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The new rate structure is:

Hourly Rate: \$50/hour

Admin and Cleaning Fee: \$75/rental

A four hour minimum rental is required on Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

If you are interested in renting the hall or would like more information on any of the classes running at the hall, please contact Lizzel Krueger at hallrentals@rutlandparkcommunity.com.

Visit the Community Association website to see what our beautiful hall looks like: www.rutlandparkcommunity.com/hall-rentals/ Contact Lizzel at 403-246-8318.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail or drop off your completed application to:
Rutland Park Community Association, 3130- 40 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6W9
or call Shirley at 403-240-4777 or membership@rutlandparkcommunity.com

Select Membership Type:

- ☐ Family: 1 year - \$15.00; 3 year - \$36.00
☐ Single: 1 year - \$5.00; 3 year - \$12.00
☐ Senior: 1 year - \$5.00; 3 year - \$12.00

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Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.

Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

Our Mission and Values:

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent fashion
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole
- V. Communicating board decisions with one voice

VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- connectedness: bringing people together
- knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
- pleasant surroundings/maintaining green space and excellent community facilities
- pedestrian friendly: easy walking, cars secondary to people
- self contained: close to amenities, community garden, sustainable
- accessible, age friendly
- desirable quality of life: all season activities
- promote accessible recreational activities

COMMUNITY TRAFFIC & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

I would just like to highlight what has been happening/going on behind the scenes this past month, in no particular order:

1. I attended the Public Hearing regarding the proposed changes for minimum lot widths and maximum suite size for secondary suites and reminded Council that these changes were the specific items we opposed during the last round of amendments, and that almost 300 of our residents signed a petition opposing them as well. I have pushed for a maximum suite size of 75 sq. m. if it is above grade and a minimum lot width of 9 m to protect our R-C2 properties.
2. I wrote 2 letters supporting relaxation of the restrictive covenant on lots in Rutland Park. Both owners engaged with the Community Association and both owners have contextual dwellings which met the City regulations **and maintained the spirit and intent of the restrictive covenants on our lots** with

regards to setbacks and height (one was on Hampton Cres and one was on 35 Ave). Small relaxations of these covenants allow us to maintain the character and scale of our community (1.5 to 2 storeys and generous setbacks that protect our urban canopy), while encouraging attractive redevelopment of our properties. **We support such relaxations; we do not, however, support discharge of any of these covenants** as discharging them would permit development which is out of scale with the surrounding homes.

3. Thank you to Hugo, a community member, who has also been concerned about air traffic disturbances in our communities! He has followed up with the Airport Authority and actually found out that some of the late night disruption is coming from the Springbank Airport. He has provided links for concerns for both airports, so I am sharing them here:

<http://www.yyc.com/en-us/calgaryairportauthority/environment/noisemanagementandprocedures.aspx>

<http://www.yyc.com/en-us/contactus/aircraftconcerns.aspx> (Calgary International)

<http://www.ybw.ca/YourNeighbourhoodAirport/AircraftConcerns.aspx> (Springbank)

4. I followed up our request for the stop sign at Mary Dover and Beny sur mer—the City is still reviewing the request.
5. I have asked Councillor Pincott's office to let us know what work is being done on Sarcee Road between 44 and 45 Ave SW, and have not received a response. In addition, I have received no response regarding when our speed bumps will be repaved on 44 Ave SW.

If you have not already signed up for our email updates, please do so at our website-- rutlandparkcommunity.com. The City often gives us very short notice for upcoming events, and this is the quickest way for us to reach you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



I was invited to celebrate Mother's Day this year with Inn from the Cold, a local organization providing assistance and housing to families who become homeless.

After accepting an invitation from their staff to secure shelter at the Inn, I was served with a mock eviction notice: the same way that most of the Inn's guests begin their journey. I was given the identity of a homeless parent, a summary of the events that led me and my children to walking through their doors, and a tour of my new temporary home.

Listening to the stories of guests and staff, it was an important reminder that homelessness can strike any family at any time. Even in the best of times, and through no fault of our own, events can spiral out of our control and put us in a position where we need help.

