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DIRECTOR'S REPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I would like to thank everyone in attendance this evening, and apologize for being unavailable to deliver this report in person. I would also like to thank the other members of the board who have volunteered their time to sit on the board and help manage and maintain the functionality of our Community Association. Thanks also go out to all those who volunteered to work at this year's Casino, the proceeds of which allows Meadowlark Park to continue to operate the Hall with success and fund other community projects.

This year saw many new initiatives, improvements, and changes within our Community. Amongst other things, we have streamlined the operations and rental of the hall, improved our community newsletter, and after several years in the making – successfully launched a new website. At last year's AGM, I discussed with the Quorum the growing desire by the Association to work to improve access to the community hall for Meadowlark Park residents from the side of the hall where most community residents reside – specifically to improve the park and building esthetics, provide improved community and hall signage, and allow improved pedestrian and handicap access to the Hall from the South side of the Community Hall off Meadowview Road.

Through one of the other director's reports tonight, you are

MPCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As a valued community partner, you are invited to join the This is My Neighbourhood - Meadowlark Park advisory committee.

A little bit about "This is My Neighbourhood" (TIMN)

This is my neighbourhood aims to transform how The City of Calgary works in neighbourhoods. Through the engagement of local residents, community associations, non-profit organizations and businesses, we'll work with you to develop a neighbourhood vision that outlines your future aspirations.

Guided by this vision, The City will work with you to create and deliver initiatives which may include small-scale infrastructure improvements, programs and services that will help your neighbourhood be an even better place to live, work and play.

TIMN began in 2015 with a group of 14 inaugural neighbourhoods. As part of the TIMN program, The City part-

likely already aware that the Hall improvement project represents the largest single area to which Casino funds will be directed over the next 12 months, and that a request for an extension for the use of these funds was granted to allow further planning and consultation during the permitting process. With the help of an active board, city liaisons, architectural firms, City of Calgary parks and roads, and the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission (AGLC), permits are now in place to proceed with the proposed development. I am pleased to inform tonight's quorum that we are now at a point where tendering for the work is underway, with a view to starting and completing the project over several weeks this summer.

Finally, while I have very much enjoyed my time serving on the board over the last 4 years, I am not able to seek reelection for another term. I hope that with the

help of some additional volunteers elected tonight, and with the ongoing commitment of the current board, that Meadowlark Park will continue to be one of the best communities in Calgary to live.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve our Community, and look forward to seeing you all at future community events.

Sincerely,

*Robert Nicholson, Director of Community Development
 Meadowlark Park Community Association*

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TIMN Engagement

As part of the TIMN initiative, The City of Calgary plans to collect feedback from residents online and in person at a variety of events, throughout the year in the neighbourhood.

We will be asking residents to give their ideas about the neighbourhood vision what is most important in Meadowlark Park.

TIMN Advisory Committee expectations:

- Be a champion of This is my neighbourhood within Meadowlark Park: be creative, share the process with your neighbourhood and learn about your neighbour's ideas for Meadowlark Park.

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Editorial Content Deadline



Hall Rental Details

Non-member rental rate: \$55/hour • Resident member rental rate: \$40/hour • Damage deposit: \$500

Rental inquiries can be made by emailing hallrental@meadowlarkpark.org and stating the date and time you are interested in. You will be contacted within 2 days. If the hall is available for your requested date, you will be asked to complete a rental application form. This will give us the required information for the rental contract. If you aren't familiar with the hall, a time will be set up to show you the hall to ensure it will meet your needs. If it does, the rental contract will be completed and payment of the damage deposit and rental fee arranged. Please note that at least 20 days notice is required for rentals.

	UPPER HALL	LOWER HALL	HOCKEY SHACK LOUNGE (available to resident members only)
Capacity (overall 150 in the entire hall at one time)	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 132 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 105	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 150 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 126	60
Barrier-Free Access	Yes	No	No
Kitchen	Yes	Yes	Yes

Reservations will be accommodated to a total maximum hall capacity of 150 people.

MPCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONT'D

• Commit to the engagement process with the neighbourhood and stay involved in the program until implementation of the initiatives through 2018.

