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Our Board Meetings are always the second Tuesday
of the month at 7:00 pm!**


Updates to the Board of Directors

As we shift from 2021 to a (hopefully) better and brighter 2022, we also see some changes to the board membership of the Dalhousie Community Association. Our biggest change is the switching of roles between our former president, Ron Cornish, and one of our two former vice presidents, James Reimer. We are happy to see James take on the new role of president, and grateful that Ron will stay on as a vice president. The role of secretary has also changed hands, from John Piera to Wayne Pennington. John will stay on as a board member, heading the Communications Committee. We are thankful that, though some roles will change, these members will continue to be a part of our team.

Additionally, we are happy to welcome Rochelle Lamoureux and Sue Nicholls as our newest board directors-at-large. Rochelle has jumped in with both feet, leading our newly formed Community Engagement Committee. As our board grows, we hope that our ability to do great things for our community will grow, too!

While some things change, others will stay the same. Jonathan Maynard, our second vice-president, and Marilyn Lambert, our treasurer, will both stay on in their roles. Petro Babak and Stephanie Desmarais, will both remain as directors-at-large, and Brent will continue to head the Planning and Development Committee. We appreciate these valuable team members, all of whom continue to do excellent work.

The Board of Directors is a volunteer organization working to support the needs of members to create a fun, safe, and inclusive community. The Board's vision is to ensure Dalhousie is a vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive community that promotes involvement. They work closely with Dalhousie Out of School Care, the Kindergarten and Preschool programs, other programs running out of the community centre, the City of Calgary, the Community Engagement volunteers, and other community groups. As many as 18 volunteers may comprise the Board of Directors; with our membership currently at 11 officers and directors, there is room for another 7 volunteers. So, if you have some time and energy to contribute to our community, please consider joining the DCA Board of Directors!



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Winter Carnival Thank You

The Dalhousie Community Engagement Committee wants to send a warm thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize the Dalhousie Winter Carnival this year. We got to enjoy and visit with hundreds of Dalhousie families, and it was so much fun.

We had to make a few last-minute changes to the planned activities, due to weather. Despite that, several fun activities were offered at the carnival, including: three delightful magic shows, an indigenous fireside storytelling and singing from the incomparable Chantal Chagnon, and disc golf lessons from Guinness World Record holder, Rob McLeod.

Victoria Dalglish Real Estate sponsored both the magic shows and free hot chocolate throughout the event. In addition, the Family Cheese food truck provided delicious treats. We send a very special thank you to two Dalhousie residents who offered their talents to the event: Wendi Nordell, who created a beautiful custom colouring page, and Wayne Marshall, who delighted residents with his remarkable kite display. There was also a fun nature craft, lawn games, and fire pit where everyone enjoyed s'mores and fun conversation. We also thank Brooks Sawmill for the donation of a truckload of firewood for the Winter Carnival and Dalhousie Co-op who donated Co-op gift cards for the door prize.

As always, events like this are impossible without our delightful volunteers. We would like to thank event organizers: Anna, Iris, and Rochelle. In addition, we had amazing day-of support from Marilyn, Jen, and Omisha. We couldn't have done it without support from the Dalhousie Community Association staff and a special shout-out goes to Doug and Sarrina for their wonderful help.

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Affordability Grant and Child Care Subsidy

Within the last couple of months, our governing bodies have amped up supports for families with young children in childcare. Child Care Subsidy has recently increased their income thresholds which means that families earning more may now be eligible for this financial support. However, the funding doesn't just stop there!

More recently, our governing bodies have implemented the Affordability Grant Agreement. This specialized funding has been piloted to stretch over the next five years to help assist families with younger children (ages 0 to kindergarten) attending Licensed Day Homes, Daycares, Out of School Care Programs, and/or Preschools. The grant is essentially paid out monthly to these qualifying facilities so that they can reduce the overall costs of their childcare services.

As a Licensed Program, the Dalhousie Out of School Care (DOSC) and Dalhousie Preschool (Playschool) accept families receiving Child Care Subsidy, and we also qualify for the Affordability Grant. Families seeking more information regarding these services and/or subsidies are encouraged to go online to <https://www.alberta.ca/federal-provincial-child-care-agreement.aspx>.

Easter Celebrations

Easter is not a fixed date, but always occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, an astrological occurrence when the sun is exactly above the Equator, resulting in day and night of equal length. After this point, days get longer and warmer, welcoming the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere. Easter is a Christian holiday, but for many people who are not Christian, spring is still a special time of year. Many cultures and religions have springtime celebrations with similar themes of celebrating the rebirth and renewal that spring brings after the dark winter months.