It is a story that can play out any number of ways, but no matter how it's told, children must not be forgotten. In poverty, they are rarely given a voice, and are especially powerless as victims.

I was most impacted by the Inn's work on breaking the cycle of family homelessness. They are giving countless families the priceless possibility to write a "new ending" to their story.



I fear that things may continue to get worse in our city before they get better. Between energy sector layoffs (and the impact this has on other parts of the economy), displacement caused by the northern Alberta wildfires, and Syrian refugees whose federal assistance will expire, all of our communities will be impacted.

It is extremely important, now more than ever before, that we look out for each other. Let's invest ourselves into building capacity at the community level to anticipate needs, rather than just responding in crisis mode without infrastructure in place.

Whether it is privately, as a community, or alongside any charitable organization, join me in considering how we can help support the most vulnerable of our community. Please let me know your ideas for how we can better resource and enable Calgarians to look out for one another.

Together we will build a stronger Calgary, upon the vision of a community where no family is homeless.

With gratitude and service,
Jeromy Farkas



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Walk About

"Mayday! Mayday!"

"Now what is that all about, Teangi?"

"Well Teangi, it's the beginning of May so we are having a May day."

"Very funny. Ha Ha. Yes, this is a wonderful time of the year and so many things are beginning to happen. New smells, new things popping up, and people are getting ready to plant their gardens. Gayle has been visiting the garden centers and we have been able to trot along with her. Fun, fun, fun!!"

"Yeah, I know you like the Gerbera Daisies, in fact, I hear you have been eating them since you were a little pup. And she thought it was the squirrels until she caught you sitting in the patch with petals hanging from your mouth!"

"Enough of that. She is busy concentrating on the lawn. You know, where we tried to help the winter drought by peeing on it. Thank goodness she has figured out a solution through scratching the lawn and putting some soil on the spots and reseeding, otherwise we would be in deep doo-doo, if you know what I mean. She uses a good fertilizer and then we have no more problems."

"Speaking of squirrels, they get a lot of bad rap from what the magpies do. Magpies pick many a seed from a freshly planted garden and remember last year when we watched the magpies go after Leanne's beautiful sunflowers? Guess who got the blame and who really did the damage?"

"Well, everyone feeds from Gayle's garden. She feeds the birds, the hares (only in winter), the squirrels, and the fish. There are always so many things for us to watch and listen to during the day. My favourite are the squirrels because they jump and leap and run, just like us!!"

"Maikai, we don't climb trees and run along power lines!!"

"Cats can climb trees, so how come we can't. We have claws too."

"Don't know about that, Maikai, but even though Gayle likes cats, she sure doesn't like them in her garden – just like magpies. They kill little birds, baby squirrels, and baby hares, and they leave their mess in her gardens."

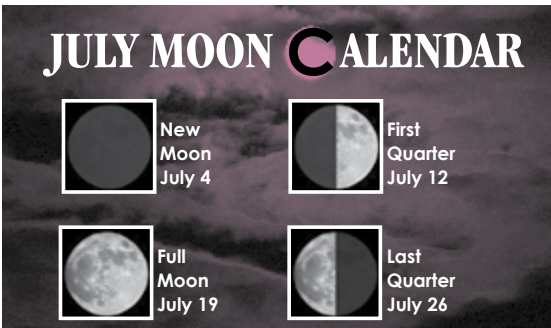
"But don't the owners keep them inside their houses or yards, Teangi? That's the bylaw, isn't it? They have that bylaw so people don't have to pick up the poop in their flower beds that the cats leave. Gayle has to pick up our poop 'cuz that is a bylaw, too!"

"Let's change the topic, Maikai, some people never learn and many don't care about their neighbours. The nice thing about spring is we get to see all our friends working in their yards, going for walks throughout the community, and sharing stories with each other. Gayle says, we have so many talented and gifted people in RPCA. It would be interesting to see how many artists, musicians, sculptors, quilters, photographers, singers, dancers, and lawyers we have."

