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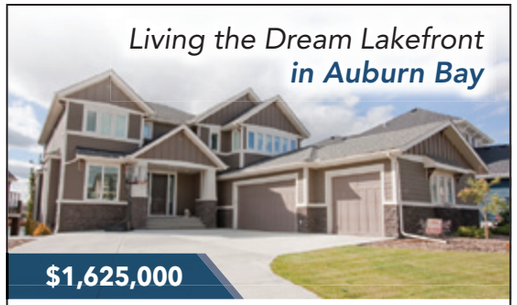

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December 2015	$0.00	$0.00
November 2015	$0.00	$0.00
October 2015	$0.00	$0.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$1,699,000.00	$1,620,000.00
July 2015	$1,299,000.00	$1,265,000.00
June 2015	$0.00	$0.00
May 2015	$0.00	$0.00
April 2015	$0.00	$0.00
March 2015	$4,147,450.00	$3,787,500.00

Last 12 Months Britannia MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	1	0
January 2016	0	0
December 2015	3	0
November 2015	0	0
October 2015	3	0
September 2015	4	0
August 2015	1	1
July 2015	1	1
June 2015	2	0
May 2015	2	0
April 2015	0	0
March 2015	3	2
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Dana	14	403-243-3836	Yes
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Emely	48	403-805-2527	Yes
Emma	13	403-253-3262	Yes
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Heather	14	403-243-9779	Yes
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Last 12 Months Erlton MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$460,000.00	$442,000.00
January 2016	$0.00	$0.00
December 2015	$0.00	$0.00
November 2015	$0.00	$0.00
October 2015	$0.00	$0.00
September 2015	$424,000.00	$413,000.00
August 2015	$388,950.00	$371,500.00
July 2015	$447,450.00	$428,750.00
June 2015	$400,750.00	$390,000.00
May 2015	$416,950.00	$400,500.00
April 2015	$459,000.00	$425,000.00
March 2015	$0.00	$0.00

Last 12 Months Erlton MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	3	1
January 2016	9	0
December 2015	1	0
November 2015	1	0
October 2015	4	0
September 2015	3	1
August 2015	3	2
July 2015	1	4
June 2015	5	6
May 2015	14	6
April 2015	5	3
March 2015	5	0
Total	**54**	**23**

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ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPRING UPDATE

Natalya Nicholson, President

It was an exciting start to the year in Erlton with many changes on the horizon. Erlton residents were invited to participate in the first Ward 9 Community Objectives Workshop with our neighbours in Parkhill, Rideau Park and Roxboro on January 20, 2016. It was a great day shared with engaged residents, community associations, local businesses and organizations, the Talisman Centre and our Ward 9 Team. We came away realizing there are many similarities between our communities and with idea for cross-over community building and enhancement projects. We look forward to having Councillor Carra share the outcomes, strategic goals and priorities with us at an upcoming ECA general meeting.

The Lindsay Park Sports Society has engaged in a re-visioning process for the Talisman Centre. At the Community Objectives Workshop, CEO Jeff Booke, gave an update from his visit to our general meeting in the fall. We will be inviting him to present at a community meeting later this spring.

The Anthem Properties development at 25th Avenue and Macleod Trail is one step closer to shovels in the ground. The Erlton Community Association continues to work with the development team as well as the Ward 9 office and City to address concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety. Anthem intends to remain as the landlord for the development and we look forward to having them as partners in our community.

Since the fall of 2015, the community association has had two meeting with Mr. Mac Logan, General Manager of Transportation (City of Calgary), to discuss traffic concerns that have existing for many years in the community both north and south of 25th Avenue S. Our discussions have included the potential impact on existing local traffic from a new 4-tower residential/commercial development by Anthem Properties since the plans include a new traffic light at 25th Ave S and Erlton Road. Mr. Logan's office is working on a report for us and we expect conversations to continue through the spring and summer.

Stephen Kay, an engineer from Transportation Planning and Glen Holland from AECOM joined us at our January meeting to bring awareness about the feasibility study ongoing about the intersection of Macleod Trail and 25 Avenue South and the long term plan of an interchange. While it is still very early stages, Mr. Kay and Mr. Holland presented concepts on how vehicular and LRT routes might be re-designed to alleviate congestion due to the C-train crossing.

Erlton Community Association general meetings are held at the Talisman Centre every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August). If you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer in the community, please visit our website: www.erltoncommunity.com and get it in touch.

