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- Your access code to log into Assessment Search
- Dates to contact Assessment if you have questions.

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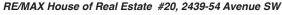
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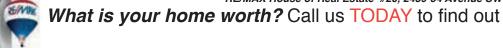
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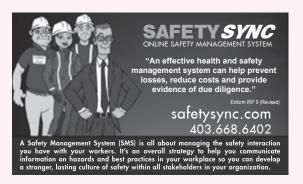
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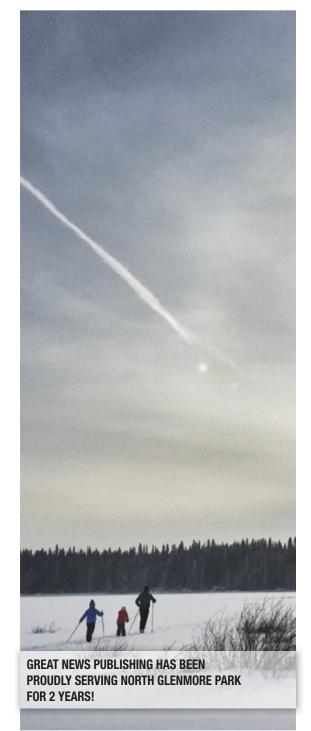
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# **PRESIDENT'S**

#### McDonalds in North Glenmore Park - We want to hear from you

McDonalds and First Capital Properties held an open house at our Hall in December. I know some of you may not been aware of this open house or could not attend. Your voice is important to us and we would like to hear from you by collecting your comments that we will present to the City.

We would like for you to provide your feedback that we will present to the City. There was information collected by McDonalds, but we may not have access to it. To ensure your voice is heard I encourage you to come down to our facility, talk to your neighbours, and make your voice heard. If anyone has photos of the boards and presentation, we would like for you to send them to us. Please note we are looking for people that can help work on this issue.

Happy holidays to you and your family! Barry Morrissette President



By: Raphael Raffaello Sanzio, or Raphael, was born on April 6, 1483 in the town of Urbino, Italy. He was a painter and architect during the High Renaissance period.

School of Athens refers to a famous fresco painted by Raphael in the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City. Depicts Raphael's interpretation of philosophy as a branch of knowledge. Showing a gathering of Greek philosophers engaged in various activities, the fresco is considered a prime example of High Renaissance art and considered Raphael's masterpiece.



# NGPCA Birthday Bounce Package

Need the perfect venue for a kids birthday bash in 2015? Celebrate with us, Saturdays here at the North Glenmore Park Community Association we are offering a 'Birthday Bounce' package for members and guests at a very reasonable price! We've gotten so many excellent reviews from members and guests alike that we're continuing the good cheer.

What: Two hours of gym time\* (non-transferrable to other spaces without additional hourly rate) and use of our **brand new** 'Magic Bounce Castle'.

Where: Contact admin@ngpca.ca for booking inquiries. We have a limited amount of Saturday slots and times, so e-mail and book yours today!

**How much:** \$250.00 for the entire slot, to be paid in entirety at the time of booking to secure booking.

When: We offer two varying slots on Saturday afternoons only. The first booking runs 11:30-1:30, the second from 2:00-4:00. \*Your set-up time for decoration or table and chair set up; is reflected in the two hour slot.

Bounce castle set up is included in overall price; take down is the responsibility of the party host. Full payment is required to secure your spot upon booking. Cancellation must be within 72 hours of the booked slot or payment in full will be collected. NGPCA staff is not responsible for the set-up or tear down of decorations. All spaces will be left in the condition found, and cleaned up within the 2 hour time slot.

We look forward to hosting your party!

\*10% discount for NGPCA members upon showing their card to administration.



#### CHANGES TO 14TH STREET & GLENMORE TRAIL WILL IMPACT YOU

Dear Neighbours.

The City of Calgary is trying to move forward quickly with the SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This includes the addition of two dedicated bus lanes on the west side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Rockyview Hospital to Southland Drive, the narrowing of lanes on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Glenmore Trail, the development of transit terminals in our parks and the creation of bus loops on our neighbourhood streets without consulting us.

