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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Park n' Play and Stay n' Play

This year, both the Park n' Play and the Stay n' Play programs will be held in the field behind the Don Bosco School at 13615 Deer Ridge Dr. S.E.

The dates are **July 3 – July 7**.

Stay n' Play – Free

Ages 3 – 5 years

10 a.m. – noon

Participants must be accompanied by an adult/guardian.

Park n' Play – Free

Ages 6 – 12 years

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Please see the City of Calgary announcement in this newsletter for additional details.



Movie in the Park - Save the Date!

The August presentation is scheduled for **Saturday August 19th**. Please

check local signage and visit your community web site for movie title updates!

Free hot dogs (all beef) and drinks start being served at about 7pm. The movie starts at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free night of food and entertainment at Yellow Slide Park.

If you are new to the community, the movie is presented at the field adjacent to Yellow Slide Playground along Deerview Drive and Deer Ridge Drive.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you have some time and would like to join in the fun contact us.

Along with our existing community partners, we would also like to include "promotional giveaways" for free raffle to help promote and support the businesses in the area. We also welcome sponsorship from local businesses for food items or entertainment for younger audience members (bouncy houses, face painting, etc.). If you are connected with a local business and feel this marketing opportunity would benefit your company or organization contact us to discuss your level of involvement.

Deer Ridge Community Association Memberships

We could not do all of these activities without the support of the community and your participation. Annual memberships for 2017-2018 are in this Deer Ridge Journal. Please mail the completed forms in with a cheque for \$ 15.00 to Deer Ridge Community Association, Box 43052, RPO Deer Valley SE, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7. Memberships may also be purchased online at www.deerridgeca.com/membership/

What does your membership pay for? What are your benefits?

- Community Gardens
- Movies at Yellow Slide Park
- Hockey & Pleasure Skating Rinks
- Reconstruction of Children's Playgrounds
- Community Tennis Courts
- Youth Programs
- Community Clean Up
- Community Planning & Development

Deer Ridge Community has representation on the Trico Centre for Family Wellness Board and is a Community Partner with the Trico Centre.

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Deer Ridge Community Association



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Visit our website at www.deerridgeca.com
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com

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WE NEED YOU! CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

OUR VISION

We will be a safe community with established programs and facilities, committed volunteers, and we'll be financially stable.

OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S...cont'd

Your Community Association is your voice of the community to the City of Calgary on important issues.

The following local businesses have special offers for you upon presentation of your current Deer Ridge Community Association membership card:

- **Cornerstone Music Café** – 10% off purchase.
- **Around The Bend** – 10% off purchase.
- **Deer Point Alterations & Repairs** – 10% off alterations and repairs \$100.00 and over upon presentation of current Deer Ridge Community Association membership card.
- **Fortified Fitness** – 20% off any regular priced membership.
- **Deer Ridge Community Gardens**
- It's great to have so many community members sign up for garden beds this year!

Adults and youth are active at the gardens. Students at Don Bosco School have planted in two of the beds and the Deer Ridge Learning Centre has reserved a bed. The twenty-six remaining beds are in full use with any beds not reserved being used to grow vegetables for the Food Bank.



Thank-you to all the volunteers who helped to prepare the garden beds for planting this year and for your ongoing maintenance efforts!

The gardens are located just south of the ice rinks, corner of Don Bosco School field. If you are driving there, the best parking is alongside the field fence on Deermont Way. There is a path entrance at the west end of the fence.

Be sure to visit DeerRidgeCA.com for updates or Facebook: [DeerRidgeCommunityGarden](https://www.facebook.com/DeerRidgeCommunityGarden)

See you in the neighbourhood!



Park n' Play & Stay n' Play

These free, safe, supervised programs help children make new friends and learn games and activities that they can use on their path to healthy and active lifestyles.

Programs run weekdays and are weather dependent.

Dates: July 3rd - July 7th
Community: Deer Ridge
Address: 13615 Deer Ridge Dr. S.E.

