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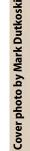
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Submission Deadline: 10th of the month for the next month's news.

Comments, questions and submissions are always welcome.

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I had the pleasure of meeting with the Burton family, Gerri and Bill, whose home on Fairmount Drive caught on fire in mid-December, for an interview and conversation that is included in a column in this newsletter. We often forget how fortunate we are to live in such a great, safe community with a

roof over our heads, good health, family and friends and important personal belongings. It only takes a few minutes for many of those things to disappear in a house fire, flood or other disaster. Despite the terrible circumstances of losing 50 years worth of possessions, their home and two of their very loved cats, (as well as many other difficulties over the years) the Burtons have a remarkably positive outlook on life and are committed to making the best of their situation.

While we originally planned to have our Wine & Cheese event in February and a bowling night in the fall, given the circumstances of this fire and an eager group of volunteers willing to help out, we have swapped the two events with the bowling event planned for February 20th as a fundraiser for the Burton Family, Bowling for the Burtons. An online gofundme page has also been set up for individuals who wish to help out with donations to the family: www.gofundme. com/59j4ergs. If you wish to donate without going online, you can make cheques payable to the Fairview Community Association (mailed to us or deposited in the Fairview Arena mail slot) with "Fairview house fire" on the memo line to ensure it gets to the family.

Special thanks to ladies of Fleetwood (Leah, Joanne, Kristina and Amy) for their efforts on spearheading this event. Also thanks to Fairview resident and volunteer Mark Dutkoski for his great work in photography and editing!

Also my thanks to Amanda St. Laurent for her help while sitting on the board this year - unfortunately due to work commitments she has had to step down.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Imagine Fairview in late January - due to the timing of this newsletter's deadline, we won't have a summary of the event until March's newsletter, but we should have some information up on our website as soon as possible.

Hope to see you out for our bowling night on the 20th!



New Year, New Membership Drive

Thank you to all Fairview Community Association members for helping us smash our record for membership sales this past year. 530 households in our community are fully paid members, over 42% of Fair-

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view homes! We are preparing for our Annual Membership Drive and this is our Call to Volunteers to help us knock on every door in our community. Each volunteer visits about 30 houses during the week of the Drive - it's a great way to make personal contact with our residents and get to know your neighbours.

The dates for the 2016 Membership Drive will be Monday, April 11 to Sunday, April 17

If you can join our Membership Drive team please contact Pat Hirsche at membership@fairviewcommunity.ca.





Fairmount Drive House Fire and the Burton Family



Photos by Mark Dutkoski

December 15th was a normal day at the Burton household on Fairmount Drive. Mother Gerri was working her shift at Value Village, where she has been employed for the past four years, while her son Bill, who is unable to work due to a disability, was at home. Bill suddenly heard the carpet sizzling, then saw smoke and fire rising in the room. Bill scrambled to figure out what was happening and ultimately his housecoat caught fire while loud popping sounds filled the air as glass ornaments and windows started exploding. Due to the shock of the chaos that ensued, Bill ran out, then back into his house multiple times, frantically trying to save his beloved cats

before a first responder pulled him out of the burning building. Sadly, two of their three cats, Mini and Sassy, succumbed to smoke inhalation and died at the scene.

At the north end of Fairmount Drive / Centre Street, Gerri received a call at work from a co-worker who told her that their house was on fire. Gerri rushed to the scene and due to the shock of the situation and not knowing whether her son was still alive (he had been taken to the hospital already by this time), she passed out several times and was herself taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Bill sustained respiratory tract injury due to smoke inhalation as well as substantial burns to his upper body. He spent four days in ICU, then another six days in the Burn Unit having his burns and dressings attended to, followed by outpatient treatments every other day until early January. Full skin recovery is expected to take up to 18 to 24 months with the possibility of surgery required at some point depending on how his skin responds. Bill has also begun physiotherapy to prevent contracture of the skin as it heals, and needs to be constantly careful to prevent sun or cold exposure of the fragile skin. He had



almost completely lost his voice due to the smoke inhalation, but several weeks later this has almost returned to normal.

Originally from B.C., Gerri met her husband, also Bill, 50 years ago and moved to Calgary in 1974. They have always lived in our region, having resided in Fairview, Acadia, Willow Park and Haysboro over the decades, with the past eight of nine years in Fairview in Fairmount Drive and Frobisher Boulevard homes. Sadly, the Burton's lost their husband and father Bill one and a half years ago, just six months shy of Bill and Gerri's 50th wedding anniversary, after a lengthy health battle related to diabetes and multiple organ problems. Gerri also has a daughter, Sandra, who is disabled and lives in a care home, but spends the weekends with the family.