#### What does this mean to the residents and stakeholders of North Glenmore Park?

- Large articulated buses travelling adjacent to the community every 2 minutes;
- Increase of harmful air emissions, noise pollution and vibration impacts:
- More challenges entering and exiting the community;
- FOUR years of construction starting Spring 2016 with significant delays for
- · Project cost in excess of 40 million of our tax dollars before the effects of the SW Ringroad and the four-car Light Rail Transit (LRT) are evaluated.

#### Who we are:

ready to engage! is a group of concerned citizens representing more than 12 SW Calgary communities who have joined together to give residents and other stakeholders a voice on The City's SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project

#### We are asking that:

- 1. this project be put on hold:
- 2. all project reports and source documents be disclosed;
- 3. meaningful public consultation be completed with all stakeholders affected;
- 4. a viable and workable proposal be created to address our concerns and benefit SW Calgary as a whole.

#### JOIN US AT THE JANUARY 21st INFORMATION FORUM

Thursday, January 21, 2015 7:00-8:30pm Calgary Jewish Community Centre Auditorium - 1607 90 Avenue SW

Please visit our website at www.readytoengage.ca to sign the petition, get informed and stay updated.

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### NGPCA CORE VALUES

We strive to uphold the following values:

*Trust* - We are committed to earn, maintain, and enhance the trust of each other and the community. *Integrity* - We conduct our work in an atmosphere of honesty, respect, and courtesy.

Quality - We will provide excellent service in a cost-effective manner.

*Teamwork* - We nurture successful working relationships with all our partners.

Accountability - We take responsibility for our actions. Openness - Our actions are transparent to all our community members, users, supporters, volunteers and ourselves.

*Innovation* - We encourage and support new ideas and creative approaches.

*Diversity* - We respect the uniqueness of our employees and community members.

Community - We believe in our employees and our community members.

Environment - We believe in fostering a positive environment where residents of all ages can be active & healthy.

# NORTH GLENMORE PARK SCHOOLS

- Central Memorial (houses community students, National Sports Academy, and the School of Performing and Visual Arts)
- Lord Shaughnessy (houses CBE-learn online program and Career and Technology Center)
- Bishop Carroll High School (Catholic; hosts the Hockey Canada Skills Academy)
- St. James Elementary & Junior High School (Catholic)
- The Emily Follensbee School for severely disabled students
- The Calgary Girls' School

#### In the immediate vicinity

- Mount Royal University
- Bishop Pinkham Junior High School (public)
- Jenny Elliot Elementary School (public)

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# What is a Community Association?

Community associations exist in every neighbourhood in Calgary and are run by your neighbours. They bring together residents and act as a voice for the community.

Most importantly community associations are dedicated to making your community a great place to live, work, and play.

Purchasing a community association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

Join the North Glenmore Park Community Association and receive these great benefits; Communication Benefits

- Community representation on pressing issues
- •Updates on local interests including development, traffic and other key community issues

**Events and Programs Benefits** 

- FREE Family Skate Sundays at Flames Community Arena
- Special events; Stampede Breakfast, Spaghetti Western dinner, Community Recycle and Clean Up Day, Halloween Family Dance, Holiday in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt and much more!
- Open gym, pickleball, Mom's and Tot's

#### Other Benefits

- •10% discount on room rentals and birthday party packages
- Member rates for programs

• Free community listings of garage sales, activities, meetings and lost and found on the NGPCA website

#### Purchase your NGPCA Community Membership TODAY!

Good for one year, May 1, 2015

– April 30, 2016

#### NGPCA Cost

- •\$25.00 Family Membership
   families living within the
  community as defined by the
  City of Calgary
- \$10.00 Senior Membership –
   65 years or older as defined
   by the Canadian Government
- •\$35.00 Associate

  Membership people living
  outside the community
  and using the community
  facilities

# **SW Transitway Bus-Rapid-Transit (BRT)**

# Frequently Asked Questions

My office has heard many questions and concerns regarding the SW Transitway BRT project. We've hoped to capture and address many of these here. I encourage you to subscribe to Ward 11 updates to stay connected and ensure you receive information as it becomes available.

