TUXEDO PARK GAZETTE

THE OFFICIAL TUXEDO PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER





Green Line Station Workshops

The Green Line project team needs your input!

The Green Line project team is working with communities to understand how you move, live, work and play in the areas near future Green Line stations.

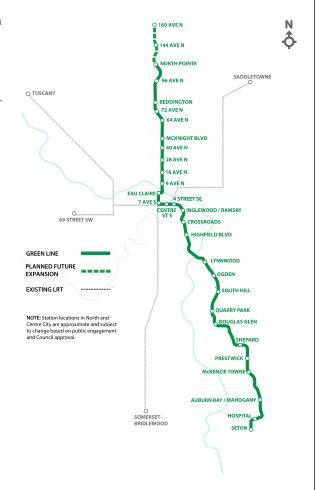
The project team is now accepting RSVPs for the next workshop where you can provide input on the McKnight Blvd and 64 Ave N Stations.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 6-9 pm **Thorncliffe-Greenview Community** Association, 5600 Centre Street N

Workshops are limited to 100 participants and span a 3 hour period to ensure a productive session. Participants and the project team will work through topics such

- · How the station will be accessed by foot, bicycle, feeder transit routes, or vehicles
- · How the station will be integrated into the community

As event details are finalized, RSVPs will be opened for workshops specific to other station areas. Watch calgary.ca/greenline for details.



Follow the Green Line conversation on Twitter: @yyctransport #GreenLineYYC



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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm. All community residents are welcome to express their concerns, meet some of your neighbours, or sit in and hear what's happening in and around your community.







THE EDITOR

Tuxedo Park AGM

Tuxedo Park's Annual General Meeting, held March 10th at our hall, was a smashing success. Our new board slate

was voted in, with veteran board directors returning to the Executive and new directors joining the team. We bid farewell to our outgoing President, Tammy Maloney, after her many years of dedicated service to Tuxedo Park, and elected our new President, Chrystina Lusney, a longstanding Director and community volunteer.

We approved updates to our bylaws and had a chance to update the community members present on the progress we've made in the past year, and the changes that will be coming in the next.

The TPCA has worked hard to build a solid financial base—with the help of our many neighbours and volunteers. In 2016, you'll begin to see those funds put to good use as our hall undergoes much needed renovations and upgrades. These projects will keep our Finance Committee and Facilities Committee busy, while forcing our Social Committee to take it a bit easier than in previous years. The Development and Traffic Committee will remain active with the many development permits in our ever-changing community and the start of the City's Greenline project. And, as always, our Communications Committee will be busy keeping you up to date on everything that's happening in and around Tuxedo Park, as the Membership Committee continues to welcome more neighbours into our association.

Thank you to the guest speakers who attended the event— Ward 9 City of Calgary Councillor, Gian-Carlo Carra, a representative from Craig Coolahan's office (MLA Calgary-Klein), and Jonathon Lee from Calgary Transit. We loved hearing about the future of our community in the context of the city's plans, and the province's.

And, of course, the evening wouldn't have been the same without the delicious donations from our local businesses—wine, cheese, and delights from Scopa, cupcakes from Calgary Co-Op, and coffee service from Starbucks (Centre Street & 9th). Residents and board members stayed long after the meeting was done to enjoy these treats, further discuss the issues of the evening, and get to know one another.



I live in Tuxedo and have for 15 years. My favourite things are gardening, the environment, and my family. I am a massage therapist

here on Edmonton Trail and I have five kids growing up in our neighbourhood as well as a great husband, Jeff, who is the building caretaker here for our community.

My vision for our community is simple. Community. Knowing the people we live beside. Smiling when we pass in the street. Having safe places to gather for neighbours to get to know one another.

We have already achieved this here in our community! Our events are getting larger, and more people than ever are volunteering and showing up to show they care about Tuxedo.

I look forward to meeting you, getting to know your name and your family. Please tell me what you love about our community, and also what you don't like... Our community association is working hard to make sure that your neighbourhood, my neighbourhood, our neighbourhood is everything we wish it to be!

Your New TPCA President, Chrystina Lusney

Your TPCA 2016/2017 Board of Directors:

Executive:

President: Chrystina Lusney Past President: Tammy Mahoney Vice President: Anne Johnson

Secretary: Kent Vuong Treasurer: Arsheel Hirji

Directors:

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Thank you, Tuxedo Park! We're looking forward to another great year in our community and hope to see many of you at our regular board meetings throughout the year.

