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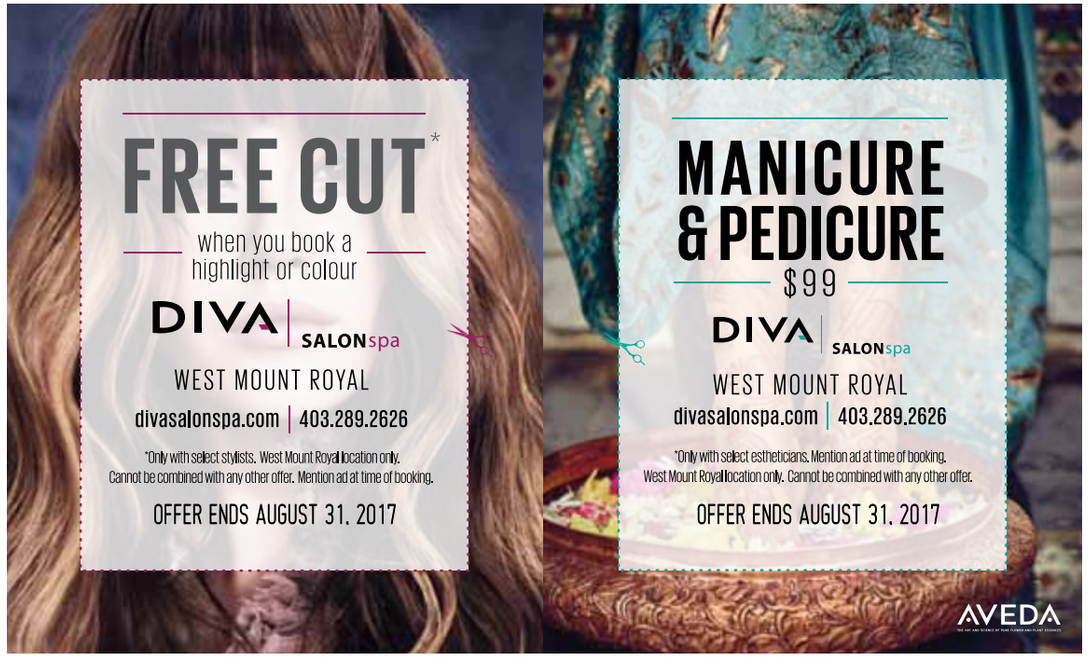

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Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
May 2017	$469,900	$452,500
April 2017	$464,900	$452,000
March 2017	$699,000	$700,500
February 2017	$599,000	$570,000
January 2017	$458,900	$445,000
December 2016	$372,250	$358,500
November 2016	$492,200	$469,500
October 2016	$0	$0
September 2016	$649,000	$620,500
August 2016	$980,000	$925,000
July 2016	$351,400	$321,450
June 2016	$957,000	$910,000

Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2017	13	4
April 2017	9	7
March 2017	10	5
February 2017	10	5
January 2017	12	1
December 2016	3	4
November 2016	5	6
October 2016	5	0
September 2016	6	1
August 2016	5	3
July 2016	8	2
June 2016	7	8

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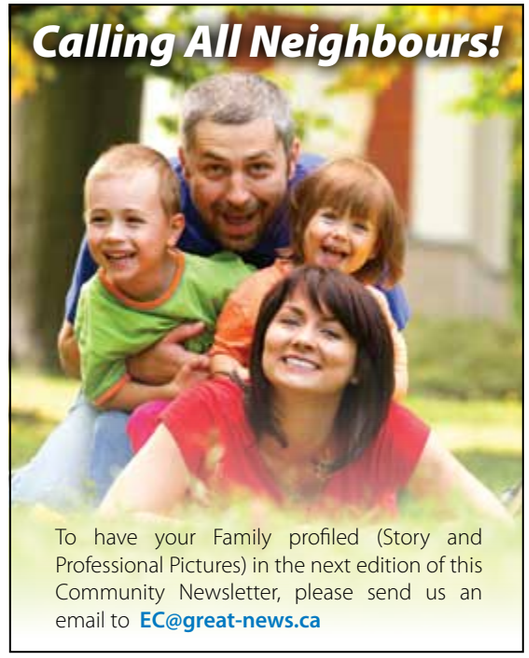

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EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

The ECCA held our Annual General Meeting on June 15th, 2017. We were fortunate to have some very interesting presentations on current and future developments in the Eau Claire area.

