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- 3°: Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not aggressively cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or any clean material to protect from infection;
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label:
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in iust seconds:
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths, Tablecloths can be vanked downward causing hot drinks, or food to spill on a child;
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached;
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids;
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit
- If able, have children avoid the kitchen area while appliances are operational.
- If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.

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Program Structure:

This course, delivered in a workshop setting facilitated by CEMA, has been purposefully designed to reflect the diverse needs of its participants by dividing course material into two distinct sections:

- Section 1: Covers the fundamentals of emergency management (preparedness, response and recovery) particularly significant for individuals and families. As personal preparedness education and awareness is applicable to all, Section 1 is the foundation of this program.
- Section 2: Further develops on the material in Section 1 to reflect the needs and requirements of a whole community. This section is for individuals interested in further contributing to their neighbourhood and community.

2016 Session Dates:

- · Program and registration details, as well as online versions of course materials, can be found at Calgary.ca/ READYCALGARY
- The registration process is available online via 311 or email your preferred dates to CEMATraining@calgary.ca
- Participants must register for both Section 1 and Section 2 to complete the full program. Section 1 must be completed before Section 2, but participants may register for any available sections at their convenience (Sections do not need to be taken in the same month).
- Note that the registration deadline is 7 days prior to the session of choice.

Section 1: March 8 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: March 22 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: April 6 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: April 20 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: September 15 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

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• April 6 to 17 - Canmore Uncorked: This mountain food and drink festival is 12 full days of special set-price menus, cooking classes, progressive dinners and cooking events. www.tourismcanmore.com

• April 11 to 13 - Dance at Noon: The junior students in the University of Calgary Dance program's choreography and performance concentration showcase their original compositional work. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca

• April 11 to 17 - Calgary Underground Film Festival: The festival has been carefully programmed to include thought-provoking, entertaining and sometimes obscure movies of all genres that defy conventions, www. calgaryundergroundfilm.org

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BIJOUX Hair Salon Lakeview Plaza

Lakeview Community

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Jacob Kachour expanded his hair salon business from High River to Calgary after the tragic flood of 2013. Since Jacob's shift to Calgary, he has made many upgrades and improvements to the hair salon to create a friendly, comfortable atmosphere that ensures your visit will be as enjoyable as it is rewarding. He is a master stylist and a seasoned hair salon owner who has worked diligently at transforming BIJOUX into a welcoming client friendly oasis that focuses on results in helping clients look and feel their best. BIJOUX is a mecca for the passionate stylists who have been attracted to the salon to work tenaciously to continuously provide beauty solutions to enhance their clients' beauty and equip them with all of the confidence they will need.

Rena Graw, the previous owner of BIJOUX is still an essential talent that greets all of the guests at the salon with a bright, warm and sunny smile. She has been on this exciting journey alongside Jacob every step of the way including assisting him during the transition when Jacob decided to expand BIJOUX to the Shawnessy Village Shopping Centre at 70 Shawville Blvd. (403-254-0644). Both locations offer easy and convenient access for everyone living in the south.

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Due to construction of the interchange along 162 Avenue and Sun Valley Blvd. S.E. the household hazardous waste drop-off at Midnapore Fire Station 26 will be relocated effective March 1, 2016 to:

Evergreen Fire Station 37

2511 Eversyde Avenue S.W.

The Midnapore household hazardous waste dropoff will remain closed until early 2018.

Other household hazardous waste drop-offs in the south include:

Shepard Landfill - 68 Street and 114 Avenue S.E. Cedarbrae Fire Station 24 - 2607 - 106 Avenue S.W.

Fire stations are open for drop-off seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Before you drop off materials, make sure they are stored, labelled and sealed properly. These household hazardous waste materials can pose a danger to our workers, your family, your pets, your neighbourhood and the environment.

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a couple of financial planning tips for new couples

Suzanne Smith-Demers - Consultant

Once there was just you – now there are two. You've joined with a partner to share your life and love and that's good. As a new couple, here is what you should know about how to equitably manage your finances.

As a married or common law couple, the integration of your financial lives must be fair and match your lifestyle together. It is wise to disclose assets, financial commitments (such as loans) and credit history.

