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Dear SW Calgary Neighbours,

Join thousands of Calgarians and sign the petition that asks City Council to reconsider the SW Transitway & Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Go to our website www.readytoengage.ca to find out more on where to sign the petition and get involved.



Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

We are asking City Council to reconsider this costly project. The SW Transitway & BRT has never been properly debated at City Council, was passed on a deficient preliminary engineering report, has not had adequate consultation with affected landowners, was misrepresented at Council and has been inactive for the past 5 years. Most residents alongside the route had never even heard of the project until *ready to engage!* brought it to their attention.

Does the City care what I think?

Actions speak louder than words. The City seems intent on ramming this project through regardless of the legitimate concerns about safety, construction chaos and budget overruns that the public has. The City has no intention of meaningfully consulting with impacted individuals or changing its plans regardless of concerns expressed. The Mayor and ward Councillors have repeatedly said City Council is "done" and the project will be proceeding. We disagree.

Will parks be removed? What about parking?

The City has stated that all construction will be contained within road right-of-ways and City owned land. Road right-of-ways include medians, shoulders, and berms/green space along streets. The City of Calgary owns the majority of the parks and recreational fields and dog runs that are found throughout the city. Green spaces and parks the public now enjoy will be removed and replaced with asphalt, concrete, and bus platforms along the route. Increased traffic and parking in communities will come with BRT commuters. Parking lots could eventually be built along the route to accommodate commuters.

Why not wait for the SW Ring Road?

The SW Ring Road will be available at approximately the same time as the proposed SW Transitway & BRT and will provide extensive relief to traffic congestion along 14th Street making this project a waste of taxpayer dollars. Existing public transit service along this route already exceeds demand. Many buses running on 14 Street SW, 24 Street SW, 90 Avenue SW and on Southland Drive SW are currently running far below their passenger capacity. The City has stated that the BRT will serve students going to Mount Royal University shortening their length of travel. Adding a direct bus route to Mount Royal University would be a much more cost effective use of taxpayer money versus a full blown SW BRT.

Will the City be doing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the SW Transitway bus stations?

When asked whether transit oriented developments are likely around all BRT stations, Mac Logan, General Manager of Transportation at The City of Calgary stated, **"Intensification around every bus stop? Yes, eventually."** (CBC Eyeopener, Jan 8, 2016). Private Landowners are being encouraged by the City to use Transit Oriented Development principles. This means there will eventually be densification around each BRT transit stop. A motion put forward by Councillor Pincott directing the City staff to work with the owners of Glenmore Landing to facilitate the sale of city land for development was passed by City Council. This purchase will allow for a high density development on the site replacing 5.4 acres of City-owned green space which we all enjoy today.

We are *ready to engage!* - concerned citizens who have joined together to give SW Calgarians and other stakeholders a voice on the City's SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. We are in support of well-planned, efficient and cost-effective public transit improvements for all Calgarians.

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Rental rates for the Rutland Park Community hall have been revised for all bookings made after February 29.

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 rutlandparkhall@gmail.com.

Visit the community association website to see what our beautiful hall looks like: hallrentals@rutlandparkcommunity.com

Contact Lizzel at 403-246-8318.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Any member of the community may submit a personal classified ad and we will print it. Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc. Send your ad to newsletter@rutlandpark.org, or news@geat-news.ca.

RPCA BOARD

Visit our website for the latest information
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Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM, everyone is welcome

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbours,

In January I had the honour of recognizing our many volunteers who have supported our community and our vision. Our volunteers are the backbone of our community, and without them we would not have this amazing community association of which I am so proud.

At the event I met so many people I had never met before. The turnout was the largest than I had ever seen and I was overwhelmed by the desire people had to give. I met people that every reason to not volunteer, like the mom of four young children, and the couple who were already giving back in so many ways, including running a Christmas hamper program out of their home. Yet these people still chose to volunteer for the community. It was inspiring to hear everyone's motivation to volunteer.