Anne Johnson

TUXEDO PARK **EVENTS**

- Tuxedo Park Co-Work Day: April 12, 8am-5pm
- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 7-9pm
- Tuxedo Park Co-Work Day: May 10, 8am-5pm
- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 7-9pm
- Tuxedo Park Co-Work Day: June 7, 8am-5pm
- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 7-9pm
- Tuxedo Park Flea Market & Plant Exchange: Saturday, June 18, 2016 9am-4pm
- · Canada Day Celebration: July 1

Free Programs at the Tuxedo Park Hall:

- · Seniors Fitness: Tuesdays, March 1- May 30, 10-11am (Free!)
- Monday Night Yoga with Steph, starting March 7, 6-7pm (Free!)
- Kids Toy Making March 21-24, 5-6:30pm (Free!)

Call Shannon at 403-277-8689 or email hallrentals@ tuxedoparkcommunity.ca for more information or to register for any of these great, free programs at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall.

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Free Seniors Fitness Classes at Tuxedo

Would you like to be more active and have fun at the same time? Join the Tuxedo Seniors Fitness program to build balance and strength while enjoying a social component.

Date: Tuesdays, March 1- May 30

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Tuxedo Park Community Association

202 29th Ave. NE

Fee: FREE for all participants, transportation provided (if needed)

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the program start time to complete registration information. Please wear runners or appropriate shoes for exercise. Spaces are limited.

For more information or to register, contact: Jenn Deschenes Recreation Program Specialist Social Programs & Services The City of Calgary T 403.476.7284 jennifer.deschenes@calgary.ca



TUXEDO PARK MEMBERSHIP 💗

Please check one: Type of Membership:	 □ New Member □ Renewal □ Family \$20.00 (max. 2 adults with children) □ Individual \$10.00 							
Family Name:								
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□ I DO want to receive emails from TPCA regarding programs, events, and community information.								
#of Children / Youth (under 18 yrs. old)	1 st Child / Youth Age 2 nd Child / Youth Age 3 rd Child / Youth Age 4 th Child / Youth Age 5 th Child / Youth Age							
Telephone:Address:								
Payment Method: ☐ CASH	□ ONLINE □ CHEQUE Received / Date: Entered:							
Personal information collected by TPCA will be kept confidential and will not be used or disclosed to third parties.								



Lvnn R. 403-229-1691

Has Red Cross Babysitters and CPR

Josie 587-228-4608

Daughter has Babysitters Course

Marilyn 403-295-0304

Mature woman would enjoy babysitting babies up to 2 years of age.

Sam R. 403-988-7507

Daughter has taken Babysitters Course

Susan G. 403-542-1213

Son has taken Babysitters course.

Chrystina L 403-244-2418

Has son and daughter able to babysit.

Parents: If your child, or children, have babysitting experience and would like to be in our babysitting registry, please contact Chrystina at 403-244-2418 or volunteer@ tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Rosemont School

This year, Rosemont School donated over 250 kilograms of food to the Mayor's Food Drive! Furthermore, the Farm to School Program fundraiser resulted in a further 350 kilograms of food being donated to the Food Bank!

Zumba and Rocks and Rings (indoor curling) were offered as part of our physical education program in the past months. Yoga is taking place each Thursday as part of an eight-week program. Carnaval saw grade 5 and 6 students organizing lunchtime events for students as a celebration of French-Canadian culture. Jeff Stockton has been working with our students on a storytelling residency and we look forward to a celebration of this work on April 14!



Community Clothing Give-Away

Saturday, April 16, 2016 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Highland Park Community Hall

Limit – one bag of clothing per individual.

Tell your friends, or shop for a friend, or join DOZENS of volunteers as we sort and categorize lots and lots of gently used clothing for all ages. If you would like to volunteer, please send a note to hpcavolunteercoord@ gmail.com.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS - SHARING THE **SKILLS IN OUR COMMUNITIES!**

Vegetable Gardening Basics and Drip Line Irrigation Want to learn more about gardening basics and grav-

ity fed, drip line irrigation systems?

Come to our community workshop presented by Highwood residents Craig and Leanne Pass.

The Gardening Basics will be based on a typical row type; in ground vegetable garden. The intent is to help show that gardening can be fun and rewarding and help answer some questions to get you started. Topics covered will include:

- Planning your garden
- Tips for weed & pest control
- Water wise irrigation
- Tips for improving your soil
- Benefits of home gardening

The Drip Line Irrigation system presentation will cover the basics of setting up a gravity fed irrigation system that utilizes rainwater.

