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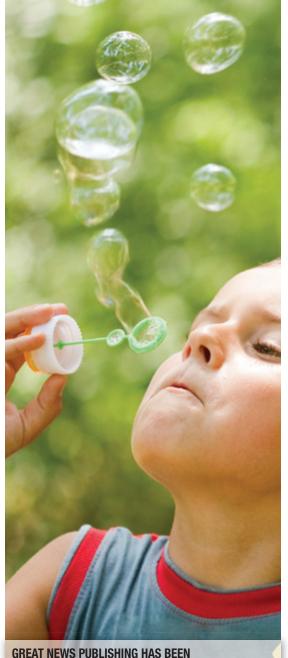
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Silverado, the SCA is excited about this year and some great upcoming events. The Silverado Community Garden opens at the beginning of May. Our garden coordinator Stef McDonald is excited for a new season of gardening. If you are interested in a garden box please contact Stef McDonald for more information and garden box availability at stefmcdonald4660033@ gmail.com.

Also upcoming is the Silverado Community Clean-up on Sunday, June 19, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Two City of Calgary garbage trucks will be available for old mattress, old couches, old furniture, building materials. We're not able to take household chemicals or paint. Please take these items to the new hazardous waste station in Evergreen.

Silverado will be hosting a fundraising golf tournament to raise funds for the community skating rink project and continued development of the community lands. First annual fundraising golf tournament for Silverado will be held at the Mackenzie Meadows Golf Course on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Come out and enjoy and great day of golfing fun with family and friends. Please contact Joseph Purcell at joseph.purcell@shaw.ca to register for the golf tournament. We also are looking for volunteers to help with the tournament.

Road construction and widening of Spruce Meadows Way will begin summer of 2016. There will be many road construction projects around Silverado with the extension of 194th Ave S.E. to Macleod Trail to the east and to Spruce Meadows Way in the west. S.W. Ring Road construction will also begin this spring.

More updates on all SCA Events programming and developments can be referenced on the SCA website at www.silveradoca.ca.

Thank you,

Michael Shaw President Silverado Community Association



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Sunday, June 26, 2016 Tee times start at 12 pm McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

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More information to come! Keep an eye on www.silvera-doca.ca

Register to play, or volunteer to help out. Contact Joseph Purcell at 403-612-5298 or joseph.purcell@shaw.ca.

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Last fall we invited employees, parents, students and the general public to share their perspectives on public engagement at the CBE. The response was outstanding. More than 6,500 people took the time voice their opinions. The thoughts and views that were shared are important and will guide us as we move forward.

A summary is posted on our website. It identifies several areas where the CBE can do better including developing a well understood, fair and open engagement process to sharing the results of engagement activities.

More information on Public Engagement and other opportunities to provide input can be found on our website *www.cbe.ab.ca/dialogue* 

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To register, please call Marylou Breig at 403-238-9222 ext. 225 or Aynsley Walsh at 403-238-9222 ext. 224.

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Silverado COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

## Southwest Calgary Ring Road: City priorities 2016

Now that Council approved the West and Southwest Ring Road Downstream Traffic Impact report and we're at the beginning of the year in which the Province plans to begin construction of Calgary's southwest ring road, The City is beginning to coordinate and plan for its own work related to the ring road. Here are the highlights:

**Construction** on the following projects are expected to begin in 2016

- West Hills Way: This new road will be the first City of Calgary-led ring road project to begin construction. A project web page is underway, which will be the home to more details, including design, schedule and project updates. More information will be available through February and March as the project design progresses.
- Spruce Meadows Way widening: The widening is currently under design and is anticipated to begin construction in 2016.

**Design work** will advance on the following projects through 2016, with the expectation that construction begins in 2017:

- Anderson Road widening, between the ring road and Elbow Drive
- 90 Avenue S.W. connection
- Southland Drive connection

**Design work** will advance on the following projects through 2016-2017, with the expectation that construction begins in 2017-2018:

- Bow Trail/85 Street S.W. intersection improvements
- Bow Trail widening, between 85 Street S.W. and Old Banff Coach Road
- 162 Avenue S.W. connection

**Planning work** will begin for the following projects in 2016:

• The future Sarcee Trail/Richmond Road interchange: this work will revisit existing interchange plans from 2008. The goal is to make sure the design fits with the ring road, Sarcee Trail, Richmond Road and provides good connections for the neighbouring communities and destinations.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

## **National Volunteer Week**

April 10 - 16 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and on behalf of all Calgarians we want to sincerely thank community volunteers for all they do each and every day to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

There are 150 community associations in every neighbourhood across our city, and they are all run by volunteers. In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

Without their hard-working volunteers community associations would not exist. They would not be able to provide you with the programs you enjoy, put on the year-round special events that bring you together as neighbours, advocate for your community on local issues, or produce this monthly newsletter full of important information. These volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play.