The Burtons are extremely grateful for all of the support they have received following the fire: the Red Cross provided funding to cover food and lodging for 72 hours; family helped provide additional temporary housing after this; her employer provided gift cards for groceries and her supportive coworkers pooled funding to cover a damage deposit and their first month's rent for new living accommodations ; various donors have provided some used furniture and household items as well as two brand new beds; their church, the Glamorgan Church of God brought them lunches and some household items; the community association has arranged for snow shovelling of the fire ravaged property and is working on additional fundraising with local residents; the City covered the veterinary expenses for Max as well as cremation expenses for Mini and Sassy; and friends and family have helped drive Bill to and from the hospital and aided with transportation to run errands.

Despite these terrible ordeals and circumstances in which the Burtons find themselves in, they remain remarkably determined and optimistic. While life has been difficult, Gerri states that her faith in God has kept them going and the people in her various communities (faith, family and friends, work and Fairview) have been incredibly generous and supportive. Gerri is a youthful 70 years old, but is resolved to continue working to support her family "until God takes her health". They have loved living in Fairview over the years with a general love of the area and safe feeling in this neighbourhood.

Looking to help out?

Local residents, in partnership with the Fairview Community Association, are hosting a fundraising bowling night, **Bowling for the Burtons, on Saturday, February 20 at 7pm at Toppler Bowl**. Information about this event can be found in the ad in this newsletter and on our website, www.fairviewcommunity.ca.

Individual donations can also be made through either the Fairview Community Association or through online funding at: www.gofundme. com/59j4ergs. Please make any cheques payable to the Fairview Community Association (with memo: "Fairview house fire") and drop off in the arena mail slot, at the bowling night or mail to our mailing address (at front of this newsletter).





16 Lanes | 5 Pin Bowling

GLOW BOWL Friday - Saturday - Sunday

7640 Fairmount Drive SE Call for reservations 403-255-0101 Licensed Facility



MEMBERSHIP

Your community association is a group of volunteers who work to make your community a great place to live for residents of all ages. You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

a) Become a member – when you purchase a membership in your community association, your dues are used to offer you and your neighbours many programs and activities.

b) Become a volunteer – Community Associations rely on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways you can volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time you will make new friends and learn skills.

A GOOD REASON TO JOIN TODAY!

Special Events: Many events are provided throughout the year which provides families an opportunity to meet others in the community and have some fun. Events include stampede breakfasts, craft fairs, skating parties, recycling days and many others.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off at the Fairview Arena mail slot, mailed to Box 78053, 383 Heritage Dr SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2Y1 or purchased online at www.fairviewcommunity.ca.

Complete the below form and include with your payment:

March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017

Membership Fee: \$15 per Family (Up to two registered adults and any number of children under the age of 18 living at the same residence). Please make cheques payable to: Fairview Community Association.

Name:		
Address:		
Postal Code:	Phone:	
Email:		

I am interested in volunteering:
Yes
No

I am interested in receiving updates by email:
Yes
No



UPCOMING EVENTS



Fairview Community Association Board Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 pm Fairview Community Building, Lower level Board meetings have changed to the **second Tuesday of each month**. Please contact the Secretary at secretary@ fairviewcommunity.ca if you wish to attend - all members are encouraged and welcome to do so.

Fairview Public Skating

Sunday, February 14, 1pm-2pm Sunday, March 20, 1pm-2pm Fairview Community Building, Arena Bring your friends, family and helmets! Please ensure that you do NOT change your skates on the new aluminum bleachers! These are brand new and if there is significant damage due to people wearing skates on the bleachers, then we may lose the privilege of hosting the public skating events. There are always two dressing rooms assigned for our skating events that are to be used instead.

Fairview Shinny

Sunday, February 14, 2:15-3:30 pm Sunday, March 20, 2:15-3:30 pm Fairview Community Building, Arena Email Dave president@fairviewcommunity.ca for more details and to get your name on the invite list:

Bowling for the Burtons

Saturday, February 20, 7-9 pm Toppler Bowl, 7640 Fairmount Drive SE We are raising funds to help Bill and his mother Geraldine, who lost all their possessions in the recent house fire December 15th at their home on Fairmont Drive. We cordially invite you to come and join in the Fairview Community fundraiser to help out this family.

