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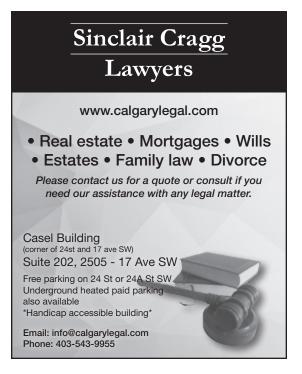


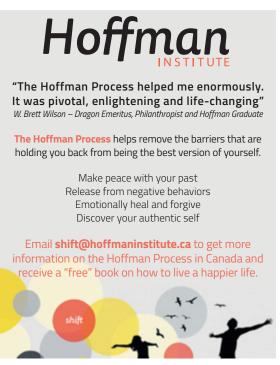
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Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654



Richmond Knob Hill's Favourite Snow Angel!

In January last year, RKHCA called on all snow angels (or anyone that knew of one). The idea was to donate the used snow blower that is no longer needed for clearing the rink to a true angel and a fantastic neighbour.

Rae, your neighbours wake up to you shoveling their walk and 5-car parking-pad in the winter. You also help them and manage all the snow removal on their corner. You help friends while they are out of town on holidays...

You are truly an angel - a snow angel.

Thanks for being part of our community!



For children aged 6 months to 5 years **Every Wednesday** morning starting September 12th

In parented and un-parented classes our program teaches your little one about music. In an age-appropriate setting, we'll explore through singing, instruments, movement and rhythmic activities, crafts and stories. Call Skye today at 403-619-7063.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November!!

The days have definitely gotten shorter and it is not always easy to see people walking or biking (weather permitting). Please be extra vigilant, whether driving, walking or biking, so everyone can get to and from their destinations safely. If walking or biking, wear reflective clothing or markings on clothing so you can be seen more readily.

Please celebrate November 11 by honouring all those who have served and are currently serving in our Canadian Forces. Proudly wear your poppy.

Kim



LINE DANCE STAMPEDE is offering a 7-week session at \$70/person.

New 7- week session begins Wednesday September 13th - October 25th 6:30 pm for Beginners Levels 1-2 7:30 pm for Improvers-Intermediates Levels 2-3

Another 7-week session at \$70/person Starting November 1st - December 13th Same times as above.

All drop-ins are \$12/person, pay at the hall. For more info contact Diane at 403-470-9868 or visit website www.linedancestampede.com



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RKHCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Volunteer Editor Needed

Are you an editor looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Richmond Knob Hill Community Association is looking for a new Editor of the community newsletter.

Come join a fantastic group of people that work towards making our community a place to have fun - a place to think big – a place to call home!

The following role description outlines the skills wanted to act as the RKHCA newsletter editor, a position that offers the opportunity to gain new personal growth skills;

What is needed: The ability to organize and work with our newsletter design company to produce the regular community newsletters.

Responsibilities:

- Edit the monthly newsletter by coordinating articles and the editorial layout.
- · Work with volunteers, city, and community experts to obtain quality articles that are relevant to our community. Much of the newsletter content can gathered and edited from these resources.

Skills: Writing, editing, layout, and communication skills. Ability to see task through completion. Strong proofreading skills, attention to detail, Knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs preferred. Access to own computer is ideal.

Time Commitment: The newsletter is produced on a monthly basis. 5-6 hours a month on a relatively consistent schedule.

Benefits • Give back to your community. •Hone skills and gain experience working in developing newsletters that promote the RKHCA organization.

If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact mailto:info@richmondknobhill.ca

Volunteer for Playgroup

We're looking for 2 patient and creative volunteers that enjoy spending time with kids to run the RKHCA playgroups.

The play group has been a community tradition for over 30 years. It is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and caregivers with pre-school aged children to drop by the community hall. Activities include crafts, singing, circle time, and outdoor play in the fenced playground. The program has been run in the past every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30.

Past volunteers were Moms

- · Looking to get involved in the community,
- Wanting to meet other moms and caregivers
- Moms wanting to get their kids involved with kids their age in the area.

Responsibilities include

- Keeping track of attendees and registration fees
- Stocking up on juice, coffee, replacement toys
- Opening the community centre, welcoming newcomers
- Setting up a selection of toys, setting up a craft or colouring or play dough station, story reading and singing songs with all the children
- Setting up tables and chairs for adults & children for snack time
- Organising a rotation with parents/caregivers to provide snack & make coffee
- Cleaning up
- · Locking up the community centre

In the past, the volunteers would organise special guests such as Santa, a librarian for story time before holidays.