Here's some items to consider that will help start the

- Who will manage day-to-day finances, who will manage overall financial affairs and how much input does each partner want?
- · Should bank accounts, credit cards and investments be merged or remain separate?
- Do you have a new will? Wills drafted prior to marriage usually become invalid.
- What happens to your mortgage, life insurance and in-

come if either of you dies or becomes unable to work due to an accident or illness?

• What should go into your domestic contract? Especially if one partner brings significant assets into the relationship and/or if children or past spouses are involved.

Make your decisions with a clear understanding of tax and legal implications and if you are bringing significant assets into the marriage, speak to a family lawyer or mediator about the financial implications and how best to protect your assets.

Although couples must file separate individual tax returns, there are many tax-planning strategies that can reduce your total tax bill now and in the future. Take advantage of all your deductions and income-splitting opportunities.

As a couple, you need a shared financial plan. Your professional advisor can help you build such a plan for a strong financial future together.

YYC and NAV CANADA Open House Meetings December 2015 and January 2016

Several representatives from YYC and NAV CANADA hosted open houses this past December and January to communicate proposed changes to current flight paths at the north and south ends of the city (RNP Approaches). We would like to thank YYC, NAV CANADA and everyone who came out to learn and voice concerns.

These open houses were focused on RNP flight paths, but the key interest to many attendees was the original 2014 flight path changes, and seeking options to address the noise impact that high frequency, low flying planes are having on communities.

The following are two options that were frequently voiced, and ideas we would like to have further discussions with NAV and YYC to reduce the constant impact to West Calgary communities:

- 1. Spread the flights out across many communities rather then substantially impacting just some (similar to the previously spread out paths prior to 2014). As global aviation transitions to concentrated flight paths, this is the direction NAV CANADA is instructed to proceed. Therefore, the "spread out" solution is currently not being explored. We believe this is the fairest long-term solution to this issue, which is occurring in many cities across Canada and the world.
- 2. Utilize less populated areas for flights when pos-

sible. NAV CANADA stated this is difficult for our area due to the conflict between arriving and departing flights. NAV CANADA's explanation was difficult to visualize and understand. We would like to see fully explored studies involving this.

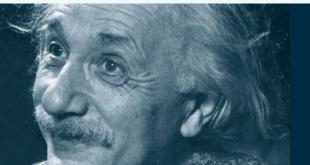
Attendees brought up the topic of legal compensation if a solution was not identified. Lawsuits exist in the US over the introduction of concentrated flight paths, and legal settlements have been awarded in Europe. To avoid this, YYC is very open to hearing concerns and suggestions. A satisfactory outcome is more likely if residents actively vocalize their concerns. To do this, visit www.yyc.com or www.wcatc.ca.

A solution is required, as air traffic over West Calgary will increase in the future. This is not an easy issue, but it is not impossible to come to a fair compromise to solve the negative effects of air space change. This will require the aviation industry to listen to communities, achieve a better understanding of life under concentrated flight paths, to fully understand the effects on physical/mental health, and the real cost to property/domestic life. We encourage NAV CANADA to become world leaders in this and successfully find safe solutions for everyone in the air, as well as on the ground.

West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns

Albert Einstein was often asked to explain the general theory of relativity.

"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour," he once declared. "Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity!"





Caring For Your **Elderly Pet**

People are living longer with better health care, nutrition, and overall improved living conditions, and so are our pets. I see pets in their late teens regularly and geriatric medicine is advancing in leaps and bounds. Never dismiss changes in your older pet as "just part of getting old" as these may be changes we can treat. Preserving quality of life for both us and the furry ones should be our objective.

If you can equate one year of aging in a person to seven in a dog, an annual examination for a pet is like you being seen every seven years by your doctor. Annual examinations are imperative and even bi-annual examinations maybe recommended. Veterinarians discuss history, changes in food and water consumption as they examine your pet for masses, aches and pains, and anything that raises concern. This includes rotten painful teeth. Health care starts with the examination.

Diet is the cornerstone of any older pet's health needs. An older pet has a slower metabolism and sleeps more. Don't justify weight gain by saying "but treats are all he enjoys now". An obese pet has difficulty moving, arthritic joints have to work harder, and stress is placed on all organs including the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys. It's easier if a pet is fit and not wheezing with exertion.

