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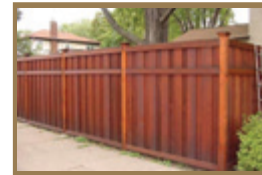
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Aquatics Programs & Pool Refurbishment Celebration
 Our newly refurbished pool is open NOW – come and check it out. We will be celebrating on September 24, 2-9pm. Swim lessons for all ages (including adult.) Canadian Swim Patrol. Private Swim lessons are also available.

Parent & Tot & Preschool
 Lots of parent & tot registered programs. New combo classes for Fall: Bubble Buddies, morning of songs, rhymes & action games – then blow bubbles in a parent & tot swim lesson. Also new, Dance with Me! Messy Masterpiece & Tiny Tot Sports n' Play. Also check out our parent and tot drop-ins – free with membership. Thirty different registered preschool options: art, dance, active movement, sports. New for Fall: Registered programs, ABC-123, combo classes: Art N' Gymnastics, Funky Fridays (each week focuses on a different theme) & Ballet/Jazz Combo. Also new is Nature Wonders, Bricks 4 Kidz & Sportarama. Late registration is allowed.

Children & Youth
 Check out the Fall Winter Program Guide for what's new for Fall: Registered programs, Just for Girls, Try it Tuesdays, Badminton Club, Dodgeball for Teens, Gym n' Swim Fridays, Sportball: Basketball & Ball Hockey, Sports Extravaganza (9-12 yrs) & Tumbling for Beginners (9-12 yrs). Youth Night is Saturdays, 6:30-9pm. Youth aged 10-17 can drop in for floor hockey, dodgeball, basketball, and other fun activities.

Adults
 The Fitness Centre is waiting for you with friendly staff, lots of equipment, no line-ups and, with membership, more than 70 drop-in fitness classes. Drop-ins like adult shinny and leisure skate. Registered programs: fitness options, Mommy & Me series, plus the NEW: Focus Series: Small Group Training – Fat-Burning, Healthy Back & Joints, Learning the Basics, Power Lifting & Strength Training Design. Wellness workshops including Straighten Up, a posture workshop for adults and youth (12 yrs +).

Older Adults
 Lots of older adults exercise in our fitness centre – drop by and check it out. Registered classes include Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program (65+yrs), Bones and Balance, and Chair Yoga. Lots of drop-in fitness for older adults plus drop-in pickleball!

Canyon Meadows

Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Canyon Meadows MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2016	\$462,400.00	\$456,125.00
July 2016	\$469,000.00	\$447,500.00
June 2016	\$584,900.00	\$573,000.00
May 2016	\$507,000.00	\$507,500.00
April 2016	\$445,400.00	\$423,750.00
March 2016	\$466,950.00	\$452,000.00
February 2016	\$549,900.00	\$515,000.00
January 2016	\$844,900.00	\$782,500.00
December 2015	\$469,900.00	\$455,000.00
November 2015	\$519,900.00	\$500,000.00
October 2015	\$447,900.00	\$442,500.00
September 2015	\$485,000.00	\$450,000.00

Last 12 Months Canyon Meadows MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2016	12	12
July 2016	10	13
June 2016	16	11
May 2016	13	10
April 2016	13	10
March 2016	8	6
February 2016	16	5
January 2016	8	2
December 2015	2	3
November 2015	6	5
October 2015	8	5
September 2015	9	7

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit canyon_meadows.great-news.ca

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Name	Age	Contact	Course
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Mackenzie	16	403-805-6223	Yes
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We are looking for new and returning girls and women to join us for "fun and adventure". Guiding provides all girls with an opportunity to learn new skills, try new activities, to develop self esteem and leadership skills. Some Blackfoot units will be camping in September, planting trees for TD Tree Day, having outdoor campfires in Fish Creek Park, learning new songs, crafts and games. Blackfoot District will host a swim night for all units in October. Join a unit in your community to be a part of all the action!

Guiding is also a great place for women to connect with other women and to share their talents and knowledge with the youth of our community. We are looking for women aged 18yrs and older who would like to experience mentorship and friendship by volunteering a small amount of their time to becoming leaders. No previous experience required!

