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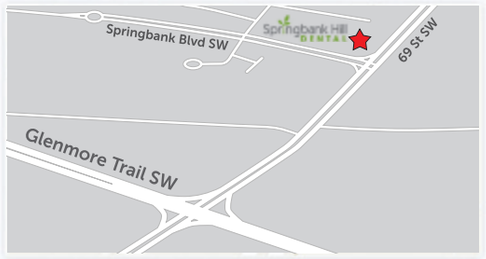

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Cycling Safety

The nice weather is here and that means it's time to ride. But wait! Before you take your bike out of storage, here's a few reminders on how to stay safe on two wheels.

- Make sure your bike is in good working order (especially the brakes).
- Have front and rear lights on your bike if you ride at dusk, night, or in low visibility conditions (rain, fog).
- Keep a safe distance from the curb and parked cars.
- Ride predictably, in a straight line
- Use proper hand signals to indicate turns and lane changes.
- Stay off the sidewalk.
- Dogs are not to be on a leash and run beside a cyclist.
- Stop for stop signs and red lights, and always yield to pedestrians.
- Be alert and careful at intersections, where most collisions happen.
- Always ride with traffic, on the right side of the road.
- Use your voice, a bell or horn when passing pedestrians or other cyclists.

Calgary has one of North America's largest pathway systems. Pathways are a relatively safe place to ride as there are no vehicles, however you do share the pathway with pedestrians. For this reason, it is important that you indicate to the pedestrian that you are behind them with your voice ("on your left!") or a bell. Note that the speed limit on the pathway is 20km/hr.

Bicycles do not have the right of way over vehicles when crossing a street like a pedestrian. If you dismount and walk your bike across the street, you are a pedestrian and have the right of way. If you ride your bike across the street you are considered a vehicle.

For further details on cycling safety refer to the links below.

http://www.bikecalgary.org/safety

http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/TP/Pages/Cycling/Cycling-Education-and-Safety/Pathway-laws-and-etiquette.aspx

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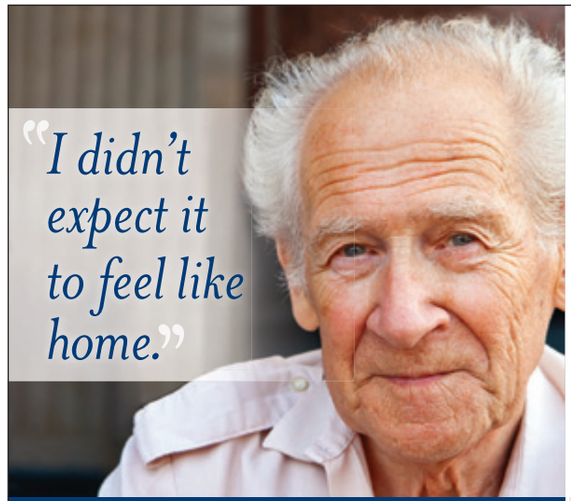

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Signal Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Signal Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2017	$633,000	$645,000
March 2017	$635,000	$613,000
February 2017	$595,000	$578,000
January 2017	$607,000	$600,000
December 2016	$623,900	$601,000
November 2016	$660,000	$635,000
October 2016	$650,000	$630,000
September 2016	$669,900	$636,500
August 2016	$694,500	$678,250
July 2016	$689,950	$672,500
June 2016	$682,450	$658,500
May 2016	$607,400	$589,750

Last 12 Months Signal Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2017	20	15
March 2017	22	17
February 2017	12	5
January 2017	11	5
December 2016	3	10
November 2016	18	13
October 2016	13	13
September 2016	11	8
August 2016	7	8
July 2016	14	10
June 2016	11	18
May 2016	16	14