Switch a pet to a geriatric diet around 8 to 10 years of age in cats and small dogs, in large dogs earlier. Specific diets have been formulated for pets suffering from kidney, liver, and heart disease. Some diets are for joints and include products for enhanced mobility. There is even a diet to try and slow the progress of canine dementia.

Unlimited water is imperative in the elderly pet. Kidneys are fragile. If your pet begins to drink and urinate excessively this is an early symptom of many serious, but often treatable, geriatric diseases.

People use physiotherapy or try alternative therapies for aches and pains. These therapies are equally beneficial to our pets. Old bodies get relief with heat packs, massage, range of motion exercises, and physiotherapy. Acupuncture, cranio-sacral therapy, chiropractic medicine, and numerous herbal and homeopathic formulas are used successfully to treat old joints, muscles and bone. To this end remember five or 10 minutes gentle exercise three times daily is preferable to 40 minutes of intense exercise with fragile pets. Like you pets stiffen up and hurt! Older pets have a much reduced tolerance for heat and cold extremes.

Because they don't exercise as much, some older cats and dogs tend to need their nails trimmed more often. Elderly pets find it more difficult to groom and may need more help. Cats may not be able to contort themselves to reach places on their backs and hind end and fur can become matted.

Older pets may become crankier if sore and maybe are more easily startled if their hearing and sight is failing. Try to make allowances, especially where children are involved, don't startle or pounce on elderly pets.

There are many anti-inflammatory and painkillers now on the market for older dogs and cats to reduce pain. Older pets deserve a comfortable and gentle retirement, but if all of your best efforts can no longer maintain your friend in a comfortable state and there are many more sick painful days than not, knowing when to say goodbye is the least selfish thing you will ever do for an old loved companion.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



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First of all, I would like to thank you for being excellent stewards of our Glenmore constituency and society as a whole. The more I am getting to know you, the more amazed I am and very proud to have the opportunity to be your MLA as well as represent you in the AB Legislature.

I aspire to be your best advocate and represent you in all ways possible. Therefore, I invite your continuous feedback regarding government services/ministries through our constituency office.

Recently, the following concerns have been brought to my attention and I would like to address them as follows:

BRT: This project is municipal and not a provincial project as it is under the jurisdiction of the City of Calgary. The Alberta Government introduced The Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP) and committed \$2 Billion by 2020/21 towards the program. The purpose of the program is to allow municipalities all over the province to provide sustainable public transit alternatives. As posted in Calgary Herald, "Transportation Minister Brian Mason said the province would use \$187 million from the GreenTRIP fund to boost public transit in Calgary, Airdrie, Canmore and Banff." Calgary received \$162 Million to perform LRT electrical upgrades and invest in bus rapid transit and transitway projects. The province allocated \$47 million to two bus rapid lines, one in the north and one in the south and another \$92 million earmarked for transitways in the southwest and along 17th Avenue southeast. The City then decided how these funds can be utilized to specific BRT projects, and the BRT project on 14th street. SW is one of the specific projects. Therefore, the province has no involvement in this particular project and all the communication in regards to this project has to occur between the residents and the city. For more details on how these funds were allocated, please refer to the Calgary Herald article: www.calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/provinceannounces-187-million-in-greentrip-funding-forcalgary-outlying-communities.

Gender Neutrality in Schools: The purpose of the new mandate as introduced by the Government of Alberta is to ensure that no child feels unsafe in school because of issues related to gender identity, expression or if they identify as transgender. The Government of Alberta is supporting the school boards to design strategies to create a safe environment for students so that no child's safety is jeopardized. The parents will be involved throughout this process and will be continuously engaged with the school boards to discuss the strategies. Especially, the parents with children below the age of 16 will be continuously informed and involved with the school boards for the best available options for their children; the ultimate goal is to ensure that the needs of all children in our schools are met. Please contact your respective school board directly for further details on parental engagement on this policy.