For project background information, please check out my SW Transitway BRT Update or visit the project website at calgary.ca/swtransitway.

#### What is a BRT?

A BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) network is a way to provide reliable, timely multi-passenger transportation without the costly infrastructure associated with LRT projects. The goal is to offer a transportation option that can be considered a competitive alternative to private vehicular travel.

### Why are we building a BRT network through Ward 11?

City Council approved this project in 2011, as part of the Route Ahead. Building the transitway now is an investment in meeting the future demand for transit in the southwest part of the City. BRT service will:

Meet future demand for transit in the southwest part of the City;

Alleviate overcrowding on the south LRT which is already over capacity;

Provide efficient service to key destinations in the southwest, including Rockyview Hospital, Mount Royal University, the Currie Barracks Development and Corporate Campus, and Heritage Park.

Many of my neighbours don't take the bus...Why do we need this line?

Dedicated transitway lanes and priority through intersections make the service more reliable and a more attractive choice for people.

BRT service will meet future demand for transit service from new development, future growth and changes in how people choose to travel.

Calgary Transit is working on how existing transit routes (e.g., 302, 20) will connect to, and possibly be replaced by, BRT service.

Demand will increase as a result of future development at Mount Royal and Currie Barracks, Glenmore Landing and with people switching from LRT to BRT service.

Demand will also come from Rockyview Hospital as more people choose transit over their car.

Connections with the new South Crosstown BRT will provide better transit access to other areas of the city.

## How has the City engaged residents and stakeholders so far?

In 2010, the City held multiple public engagement sessions with residents, and focused meetings with the stakeholders of major activity centres along the route. The public sessions were held at Rockyview General Hospital, Southland Leisure Centre, Mount Royal University, and Braeside Community Association. All comments were recorded, and are available at calgary.ca/swtransitway.

The Community Associations were contacted in regards to these sessions as soon as possible.

50,000 information pamphlets were sent via Canada Post to residents directly adjacent to the route.

## Why didn't I get more notice about the public sessions held in October?

The BRT project was approved by Council in 2011, however it was put on hold until dedicated funds could be found. This past September, the Province dedicated funds via their GreenTrip initiative. As Transportation was already scheduled to hold public sessions on the Ring Road, they took the opportunity to re-introduce the SW Transitway project to the public as well. Notification was given to the Community Associations as soon as possible, and there were BOLD signs distributed within the Communities. Additionally, the Ward 11 office issued an information link in our September electronic newsletter. Anti-spam legislation forbids us from contacting you if you haven't given us your explicit permission to do so. Please subscribe here if you haven't already. There will be more information sessions in early 2016...please stay tuned!

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# COUNCILLOR, WARD 11 BRIAN PINCOTT

#### www.ward11calgary.ca

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday. I'm taking this opportunity to share a bit of a 'Year in Review' of 2015, and to share what is on the horizon for 2016.

This past year we've had some exciting project developments in the Ward:

- The SW Transitway BRT received GreenTRIP funding, and is now going ahead with engaging our communities in the preliminary designs. Stay posted for more information sessions to come early in the New Year.
- Phase I of the 37th Street Stormtrunk project is near completion. We can expect to see landscaping work in Spring 2016.
- ENMAX is in the process of moving a substation and transmission lines in the Oakridge area to accommodate the construction of the SW portion of the Calgary Ring Road. Access for you and your canine friends is expected to remain, but that access will rotate throughout the construction.
- Engagement on the 20th Street Bikeway project is wrapped up. Stay posted for more details on the installation of the bicycle lanes in the New Year.
- Phase I of the River Park, Sandy Beach, Britannia Slopes Improvement Project finished in Summer 2015. Phase II began in Fall 2015, you'll see work on restoration, access changes, and amenity upgrades.
- The Crowchild Trail / Flanders Avenue Interchange is well into the construction phase, with an anticipated completion in Fall 2016.
- The Currie Barracks development plan was approved and is moving ahead.
- The communities of Garrison Woods, Garrison Green and Currie Barracks are now officially named as such.
   Thank you for your patience as the City works hard to create better connectivity for all citizens and modes of transportation.