Guiding welcomes girls of all ages from kindergarten through to high school and beyond.

Sparks	ECS & Grade 1	or (5&6 year olds)
Brownies	Grades 2 & 3	or (7&8 year olds)
Guides	Grades 4, 5 & 6	or (9 to 12 year olds)
Pathfinders	Grades 7, 8 & 9	or (12 to 15 year olds)
Rangers	Grades 10, 11 & 12	or (15 to 17 year olds)
Leaders		(18 years and over)

The communities within Blackfoot District are:

Acadia	Elboya	Meadowlark Park
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Canyon Meadows	Highfield	Rideau
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East Village		
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Painting in the Autumn Breeze: Sep. 14, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, Instructed by Sylvia Prochownik

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Thursday, September 22, 2016 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Presented by Jon Noad, Geological Consultant
Calgary lies on the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains, at the junction between very different geological settings. Fortunately, there are abundant rock outcrops that provide us with windows into the past. From these clues we can build the story of Calgary's geological history, beginning more than 1.6 billion years ago and continuing to the present. In this presentation you will be introduced to arid deserts before life made its way onto land, to warm seas where thick limestones formed, and to a Mesozoic world where thick coals formed in swamps. Jon is an exploration geologist with 18 years of experience in the oil industry. He has worked for Shell and Husky, among others, and his work has brought it to the Middle East, South Africa, Borneo and Western Canada. **For more information or to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/geology.**

Mandatory bylaw for building maintenance approved by City Council

What goes up shouldn't come down.

In the last few years, there have been several incidents of materials and debris falling off tall buildings, particularly in the downtown core. City of Calgary investigations into these events revealed that there's more to be done to prevent potentially hazardous situations and protect public safety. That's why the Building Maintenance Bylaw was developed.

It will require buildings that are five storeys or higher and 10 years and older to complete visual exterior assessments every five years.

The bylaw comes into force on Jan. 1, 2017. To learn more, visit calgary.ca/buildingmaintenancebylaw.



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What an eventful summer this was! Calgary was bustling with excitement and life during perennial favourites such as The Calgary Stampede, FolkFest, GlobalFest and many amazing community events hosted in Calgary-Fish Creek. One thing I learned from attending all of these events is that rain does not dampen the spirits of Calgarians. It was great to see intrepid volunteers and participants enjoying the sights, sounds and community spirit that helps make such events a success – rain or shine - thank you!

For many of you, September is about transitions. Kids are back to school and resuming many of their favourite extra-circular activities. Others shift from summer recreation to organized fall activities. And autumn brings brilliant colours to Fish Creek! In addition, the Friends of Fish Creek Park are extremely active during the fall season including the Paint What You See - painting with Jim Pescott event on September 24th and A Taste of Autumn on September 16th. Check out Friends of Fish Creek Facebook page for more information about these great events or contact my office.

Did you know September 1 is Alberta's 111th Birthday? This year kicks off with a special event at the Bow Valley Ranche. Alberta's Lieutenant Governor, Lois Mitchell, will announce the winner of the "Birthday Banner" contest and the banner will fly for Alberta's birthday celebrations every year going forward. Our roots are deep and unique and set us apart from all other places in Canada. As a proud Albertan, I am committed to ensuring that our heritage continues to be honoured and celebrated.

Many of you have contacted my office regarding the state of our economy and concerns over the policy direction of the NDP government. Thank you for your thoughts and please continue to email, call, visit the office, or write to us on any matters of interest, as I need to hear from you to ensure effective representation. One issue that I have received feedback on is the court application brought forward by the NDP regarding Power

Purchase Arrangements or PPA's. I feel these actions have damaged the trust of investors and is an affront to all who do business in Alberta. I will continue to speak out on items that I feel hurt the economy or are not in the best interest of Albertans.

MLA Cafés will resume in September with the first one being September 16 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Many of you have expressed to me that an evening session will benefit many schedules too. Therefore, I am hosting another MLA Café on Monday, September 19 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This is a great way for people to come, meet me and my staff, become familiar with our location, and casually engage on policies and shared visions for a better province.