Lots of families enjoy the springtime tradition of the Easter Bunny hiding eggs, candy, and gifts, and coming together for a special meal with family and friends. The egg is a symbol of renewal and rebirth. Rabbits also have a long history of being linked to renewal (maybe because they are so good at renewing themselves!), and so, are a good fit for the springtime theme of new life. The original "easter bunny" is thought to come from a German story of the "Osterhase" who was a magical hare that would lay coloured eggs for children to discover on Easter morning.

Whether your family celebrates Easter or has other springtime traditions, we wish you happiness and health, with plenty of time enjoying the sunshine, fresh air, and season of growth this spring!

Dalhousie Farmers' Market



We are an Alberta Approved Farmers' Market, and our next indoor market is April 12 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

We have a wide range of vendors from produce, microgreens, baked goods, frozen meals, coffee, popcorn, canned goods, chocolate, and so much more.

Please visit our website to see the list of vendors: <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/farmers-market>.

We are moving back outside to a weekly Farmers' Market on May 26, 2022. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at market@dalhousiecalgary.ca.



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Dalhousie Buy Nothing Group

If you use Facebook, you may be aware of a growing trend for neighbourhood "Buy Nothing" groups. These have grown out of the "Buy Nothing Project." Founded in 2013, this movement encourages us to buy less and share more, to foster community and reduce waste and impact on the environment.

Buy Nothing members can share gifts or ask for what is needed and are encouraged to share their gratitude for a gift once received. Buy Nothing groups are intended to foster a sense of community and develop relationships between neighbours. Buy Nothing groups are not intended as a space for fundraisers, soliciting business, or as a neighbourhood watch type group.

The rules of the movement ask that members treat others as they want to be treated, and welcome anyone who lives within the boundaries of the community group. Gifts are given and received in good faith; that is, if something has a broken or missing piece, that is clearly stated, and that, if someone receives a gift, it is not sold (unless the receiver has made their intention clear before receiving the gift). In the spirit of fostering neighbourly relationships, posters may sometimes ask interested recipients to share something about themselves; for example, if giving away a Christmas wreath, a giver may ask hopeful recipients to post their favourite Christmas tradition.

A Buy Nothing group can provide almost anything, from furniture and appliances to clothes, toys, and games, small household items, and even food. Some members may offer a "gift of self," gifting one's time, talents, or services.

Buy Nothing Groups are a fun and practical way to engage with your community, reduce waste, and give and receive help.

Dalhousie's "Buy Nothing" group can be found on Facebook; if you use this platform, and are interested, you can:

- Send a message to the group to request membership
- Confirm your address is within the boundaries of the group
- Confirm you do not belong to any other buy nothing groups, and
- Confirm that you are over 18 years old.

Math and Early Learners

Our province's curriculum lays out learning standards for all students starting with kindergarten. To explore math in a play-based program like the Dalhousie Community Kindergarten, we explore math ideas and language by manipulating objects, experimenting with materials such as blocks, natural items, playdough, and paint, playing with games and puzzles, and occasionally doing worksheets.

Understanding quantity up to the number 10 is more than being able to count (forward and backwards). We help children make the important connection between a written number and a physical group of items. We help develop the ability to recognize a group without counting (think of "seeing" the dots on a dice and knowing the number) and encourage children to use comparative language like "more", "less", or "too many". Our activities help them understand that you can show a quantity in different ways – with a number, shown as a diagram or chart, and as groups or arrangements of items.

Foundations in geometry deal with shape, size, position, and direction of movement. In kindergarten, we make sure that children can recognize two- and three-dimensional shapes. We explore measurement and estimating by attributes like length, area, capacity, and mass, and compare and describe objects and place them in order or patterns using concepts like bigger, longer, heavier, etc.

