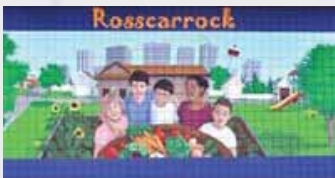


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the end of March, we had a Special Meeting that dealt with two issues. One was the passing of a resolution that supported a bylaw adjustment adopted by the Board of Directors. The other was a submission to the community of audited financial statements prepared by Federation of Calgary Communities.

Over the past few years, we have had several bylaw changes and amendments. That is understandable when you consider that the last adjustments were done in the 1970s. Bingo was alive and well back then. Times and even the scope of what we are about has changed. What makes Rosscarrock a 'community of choice'? Most of the changes were housekeeping. We are blessed with two lawyers on our board and one of them, our Secretary Carrie Akister, took the lead in cleaning all the language and format of our bylaws.

The reason why we needed a bylaw adjustment was identified at the last Annual Meeting. An important segment of the Rosscarrock community were unable to participate in the association as a member. That group were those who work and run businesses that exist in our community. We have a large number of businesses and professional organizations that operate in Rosscarrock. They provide services, employment, retail experiences and yes, food and drink! It is in their and our best interest that we remain a 'community of choice'! While we have to wait for the province to approve our bylaw change, I thought it would be good to get to know something about these individuals and organizations.

For the next while I will visit some of those established



Men of Rosscarrock

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businesses and tell you about them in my monthly message. Let's see what momentum we can build with this.

Two things should be noted with the passing of these audited financials. For the first time in current history, we are up-to-date with these reports. Traditionally, we were always presenting financials one year behind at our Annual Meeting. One of the reasons for us setting Annual Meetings to June is to allow preparation of these financials in time for that meeting. It is important for you as a community to ask about the Association's financial practices in the 'now'; rather than what happened a year ago.

Secondly, we are now in a position to apply for much needed funding from government sources. Yes, I'm talking about repairs to the parking lot! Your board is also coming up for new programs that will have a positive impact for the community. All of this is to grow the capacity of your community association to meet the needs of the whole community. Comments? Questions? We will respond. Reach out to me at either info@rosscarrock.org or president@rosscarrock.org.

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A Summary of Assessing the Impact of Aircraft Noise in the Vicinity of Major Canadian Airports

This report, tabled by the TRAN Committee in Parliament on March 19th, 2019, takes a strong stance in support of communities affected by aircraft noise. The Canadian aeronautics industry is criticized for its culture of secrecy, absence of transparency and the outdatedness of its data. Of particular importance are the 16 recommendations which propose a sweeping change to how aircraft noise is dealt with in Canada.

With regard to noise exposure and tolerance, the TRAN Committee found that Canada lags far behind other countries in studying aviation noise and its effect on human health. Experts told the committee that Canada's Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) does not reflect the latest scientific evidence on how human beings perceive and tolerate noise. Bob Sartor, the President of the Calgary Airport Authority, indicated that Calgary airport's noise exposure forecast model has not "moved" since 1972, despite greater densification around the airport. One study cited in the report concluded that there is sufficient scientific evidence of a relationship between exposure to aircraft noise and five areas of human health and wellbeing: community annoyance, sleep disturbance/awakening, hypertension, cognitive and academic performance of children, and speech and communication interference. A World Health Organization's (WHO) study also concluded that there is high-quality evidence of a link between aircraft noise and annoyance, which affects quality of life and is also a factor contributing to a wide variety of health outcomes.

The report contains 16 recommendations. Recommendation #6 affects West Calgary and requests that Transport Canada and Nav Canada study the implications of shifting the west approach to outside of the western boundaries of the city. This reroute of the extremely busy Sarcee Corridor, which impacts our communities, could do much to improve our health and the quality of our lives. However, there are other very busy east-west routes above us which continue to impact communities with noise. Our issue has always been the convergence/intersection of concentrated flight paths (both arrivals and departures) above Ward 6/ the riding of Calgary Signal Hill.


Other important recommendations include: rotating the use of runways, modernization of outdated noise metrics, the introduction of evidence-based noise mitigation measures, the implementation of WHO noise standards, the cre-

ation of an independent Aircraft Noise Ombudsperson, the support of research on the impact of aircraft noise-related annoyance on human health, a night flight policy review, and the installation of noise reducing equipment on aircraft as soon as possible.

Whether any of the recommendations come to fruition remains to be seen. Historically, aviation organizations have been slow to implement change and update their processes, but change is long overdue. We look forward to Ron Liepert, our M.P. and a member of the TRAN Committee which produced this report, following through on these recommendations and ensuring their implementation.

A copy of this report can be found at www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/TRAN. All questions and concerns should be directed to Ron Liepert: ron.liepert@parl.gc.ca, 403-292-6666.

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Available 24/7, new applications are added to the map when The City receives them and updated as the file progresses through the approval system. Calgarians can see land use redesignations, submit comments on proposed developments, check public hearing dates, file appeals and more.

This helpful online tool provides you with a streamlined, more accessible way to get information and participate in development activity in your community. Other ways for Calgarians to keep up to date on activities in their area include signage on development sites, letters that come in the mail and notices in the Herald newspaper.

To learn more ways The City's Planning & Development Department is improving communications with citizens, visit www.calgary.ca/PDnotifications

Canadians have now had six weeks to digest the federal budget introduced on March 19th, 2019, and many constituents are asking what did we get for all the extra spending and a fourth consecutive deficit of close to 20 billion dollars.

Revenue has increased significantly but rather than lower the deficit or keep the Prime Minister's 2015 election promise to balance the budget in 2019, the government is proposing to spend the extra money. Small business, already under the pressure of a higher minimum wage and a carbon tax, received nothing in the way of tax relief. Canada's working middle class was to be the focus of the government's initiatives but instead have been shut out of any benefits from the government increasing the deficit.

The government had also hoped the budget would change take away from the SNC Lavalin situation, however, that has not been the case. The budget, which traditionally is the highlight of the government's legislative agenda, was barely noticed while all the attention continued to be on the ongoing scandals of the Liberal caucus members. The government is in chaos and Canadians are recognizing this as the Prime Minister's personal popularity at 40% trails Stephen Harper's 47% approval rating in April 2015 at the time when Canadians were heading into the election, which the Conservatives lost. This summer will likely see a slew of government announcements designed to bolster the current government's popularity as we approach this fall's vote. Albertans will not be wise to not be bought with their own tax dollars and we can only hope Canadians elsewhere in the country won't either.

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