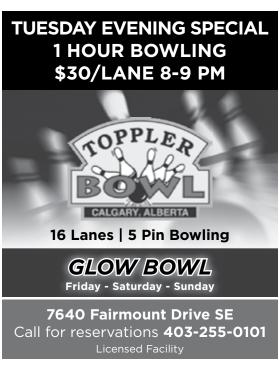
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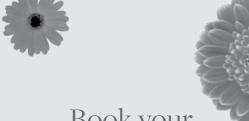








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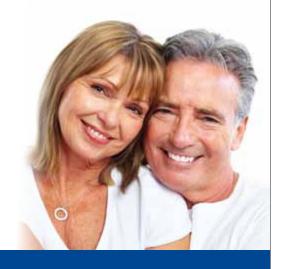
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Blackfoot District held a super roller skating event at Lloyd's! Everyone enjoyed themselves with laps around the rink and dancing to the hokey-pokey!

The Spark units will be attending STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Day, completing "Canada 150" challenge, have a visit from a GG music trainer and be visiting a vet.

The Brownie units went to Brownie Academy at Camp Jubilee, are having a movie night, visiting the library and learning about the weather and our feathered friends.

The Guide units will be busy with camping. snowshoeing, rock climbing and St. Patrick's Day celebrations and cookie selling in March.

The Pathfinder & Ranger units had a baking contest, are going bowling, cross country skiing, will be attending Calgary Area spring Pathfinder/Ranger camp and going to Alberta Girl's Parliament in Edmonton.

Guiding is a great place to build new friendships and experience new challenges. Why not give us a try.

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The students will be off for spring break on March 27th and we will welcome them back on April 3rd.

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- An overview of our Kindergarten Grade One program
- Ideal qualities of students in Bilingual settings
- Overview of current research and outcomes of students in bilingual programs
- Similarities and differences between a bilingual program and an English only program
- Parent volunteer requirements and process
- What will happen on the first day of school
- What to send with your child to school
- Question and answer period
- This is an adult only parent information meeting

If you have questions regarding our Open House information please call us at 403-777-8511.

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## **CALGARY POLICE SERVICE**

## **Changes to** Calgary's Alarm Bylaw

The Calgary Police Service and The City of Calgary have revised the current Alarm Services Bylaw, changing how officers are dispatched and introducing paid, annual alarm permitting.

As of Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, you'll need an alarm permit in order for police to attend your location for an alarm call. Annual permitting ensures we have the most up-to-date and accurate information about your location and can attend in a timely manner. Permits are \$15 for residences and \$20 for businesses, and are subject to an annual renewal. For any existing permit holders renewals will begin in July 2017. Premise owners will be contacted two months before their permit needs to be renewed and new permit holders will pay when they apply for a permit.

This spring, the false alarm penalty fee structure will also change. More than 75 per cent of alarm users only have one false alarm each year; CPS used to charge \$75 for each false alarm. With the new fee structure, the first false alarm. is free. The second false alarm will be \$75, with an escalating scale for additional alarms to a maximum of \$625 for 10 or more alarms in any 12-month period. This is intended to hold alarm systems users more accountable to properly manage their systems.

Police are making these changes to reduce the amount of false alarms we respond to each day. Before initial changes to dispatch criteria were made, police were responding to approximately 45 alarm calls every day; 96 per cent of those calls were false alarms.

In May 2016, Calgary police changed the requirements so that two or more alarm zones within a location need to be activated and that at least two key holders must be called by the alarm company prior to police being dispatched. These changes alone have reduced the number of dispatched alarm calls by 54 per cent, better ensuring that police resources are available to respond to priority calls.

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#### Hello Neighbours!

March is here and your government is working hard to support Alberta families. We know that job creation and job security are the most pressing concerns right now vou want to know that you will be able to build and maintain a happy and stable life for yourself and your family. Your government is focused on job creation and building a brighter future for all Albertans.

Alberta has been and will continue to be an oil and gas province, with our energy sector being a main source of income for many Albertans. In order to revive our oil and gas economy, after the global drop in the price of oil, we needed to break through Alberta's land lock so that we can sell our oil around the world. Through our government's hard work with other provinces, and a focus on both environment and the economy, our Oil and Gas industry now has approval for three new pipelines. This is excellent news

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If you are considering a career change, or if your kids are approaching college or university age, we know that the financial pressures of increasing tuition fees can be a real concern for families. That is why we've frozen tuition fees for the last two years, and are working with post-secondary institutions to find ways to keep university and college affordable for Alberta families like yours. We're currently reviewing the overall funding model for colleges and universities, and would love to hear your input - visit www.tuitionreview.alberta.ca to share your thoughts and ideas.

In order to support our economy, high-quality and affordable child-care must be more widely available to Alberta families. This is why we've launched a new Child-Care Pilot program, which will create 1,000 new child-care spaces with 230 new child-care jobs. The program will focus on addressing gaps in the existing system, including flexible schedules for parents doing shift work, support for children with diverse needs, and easy-to-access location - all within a \$25/ day fee and with a focus on early childhood development. The pilot locations will be announced in mid-2017, and we will use these new spaces as a model for other programs over the coming years.

If you have guestions about these initiatives or anything else our government is doing, I would welcome you to join us during the upcoming Office Open House on Saturday, March 18th from 2-4pm. Chat with your neighbours and friends over coffee and a snack. Bring your guestions and join the conversation.

As always, my staff and I are here to help and hear your feedback. You can reach us by email at Calgary.Acadia@ assembly.ab.ca, by phoning 403-640-1363 or visiting #10, 8318 Fairmount Dr SE.

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Hello Ward 9 Neighbours,

Businesses are integral to Great Neighbourhoods and it is my fundamental belief that great neighbourhoods are the most powerful tool we have to build a diversified economy. Additionally, on account of our industrial working landscapes, Ward 9 hosts Calgary's second largest economic engine behind the downtown.

Councillor, Ward 9

Over the last few weeks, many of you have reached out to my office concerned about how the City of Calgary's revenue neutral tax policy has spread the pain of taxation across our local business community, as assessments in the downtown core have plummeted on account of historic vacancy levels; our non-residential tax base outside of the downtown having to pick up the tax slack has been exceptionally hard on Ward 9 businesses.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the increases to non-residential property taxes and how we plan to help. At the end of January, City Council endorsed the Municipal Non-Residential Phased Tax Program (the PTP).

During the Mid-Cycle Adjustments in November 2016, City Council set aside \$15 million with the intention of shaving the peak off of the rising taxes that our small- and medium-sized businesses would be dealing with in 2017.

We guickly learned that defining what entities actually met a meaningful test for what constitutes a small- and mediumsized business was incredibly challenging, and in the face of this uncertainty, that \$15 million probably wouldn't be enough. Happily, on January 23, Council voted in favour of taking \$45 million from savings so we could broadly offer relief to all nonresidential property tax payers.

The PTP will reduce taxes to a 5% increase for all nonresidential accounts assessed. What this means is that, despite the increases pushed across the board due to lower downtown assessments, any business in Calgary facing an increase in the municipal portion of their non-residential property tax will not have to pay an increase of more than 5%.

On the whole, I'm very pleased that Council understands the challenges facing Calgarians right now, and that we've managed the City into a position where we're able to help. In total, Council has approved \$183 million in supports for Calgarians, which includes \$73 million in tax relief, \$66 million in user fees and utility rate freezes, \$9 million in targeted initiatives, and \$35 million in lower revenues absorbed by the City of Calgary through efficiencies.

I will continue to work on the behalf of my Ward 9 businesses, institutions, and residents.

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