Upcoming Events:

The 49th Annual Pathway and River Cleanup

When: Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Meet at the Talisman Centre
The Pathway and River Cleanup is a special event that happens annually. The goal is to remove all the litter that accumulates along our riverbanks and pathways over the winter months.
Details to follow at www.erltoncommunity.com

Erlton Jane's Walk

Jane's Walk is a series of free neighbourhood walking tours held in cities around the world that helps put people in touch with their environment and with each other, creating a space for cities to discover themselves. Erlton is hosting its first Jane's Walk the weekend of May 6-8, 2016. Explore the history, new developments, cemeteries, parks and gardens that define this beautiful community along the Elbow River. The event is rain or shine and no registration is required. Date, time and meeting place will be announced at www.erltoncommunity.com and http://janeswalk.org/canada/calgary/

Insect Trivia

Most knowledge about 3D vision has come from vertebrates, however, a team from Newcastle University, UK publishing in *Scientific Reports*, confirm that the praying mantis, an invertebrate, does indeed use stereopsis or 3D perception for hunting.

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St. Augustine School

Upcoming Events for April

St. Augustine School presents Little Red Riding Hood and the Power Mutants! Little Red, of Little Red's Gourmet Catering and Home Delivery Service, is on a mission to deliver some goodness to Grandma's house. Unfortunately, Oswald The Big Bad Wolf, present and founder of Oswald's School for Wolves, is trying to teach her somewhat dim students how to steal baskets of goodies. Only The Power Mutants, a strange and mysterious group of mutant superheroes with rather silly powers, can help Little Red. Will the goodies get to Grandma's house on time?

The show will be performed Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the St. Augustine School gymnasium. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased at the door.

Elementary Angel Awards

Recognizing students for their contributions to our school community is an important part of creating a caring and positive learning environment. On Friday, April 29, we recognize those students that demonstrate their understanding of the virtue "Commitment".

Seeking Community Input on the William Reid School Outdoor Area

Submitted by Susan Vukadinovic (William Reid School Grounds Committee)

A group of parents is spearheading an initiative to improve the outdoor space around William Reid School at 1216-36 Avenue SW.

As a neighbour of the school, you have a unique perspective of the grounds year round and we would like your input.

What would you like to do on the school grounds that you can't do now? Are there parts of the school grounds that are not used or are a problem?

The William Reid School Grounds Committee would greatly appreciate it if you could share your insights with us in a short survey available at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCHZX69. Please provide your input **by April 25, 2016**.

You can also provide input by joining us for a discussion about the school grounds. There are two opportunities to come in person to talk about our outdoor space, and members of the public are welcome to attend both of these.

Date and time of first school grounds discussion open to the public: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This discussion will be held immediately after the School Council meeting that will take place earlier that evening and the discussion will be open-ended and based on the online questionnaire.

Date and time of second school grounds discussion open to the public: Thursday, May 26, 2016, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This discussion will be held immediately after the kindergarten orientation that will take place earlier that evening and the discussion will be based a draft plan that we expect to have prepared by then. The draft plan will reflect the feedback we receive by April 25th.

Location for both events: School gym, 1216-36 Avenue SW (enter at the main entrance on the north side)

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The Spark units are eagerly looking forward to spring. The change in the season will see them keep busy with a sleep-over at the zoo, a visit to the library, potting plants and looking for ways to be outside and celebrate Earth Day.

The Brownie units will be selling cookies, hold Easter celebrations and be hopping around doing clean-up in their communities for Earth day.

The Guide units made birthday boxes for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, will be learning basic first aid and many third year Guides are finishing up work on their Lady Baden Powell Award by preparing for tent camping and organizing service projects.

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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$849,450.00	$844,500.00
January 2016	$0.00	$0.00
December 2015	$1,150,000.00	$1,020,000.00
November 2015	$1,261,900.00	$1,202,500.00
October 2015	$537,450.00	$510,750.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$860,000.00	$830,000.00
July 2015	$1,675,000.00	$1,653,200.00
June 2015	$919,450.00	$887,500.00
May 2015	$1,086,000.00	$1,041,500.00
April 2015	$1,099,000.00	$1,075,000.00
March 2015	$842,000.00	$810,000.00

Last 12 Months Parkhill-Stanley Park MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	10	2
January 2016	2	0
December 2015	1	1
November 2015	2	2
October 2015	0	2
September 2015	4	0
August 2015	0	1
July 2015	5	1
June 2015	3	2
May 2015	6	6
April 2015	5	1
March 2015	5	2
Total	**38**	**20**

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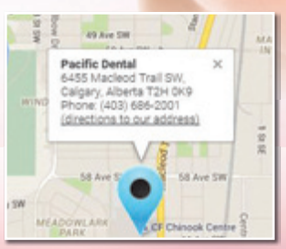