I spoke to a colleague at work recently about a meeting I had with Constable Rich Wall, our Calgary Police Liaison. I shared with him some of the dark experiences and encounters Constable Wall has had in his job, So many times he has had to see the worst in people. I felt that a job like that would erode your faith in people.

In return, I was asked what kind of job would you see the opposite? I reflected upon this and came to the realization that in working with volunteers - working with our volunteers - I saw the absolute best of people. I saw people who gave willingly of themselves, of their time and talent, in service for something bigger than themselves. And I saw people give selflessly, without any expectation of getting anything in return. I would like you all to know that what you all do for our friends, our neighbours, and our community is beautiful and inspiring. Thank you all for what you do in our community.

Special thanks also go to **Isabel Reznik** who organized the entire volunteer appreciation event, which is to me the most important event of the year. Isabel offered her assistance because it is important to her that we acknowledge other people. She is a very gracious and kind person, and without her I would not have been able to show our volunteers how appreci-

ated they are. Special thanks also go to K2 Bar and Grill, the new Indian and International cuisine restaurant in Sarcee Plaza. They are tucked away in a corner near the liquor store, and their food is delicious and very reasonably priced. In addition to their lunch buffet, I highly recommend trying their Dosas, a south Indian specialty which only a handful can make in the city. Theirs is truly the best in town.

Volunteer of the Year

Several nominations were received and the selection committee - Isabell Reznik and myself - reviewed each one and selected the following based on the material contributions to the community association, the broader community, and their commitment, seen through their work, to uphold the vision and values of the Rutland Park Community Association. I am very proud to introduce to you are newest award winners:

SPECIAL MENTIONS GO TO:

Amber Cannon, Lincoln Park Liaison: Prior to Amber joining the board, we had very poor representation and engagement with our neighbours in Lincoln Park. This was recognized by our board as a priority area for improvement. Since Amber has joined, we now have relationships with our neighbours there, have a greater understanding of the activities and engagements that we can provide as a community association, and overall, a truly more representative and holistic view of community which includes all three of our neighbourhood. Amber has personally lead the majority of initiatives in Lincoln Park such as the Neighbour Day event, the Painting Hope mural project, and the Christmas Wish Tree. I am looking forward to what more she will be creating in our community.

Shirley Williams, Membership Coordinator: Shirley has accomplished the unthinkable. In a few short years, Shirley has increased our membership from 5% of households in our community association boundary, to an outstanding 30% of households! Our board also recognized that our low membership several years ago was another priority area we needed to change. The number of memberships we have is an important enabler for our advocacy, as it gives our voice more credibility. Having more members also means that we can engage with more of our residents directly, either by email or phone, and also have access to a larger pool of volunteers, something which was necessary to be able to accomplish all the great work we wanted to do. Shirley is

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail or drop off your completed application to:
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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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT cont'd

a long time resident of Calgary and she has come to me numerous times with stories of how she sold membership to someone whose father she knew many years ago. Her connection with people is a gift and has enabled her to create great successes in this role. We can't wait for Shirley to reach 50%.

Gayle Fields, former Editor of the Post: Gayle joined the board three years ago as editor of The Post, motivated by the desire to resurrect our newsletter after the lack of engagement with the community on the cell tower. The newsletter reaches every household in the community, and regardless of membership, allows us to still push out important information to our residents and share with them the important work that we do and the value proposition for them to get membership. Gayle worked to deadlines for three whole years, put up with many late submissions from board members, including me, and often persuaded the publishing company (sometimes with pizza) to include late submissions into The Post when critical, new and last minute information needed to get out to the community.

And finally, our Volunteer of the Year award goes to Leanne Ellis, VP of Traffic and Development. Leanne's greatest accomplishment this past year was the influence she had on the revised Currie Barracks development plan which was approved at the end of last year by City Council. Leanne has been acknowledged by the Canada Lands Company, the developer, as the single person who has had the most influence on the design of the new development. As it gets developed, we will begin to see and appreciate the many elements that Leanne advocated for, including connected green spaces and pathways, space for a new school, new retail, and many other features that our entire community will be able to benefit from. Leanne's advocacy was guided by our vision and values, and will have a long lasting impact on our quality of life and enjoyment living in this community. Leanne has put countless hours in, for all of our benefit.