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Brooke	18	403-874-3111	Yes
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Destynee	15	403-875-3069	Yes
Elizabeth & Michelle	21	403-918-2035	No
Hannah	13	403-246-6578	Yes
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Izzy	16	403-863-1453	Yes
Jayde	18	403-481-3315	Yes
Joanne	13	587-966-6277	Yes
Karl	16	403-212-1014	Yes
Kyla	15	403-217-0282	Yes
Makayla	17	587-888-9389	Yes
Meg	13	403-702-6327	Yes
Megan	18	403-993-4056	Yes
Nabila	47	587-215-2673	Yes
NEGIN	43	403-217-5778	Yes
Olivia	17	403-246-0203	Yes
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March 2017	$674,450	$657,550
February 2017	$670,000	$640,000
January 2017	$574,950	$562,250
December 2016	$690,000	$668,000
November 2016	$589,450	$564,500
October 2016	$679,000	$711,000
September 2016	$652,450	$618,000
August 2016	$699,900	$675,000
July 2016	$759,000	$758,000
June 2016	$679,000	$652,500
May 2016	$649,500	$635,000

Last 12 Months Christie Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2017	$899,950	$881,250
March 2017	$689,900	$681,000
February 2017	$857,450	$840,000
January 2017	$0	$0
December 2016	$800,000	$757,500
November 2016	$850,000	$800,000
October 2016	$799,900	$767,000
September 2016	$0	$0
August 2016	$975,000	$930,000
July 2016	$0	$0
June 2016	$929,900	$895,000
May 2016	$897,450	$860,000

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City of Calgary would like to remind dog owners of the following:

- When off of their owner's property, dogs must be on a leash unless in a designated off-leash area.
- When in designated off-leash areas, dog owners must ensure their dog is under control, is within their sight and responds to commands.
- Parking lots adjacent to off-leash areas are on leash.
- Owners are responsible for picking up all waste produced by their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed in school grounds, playgrounds, sport fields, golf courses, cemeteries, wading and swimming areas, and other areas prohibited by signs.
- Dogs must be walked on the right-hand side of the pathway on a leash that is no more than two metres in length and must not interfere with other pathway users.
- Owners cannot cycle, in-line skate or skateboard on a pathway with a leashed dog.
- Dogs must not enter or swim in any body of water within a park except a river that runs through, or is adjacent to, a City park.
- Dogs must have and wear a City of Calgary licence when the dog is three-months-old

When we respect the bylaw, we contribute to a safer and healthier community.

Thank you for being responsible dog owners and valued community partners.

For more information about the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, visit calgary.ca/animalservices or contact 311.

The real way to build an emergency fund

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

It's an unsettling fact: most Canadians don't have money put away for an unexpected event. According to a 2015 survey by Pollara, 44% of Canadians have less than $5,000 set aside for unexpected expenses, and a quarter of working Canadians are living paycheque to paycheque with no emergency cash at all.

Here's how to build an emergency fund:

How much? Ideally, your fund should equal three to six months of your take-home salary but at the very least, it should cover basic needs, like buying food and paying the household bills.

How? Build it steadily, progressively and as aggressively as your finances will allow:

- Determining how much you need in your emergency fund and how long it will take you to reach your goal using monthly contributions.
- Authorize automatic monthly payments from your chequing and/or paycheque account to your emergency fund account.
- Trim unnecessary monthly bills and put that money into your emergency fund.
- When you get a bonus or an unexpected tax refund, put some into your emergency fund and perhaps into an RRSP, and, yes, set aside a few dollars for fun.

How not to? Even if you have a line of credit, you still need an emergency fund. Drawing on a line of credit increases your debt and whatever you buy with it will cost even more because of the interest you'll pay. Don't be tempted to use that emergency fund for a vacation or another impulse purchase, it's for true emergencies only!

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The City will be widening Bow Trail to four lanes between 85 Street S.W. and Old Banff Coach Road in 2018. The design of this project began in April 2017, and is expected to be complete by December 2017. Further work on the intersection at Bow Trail and 85 Street will also be occurring in 2018 and the plans include widening 85 Street to two through lanes north of Bow Trail to match the road alignment to the south, including a separate left turning lane for drivers travelling eastbound on Bow Trail. Construction of this project is anticipated to start in spring 2018 and will be completed by the end of 2018.

A public information session will be held in fall 2017 to provide updates to nearby communities. Please visit www.calgary.ca/bowtrail-swrr or email yyc-rr@newsletters.calgary.ca for more information on the project and upcoming construction.

