

Winter 2016

### Message from Councillor Keating



*It has been my sincere pleasure to represent the residents of Ward 12. During my time on Council, Ward 12 has seen considerable funding dedicated to important infrastructure projects while providing citizens with value for their tax payer dollars. Your input is very important to me. In an effort to strengthen the line of communication between my office and the residents of Ward 12, I will be issuing a quarterly electronic newsletter. This newsletter will give you some insight into what my office is working on and will give you a snapshot of what is coming up for Ward 12. I look forward to your feedback!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane Keating". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Councillor Shane Keating, Ward 12

## Provincial Transit Strategy Survey

The Government of Alberta is looking for your input. Despite economic uncertainty, Calgary is still growing. Public transportation provides safe, accessible, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation to connect Calgarians to places where they live, work and play.

The Green Line LRT will bring world class public transit to the communities of southeast Calgary. In order to deliver this project, The City of Calgary will require a funding partnership with The Government of Alberta.

Take the survey today and make sure the province knows that you want world class public transit in your community!

### [Survey](#)

Feedback will be accepted until April 29, 2016.

## Green Line Funding – Nearly There!

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Cllr. CARRA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cllr. CHABOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cllr. COLLEY-URQUHART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cllr. JONES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cllr. KEATING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cllr. PINCOTT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cllr. POOTMANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cllr. SUTHERLAND	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cllr. WOOLLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MAYOR NENSHI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When I ran to represent Ward 12 in 2013, I pointed to one goal in particular that I wanted to deliver if I was elected:

*Get the funding in place for the Green Line by 2017.*

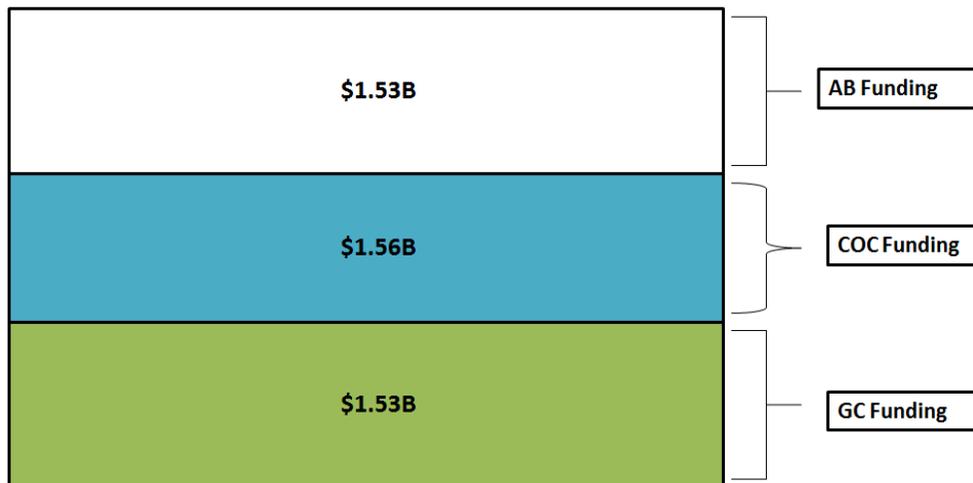
On December 14, 2015, Calgary City Council made an important decision that brings us one step closer to the goal of delivering the Green Line. I want to take a moment to explain what this funding commitment is, and what this funding commitment is not.

What it is:

- This decision is the **most fiscally responsible way to fund this project**. City Council has agreed to fund the Green Line without a new tax or an increase in taxes on Calgarians. Council has extended an existing program that was already in place.
- This is a **strong message about how important this project is**. We cannot be supportive of a project without searching for ways to deliver funding. Council deliberated over a number of options to fund this project, and extending the \$52M to 30 years was agreed to be the best option.
- This is **the most opportune time to decide funding on this project**. With interest rates historically low and the availability of construction labour high, we have a unique cost savings opportunity. We may be faced with some financing challenges, but I believe the savings in the long run will make it worthwhile.
- This commitment is a **clear message to the provincial government that this project needs their support**. This project makes sense in so many aspects: economic stimulus (projected to create 23,000 construction jobs), green house gas reduction (projected to take 35,000 cars off the road every single day) and reduction of traffic congestion (projected to reduce city wide congestion by 10-15%). We have made a strong case for the province to partner with us on the Green Line.