Craig and Leanne have been living and gardening in north Calgary for the past 11 years. They are not experts, just regular homeowners that will provide some gardening basics and tips to get your own gardening growing.

Coming on May 10, 2016 **Healthy Living from Morning to Night**

An interactive seminar will be hosted by local resident Dr. Salma Mitha, DC that will take you through the motions for a healthy day from wake to sleep. Come take part in this journey and learn how to live the best way we can... All in a day's work.

Coming on June 7, 2016 **Home Ownership 101**

Explore options for first time buyers – financing, purchasing and rent to own options.

For more information or to register, call or email Tannis Eapen at 403-828-8394 or tannis.eapen@calgary.ca.



Seeking participants for a confidential research study

The University of Calgary is conducting a CONFIDENTIAL study that explores gamblers' personality, abilities and other experiences.

If you are eligible to participate, we will invite you for two sessions at the University of Calgary, where you will complete interviews, questionnaires and psychological tests.

Have you ever been concerned about your gambling?

All transportation costs will be covered. Any information collected during the process is completely confidential - your personal information will not be disclosed to anyone outside the study.

Eligible volunteers will receive gift cards for participation.

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board.

If you are interested in participating, please call 403-220-4238 or email afstudy@ucalgarv.ca.



Tuxedo YYC Co-Work Day

Need to get out of your home office and work? Do you want to take a day off from travelling to your downtown office and work locally? Do you need a day away or even just a few hours away from home to start developing your new business or passion? Tuxedo Park Community Association is very excited to offer our cozy and updated lower hall space to our newly launched "Tuxedo YYC Co-Work Day".

We will have the lower hall set up as a co-work space for one day a month. The space will have "desks" and chairs set up, a cozy meeting area, a whiteboard and "boardroom" table area with projector. The space is open and will spur creativity, connection and sharing. Using the space is currently free for all. Membership may be encouraged in the future.

2016 Tuxedo Co-Work Days:

8:00am-5:00pm

- Tuesday, April 12
- Tuesday, May 10
- Tuesday, June 7
- Tuesday, July 12
- Tuesday, August 9
- Tuesday, September 13
- Tuesday, October 4
- Tuesday, November 8
- Tuesday, December 6

What is supplied:

- Wi-Fi
- Individual tables ("desks") and chairs
- Whiteboards
- Projector
- Office supplies including: printer, paper cutter, stapler, hole punch etc.
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Business Speaker Sessions throughout the day
- Community lunch is possible (ordering locally and eating together while we connect and network), ~\$5 contribution to order will be requested

For more information contact Shannon at hallrentals@ tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.





of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Recently I was told that the City does not collect cycle use data on Nose Hill and there were no 311 calls about it. Now there is a colour-coded Global Heatmap of human activities, such as running or cycling on the regional pathway system. You can use the toggle labels to check locations, for Nose Hill Park or your community. Through social media athletes network in real time.

Local Action for Biodiversity means each local government has a long-term local strategy, action plan, and will implement on-the-ground initiatives. The edits to The City's biodiversity webpage have now been made. The page better reflects the strategic plan, as well as providing details on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee. Agendas and minutes are at: www.calgary.ca/ biodiversity. As the Committee advances its work plans, further refinement and expansion of the webpage is expected. A report to City Council will go forward in the sprina.

The CBC is looking for photos of Calgary's wildlife, animals, and birds for a photo gallery on their website. The contact person is: heather.moriarty@cbc.ca. She is

just in the process of collecting photographs now and if people are interested they should email them to her. She hopes to have the online photo gallery put together and posted within the next couple of weeks. "We are featuring photos that were taken in Calgary. The idea is to show all of the wildlife that can be found within city limits. We will credit the photographers, identify the animal/bird in the photo, and let people know approximately where in the city it was photographed."

In 2014, City Parks and Roads received a one-time grant from the Council Innovation Fund of \$300,000 for an automated, interactive Parks and Roads Map. With the number of 311 service requests, it has been challenging to have accurate information. Soon the system on www.calgary.ca will improve access to up-to-date data for Parks and Roads services, such as mowing and snow ploughing.

Calgary has one of the highest allocations of greenspace of any city in North America. There are 693 natural areas which make up over 50% of the park space in Calgary. Natural areas give priority to the protection of vegetation and wildlife over human use when the two come into conflict.



calgaryreads

Why and how to host a BOOK DRIVE:

It's fun and you can make a difference in the lives of children in Calgary!

A Book Drive is when you collect gently-used books that people are finished with and give them to someone else. Sometimes the books are sold to raise money to support the work of a charity.