Many thanks to all our award winners this year.

With best wishes,
 Meera

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Maria Montessori Education Centre!

2016 is off to a wonderful start at Maria Montessori Education Centre!

Student businesses are up and running to support our students in gaining real life skills. The Upper Elementary classes run a recycling business and a honey business. The Erdkinder (Jr. High) runs an apple business. The students plan and implement all of the elements of these businesses. They use team meetings to plan, communications to connect with the larger community of suppliers and buyers, and accounting to ensure proper financial management. Students learn and practice numerous academic skills through these businesses as well as soft skills like customer service, grace and courtesy.

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) has been holding Friday hot lunches and other events. This team of students in grades 3-5 is led by the grade 6 Steering Committee who plan the year's events. Our recent Bake Sale was a delicious success raising over \$500. We hold our annual Lloyd's Rollerskating Family Night in February and Games Night each May. As part of their rich Montessori experience the students fully plan, work, and carry out these special events.

Our busy community continues to learn and grow!

Amanda Kershaw, Principal, Maria Montessori Education Centre

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March 27, 2016



Thanks everyone for the great feedback so far!

Starting in April I'm hoping to publish themed newsletters with content surrounding a certain topic or question. Next issue, I'm interested in exploring the question: "What makes community?"

Whether you live in Rutland or Lincoln Park, Sarcee Meadows, Westview Parc, or Currie Barracks, I'm curious about what community values are most important to you.

If you get a chance, please review our Rutland Park **Mission** and **Values** near the start of The Post. What do you think of them? What resonates with you? What do you like or not like? Should anything be added or removed? Are there any areas to improve?

As a board, these important principles are used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

I am also always looking for community residents to feature in future editions of The Post. Everyone's life is an interesting story and Rutland Park is full of interesting people. If you think your neighbour, the person who bought the house down the block or your spouse has an interesting story let us know. Please forward me their contact information and I'll take it from there!

Jeromy Farkas, Editor, The Post newsletter@rutlandparkcommunity.com

VOLUNTEERING....
Good for the Soul

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Hello again everyone! Happy New Year! Hope everyone's holidays were warm and happy.

January was a quiet month for events as I do not know about you but this planner was exhausted! We did however have a couple of events:

January 11 and 12 was the RPCA allocated casino nights where volunteers from all over our great communities gave their time to the betterment of all of us. Not sure if everyone is aware or not, when volunteering you are permitted to eat or drink whatever you would like (outside of alcoholic beverages). Plus the people watching is incredible! Keep your eyes posted to The Post for next casino night, say another 18 months give or take.

The other major event was the 2015 volunteer appreciation lunch on January 17. This year it was held over at K2, where we were treated to wonderful buffet lunch and great conversations. Thank you Meera and Isabelle for a wonderful afternoon filled with good conversations, good food and great company.

February will have been a jam packed month as we had three spectacular events and great test to the entrepreneurial spirit.

This was the start of our monthly flyer drop, our first of three teen dances on February 14, the always popular chili cook off and a dart night on the 25th. Phew indeed.

February also saw a test project put on by some of our community's youngest volunteers. Starting January 30 and continuing every Saturday in February, a pair of friends held a concession stand inside the skate shack from 5:30-8:30. Not only does it open up the space to be used but it again becomes a destination again, allowing a new generation to fall in love with winter all over again.

Again, look for your monthly newsletter coming to your mailboxes by the 10th, inside you will see what we have in store for you in March.

March 20 will be a St Patrick's Day pub night which comes complete with pay by the kid babysitting, musical fun and a cash bar. And March 26 will be our second pub night complete with a cash bar and snacks.

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who donates their time for the better of our great community. Stay safe neighbour and we will see you in April.