Druh Farrell, Councillor for Ward 7, spoke briefly about area concerns, particularly of the downtown vacancy rate and the new "Enterprise District" that has been created to reduce regulatory barriers to usage within existing buildings. Eau Claire has been specifically excluded from this as a distinct residential area. The ECCA successfully petitioned the City to change the excluded area from north of 2nd Avenue to north of 3rd Avenue so that commercial locations adjacent to our residential area will still be required to get permits to change usage.

James Camplin, from Harvard Developments, gave us an update on the Eau Claire Market Re-development project. On May 2 Harvard submitted development permits for two towers, 570 residential and 100 hotel units and a retail podium. He explained that they will be continuing Riverfront Avenue to intersect with Barclay Parade and mentioned that in a separate, but closely co-ordinated effort the City of Calgary will be redeveloping the publicly-owned Plaza during the same time period to reduce construction conflicts.

The most active interest was in the West Eau Claire Park Project update by Joyce Tang from the City and Matt Williams from 0_2 Design. The following is a summary of their presentations and the Q&A session that followed. If you're interested in seeing the presentation in its entirety you can find a link at www.eauclaireca.com or for project updates go to www.calgary.ca/westeauclaire.

This section of the larger waterfront project had two main goals: flood mitigation and the completion of the south end of the Peace Bridge. During the consultation period that began in 2014 they added a third: separating pedestrians and cyclists for the increased safety of both.

As part of the overall flood mitigation for the downtown, this area will require the construction of a flood bench/wall and raising the pathway area by as much as 1.5 meters in some places. To accommodate the flood work and improve safety and visibility for pathway users 42 trees had to be removed. The City will replant 2:1 in and around the Eau Claire area. The flood wall is a concrete wall built to hold back the river in the event of a 1:200-year flood. This has been designed to function as a bridge and will be entirely clad in attractive wood and formed as a 200-meter-long bench. Within this wall/bench there will be open spaces to allow access. Those will be built with flood gates that will normally be open (tucked into the concrete wall like pocket doors) but can be closed in the face of imminent flooding.

The Peace Bridge will be finished with a Delta Garden, a design inspired by a river delta which is both attractive and a practical way to transit the various users of the Peace Bridge to and from the Promenade and the cycle paths. This has caused the demise of a few old trees (still within the total of 42) to improve sight-lines for traffic safety.

The creation of a new cycle path south of the Promenade is meant to separate cyclists and pedestrians to increase the safety of both. In order to assist pedestrians crossing the cycle path to transit from the Promenade to the north-south paths into downtown there will be bollards and signs. Further suggestions were made by attendees for safety measures.

Fencing is being done in phases in order to minimize disruption. Right now, they have fenced off the construction zone where the new cycle path is being built. That should be complete by the end of July if the weather cooperates. Then the cycle paths will open and the fencing will all be moved to the south side of the existing Promenade where the grade will be raised for flood design. The hope is to have all of the hardscape done by the end of the year leaving just the planting to be done in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

The heli-pad will not be touched. Since this is outside of the City's jurisdiction and there are tight regulations around heli-pad operations potential changes to the fencing were not possible at this time.

There is a big demand for a dog-park and after the success of the new one in Connaught the City is definitely interested in installing one. But they are difficult to site and locations close to the Plaza have already been discounted (due to potential conflict with food events). There is some discussion that this might end up as part of Phase 3 which is not fully funded yet.

If you'd like more information you can contact Joyce Tang at joyce.tang@Calgary.ca or 403-268-8382

The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11, and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer.

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West Eau Claire Park
Public Realm and Park Improvements

Construction Schedule

Summer 2017
- May - June: Mobilization, Demolition and rough grading commence Phase 1
- July: Subgrade preparation, curbs, cycle path paving, new electrical and light poles (Phase 1)
- August: Commence Phase 2, demolition of promenade, rough grading

Fall 2017
- September: Bench excavation and footings, Delta Garden demolition and grading
- October: Bench construction, Delta Garden Paving, electrical install

Winter 2017
- November: Delta Garden Planters, lighting installation, pathway installation
- December: Pathway completion

2018
- Spring / Summer: Final planting and Project Completion

Construction Sequencing + Safety

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CALGARY INTERNATIONAL BLUES FESTIVAL – SHAW MILLENNIUM PARK, JULY 31 – AUG. 6

A full week of Blues workshops, concerts and special events culminate in 4 days and nights (August 3-6) of non-stop music on MainStage. More info: calgarybluesfest.com.