Consider collecting books for Calgary Reads. We help teachers, families and community members help children learn to read with confidence and joy. We do this through programs, events and activities that build children's literacy skills and their love of reading and books.

If your family, neighbours, school, sports team, Girl Guides, Scout troop or work colleagues would like to collect books to support the work of Calgary Reads . . . there are two easy ways to hold a Book Drive:

- 1. A Central Collection Point: This donation spot can be in your school, office, home, or your club venue. Place boxes to collect the books. Let people know why and when you are collecting.
- 2. A Door-to-Door Book Drive: Distribute a flyer to homes in a chosen area. Detail your drive and the date that someone will be back to collect books. The homeowner puts the books they wish to donate in a bag and places them outside their front door on the day of the drive.

Books donated to Calgary Reads are used in two ways.

At this time of year we collect pre-owned adult and children's books (fiction and non-fiction) to sell at our annual fundraising event: the CBC Calgary / Calgary Reads Big **Book Sale** that happens in May. Year-round we welcome donations of gently-used or new books for children aged 0 to age 8 for our Calgary Reads Book Bank that, in collaboration with the **Calgary Food Bank**, brings books to children in Calgary who have few or none of their own at home.

Or, spread the joy of reading another way. If your group or community does not have an excess of books to give to others, start a 'Borrow-a-Book shelf' in the entrance of your business, club venue or school—or, stew-

ard a Little Free Library in your neighbourhood and keep books circulating!

CBC Calgary / Calgary Reads Big Book Sale

One of Calgary's most anticipated and attended events!

More than 1,000,000 previously-loved books will be ready to be purchased and find new homes. This is a signature fundraising event for Calgary Reads.

Our 14th annual event! Held at the Calgary Curling Club, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:

Friday May 13 • 9am – 9pm

TGIBs (Thank Goodness It's Books) Author reading 7pm.

Saturday May 14 • 9am – 9pm

Back by popular demand! Jazz & Books Night! Shop to the musical sounds of Midnight Blue Jazz Society with cash wine bar 6 – 9pm.

Sunday May 15 • 9am – 1pm

Childcare in the Children's Story Tent this morning with crafts and storytelling by Girl Guides.

Special Today! Fill the bag we give you with books for just \$25!

Other special activities during the Big Book Sale will be announced on our website as they are confirmed: calgaryreads.com

Donate books: We welcome donations of good quality, gently used adult and children books for the book sale! (We cannot accept encyclopaedias, dictionaries, text books, Harlequin Romances, Reader's Digest, cassettes, magazines or agendas)

Book collection locations, dates and times:

At **Calgary Food Bank**, 5000, 11th Street SE, Calgary:

- Monday to Thursday April 25 to 28 drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am – 7pm
- Friday, April 29 drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am - 3:30pm

At **Calgary Curling Club**, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:

- Tuesday to Friday May 3 to May 6 from 9am 7pm sharp
- Saturday and Sunday May 7 and 8 from 9am 4 pm sharp

At Calgary Reads we build connections, strengthen networks, champion, involve and innovate-because we ALL have a role to play in creating a thriving community where all children can read with confidence and joy! Learn more: **Calgaryreads.com**

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IN & AROUND

EMS: Bicycle Helmet

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

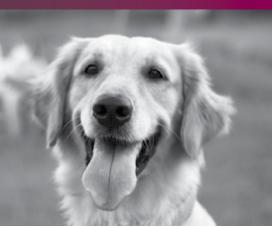
- · Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- · Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- · Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them:
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- · Parents must lead by example always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- · Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears:
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.



The scoop on dog poop

With 150 public off-leash areas and over 100,000 dogs in our city, it's clear Calgarians love their canine companions. What isn't to love is the stinky situation that's left behind when owners don't pick up after their pets.

Cleaning up your dog's waste is part of being a responsible pet owner and helps keep our yards, parks and off-leash areas safe and healthy.

Here are five facts you may not know about doggy doo-doo:

- 1. It's classified as a hazardous pollutant. It's in the same category as toxic chemicals!
- 2. It's crawling with E. coli and roundworm larvae which, if ingested by humans or dogs, can lead to brain, eye, and other organ damage.
- 3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
- 4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
- 5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, check out our P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) program at calgary.ca/puppy.

Women's English and Social Group

Meet your neighbours and practice English! The New Friends and Neighbourhood Group program is a safe and fun environment for immigrant women to improve their English and meet new women in the community.