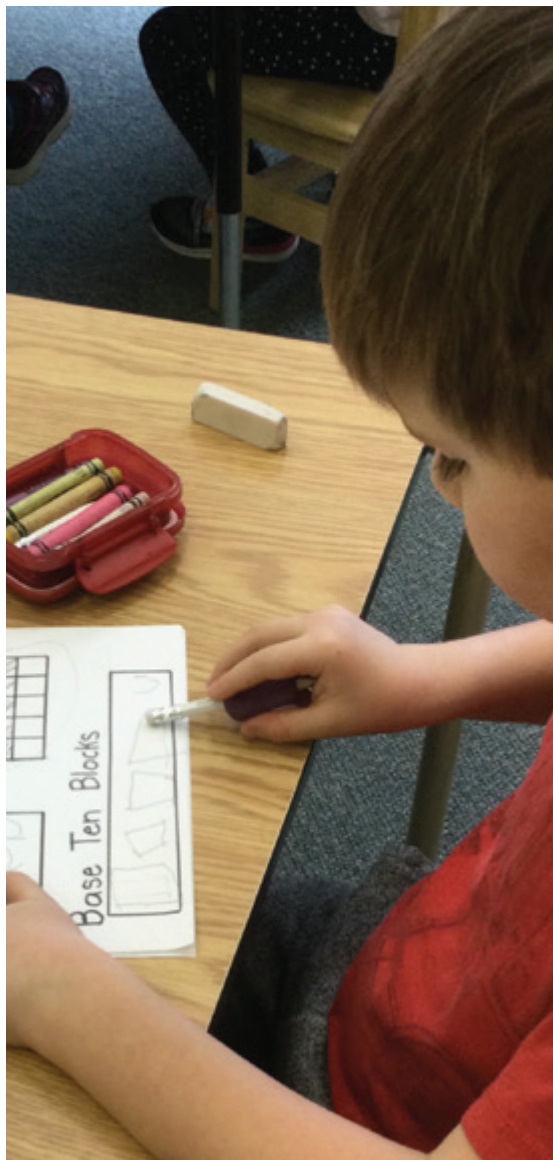
Identifying patterns helps with problem solving and is an important part of a student's development, overlapping with many areas of learning. In kindergarten, we help children recognize and build patterns with sounds, objects, pictures, symbols, and actions. We sing, dance, sort objects, create artwork, and look for patterns in nature and our surroundings.

We also teach the concept of time as a sequence of events. We identify time using numbers or words, and use vocabulary like first, next, last, yesterday, tomorrow, etc. Every morning we look at our calendar. What day is it today? (a number and a word). What was yesterday? What day is it tomorrow?

Math learning opportunities are everywhere! At home, you can reinforce learning during many everyday activities. Playing games and reading books are always time well spent. Look for and name patterns anywhere. Baking together teaches measurement and quantity. You can also have fun measuring items using objects like paper clips,

toothpicks, marshmallows, or fish crackers to compare sizes. Count out crackers, grapes, etc. at snack time (eating them is great for backwards counting) or use a deck of cards to put numbers in order – then remove some and have your learner fill in the missing ones!

You can find information about Alberta's current draft curriculum at <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx>.





Registration for the 2022/2023 school year is ongoing! We are currently accepting registration for our both our 3- and 4-year-old programs.

*More information regarding our registration process can be found on our website.

Upcoming Dates:

April 15: Good Friday – No School

April 18: Easter Monday – No School

Skip the Depot

If you would like to support our community preschool, you can easily do so by donating your empty cans and bottles! We have teamed up with Skip the Depot to help raise funds for our non-for-profit preschool!

1. Download the Skip the Depot app at <https://app.skipthedepot.com/dcpreschool>.
2. Schedule a pickup time and leave your bags outside.
3. Funds will automatically be donated to the Dalhousie Preschool.

This is a simple, zero contact way to support the school, while decreasing your to-do list! Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any inquiries or questions about the preschool, please contact: registrar@dcpreschool.ca or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.

Community Clean-up: June 19, 2022

The Dalhousie Community Association has been able to secure a community clean-up date with the City of Calgary for Sunday June 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Watch for further details and take advantage of this opportunity to donate, recycle, and send items to the landfill.

Good Food Box



www.ckpcalgary.ca/goodfoodbox

The Good Food Box Program, (GFB) is under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby anyone can purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price.

Order by noon on Tuesday, April 19. Pickup at Dalhousie Church (5511 Baroc Rd NW) between 1:00 and 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Late pickup and limited delivery available upon request.

Small Box \$25 | 20 to 25lbs

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Order Date	Delivery Date
April 19	April 27
May 10	May 18
June 7	June 15
July 5	July 13
September 13	September 21
October 11	October 19
November 15	November 23



Spring is Here - Protect Your Bikes!

As we head into spring, remember to keep your bikes locked up or securely stored. You can also help protect your bike by registering it online through bikeindex.org.