Please contact us on info@richmondknobhill.ca if you think this could be something you would want to help the community with.



We are always interested in your opinion on community matters, visit the RKHCA message board on www. richmondknobhill.ca/news and

- Let us know how you feel about the 20 Street bike lanes? Courtyard 33 on 33 Ave?
- Also share your community pictures for a chance to be published in our community newsletter.
- Have you lost an item or have you found something that could belong to a neighbour: post it on our message board.

A Few Things We Would Like to See Our New Ward 8 **Councillor Push For**

By the time you read this the Calgary 2017 municipal election will be over and Ward 8 will have new boundaries and a new Councillor, who may or may not be the same as the previous Ward 8 Councillor. Regardless of who ends up being the Ward 8 Councillor, here are a few things that the RKHCA Development Committee would like to see him or her push for:

- 1. Better communication with the City, so that we get advance notice of, and maybe even an opportunity to provide input on, any proposed changes or improvements the City is planning to make in our community;
- 2. A more collaborative development process in which the community is recognized and respected as an equal partner at the table;
- 3. Better City oversight of the drainage aspects of new developments, so that more storm runoff from new developments is retained on and absorbed by the parcel, rather than flowing onto neighbouring parcels or washing down the street or lane into the storm sewer system;
- A long overdue update to the Richmond Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which dates back to 1986, to reflect both current urban planning thinking and our community's current wishes and priorities;
- 5. New infill developments in our community to comply with the updated Richmond ARP in all material respects, unless the any proposed deviation from the ARP is supported by the community;
- New developments along 33 and 34 Avenues SW to comply with the recently enacted Marda Loop ARP in all material respects, unless any proposed deviation from the ARP is supported by the community;
- 7. A great Streetscape Master Plan for 33 and 34 Avenues SW that is the product of genuine and thoughtful engagement with area residents and businesses and that includes:
 - a. fully accessible pedestrian realms with wide sidewalks, lots of street trees, comfortable yearround patios, cool public art, etc., to help create a place where people want to hang out;
 - b. safe and secure bike access and parking, so that more people who live a bit too far away to walk

- to Marda Loop will feel comfortable riding there, rather than driving;
- c. comfortable, safe and conveniently located BRT stations at Crowchild Trail, so that more people will use transit to travel to and from Marda Loop, rather than drive:
- d. well designed streets and intersections that allow vehicle traffic to move around and through the area smoothly, discourage cut-thru traffic and provide an appropriate amount of on-street parking, while being safe and comfortable for pedestrians and cyclists; and
- e. a new public park/gathering space in the existing green space on the NE corner of the Crowchild interchange, with amphitheatre seating carved into the hillside, a plaza area that could feature a splash pad in summer, a skating rink in winter, and programmed events at various times of the year (Shakespeare in the Loop?);
- 8. Adequate funding to make the Streetscape Master Plan a reality within a reasonable period of time;
- The SWBRT to begin operating by the end of 2018, and to offer true BRT-type service, with long service hours and sufficiently short head times that people can just head to the station whenever, knowing that a bus will be there momentarily;
- 10. Currie Barracks to also begin receiving SWBRT service by the end of 2018, so that the 15,000 new people that will soon be living and/or working there have convenient access to high-quality transit service from the outset and therefore are less likely to feel the need to drive everywhere, adding to the area's traffic congestion:
- 11. Better snow clearing for our 20 Street and 26 Avenue SW bikeways, to make it easier for cyclists to continue riding through the winter;
- 12. More effort into preserving and enhancing our community's urban tree canopy, including more street trees; and
- 13. Fewer orphaned curb cuts.

What things would you like to see the new Ward 8 Councillor push for? Let us know by posting a response to the online version of this article on the RKHCA website, which you can find by clicking on the "Our Community" tab and then scrolling down. We would love to hear from you!

The Importance of Trees in Urban **Areas**

In memory of Snowtember 2014 and national tree day on September 27th, let's recognize the great asset of the urban forest that still remains and was originally envisioned for Calgary by William Pearce in the 1890s. Richmond/Knob Hill is lucky to be counted among the communities with the highest tree density in the city. As part of Re-Tree YYC, we hope to further increase our urban forest, and the benefits to health and well-being are well documented. Continuing development in the area means we must commit effort to ensuring that existing trees are protected when possible and that new trees are planted so we don't lose our precious urban forest.