Do you enjoy social media? Me too! I welcome you to follow me on Facebook and Twitter, or to call and schedule a meeting. To join our e-newsletter, please send us an email. And know that I take the honour and privilege of representing you in the Legislature very seriously!

Thank you.

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Speaking with constituents at my SW Transitway Town Hall on June 8, 2016 at Woodcreek Community Association

SW Transitway Project Update

For the past many, many months, I have heard continuing concerns and questions being raised about the SW Transitway project. I too have had mounting concerns about many aspects of this leg of the Calgary BRT grid system.

Based on my discussions and meetings with you, I continued to take these concerns back to City Administration and my colleagues on City Council. I share your concerns about the project, which included the ballooning of the budget (\$40M - \$85M), the acceleration of project timelines, moving ahead while several other developments and redevelopments were occurring at the same time along the same corridors, and ATCO's Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) Program to convert high-pressure oil and gas lines to low-pressure lines in 2018. Most of all you were extremely disappointed with the cancellation of community meetings and citizen engagement. All of these concerns require extensive citizen participation and thorough engagement. To learn more, I invite you to view my YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/Ww4ZGk8gnDA>.

It became abundantly clear that I needed to hold my own Town Hall meeting with my constituents to thoroughly discuss the project and to fully engage and listen to what you had to say. On June 8th, several thoughtful questions and comments were raised in the nearly 3-hour long meeting. My staff recorded all your feedback which I was able to present back to my constituents at the Transportation & Transit (T&T) Committee meeting on July 20th. This meeting started at 9:30am and ended at 2:30am the next day.

There were over 100 attendees, 80 speakers and 16 hours of thoughtful discussion at the July 20th meeting. Committee members listened to both positive and opposing feedback from constituents. I want to sincerely thank City Administration for the extensive work they undertook to thoroughly respond to each and every question raised.

This meeting was to discuss the update report on four of the BRT projects which was originally presented to the April 20th Committee meeting. The report was referred back to Administration to prepare thorough responses to the 62 questions and issues that were asked by the presenters. (<http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/TI/Documents/Transit-projects/sw-transitway/sw-transitway-response-public-questions->

[jul2016.pdf](#)). As a result of this T&T meeting, the pace of this project has been slowed down significantly. The City will undertake extensive consultation and fully engage with the public and stakeholders to address project concerns. It is vital to have all public input thoughtfully considered as The City completes the plan for the SW Transitway corridor.

Committee directed Administration on the following recommendations (please email my office for the complete list):

To continue working closely with ATCO on the development of an efficient staging plan, in conjunction with the BRT phasing plan, for construction on the 14 St SW corridor which maximizes mobility and minimizes disruption to the surrounding communities, while ensuring construction is completed in a cost effective and timely manner.

That Program 566 is not to exceed the previously approved Council budget of \$208 million. Within the approved Program 566 budget, Administration can redistribute the funding between the North Crosstown, South Crosstown, 17 Avenue SE and Southwest Bus Rapid Transit projects with a consistent scope to these projects to effectively deliver a BRT network for Calgarians. **I voted against this recommendation, as I am vehemently opposed to taking funds from other projects to fund project escalating costs on the SW Transitway project.**

I made a new recommendation - To undertake a facilitated citizen involvement approach for the proposed Southwest Bus Rapid Transit project south of Glenmore Trail, as soon as possible, to include but not limited to:

- Utilizing the latest online tools;
- Workshops; and
- Citizen opportunities to provide input on project components (stations and sound attenuation), community impacts, risks (safety) and phasing.

Based on the feedback I heard, I had also asked Administration to revisit the ridership numbers in Woodbine. I also have asked for a report on whether it makes sense to have the SW BRT to turnaround at the end of 90th Avenue SW instead of in Woodbine because the ridership just isn't there.

I will continue to be actively involved in the upcoming citizen engagement process on this project and I urge you to get involved and continue to give me your feedback. I deeply appreciate all the time, effort and concerns citizens have raised.

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