- Free registration, join anytime
- · Once a week for two hours
- Learn about community resources
- · Make new friends
- No minimum English requirements
- Free childcare provided (6 months 6 years)
- Learn new things and have fun!

Judith Umbach Library Group 6617 Centre Street N Mondays 10:00am-Noon

For more information or other locations throughout the city please contact:

Debra Colley, Program Coordinator New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups Calgary Immigrant Women's Association Phone: 403-444-1752, Email: debrac@ciwa-online.com Visit our website: www.ciwa-online.com



211 is here to help you find the right community and social services.

You can dial 2-1-1 to speak to an Information & Referral Specialist, or search our online community resource directory.

See more at: http://www.ab.211.ca





Tuxedo Park Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price			
February 2016	\$512,888.00	\$500,000.00			
January 2016	\$499,900.00	\$481,750.00			
December 2015	\$550,000.00	\$527,500.00			
November 2015	\$510,000.00	\$491,000.00			
October 2015	\$532,450.00	\$524,575.00			
September 2015	\$514,900.00	\$497,000.00			
August 2015	\$529,900.00	\$516,125.00			
July 2015	\$524,800.00	\$510,000.00			
June 2015	\$569,900.00	\$565,000.00			
May 2015	\$574,800.00	\$565,000.00			
April 2015	\$532,400.00	\$520,500.00			
March 2015	\$499,400.00	\$486,000.00			

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold	
February 2016	36	17	
January 2016	32	8	
December 2015	14	11	
November 2015	19	17	
October 2015	19	14	
September 2015	25	19	
August 2015	21	18	
July 2015	22	23	
June 2015	25	27	
May 2015	30	29	
April 2015	35	18	
March 2015	26	28	
Total	69	46	

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit tuxedo_park.great-news.ca



MP. CALGARY CONFEDERATION **LEN WEBBER**

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Proudly Serving the Communities of Calgary Confederation

It has been a few months since the federal election and it still humbles me that the fine people of Calgary Confederation have chosen me to be their elected representative to the House of Commons.

I committed to being a strong voice on your behalf in Ottawa and am working to represent your interests and advocate on issues which have been forwarded to me. I have been impressed with the thoughtful letters and kind wishes I have received.

The election brought many changes to the political landscape, but it does not change the things that are most important to Canadians. No matter the party in power, Canadians want a strong economy, a safe country and a bright future. While I believe all politicians agree on this and want the best for Canada, it is in how we go about achieving these goals that we differ. I will continue to raise the need for pipelines, both east and west, and push for innovative, prompt and productive ways to address unemployment and getting people back to work.

The early days of this Liberal government tell me that there will be a lot of work ahead to keep this government focused on the important priorities of all Canadians. Warning signs are everywhere of outof-control spending with no fiscal plan for the future. Without a sound and disciplined fiscal plan, we put at risk many of the things Canadians cherish most.

I am privileged to have been selected as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Health. This will be an opportunity to address many health issues including a national organ donor system that works for those in need of a life-saving transplant.

It is with your support and encouragement that I proudly stand in Parliament on your behalf. Please feel free to contact my Calgary constituency office for information, assistance and/or appointments by phone 403-220-0888 or by email len.webber@parl.gc.ca.

I hope you continue to share your comments with me and I look forward to hearing from you.

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

HOME BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY: Clinicair is the leading provider of Indoor Air Quality and Medical Grade Duct Cleaning services in Canada. We are looking for a dealer in Calgary to represent our growing company. We offer a royalty free business. Clinicair supplies you with the latest technology, and training. Call Craig: 1-416-277-6067.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT? Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www. communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

THE CONTRACTOR YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING **FOR:** Y.E.S. Contracting is, your easy solution. Knowledgeable and reliable, licensed, registered and insured. No projects too big or too small. Book now to get your electrical, plumbing and general projects completed! Carl 403-671-4714.

TLC CLEANING: Over 18 years experience in the business! TLC Cleaning is a small and personalized cleaning company. Licensed, insured, bonded, and WCB covered for your piece of mind. Excellent rates and references, environmentally friendly options too. Let us put a little TLC into your home! Free estimates; please call Carol at 403-614-8522.

TONY PETERSON EAVESTROUGH: Free estimates on new install of seamless eavestrough system. Spring special bungalow and garage installed eavestrough system, do both and save! Repair and cleaning on existing eavestrough available. Soffit and Fascia supplied and installed. 20 years in Calgary and area. Call Tony at 403-230-7428 for prompt courteous service.





