

*Happy New Year*

*The New Year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year, and plan on how to make the year ahead even better. From my family to yours, we wish you all the best in the year ahead.*



## SHANE KEATING

Councillor Ward 12



### Coming in 2016...

#### Quarry Park Recreation Centre:

This facility, operated by the YMCA, is scheduled to open in 2016. The 94,000 sq. ft facility will offer:

- 25m, 6 lane pool, small leisure pool, hot tubs and steam room
- Gymnasium with multi-purpose flooring
- Fitness centre with cardio and strength training equipment
- Fitness/aerobics studios, running/walking track
- 9,000 sq. ft. full service Calgary Public Library (relocation of the Glenmore Square Library)



Construction at Quarry Park Recreation Centre - December 2015

#### New Brighton Regional Athletic Park

This new park responds to an urgent need for sport infrastructure in southeast Calgary and is scheduled to open in the summer of 2016. This public use park will include:

- Four rectangular multi sport natural turf fields
- One baseball natural turf diamond
- Approximately 260 parking stalls
- Change room/washroom facilities
- Regional Trail through the park to connect the community
- Internal pathway connections between facilities



Design concept for Seton Recreation Facility

#### Seton Recreation Facility

This facility, operated by the YMCA, will begin construction in 2016. The facility is scheduled to open in 2018. This 330,000 sq. ft. facility will include:

- 50m, 10 lane competition pool, diving and water park
- Spectator viewing area
- Leisure pool, hot tubs and steam room, 2 multi-purpose ice rinks
- 3 Gymnasiums with multi-purpose flooring
- Fitness centre with cardio and strength training equipment
- Fitness/aerobics studios, running/walking track
- 25,000 sq. ft. full service library and 300 seat theatre (approximate)

Design concept for New Brighton Recreation Centre



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## 2015 Was a Year of Unprecedented Progress for Ward 12

Let's take a quick moment and reflect on just how far we came in 2015. 2015 saw two monumental funding announcements for the future of the Green Line light rail transit (LRT). On July 24, 2015 the Federal Government announced up to \$1.53 billion in funding for the Green Line. On December 14, 2015 Calgary City Council agreed to extend an initial funding commitment of \$52 million annually from 10 years to 30 years. This 30 year commitment of \$52 million gives the City of Calgary a contribution of \$1.56 billion. The Provincial Government has yet to formally announce funding for the Green Line.

The Green Line has an estimated price tag of \$4.6 billion. In the summer of 2013 there was only \$12 million for preliminary design and transit oriented development study for this project. Fast forward two years and we are more than half way there. Conservative projections in 2012 had the southeast portion of the LRT opening in 2039. By looking at the Green Line as a north central and southeast LRT, we have accelerated this timeline by fifteen years or more.

## The Train is a Comin'!

In 2015 the Green Line took some incredible steps forward. In 2015 we saw the City of Calgary and the Government of Canada pledge their funding commitments for the Green Line. I remain optimistic that the Government of Alberta will come on board to fully fund this critical piece of infrastructure. We need all residents who care about this project to voice their support for the Green Line with their Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Council approved a number of reports and initiatives in 2015 that were critical to this project. In the spring of 2015 I asked Council to support a Notice of Motion that asked The City of Calgary to explore moving the Green Line straight to LRT instead of transitioning from a bus rapid transit (BRT) system. My motion passed, and in December Council approved of the recommendations to move the Green

Residents of Ward 12 have made it very clear; they want to see their tax dollars invested in their community. When I was first elected in 2010 Ward 12 had a population of 63,000. Today the population is over 103,000. With some of the fastest growing communities in Calgary here in Ward 12, we can expect the population to continue expanding at a rapid rate.

Since 2010 the City of Calgary has made some very large infrastructure investments in southeast Calgary: Seton recreation facility (opening in 2018), Great Plains recreation facility (opening in 2016), Quarry Park recreation facility (opening in 2016), New Brighton Regional Athletic Park (opening in 2016) and the Green Line LRT (constructed beginning in 2017). You told me that these projects were important to you and your family, and I made it my priority to make sure residents in southeast Calgary enjoyed the highest quality of life possible.

Line straight to LRT. The approved first phase of LRT will need to incorporate a maintenance facility and have access to the downtown. The maintenance facility has been approved at the Shepard station which will be just north of 130th Avenue.

The City of Calgary also took forward planning and public consultation in SE Calgary in 2015. The project team took your feedback to find a way to make the Green Line integrate well with the existing community. Council approved the report that outlined the specific station locations and alignment for the southeast portion of the Green Line.

Be sure to keep yourself up to date on the Green Line project by visiting [www.calgary.ca/greenline](http://www.calgary.ca/greenline) or [www.shanekeating.ca/greenmeansgo](http://www.shanekeating.ca/greenmeansgo)

## By the Numbers:

The LRT on the Green Foundation recently did City wide poll gauging support for the Green Line and the City of Calgary funding solution that has now been approved. 774 residents in Ward 12 responded, here is how they answered:

**Q1: Would you like to see the Green Line LRT built?**

**Support – 78.39%**  
**Not support – 7.15%**  
**Unfamiliar – 14.46%**

**Q2: The Green Line LRT requires funding from the City of Calgary. \$52M annually has already been dedicated for 10 years, if this funding program were extended for an additional 20 years, the City of Calgary would have fully funded the Green Line without raising taxes. Would you be supportive of extending the funding program for an additional 20 years?**

**Support – 57.23%**  
**Not support – 15.80%**  
**Not Sure – 26.97%**

For more information on this survey please go to:  
[www.lrtonthegreenfoundation.ca/press-releases/survey-results-2015](http://www.lrtonthegreenfoundation.ca/press-releases/survey-results-2015)

## Ward 12 Quick Facts:

According to the 2015 Civic Census Data:

**103,062**  
people live in Ward 12

**8,129**  
new people came to Ward 12 in 2015

Ward 12 grew by **8.56%** from 2014

**4 of the 5 fastest growing communities in Calgary are in Ward 12**

Mahogany, Auburn Bay  
Cranston & Copperfield

## You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE:

Residents will have the opportunity to discuss ideas, concerns or issues that matter to their communities. In addition, stations will be set up with representatives from a variety of departments. My colleagues from The City of Calgary are very excited to take your questions and offer updates on what 2016 and beyond look like for Ward 12. See details below.



**January 28, 2016**

**6:30 - 8:00pm**

**Mahogany Beach Club**

**29 Masters Park SE**

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