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." - Warren Buffett

Beyond shade, trees have many benefits to our community, such as temperature moderation, reduced storm water run-off, reducing air pollution and even increasing our property values. The disadvantages are generally less, but do include maintenance and water costs which can be minimized if appropriate tree species and locations are selected.

For more information about trees and the urban forest, please go to: http://www.calgary.ca/SitePages/cocis/ Scripts/SubCategory-CalgarysTrees-Grid.aspx.

VISIT OUR

The RKHCA website is updated frequently with community events, development updates, hall rental calendar. If you would like to register to these events make sure to visit the website. It is also yours to update with announcements for the message board such as garage sales, lost and found, etc.

http://richmondknobhill.ca

SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

Richmond School

It's hard to believe we are now into the third month of our school year, and much is happening at Richmond Elementary.

This year, one major school-wide lens that we will be focusing on this year is exploring math literacy. We have a group of teachers who have attended our CBE math literacy workshops, and we will be working with CBE's math specialist throughout the year.

Throughout the school year, we will continue to dive into scholar Jo Boaler's work with Mathematical Mindsets, as we make our students even more excited about all those numbers!

Once again this year, we have encouraged our teaching staff to join Twitter to help tell the story of education in their classrooms. Are you also on Twitter? Simply follow us at @richlearningcbe, and the hashtag #richlearningcbe, to see what our young learners are up to!

We are also on the lookout for someone in the community just like you. Our School Council, which consists of energetic and engaged parents, has an opening for a Community Liaison. The role consists of bringing the RKHCA and Richmond School closer together by attending both the monthly RKHCA and School Council meetings and bringing the ideas and initiatives for both to the table. You do not need to have a child enrolled at the school. All you need is the desire to see a continuation of our healthy and beneficial community/school partnership! If you are interested in this position, please contact Council Chair Stacey Aberdeen, at richmondschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

As always, I would like to thank parents and the community for their support of Richmond School.

Duncan White Principal





Thanks to a community volunteer, we are re-introducing our outdoor Learn to Skate program for children 6 and under this year.

The emphasis is on learning through play and fun.

Learn to Skate is parented programming. Parents are encouraged to wear skates and, yes, a helmet. If you are more comfortable assisting your child on the ice in boots that is also welcome. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

We will setup obstacle courses and break into small groups rotating through a variety of games. Hot chocolate will be available after each session so that everyone goes home happy and with full feeling in their fingers and toes.

When: November 26 to the end of February, ice

and weather permitting.

Richmond Knob Hill Ice Rinks and Skate Where:

Shack (2433 26 Ave SW).

Cost: \$40/child Community Association Members

\$60/child Non-members

Registration: http://www.richmondknobhill.ca/

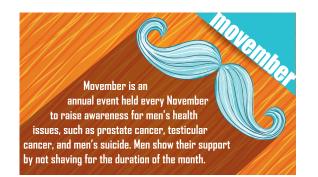
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Equipment: Families are to provide skates and CSA

approved helmet and face mask. Sticks, pucks/rings, jerseys will be provided by

the program.

Please contact communications@richmondknobhill.ca if you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time to help our young skaters get comfortable on the ice.





Sometimes Cheaper is More Expensive

By Suzanne Smith-Demers – Financial Consultant

It can pay to pay more. Being thrifty isn't always about saving money, it means spending your money wisely. Many cost-conscious shoppers tend to gravitate toward the cheapest items, but less expensive is not always

Let's say you're buying a new car. There can be very good reasons for choosing a more expensive vehicle. If you've done your due diligence, checking out ratings and analyses to see which model is getting top marks. Or if you know you're getting a good deal - it's at the end of the model year so the price has been reduced and the interest rate is extra low. Also, if you intend to keep your new vehicle for a long time, paying more up front often means shelling out less for maintenance, repairs and other costs over the years of your ownership. So, in this case, you've made the right, although more expensive, choice.

Sure, it's tempting to walk away from a premium item and look for something similar at a lower price, but paying less almost always means you'll end up with a product of lesser quality, and quality often dictates lifespan.

Take that new mattress you want: consumer rating organizations have found that a \$1,200 mattress could last for 20 years or more, while you'll likely need to replace a \$200 mattress in four or five years.

The same reasoning can be applied to food, clothes, electronics and almost anything else you buy: choosing quality over quantity will almost always save you money in the long run. Of course, you shouldn't always go for the most expensive product. The best strategy is to do your research before you buy and save up your money to get the best-quality product you can afford.





Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

Time is the enemy in an emergency. For everyone's safety, it is important for motorists to understand how to correctly yield right of way to emergency vehicles with lights and siren activated. You can help EMS, police, and fire get to the scene quickly and safely by following these rules of the road:

When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection;
- On a one or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop. Remember to signal;
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal;
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles (there is often more than one) before reentering traffic flow. Remember to signal;
- · Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include the shoulders, turning lanes, in order to pass other traffic.

When operating a vehicle:

- · Drive attentively and defensively at all times. Be cognizant to sirens and be prepared to yield the right of way:
- It is Alberta law for motorists to slow down to at least 60 km/hour (unless a lower speed is posted) when driving past a stopped emergency vehicle. This includes EMS, police, fire, and tow trucks with their lights activated:
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light, or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area:
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$287.00;
- Always leave plenty of space between your vehicle and an emergency vehicle, should it be required to stop suddenly.

ARE YOU AN ASPIRING VOLUNTEER?

But don't know how to get started?

Do you have a Talent You Can Offer? But don't know who to call?

Want to get involved in your Community?

Here's an easy way!

Just complete this form and forward it so we know what you can do.

Name:
Phone:
E-mail:
What would you like to get involved in?
, ,
Children's Activities

Organize Single Event Seasonal Activities:

Please specify which season – spring/summer/winter/

SpecialInterest:

Forward completed form to: info@richmondknobhill.ca.



OARD MEETINGS The Board of Directors for the Richmond/Knob Hill Community Association meets generally on the second Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00pm, in the Skate Shack. Please note: the board takes a Summer break in July & August.



YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Your City Section

What's happening	More info	
Know someone who is removing barriers for people with disabilities in Calgary? Nominate them for one of three accessibility awards before Nov 17.	Calgary.ca/ Accessibility	Stay connected!
The pathway across the Glenmore Dam was closed to the public on September 30, 2017, and then until the work is complete in 2020.	Calgary.ca/ Glenmore Upgrades	facebook.com/ cityofcalgary twitter.com/city
You have opinions, The City wants to hear them. Help shape Calgary's future by joining the Citizens' View panel. Visit citizensview.ca and join today.	Citizens View.ca	ofcalgary calgarycitynews.com
Learn about The City's accessible programs including accessible transportation, accessible recreation facilities and classes, assisted listening devices and much more.	Calgary.ca/ Accessibility	



	MEMBERS*	NON-MEMBERS	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Hall Rentals - Daytime 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	\$25/h (min 4 hours)	\$30/h (min 4 hours)	\$200 damage deposit if food or alcohol served
Hall Rentals – Weekday Evenings (Sun-Thurs) 6:00 pm to 2:00 am	\$25/h (min 4 hours)	\$30/h (min 4 hours)	\$200 damage deposit if food or alcohol served
Hall Rentals – Weekend Evening (Fri & Sat) 6:00 pm to 2:00 am	\$400 flat	\$500 flat	\$500 damage deposit
Rink Rentals (closed at 9:30 pm)	- Rink only: \$60 for 1.5 hours, shack washroom access incl. - Rink & Hall: \$100 for 1.5 hours' rink with access to shack washroom + 2 hours hall rental	- Rink only: \$80 for 1.5 hours, shack washroom access incl. - Rink & Hall: \$150 for 1.5 hours' rink with access to shack washroom + 2 hours hall rental	See hourly rates above for additional time \$200 damage deposit for Hall only.

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

The Richmond/Knob Hill Community Hall is a new facility with a full kitchen, sound system and large meeting room (licensed capacity 120). This is a beautiful location for hosting birthdays, wedding or baby showers, team parties, or meetings. We have plenty of parking for all your guests. There is an adjacent play-ground, sports field, and an ice rink.

The Community Hall offers competitive rates for rentals. Community Association members may rent the hall for a discounted price.

