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Happy New Year

The New Year is an exciting time for us to create new ideas and hopes on how we can make our lives better. From my family to yours, we wish you a very happy and successful year ahead.



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2014 Was a Remarkable Year for Ward 12

With the start of a New Year, and it's a perfect time to reflect on what Ward 12 accomplished in 2014. We were able to secure over \$500 million for the Greenline Southeast Transitway (SETWAY). This was the result of Council's decision to create a \$520 million fund to improve transit in Calgary. Was it the right thing to do? In my opinion, this decision was less about right wing politics and political spectrum, and more about improving the quality of life of families in Ward 12.

I received an email from a constituent last year that suggested they would no longer vote for me as I was not nearly conservative enough. I do not believe that I can be an effective voice for Ward 12 through blind ideology. The demographic in Ward 12 has changed dramatically. The majority of the residents in Ward 12 are young families with children. We need to be open minded and consider projects that will help bridge the infrastructure gap we currently have in Ward 12.

What is the Green Line?

The Green Line is an important piece of Calgary's growing transit network, connecting Southeast and North Central Calgary. The long-term goal is to build an LRT. In the meantime, or until we receive more money from the Provincial and/or Federal governments, the goal is to build a transitway along the southeast corridor to allow Ward 12 residents and Calgarians the ability to move quickly. On January 31, 2014, City Council approved my proposal to fund \$520 million over the next ten years for planning, design and construction of the Green Line.

The Southeast alignment is from downtown to the new South Hospital in Seton. The line will be over 26 kilometres. The Southeast Transitway

"Quick Wins"

Some of the first tangible building blocks of the Southeast Transitway (SETWAY) were put in place in 2014. In October, construction started on the first Quick win initiative as part of the Greenline Southeast Transitway project. The City plans to spend \$13 million on Quick wins over the next year to help traffic get around bottlenecks. This is in addition to the City Council approved \$520 million/10 year transit fund to build a bus-only transitway that would run from Country Hills to Seton in the deep south.

The first Quick win was an intersection improvement at Barlow Trail and 114 Avenue S.E. which includes a second left turn lane from northbound Barlow Trail to westbound 114 Avenue. The existing eastbound right lane on 114 Avenue S.E. was lengthened to allow for additional vehicle storage. These changes have helped improve traffic flow through the intersection and thereby helped to reduce travel times for both the BRT Route 302 and for motorists.

Here is a list of projects approved for design and construction this year and should be speeding up your commute by the end of 2015.

The residents of Ward 12 deserve to have the best value possible for their tax dollars. We need to build recreation centers that will be the foundations of our communities, we need to expand on transit into the deep South East to help residents commute, we need schools in our communities that our children can attend. While I am not a proponent for tax increases, I understand the need to make compromises to ensure Ward 12 can get the infrastructure it so desperately needs.

Some of the first building blocks of this decision, in the form of "Quick Wins", were put in place this year. I was very excited to see the completion of the first of these initiatives. This combined with the start of site excavation on the Quarry Park Recreation Centre means big changes for residents in 2015. This leaflet will take you through some of these changes, and how the Quick Wins have started to impact your commute, now, and in the future.

will have an immediate impact on commuters as it will reduce the average transit travel time by 26 minutes. This combined with minor road upgrades called "Quick Wins" will ease bottlenecks and could reduce travel delays by an extra 10 min off full bus trips. Traffic congestion is no fun for anyone. It's even worse when buses are stuck in traffic jams and delays and fall behind schedule. Bunched buses and delays make commuting unattractive for both riders and motorists.

Be sure to keep yourself up to date on the Green Line project by visiting www.calgarytransit.ca or www.LRtonthegreen.ca.

- Widen 52 Street SE from 130 Avenue to Stoney Trail from four to six lanes to implement transit-only lanes.
- Relocate bus routes from Deerfoot Trail SE to 114 Avenue SE using 40 Street SE plus 530 metres of new roadway.
- Widen 130 Avenue SE from 48 Street SE to 52 Street SE from four to six lanes to implement transit-only lanes.
- Widen Ogden Road SE from Millican Road to 69 Avenue SE from two to four lanes to provide two transit-only curb lanes.
- Construct transit queue jumps at various locations.
- Reprioritize signals and install transit signal priorities at various locations.

In October, Council discussed a report on the Green Line funding streams and workplan. Council directed Administration to come up with option for compressing the Southeast Transitway timelines.



You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE:

Shane invites residents to the 2015 Open House with the Councillor and City Departments.

Residents will have the opportunity to meet with Councillor Keating to discuss any ideas, concerns or issues they wish to bring to his attention. In addition, stations will be setup with representatives from a variety of departments from the City of Calgary. Our colleagues from the City of Calgary are very excited to take your questions and offer updates on what 2015 and beyond look like for Ward 12. See details below.

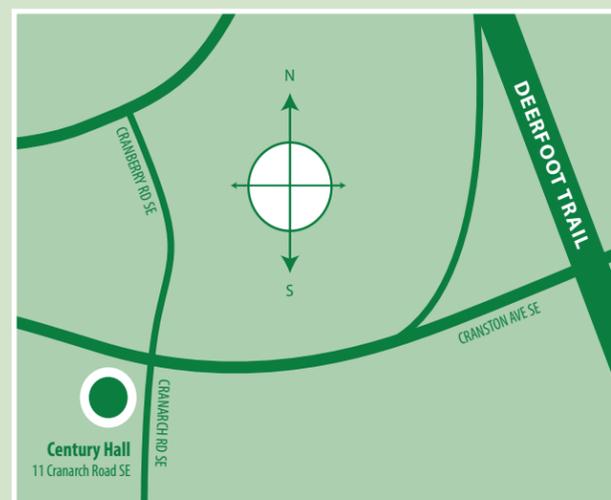
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Design concept for Quarry Park Recreation Centre

I am committed to providing a diverse range of recreation, leisure and open space opportunities, which preserve and enhance the quality of life of Ward 12 residents for present and future generations.

After years in a recreation dry zone, site excavation for the Quarry Park Recreation Centre started this year. Sport and leisure amenities include:

- fitness centre
- two pools for sport and leisure
- running track
- daycare
- gymnasium
- 7,500 sq. ft. library

The 95,000 sq. ft. facility will also act as a community hub by connecting with existing walk and bike pathways in the surrounding neighbourhoods and along the Bow River.



Construction at Quarry Park Recreation Centre, December 2014

The Seton Recreation Facility is in the design phase. Amenities proposed for this facility include:

- 52 m, 10 lane competition pool
- 2 multi-purpose ice rinks
- gymnasium
- large and small rooms for use as studies, classrooms and meeting spaces
- 25,000 sq. ft. full service library
- youth centre
- and food services

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