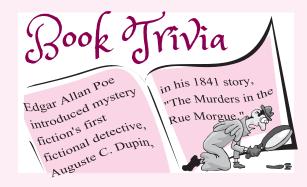
I've also supported some awesome projects in our com-

- The children in Lincoln Park created a beautiful painted mural to help create community awareness and connection
- · A rain garden has been built in Oakridge, replacing a

gravel pad. The rain garden is a great means to naturally filter stormwater before it goes back to the rivers, and create a valuable community space.

- The CKE Skate Spot opened Fall 2015 and is seeing lots of use!
- The Southwood Skate Park is under construction. We look forward to a grand opening in Spring 2016.
- The City's largest solar photovoltaic project to date was installed at the Southland Leisure Centre. This is an exciting green initiative and addition to our ward!
- Kingsland installed four Little Free Libraries. If you haven't checked them out, these hand-painted little boxes are a must-see!
- The new and improved Variety Spray Park at South Glenmore Park was unveiled in Summer 2015!
- Haysboro is building a natural playground. With natural features, this playground is one that enhances our children's relationship with the environment and fosters imagination.

These are only some highlights. My office is here to help. If your community is interested in a neat initiative, let us know!





In 1926, when a Los Angeles restaurant owner with the all-American name of Bob Cobb was looking for a way to use up leftovers, he threw together some avocado, celery, tomato, chives, watercress, hard-boiled eggs, chicken, bacon, and Roquefort cheese, and named it after himself: Cobb salad.

### Deutscher Kinderkarneval & Fasching •

Für Kinder und Familien aus Calgary, die den Karneval näher kennen lernen und erleben möchten. Alle sind willkommen. Aktivitäten werden für Kinder bis zu 8 Jahren angeboten.

Eintritt \$20 pro Familie und für AGEC Mitglieder kostenlos. Bitte kommt verkleidet!

Samstag, 6. Februar 2016, 13-16 Uhr
North Glenmore Park Community Association (in der Turnhalle)



### German Children Carnival (Mardi Gras)

For children and families living in Calgary, who would like to learn more about and experience the German tradition of carnival. All are welcome!

Activities will be geared towards children under the age of 8.

Admission is \$20 per family and for AGEC members free. Please come in costume!

Saturday, 6 February 2016, 1-4pm North Glenmore Park Community Association (in the Gym) (Near Crowchild Tr & Glenmore Tr SW) 2231 Longridge Dr. SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 5N5

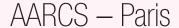


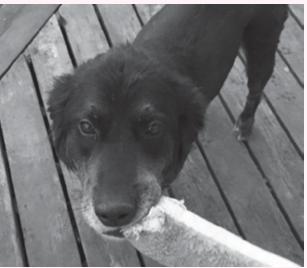




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# **Adoptable Pets**





Paris came to AARCS after being hit by a car and suffered a broken spine. She had a successful surgery and spent two months in a loving medical foster home with three other dogs. She is a 4 year old lab cross who is fully house trained and is very loving and has a sweet disposition. She walks well on a leash especially if she is carrying a bone in her mouth. She loves everyone she meets. She is quite uncertain around other dogs and gets frightened when they bark or growl at her. She has the run of the house when we are away and sleeps in her bed at night. She loves to be outside and we are working on teaching her to play with a ball. She is not good with car rides but, with some patience and love, she will adapt. She would be best suited to a guieter home with older children or children that understand and respect dogs. She weighs about 50 pounds.

# **2016 ALZHEIMER** AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that women are doubly affected by Alzheimer's disease? They outnumber men living with the disease and more often than not shoulder the responsibility of caring for a family member with it.

You know these women. They are the special women in your life – mothers, wives, sisters, grandmothers, and friends.