Cost: Tickets are just \$25 per person which includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental.

Additional Details: Cash bar, contest, door prizes and a great silent auction!

If you are interested in tickets or to donate to the silent auction please call Joanne at 403-630-3565, or Leah at 403-540-9869 or email Joanne: joannekotulski@gmail. com or Leah: leah@toadfire.com.

We are also accepting cash/cheque donations through a go fund me page at www.gofundme.com/59j4ergs and we will also be accepting cash donations at the event or through the community association. We hope to see you there to support this most worthy cause!

Fairview Park Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30pm Location TBA

Please RSVP at park@fairviewcommunity.ca and/or read the Fairview Park Committee column for full details.





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Fairview School 7840 Fairmount Drive SE 403-777-7900 schools.cbe.ab.ca/b633

Juno Beach Academy 315 - 86 Avenue SE 403-777-7210 schools.cbe.ab.ca/b872

Le Roi Daniels School 47 Fyffe Road SE 403-777-6420 schools.cbe.ab.ca/b320 Lord Beaverbrook High 9019 Fairmount Drive SE 403-259-5585 schools.cbe.ab.ca/b850

Sam Livingston School **OTHER SCHOOL** 12011 Bonaventure Dr. SE INFORMATION 403-777-6890 Alberta Education schools.cbe.ab.ca/b354 780-644-5752

Willow Park School 343 Willow Park Drive SE 403-777-6900 schools.cbe.ab.ca/b331/

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schools.cbe.ab.ca/b641

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St. Matthew 416 - 83 Avenue SE Phone: 403-500-2030 www.cssd.ab.ca/ stmatthew/

Submit your school news to news@fairview community.ca.

Fairview Park Update

In the fall of 2015, the Fairview Community Association established the Fairview Park Committee to evaluate the entire Fairview Park (baseball diamond) site at the centre of our community. The purpose of this committee will be to determine if there is broad community support to repurpose and revitalize Fairview Park into a multi-purpose, multi-season park. The committee has had two preliminary meetings to introduce committee members and establish a plan and direction for the committee. Early work of the committee has been to develop a Terms of Reference document and establish what information would be required for community residents to consider a change to this park.

Residents of Fairview who are interested in taking on the work of this committee can contact one of our cochairs: Vanessa at 403-808-6878 or Dave at 403-454-8327 or email park@fairviewcommunity.ca. February's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30pm (location TBD). At this meeting we will be looking for committee members to take on a portion of the tasks to be completed for engaging stakeholders and preparing a report to the community.

BOARD BITS & BUSINESS

The Board has been working hard on numerous projects, events and programs. Below is a summary of what we have been up to, as well as some external partner updates.

We have been working in partnership with the Federation of Calgary Communities and the University of Calgary to bring together Imagine Fairview, a look forward to what we see Fairview looking like in the next 50 years. More information should be available in March's newsletter.

Our Fairview Public Skating continues to grow with about 60 people attending our January skate and another 60 or so in November, some of our highest numbers for skating outside of Skate with Santa (which saw about 100 again this year).

Our shinny hockey has also grown throughout the season - we had 19 out for November's shinny, 25 in December and 27 in January! We typically have two full lines, a ref, two goalies and lots of positive feedback about the games.

A Fairview Park committee has been established to evaluate and determine possibilities for the Fairview Park site. The committee has gotten underway to establish a Terms of Reference and introduce members to the process. More info about this committee can be found in a separate column in this newsletter.

The Playground Committee continues their excellent work. A design for the Fawn Park site has been narrowed down and waiting approval from the City. The next big step will be to secure funds from various sources before fully moving ahead with the project.

The Trico Centre will see a major upgrade to the pool area in 2016 and as a result will be closed from February 19 until July 3. Improvements will include a pool deck replacement, a new, larger hot tub, new play features in the tot area, improved lighting and mechanical systems, improved acoustics, new windows and more. Trico has also set a prize freeze on their prices until September 2016.