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December 2015	$729,000.00	$655,000.00
November 2015	$0.00	$0.00
October 2015	$664,900.00	$650,000.00
September 2015	$488,000.00	$482,000.00
August 2015	$739,700.00	$722,500.00
July 2015	$799,900.00	$785,000.00
June 2015	$699,900.00	$672,725.00
May 2015	$734,000.00	$700,000.00
April 2015	$688,950.00	$670,000.00
March 2015	$639,900.00	$619,125.00

Last 12 Months Windsor Park MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	2	3
January 2016	5	1
December 2015	6	1
November 2015	2	0
October 2015	4	1
September 2015	3	1
August 2015	6	6
July 2015	7	3
June 2015	5	5
May 2015	5	1
April 2015	3	2
March 2015	4	2
Total	**57**	**26**

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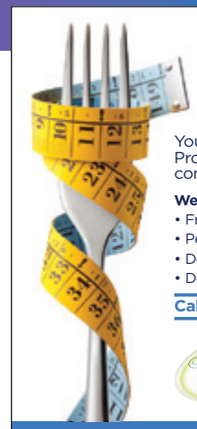

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Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

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Last 12 Months Elboya MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$899,500.00	$885,000.00
January 2016	$0.00	$0.00
December 2015	$2,300,000.00	$2,220,000.00
November 2015	$0.00	$0.00
October 2015	$697,000.00	$675,000.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$0.00	$0.00
July 2015	$920,000.00	$890,000.00
June 2015	$2,149,000.00	$2,100,000.00
May 2015	$799,900.00	$815,000.00
April 2015	$1,650,000.00	$1,600,000.00
March 2015	$898,999.50	$857,000.00

Last 12 Months Elboya MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	4	1
January 2016	9	0
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	5	0
October 2015	0	1
September 2015	4	0
August 2015	1	0
July 2015	2	1
June 2015	5	1
May 2015	4	7
April 2015	5	3
March 2015	2	2
Total	**50**	**20**

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Last 12 Months RIDEAU PARK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$0.00	$0.00
January 2016	$0.00	$0.00
December 2015	$0.00	$0.00
November 2015	$1,069,000.00	$955,000.00
October 2015	$0.00	$0.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$0.00	$0.00
July 2015	$0.00	$0.00
June 2015	$0.00	$0.00
May 2015	$0.00	$0.00
April 2015	$1,299,000.00	$1,275,000.00
March 2015	$2,122,500.00	$2,050,000.00

Last 12 Months ROXBORO MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$0.00	$0.00
January 2016	$0.00	$0.00
December 2015	$0.00	$0.00
November 2015	$1,069,000.00	$955,000.00
October 2015	$0.00	$0.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$0.00	$0.00
July 2015	$0.00	$0.00
June 2015	$0.00	$0.00
May 2015	$0.00	$0.00
April 2015	$1,299,000.00	$1,275,000.00
March 2015	$2,122,500.00	$2,050,000.00

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Last 12 Months Bel Aire-Mayfair MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$0.00	$0.00
January 2016	$1,788,000.00	$1,735,000.00
December 2015	$0.00	$0.00
November 2015	$0.00	$0.00
October 2015	$0.00	$0.00
September 2015	$0.00	$0.00
August 2015	$0.00	$0.00
July 2015	$0.00	$0.00
June 2015	$2,499,000.00	$2,275,000.00
May 2015	$0.00	$0.00
April 2015	$0.00	$0.00
March 2015	$2,599,000.00	$2,700,000.00

Last 12 Months Bel Aire-Mayfair MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	1	0
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	1	0
November 2015	0	0
October 2015	2	0
September 2015	2	0
August 2015	0	0
July 2015	1	0
June 2015	1	1
May 2015	1	0
April 2015	0	0
March 2015	0	3
Total	**29**	**16**

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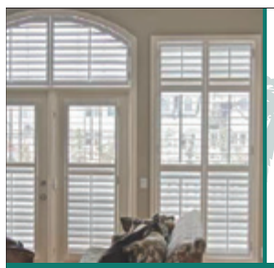

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I speak across the country to small business owners, entrepreneurs and non-profits to help them leverage the power of marketing and PR to grow a business.

In 2005, I launched Alchemy Communications to share my knowledge and help other small business owners and entrepreneurs achieve their business goals.

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It has been over 100 days since I was appointed Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. Each and every day I am honoured and proud to serve those who wear—or who have worn—our nation's uniform.