Thank you kindly,
Megan

SCAM ALERT

fraudsters pose as Canada Revenue Agency



Nearly every day, the Calgary Police Service receives reports of scammers posing as agents of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or Immigration Canada (IC). Unfortunately, scammers have obtained thousands of dollars from several unsuspecting victims. So how does the scam work and how can you protect yourself?

The CRA scam, and many similar ones, usually follows the same pattern. Victims are contacted via phone by people pretending to be a CRA or IC employee. The fraudsters claim that the victim owes back taxes and that they need to pay money to correct the issue, or they will be arrested or deported. Sometimes, the scammers have valid personal information about victims and their families, such as names and birthdays, to try to legitimize the fraudulent claim.

The scammers can become very aggressive and may begin to threaten victims. Victims are then told to send money through a wire service or to purchase prepaid credit cards or gift cards. Once the money is gone, it is nearly impossible to trace.

You can help protect yourself from phone and email scams by following these tips:

- Do not feel pressure to respond to a request until you have a chance to verify the story.
- Never transfer money, or give out credit card or other financial information, until you can verify the person's identity and the story, and determine whether it is legitimate.
- The CRA will not ask for payment via prepaid credit cards or wire transfer.
- Some scammers are using a technique called spoofing where the caller ID looks like the call is legitimately coming from the CRA or IC. Hang up and look up published numbers for the agency in the phone

book or online and call them directly to confirm the legitimacy of the caller's story before you take any action. Do not call numbers provided to you by the person who called you.

- Don't believe what you see. Business logos, websites and email addresses can easily be duplicated to look legitimate.
- Watch for poor grammar and spelling.
- Hover your mouse over links to check their true destination. If the URL doesn't match the link, or seems suspicious, don't click on it.
- Be wary of unexpected emails that contain links or attachments from unknown senders.
- Update your computer's anti-virus software.
- Ignore calls for immediate action or messages that create a sense of urgency.
- Beware of phishing emails posing as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requesting personal information, or links within an email re-directing to a fraudulent website that appears to represent the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The CRA does not email Canadians and request personal information.
- Never provide personal information such as SIN, bank account information or credit card numbers.

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City Hall Watch

By Jeromy Farkas

Having a roof over your head is not ideological. It's a matter of human dignity. Sadly, somewhere along the way, housing became a debate rather than a priority. Meanwhile, one in 10 Calgary households are in core housing need, spending more than half of their income on shelter.

Progressives on council style themselves as champions of diversity, so long as it looks like what central planners agree upon. They conveniently ignore that housing has both a supply and demand element, and restrict that supply while using the demand to pander to their base.

In fairness, some say a lot of the right things, like "sustainability" and "equity." But in just seven years, council has pushed through compounded residential tax rate increases of 55 per cent, and business tax rate increases of an astounding 180 per cent. How is that sustainable? Property taxes especially shift the burden to those with the least ability to pay. How is that equitable?

Conservatives also deserve scrutiny. They pander just as much with language like "market choice," yet are keen to pick winners and losers in private business by thwarting more affordable mobility options, such as Uber. Most support property rights and organic growth, yet consistently reject paths to creating more legal, safer secondary suites.

Fiscal hawks have also failed to champion housing like they should, if for no other reason that the numbers add up. It costs \$55,000 a year to shelter and support a homeless person, but only \$21,000 a year to provide a home.

Let's leave ideology at the door and work together to find a solution. Now more than ever is the time for council to show leadership and imagination on housing affordability.

This is an abbreviated version of an article published December 2015 in the Calgary Herald.

Jeromy Farkas is the creator of www.counciltracker.ca, and formerly a Senior Fellow at the Manning Centre.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TRAFFIC REPORT

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

I had an opportunity to attend the Mount Royal University Master Plan Open House. I was generally pleased with what I saw in terms of creating an interface with the community, 16 m cap on building heights, a transportation plan that includes increased transit and bicycle access, creating pedestrian friendly spaces and developing green space. I did add specific comments to displays regarding access to the recreational facilities for our youth, opening up library and performing arts facilities to our communities, connecting green spaces and encouraging walkability, bike lane and traffic calming for Sarcee Road, and ensuring that more on-site parking is provided so that we reduce parking issues in our communities. I saw several board members while I was there and hope that community members also took the opportunity to provide feedback.