TOUR DE BOWNESS – 6501 BOWNESS RD. N.W., AUG. 5 - 7

This year marks the 16th running of the Tour de Bowness and Bow Cycle's 60th anniversary. More info: tourdebowness.com.

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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Captain's Cruises – Heritage Park, Aug. 3
Set sail for a scenic summer cruise on Calgary's only paddlewheel boat and enjoy the breathtaking views of the Glenmore Reservoir & the majestic Rocky Mountains. Aboard the S.S. Moyie Captain's Cruise you'll sample gourmet hors d'oeuvres and taste a selection of beer & wines while listening to the delights of a live jazz band. More info: heritagepark.ca.

Strathmore Stampede - 33 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1V2 – Aug. 4 – 7
The Strathmore Stampede is an outdoor event including rodeo, chuckwagons, and their signature Running with the Bulls event. One of the most action-packed stops of the summer, our fair grounds include live concerts, food trucks, beer gardens, trade show, cabaret, farmers' market, kids zone, and much more! More info: strathmorestampede.com.

Taste of Calgary – Eau Claire Market Plaza, Aug. 10 – 13
Discover Calgary's global cuisines from a mix of unique restaurants and beverage companies, plus, get a taste of Calgary's great musicians, and shop at some of the most interesting marketplace vendors in the city. More info: tasteofcalgary.com.

Puppies and Prosecco-Dining with Your Dog – Vin room West and Mission, Aug. 13
Join us on our patio for a private group training class for you and your dog. All ages and sizes of dogs welcome. We will cover basic obedience skills and how to set your dog up for success. More info: eventbrite.ca/e/puppies-and-prosecco-vin-room-tickets-33841948178.

West Side Story – StoryBook Theatre, Aug. 19 – Sept. 9
Inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story is one of the greatest musicals of the 20th century – a love story set on opposite sides of a turf war between rival street gangs. Includes such popular songs as Maria, I Feel Pretty, Tonight, America and Somewhere. This production will feature the students of the hugely popular Student Summer Intensive Program. More info: storybooktheatre.org.

Even with Low Rates, You Can Invest for Income

By Toddye Kam, CFP®, CFA

With interest rates holding steady at an all-time low, many investors feel complacent about investing for a return. Clearly, low interest rates have a wide-ranging impact — but what effect will they have on you, as an individual investor?

If you need income from your investments, then the continuation of ultra-low interest rates may be a matter of some concern, particularly if you own certain types of fixed-income investments, such as term deposits or Guaranteed Income Certificates (GICs). While GICs guarantee to protect principal and offer flexible interest payment frequency, they are not risk-free. With low interest rates, you risk losing purchasing power. Still, fixed-rate vehicles may well have a place in your portfolio. If you're even somewhat dependent on your investments for income, you may need to broaden your search. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Build a bond ladder. Long-term bonds, by their nature, are more subject to interest rate risk than shorter-term vehicles. In other words, interest rates are more likely to rise during the life span of a longer-term bond — and when rates go up, the prices of existing bonds will fall. To help lower this risk, you may want to build a "ladder" of bonds of varying maturities. Then, if market interest rates are low, you'll still have your long-term bonds earning higher rates, but if rates rise, you can take advantage of them by reinvesting the proceeds of your maturing short-term bonds. But remember to work with your financial advisor to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Consider dividend-paying stocks. You can find companies that have paid dividends for many consecutive years — and in some cases, increased their dividend payout each year. In the past year, companies in the S&P/TSX Composite have paid $43 billion in dividends, and expected to pay out a record amount in 2013, according to Bloomberg data. (Keep in mind that the S&P/TSX Composite is an unmanaged index and is not available for direct investment.) Of course, stock prices will fluctuate in value, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when you sell. Historically, dividend-paying stocks have been less volatile than non-dividend-paying stocks. Be aware, though, that companies can lower or discontinue dividend payments at any time without notice. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Refinance your mortgage. Today's low rates are good news for borrowers. With tougher standards in place, it may not be as easy to refinance a mortgage as it once was, but if you qualify, you may want to think about refinancing. You may be able to save quite a bit of money on your monthly payments — and lower payments can translate into a greater cash flow. Plus, if you don't need all the savings, you can put some of the money into a Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) or another retirement savings vehicle.

