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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Folks!

Hi all! I hope you all had a great Christmas with family and friends close at hand and that you brought in the New Year in a manner that was fitting for you.

This winter has been pretty mild with really a minimal amount of snow so far but just enough to be a nuisance, especially if you are behind the snow shovel. Hope this mildness continues and that spring shows up earlier than later.

Our last month has been busy with parties, business meetings and get-togethers. By the time you are reading this, we will have had our first community potluck of the New Year and hopefully a good turn-out. This is a great way to socialize with your neighbours and beat the midwinter blues. With plans to schedule these "socials" every other month, our next event will be Saturday, March 12 starting at 5pm.

As we get back to the regular social programs, the hall is again filled with the pitter patter of little feet as the Tae Kwon Do classes for children begin along with the "huffing and puffing" of the Hot Mamas exercise group as they get back to their workouts. These ladies drop in with or without babies and little children so they are teaching them the art of socialization and fitness early in life. You, too, can do "drop in" with the Hot Mamas group, so stop by, check it out or call the organizer Lindsay (403-862-6474) and see which time fits your schedule as there are many classes to choose from.

If you are thinking of renting a room here for any social event, membership has its perks! After you have had

six months of ACTIVE participation you can have your hall rental fee cut in half if you are renting for a social occasion. By "active participation", we mean taking part in our community meetings and activities. If you are a community member and want to give some lessons or classes for fun activities (i.e. scrapbooking or card-making), you can have the room free as long as it is not a money-making venture and you can charge for your supplies that are used. Call 403-290-0144 for further information and availability.

In the fall of 2016, we will be hosting our major community fundraiser of the year...an afternoon or evening working at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino. Please consider giving a few hours to help us out. It's actually a lot of fun!

So if you find yourself at loose ends and need a change of scenery, drop by the hall and check out our easy "TO DO" clipboard hanging in the office just inside the door. We have lots of small jobs waiting – includes free parking, coffee and any/all materials. The tasks range from washing windows to painting the furnace rooms. Any amount of time you can offer up is greatly appreciated. In the spring, there will be a general cleaning bee followed by lunch for all volunteers.

Dave Heaven and I are in the process of narrowing down the name possibilities for our rooms at the hall. Any help is appreciated as this is a daunting task to try and capture the essence of "Shepard Then and Now" in this important project. We will bring these names to a monthly meeting to be voted on. Such names such as Shepard Boardroom, Community Spirit Room, and Railroaders Room are just a few on the table. Since there are so many folks to acknowledge in the roots of Shepard, their names will be posted outside of that themed area with room for future contributors.

Don't forget about the new free book lending component at our hall. Drop off any used books and/or pick up a few to read at your leisure. Great way to recycle all those words!

One final "sour" note – car prowlings are up our area and recent break-ins have been reported in the Shepard area. Be sure your vehicles are kept locked and "temptations" kept out of view.

Well, that is all for this month folks! I hope to see you at the hall sometime soon.

Your community president - Sandra Weir



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Next SCA Meeting Wednesday Feb 17 at 7pm

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SAVE THESE DATES

2016 SCA Monthly Meetings (on Wednesdays)

Feb 17, March 16, April 20, May 18,
June 15, Jul 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19,
Nov 16, Dec 21



Road Ramblings

- Road Report - www.511alberta.ca
- SE Ring Road 17 Ave. - 22X Issues - Chinook Road Partnership
- 22X / Deerfoot / Ring Road – c/o Carmacks at 403-543-8750, www.carmacksent.com
- City of Calgary Roads - call 311/ www.calgary.ca
- RockyView County Roads 403-520-6378/ www.rockyview.ca
- Alberta Transportation 1-877-898-7623 or <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/eastgp.htm>

Local Landscape Links

South Shepard Area Structure Plan - Updates

<http://www.calgary.ca/PDA/LUPP/Pages/Current-studies-and-ongoing-activities/East-region-planning/South-Shepard-Area-Structure-Plan.aspx?redirect=/southshepard>