Stay n' Play FREE
Ages 3Y – 5Y
10 a.m. – noon

Participants must be accompanied by an adult/guardian

Park n' Play FREE
Ages 6Y – 12Y
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information visit calgary.ca/community/summerprograms.



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VOLUNTEER FORM



Yes, I am interested in being a volunteer!

The continued success of various events as well as maintenance and improvements of facilities is dependent upon involvement of Deer Ridge residents. We invite you to join us in the fun!

We are updating our 2017-2018 list of volunteers; those who may be able to commit in advance and those who are unable to commit but interested. Please select from the list below and return by mail, or visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com and fill out the on-line feedback form.

Deer Ridge Community Association, PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7 | Tel: 403-606-7331

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Deer Ridge Community Association Volunteer

- Community Clean-Up** (set-up/take down, assist City staff directing people and receiving items, community signage and posters)
- Fundraising Casino**
- Family Winter Skate** (set-up/take down, food and beverage service, event preparation)
- Ice Rinks** (Nov – March: maintaining surface ice)
- Tennis Courts** (May – Oct: maintaining court surface)
- Children’s Christmas Party** (December: event preparation)
- Volunteer Recognition** (Spring: event planning)
- Membership Drives** (Aug – Oct: preparation and delivery of membership forms)
- Movie at Yellow Slide** (Summer: event preparation, set-up/take down, food & beverage service, contact businesses for raffle prizes, community signage and posters, bouncy castle monitor)
- Community Festival** (set-up/take down event tables, community signage and posters)
- Community Gardens** (building new garden structures, painting, prepping beds at start of season, post-harvest activities)
- Special Projects: playground rebuilds, pathway to rinks and gardens,. Etc.** (ongoing: planning, cost estimates, coordination with The City, organizing volunteers construction)
- Association Board Member or Committee Member** (various roles to suit individual’s time available to volunteer)
- Doesn’t matter to me.** I’ll help with whatever is needed

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ideas or Comments :



Deer Ridge Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
May 2017	\$434,950	\$423,200
April 2017	\$384,900	\$375,000
March 2017	\$327,000	\$317,000
February 2017	\$475,000	\$473,000
January 2017	\$387,900	\$375,000
December 2016	\$409,900	\$400,000
November 2016	\$423,450	\$418,500
October 2016	\$457,950	\$448,500
September 2016	\$367,400	\$350,500
August 2016	\$409,900	\$398,000
July 2016	\$362,400	\$361,700
June 2016	\$352,400	\$344,625

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2017	5	2
April 2017	5	7
March 2017	6	1
February 2017	2	1
January 2017	2	5
December 2016	4	3
November 2016	3	4
October 2016	2	2
September 2016	4	2
August 2016	5	5
July 2016	4	4
June 2016	4	4

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**Deer Ridge Community Association
Membership Request / Renewal
Form**



Thank-you in advance for your support!
Membership fee \$15.00

Online membership payment available at DeerRidgeCA.com

Name:

Additional Family Members:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email Address(s)*:

* Please note your email address will be added to our electronic mailing list used for notifications of upcoming community events and information. We do not share your information.

Membership Request & Payment options:

Mail completed form & cheque payable to:	Deer Ridge Community Association PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB, T2J 7A7
Online:	DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership

Two membership cards, printed with last name(s), will be mailed to your household.

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July and August at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our passes are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a pass, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs. Trico Centre supports community: a small portion of your pass fee is sent to your community association.

Cool New Summer Program for Kids

Not everyone goes away in the summer! Check out the amazing new fun programs for kids.