I wrote a letter to the City requesting the two hour parking zones we had voted for at our AGM. The zone on Sarcee Road between 44 and 45 Ave SW (cannot extend it to Richardson Way unless the owner of the commercial center requests it) will be seven days a week from 7:00 to 19:00 to be consistent with the other restricted parking on Sarcee Road. The zone on Lincoln Way will be from 8:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday to be consistent with the restricted parking already on Lincoln Way. Our Lincoln Park Liaison looked into requesting permit only parking in front of the Calgary Housing Authority residences, but this was not supported.

We have been on the list for a traffic study for a number of years, and it is time to renew that request. I have therefore submitted another request for a traffic study to address Sarcee Road SW, and Richmond Road SW between 29 St and 37 St 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.

Leanne Ellis
RPCA VP Development and Traffic
development@rutlandparkcommunity.com

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TRAFFIC REPORT

Ward and Community Boundary Concerns

I have a several concerns which I feel are worthy of residents' emails to the City. The first one concerns new proposed revisions to the Ward boundaries. Citizens were given an opportunity to provide input on two scenarios for changes to Ward boundaries that directly affected us. Unfortunately, the Ward Boundary Commission recommendations have been thrown out the window, and closed door negotiations have gone on which would separate our communities into two Wards.

Lincoln Park would remain with Ward 11, and Rutland Park and Currie Barracks would be attached to Ward 8.

I feel very strongly that Rutland Park would be better served by remaining connected to Ward 11 and the lower density communities that it contains.

Ward 8 is the smallest Ward in area because it has all of the highest density in it. It would be extremely difficult for our small, low density community to have a voice in such a Ward. **I am asking that you email Council to request that Rutland Park remain in Ward 11.**

The second issue that I believe requires an email to Council is the proposal to remove the Richmond Green Golf Course/Roads Depot Land from within the umbrella of Currie Barracks, and add it to Richmond Knobhill. **We were not notified of this proposal in any way, and I only stumbled upon it while looking for a link to the new proposed Ward Boundaries on the City website.** (They are not accessible through any searches by the way.) Here is the proposal to change the Community Boundaries: www.calgary.ca/citycouncil/ward-11/Documents/New%20community%20name%20map.pdf

The Richmond Green Park and Golf Course are firmly entrenched in the CFB West Master Plan as Special Places, and should remain within that community designation. In fact, it would make more sense to have all of the land on the south side of 33 Ave SW fall under the Currie Barracks community heading since it is Canada Lands intent to acquire the Roads Depot Land and develop it. Accordingly, proposals have already been made regarding this property, and we would like to continue to mitigate the density that is added south of 33 Ave that directly affects our communities.

I have formally requested a revision to the plan, and would ask that you write to Council and do the same. We are formally requesting that all land to the south of 33 Ave SW be added to Currie Barracks community (instead of giving more to Richmond community) so that our communities are direct stakeholders in the development process for the future redevelopment of these lands.

Please take the time to get involved and send an email to Council:
themayor@calgary.ca; ward.sutherland@calgary.ca; joe.magliocca@calgary.ca; jim.stevenson@calgary.ca; sean.chu@calgary.ca; ray.jones@calgary.ca; richard.pootmans@calgary.ca; druh.farrell@calgary.ca; evan.woolley@calgary.ca; gian-carlo.carra@calgary.ca; andre.chabot@calgary.ca; brian.pincott@calgary.ca; shane.keating@calgary.ca; diane.colley-urquhart@calgary.ca; peter.demong@calgary.ca

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Leanne Ellis
RPCA VP Development and Traffic

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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



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My team and I are being asked where the City is in the process of creating a SW Transitway. While we have worked to clarify some of the misinformation in the community before, we hope the questions and answers below will help address further questions and outline the upcoming project path.

Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

The SW Transitway will be proceeding. Council voted unanimously for the idea in 2011, and now the transportation project team at The City is working on the detailed design phase while addressing questions they have heard. As this project has been approved by City Council all final decisions will be made by the Project Team and their colleagues.

Why not wait for the Ring Road?

While the Ring Road is expected to alleviate some of the traffic issues on 14th street, Glenmore, and Crowchild, it does not address the needs of all. The Ring Road is a provincial highway that is intended to bypass communities and as such does not work for transit. The SW Transitway is very specifically about improving transit for SW communities and increasing transportation options to move people through the city. The two projects, while complementary to one another, address different needs and serve different users.

I keep seeing TOD. What is a TOD?

TOD stands for Transit Oriented Development. It is an urban planning term that means the placement of buildings, walkways, and houses within a community take into consideration the ability of residents and visitors to access transit. This typically means greater density development in the area immediately beside these stations. The goal with TOD is to remove the need to use a private vehicle to connect to transit.

Will the City be doing TOD at the SW Transitway bus stations?

No. The City's TOD policy refers only to the development of City owned land surrounding LRT stations, or at BRT stations where an LRT is planned to be in the future. The SW Transitway is NOT planned as a precursor to an LRT line. The City will not be applying its TOD policy to these

stations, nor does the City own large tracts of land in the area.

Brian brought a Notice of Motion to Council last year, regarding Glenmore Landing. What was that all about?

Glenmore Landing sits on privately owned land. While the landowner, Rio-Can, has not submitted any redevelopment applications to the City as of February 1, 2016, they have made it clear that they intend to do so in the future. Brian's Notice of Motion directed the City to work with the landowner as much as possible to avoid excessive construction disruption to the community and enable smart planning decisions to be made by both parties. The Notice of Motion can be found on the Ward 11 website.

If you would like more information, please see www.calgary.ca/swtransitway, and remember to sign up to receive updates from your Ward 11 office at www.calgary.ca/ward11.

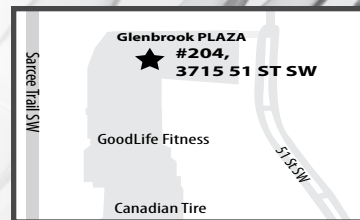


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Dear Neighbour,

At time of writing the government has just released their royalty review. My first reaction is relief that it doesn't appear the government has significantly increased royalties, especially in these very tough times. I'm also glad to see the expert panel has found Albertans have been getting our fair share of resource royalties all along, and I'm optimistic the proposed changes will help keep our province competitive so Albertans can continue to benefit from oil and gas production for generations to come.

My team and I will study the document in detail to ensure there are no unintended consequences of the proposed changes, and as always I welcome your feedback on this or any other topic.



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Another topic of interest to many in Calgary-Elbow and beyond is the status of the homes purchased under the Floodway Relocation Program. On January 29, 2016 I joined Minister of Municipal Affairs Danielle Larivee, Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra to gather community input about what should be done with the 17 properties purchased under the program. Although many (including me) would like to see at least some of the homes saved and resold immediately, the provincial government believes the liability risk is too great to allow this to happen.

The open house was very well attended and we heard loud and clear that you want the properties put on the market as soon as possible to make our communities whole again, and to recover some of the money spent on the original program. Based on the information presented in the meeting the Province is open to doing just that, but only once flood mitigation is in place. In the meantime the properties will be landscaped and the clear desire of the community is to prevent unauthorized access to these properties until they can be resold.

I will continue working with both the Minister and the City to ensure the integrity of our community is maintained, that safety is a priority and most importantly that the properties are eventually put back on the market. I will also continue to push the provincial government to build the Springbank Dry Dam as quickly as possible. I have asked for an update on the status of the project and the anticipated completion date. I hope to be able to provide that information to you in my next update.