That's why this January during Alzheimer Awareness Month, the Alzheimer Society is launching a nationwide campaign to get Canadians talking about Alzheimer's disease. We want women to take action, be Alzheimer's savvy, know the warning signs and take steps to reduce their risk – not only for themselves but for those they care about.

No one should have to face this disease alone. The Alzheimer Society can help.

Watch for our campaign kick-off on January 6, 2015, at Alzheimer.ab.ca.

#### Is 14th Street going to be widened?

The six existing lanes will be shifted within the existing road right-of-way. Two additional bus only lanes will be added on the west side of the road, with much of the space donated by more space-effective medians. No private properties or park space will be expropriated for this project.

# Are there going to be big parking lots in my community?

No. The BRT system is designed to work with local foot traffic, existing bus lines, and the recreational pathway system. The City of Calgary will work with communities should commuter parking issues arise.

#### Will we be losing parks and trees?

No.

# How long will the construction take? How will it affect me?

Construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2016, and to be completed by late 2018.

# How will the bus lanes affect my drive along the corridor?

The BRT line will have a very minimal effect on traffic patterns once construction is done. The busses will travel along their own lanes, separated from 14th street, from Southland Drive to 75th avenue. At this point, there will likely be a signal adjustment to accommodate bus service joining regular traffic at the Glenmore overpass. Along Crowchild Trail, the busses will travel in the shoulder lanes that are there now.

# Will the busses make it harder for emergency vehicles to get into the hospital?

No. The City is working with the Rockyview Hospital and Alberta Health Services to ensure that access will not be affected.

#### Will there be more pollution?

Each BRT is able to accommodate 70 passengers and replace many vehicles, which will result in less overall pollution coming from the roadway.

The City is embracing natural gas busses after deter-

mining that they offer no cold weather operational issues, and will be buying these units exclusively going forward. However, more than half of the diesel fleet currently has measurable particulate emissions with only a negligible difference to the emissions levels of the natural gas fleet. This is due to the use of two technologies, which are Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) and Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF).

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# DAY CAMPS are coming to North Glenmore Park Community Association!

Summer 2016

Please check back in February for more information or contact Kate at programs@ngpca.ca.



We have received some beautiful photographs in recent months from talented residents, showcasing the vast beauty in and around North Glenmore Park.

In upcoming months, we are looking for new photos that demonstrate the bright summer and dynamic fall seasons in our community. High resolution photos are preferred, all submissions can be sent to admin@ngpca. ca – you will be contacted should your photo be used, and if not, keep shooting! There's a newsletter every month.

# Churches in and around North Glenmore Park

#### Saint James Catholic Parish

Pastor: Fr. Luciano Cortopassi Address: 5504 - 20 Street SW Telephone: 403-243-2680

Website: www.stjamescalgary.org

Sunday Services: 10:00am

#### **Lakeview United Church**

Minister: Jope Langejans Address: 3023 63 Ave SW Telephone: 403-242-5760

Website: www.lakeviewunitedchurch.com Sunday Services: Saturday (Vigil): 5:00, Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:15 AM and 1:00 PM

#### **Lakeview Baptist Church**

Pastor: Reverend Rick Gordon Address: 5336 Lakeview Drive SW Telephone: 403-249-7359 Website: www.lakeviewbc.ca Sunday Services: 9:30am

#### St. Laurence Anglican Church

Assistant Priest: Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk Rector: Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee Address: 5940 Lakeview Dr. SW Telephone: 403-249-6184 Website: www.stlaurence.ca Sunday Services: 10:00am

#### **Rainbow Christian Church**

Pastor: Yi Zheng

Address: 5336 Lakeview Dr., SW Telephone: 403-452-8872

Website: www.rainbowchurch.ca

Sunday Services: Chinese Sunday service: 11:15am

English service: 9:30am

#### First Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bryan Roller

Address: 65 Richard Way SW Telephone: 403-242-1718 Website: www.firstnaz.ca Sunday Services: 10:45am



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One of the fastest growing sports in North America is coming back to the NGPCA Gymnasium! Pickleball is an innovative combination of badminton, tennis and table tennis and we are thrilled to be sharing it with everyone!

