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Next SCA Meeting Wednesday May 18 at 7pm

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SAVE THESE DATES

2016 SCA Monthly Meetings (on Wednesdays)

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
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- Alberta Transportation 1-877-898-7623 or <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/eastgp.htm>

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

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

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<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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Rocky View County - Check your weekly Rocky View Times newspaper weekly

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We think this is a pretty good game plan moving forward: Let's keep city recreation facilities public and working for all Calgary families.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, folks!

By the time you are reading this, I will have just returned from my life-time dream of a vacation in Italy so I will have much to catch up by next month including "life and times" around Shepard.

Just a reminder of the next Family Potluck on Saturday, May 14 starting about 5pm. I know that I for one can't wait to experience this "Jiggs" dinner event – a Newfoundland speciality that has found its way west and will be hosted by Natalie and Mike. If you're not sure what kind of "potluck" to bring to a Jiggs, as with any potluck, ANYTHING goes so don't sweat it! Should be a fun time as always!

Also, the next SCA community meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7pm.

Your President – Sandra Weir

Upcoming SE Blood Donor Mobile Clinics

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May - June 2016

5/07 Cardel Rec South
5/14 Cranston Residents Association
5/16 South Health Campus
5/19 Glenmore Inn
5/23 Acadia Rec Centre

6/01 Cardel Rec South - Gym
6/10 First Alliance Church
6/18 Our Saviour Church

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City of Calgary Posts Surplus in 2015

Council was recently informed of a surplus from the 2015 operating budget.

The total surplus is \$86M. Of this, \$54M in savings was found through corporate initiatives and \$32M was found through savings identified at the business unit level.

A number of key factors contributed to this surplus:

- The City decided to not fill a number of job vacancies;
- Low fuel prices made refuelling City vehicles less costly;
- Increased revenues from various fees and fines;

In June Council will decide what happens with the \$54M in savings found through corporate initiatives. The options are:

• **One-time rebate to tax payers:** Many Calgarians are hurting right now. Calgary is feeling the brunt of rising unemployment rates, and some folks are having difficulty making ends meet. In 2016 Calgarians are scheduled to see a 3.5% increase to their property taxes. Offering a one-time rebate to tax payers would nearly eliminate this increase for the following year. Each property tax bill would see a reprieve of roughly \$100 in 2017.

• **Shovel-ready infrastructure projects:** There are a number of infrastructure projects that are ready to begin construction, but do not currently have funding. \$54M in funding could certainly help kick some of these projects off. This could translate into the creation of many construction jobs in 2016 for a market that badly needs more employment opportunities.

• **City of Calgary "rainy-day" fund:** This fund is where the funds are currently sitting. The City has a fund called "the financial stability reserve (FSR)". Currently this fund sits at \$374M. The City may draw on this fund during times of economic hardship to continue delivering the services Calgarians depend on.

A few thoughts on these options:

Tax Rebate

- Tough economic situation for many Calgarians
- Especially difficult for folks on EI or fixed incomes
- Relief would be a one-time rebate, but my hope would be that efficiencies will also be found in future years
- Hopefully by 2018 the local economy begins to show sounds of improvement

Infrastructure

- Good time to build infrastructure: availability of construction labour, lower costs, low interest rates
- Spending on projects could provide savings in the long run
- \$54M could fund several projects that could begin construction in 2016

FSR

- This is The City's "rainy-day fund"
- I would argue that it is currently raining and adding to this fund would not be the best use of tax dollars at this time

Let's Hear From Calgarians

These funds belong to tax payers. While your elected official can share a number of ideas of what could be done, your voices must be at the table for this important decision.

I look forward to Council's debate on what to do with the surplus.

I turn the question over to Calgarians: What would you like The City to do?

Coffee With Your Councillor

Over the next number of months I will be hosting a series of small open houses. Ward 12 residents are welcome to join me for a cup of coffee to discuss issues that matter to them. Here is the 2016 schedule for Coffee With Your Councillor:

- **Tuesday, June 21st – 7:30-8:30 pm. New Brighton Residents Association: 2 New Brighton Drive SE**
- **Tuesday, September 27th – 7:00-8:30 pm. Auburn Bay Residents Association: 200 Auburn Bay Boulevard SE**
- **Tuesday, November 29th – 7:00-8:30 pm. Cranston Residents Association: 11 Cranarch Road SE**

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