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Happy New Year Ward 12

The New Year is a time to reflect on the work we have put into our communities over the last year and begin looking at how to make the next year even better. On behalf of my entire office, I wish you all the best in the year ahead!.



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Sustainable Growth is Critical to the future of Southeast Calgary

2016 was a year of growth and development in southeast Calgary. But it was also a year where we saw many Calgarians hurting due to the current economic realities that our province faces. Over the last number of months my office has been working hard to provide more opportunities for residents to share their feedback and provide me with a better informed voice as I contemplate the big questions facing our city.

Two priorities were made very clear:

1. **Value for money.** The residents of southeast Calgary want to see value for their tax dollars. They want The City to explore ways to find more efficiency in the budget and they want investments that are going to make a meaningful difference in their communities.
2. **Investments in mobility.** The residents of southeast Calgary want to see investments in transportation. Growth rates in southeast Calgary remain the highest in the city. But, we haven't always seen the commitment to

providing these areas with the transportation options needed to sustain growth.

We are living in a city with a seemingly endless list of funding priorities. Fully funding all of our projects is virtually impossible, so your elected officials must prioritize and make the best possible decisions. In my role as an advocate for the projects that will impact southeast Calgary it is critical that I explore opportunities to leverage funding from the provincial and federal governments while also staying open minded about partnerships with the private sector.

In the next sixty years the population in southeast Calgary is expected to increase by more than 200%. In order to sustain that growth we need to continue to see major investments in infrastructure projects like the Green Line LRT, Seton Recreation Centre and upgrades to Deerfoot Trail. We will have a lot of new neighbours joining us in the decades to follow, and we need to make sure our communities are prepared to handle the growth.

Green Line LRT Progress Continues

We continue to move closer to seeing improved public transit options for southeast Calgary. While we are still awaiting a full formal funding announcement from the provincial government, our conversations continue to be productive. We know that the province believes the Green Line is a terrific project, but their financial situation poses some challenges. We are currently working with the province to identify a funding model that allows us to deliver this project while also delivering job creation and economic stimulus when Calgarians need it most.

On December 3, 2016 the federal and provincial governments announced more than \$250M in funding for the Green Line. This funding allows us to continue getting the Green Line ready for construction by relocating utilities, acquiring land and making improvements to the existing 302 bus service. This is a very welcome injection of funding and in my opinion this turns the Green Line into a question of "when" as opposed to a matter of "if". Great news for Calgary!

You can visit calgary.ca/greenline for ongoing updates about the project.

Over the last year Council made some key decisions on the alignment of the Green Line. The downtown component is going to be one of the most complex aspects of the project. The Green Line team took time to consult with Calgarians while preparing their technical recommendations on how to integrate the project into the downtown. Ultimately Council gave conditional approval for an underground alignment that begins at 24th Ave N, goes under the Bow River and comes back to grade between 10th Ave and 12th Ave S. While the underground option is certainly the most expensive, it removes much of the interference we see with an LRT at-grade through a high density downtown core.

We still have a lot of work to do on the Green Line, but I am confident that we are moving in the right direction. My hope is that we see a full funding commitment from the province later this year and that we can start identifying next steps as we get ready for construction.

Deerfoot Trail Study Underway

Alberta Transportation and The City of Calgary have teamed up for a comprehensive study of Deerfoot Trail. This study commenced in the spring of 2016 and will continue into 2018.

We haven't seen a study of this size and scope on Deerfoot since the mid 1990s. A lot can change in 25 years. The pressures on Deerfoot, especially in the southeast, are much greater today than they were a few decades ago. This study doesn't just focus on how to make Deerfoot wider, it focuses on more effective ways to move people. While construction-based improvements will be paramount, improvements like variable speed limits and High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes may also be considered.

In June of 2016 the study undertook a comprehensive public engagement project. The study team received thousands of responses to an online survey and got to hear directly from Calgarians at a number of open houses. Residents in southeast Calgary were some of the most active in this feedback and made the point very clearly that the most used areas of the Deerfoot are between Stoney Trail S and Glenmore Trail, while the most congested area is between McKenzie Lake Blvd and Glenmore Trail.

This roadway really matters to folks that live in southeast Calgary. I will continue to be active with the study team and I look forward to seeing what recommendations they come back with.

You can keep up to date with the study at calgary.ca/deerfoot.

Ward 12 Quick Facts

According to the 2016 Civic Census Data:

109,384
people live in ward 12

6,322

increase in Ward 12 population since 2015

Calgary grew by **0.35%** from 2015

Ward 12 grew by **8.56%** from 2015

Mahogany was the fastest growing community in Calgary for 2015

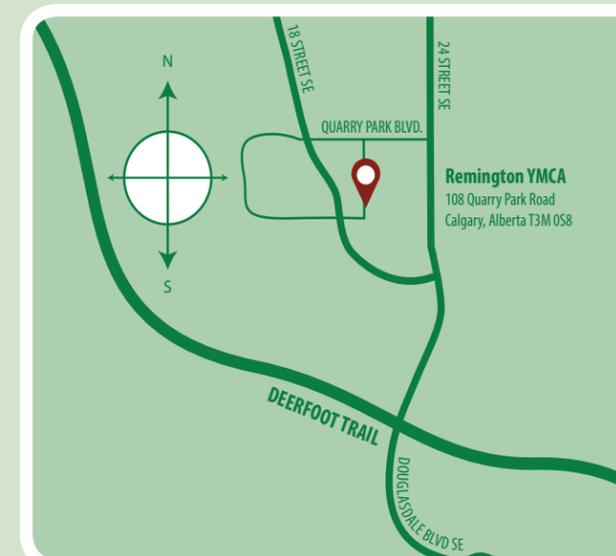
You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE:

Each year my office hosts an open house. We invite City of Calgary departments and external partners to participate. Presentation booths will be set up for information and I know our guests are looking forward to answering your questions. See details below.



**Wednesday,
February 8, 2017**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Remington YMCA
108 Quarry Park Road
Calgary, Alberta T3M 0S8



RECREATION CENTRES HAVE ARRIVED IN WARD 12



**Remington YMCA
Quarry Park**

Last summer The City officially opened the Remington YMCA in Quarry Park.

This 94,000 sq. ft. facility is operated by the YMCA and offers:

- 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/aerobic studios, running/walking track
- 9,000 sq. ft. full service Calgary Public Library
- Daycare facility



**New Brighton
Regional Athletic Park**

Southeast Calgary now has an outdoor regional athletic park! This new facility was officially opened at the beginning of last summer and includes:

- Four rectangular multi-sport natural turf fields (two large fields big enough to accommodate football and rugby and two smaller fields to accommodate soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee and field hockey)
- One baseball natural turf diamond
- Skatepark
- 260 parking stalls
- Change room/washroom facilities
- Two playgrounds



**Seton Recreation
Centre**

This past summer The City officially broke ground on the Seton Recreation Centre. This 330,000 sq. ft facility will be operated by the YMCA and includes:

- 50m, 10 lane competition pool
- Diving
- Water park
- Leisure pool
- Hot tubs and steam room
- 2 multi-purpose ice rinks
- 3 gymnasiums
- Fitness centre
- Running/walking track
- 25,000 sq. ft. full service library

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