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Alyssa	14	403-801-6248	Yes
Kali	14	403-244-8814	Yes
Amy	15	403-247-9228	Yes
Jacy	15	403-254-4949	Yes
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Hello! My name is Gavin Newton, the owner of **Right Way Sod & Lawn Care Ltd.** When I was first approached to write this article, I was a little over whelmed by the idea. Until it dawned on me what an amazing chance for self-reflection upon my journey thus far.

A long time ago, through my experiences with the landscaping industry, I realized that landscaping is what I was meant to do. I have always been very effective at completing difficult projects and tasks on schedule. All while managing my team professionally and keeping to the true sense of customer satisfaction. I have worked at various landscape companies over a span of nine years and I learned all aspects of landscaping. My journey into landscaping first began in lawn maintenance. After mastering the skills of lawn maintenance and lawn care. I then moved on to landscape construction which involves building retaining walls, paving stone pathways, pruning and so much more.

Working as a landscaper for years you began to notice a reoccurring trend. Such as the sheer lack of professionalism, knowhow and a true lack of customer care. After one long day at work, I had finally had enough and I knew I had to do something. Then it hit me, when my favourite quote popped into my head: "If you don't build your dream, someone will hire you to build theirs". So with my dream in one hand and with my passion and experience for landscaping in the other, I decided to start my own sod insulation and lawn maintenance company called Right Way.

My dream is Right Way and to me Right Way means quality of workmanship and outstanding customer care. We absolutely take pride in our work and we only do the highest quality of work guaranteed. Perhaps even more important than that and my true objective for Right Way is to provide our customers with personalized service and care. My team gets their greatest satisfaction from our ability to make our customers feel like family. Every one of my team is specially hired because of their passion for landscaping and people skills. Rest assure when you use Right Way just know if you have any landscaping problems at any point. My team has been trained to make sure that customer satisfaction is the utmost priority. At Right Way the quality of work and customer care are key. Because at Right Way we understand that without a great customer reputation and sense of community care when it comes to are work.

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# Millrise Community Association

## Last 12 Months Millrise MLS Real Estate Sale Price Llodate

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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
ebruary 2016	\$458,800.00	\$443,500.00
anuary 2016	\$404,900.00	\$386,500.00
December 2015	\$402,350.00	\$386,000.00
November 2015	\$437,450.00	\$425,000.00
October 2015	\$409,900.00	\$397,000.00
September 2015	\$474,900.00	\$452,000.00
August 2015	\$429,900.00	\$427,500.00
uly 2015	\$434,900.00	\$425,000.00
une 2015	\$429,900.00	\$425,000.00
May 2015	\$427,400.00	\$416,000.00
April 2015	\$439,500.00	\$428,000.00
March 2015	\$424,900.00	\$420,000.00

## Last 12 Months Millrise MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	8	5
January 2016	4	2
December 2015	3	2
November 2015	6	б
October 2015	8	5
September 2015	5	5
August 2015	5	4
July 2015	8	11
June 2015	17	17
May 2015	10	8
April 2015	10	15
March 2015	13	9

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **millrise.great-news.ca** 

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#### **April at Trico Centre**

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are familyfriendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

#### **Pool Refurbishment**

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components. **The target reopen date is August 15, 2016.** Check our Spring Summer Program Guide for **membership specials** and what to do at Trico while the pool is closed. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

#### **Spring Summer Registration**

Registration for Spring Summer programs, including day camps, is now on. Programs for all ages – from tots to seniors - start in April.

#### Adults

• More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. Many new land-based classes added during pool closure. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

 Adult registered programs including new options: Cardio Kickboxing, Golf Conditioning, and Dance PL3Y (Dance Play.)

 Adult Wellness Workshops in April: Walking Pol Clinic (April 12, 1:30-3:30pm) and Yoga for Scoliosis (April 17, 1-3pm.)

#### **Older Adults**

• Many of the more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week are specifically designed for older adults: Check out Be Fit Age Well, Fit 'n Fab., and our numerous yoga options. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

Registered programs starting in April include Balance Builders, Bone Builders, Brain Builders, and Chair Yoga.
Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

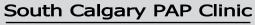
#### Families, Children, Youth

- Lots of new registered Parent & Tot, Preschool children, and youth programs start in April.
- Check out our Summer Day Camps for ages 3 to 14 years registration now on.
- Lots of Drop-Ins: See the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck. Free for members. Fee for non-members.

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#### **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.



# Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association Last 12 Months Shawnee-Evergreen MLS Beal Estate Sale Price Undate

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price		
February 2016	\$799,900.00	\$730,000.00		
January 2016	\$674,900.00	\$654,950.00		
December 2015	\$714,900.00	\$687,500.00		
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00		
October 2015	\$505,000.00	\$500,000.00		
September 2015	\$829,900.00	\$791,888.00		
August 2015	\$664,450.00	\$632,500.00		
July 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00		
June 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00		
May 2015	\$574,900.00	\$554,696.00		
April 2015	\$762,400.00	\$740,000.00		
March 2015	\$622,450.00	\$610,500.00		

# Last 12 Months Shawnee-Evergreen MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
3	3
1	2
2	2
2	0
7	1
5	1
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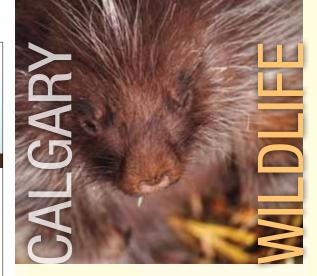
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# THE PORCUPINES A Prickly Subject

The North American Porcupine, Erethizon dorsatum, Canada's second largest rodent (after the beaver), is a well known mammal, with many legends related to it. It was a part of the life of early settlers and First Nations communities across the country, the quills (or spines) being dyed and used for decorative purposes, and the meat providing food through the winter.

The porcupine, when described, seems an odd looking animal, having: a short blunt nose, small (short sighted) eyes, almost invisible short round ears, orange continuously growing front teeth, humped shoulders, bowed legs, long curved claws for climbing trees, a thick rounded muscular tail, and a soft woolly undercoat with long yellow tipped guard hairs that conceal its quills. It plants its feet fully on the ground when walking (like humans and bears), moving with a slow swaying walk, and a clumsy looking gallop when threatened. The larger male porcupine can weigh up to 18 kgs (40 lbs) and be up to 90 cm (36 in) long (not including its tail of up to 30 cm or 12 in long).

This usually quiet, peaceful animal lives alone for most of the year, in a well-treed area, just going about its business. It's a herbivore eating a diet that varies from season to season: mostly inner bark and things like pine needles in the winter; when the sap rises in the spring, adding leaves and catkins to its diet; over the summer enjoying herbs, dandelions, thorn apple, clover, grasses, water lily and arrowheads; and seeking out beech and acorn nuts, wild fruit, and raiding cornfields and orchards as fall comes. The porcupine relies on its nose to find food, and knowledge of its home territory, as it rarely strays far from its den (in caves and crevices, under logs or rocks) to find food.

But what about the stuff of legends? The porcupine's most well known feature are those guills, some 30,000 of them. Many believe that porcupines 'shoot' guills at their predators to drive them away. The quills are actually modified (keratin coated) thick hairs and there are none on the muzzle, legs or under part of the belly. Quills are longest on the back and tail (up to 10 cm or 4 in) and when raised push the guard hairs forward forming a crest. Each guill is hollow and embedded in the skin, where they are attached to a small muscle that pulls it upright in the fur when the animal feels threatened. Quills have black tips and yellow or white shafts. The tip tapers to a fine point covered by dozens of small black barbs, which feel rough to the touch. When they are moist (such as when embedded in skin) they swell up working the guill into the flesh. When a porcupine feels threatened, it will chatter its teeth to warn off its predator and make for the closest shelter (rock, log, or up a tree). If caught on the ground it pulls its head in, stomps its back feet, stands up its guills, and lashes its tail sending loose guills through the air, appearing to "shoot" them at the threat. All a predator has to do though is touch a porcupine with raised guills for the guills to transfer to them. If treed, the porcupine will only act if the threat climbs the tree, then it will back down the tree flicking its tail and sending quills flying. In addition to being used for defence these air filled guills make excellent flotation devices for accessing food sources growing in watery areas, and help insulate the animal in the winter.

The porcupine's most troublesome habit (as far as humans are concerned) is its penchant for chewing to keep the size of its front teeth in check. It is known to chew tires, leather, and wood in areas where humans (unwittingly) provide the materials. They will chew on cast off antlers and bones where there are no humans around.

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#### Fluoridation in Calgary's Water Supply

During the 2013 election, I made the commitment to meet with Alberta Health Services (AHS) officials right after being elected to determine if there was adequate research to support reintroducing flouride back into our water supply. At that time there was not, but Dr. Richard Musto. AHS Med-



ical Officer of Health, committed to have that research done.