ATCO Gas Pipeline Replacement

<http://www.atcopipelines.com/upr/>

Revised Public Lands Act (Water) Affecting Private Land Owners

http://www.wetlandsalberta.ca/water_act/

AltaLink Transmission Line

<http://www.altalink.ca/projects/southernabtransmission/fatd/calgary-okotoks-janet.cfm>

Shepard Power Center – Updates

<http://www.capitalpower.com/generationportfolio/constructiondevelopment/Pages/shepard.aspx>

Area Development Permits & Public Notices

Note – there is an inter-municipal agreement whereby you can appeal either County or City listings even if you live in the other tax area.

City of Calgary – Thursday's Calgary Herald or www.calgary.ca/publicnotices

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Year In Review

The last 12 months have been transformational for our Caucus; they have been a time for thought, for reflection, and most importantly for engagement.

We started 2015 recognizing the challenges that laid ahead for Alberta, recognizing the need to stand up and secure our fiscal future. We asked Albertans for a mandate to lead this province, but we did that without listening, and without acknowledging the concerns that Albertans had raised. The results of the election were a call to restore the core values and principles that our Progressive Conservative team had always been built upon. Since May 5, we have had an opportunity to renew and rebuild, and most importantly to listen. We have had to ask ourselves the tough questions, and to be honest about what needs to change as we work towards the future. We have spent the last several months engaging with Albertans across the province to take stock of what went wrong, what we can do better, and how to move forward together.

While we didn't come out of the election as government, we did come out with a small but mighty team of elected officials and experienced legislators, representing more than half of the 16 MLA's to be re-elected in the province. As we work to restore the trust of Albertans, we are committed to listening and representing each and every voice in this province; working to ensure that all Albertans are heard over the next four years.

Budget 2015

As Alberta continues to weather through fiscal and economic challenges, our team has worked to better understand the problems that Albertans are facing. This fall, the NDP government tabled a budget that failed to support both businesses and families, while at the same time burdening this province and future generations with unsustainable spending and debt. Our caucus has worked through this budget and raised the concerns that people are seeing day to day. As thousands of Albertans continue to face job losses, Interim PC Leader

Ric McIver (Calgary-Hays) pushed the government to develop a balanced approach to spending, one that creates jobs and stimulates the economy, and restores stability to Alberta's finances. Mr. McIver worked to hold the government accountable in developing a responsible long term plan for Alberta that includes a commitment to cut government waste, and seek efficiencies in public spending. Albertans deserve a financial landscape that supports investments and innovation today, and provides stability for tomorrow.

In The Community

I have been proud to attend the following community events at the end of 2015:

- Grand Opening of Seton Superstore
- Walden Heights Christmas Fair
- Auburn Bay Parade of Lights
- Spoke to 66 grade 6 students at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- Held Open House for all Calgary-South East residents
- Calgary Workers Resource Centre Open House

Community Requests: Bottle drive: The Auburn Bay K-4 public school is hoping to raise funds via bottle collection. Anyone interested in donating bottles can e-mail info@auburnbayschool.com to arrange pick up. Bottle drives will be taking place the first Sunday of every month this year!

Scrolls: Birthday scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 65+ birthday, in five-year intervals. Anniversary scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 25+ anniversary, in five-year intervals.

Community visits: If you'd like Rick to come and speak to your child's class or at your community event, he'd be happy to. Contact Kelly at 403-215-8930 to learn more.

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 2/18 (Thursday) Quarry Park 9am-2pm
 2/20 (Saturday) Cardel Rec Centre 9am-2pm
 2/26 (Friday) Acadia Rec Centre 4-8pm
 2/27 (Saturday) South Health Campus 9am-2pm

3/05 (Saturday) Blessed Cardinal 9am-2pm
 3/07 (Monday) Chestermere Community Centre 3-8pm
 3/11 (Friday) Cardel Rec Centre 4-8pm
 3/18 (Friday) Acadia Rec Centre 3-8pm
 3/19 (Saturday) Cranston Residence Assoc 9am-2pm
 3/30 (Wednesday) Fluor 9am-2pm



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Please check any items you would be interested in volunteering for or any position within the Shepard Community Association and return this sheet with your payment.