Bike Index is an online registry tool used by Calgary Police Service to help return stolen bikes to their owners. Bike Index is a free, voluntary database used by bike owners, bike shops, and police services. If a registered bike is stolen, an owner can login and make note that their bike is missing (You should also report it to police). In the event that the bike is recovered by police, or looked up by an unsuspecting buyer, its status on Bike Index will appear as stolen and alert those searching that serial number. If you are buying a bike, you can also look up the serial number to verify it has not been reported as stolen. If you are selling a bike that you have previously registered, you can transfer registration to the new buyer.



To use Bike Index to register a bike, you will be asked to provide information like the make, model, colour, serial number, and other defining characteristics of your bike. (Consider placing unique stickers or paint on your bike to make it easily identifiable.) If you are reporting a bike as stolen, you can provide photos and need to provide a phone number or email for police to contact you, should your stolen bike be recovered.

The most important piece of information for the data base is a serial number. All bikes should have one. Most have their serial number engraved beneath their bottom bracket (where the crank arms connect to the frame) or above the front fork. If you find more than one number on your bike, enter all of them.

The website is easy to use and offers support if you are having difficulties. Take a few minutes and protect your bikes by registering them today!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

We read about and see firefighters and grass fire units respond to fires on Nose Hill, especially during dry and windy conditions. The causes may be investigated but the follow-up story of the positive impact on vegetation will not be documented, unless by researchers. Indeed, a burning program for Nose Hill Park should be examined periodically, based on monitoring information and new scientific knowledge. These are only a few of the recommendations from The Nose Hill Park Natural Area Management Plan.

Grassland ecosystems adapted in response to climate and disturbance. Bison helped to remove dead plant material when their vast herds grazed, primarily during the fall and winter. Cultural burns were sacred Indigenous practices. Fire was a natural process on the prairies that helped shape the evolution of prairie plants and animals. There is a case to be made that it should be reintroduced in a controlled manner, when experts manage the process.

Prescribed burning could be used to manage vegetation on native and non-native grasslands. Smooth brome is the domestic species of most concern in the Park. Another is Canada thistle. Burning should occur every five to ten years on native grassland but may be planned more frequently on brome to control the density of grass cover. Burning will benefit most grassland wildlife species, including rare species.

There are protocols or burning prescriptions in Natural Parkland zones, such as when (in the early spring to avoid damage to growing plants and before excessive litter builds up), and how (supervised by the Natural Areas Management Coordinator and the Parks Superintendent). By managing the natural process of fire on the landscape, instead of preventing it, we can improve habitats for native plants and animals, and reduce the risk of out-of-control wildfires.

Get to Know: The Calgary Public Library

The first branch of the Calgary Public Library (or CPL) was the Memorial Park Library downtown, which opened in 1912. In the last 110 years, the library has grown to 21 locations across the city. For Dalhousie residents, the closest libraries are the Nose Hill Library (1530 Northmount Drive NW) and Crowfoot Library (8665 Nose Hill Drive NW). Library membership is free for anyone!

Most people think of books when they think of a library. Of course, the CPL has a variety of books, magazines, and graphic novels in many languages, for people of all ages. You may not know that the CPL also lends CDs, DVDs, sheet music and musical instruments, and even laptop computers.

During the pandemic, digital library services use has grown. A CPL membership allows free access to streaming services for eBooks and audiobooks, including magazines and newspapers from around the world. Streaming is also available for music, concerts, TV, and movies for all ages, in many languages. There are also online music lessons, language learning, and computer skills, as well as school support for kids and teens. A list of digital services, and tutorials on their use, is on Niche Academy: <https://calgarylibrary.ca/read-learn-and-explore/digital-library/niche-academy/>.

Most library locations feature computer workstations and printers (with \$5 free printing per month), as well as quiet workrooms and meeting rooms available to book. Each location has a number of board games available to play on the library premises, and the new Central library has a teen centre with video game consoles for teens to play (among other services and programs just for teens).

The CPL also offers community supports, such as a Wellness desk (403-299-9699, or in-person at the Crowfoot or Central library), with access to mental health supports, health information, and referral to services. For Calgarians with hearing/visual impairment or other limitations, the CPL offers a Special Services library card to access a range of specialized materials and services, with flexibility in return times and fees. This includes the homebound reader program, which arranges for materials to be dropped off/picked up by volunteers for patrons with mobility challenges. The CPL also offers helpful resources for jobseekers, including resume review and consultation at the "job desk," access to practice interview questions, and career and networking programs.