Potential Meeting Schedule

Meeting 1: February – Introduction to the TIMN neighbourhood Advisory Committee/community asset mapping. COMPLETE (with the Community Association Board)! The asset map will be a 'living document' and updated as required.
Meeting 2: September/October – Meet new group members and give your input into the neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 3: late November – Review the results of the community engagement, recommend a neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 4: December - Neighbourhood tour to discuss potential initiatives.

Meeting 5: January 2018 – Provide input on the list of potential initiatives to start the creative community initiative engagement process.

Meeting 6: March 2018 – Presentation of approved initiatives. Provide specific implementation input, if needed.

Meeting 7: Once initiatives are completed/near completion – Celebration of initiatives.

This is not an exhaustive list of the meeting dates as there could be more added based on the initiatives selected by the neighbourhood or some work may be done over email.

If you would like to be involved or would like more information please contact:

Jenna Findlater – jenna.findlater@calgary.ca

*Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator,
The City of Calgary*

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Budget Town Hall Update

On April 8th I held a budget town hall. The event was attended by people from all parts of the political spectrum who provided their input on the current state of Alberta's finances. The common theme I heard at the event was that the government is on an unsustainable path and that we cannot continue to go further into debt. Our continued reliance on unpredictable resource revenues means that we will never be able to balance the budget.

Participants were presented with the question of how to increase provincial revenues in order to reduce our reliance on non-renewable resource revenue. When asked how they felt about revenue options, their preferences were ranked in the following order:

1. Carbon Tax fully offset by Personal and Corporate Tax reductions and innovation tax credits
2. PST with cuts to Personal and Corporate Tax
3. New user fees: Toll roads, health care premiums, etc.
4. PST on top of other taxes
5. Carbon Tax on top of existing taxes
6. Increase Corporate Tax
7. Increase Personal Tax

I also asked those in attendance to identify where they felt they sat on a continuum of budget options from our current deficit path to the sustainable path to cutback path. I overwhelmingly heard people want to find savings in government spending without hurting front-line services. This includes:

- Cap on non-renewable resource revenue used for core programs
- Constrain operational spending by 1%
- Public sector pay freeze
- Rethink tax system to reward individual effort and increase investment
- Shift to new, sustainable revenue sources to fund core programs

I would like to thank the volunteers and everyone who attended. I appreciated receiving the feedback and would like to hear from all constituents on the issue of our provincial finances. Please feel free to contact my office at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca with your thoughts.

Neighbour Day

This year marks Calgary's fourth annual Neighbour Day. The event was created to recognize and remember how Calgary's communities came together to help their neighbours after the 2013 flood. Held this year on June 17th, Neighbour Day is a time for Calgarians to celebrate our strong community spirit by organizing community events such as garden parties, picnics or neighbourhood clean-ups. Contact your local community association for information on events in your neighbourhood. Each year I try to attend as many events as possible in Calgary-Elbow. If your community is having an event, please let me office know by calling 403-252-0346 or by email at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca.



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Mail or drop off your completed application to:
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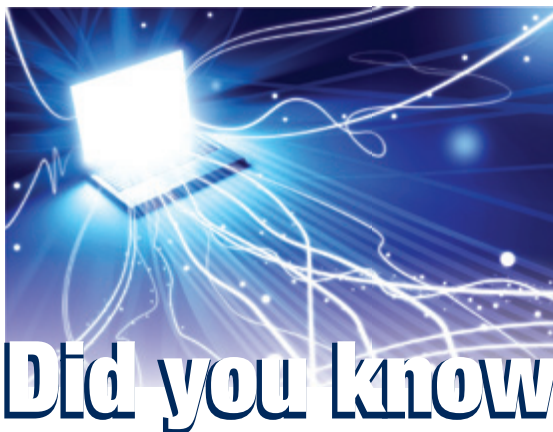
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Thank you for your participation.

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SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

St. Augustine Fine Arts School

June has arrived and though many of our students are starting to look towards the end of the year we have a lot left to do!

Our parent committee is hosting the June 1st. Spring into Summer-Family Fun Fest! We are looking forward to this family barbeque and Silent Auction as a wonderful celebration for our community. The auction is an opportunity to generate funds that will be used to purchase an Outdoor Learning Café. This family barbeque event will be filled with lots of exciting activities for entire school community.