The opportunity to work with my caucus colleagues from across Canada is rewarding, and being a strong voice for Calgary and Alberta at the cabinet table is a tremendous privilege and responsibility that I do not take lightly.

The Prime Minister has given me an aggressive mandate, one that I plan to fulfill through stronger relationships with veterans and the organizations that represent them.

During my first days, I participated in a number of Veterans' Week activities, including Remembrance Day ceremonies in Ottawa. This special day was humbling and concluded a week of learning and listening. It reconfirmed my commitment to ensuring that we get Veterans the care they need, when and where they need it.

Within the first month, I travelled across the country to engage with Veterans and Veterans' organizations, and held my first Veterans' Stakeholder Summit in Ottawa in December. Next, I travelled to Poland and Ukraine to meet our Canadian Armed Forces troops during the holidays and to thank them for their service on behalf of all Canadians.

Veterans will once again be able to access services in offices closed in recent years. And, we have already rehired more than 175 front-line staff to provide more support to Veterans across Canada.

I know that times are tough for Alberta and Canada. In the first 100 days as a government, we have quickly begun work on key campaign promises that I believe will make a real difference in the lives of Canadians.

We have already reduced taxes to the middle class. This will put more money in to 9 out of every 10 Canadian pockets.

We have implemented a consultation process for pipeline projects that allows for industry, communities, first nations and people who are concerned about the environment to take part. I truly believe we are on a path to build public trust in our approach so that we can move forward in a thoughtful manner that will see success for our industry in the long run.

The Prime Minister confirmed that $700 million in Infrastructure funds would start flowing to Alberta in the weeks ahead. Those investments in projects identified by our Provincial partners and their municipal partners will create thousands of jobs and generate economic benefits for our great province.

My first 100 days have been exciting and I look forward to achieving much more in the future. My door, and my mind, will always remain open to the input and ideas of Canadians. We were elected on a mandate of real change, and part of that real change is a commitment to evidence based decisions and consultation with all of you.

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By the time you receive this newsletter the Second Session of the 29th Legislative Assembly of Alberta will have started. This spring we'll be debating a new budget and I'll be keeping a close eye on how the government addresses the serious economic challenges facing our province. They have some tough choices to make and I will again release my own budget to show Albertans how I would address these challenges. I will focus on job creation and support for the energy industry, while ensuring high-quality front line services are maintained while keeping the deficit to a minimum. We will also lay out our plan to purposefully diversify Alberta's economy by building on our strengths in energy, agriculture, logistics and technology.

I've also pushed for greater transparency for the North-West Redwater Refinery and have led the charge to ensure MLA's aren't able to claim extra money over and above their actual living expenses when in Edmonton.

Mental Health Review
The province has released the long-anticipated mental health review. You can read the full report and find more information here www.health.alberta.ca/initiatives/Mental-Health-Review.html.

I'm encouraged that the government seems to be taking this important issue seriously. For too long it has been difficult for people in need to access mental health services when they needed them, and as a result too many people have fallen through the cracks. I'm optimistic the government take action but I will work hard to ensure they follow through on the promise of this report.

This is a good opportunity to remind you of the mental health resources available in our community.

211 Alberta is a 'one-stop-shop' for convenient and stigma-free access to everything from advice on child-care available to information for seniors to mental health supports and suicide prevention. It's a multilingual service providing 24 hour information and referral system for thousands of services available throughout Calgary.

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Spring is just around the corner! That means the **City's annual Spring Clean-up** is coming to neighbourhoods across Calgary.

Spring Clean-up is an annual street sweeping program that removes sanding materials and debris that has accumulated on roads and along major sidewalks and boulevards during the winter months. The program, kicking off April 3, improves safety and mobility for Calgary motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. But you might see crews out there working hard before April 3: pre-sweeping has already begun, so we're busy removing materials along roads and boulevards. This year, street sweeping will end by June 1. In order to make this happen, crews will be sweeping streets on a compressed schedule, working seven days per week.

Keeping Calgary clean is a collaborative effort. To make sure the program runs smoothly, we're asking all Calgarians to help us make the city beautiful by removing vehicles and carts from city roads when they see street sweeping signs in their community. This year, that includes weekends. During the program, Calgarians can visit calgary.ca/sweep to:

- Find answers to all of their questions on our FAQ
- Visit a live map to track sweeper progress across the city
- Learn if there will be a parking ban in their neighbourhood, and
- Enter their address to confirm their street sweeping date.

Make sure to visit the website to learn more about street sweeping, and don't forget to watch for signs in your neighbourhood starting April 3.