- Rhythmic Gymnastics, 3-5 years, 6-12 years, July 9 – August 20, 12-1:30pm
- Tumbling, 6-12 years, July 10 – August 21, 6:15-7:15pm
- Circus Arts, 6-12 years, July 10 – August 21, 5-6pm
- Musical Theatre, 6-12 years, July 13 – August 17, 6-7:30pm
- **Ultimate Frisbee Rec League**, 11-13 years, 14+ years, July 11 – August 17, 6-7:30pm
- CrossCountry, 8-13 years, July 10 – August 5, 6:15-7:15pm
- Badminton Club, 10-14 years, July 6 – August 24, 6:45-7:45pm
- Dodgeball, 10-14 years, July 5 – August 23, 6:55-7:15pm

Day Camps

- Summer day camps now on: ages 3 to 14; full day and half-day camps, early care and late care. Affordable quality camps!
- Don't need a full week of camp? Come to daily camps for a full day or half day, all summer long.
- Camp leaders are experienced, trained and committed. Each camp has 1 or more leaders and volunteers.
- Featured camps for 6-12 years: Canada 150 Play, Discover Calgary, Harry Potter Camp, and Just for Girls. Cool Camps for preschoolers include Sportarama, Nature Wonders, Kinder Karate, and Mini Chefs.

Children & Youth

- Summer swim lessons, all ages, Monday to Friday day-

time for 1 week or Monday to Thursday evenings for 2 weeks

- Summer registered child and youth programs: Summer Outdoor Soccer (16-24 months, 2-3 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years), Dance with Me (2-3 years with parent), Gotta Dance (3-5 years), Little Ballerina (3-5 years), Kinder Gym Kids (4-6 years), Sportarama (3-4 years), Explorasport (4-6 years), DANCEPL3Y Kids (6-12 years.) See Spring Summer Program Guide or www.tricocentre.ca for details.

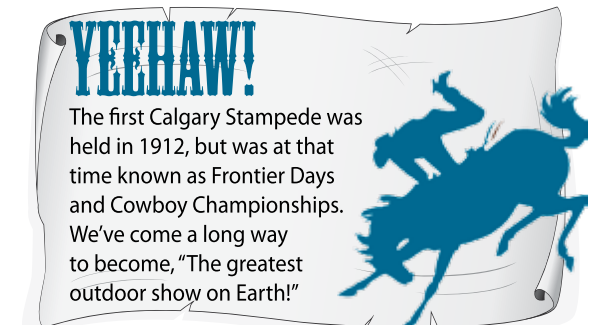
- **July 17-21 is registered skating and hockey week:** skating lessons all levels, intro to hockey (4-5yrs, 6-8 years, adult & child) and powerskating/hockey (7-12 years.)

Adults/Older Adults

Stay fit over the summer!

- Summer adult registered fitness: Focus on Powerlifting, Focus on Learning the Basics, Strong is the New Skinny: Weight Training for Women by Women, Straighten Up Posture Series, Trim & Tone, Myofascial Stretch and Release, Stroller Fit.
- Summer registered programs for older adults: Balance Builders Level 1 (Fall Prevention), Balance Builders Level 2 (Bones and Balance), Chair Yoga, Straighten Up Posture Series.

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Green Cart Food and Yard Waste Program

Deer Ridge anticipates receiving the Green Carts about the end of August. Please visit calgary.ca/greencart to get additional details on the Green Cart Food and Yard Waste program.

Green Cart Q&A

As green carts are set to roll out this summer, here are some common questions you may have about the program.

Why are we doing this?

More than half of what's in our garbage is material that could be composted. Composting can reduce what goes into our landfills by half and instead creates a high quality, nutrient rich compost for local gardens, parks and farms. A great video to watch is available at calgary.ca/greencart.

What if I already compost in my backyard?

Continue to backyard compost and use your green cart too. You'll be surprised how many materials such as meat, bones, dairy, cooked foods, pet waste, tree branches can now go in the green cart.

What about smells and rodents?