The Legislative Assembly Spring Session: The starting date of the legislative assembly session has been changed and will begin from March 8, ending in mid-

Community Events: Also, I would like to mention that due to frequent changes in my schedules for trips to Edmonton, at times I am unable to attend the community events even if I have confirmed to attend them. In such cases, I ensure that at least one of my assistants Janice and/or Jonathan attends the event on my behalf to present my thoughts to you. I highly appreciate your understanding when these situations occur.

Once again, thank you very much! Please keep in touch as I always look forward to hearing from you.



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In October 2015, our Federal Government responded to crisis overseas and made a commitment to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of March 2016. Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), an organization who has been involved in refugee resettlement for over 30 years, is a community leader with a mission to "...work in partnership with the community to help immigrants and refugees settle and become contributing members of Canadian society".

Thus, they have created a helpful and interactive website, www.srcacalgary.ca where you can find information on how to volunteer, donate or simply catch up on related news. If you are interested or just want to find out more check out the website or call 211 and help support settlement and integration of our new neighbours!







COUNCILLOR, WARD 11 BRIAN PINCOTT

www.ward11calgary.ca

My team and I are being asked where the City is in the process of creating a SW Transitway. While we have worked to clarified some of the misinformation in the community before, we hope the questions and answers below will help address further questions and outline the upcoming project path.

Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

The SW Transitway will be proceeding. Council voted unanimously for the idea in 2011, and now the transportation project team at The City is working on the detailed design phase while addressing questions they have heard. As this project has been approved by City Council all final decisions will be made by the Project Team and their colleagues.

Why not wait for the Ring Road?

While the Ring Road is expected to alleviate some of the traffic issues on 14th street, Glenmore, and Crowchild, it does not address the needs of all. The Ring Road is a provincial highway that is intended to bypass communities and as such does not work for transit. The SW Transitway is very specifically about improving transit for SW communities and increasing transportation options to move people through the city. The two projects, while complementary to one another, address different needs and serve different users.

I keep seeing TOD. What is a TOD?

TOD stands for Transit Oriented Development. It is an urban planning term that means the placement of buildings, walkways, and houses within a community take into consideration the ability of residents and visitors to access transit. This typically means greater density development in the area immediately beside these stations. The goal with TOD is to remove the need to use a private vehicle to connect to transit.

Will the City be doing TOD at the SW Transitway bus stations?

No. The City's TOD policy refers only to the development of City owned land surrounding LRT stations, or at BRT stations where an LRT is planned to be in the future. The SW Transitway is NOT planned as a precursor to an LRT line. The City will not be applying its TOD policy to these stations, nor does the City own large tracts of land in the area.

Brian brought a Notice of Motion to Council last year, regarding Glenmore Landing. What was that all about?

IN & AROUND

Relocation of Midnapore Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

You can take household hazardous waste, such as cleaners, paint and oil, to any of The City's landfill Throw 'n' Go areas or designated fire stations with special storage depots.

Due to construction of the interchange along 162 Avenue and Sun Valley Blvd. S.E. the household hazardous waste drop-off at Midnapore Fire Station 26 will be relocated effective March 1, 2016 to:

Evergreen Fire Station 37

2511 Eversyde Avenue S.W.

The Midnapore household hazardous waste drop-off will remain closed until early 2018.

Other household hazardous waste drop-offs in the south include:

Shepard Landfill - 68 Street and 114 Avenue S.E. Cedarbrae Fire Station 24 - 2607 - 106 Avenue S.W.

Fire stations are open for drop-off seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Before you drop off materials, make sure they are stored, labelled and sealed properly. These household hazardous waste materials can pose a danger to our workers, your family, your pets, your neighbourhood and the environment.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/waste.

Glenmore Landing sits on privately owned land. While the landowner, Rio-Can, has not submitted any redevelopment applications to the City as of February 1, 2016, they have made it clear that they intend to do so in the future. Brian's Notice of Motion directed the City to work with the landowner as much as possible to avoid excessive construction disruption to the community and enable smart planning decisions to be made by both parties. The Notice of Motion can be found on the Ward 11 website.

If you would like more information, please see www. calgary.ca/swtransitway, and remember to sign up to receive updates from your Ward 11 office at www.calgary. ca/ward11.