I also want to let you know about **Neighbour Day**, held annually on the third Saturday of June, it is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of BBQs, cleanups and potlucks to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary. Make Saturday, June 18 the day you host a block party, a picnic at your local park or even introduce yourself to a neighbour and lend a helping hand.

The City of Calgary wants to encourage as many people as possible to host a local activity on their block or in their residential building. That is why they are waiving the fees for small scale local block party permits and neighbourhood park bookings for events that take place on June 18 this year. Please note the deadline for road closure permit applications is May 27. Visit calgary.ca/neighbourday for more information about Neighbour Day including an event planning kit, information about permits and other logistical considerations.

As always, you can contact me at ward11@calgary.ca or feel free to connect with me on Twitter @bpincott, or on Facebook at Brian Pincott, Councillor Ward 11.

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If you've heard me speak you've heard my 'Great Neighbourhoods' platform, the five-point plan that guides the work I do at City Hall and in our communities every day:

- ***Transforming Planning*** to increase vibrancy in our neighbourhoods
- ***Transforming Local Governance*** enabling citizens to play meaningful roles in the evolutions of their neighbourhoods
- ***Transforming City Hall*** to make The City more responsive to neighbourhood needs
- ***Taking Control of our Future*** by establishing a Big City Charter

Building a City That Pays for Itself

With the change in our City's economy, my efforts have been more heavily weighted towards lessening the blow for our citizens by working to build a city that pays for itself. I have long advocated that connecting revenue with expenses and transforming taxation are essential. Here's an update on some of what I am working on, and what I have supported within the last six months:

- *Supporting and voting for the Off-Site building levy*. This important vote affects future and current Calgarians, as taxpayers will now recoup 100% of the cost to build new communities - no longer subsidizing developers.

- *Supporting the 2016 budget adjustments*. This lowered taxes and provided more funding for infrastructure projects, putting people to work and stimulating our local economy.

- *Diversifying our economy and supporting established and new businesses*. I am working to remove provincial and municipal red tape, encouraging an environment that will create jobs through commercial and residential development, and within the service sector. I am doing this through Notice of Motions regarding the Airport Vicinity Protection Area, commercial and residential development along the LRT Red Line and Green Line, and introducing zoning changes to increase opportunities for businesses that deliver, or choose to deliver, child care services.

- *Reviewing the property tax assessment process*. I've heard primarily from flood-affected homeowners on the Elbow River about their repeated successful appeals to the Assessment Review Board since the 2013 flood. I am working to ensure that the assessment process is fair and uses the best methods to meet provincial law, while reflecting the realities faced by property owners.

Through your calls, emails, tweets, and attendance at community events, your voices are being heard, and I promise to keep acting on them. Please continue to connect with me and share your ideas on how we can emerge from this downturn even stronger.

Yours truly,

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Last 12 Months Elbow Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	$1,699,000.00	$1,525,000.00
January 2016	$1,675,000.00	$1,600,000.00
December 2015	$999,900.00	$950,000.00
November 2015	$1,499,900.00	$1,425,000.00
October 2015	$796,950.00	$726,500.00
September 2015	$2,700,000.00	$2,604,025.00
August 2015	$0.00	$0.00
July 2015	$1,787,450.00	$1,692,500.00
June 2015	$1,497,000.00	$1,397,500.00
May 2015	$1,845,000.00	$1,762,500.00
April 2015	$1,374,400.00	$1,249,900.00
March 2015	$1,014,950.00	$980,750.00

Last 12 Months Elbow Park MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	8	3
January 2016	9	3
December 2015	7	1
November 2015	5	1
October 2015	2	4
September 2015	11	2
August 2015	5	0
July 2015	8	4
June 2015	9	8
May 2015	7	6
April 2015	4	6
March 2015	12	4
Total	**114**	**42**

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- **April 28 to May 1 - Arab Nights Film Festival:** The Calgary Arab Arts and Culture Society presents the annual Arab Nights Film Festival at Festival Hall. The organization uses a variety of film to present a positive view of Arab life and society. www.calgaryarabartssociety.ca
- **April 29 to May 5 - 2016 YYC Taco Fiesta:** The city's first YYC Taco Fiesta kicks off on April 29. It is a week-long celebration of the best tacos in the city. The inaugural food festival comes to a close on May 5 with a Cinco de Mayo bash. www.yyctacofiesta.ca
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- **May 6 to 8 - Jane's Walks:** Jane's Walk is a weekend festival of free neighbourhood walking tours. Register to learn about different neighbourhoods and buildings in the city from passionate volunteers, and share your knowledge of the areas, too. www.janeswalk.org
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