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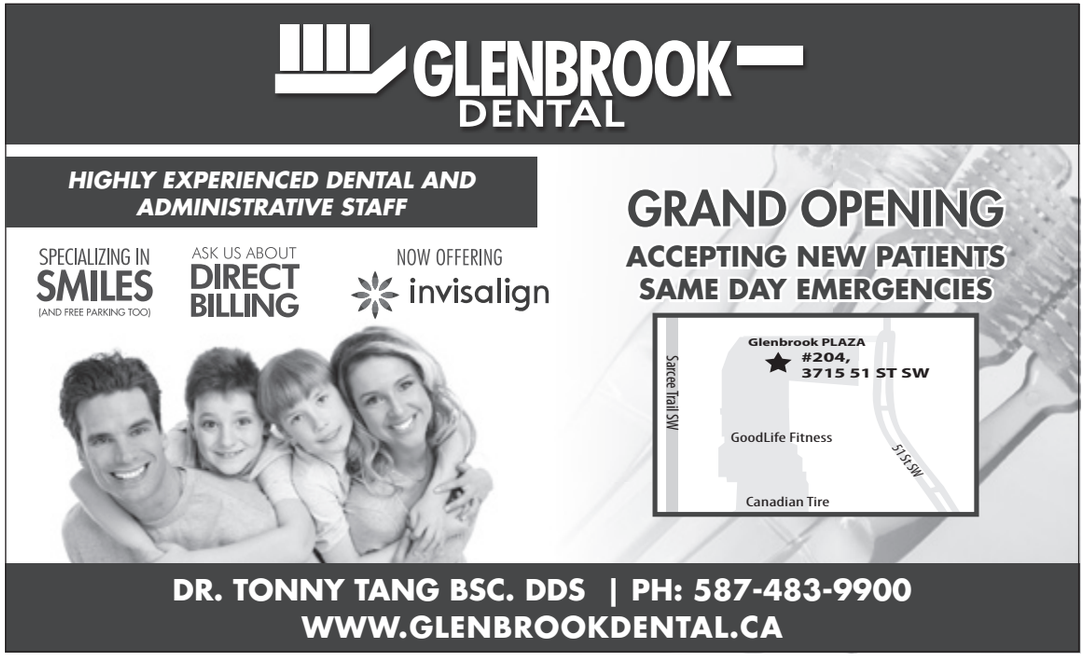

Why Art Matters

By Tasha Komery

Many of us enjoy the experience of seeing a live show, be it music, dance, or theatre. We leave these experiences feeling more inspired, more creative, and more at peace with the world around us.

But in the grand scheme of things, does art really matter? Does it really have a powerful impact on our lives, on our health, on our community, and on our society?

We have solid research on the impact of the arts on the economy. In the *Arts Impact Alberta 2014* study, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) found that "the total output of the sector is roughly $347 million". Additionally, the not-for-profit arts organizations that Alberta Foundation for the Arts funded provided approximately 700 full-time and 2,700 part-time positions with the majority (85%) of Albertans reporting that the attend at least one arts event per year.

It seems the arts do improve our society. But what about us, personally? A recent study from The University of Western Australia has found that "participating in the arts for just two hours a week can improve mental health and wellbeing". Participants surveyed were asked how they felt after the experience, and the respondents used descriptors like "optimistic", "useful", "relaxed", and "good about myself". One of the study's co-authors concluded: "arts engagement increases people's happiness, confidence, and self-esteem, while reducing stress and social isolation".

Fortunately for us, Calgary is a great city to get out and experience art, whether it is in a gallery, on a stage, at a festival or even taking an art class. For a good overview of the breadth of arts and culture in Calgary, visit lifeincalgary.ca/todo/arts-culture

This column is provided by Arts Commons. Located in the heart of Calgary's vibrant downtown core, Arts Commons is home to six distinct performance venues including the Jack Singer Concert Hall, as well as resident companies: Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary International Children's Festival, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary.

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Don't forget that Neighbour Day is coming up on Saturday, June 17 – the perfect time to get out and meet your neighbours over a delicious cold beer!

The winning community association will receive 10 flats of beer from Village Brewery, Fiasco Gelato, Spolumbo's sausages, and Italian Bakery buns for a 50-person BBQ party!