Fieldtrips abound at St. Augustine Fine Arts School in June and are an essential part of the learning experience for our students. Our grade 3 and 4 students are off to Studio Bell, Home of the National Music Centre next month, while our sixes are getting ready for their annual patrol picnic. Also, both our grade 6 and 9 students will be putting the final touches on their respective retreats. These retreats are done off-site in a special location and provide these students an opportunity to reflect on their years at St. Augustine School prior to making the journey into the next grade, and in many cases, a new school.

Athletically, we are finishing up Flag Football and are very proud of the representation our students provided – well done! We are entering our final sporting season and will training hard and assembling a track and field team that will compete at Glenmore Landing.

The ability to explore education through the integration of Fine Arts is an experience that enhances learning for our students. Walking through the halls of our school you will see examples of student work and their narratives explaining their process and what they have learned. If you are interested in discovering more about our approach to learning, you can visit our website at www.cssd.ab.ca/staugustine/ or call the office at 403-500-2022.

Steve Laberge, Principal, St. Augustine Fine Arts School



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Justice for Albertans

When Judges are in the news condemning policies and demanding action it's typically a bad sign ("Top Alberta judges condemn trial delays, demanding Parliament acts to fill vacancies on the bench," Kaufmann, Calgary Herald, Sept. 28, 2016).

In 2016 one judge in particular – Court of Queen's Bench Chief Justice Neil Wittmann – was blunt in his assessment. Of the previous federal government's treatment of Alberta's justice system he said this:

"The previous federal government wouldn't even authorize the appointment of the number of judges that the Alberta government had, by statute, said they require. In my opinion that is constitutionally impermissible." ("Alberta judge shortage at 'breaking point,'" Grant, CBC News, Oct. 26, 2016)

In some cases a trial would have a wait time of one or two years before it was even seen by a judge. It's this undermining of a legal system by starving it of resources that underserves Albertans and Calgarians, and has ensuing costs to commerce, jobs, and justice for Canadians.

That's why in 2017 our government is creating 28 new federally-appointed judicial positions, to help address demographic pressures in regions like Alberta and ensure that Canadians have timely access to justice in

Canada – through an investment of \$55.1 million over five years and \$15.1 million per year thereafter, as well as legislative amendments.

This is in addition to the good work that provincial Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley is doing with a recently announced boost in funding, adding new judges to provincial courts, and hiring 50 new Crown prosecutors (and thirty support staff).

All Canadians – no matter their means – should have the right to a fair trial and access to a modern, efficient justice system. We are committed to ensuring that our justice system is fair, relevant and accessible to all Canadians by helping economically disadvantaged people in obtaining legal assistance and representation.

In Budget 2016, we committed to an additional \$88 million over five years for legal aid funding partnerships with the provinces and territories, and today we have announced an additional \$30 million per year in ongoing funding. These new funds will make more legal aid available for those who need it and will support new ways of delivering services. Performance measurement will also be added to make sure legal aid funding is doing what it needs to do.

Our 2015 platform was built for Alberta – by immediately working to ease EI rules for those hit by the commodity downturn, investing in carbon pricing to create a consensus to approve (and to soon build) four pipelines to foreign markets, and by working with international partners to open up new markets. I take my role as the cabinet minister from Calgary seriously, in supporting veterans as Minister of Veterans' Affairs, and work every day to make sure that we can continue to build this city.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.

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Neighbour Day BBQ and Plant Swap

June 17th, 4-7pm, MPCA Hockey Shack
 more details will be provided in June's newsletter

Lawn Chair Theatre - Thursday, August 31
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Oktoberfest - TBD

Christmas Party - TBD

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Meadowlark Park Knitting Group



It is a perfect time to start knitting – all of those cozy scarves, cowls, hats, scarves, sweaters just waiting to be made! Our knitting group is always open to new members of all skill levels. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours in the community. We meet most Monday evenings at the Hockey Shack lounge at the community hall (entrance faces the hall parking lot).

If you are interested joining us, please email me at christine.franke72@gmail.com or call me at 403-209-2566 to confirm the next date.



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