summer in our city, Calgary 9-1-1 is there to help you stay safe.

For more information on Calgary 9-1-1, visit Calgary.ca/911

New to Canada?

Arriving in a new city can be overwhelming. In Calgary, there are many resources and services to assist newcomers, community organizations to help you get settled, and immigrant serving agencies who can help if you're new to Canada.

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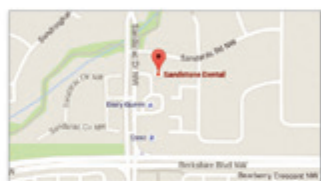


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