COUNCILLOR. WARD 9 **GIAN-CARLO CARRA**

c/o Office of the Councillors PO Box 2100, Stn 'M', Mail Code #8001A Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

If you've heard me speak you've heard my 'Great Neighbourhoods' platform, the five-point plan that guides the work I do at City Hall and in our communities every day:

- Transforming Planning to increase vibrancy in our neighbourhoods
- Transforming Local Governance enabling citizens to play meaningful roles in the evolutions of their neighbourhoods
- Transforming City Hall to make The City more responsive to neighbourhood needs
- Taking Control of our Future by establishing a Big City Charter

Building a City That Pays for Itself

With the change in our City's economy, my efforts have been more heavily weighted towards lessening the blow for our citizens by working to build a city that pays for itself. I have long advocated that connecting revenue with expenses and transforming taxation are essential. Here's an update on some of what I am working on, and what I have supported within the last six months:

- Supporting and voting for the Off-Site building levy. This important vote affects future and current Calgarians, as taxpayers will now recoup 100% of the cost to build new communities - no longer subsidizing developers.
- Supporting the 2016 budget adjustments. This lowered taxes and provided more funding for infrastructure projects, putting people to work and stimulating our local economy.
- Diversifying our economy and supporting established and new businesses. I am working to remove provincial and municipal red tape, encouraging an environment that will create jobs through commercial and residential development, and within the service sector. I am doing this through Notice of Motions regarding the Airport Vicinity Protection Area, commercial and residential development along the LRT Red Line and Green Line, and introducing zoning

changes to increase opportunities for businesses that deliver, or choose to deliver, child care services.

• Reviewing the property tax assessment process. I've heard primarily from flood-affected homeowners on the Elbow River about their repeated successful appeals to the Assessment Review Board since the 2013 flood. I am working to ensure that the assessment process is fair and uses the best methods to meet provincial law, while reflecting the realities faced by property owners.

Through your calls, emails, tweets, and attendance at community events, your voices are being heard, and I promise to keep acting on them. Please continue to connect with me and share your ideas on how we can emerge from this downturn even stronger.

Yours truly,

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Most knowledge about 3D vision has come from vertebrates, however, a team from Newcastle University, UK publishing in Scientific Reports, confirm that the praying mantis, an invertebrate, does indeed use stereopsis or 3D perception for hunting.

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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
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HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
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Hello Calgary-Klein!

I've spoken to many in the riding that are concerned about the effects low global oil prices are having on Alberta's businesses, workers, and families. Our reliance on a single commodity, the price over which we have no control, contributes substantially to the problem. While Alberta is and will be an energy province for years to come, our government is taking important steps to diversify our economy to increase its resiliency when faced with volatile changes in the price of our energy exports. Some of these steps include:

- The creation of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, led by Hon. Deron Bilous. This ministry leads economic development efforts and provides one-stop access to information and support for businesses and investors.
- · Working with other provincial leaders to advance Alberta's economic and trade interests. Premier Notley met with New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant to confirm their mutual support for the Energy East pipeline. Premier Notley also met with the Prime Minister while participating in a First Ministers' meeting and discussed how our country can best tackle climate change.
- Funding for Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP), which will provide 3,000 students with valuable work experience, as well as help small businesses and non-profits connect with a talented and motivated workforce.
- Introduced the Job Creation Incentive Program, which supports employers who create net new employment through the provision of grants.

Albertans want stable public services that are there for them when times are tough. In times like these, we need to strengthen health care, education, and social services, because taking care of each other is the Alberta way. Several steps we've taken to stabilize public services include:

- Freezing post-secondary tuition for the next two years and re-investing funding for post-secondary schools to ensure higher education is accessible and affordable for families.
- Investing in our students by hiring more teachers

and support staff, as well as lowering the burden of school fees on families.

· Investing in stable, long-term funding for our public health care system, including \$120 million over two years for new long-term care spaces, \$90 million over two years to expand public home care, and \$10 million annually for mental health services and resources.

Lastly, our government has proudly set an example when it comes to diverse representation: there is gender parity in Cabinet, a near gender parity in caucus, as well as representation from the LGBTQ community by three MLAs. Our aim is to ensure Albertans from all walks of life have access to the public services they need, and to that effect we've:

- Invested \$15 million in women's shelters.
- · Launched a legal aid review to ensure fair access to justice.
- Prohibited discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression.
- Protected those affected by domestic violence.
- Enhanced safety standards for paid farm and ranch workers.
- · Offered ongoing support for Syrian refugees coming to our province.





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