What it is NOT:

- This is **not a blank cheque**. There have been comments about the costs of the West LRT and how we should anticipate that the Green Line will go 50-100% over budget. Council has given administration a very concrete funding picture, and we have asked them to find a way to pull this project off within the confines of that funding.
- This is **not funding for an imaginary project**. Pre planning and public consultation is well underway for the Green Line and construction could begin as early as 2017. There could be a portion of the Green Line operational by 2021.



Today we are two-thirds of the way to having this project fully funded, and Calgarians have big reasons to celebrate. Residents in southeast and north central Calgary can take comfort that this project will be completed within the next decade, and not in the next thirty years. It is my hope that by 2017 we not only have the funding in place, but that we also have started construction on this critical piece of infrastructure.

## Ward 12 Under Construction

There are a number of very exciting Ward 12 construction projects that will be commencing or reaching completion in 2016.

### Quarry Park Recreation Facility (Remington YMCA)



If you have been in Quarry Park recently, you may have noticed that this facility is approaching completion. Construction will likely wrap up this spring. Once construction is completed, the YMCA will need to hire and train staff to prepare for a full public opening. Residents in southeast Calgary should be enjoying this tremendous facility by the fall of 2016.

Quarry Park is growing. With the future LRT station across the street and numerous commercial buildings in the immediate area, the Remington YMCA will be a tremendous asset for thousands of Calgarians.

You can find more information about the Remington YMCA [here](#).

## New Brighton Regional Athletic Park



Construction for the New Brighton Regional Athletic Park began in 2014. The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2016. This park will offer a much needed amenity for communities in southeast Calgary.

You can find more information about the New Brighton Regional Athletic Park [here](#).

## Seton Recreation Facility



Construction for the Seton Recreation Facility will begin this year. This project is scheduled for completion in 2018. This incredible facility will offer a unique variety of recreation activities to some of Calgary's fastest growing communities.

You can find more information about the Seton Recreation Facility [here](#).

### Meet the Ward 12 Team

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**Shane Keating, Councillor**

Councillor Keating was first elected to represent Ward 12 in 2010. He is now in his second term on City Council. Shane was born in Regina and move to Alberta in 1991. He received a Bachelor of Education at the University of Regina and his Masters of Education Administration from the University of Calgary. Prior to becoming the Councillor for Ward 12 Shane spent 31 years in education; 17 as a school teacher and 14 as a school administrator/principal.



**Jordan Pinkster, Chief of Staff**

Jordan graduated from Mount Royal University with a degree in Policy Studies. Prior to joining Councillor Keating's team in December of 2014 Jordan was the Media and Public Affairs Officer at the British Consulate-General here in Calgary. As Chief of Staff Jordan manages the Ward 12 office, provides valuable advice to Councillor Keating and develops the communication strategies for the Ward 12 team.



**Joylynn Matheson, Community Liason**

Prior to joining Councillor Keating's team in March of 2015 Joylynn was serving as the Office Manager for the Marquis de Lorne Community Association. As Community Liason, Joylynn works closely with our Community Associations and provides support to concerned residents that contact the Ward 12 office. Joylynn and her family have lived in Copperfield since 2008.



**Karen Spiers, Executive Assistant**

Outside of working for the Ward 12 team, Karen owns First Serve Tennis with her husband here in Calgary. As Executive Assistant, Karen manages Councillor Keating's calendar and appointments and also manages the administrative needs of the Ward 12 office. Karen and her family lived in McKenzie Towne for 8 years.