Finally, the Calgary Public Library offers a number of programs, both in-person and online (currently, most

programs are online). Kids and teens can explore interests as diverse as coding, artistic endeavours, astronomy, story times, and more. Adults too can find programs to upgrade skills, find new hobbies, or learn about health, parenting, business, finance, computers, or anything in between. Specialized programs are also offered with resident artists, authors, and entrepreneurs.

With free membership, no late fees for materials returned under 35 days past due, digital and physical resources, programs, lessons, and more, the Calgary Public Library is an excellent resource for whatever interests you. Visit your local branch or learn more online at www.calgarylibrary.ca to get started.

Did You Know?

There is no fee for a Calgary Public Library membership.

The CPL is fine-free. This means no fees for late returns, though there is a lost item charge if not returned 35 days after the last renewal date.

Most physical materials can be checked out for three weeks and renewed up to four times. Your items will be auto renewed if there are no holds on the item.

Most books can be transferred to a branch of choice for pickup and returned to any branch.

Summer Break Camps



Summer Break Camps will be held at the Dalhousie Community Association (5432 Dalhart Road NW) this year. Registration will open online to the public on April 1, 2022. Our weekly themed camps cater to children in kindergarten to grade 6 and will operate from July 4 to August 26, 2022. Stay tuned as more information will be available on our website and/or through social media in the coming weeks ahead.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Remington at 4739 Dalton Drive NW

The Planning and Development Committee recently connected with Remington Development Corp, the current owner and developer of the development formerly known as the Dells at 4739 Dalton Drive NW (near the tennis courts and Dalhousie LRT station), as named by the original owner and proponent Birchwood Properties. Progress continues with the underground parkade in place and both towers are now above ground. Remington is targeting mid- to late-2023 for completion of these two buildings and are planning to begin providing more information on their product in the next few months.

The Committee's Approach to Planning Applications

The Planning and Development Committee is copied on Planning Applications, including Development Permit Applications, Land Use Bylaw Changes, etc. for parcels within our community. Most of the material in these applications can be accessed and commented on by residents via the City of Calgary Development Map (<https://developmentmap.calgary.ca/>). However, the Committee sometimes receives additional detail that can be made available for viewing at the Dalhousie Community Association. When an application is

received, we do our best to evaluate and comment on the application relative to the Land Use Bylaw (<https://lub.calgary.ca/>), encouraging development within the rules of the Bylaw and considering the application's impact on the community. We are also happy to hear from residents that want to share their comments about any Planning Applications with us so that we can better understand our community member's needs.

Future Projects

The Committee is beginning to look to the future in considering what we can bring to the table as a proactive partner in the development of a Local Area Plan for Area 14 communities, including Dalhousie, as the city continues to progress through the Local Area Planning process over the next few years. While this has not yet kicked off for Area 14, which includes Dalhousie and the Tri-Woods (Brentwood, Collingwood, and Charleswood), our near-term goal is to better understand the challenges and opportunities that will come with the planning process.

<https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/current-studies-and-ongoing-activities/local-area-planning-in-calgary.html>.



April Yards and Gardens in Calgary

The weather of any season in Calgary can bring many surprises, and spring is no exception. As days get warmer and longer, many of us are itching to get our hands dirty and gardens started but remember that Calgary's frost-free growing season is typically from the end of May to mid-September. Keep this in mind if you are tempted to remove mulch. The safest bet is to leave it in place until the end of the month or early May to insulate plants and those sleeping insects like ladybugs.

In late March or early April, you should start to water trees - especially evergreens. You can also start annual and vegetable seeds indoors. If you start seeds indoors, keep an eye on them through April. Fluorescent lights should be only an inch above the leaves, and plants cut back to the first set of leaves to encourage branching. Thin, repot, and fertilize as necessary through the month. Some cold tolerant plants like sweet peas, peas, carrots, beets, lettuce, radishes, and spinach can be started from seed directly outside later in the month, as can onions and potatoes.

Now, depending on temperatures, it may also be the time to clean and fill your bird baths. Clean water is more attractive to birds and is also important to help reduce the spread of disease and limit mosquito populations. Use a solution of one part distilled white vinegar to nine parts water to scrub the birdbath thoroughly. Scrub the basin, lip, and any area of the birdbath where the birds can land, perch, drink, or bathe.