Ultimately, an extended period of low interest rates is just one more factor to consider in creating and adjusting your investment strategy. Work with your financial advisor to help ensure low rates won't affect your income needs.

YEEHAW!

The first Calgary Stampede was held in 1912, but was at that time known as Frontier Days and Cowboy Championships. We've come a long way to become, "The greatest outdoor show on Earth!"

What You Need to Know to Get a Safe Ride Home from This Year's Stampede

Whether you are using a taxi or rideshare company—such as Uber or Tapp Car—during Stampede, there are some important safety tips to keep top of mind. Just like taxis, rideshare companies are regulated by The City of Calgary and have to meet City safety standards before drivers can take passengers. However, there are some important differences between taxi and rideshare companies:

- Rideshare drivers are not allowed to pick up people who hail them on the street or seek out business by approaching potential customers.
- All trips must be booked through a rideshare company app.

When you book your trip, make sure to look at the verification information the ride share app automatically sends you *before* you get in the vehicle. This information will safeguard you against getting into a vehicle with a potentially unsafe, unlicensed driver. The app includes:

- A photo of the driver
- The licence plate number, and the make and model of the vehicle
- Real time GPS tracking, which enables you to track the vehicle on route to your location

If you are street-hailing a taxi, it's just as important to verify that the taxi is legitimate before you get in. Make sure the driver and vehicle are both licensed. Check for a taxi plate on the rear bumper of the vehicle to verify that it is a licensed taxi. The driver's ID should be posted in a visible location, typically on the driver's visor. If you are not able to see it, you can ask to see it. Before you get into a taxi, take note of the taxi number, company and colour of the vehicle in case you need to track down lost items.

Taxi stands for Stampede – July 7 - 16

The City of Calgary is working closely with the taxi industry and the Calgary Stampede to provide increased access to taxis around Stampede Park and surrounding areas to accommodate Stampede visitors and bar patrons.

In addition to late night and permanent downtown taxi stands, four temporary stands have been set up near Stampede Park.

- Two all-hours taxi stands located at the South and North Entrances of Stampede Park operate throughout the day. The North Entrance is given priority to accessible taxi service as it provides the closest means of entering the Park.
- Two additional late-night temporary stands have been established on 12th Avenue and Macleod Trail SE. The late-night temporary taxi stands operate every night between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

These locations are marked with signs, and provide safe and easily accessible points for taxis to pick-up and drop-off customers.

Other designated taxi locations around the city

Taxi Hydrant Zones– identified with signs, and are located in various locations throughout downtown.

Late Night Taxi Stands – available to serve you between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Conveniently located near restaurants, theatres and bars, these stands help Calgarians and visitors come and go safely from our city centre.

Calgary Transit – provides 24-hour CTrain service during the Stampede.

Other options – luxury sedans can be booked as a pre-arranged service. Costs are generally higher than a regular taxi. They cannot provide on-demand service. Always be diligent about checking ID information provided during booking before getting into the vehicle.

Remember, if you have any concerns about a taxi, rideshare, or limo service, contact the non-emergency line at 3-1-1. If you feel as though your safety is threatened, call 9-1-1.

STAMPEDE TEMPORARY TAXI STAND MAPS

Art Out-of-Doors

Summer is here, and I'm sure many of us are looking for ways to experience the arts out-of-doors, in the sunshine (hopefully not in the rain!) Like the warming rays of the sun give us vitamin D, helping to improve our mood and overall personal well-being, so does listening to music, viewing art, or seeing live theatre. According to the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, "the quality of a community's cultural infrastructure has a direct impact on quality of life."