"Not just those people, Teangi. We have people of varying ethnic communities, religions, backgrounds, and dreams." And what about how many different pets do we have? We know we have dogs and cats but what about people who have different birds, snakes, spiders, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other such pets. Maybe we should start exploring these and writing about them."

"Should make interesting reading, Maikai."

So you, out there, let's hear your stories.



SENIORS' FITNESS PROGRAM

Chartwell Royal Park Retirement has generously opened up their senior fitness programs to our community's residents, at no cost. No registration is required. Classes are run on a drop-in basis in their activity room at Royal Park (4315 Richardson Road SW).

Sit n' Get Fit Mondays at 9:30 am

This is a seated stretching program with a focus on lower body strength. 45 minutes

Gentle Exercise Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

This program helps maintain or increase flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular endurance and balance through structured fitness. 30 minutes

Rhythms and Moves Thursday at 10:00 am

This program is an opportunity to have fun through movement to music. Engage in a fun and interactive music and movement program to support your health and physical well-being. 30 minutes

Please contact Amanda Greene, below, for more information. CHARTWELL Royal Park retirement residence 4315 Richardson Rd SW, Calgary AB, T3E 7J7 tel. 403-242-9075 | cell. 403-880-2403 | fax. 403-242-9079 | agreene@chartwell.com



NUTRITION WITH NANCY

Homemade Hummus for your favorite crackers!

An original recipe by Nancy Gammack



Chickpeas are a great source of fibre, protein and folate (Source: Eat Right Ontario). Canned chickpeas serve as a fast snack and make homemade hummus quick and easy to make at home. Don't forget to enjoy the hummus with one of your favorite crackers or veggies!

Ingredients:

- 2-3 garlic cloves
- one can of chickpeas (approx.. 540 ml)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup tahini
- 3 tbsps lemon
- ½ teaspoon paprika

Supplies:

Food processor, or blender

Directions:

- Finely chop 2-3 cloves of garlic
- Drain and rinse chickpeas and place in food processor
- Add garlic, olive oil, tahini and lemon juice
- Blend until desired consistency
- Sprinkle paprika on top

Enjoy!

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Stampede Taxi Stands

Stampede taxi stands are designated areas near Stampede Park where taxis will be lined-up to wait for customers. Two temporary taxi stands will operate at all hours during Stampede. These stands are located at the South and North entrances of Stampede Park. The taxi stand located at the North entrance of Stampede Park will provide priority service to people with accessibility needs as this entrance provides the most direct route to enter into the park.

Late Night Temporary Taxi Stands

Within Stampede Park there are multiple entertainment venues. In 2016 all venues are closing at 3 a.m. To accommodate the evening rush two additional late night temporary stands will be established. For details, visit Calgary.ca and search taxi stands.

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EMS: Heat Related Illness

With the return of summer weather, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children and the elderly may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, basic prevention measures should be taken by all to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather.

Heat exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale or dusky gray.

Heat stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal.
- It occurs when the body can't cool itself naturally (e.g. perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels.
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

First aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment.
- Remove excess or tight fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment.
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as: water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol consumption will promote dehydration.
- Always wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck.
- Apply waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 50+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 10am-4pm, even on cloudy days.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

• **August 5 to 7 - Expo Latino:** Each year, Expo Latino brings a variety of talented Latino performers to Prince's Island Park. This is a three-day celebration of Latino music, dance and culture. www.expolatino.com

• **August 10 to 13 - Afrikadey! Festival:** This year marks Afrikadey's 25th anniversary. That's 25 years sharing the art, music and dance from cultures across the African continent. www.afrikadey.com

• **August 14 - Marda Gras Street Festival:** The neighbourhood street festival includes numerous food vendors, artisan booths and buskers. Also part of the festival is the sixth annual Marda Gras pet pageant, so get your pooch ready to shine. www.mardagrass.ca

• **August 18 to 20 – ReggaeFest:** According to the organizers of the festival, ReggaeFest will transform you into a "Rastafarian." There's music and there's food, and it's a festival all Calgarians need to attend at least once. www.reggaefest.ca