Our Spring Cleanup Events have been set for 2016 and we look forward to continuing the success of the events:

Parade of Garage Sales: Saturday, April 30

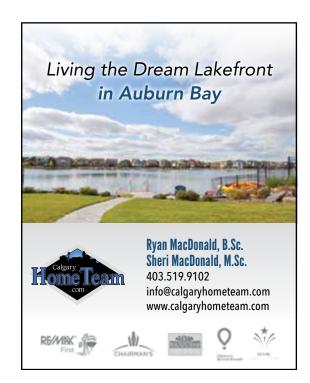
 Spring Fling Community Cleanup: Sunday, May 8 Fairview Bottle Drive: Saturday, May 14

We have also been finalizing and tweaking all of the fine details of our new newsletter and its delivery as well as keeping up with our website, Facebook page and E-newsletter to ensure that our communication to our members and residents is as effective as possible. We are also working on details on this year's Membership Drive which is coming up fast from April 11 to 17 (see details in this newsletter).

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403-705-3246	The Kerby Centre can provide information on a range of services from grocery delivery, housing, counselling, disability services, to home care
403-264-7700	24-Hour Seniors' Help Line – There is always someone to take calls from concerned citizens who have identified seniors they believe are at risk or could use a helping hand
2-1-1	Information and referral to Calgary area community, government and social services
1-877-644-9992	Alberta Seniors Info Line
www.seniors.alberta.ca	Senior resources, information and groups in the Calgary area

Copies of the Seniors Directory of Services are available at your local library, local grocery stores or the Community & Neighbourhood Services South Area office (502 Heritage Drive SW).



Calgary FLC Seniors Club Trico Wellness Centre, 11150 Bonaventure Dr SE Hugh Phelan 403-271-8389, www.flcseniors.ca 55+, Email flcmembership@yahoo.ca

Heritage Seniors

703 Heritage Dr. S.W. Info: 403-236-7018 50+ Wheelchair accessible, 4 days per week, various activities Email ekozbial@telusplanet.net

Calgary Music Makers

Fairview Baptist Church 230-78 Ave SE P: 403-245-4115 or 403-201-9138 emarwood@gmail.com www.calgarymusicmakers.ca 50+ Choir, Mixed voices. 9:30am Thursday practices

Inglewood Silver Threads Association

1311 9 Ave SE Phone: 403-264-1006 55+, Hours: 9:30 am-2:00 pm, Wheelchair accessible, Email: silthreads@canada.com

Cedarbrae Senior Go-Getters

Flr 2-4885 Hubalta Rd SE Phone: 403-288-3371 55+, Hours: 12:00-2:30 pm Wheelchair accessible

Know Your Neighbour Club 924 Heritage Dr SW Phone: 403-225-2362 Email hcdoug@telus.net 55+, Wheelchair accessible

Forge Senior Citizens Club

Flr 2-4885 Hubalta Rd SE Phone: 403-288-3371 55+, Hours: 12-2:30pm, Wheelchair accessible

McDougall United Church - Heritage Time Out 8516 Athabasca St SE, P: 403-252-1620

All ages. Wednesdays 9-11am, Drop-in and enjoy quilting, knitting, card making, and more! For more information, email timeoutheritage@gmail.com.

Haysboro Senior Resources Group

Dorothy P: (403) 255-7438 d.block@shaw.ca Meets monthly, speakers, information sessions, entertainment, and usually one bus trip.

South Fish Creek 50+ Drop In 100-333 Shawville Blvd SE, P: 403-201-8652 Email: sonya@sfcra.com www.sfcra.com Fri: 9am-12:00pm, Wheelchair accessible.

If you would like your group or event listed, please email us at news@fairviewcommunity.ca.



Heritage Soccer Association

4 to 11 years old as of Jan 1/2016 (U6–U12) Up to 4 years old as of Jan 1/2016 (U4)

Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge, Mayfair, Bel-Aire, Kingsland, Meadowlark Park and Fairview community members

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm CKE Community Centre (1015 - 73rd Ave. S.W.)

Registration fee \$40 (U6-U12) \$10 (U4) Community membership required. Bring your membership card!

League runs May 3 – June 23, Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at Chinook Park School playing fields The league is run by volunteers and we are in need of coaches. If you can help full-time, part-time or occasionally, please sign up to coach!

Soccer Coordinator email: CKEHeritageSoccer@gmail.com





Trico Centre has been committed to family wellness for over 30 years. Trico Centre has partnerships with more than 40 communities in south Calgary. Residents of partnered communities pay 20% less for memberships than non-residents with payment of the Community Support Fee or presentation of a valid community association membership.

Trico Centre for Family Wellness 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE 403-278-7542 | www.tricocentre.ca



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IN & AROUND Calgary

Southland Leisure Centre

MEND Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!