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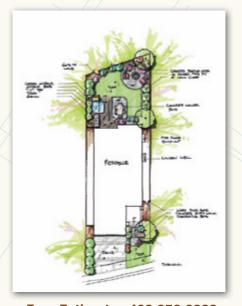


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I'm a math teacher and tutor. In my work, I see repeatedly, disappointing results from students – many currently in, or graduates of schools in Calgary — who do not know how to do basic, simple math operations needed to be successful. I have seen students pick up a calculator to find the answer to 4x3. Parents — do you know the answer to that — without a calculator? The most valuable skill that students are missing is knowledge of the multiplication tables. Without having a solid grasp of the multiplication tables, students cannot understand relationships between numbers, and are unable to easily do many midlevel math questions. I regularly see their frustration at not being able to do these problems.... while at the same time maintaining a **stubborn refusal** to memorize the multiplication tables!

Students who succeed in math at the high school level do much better in every university class they take. They have the tools to succeed and surpass others to get the highest level jobs and excel at them. 90% of the highest paying jobs require math. The kind of logical and analytical thinking that is required to make good decisions, no matter what field we are working in, is learned as we study and do math problems!

The best way to have your children succeed in high school math classes is to make sure they learn the multiplication tables so well when they are young that they are second nature to them.

Help your children memorize their multiplication tables and they will succeed in high school math classes. Then they will do well in their university courses, and be prepared to be leaders in the workplace, the community and in their homes!

Dear SW Calgary Neighbours,

Join thousands of Calgarians and sign the petition that asks City Council to reconsider the SW Transitway & Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Go to our website www.readytoengage.ca to find out more on where to sign the petition and get involved.



Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

We are asking City Council to reconsider this costly project. The SW Transitway & BRT has never been properly debated at City Council, was passed on a deficient preliminary engineering report, has not had adequate consultation with affected landowners, was misrepresented at Council and has been inactive for the past 5 years. Most residents alongside the route had never even heard of the project until *ready to engage!* brought it to their attention.

Does the City care what I think?

Actions speak louder than words. The City seems intent on ramming this project through regardless of the legitimate concerns about safety, construction chaos and budget overruns that the public has. The City has no intention of meaningfully consulting with impacted individuals or changing its plans regardless of concerns expressed. The Mayor and ward Councillors have repeatedly said City Council is "done" and the project will be proceeding. We disagree.

Will parks be removed? What about parking?

The City has stated that all construction will be contained within road right-of-ways and City owned land. Road right-of-ways include meridians, shoulders, and berms/green space along streets. The City of Calgary owns the majority of the parks and recreational fields and dog parks that are found throughout the city. Green spaces and parks the public now enjoy will be removed and replaced with asphalt, concrete, and bus platforms along the route. Increased traffic and parking in communities will come with BRT commuters. Parking lots could eventually be built along the route to accommodate commuters.

Why not wait for the SW Ring Road?

The SW Ring Road will be available at approximately the same time as the proposed SW Transitway & BRT and will provide extensive relief to traffic congestion along 14th Street making this project a waste of taxpayer dollars. Existing public transit service along this route already exceeds demand. Many buses running on 14 Street SW, 24 Street SW, 90 Avenue SW and on Southland Drive SW are currently running far below their passenger capacity. The City has stated that the BRT will serve students going to Mount Royal University shortening their length of travel. Adding a direct bus route to Mount Royal University would be a much more cost effective use of taxpayer money versus a full blown SW BRT.

Will the City be doing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the SW Transitway bus stations?

When asked whether transit oriented developments are likely around all BRT stations, Mac Logan, General Manager of Transportation at The City of Calgary stated, "Intensification around every bus stop? Yes, eventually." (CBC Eyeopener, Jan 8, 2016). Private Landowners are being encouraged by the City to use Transit Oriented Development principles. This means there will eventually be densification around each BRT transit stop. A motion put forward by Councillor Pincott directing the City staff to work with the owners of Glenmore Landing to facilitate the sale of city land for development was passed by City Council. This purchase will allow for a high density development on the site replacing 5.4 acres of City-owned green space which we all enjoy today.

We are ready to engage! - concerned citizens who have joined together to give SW Calgarians and other stakeholders a voice on the City's SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. We are in support of well-planned, efficient and cost-effective public transit improvements for all Calgarians.

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