• **August 18 to 27 – GlobalFest:** This annual fireworks and cultural festival includes five impressive shows. The first of the fireworks shows synched to music is from China, followed by the Philippines, Spain and the USA. The finale is by Canada. www.globalfest.ca

• **August 20 to 21 - Antiquing at the Arc:** Spend hours rummaging through everything from furniture to militaria to art deco to toys and more at this annual antique show. www.antiquesbydesignshows.com

• **August 26 to September 5 - Calgary Pride Parade and Festival:** Celebrate Calgary's LGBTQ community and attend events during the Calgary Pride Festival. www.calgarypride.ca

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AUGUST 13 CALGARY JAPANESE FESTIVAL OMATSURI

The one day festival has plenty of fun, cultural activities appropriate for the whole family, including galleries of Japanese arts and crafts and food kiosks selling Japanese food. www.calgaryjapanesefestival.com



AUGUST 13 TO 14 CALGARY DRAGON BOAT RACE AND FESTIVAL

This is a weekend of dragon boat racing on the Glenmore Reservoir, where Calgary embraces a sport that stems from a 2,000-year-old Chinese legend. www.chinatowncalgary.com/dragonboat



AUGUST



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Registration fees are extremely affordable at only \$160 for an individual golfer and a discounted rate of \$600 for a foursome! Your fee includes lunch, a round of golf in a power cart, a delicious dinner, and the change to win one of many exciting prizes.

Visit calgarycommunities.com/events to register today!

There are 150 community associations in Calgary with more than 20,000 volunteers involved, making it the largest collective volunteer movement in the city! Community associations come in all shapes and sizes, are run by your neighbours, offer you endless opportunities, bring you together as a community, and are dedicated to addressing local issues and ensuring you love where you live. They can be the anchor for community life, but they need support to effectively operate in today's competitive not-for-profit world. The Federation of Calgary Communities is that support organization.

This golf tournament will help raise funds for the Federation of Calgary Communities to continue providing programs and services that help community associations build capacity, support and mobilize residents, be on the front lines of important issues in their community, and improve neighbourhood life in Calgary.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more please contact Rebecca Dakin with the Federation of Calgary Communities at communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com or (403) 244-4111 ext. 204.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Where there's water, there IS a risk

Calgary's rivers, lakes and waterways can be a fun and refreshing way to spend a hot summer day. **Your Calgary Fire Department** wants to remind you about Water Safety.

Life jacket safety

Always wear a properly fitting life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) when boating or rafting anywhere.

- Check the PDF or jackets size and weight restrictions.
- Start with the buckles and straps loose, do them up from the bottom of the jacket to the top. Make sure the jacket or PFD fits snugly.
- Test the life jacket or PFD once you have done it up; hold your arms over your head and ask a friend to grab the tops of the arm openings and gently pull. Make sure there is no extra room above the arm openings and that the jacket does not ride up over your face or chin.

Swimming is a lifesaving skill

Water skills give you the confidence to safely take part in water sports throughout your life. The City offers swim lessons for all ages, throughout the year. We also offer First Aid and National Lifeguard certification classes.

Remember, always keep toddlers or young children within arm's reach while in or around all bodies of water.

Before you raft or boat

Always **SCOUT**, **ASSESS** and **DECIDE** from shore before going on rivers, lakes and waterways.

Scout the river for potential hazards and check the weather and water conditions.

Assess the level of danger. Check for river advisories and assess the swimming and paddling skills of your crew.

Decide if it is safe to raft or boat.

Ensure you have emergency supplies on board with you.

For further information visit calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Safety-tips-for-water/River-Safety.aspx

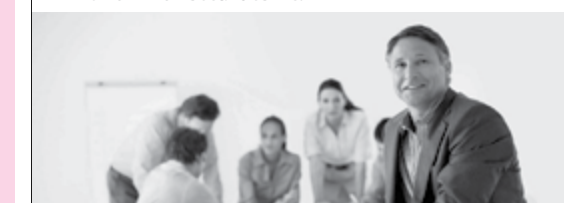
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IN & AROUND CALGARY

Green Cart set to roll out next spring

After a successful pilot that saw a 40 per cent drop in garbage and 89 per cent satisfaction amongst residents, the Green Cart Program will roll out to all single family homes beginning next spring. All communities should have the service by fall 2017. Here are the highlights:

All food, yard and pet waste is accepted in the program.