Child obesity is a significant issue in Alberta. There is substantial evidence linking obesity to preventable chronic diseases and psychological impacts on children. MEND is a community, family-based healthy lifestyle program. These programs are provided at NO COST to participants and provide a comfortable environment for families to interact and learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices. The program will provide you with the tools and support you need to help you and your family transition to a healthier lifestyle. If you are interested in hearing more about MEND or wanting to register, please contact:

Southland Leisure Centre - 403-648-6593 Ages 2Y – 4Y: A 10 week healthy eating and activity program for families.

Southland Leisure Centre Events and Programs: Friday Night Dance Party at Southland Leisure Centre – February 26 from 7:15-10:00pm.

Family Valentine's Crafts & Cookies

Tuesday, February 9 - 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 am and 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Family Valentine's

Family Day Week-end Climbing & Gymnastics Drop-in Sunday, February 14 – 3-5 p.m. – Family Day Week-end Climbing & Gymnastics Drop-in at Calgary AfterSchool at Southland Leisure Centre

South Calgary Youth Council (SCYC) at Southland Leisure Centre

Fridays, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Youth Night at Southland Leisure Centre

Volunteer Opportunities at Southland Leisure Centre Drop-in Playschool at Southland Leisure Centre

Drop-in Preschool Programs at Southland Leisure Centre Drop-in Climbing and Gymnastics at Southland Leisure Centre

Drop-in Badminton and Basketball at Southland Leisure Centre

Every Sunday, 8 am to noon. Family Swim at Southland Leisure Centre.

Babysitting Room at Southland Leisure Centre Day Camps at Southland Leisure Centre PD School Days at Southland Leisure Centre Southland Leisure Centre Playschool

IN & AROUND Schools

Shortest month of the year stocked with events at École St. Cecilia School

The events start early in February for students at École St. Cecilia School with our annual 'Carnaval' at the beginning of the month. This day-long event celebrates Québec's Winter Carnival and features cultural activities such as learning about Bonhomme and tasting snow-frozen maple candy known as 'la tire'.

This year, Lent begins in February and students will participate in religious celebrations including pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and attending church for Ash Wednesday.

Grade 1 students will visit 'Clay for Kids' for a field trip and all students will hear from Edouard Labonté, who will present educational French learning materials in his entertaining one-man show.

The month will conclude with a fundraising Movie Night for students and their families to attend.

Interested in having your child attend École St. Cecilia School?

Mark your calendar for our Information Evening on March 1, 7 p.m. and our Open House on March 8 from 1-3 p.m.



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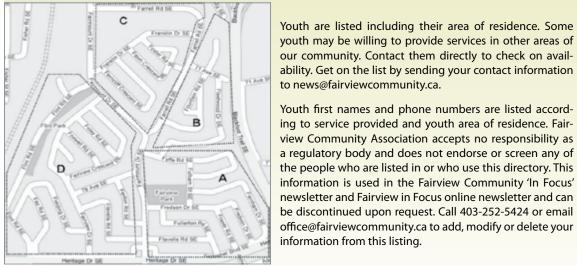


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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES Fairview Baptist Church

230 - 78 Ave SE - P: 403-252-1704 Visit www.fairviewbaptistchurch.ca E-mail info@fairviewbaptistchurch.ca Sunday evening service 6pm

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Hello Neighbours!

Last month's newsletter I wrote to you about Team Ward 9's plan to introduce some seriously game-changing, grassroots local governance and community building throughout our great neighbourhoods. I discussed our goal to facilitate community conferences, or **Community Objectives Workshops** (COW), that would bring together stakeholders from across each community including residents, community associations, businesses, service providers, community leaders and community institutions, for a day-long workshop to really dig into the challenges, opportunities and vision for the future.

As an aside, we found the acronym COW to be both hilarious and somewhat charming as we move through this endeavour. So we decided to keep it!

Over the previous weeks we started to develop our engagement strategies and plans to facilitate these workshops. As promised, we have put together a schedule of the Ward 9 COWs for the year:

Date

Saturday, February 20 Saturday, March 12 Saturday, April 9 Saturday, May 14 Saturday, July 23 Saturday, September 17 Saturday, October 15 Saturday, November 19

Community Erlton/Rideau-Roxboro/Park Hill Renfrew/Bridgeland-Riverside Lynnwood-Millican-Ogden Inglewood/Ramsay Tuxedo Park/Winston Heights-Mountview Riverbend Fairview/Acadia 9 Dover

You will probably notice that several communities have been organized together. This was done both because of geographic location and time constraints to finish by year's end.