We found that residents in the pilot didn't experience an increase in pests around their carts. Collecting food and yard waste in the green cart is similar to putting them in the garbage. If your household hasn't experienced problems with pests and food odours in the past, it's unlikely you will with the new system. Some good practices to follow include:

- Empty the kitchen pail into your green cart every 2-3 days.
- Keep the lid of the kitchen pail and green cart closed.
- Put your green cart out for collection every week, even if it's not full.
- Sprinkle a small amount of baking soda or vinegar in your kitchen pail and green cart.

Will compost return to the community?

Yes, some compost will be available to the community for free through community gardens and select give-away days starting in 2018. The majority of the compost will be sold in bulk to landscape suppliers with the proceeds reducing the processing costs and lowering the program fee.

Keep an eye out for your green cart and starter kit that will be arriving this summer. A community delivery schedule is available at calgary.ca/greencart.



Are you ready to party?

Join us as we celebrate 150 years of Confederation on July 1, 2017 with our many civic partners and sponsors!

Begin the day with a hearty pancake breakfast at Confederation Park or Fort Calgary, and end it with some of the most fantastic fireworks ever seen at the Centre Street Bridge.

Throughout the day, there will be activities and exhibits to inform, activate and delight every member of the family! Immerse yourself in our Indigenous and Franco-phone cultures on Prince's Island Park, or be amazed at the pageantry and culinary delights in Chinatown.

Enjoy Canadian music, arts, crafts and delicious food at venues throughout the city, including Eau Claire, East Village, Stephen Avenue Mall and Riverfront Avenue, or take part in storytelling and activities at the Central Library. You can even discover Studio Bell at a special discounted rate or check into the King Eddy for live music all day.

Help us show our national pride by participating in the Enmax Living Flag at Fort Calgary this year, and re-affirm your personal pride as a Canadian at the CIBC Canadian Oath, being held at Olympic Plaza.

You won't want to miss a minute of this year's Canada Day events! Please visit our Canada Day page at Calgary.ca for times, locations, road closures and updates as we put the final plans in place.

See you there!



FRIENDS of Fish Creek

Connect with Nature and Celebrate Alberta's Parks at Parks Day & Creekfest!

Saturday, July 15, 2017

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park (South end of Bow Bottom Tr. SE)

Celebrate Canada's milestone 150th anniversary and the Friends of Fish Creek's 25th year of bringing the park and community together at Parks Day & Creekfest!

The theme of World Environment Day is connecting with nature and what better way to connect with nature than by visiting Fish Creek Provincial Park, a cherished natural area we are fortunate to have within the city? Commemorate World Environment Day today by marking down July 15 on your calendar for Parks Day & Creekfest and by telling others about this amazing free summertime festival! Celebrate this province's breathtaking parks and protected areas, while enjoying a wonderful day in Fish Creek learning about environmental conservation.

Juno-award winning Peter Puffin's Whale Tales will return for the 7th year in a row to host a dynamic and interactive concert performance and song-writing workshop. Jennie Harluk, one of Calgary's youngest up and coming superstars will perform for the first time on the Parks Day & Creekfest stage. Kids and families will be regaled by Alberta Parks' "Riddle of the Wetlands" and the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society's presentation about urban wildlife. Visitors can also get on their feet to join a Yoga and Qi-Gong session, and take part in guided walks about wetlands, beavers and the new ATCO native grassland.

Have fun while learning about environmental conservation through hands-on activities and educational experiences hosted by community organizations dedicated to protecting Fish Creek and other natural areas. Food will be available for purchase and there will be exciting

draws for prizes designed to help people maximize their enjoyment of this amazing park. Tickets will go on sale for the Friends' annual fundraiser, A Taste of Autumn.

Parks Day & Creekfest was funded in part through the Watershed Stewardship Grant, a program of Land Stewardship Centre financed by Alberta Environment and Parks. Thank you to the Alberta Conservation Association, the Alberta Real Estate Foundation, Great Events Catering and the Bow Valley Rancho Restaurant. We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation from The Calgary Foundation that has helped make the use of "The Calgary Foundation Centennial Stage" possible.