Community volunteers are the lifeblood of the community association movement here in Calgary, a movement that brings Calgarians that small-town feel in our large urban centre. **So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 10 – 16, to thank a volunteer in your community for their hard work and dedication to ensuring you love where you live!** 

• Changes to a number of intersections in southwest Calgary: We're early in the process of carrying out the changes to the identified intersections and will begin the design process for the Council approved intersection improvements in 2016. The design process will result in a schedule for constructing the intersection changes, between 2017-2021.

#### **Other projects**

• Glenmore Trail widening and changes to the Glenmore/Crowchild Trail interchange: Design work will begin on these projects in 2017, with construction anticipated to begin in 2018.

## SILVERADO RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

#### **Picnic Tables and Garbages:**

The Silverado Residents Association is looking at putting together a plan to install picnic tables in our greenspaces for our residents to enjoy along with a couple of more garbage receptacles. This is a request coming from our residents for these items to be installed to enjoy with their families. We plan to move forward with this in the spring and summer, 2016. More information to follow.

#### **Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting will be in May 2016 but at this time the date has not yet been confirmed. Notice will be sent out to all home owners in April once the date has been confirmed with the hall.

#### Silverado Pond:

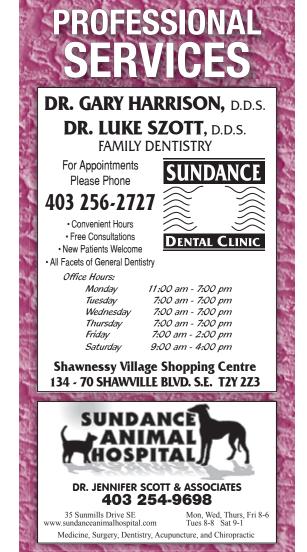
Our Silverado Pond is considered a storm water management pond, it is an artificial pond that is designed to collect and retain storm water. These are built to hold water before entering the storm water drainage systems. The function of a storm water pond is to contain the surge and release of water. This slow release mitigates the size and intensity of storm-induced flooding. Overall our pond can never become a skating surface due to the fluctuation of water. As you can well imagine it will never be clean enough to swim in. We as the Silverado Residents Association ask that you **DO NOT** go on the pond when you think that it is frozen enough to skate. This pond is not a regulation skating surface deemed by the City of Calgary.

This year had been very mild and the pond is not frozen, please do not go on it as we would hate to see anything happen. There are signs up advising to not go on the pond.

Website to Calgary Outdoor Skating Rinks: www.calgary. ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Outdoor-skating-rinks.aspx

If you have not received your 2016 invoice, please contact Simco Management in order to have your account information updated.

If you are new to the Silverado Community please make sure to contact Simco Management to make sure that your information is properly updated in the Silverado Residents Association files. You the owner are fully responsible to make sure that we are aware of your contact information.



Information regarding the Silverado Residents Association (SRA) can be found at www.silveradora.com.

#### Simco Management New Adddress:

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### Silverado Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Silverado MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	\$499,950.00	\$488,750.00
January 2016	\$479,900.00	\$466,000.00
December 2015	\$437,900.00	\$440,000.00
November 2015	\$444,900.00	\$425,000.00
October 2015	\$428,450.00	\$423,125.00
September 2015	\$434,900.00	\$427,500.00
August 2015	\$529,900.00	\$519,000.00
July 2015	\$483,500.00	\$477,500.00
June 2015	\$424,900.00	\$420,000.00
May 2015	\$439,900.00	\$431,350.00
April 2015	\$422,400.00	\$417,500.00
March 2015	\$425,000.00	\$422,000.00

#### Last 12 Months Silverado MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	24	6
January 2016	16	9
December 2015	6	5
November 2015	9	7
October 2015	7	10
September 2015	20	9
August 2015	15	5
July 2015	9	10
June 2015	11	11
May 2015	12	12
April 2015	11	8
March 2015	12	9
Total	148	106

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **silverado.great-news.ca** 



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

#### **April at Trico Centre**

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are familyfriendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

#### **Pool Refurbishment**

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components. **The target reopen date is August 15**, **2016.** Check our Spring Summer Program Guide for **membership specials** and what to do at Trico while the pool is closed. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

#### **Spring Summer Registration**

Registration for Spring Summer programs, including day camps, is now on. Programs for all ages – from tots to seniors - start in April.

#### Adults

 More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. Many new land-based classes added during pool closure. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
 Adult registered programs including new options: Cardia Visible up a Calf. Can ditiving and Dance. PLAX

dio Kickboxing, Golf Conditioning, and Dance PL3Y (Dance Play.)

• Adult Wellness Workshops in April: Walking Pol Clinic (April 12, 1:30-3:30pm) and Yoga for Scoliosis (April 17, 1-3pm.)