Fortunately for us in Calgary, there are some fabulous opportunities to get our happy on and enjoy the arts outside during the month of July. Kick off your summer season with the free Canada Day celebration on Olympic Plaza with music, parades, and of course, fireworks! Among many other exciting events that day, Arts Commons and The City of Calgary are inviting 1,500 musicians to perform *Four Strong Winds* together with legendary Alberta musician, Ian Tyson – for free! To view the full lineup of Canada Day activities, you can visit Calgary.ca/Canada150.

Also happening in July, Music in the Plaza returns to Heritage Park, giving you a great opportunity to introduce your kids to a music performance without the pressure of having to sit still, and Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare on the Bow is back for another year with *As You Like It* at Prince's Island Park. Then, of course, there's the ever-popular Calgary Folk Music Festival where you can stroll from stage to stage enjoying an all-star lineup of folk musicians carefully selected for your listening enjoyment. What better way to enjoy your summer months than to combine the arts and fun in the sun?

For a full list of Calgary's festivals this summer, indoor and outdoor, you can visit todocanada.ca/festivals-in-calgary.

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2017 is Canada 150th anniversary, and this July celebrate with friends, family, and the greater community our nation's sesquicentennial!

The 2017 Calgary Stampede | July 7-16th 2017
The Calgary Stampede is more than the greatest outdoor shown on earth - it's our opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate our heritage, traditions, diversity, and civic pride. After all, Calgary is the heart of the new west.

So, take the time, get out, and enjoy! And like every year, the Calgary Stampede has special days on offer so the fun times last longer.

- Parade Day | July 7th free entry from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Go straight from the Parade to the Park!
- Cenovus Family Day | July 9th free entry 8 a.m. – Noon and the first 20,000 guests get a FREE Breakfast!
- Canada 150 Day | July 11th free all day entry for seniors 65+ plus a free WestJet Skyride!

For all the details and more special Stampede events go to www.calgarystampede.com

Canada 150: Beyond July 1st
Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival | July 1- 7
To Celebrate Canada 150, the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival is a new week-long festival of Chinese Culture that will bring Calgarians to the core of their City's Chinatown. This event is open to all Calgarians and offers tours, tea tastings, and street performances. Attendees will make their own Chinese handcrafts and learn about fusions between Chinese and Western medicines.

2017 Discovery Pass | Free admission to Parks Canada – Come visit Canada's parks for free and pick up your pass at www.KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150

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Following a productive spring sitting, the Legislative Assembly is on break for the summer months and I couldn't be happier to be spending time in our bustling riding! July is doubly exciting this year as we kick off Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation and the 2017 Calgary Stampede. Canada's 150th is an opportunity to reflect on our country's history, heritage and diversity. On Canada Day, I look forward to attending the indigenous showcase and powwow at Prince's Island Park (beginning at 10:00 a.m.), celebrating the contributions of Calgary's Chinese community at Sien Lok Park (Riverfront Ave & 1 St SW, 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.) taking in an array of performances at Olympic Plaza (228 8 Ave SE, 10:00 – 6:00 p.m.) and ending the night with a free Tegan and Sara concert on Riverfront Avenue East (10:00 p.m.). And the fireworks, of course. I invite all Calgarians to attend events across the downtown area and celebrate this great country.

Celebrating our western heritage extends beyond Canada Day into the 2017 Calgary Stampede. I'm proud to be a part of the Kerby Centre 25th Annual Stampede breakfast on Friday, 14 and invite you to join me from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at 1133 7 Ave SW. If you're hosting a Stampede breakfast, BBQ or similar event I would love to attend and donate biodegradable cups for your use. Please contact my office at 403-244-7737 to discuss how we can support your event, and here's hoping this year's Stampede will be drier than the last.

The Alberta government needs to hear from you! The federal government has introduced legislation to legalize cannabis by July 2018. This legislation leaves provinces to determine how cannabis will be consumed, regulated and distributed. Areas of focus include how to keep cannabis out of the hands of children and youth, keeping profit away from criminals, protecting roads, workplace safety and issues of public health. Legalization will impact our communities and we want to hear from you about this issue. All Albertans are invited to read more about cannabis, and provide feedback that will inform how Alberta adapts to legalization. Visit www.alberta.ca/cannabis to complete a comprehensive survey and provide your thoughts on this critical issue.