Like Parks Day & Creekfest at www.facebook.com/CREEKFESTinFishCreek and visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/creekfest.

This event is sponsored by: Canada 150, Alberta Real Estate Foundation, Alberta Conservation Association, and Great Events Catering.

For more information, please contact:

Chris Lalonde, Friends of Fish Creek, Communications Coordinator
403-238-3841 or chris@friendsoffishcreek.org

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline – 1st of each month for the next month's publication

Contact news@great-news.ca

- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

CALGARY PSYCHIC FAIR 2017: July 29th 4:15-7:30 at the Acadia Community Center. Call for details! 403-452-9610.

LOVE TO SING? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition, World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September-May in a convenient central location. Repertoire includes jazz, gospel, African, Canadian, Renaissance, pop, original contemporary. For more information, see www.vocalitudes.org.

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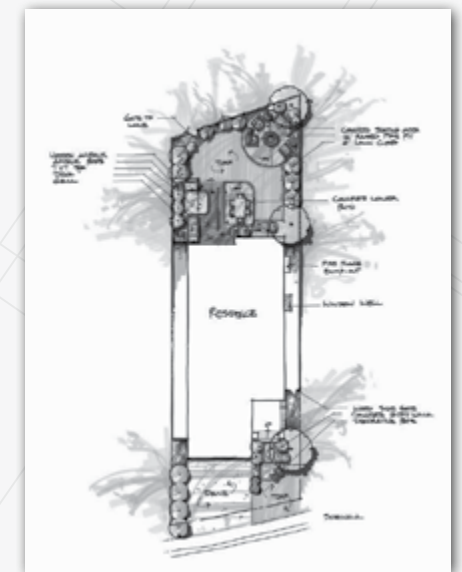
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Summer is upon us and for many of us summer is sacred. It is a time to enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer and to appreciate time and fun activities with family and friends. We are blessed with a province that has much to offer for summer recreation opportunities. As you start your summer planning, perhaps that road less travelled might be an exciting opportunity. One such road is the Cowboy Trail, which runs from Mayerthorpe (West of Edmonton) right down west of Calgary all the way to Cardston near the US border. The scenic 735 km route has many attractions along the way. Great local eateries and history markers are just a few of the highlights of the journey. If you are looking for unique adventures, please let my office help you rediscover all Alberta has to offer.

Nobody does volunteering and Western Hospitality better than Calgary. Calgary is known for its open and welcoming environment and can do attitude. Much of this positive attitude is front and centre for 10 days of the Calgary Stampede, when our city is on display for visitors from around the world. I would encourage each of you to make all of our visitors feel at home. Let them know that Calgary is a more than a destination.

Did you know that Fish Creek Park is the largest urban park in North America? The "skills park" on the east side by the end of Bow Bottom Trail is a welcome addition for all mountain bikers, young and old, looking for a place to practice their mountain biking skills. This year Park's Day and CreekFest will celebrate Canada's 150th and Friends of Fish Creek Park's 25th anniversaries highlighting nature and the importance our watershed has on the environment. It is a great, all day family activity on July 15th from 11-4 at Bow Valley Ranch.

Community events will abound this summer and so if you are having a function please keep our office informed. I will be once again visiting with constituents and businesses in the area as I continue in my tradition of "walkabout" in the constituency, so if you see me out and about please stop to say hello.

New this year, will be the office hosting a Fish Creek

photo contest. I know that social media has transformed photo sharing, so share your best or most fun photo of what summer in Alberta means to you. The contest will run from July 1-August 15th. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

This year marks Canada's 150 Birthday. We have much to be thankful for in our great city, province, and country. Let us all join in celebration July 1st to give gratitude for the country we call home. Happy Birthday Canada!

Lastly, please join me at my **2nd Annual Stampede BBQ July 8th 11-2** at my office 1215 Lake Sylvan Drive. We will have games, face painting, live music, and food for all!