Photo submissions will be accepted on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram from May 1 to midnight on Saturday, June 17.

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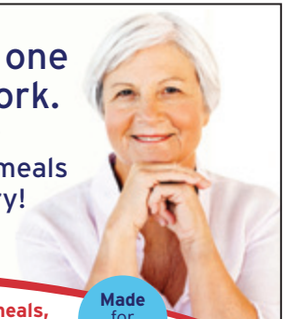

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The Cougar

Article by J.G. Turner
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The cougar, Alberta's biggest cat, can be found in wild areas along the full length of western North America, and Mexico, Central America and South America. Adult males can weigh up to 90 kg while females average 45 kg. Adults are well camouflaged with tawny to grey-brown fur and black tips on their tails and backs of their ears. Their heads are small and round and their eyes are brown with large pupils.

Fun Facts:

- Despite their wide distribution, cougars are seldom spotted by humans.
- Cougars are apex predators and are excellent hunters.
  - Cougars have a killing bite with sharp teeth to tear off chunks of meat and a rough tongue to clean traces of meat off their prey's bones.
  - Their hind legs are longer than their front ones to give better spring to pounce of their prey, their claws are razor sharp for bringing down their prey and climbing trees and their skeletons bend easily for jumping, stretching and twisting.
  - These cats have an excellent sense of smell and their large pupils help them see their prey in dim light.
  - Cougars are hunt-and-wait predators, meaning they watch their prey silently in trees or rocks and pounce when their prey is feeding.
  - Cougars hunt moose, elk, caribou and deer.
- Cougars are solitary animals unless they are with their young.
- When a female is ready to give birth, she finds a den in rock piles, caves or under a deep brush of fallen trees.
  - Cougars will occasionally use human built structures such as doghouses, sheds or hunting cabins for their dens.

Cubs develop their hunting skills by hunting at their mother's side and stay with their mother until they can hunt for themselves which is typically between 13 and 24 months.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

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Canada 150 'Celebration on the Hill'

September 2, 9-4pm

This celebration is being hosted by the communities of Strathcona, Christie, Aspen, Coach Hill, Patterson, Springbank Hill and Signal Hill.

We have lots planned for the day! For more info, visit www.scacalgary.ca

If you would like to get involved please contact Maureen at 150volunteers@scacalgary.ca

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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Canada Day at Fort Calgary – 750 9 Ave SE, July 1
Beginning with a free pancake breakfast in the morning, this is a day of celebration and riotous fun. Family-friendly activities go all day long and could include: live local music, traditional Indigenous games and stories, the NWMP Commemorative Association patrol camp, a food truck caravan, powwow dance workshops, plus the City of Calgary's 'living flag' event. Admission is free. More info: fortcalgary.com.

My Sporting Life, Our Canada Speaking Series: Discover Canada – Southcentre Mall – July 8 at 1 PM
It's rare you'll find Leigh McAdam here in Calgary. She is always on the move writing and researching for her widely popular travel and outdoor blog HikeBikeTravel. Leigh is also the author of the book "Discover Canada – 100 Inspiring Outdoor Adventures." Hear more from her year visiting all provinces and territories. You'll leave Leigh's talk with a desire to get out and explore everything Canada has to offer right here in our own backyard! Plus, there is a $250 gift card door prize up for grabs. Admission is free.

Calaway Comic Fest for Kids – Calaway Park, July 14 – 16
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Condominium managers are responsible for collecting condominium fees, arranging property maintenance (according to instructions from the condominium's Board of Directors), assisting the Board of Directors with enforcing the Bylaws, and other duties set out in the Bylaws.

The Real Estate Act does not specifically refer to condominium management, but it does say that individuals need a licence if they collect contributions, or money, for the control, management, or administration of real estate.

So, if a condominium manager is collecting condominium fees, or other such fees such as special assessments, do they need a licence?

If a condominium manager collects the money payable to the condominium corporation, deposits it directly into the condominium corporation's account, and they are not carrying out any other activities that fall under the definition of trading in real estate, they do not require a licence.

If a condominium manager deposits the money payable to the condominium corporation into the management company's account for any period of time, no matter how short, they do require a licence.