I recently met with Dr. Musto and Dr. Bill Ghali, Scientific Director of the O'Brien Institute for Pub-

lic Health, to discuss all approaches to the fluoridation issue in our city. I would like to hear from you on your views on this. I will work with Mayor Nenshi and my colleagues and see what we should bring forward to Council based on all feedback.

#### SW Transitway & BRT Update

The SW Transitway project team, along with Calgary Transit, distributed project information to residents on local routes directly benefiting from the SW Transitway route. In total, over 5,400 FAQ's were handed out in February 2016.

Several information sessions have been held this year, bringing many excellent ideas forward to minimize the



impact on Ward 13 communities. The most notable info session was held at the Woodcreek Community Association on February 23 with both supporters and detractors in attendance. Many constituents were able to get the correct information and their opposition heard by project staff. Attendees were encouraged to submit their input on the SW BRT terminal designs and other finer details for the project.

All up to date information and public engagement can be found at www.Calgary.ca/SWTransitway.

#### Calgary Parks & Calgary Community Standards

Recently I met with Kurt Hanson (GM Community Services), to discuss what proactive measures are and can be put in place to promote safer pathways shared by all who use it. Here is his update on what his team is working on: **1. Monitoring Bylaw Offences on the pathway:** 

- Monitoring speeding, bikers/rollerbladers with dogs on-leash, citizens with off-leash dogs, staying on the appropriate side of path, etc
- Installation of bike speed monitoring devices in four locations along the Bow River
- Five permanent Eco Counters and two mobile counters that can be moved to problematic areas
- Parks pathways can send target area maps to Bylaw asking them to show a presence in necessary areas
- By law officers work with CPS to issue tickets and tend to pathway accidents

#### 2. Approach to pathway widths/signage in high traffic areas:

- Minimum standard for river pathways is 3m, regional pathways is 2.5m – now increased to 3.5m and 3m, respectively
- Minimum standard width of local pathways was increased from 2m to 2.5m
- Pathways are twinned and separated where justified by volume
- Pathway stencils are used rather than adding signs

#### 3. Pathway snow clearing approach:

- Clear as much snow as possible with allotted budget
   Track an unfunded "Snow & Ice wish list"
- Prioritization system is based on a combination of 311
   data, usage data and importance of pathway link

#### Ward 13 Mobile Town Hall Coming Soon!

The Action Plan is The City's business plan and budget document. It was developed in 2014 for the years 2015-2018. In recognition that the Plan needs to adapt with Calgary's changing needs, we are Checking In with citizens on what their priorities are for 2017 and 2018. This June, I, along with City staff, will be out and about in Ward 13 with the Action Plan bus to hear from you and what your priorities are for this business plan and budget.

Stay tuned for more details!

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Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
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Welcome to springtime! It's been 11 months since the provincial election. Time sure does fly, doesn't it? By the time you read this newsletter the 2016 budget will have been released – the budget focus is on stabilizing the economy, supporting small business, job creation and information about the climate change strategy. Please e-mail or stop by the office with any concerns or comments.

#### **Business Supports**

As we move through this difficult economic time it is important to recognize the work that businesses in the area do as it relates to stabilizing the economy. We are happy to help with programs like the STEP program and the job creation tax credit. If you have any questions on how to apply to these programs feel free to connect with my office.

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#### **MLA Expense Disclosures**

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#### Stampede July 8 – 17

I know that Stampede is still a long way off but I did want to let you know that my office will be hosting a Stampede B-B-Q July 9, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars. July 11, Premier Notley will be hosting her Stampede breakfast at the McDougall Centre. Both are still in the planning stages – watch for additional details available in May and June. Feel free to pass on any special event that you may be having.

#### April 27 Is Administrative Professionals' Day

Administrative Professionals' Day is celebrated on April 27, 2016. Administrative Professionals' Day - also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day - is an unofficial secular holiday observed in several countries to recognize the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. Don't forget to recognize your administrative support person.

#### **Chat With Your MLA**

E-mail feedback is always encouraged and appreciated. However nothing beats an old fashioned phone call or one-on-one conversation. If you would like to chat please arrange with my office and I would be happy to give you a call even during non-traditional working hours.

#### Saturday Office Hours

We haven't worked out all of the details, but I did want to let you know that our office will be open one Saturday a month beginning in April. Give our office a call for details.

I enjoy attending community events, if you would like me to attend yours, I will do my best to be available. If you have concerns regarding community issues you can reach me through my constituency office: 403-256-8969

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