Unlimited quantity. Use paper yard waste bags for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in the cart.

Green and blue carts will be collected on the **same day every week.**

Black carts will be picked up **once every two weeks on a separate day** since most household waste can be recycled or composted.

Residents will receive everything they need to get started including the green cart, a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps inside the home; a sample of compostable bags for the kitchen pail and yard waste bags. Once service begins, households will pay \$6.50 per month. This charge reflects the savings achieved by changing black cart garbage collection from weekly to once every two weeks.

Green carts go beyond backyard composting

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Fort McMurray Fire

As I write this the people of Ft. McMurray have just started to return home nearly a month after a narrow escape from the most devastating wildfire in Canadian history. Having spent a lot of time working in Ft. McMurray over the years it was heartbreaking for me to see family homes and familiar landmarks go up in smoke.

I was impressed (but not surprised) that we were able to evacuate more than 80,000 safely and I was even more impressed by the response of Albertans. It's the perfect embodiment of what it means to be an Albertan. We look out for one another in good times, and especially in bad.

Many of us in Calgary-Elbow have lived through a natural disaster. My most vivid memories are not of what we lost in the flood, but of the tremendous outpouring of

support from Albertans. I'll never forget the images of hundreds of Edmonton Police and Firefighters streaming down Highway 2 to help us. I'll never forget the day complete strangers showed up by the thousands and I'll never forget the support of neighbours who would stop work cleaning their own homes to help others.

I'm glad to see the people of Ft. McMurray heading home, but the amount of time people have been out of their homes is a reminder just how long a road there is ahead of us. Albertans stepped up to help Ft. McMurray in their time of crisis, and we'll need to stand with them in the coming weeks, months and years. Ft. Mac will fight back, but they'll need our help.

If you haven't already, please consider a donation to the Canadian Red Cross (www.redcross.ca) or to one of the many relief agencies working in Ft. McMurray.

I want the people of Ft. McMurray to know that we are here for you. We are here for you today, we will be here for you tomorrow, and we will be here for as long as it takes to rebuild your city.

Carbon Tax Debate

At time of writing we are still debating the NDs carbon tax in the Legislature. Given their majority we know the bill will pass and become law, but I am trying hard to bring forward amendments to make the bill stronger and more effective. I believe that a carbon tax is the right way to reduce emissions, attract investment in new technology and kick-start innovation that will not only help diversify our economy but will also enable the continued success of our oil and gas industry.

I may support a carbon tax in principle, but I'm not sure I support the NDs approach. I have tried to amend the bill to make this program truly revenue neutral by offsetting money collected by the carbon tax with equal cuts to personal and business taxes, as well as other rebates to ensure Albertans are not paying more. Unfortunately the government hasn't accepted this or any other amendments from the opposition. I will continue to work to make this bill better.

You can track my progress on our website www.calgary-elbow.ca.

This is an important issue for the future of our province and I want to hear from you. You can contact me through my website or get in touch at Calgary.Elbow@assembly.ab.ca or (403) 252-0346.



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For several weeks now, Calgary Currie has invited a number of unexpected visitors to our community with open arms. The evacuation of Fort McMurray in the face of wildfire is something that has never before been seen in Canada.

Fort McMurray burned, her people fled, and we opened our homes. In Calgary, the Universities got the headlines, but the guest rooms, and schools of many neighbourhoods across the city including those in Calgary Currie have been filled by those fleeing the fire.

Nobody wants to be put in a position where they have to leave everything behind, but there are more important things than things, and in opening up our communities to these displaced people, we have once again shown our true colours as a province.

When difficult situations arise, it is important to know that there is a community of caring people in this province. No matter if you are a stranger just arrived, or born and bred here for generations, if you are in need we will find ways to support you.