As a member of a condominium Board of Directors, you and your Board will have to think about how you want your management company to collect and hold fees. If the company will hold them in its own account, they require a licence.

Licensing requirements provide some protection for consumers when a third party, for example a management company, holds consumer funds. All licensees are required to have Errors and Omissions insurance, and there is a consumer compensation fund that compensates consumers who suffer a financial loss as a result of fraud, breach of trust, or a failure to disburse or account for money held in trust. The compensation fund is only available to consumers who are working with licensed professionals on trades in real estate or deals in mortgages.

In December 2014, the Government of Alberta passed legislation that will require licensing for all condominium managers; however, the government has not announced the date on which those legislative changes will come into effect. In the meantime, the licensing requirements detailed in this article continue.

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

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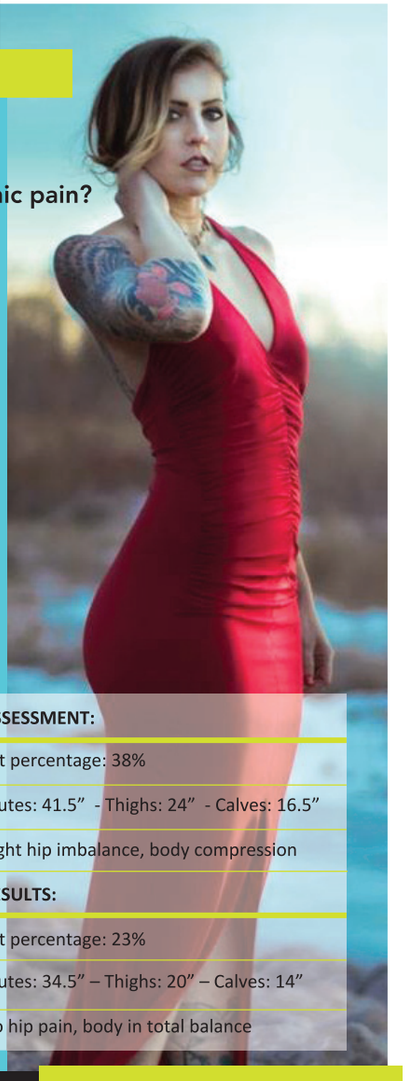

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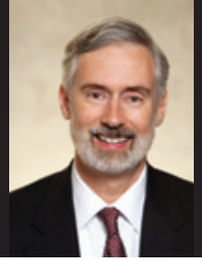

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Big news for Ward 6 this month—Green Carts are coming!

Calgarians have embraced our successful Blue Cart recycling program, and we're excited to launch the Green Cart program for food and yard waste city-wide! This allows us to divert 65% of Calgary's waste to create nutrient-rich compost for the soil in gardens, parks, and local farms. The program also keeps material out of our limited existing landfills to avoid significant future costs.

Everything including banana peels, animal bones, cooking oil, paper tissues, grass clippings, branches, and kitty litter can be composted at our advanced composting facility. A portion of the finished compost will also be made available to the community for free!

Ward 6 is in the SW quadrant and will be the first phase in the roll-out. When your cart arrives, you can expect:

- A green cart, the same size as the blue and black carts.
- A kitchen pail for collecting food waste in the home.
- Samples of compostable bags to line the kitchen pail.
- Samples of paper yard waste bags to use for extra yard waste that doesn't fit inside the cart.
- A three-month collection schedule explaining your new collection days.
- Instruction guide that explains the new service.

Starting the week of July 17, your green and blue carts will be picked up every week on the same day. Thus, we ask that you start filling your green carts starting July 10 and no sooner, to prevent bin overflow or excessive decomposition. Since the majority of your garbage can be recycled or composted, black carts will change and be picked up once every two weeks on a different day.

The savings achieved by changing Black Cart collection to once every two weeks will be re-invested into the program in order to reduce the Green Cart monthly rate to $6.50/month.

Need a little help? Go to calgary.ca/collection to confirm your dates, and also get free reminders via email, text, calls, calendars, or download the Calgary Garbage Day app on your phone!

A reminder: Starting on November 1, Bylaw requires multi-family units (apartments, condos) and businesses to separate food and yard waste for composting or diversion as well. Building owners/managers can choose a service provider as well as how to manage the service for their residents and tenants.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/greencart or call 3-1-1.