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Howdy Ward 14!

My column at this time last year was, frankly, a bit somber. The province was going through a tough time, and my message was to take the month to celebrate in a way only Calgary knows how—by Stampeding!

While there is no doubt some of our neighbours are still feeling the effects of the downturn in our economy, the view over the horizon is starting to look a little brighter. The Conference Board of Canada is predicting Calgary's economy will grow for the first time in three years! It hopefully means new jobs, and that is another great reason to celebrate...

Take a look at calgarystampede.com. There are many new and exciting things planned for the Stampede this year.

Stampede Parade - route reversal

As I mentioned last month the Stampede parade route has been reversed this year. If you are planning to attend, you should probably plan accordingly. For more information, you should visit parade.calgarystampede.com.

Counciltalk

I want to tip my hat to all the patrons of Counciltalk in this and previous years. It never ceases to amaze me how the great people of Ward 14 respond when I call on them to exercise their right to free speech. Listening to you is the most important part of my job, and I am so grateful to everyone who shows up to tell me what is important to them.

If you aren't sure what Counciltalk is, I encourage you to visit calgary.ca/counciltalk to learn more. I will return with more Counciltalk dates as soon as possible. Visit calgary.ca/ward14connect to get email reminders of upcoming Counciltalk dates.

Ward 14 Communities BBQ

There is still time, and lots of planning to be done before September 16, but the Ward 14 Communities BBQ—as it has for six years now—is gradually coming closer.

For those who are unaware, the Ward 14 Communities BBQ is my membership drive for Ward 14 community associations. I round up money from generous sponsors to

pay for the cost of the event and to financially support the community. We raise a lot of money and they add a lot of members. Those facts have not changed over the six years.

But there are a few new things for this year, like some great new food, and some new sponsors. To start, Spolumbo's is the newest food sponsor. Instead of the traditional burger, you can have one of their delicious burgers on a bun.

I also want to introduce Pacific Developments as the newest financial sponsor. They join United Communities, Mattamy Homes, and Genstar on the list at this early point.

Thank you to all of them, and Southcentre for the venue!

Of course, there will be all sorts of entertainment, and exhibitors to see. Stay tuned for more details to come.

As I mentioned, this year the BBQ will be on September 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Southcentre Mall. Mark it in your calendar because you are welcome to join. We will have a lot of fun. Visit www.calgary.ca/ward-14bbq for more info.

That is all for now. Have fun stampeding, and a great July! Happy trails to you, until we meet again!

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OH, CANADA!

Great News Publishing asked Calgary residents what they love about Canada and being Canadian. Thank you to everyone who submitted their answers!

The infographic features a central cluster of colorful speech bubbles containing quotes from Calgary residents. Surrounding these bubbles are various Canadian-themed icons: a beaver, a Canadian Tire money bag, a moose, a hockey stick, a winter hat, a beanie, a totem pole, a polar bear, a maple leaf, a Canadian soldier, a teepee, a Mr. Dressup figure, a moose, and a maple syrup bottle. At the bottom, a diverse group of stylized human figures is shown holding hands.

Quotes include:

- The 4-season day
- Heritage Minutes
- We have a strong multicultural identity with a multitude of various backgrounds and religions.
- Universal health care
- Canadian Tire money
- Respect for wilderness
- Our differences are not only accepted, but celebrated.
- House Hippo
- We know the French equivalents of "free," "prize," and "no sugar added," thanks to our extensive education in bilingual cereal packaging.
- Mr. Dressup
- There is a sense of community that people can and want to contribute to.
- Equal access to necessities of life.
- Beautiful Canadian natural landscapes that we are actively trying to preserve.
- Kraft Dinner
- Best beef in the world!
- Wayne Gretzky
- Sorry!
- Canadians seek commonalities when meeting someone new.
- All Dressed/ Ketchup Chips
- Canadians have the right and freedom to practice our choice of religion.

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