- Board of Directors
- Events Planning
- Hall Bookings
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First Quarter
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Feb 22

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Rainbow Creek Elementary School	403.273.8129
Rocky View Learning Connections - Chestermere Campus	403.235.0294
Douglasdale School	403.777.6177
McKenzie Towne School	403.777.6185
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St. Albert the Great	403.500.2114
École de la Source (FR) K-9	403.255.6724
Ste-Marguerite-Bourgeoys (S) (FR) K-12	403.240.2007
École de la Rose sauvage (FR) 10-12	403.230.3112
Trinity Christian School K-9	403.254.6682

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St. Albert the Great Catholic Church	403.257.6054	River View Christian Church	403.279.6334
First Alliance Church	403.252.7572	Red Deer Lake United Church	403.256.3181
Ogden United Church	403.271.2700	Langdon Community Church	403.936.5974
St. Bernadette's Church	403.236.2979	Calgary Living Word Assembly	403.472.0292

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Calgary Police Service – Community Liason Officer (Constable Matt Forest)	POL5067@calgarypolice.ca	
Indus Curling Rink		403.936.5656
Chestermere Public Library		403.272.9025
Glenmore Square Library		403.260.2600
Fish Creek Library		403.221.2090
Shawnessy Library		403.221.2072
Scouts Canada	www.myscouts.ca	403.283.4993

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Happy February Ward 12! The Calgary winter can be long and cold, but spring is right around the corner. We have had a very exciting start to 2016. On January 28th, I hosted the annually Ward 12 Open House at the Mahogany Beach Club and had some great conversations with residents that are passionate about their communities. We are also continuing some very productive conversations with the Provincial Government to secure additional funding for the Green Line LRT. I'm looking forward to working hard for you in 2016 to make Ward 12 even better!

2016 Assessment

Assessment overviews for 2016 were mailed out to Calgarians on January 5th. The Customer Review Period extends from January 5th to March 7. During this period property owners are able to inquire about their assessments.

There are a few mechanisms available to residents that wish to get more information about their assessment provided by the City:

- The City of Calgary Assessment department has evaluation staff on standby to answer any specific questions regarding assessments. They can be reached at 403-268-2888.
- You can find more information on the assessment process at Calgary.ca/assessment.

Extended Driveways

There have been a few cases of extended driveways appearing in Ward 12. An extended driveway is an extension of an existing driveway to allow for more parking spaces. The diagram below shows what is acceptable and what is not through the Land Use Bylaw.

Understand what is typically approved and refused by The City.

- The initial driveway approved during homes construction.
- Driveway widening no more than 0.6 meters on a single side of the driveway.

- A portion of the front yard paved as a patio, but may not be used for parking.
- A fully paved front yard for parking is unlikely to be approved.

Extended driveways create a number of problems.

- Removal of available on-street parking
- infringement on adjacent properties, ie: snow shovelled off an extended driveway may get pushed directly onto the next property
- Drainage issues. Replacing soil/grass/vegetation with concrete does not allow for water to be absorbed.
- City access to utilities. Extending a driveway may cover up utilities that may need to be accessed.

If the driveway is found to be in violation of the Land Use Bylaw, The City of Calgary will contact the homeowner. The homeowner will be given the opportunity to retroactively apply for a development permit. If the permit is not approved, the homeowner will be given the opportunity to voluntarily bring the driveway into compliance. If the homeowner does not bring the driveway into compliance The City may bring the driveway into compliance at the homeowner's expense.

If you are concerned about an extended driveway in your community, or you are a homeowner interested in extending your driveway please contact 311 immediately. For more information you can also visit www.calgary.ca/PDA/pd/Pages/Permits/widening-an-existing-driveway.aspx.

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