The next Legislative session starts on March 8 with a budget to follow within the month. I'm always interested to hear what you would like me to raise in the Legislature on your behalf. Feel free to contact my office at any time with your ideas, questions or concerns. You can reach us at Calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca or 403-252-0346.

Finally, we hope you can join us at our next Constituency Office open house on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Our office is located in the Britannia Plaza on the second floor above Sunterra (the address is #205, 5005 Elbow Drive SW). See you there!



MP CALGARY CENTRE HON. KENT HEHR

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I am honoured and humbled to have been elected as the representative for Calgary Centre and will work hard to deliver on the strong mandate that Canadians have given our new government. Additionally, I am thrilled to serve as Minister for Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of Defence in Prime Minister Trudeau's Cabinet. I was elected as a passionate advocate for our city and I will continue to be that voice.

I've spoken with neighbours, leaders in the business community, individuals in the non-profit sector, and I've listened. I know that we are facing difficult times in our province. I understand that many people are struggling and seeking solutions, and let me assure you that I've taken that message to Ottawa and to the Prime Minister.

I am confident that we can solve these many complex issues. Our plan is to support Albertans and kick-start the economy, and we already have several policies that will address both short-term and long-term problems.

Infrastructure investment to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars will provide jobs in the short term and create long term prosperity. These funds will be targeted at projects such as flood mitigation, updating infrastructure, affordable housing, and public transit projects. My colleague and fellow Alberta Liberal MP, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, is taking leadership on this file.

I am discussing with Finance Minister Morneau on the implementation of our platform's Child Tax Benefit that will provide support for struggling families and thousands of children in our province.

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Changing rules for Employment Insurance – part of our party's platform in the election and even more important to put to work now – is currently being taken on by Winnipeg MP and fellow cabinet minister MaryAnn Mihychuk.

By engaging with provincial partners – such as hosting the first First Ministers' conference in nearly a decade and actively engaging with premiers – a new tone and style of leadership is being brought to the federal government.

Ensure long term access for Alberta oil and gas through responsible pipeline development.

Representing my constituents is a top priority and I vow that your voices will continue to be heard in Ottawa. By the time this letter is printed my office will be operational at 950 6 Ave SW: you can email my team at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or give us a call at 403-244-1880. My door is always open.



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Here in late winter, I'm gearing up for another session at the legislature in Edmonton where we start the next sitting on March 8.

When I'm not in Edmonton, I'm here in the community, spending time with community centres, schools and local clubs. Lately though, I've found myself in and around a number of wonderful seniors groups.

I've been able to visit places such as the Good Companions 50+ Club, Shalem and Bow Cliff Seniors where we spoke in depth about the Bridge club there, just to name a few. I really enjoy visiting people involved in these places because of the kind of conversations I have. We always talk about the problems facing us today, but I also get to hear the perspective that only the wisdom of age can grant. Some of the people I've been meeting have spent their whole lives in this part of the city, and remember not only when the Currie Barracks was actually a military base, but also remember it being an empty field before that.

With the wisdom of age, sometimes the pace of modern life is hard to keep up with. In talking with people, I've noticed many simply are unaware of the kind of programs and services that are available to seniors in this province.

I wish I had space to talk about all the services and supports available in Alberta. If you're interested or in need, I encourage you to give the department of Seniors and Service Alberta a call at 1-877-644-9992. The folks there are able to help in many ways most Albertans didn't think were available.

I will also take the time to applaud the great work done by a couple of organizations I am sure many of you already know about: the Kerby Centre (403-265-0661) and the Calgary Seniors Resource Centre (403-266-6200). They are both fantastic resources for those who are looking for help with something, as well as those simply interested in more information.

Have you got a community club that you'd like me to come visit? I love getting out and meeting people in and around the riding, so if you're involved in a community or club and you'd like to have a visit from your friendly neighbourhood MLA, feel free to get a hold of my office (403-246-4794) and we can schedule something soon.

Look forward to seeing you,
Brian

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