We decided to schedule all of our COWs on a Saturday to ensure that many people can participate. Though we recognize that not everyone works a 'traditional' Monday to Friday schedule, we will be doing our best to also get feedback from people who cannot attend, but would like to. The actual times of each workshop are still tentative, though they will likely run from 10am to 4pm with lunch and snacks provided.

We ask that those interested in joining their COW to email us at ward09@calgary.ca or call us at 403-268-5330. We also ask that participants think about what they want as a larger vision for their community and their concerns or issues and, if possible, submit these points to us beforehand.

Finally, we welcome our Ward 9 neighbours to think about who they would like to see attend their COW. If you know any critical stakeholders, such as a local nonprofit or business that adds value to your community or an individual that you think is a community leader, please let us know! We want each Community Objectives Workshop to be as diverse, inclusive and rich as possible.

Thank you for all your incredible work.

Yours,

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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
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City of Calgary	311
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Community Mediation Calgary Society	403.269.2707
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Hello friends and neighbours!

Our Provincial Government is committed to ensuring fairness in our elections, and throughout our Government. We know that Albertans expect that the rules governing our elections ensure that the political process is about citizens, not about special interests. That's why we banned corporate and union donations, and that's why we've created the Special Select Committee on Ethics and Accountability.

As Deputy Chair of the Committee, it's important to me that the voices from Calgary-Acadia are heard during this important review process, and I would encourage everyone to contribute to the public consultation that has been launched. The Committee is currently seeking opinions from Albertans on the Elections Act, the Elections Financing Act, the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act and the Conflicts of Interest Act, with submissions due at the end of February.

We would love to hear your thoughts on ways that we can improve elections in Alberta. Do you have concerns about elections financing or donation limits? How about spending limits for candidates? How about third party advertising? What are your thoughts on extending the number of days of Advanced Polling, or expanding the number of mobile polling stations? What's a reasonable expectation for voter identification? How can we make voting easier? Any other thoughts on Elections or Election Financing?

When it comes to the Public Interest (Whistleblower Protection), how can we ensure that every citizen, including those in the public service, is free to speak out about issues in government? Should it be expanded to include contractors with the Provincial Government? What types of wrong-doing should be covered by the Whistleblower legislation? Any other feedback?

For Conflicts of Interest, what are your thoughts on how we can strengthen the Act to ensure that MLAs aren't using their position to benefit their personal financial interests, or those of their families and political friends? How should we strengthen cooling-off periods for former MLAs, political staff, or appointees to Agencies, Boards and Commissions? Any other comments or concerns?

Submissions to the Committee are due Friday, February 26, and can be submitted by email to Ethicsand Accountability.Committee@assembly.ab.ca; or by mail to Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee, 3rd Floor, 9820 – 107 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 1E7. You can also call toll free by dialling 310-0000 and then 780-644-8621.

You can follow the work of the Committee via the Committee website at www.assembly.ab.ca/committees/ ethicsandaccountability, on Facebeook via Legislative Assembly of Alberta or on Twitter @LegAssemblyofAB.

On another note, be sure to mark your calendars for my next Constituency Office Open House! On Saturday, March 12, 2016 between 1-4 pm, stop by the office to have a coffee, ask questions and join in the conversation.

As always, my staff and I are here to help and love to hear your feedback.





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Last 12 Months Fairview MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	\$398,266	\$377,666
November 2015	\$430,950	\$419,625
October 2015	\$470,574	\$447,250
September 2015	\$454,633	\$447,966
August 2015	\$419,933	\$413,000
July 2015	\$467,412	\$458,485
June 2015	\$448,740	\$446,000
May 2015	\$444,633	\$438,500
April 2015	\$434,433	\$422,083
March 2015	\$444,840	\$429,075
February 2015	\$409,649	\$397,400
January 2015	\$435,900	\$433,000

Last 12 Months Fairview MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2015	1	3
November 2015	5	4
October 2015	5	4
September 2015	4	3
August 2015	7	3
July 2015	4	7
June 2015	7	5
May 2015	2	3
April 2015	5	3
March 2015	5	5
February 2015	5	1
January 2015	1	1
Total	51	42

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