I am proud of the way Rachel Notley has led Albertans through this disaster, focusing on the safety and security of the people of Fort McMurray. The rapid response in getting support to these displaced people has been a huge relief to those in need.

We are strong and we are a community of people who care. Fort McMurray is hurt but not lost, and much like after the 2013 floods here in Southern Alberta, we will rebuild Northern Alberta. As always, life will go on, and we will be stronger for it.

We welcome our guests from Fort McMurray to our community with open arms. For as long as we are needed we will be here. Our schools are your schools, our playgrounds are yours, our libraries and corner stores, community gardens and events, are all here, not for our exclusive use, but to be shared by all in need of what they can offer.

So be sure to include people, whether they've lived on your street for decades or are temporary guests from away. Show them what it's like to be among community.

On July 10th at Killarney Glengarry Community Hall 2828-28 ST. SW, you can join me for my Stampede Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Hashbrowns, music and more! 9am-11am, come on out and show us your community spirit.

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Fort McMurray

Last month, the nation looked on as wildfires raged throughout northern Alberta. As events continued to unfold, we watched the city of Fort McMurray declared a state of emergency and evacuate all residents. Our hearts went out to the community as they left entire lives behind at a moment's notice, and touching stories of loss and heroism trickled in through media reports.

Our government was quick to respond to the crisis. We assured Albertans in the very early days that we would stand with them during this difficult time, and would support their efforts to rebuild. I was in the airport heading back to Alberta when I received the call from the Prime Minister asking me to chair the federal government's Ad Hoc Committee on Northern Alberta Wildfires. My cabinet colleagues and I will coordinate across departments and take a whole of government approach to recovery and rebuilding efforts in the weeks and months ahead.

Since convening this committee, we have met to discuss strategy, resources and the coordination at all levels of government to assist our friends, families, and neighbours to the north. We committed air support, military, and have matched the generous donations of Canadians to the Red Cross.

For years Alberta has carried the Canadian economy. Now it's time for us to give back: we will assist during this acutely difficult period, and we understand that rebuilding Fort McMurray and northern Alberta will take years. The federal government will continue to play a role.

Already through federal leadership and the cooperation of other jurisdictions, we have brought in relief for Alberta's incredible first responders. Further to this, four water bombers from Quebec, three Ontario firefighting teams, 3,000 cots, blankets, generators, and living supplies were also brought in through federal agencies. Additionally, we deployed federal resources to restore communication networks, and the Canadian Space Agency to track the wildfires.

This is in addition to the hundreds of millions that will be sent to the province through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online at www.KentHehrMP.ca where you can watch clips of yours truly in question period and sign up for my e-newsletter.



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I was also glad to stop by the great Neighbour Day Events in our ward. Through BBQs, bike parades, and block parties, I've seen that getting out, meeting your neighbours and learning more about each other is a fundamental of building community! Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to organize these great events!

Thanks to all who joined my team and I on June 9th, 2016 for our information session on Little Free Libraries. It was great to see so much interest in the little libraries, and another great example of building community! We were honoured to have Calgary's newly appointed Poet Laureate, Micheline Maylor share her words; to have Calgary Reads share on Calgary's reading landscape; and volunteers from the Lincoln Park Tool Shed to share about sharing tools! We'd also like to thank Voltage Creative Garage for hosting us in their awesome collaborative arts space, and the expertise that some of their artists shared with us. If you missed this event, please get in touch, and we'll be happy to share the information with you.

We've got many projects and project studies happening in our ward: the 50th Avenue Corridor Study; the construction of the 20th Street Bikeway; the construction of the 61st Avenue Greenway Corridor; the phasing of the SW Transitway BRT; the construction of the Crowchild-Flanders Avenue interchange; the River Park, Sandy Beach, Britannia Slopes redevelopment; the new Southwood Skatepark, and more.

As we move into the summer season, you will notice the Roads crews out repairing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, guard rails, fences, concrete barriers, and roadway surfaces like cracks, manholes, potholes and sinkholes. Please be patient as the crews take to maintaining over 1400 hectares of boulevard green space along major roadways, and continue sweeping where needed.

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