#### **Older Adults**

• Many of the more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week are specifically designed for older adults: Check out Be Fit Age Well, Fit 'n Fab., and our numerous yoga options. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

- Registered programs starting in April include Balance Builders, Bone Builders, Brain Builders, and Chair Yoga.
- Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

#### Families, Children, Youth

- Lots of new registered Parent & Tot, Preschool children, and youth programs start in April.
- Check out our Summer Day Camps for ages 3 to 14 years registration now on.
- Lots of Drop-Ins: See the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck. Free for members. Fee for non-members.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

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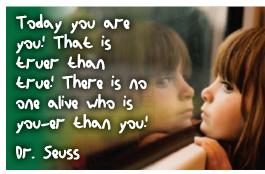


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## Q3 results reveal NDP fiscal strategy is failing Albertans

It was revealed that Alberta's projected deficit would not only be higher than previously anticipated, but could climb to as high as \$11 billion in 2016/17. It's clear from these projections that the NDP government needs to do much more to control spending and manage the impact of plunging oil prices.

"We are deeply concerned to see this government continue to borrow for operations while making no effort to control spending. With the deficit projected to rise dramatically next year, this government has no other plan than to continue racking up debt that will rest squarely on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren."

While we recognize that the government does not control the price of oil, they continue to make choices that further destabilize our economy and cause even more hardship for people across the province.

"Albertans need leadership when it comes to weathering this storm," said McIver. "It's clear that Premier Notley must take immediate action to control her government's spending and reverse her damaging economic policies."

#### Bill 10

The Progressive Conservative Caucus supports the intent and the spirit of the Government's LGBTQ education guidelines as a way to ensure that our schools remain safe and healthy environments for the students of Alberta. We are also encouraging Minister Eggen to work collaboratively with all parties including parents, students and school boards across the province to make sure that the policies drafted with the help of these guidelines reflect the best interests of all Albertans.

We believe that an open dialogue between all parties is essential to prevent misinformation or dangerous hyperbole from spreading. Effective communications is essential, and it will be important to set aside any partisan rhetoric as we continue these conversations.

We are confident that the school boards across Alberta will create and implement inclusive policies that respect

the rights and dignity of all students in our school system. We would like to encourage anyone who would like to contribute to the discussion to reach out to their local school boards in the coming months.

If you'd like to speak with me directly on this issue, please give the office a call at 403-215-8930. I am here to represent you and I am always going to stand up for parental rights.

#### In The Community

I continue to attend community association meetings to hear from constituents about issues that are important in the constituency. March was a busy month for school visits to grade 6 students, speaking about democracy and government as well as answering student questions.

Scrolls: Birthday scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 65+ birthday, in five-year intervals. Anniversary scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 25+ anniversary, in five-year intervals.

Community visits: If you'd like Rick to come and speak to your child's class or at your community event, he'd be happy to. Contact Jennifer at 403-215-8930 to learn more.

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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
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Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
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Hey Ward 14!

Spring is now in full swing. I will start with a quick reminder about Counciltalk and then dive in to an important spring topic.

#### **March Counciltalk**

Three great Counciltalk discussions are already done. The April Counciltalk will be held at the Sundance Resident's Association (63 Suncrest Way S.E.) on April 23 from noon to 2 p.m. You can find a listing of Counciltalks at calgary.ca/counciltalk, and you can also sign up to get email reminders for Counciltalk and other things at calgary.ca/ward14connect.

#### Street Sweeping

You're reading this in late March or early April, but I'm writing it in February. As I write, the City is way ahead of schedule for its street sweeping program because of



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"Pre-sweeping" is what it sounds like. We pick up some of the larger debris in strategic areas to make things easier for the final sweep. It is the beginning of our annual program removing debris that has accumulated during winter on roads, major sidewalks, and boulevards. Keeping the roads clear helps everybody get around easier and safely. It is also good for the environment and our wallets. Every pebble that we pick up before the June rain doesn't end up in our storm water system. It also saves us money on maintenance of that system. Removing as much as possible is great, and doing it quickly is best.

So we're trying to take advantage of the good conditions, and there are a few changes to the usual schedule that you should take note of:

- 1. We are aiming to complete the program by June 1 instead of June 30, and will begin on April 3 instead of April 13 (weather permitting).
- 2. Daytime sweeping (in residential areas) will be 7 days/week instead of 4 days/week

3. Evening sweeping (of main roads) will now be Mon-Thurs instead of Sun-Wed

If you see a temporary parking sign on your street, that means there is a parking ban in place. Crews will move vehicles to a space nearby at the City's expense if possible, but will tow to an impound lot at the owners expense if not. In both case, the car will be ticketed. Unlike before, vehicles in sweeping areas where there is no parking ban may receive tickets, and the penalty has gone to \$120 from \$75.

Please help the City keep our streets, sidewalks, and parks clean of debris by obeying the posted parking restrictions. It will save the City money, and your neighbours will thank you. Parking ban signs will be posted at least 12 hours in advance, so keep an eye out. I also suggest visiting calgary.ca/sweep where you can find a real-time map showing our progress (a result of one of my innovation fund requests) and look up planned street sweeping dates by address. Check back frequently though—the weather can change plans.

If you have any questions about street sweeping or anything else feel free to contact me.

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