Don't worry, if you're not skilled at the art of preserves, you'll still be able to play this skill sport. Mix up teams, meet new friends, all while learning racquet skills and getting engaged with your fellow community members. How can you go wrong?

Anyone aged 12 and up can swing by our gymnasium on the following dates 12pm - 4pm:

Sunday, January 10 Sunday, February 7 Sunday, February 21 Sunday, March 6 Sunday, April 3 Sunday, May 1 Sunday, May 15

If you have your NGPCA membership card, the drop-in fee is \$2. If you do not have a membership, we would still love to have you, with a drop-in fee of \$5.

# **Open Gym**

Mondays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm Wednesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm Fridays, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

A valid 2014/2015 NGPCA membership will be required and check-in is mandatory. Non-member drop in fee is \$5.00 per person. Memberships can be purchased in the administrative office during check-in.





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**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT?** Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www.communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

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The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you," is "and the rest of the day to yourself."



### **Calgary Reads: Writings** about Reading

#### Family Literacy - it only takes 15 minutes of fun!

January 27th is Family Literacy Day across Canada and we hope you'll take part in literacy-building activities with the children in your life! Just 15 minutes a day can help develop long-lasting literacy skills in children and strengthen the literacy skills of adults too.

Spending time reading, talking, singing and playing together helps parents and caregivers build positive, strong bonds with their children.

#### Here are some fun ways your family can mark Family **Literacy Day:**

#### • How was your day today?

Have your child write notes (sticky notes are always a big hit) or keep a journal about their day ... and you do the same. Note fun things and new experiences. Then share the updates with each other in the car, on transit, during dinner or when getting ready for bed.

#### Have a game night to celebrate Family Literacy Day

Gather your family's favourite board games and decide which ones to play. Take turns reading the instructions, game cards or keeping score. Perhaps decide to make game night a weekly event. It's a great way to come together and build skills while having fun!

#### Build an obstacle course

Engage the whole family in building an obstacle course in the family room or a spot like the basement. Use pillows, furniture, toys etc. Then together, draw and label a map showing how to navigate the course.

#### Lights out, talk on!

After bedtime stories with your child, turn off the lights and stay and chat. Take turns making up new endings for the stories you just read . . . or come up with ideas for the character's next adventure!

Thanks to ABCLifeLiteracy.ca for the fun ideas adapted here.

For lists of great children's books by age and resources to help your child develop critical literacy skills and a joy of reading, visit calgaryreads.com.

Slots will fill up quickly, so NGPCA is rolling out its newest package for the winter months. Do you coordinate or play on a sports team? So often it can be difficult to find the perfect space in which to host a season wrap up event. Here at the Community Association, we offer all of our sports equipment and nets to host the perfect party.

Outside food and beverage is welcome on site, liquor and beer for parents must be accompanied with a liquor

What the package includes:

- two hours of gym time with the attached kitchen
- two hours of time in the upstairs lounge with full use of the media centre

#### Total cost: \$325

Time slot allows a fifteen minute window before and after for set up and tear down. Additional time will be billed at the hourly rate.

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I am quite concerned that these large tax hikes in Alberta are coinciding with a federal increase, resulting in almost a 10% increase! How is this going to affect the residents of Alberta?

These changes will likely have an impact on every taxpayer in one way or another, however, the largest impact is likely to be felt by earning income in the top tax bracket. These taxpayers will should seek the advice of a tax professional to explore opportunities to minimize tax and maximize the potential for their estates to support them in retirement.

In addition, individuals already in or approaching retirement will need to ensure their retirement plans accommodate the change in tax legislation to maximize the funds they have available for living expenses and to fund other retirement goals and bequests.

While business owners will also face similar concerns with a properly formulated tax strategy there may be opportunities to save taxes both personally and corporately.

While many Albertans are off to a great start by utilizing the basic tax strategies offered by the Federal government, including RRSPs and TFSAs, there are more advanced opportunities for saving additional taxes that can be explored.

A tax professional should be consulted to either review your current strategy or advise on formulating a new one.

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