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CALGARY POLICE SERVICE Changes to Calgary's alarm bylaw

The Calgary Police Service and The City of Calgary have revised the current Alarm Services Bylaw, changing how officers are dispatched and introducing paid, annual alarm permitting.

As of Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, you'll need an alarm permit in order for police to attend your location for an alarm call. Annual permitting ensures we have the most upto-date and accurate information about your location and can attend in a timely manner. Permits are \$15 for residences and \$20 for businesses, and are subject to an annual renewal. For any existing permit holders renewals will begin in July 2017. Premise owners will be contacted two months before their permit needs to be renewed and new permit holders will pay when they apply for a permit.

This spring, the false alarm penalty fee structure will also change. More than 75 per cent of alarm users only have one false alarm each year; CPS used to charge \$75 for each false alarm. With the new fee structure, the first false alarm is free. The second false alarm will be \$75, with an escalating scale for additional alarms to a maximum of \$625 for 10 or more alarms in any 12-month period. This is intended to hold alarm systems users more accountable to properly manage their systems.

Police are making these changes to reduce the amount of false alarms we respond to each day. Before initial changes to dispatch criteria were made, police were responding to approximately 45 alarm calls every day; 96 per cent of those calls were false alarms.

In May 2016, Calgary police changed the requirements so that two or more alarm zones within a location need to be activated and that at least two key holders must be called by the alarm company prior to police being dispatched. These changes alone have reduced the number of dispatched alarm calls by 54 per cent, better ensuring that police resources are available to respond to priority calls.

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Helping Your Child, but Letting Them Lead

It can take some time for many young children to get into the routine of using a toilet.

By Doug N Horner, Alberta Health Services

Making the switcheroo from diapers to the toilet is a big, albeit sometimes messy, milestone for children and parents alike. For toddlers, learning to use a toilet is about being ready, controlling muscles and getting acquainted with an enormous porcelain artifact that makes loud and unpredictable gurgling noises. The toilet can appear to children as a powerful, portal-like device—many fear getting flushed into oblivion.

As toddlers are learning to exercise control, parents wrestle with a lack of control. Petra Debow, a parent educator with the Family Centre in Lethbridge, suggests that patience sets the foundation for a potty-positive experience.





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"Most children learn to use the toilet between the ages of two and three," says

Debow, adding that every child learns at their own pace. Wait for your child to be curious about the toilet and to be aware they're peeing or pooping.

Catherine Young—a nurse and mother expecting her third child in February—says her first two children's education in toileting began only "when they had an interest in it and they seemed ready." Toddlers will also express discomfort at having a soiled diaper. In many respects, the bathroom becomes a realm where the child takes the lead.

Attentiveness is crucial for parents. Watch for clues that your child needs to go, such as stopping what they are doing, fidgeting or saying: "Oh, oh." But parents also need to feel prepared. Debow recommends setting aside time. If you have relatives visiting, a big deadline at work or are in the middle of a kitchen renovation, you may want to wait. There's no need to rush.

"Prepare yourself mentally and put all the other things aside for a couple of weeks until it's dealt with," Debow says.

Plan to help your child with this developmental leap when you can be enthusiastic and supportive about the trek from diaper to toilet.

Young says she also borrowed several books from her local library—she recommends *Once Upon a Potty* by Alona Frankel in particular—after her kids showed interest in the toilet. She and her husband also made the bathroom more familiar and less intimidating.

It can take some time for many young children to get into the routine of using a toilet, explains Debow. And staying dry at night often takes longer.

If you and your child try toileting for two weeks and make little progress or your child is resisting, Debow suggests a break. "You don't want to push it so it turns into a negative thing."



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(compiled by Goodreads)

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Even during the current economic downturn, interest in new infill housing remains strong. While housing development brings investment and new families into our neighbourhoods, there are often challenges that come with construction.

Some of the most common calls to our office from communities experiencing redevelopment are about public property damage, noise, and unkempt sites during construction. While we have bylaws to deal with noise and site conditions, damage to public property is usually discovered after the fact.

The costs are significant. When we added up the damage to public trees, sidewalks, laneways, and roadways, we discovered there was an average of \$163 in tree damage and \$1,391 in concrete damage per infill site. Historically, The City has been on the hook for covering the costs. Between 2011 and 2015, contractor damage to public property cost Calgarians over \$9 million.

This is why I put forward a motion to Council to ensure that contractors, not Calgarians, are responsible for covering all the costs of property damage. We are already seeing improvements and responsible contractors are working to prevent damage in the first place. The City's new strategy has three parts:

• Increase oversight of construction sites and work with the construction industry to improve behaviour.

• Encourage all citizens and City employees to use the 311 service to track and measure damage.

• Require pre- and post-construction photographs of nearby City property including trees, sidewalks, laneways, and street signs. Please note: Similar documentation can be used to protect your own property if you live beside or behind a construction site.

This work will help save Calgarians millions and encourage infill developers to be good neighbours. You can help by reporting damage and other infill concerns. If you see unsafe construction sites, unkempt sites, noise bylaw violations, or property damage, please call 311 or report online at www.calgary.ca/311.



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Budget 2017

Budget 2017 (budget.gc.ca) is about investing in the middle class and working towards a more innovative economy. By directly investing in Canadians and families we are putting our country in better stead with firmer foot forward into the future.

At the tail end of 2016 our government approved two major pipelines after consulting with Canadians, building up an environmental consensus with the carbon price, and creating the balance between the environment and industry. By doing this work we are building the framework to create long term prosperity of Alberta and all of Canada.

On the subject of building up long term prosperity for our country – my colleague in cabinet and fellow Alberta Liberal Member of Parliament, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, is continuing his work to invest in projects like the Green Line LRT, flood mitigation projects, and more for our city. Since the 2015 election our government has invested some \$3 billion into Albertan infrastructure: more than the last five years of the previous government combined. This work continues in Budget 2017.

Looking back at Budget 2016 we went forward with three of our main platform planks. First amongst them was the Canada Child Benefit which gave simpler, taxfree, and more generous and better targeted help to families. 9 out of 10 Canadians families benefit from higher payments under our newly implemented system – and is now on the way to lifting hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty.

Our second commitment was a middle class tax cut. As one of our first acts as a government was to cut taxes for nearly 9 million Canadians by reducing the second personal income tax rate, and delivering tax relief to Albertans. Thirdly – we created a \$2.7 billion reform package of Employment Insurance to support Albertans and Canadians during the commodity price downturn. By reducing wait-times (from two weeks to one week), and specifically work with Albertans on accessing more benefits, these changes would support those impacted by the decrease in oil prices. Some of these benefits we extended up to 50 weeks for hurting Albertans, with long-tenured workers able to receive an additional 20 weeks up to a maximum of 70 weeks. Further to this – we doubled the maximum of the work-sharing agreements to 76 weeks.

Budget 2017 is a continuation of our work as a government. It is actively seized with supporting the middle class and working towards a better future for all. For more details please visit our website at budget.gc.ca.

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