For more information on hall rentals, please call Lola at 403-474-3845 or email rentals@richmondknobhill.ca.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- · Access to on-site storage room (shared space, limited availability) \$20/week
- \$100 Booking Fee required to hold a booking reservation. Cancellations permitted with no penalty up to 30 days prior

- to the event. Booking Fee will be forfeited if cancellation received less than 30 days prior to the event and a new renter cannot be found
- Rent and damage deposit required 14 days in advance of the event.
- Proof of insurance & liquor permit required if alcohol served at the event. Liquor permit & insurance the responsibility of the renter.
- · Hall to be cleaned during rental time. Additional cleaning charge of \$25/hour if not returned to the same condition accepted.
- If there is damage to the facility, the damage deposit will not be returned until the cost of repair or clean-up has been determined.
- \$30/hour + materials or commercial cost of repair to damaged facility or appliances
- \$100 if hall left not secured or doors left unlocked
- \$100 lost, broken or late return of keys

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Tips for using your blue, green and black carts

Now that Calgarians are able to recycle and compost all year-long, it's important to put items in the right carts. Here are a few tips to follow:

Green Cart

Every little bit counts! Plate scrapings, fruit pits, bones, egg shells and sauces can all be composted.

Is your green cart full? Put extra leaves and branches into paper yard waste bags. Roll closed and place at least 1 ft. to the side of your green cart on collection day.

Blue Cart

Remember to bag your plastic bags! All plastic grocery bags, bread bags, sandwich bags and plastic wrap need to be put in one bag and tied closed before recycling.

Is your blue cart full? Make sure to break down all boxes to make room or take extras to a community recycling depot.

Black Cart

If an item can't be recycled or composted, then it has reached its end-of-life and belongs in the garbage. This includes chip bags, granola wrappers, foam packaging, and dryer lint.

Is your black cart full? You can put out extra garbage bags by placing at least 1 ft. to the side of your black cart on collection day.

If you're not sure of how to dispose of an item, use our online search tool What Goes Where to find the answers! Visit calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere to look up hundreds of different items.

Glenmore Dam Upgrades

The Glenmore Dam has been key part of Calgary's water infrastructure system since the early 1930s. The wear and tear the dam has experienced over 85 years of service, and the ever-increasing demands of a growing city, mean the time has come for an extensive upgrade. These improvements will not only extend the life of the dam, but will help manage our drinking water supply and give us the ability to better control low and high river flows.

The first phase of the Glenmore Dam Infrastructure Improvements Program was the Utilities Relocation Project. This project involved moving the water and gas utility lines currently running across the top of the dam to a new tunnel excavated underneath the Elbow River. This is needed to allow access to the dam while upgrades are being made, which include a new bridge deck with better access for maintenance and pathway users, concrete work on the face of the dam, and a new steel gate and hoist system.

While the normal maximum operating levels of the reservoir remains the same, the new gate system will provide greater flexibility to manage reservoir storage during low flows in the winter and high flows in the spring.

The pathway across the dam was closed to the public on September 30, 2017, and then until the work is complete in 2020. Pathway detours will be implemented during this time and signage will be available to assist pathway users. (Up to date information on pathway closures, including maps, is available at calgary.ca/pathwayclosures.)

For more information and ongoing updates, please visit Calgary.ca/glenmoreupgrades.

American actor Thomas Roy and his wife have created a number of "special" holidays. Among his November holidays are: "Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day", "Married To A Scorpio Support Day", "Have a Bad Day Day", "Name Your PC Day", 📞 "Blasé Day" and "Stay Home Because You're Well Day".



I just listed my home, and my real estate agent told me we had to hire someone to professionally measure my home. The measurement was done, and now my agent sent me the bill. What should I do?

The first thing you need to do is check your Seller Representation Agreement (listing agreement). That agreement outlines your responsibilities and the responsibilities of your real estate professional, including who is responsible for costs that may be arise during the listing. If the agreement you signed states the seller is responsible for additional costs, or it states the seller is responsible for paying third-party services, such as measurement companies or photographers, you're going to have to pay that bill.

More and more residential real estate professionals are hiring professional measurement companies to measure their listings, but it's not a requirement. There is a requirement to measure residential properties before listing them, but real estate professionals are allowed to do the measuring themselves.

If, for whatever reason, your real estate professional doesn't want to do the measurement themselves, that's fine. There are services out there that will do property measuring according to the required standards, but those professional measurement services come with a cost. Some real estate professionals may pass the cost on to their seller clients and set that out in the listing agreement, while others will see it as a business ex-

pense, for which they will eventually be compensated through the commissions they earn on the sale.

If your agreement doesn't specifically indicate you, as the seller, will have to pay for or otherwise reimburse your real estate professional for third-party services, your real estate professional cannot require you to pay for such a service.

If your real estate professional continues to request payment or otherwise attempt to force you to pay, please discuss it with their broker.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

REMEMBRANCE

Canada observes the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.



YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

It's time for everyone to keep food and vard waste out of the garbage

Live in an apartment, condo or townhouse? It's time to keep your food and yard waste out of the garbage. As of November 1, 2017, all multi-family complexes in Calgary are required to separate food and yard waste from the garbage for composting or diversion. Your building owner or manager is responsible for setting up a food and yard waste program in your complex ask them how it works.

Businesses and organizations are also now required to separate food and yard waste from the garbage. Look for the food waste bin at your workplace, food court or favourite coffee shop. If your multi-family complex or workplace does not offer a food and yard waste program, you can contact 311 for support.

Food and yard waste makes up nearly 40 per cent of garbage from apartments, condos and townhouses, and over 30 per cent from businesses and organizations. Composting will create a useful new product and keep this material out of the landfill.

Find out more at calgary.ca/multifamily.

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Across Alberta there will be ceremonies on November 11 to show our gratitude and appreciation to all those who served, and who continue to serve, so that we may live freely. I am humbled to once again attend the annual Remembrance Day Service at the Killarney Glengarry Community Association hosted by the Millennium Branch 289 of the Royal Canadian Legion and lay a wreath in honour of those who have made the greatest sacrifice for their home and country.

The start of the fall legislative session means that the bulk of my time this month will be spent in Edmonton where I am working hard to ensure that our government is doing all we can to make your life better. But I will continue to advocate for Calgary Currie here at home. This month I am meeting with local childcare providers to discuss how they can become \$25/day Early Learning and Child Care centres in our riding. On Fridays I will continue to visit local businesses, non-profits, and schools - like Clearwater Academy - to ensure that all Albertans' needs are being met. To stay up-to-date about constituency events and initiatives, please sign up for my new e-newsletter via my Facebook page.

Finally, I would like to thank the many families, disability advocates, and associations who added their names to a petition supporting my proposed Private Member's bill. Last month when the petition closed, over 500 of you had added your names in an effort to make Henson Trust legislation a reality: thank you. And thank you to all who took the time out of your busy schedules to attend my Pizza Open House last week - it was great to catch up. Now that the municipal election campaign is over (thank you to all who put their names forward) you will once again find me knocking your doors!





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You may have heard I was recently named Canada's Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities. The role allows me to:

- · Continue to bring the needs of all Calgary Centre residents to the Cabinet table
- Promote healthier Canadians through sport and recreation
- Ensure greater accessibility and opportunities for Canadians with disabilities

The role combines two important aspects of my life, from my younger days loving swimming and baseball to the disability I acquired at age 21.

Growing up, my family and I took part in everything Calgary had to offer. By 1991, I was attending Mount Royal College and planning to become a phys-ed teacher. I played college hockey, worked part-time and had a busy social life.

Then I lost it all. I became a C-5 quadriplegic. Suddenly it was just me and my family, with no sense of direction.

One in seven Canadians has a disability. By age 75, it's one in two. People with a disability are more likely to be unemployed, divorced, or homeless. In all of Calgary, there are only 400 fully accessible rental suites.

It's tough. And, it's expensive.

That's part of why we made historic new investments in affordable housing. That why we brought in the Canada Child Benefit, putting more money in the pockets of nine out of ten families, and helping lift hundreds of thousands of kids out of poverty. That's why we're investing in public transit, including \$1.5 billion for the Calgary Green Line – which will incorporate accessibility.

Whether you have a disability, whether you're born into a wealthy family or one that struggles, our government wants you to have the opportunity to succeed.

PS: I hope to see you at my Holiday Open House: December 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 1133 7 Ave. SW (Kerby Centre) Register at www.KentHehrMP.ca



Richmond-Knob Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2017	\$707,450	\$702,650
August 2017	\$679,000	\$670,000
July 2017	\$704,450	\$709,500
June 2017	\$709,450	\$695,000
May 2017	\$697,000	\$680,000
April 2017	\$700,000	\$676,500
March 2017	\$849,900	\$838,500
February 2017	\$644,900	\$636,250
January 2017	\$649,900	\$640,000
December 2016	\$989,900	\$940,000
November 2016	\$789,900	\$769,000
October 2016	\$784,900	\$790,000

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2017	20	14
August 2017	18	7
July 2017	15	12
June 2017	14	8
May 2017	13	11
April 2017	15	11
March 2017	11	7
February 2017	9	12
January 2017	13	3
December 2016	3	7
November 2016	9	7
October 2016	12	9

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