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Green Line LRT and Crowchild Trail Updates
For the past several years, Calgarians were engaged extensively on the new Green Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) line and the Crowchild Trail Study. Thank you to Ward 7 residents for engaging on these projects and for helping to push for better outcomes.

The Green Line LRT will improve the daily lives of Calgarians. It will connect our communities with high-quality rapid transit, spur reinvestment along Centre Street and around station areas, and act as a catalyst for improved community amenities.

Earlier this year, Council voted to proceed with Stage One of the Green Line LRT, running from 16 Ave N in Crescent Heights/Tuxedo Park to Shepherd in the SE. Stage One includes 20km of track, 14 stations, the Centre City tunnel, a new maintenance facility at Shepherd, and new low-floor trains. It will carry around 65,000 Calgarians on day one (in approximately 2026) and comes in at $4.65 billion.

A phased approach allows us to build a solid foundation for continuous expansion, and to ensure we build the Green Line right from the start. We have one of the top performing LRT systems in North America today, and can expect this to continue with the Green Line.

The City of Calgary and the Government of Canada have committed $3 billion to the Green Line. Now, with Stage One set, the City can submit a formal funding application to the Government of Alberta. If funding, financing, and years of planning align, we will see the start of Green Line construction in 2020.

In May, City Council unanimously approved a new plan for **Crowchild Trail**. Council praised the work done by City staff and the incredible participation from communities. The plan is in stark contrast to the 2012 Crowchild Trail expansion plan that called for the demolition of dozens of homes and restricted access between communities.

Proposed changes include new walking/cycling bridges across Crowchild and to the Bow River Pathway, pathways along Crowchild, safety improvements at conflict points, traffic noise mitigation, and free-flow traffic from Glenmore Trail SW to 12 Mile Coulee Rd NW. Residents along Crowchild now have certainty about whether or not their homes will be impacted.

The Crowchild plan, which includes short, medium and long term improvements, is a massive project that comes at significant cost. While the full plan is not funded, funding is approved to rehabilitate and improve the deteriorating Crowchild Trail Bridge over the Bow River. Funding for the full plan will be reviewed against the City's other priorities such as flood mitigation, affordable housing, and, of course, the Green Line LRT.

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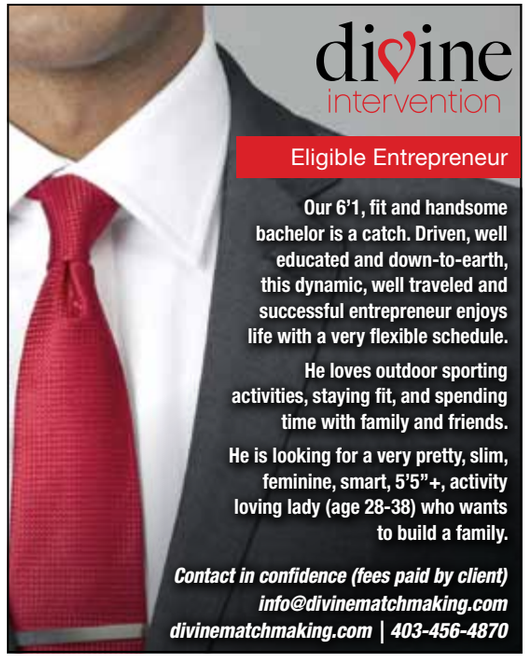

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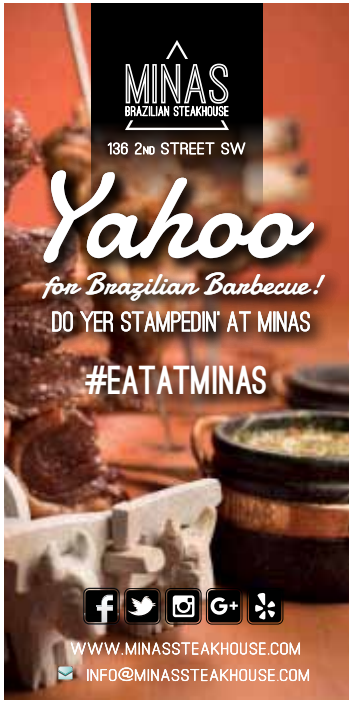

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