Seniors' Week

The City celebrates Seniors' Week from June 5 - 11 to acknowledge the contributions of seniors to our communities. Whether it's their time, talent or life experience, seniors' contributions are at the heart of many Calgary communities improving the quality of life for many Calgarians. Learn more at www.calgary.ca/SeniorsWeek

Youth Employment Centre

Do you know someone aged 15-24 who is looking for summer work? The City of Calgary's Youth Employment Centre (YEC) offers year-round services and resources to help youth, aged 15-24, secure employment and take the first step in their career. For information on free counseling, career planning, industry training, mentorship opportunities, and networking and resume assistance, visit youthemploymentcentre.ca

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As the legislature session comes towards its summer recess, I want to direct your attention towards one matter in particular that is of concern to myself as your MLA, and to our PC caucus. The Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCO) invests the Alberta Heritage Savings Fund, as well as many of the pension plans available to public sector employees of the Government of Alberta.

AIMCO has long been independent of interference from those in political power. While AIMCO reports to the Legislature, it's Board and staff are picked because they have incredible investment expertise, and are able to see beyond each election cycle. Yet, a series of decisions surrounding investments seem to suggest that it's now the NDP Premier's Office that is deciding what AIMCO is investing in. The NDP has also removed requirements that AIMCO board members have any financial or investment experience at all.

To me, AIMCO represents the investors that are seeking to better the future of our children. If they cannot deliver the necessary returns to fund public pensions, a pension liability is passed onto the next generation. As well, if the Heritage Fund is invested by the political party in power for projects it deems appropriate, we will lose any ability to look to the long term.

Quite simply it shouldn't be up to politicians who work on four-year election cycles to decide where our long-term Heritage Fund investments are made.

We've called for the Auditor General to investigate the NDP's interference in this corporation, and look forward to hearing back from them soon on the results of their work.

I hope that this message finds you and your family well, and enjoying the warmer weather.

As you are likely aware, the Trudeau Government recently tabled legislation that would legalize marijuana. The government contends that too many young Canadians end up with criminal records for possessing small amounts of the drug.

I want to share with you some of the important aspects of the legislation and ask for your thoughts and feedback for our Opposition Caucus on how we handle this important file.

The new legislation would legalize marijuana for those over 18 and allow possession of up to 30 grams. It would also allow for individuals to grow 4 marijuana plants on their property or buy from a licensed distributor. Police would be given the power to use saliva based tests if they suspect someone is driving under the influence of the drug. The bill also prohibits marketing to youth, sales through vending machines, and clarifies laws surrounding driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs.

There are a number of areas where the bill does not specifically spell out the Government's approaches to handling some key practical issues when it comes to legalizing marijuana. For example, it doesn't give us any perspective on how the government intends to tax these products nor how they will be distributed (the later will likely be left to the provinces). Our caucus has also expressed some concerns on whether the Government's efforts to keep marijuana out of the hands of young people will be effective.

The government wants the new law to take effect July 1, 2018 which is a very aggressive timeline. Provincial and municipal governments will be responsible for policing, by-law enforcement and a number of issues that will result in significant costs.

Our official opposition caucus will continue to question the government on dealing with these unresolved issues and I would appreciate hearing your perspective. Please call my office at 403-292-6666 or email Ron.Liepert.c1a@parl.gc.ca with your thoughts and comments.

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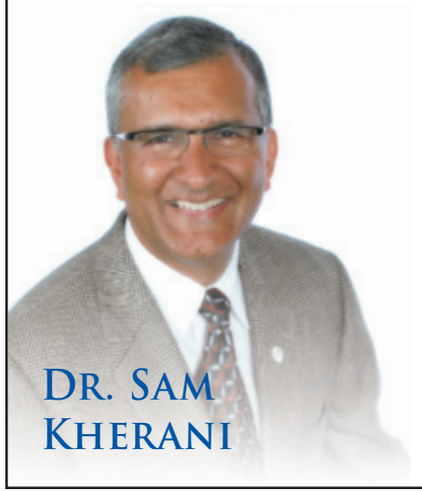

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