If tree buds are swelling or showing signs of flowers or leaves, it is too late for winter pruning so put away the shears. Once woody plants have fully leafed out, go ahead and summer prune. Now is not the time to prune plants that flower early such as June blooming roses, lilacs, early white spirea, forsythia, double flowering plum, and fruit trees. Wait until after they have finished blooming and leafing out.

You can rake debris from the lawn when it is dry enough to walk on. Top dressing with compost can be done in April. Generally, plan to leave aeration and fertilizing until May.

Hardening Off

Hardening off is the process of giving your seedlings or greenhouse grown plants time to transition from their controlled environments to the outdoors.

Once outdoor temperatures are appropriate for your plants, harden them off over a period of several days to a week. Start on a warm day. Place the plants outside in full shade (in a sheltered location) and bring them back in for the night. If it is breezy, you may want to only leave them outside for an hour or two (do not try to harden off your plants on a windy day). Over the next couple of days, place them in dappled shade, increasing the amount of sun exposure each day. By the third night, they can be left outside overnight (only leave them outside if the low will be no colder than 5°C). The plants should be ready for planting in their final growing locations after day five.

The East Dalhousie Community Hub: Initial Planning Stages!

The Dalhousie Community Engagement Committee is busy working on projects that support our vision to keep Dalhousie a vibrant place to live! Along with smaller projects like the Winter Carnival, the DCEC is deep into planning the East Dalhousie Community Hub: an ecologically healthy, beautiful, and engaging outdoor community space.

Pending grant application funding and approval of a partnership with City Parks and the CBE, the proposal includes a sustainable and restorative food forest, with walking paths and rest areas throughout, community garden beds, and an indoor/outdoor gathering place beside the Dallyn building. DCEC has proposed the area surrounding the Dallyn building (owned by the community centre) on Dallyn St., beside Dalhousie School. This project will create a beautiful and useful space in east Dalhousie that increases the standard of living in our wonderful community!

Please check out our survey on this project! Scan the QR code or go to the website: bit.ly/3LbY3MA.

*The rendering is an initial design concept and is subject to change.

TIME ZONES

There is a large cloud of mystery surrounding the concept of time across the globe. We know different places have different time zones, but did you know that due to their scattered national territories, France actually has different 12 time zones!!? Now that's a lot of time to keep track of!





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Alberta continues to recover and is seeing an increase in manufacturing and exports to international markets. A new report shows that manufacturing sales in our province hit a record high in 2021. The gains in manufacturing are complemented by gains in our international exports, which means that the world is getting more high-quality, made-in-Alberta products.

We're also seeing positive signs in our retail economy as Albertans move past the pandemic and get back to normal life. Our province saw strong retail sales through the end of 2021, with total sales higher than in 2020 and 2019. This is great news for local businesses who have been faced with immense challenges over the last couple of years.

Industries across our province are booming, thanks to the Alberta Recovery Plan. Over the past two years, our province has consistently topped the Canadian average in industry growth. This incredible growth presents a new challenge: recruiting new Albertans and workers to fulfill the growing demand for skilled labour in our province.

Our government has already acted to address this growing job demand, passing Bill 49, the Labour Mobility Act, streamlining a consistent and transparent approach for recognizing skills, education, and credentials of out-of-province workers. At the inaugural Premier's Summit on Fairness for Newcomers, Premier Jason Kenney also announced two new programs under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Strategy. These will encourage skilled and talented professionals and entrepreneurs from around the world to settle in Alberta and help meet the current and future workforce needs in our province.

Alberta's economy is growing, diversifying, and creating jobs. Alberta is and always has been a place people come to in search of opportunity and prosperity, and our government is working tirelessly to ensure that advantage is stronger than ever.

I wish you and your family a Happy Easter!

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Greetings Ward 4!

Spring is finally upon us and as we transition from freezing to warmer temperatures, I want to provide the following information and tips to make sure your families, homes, and communities are protected, as well as make your everyday lives as comfortable as possible.

As some snow may continue to fall during this month, know that our snow response prioritizes routes based on daily volumes to help keep Calgarians safely moving on our city roads. Please allot enough time for your daily transportation and be mindful when sharing the roads with our snowplows and street sweepers.

As the snow clears, our street sweepers will be out in full force. Sweeping reduces water pollution by preventing the run-off of sanding materials into our storm drains, as well as reduces air pollution. How can you help? Please pay close attention to when parking bans will be in effect in your area, as well as make sure your blue, black, and green bins are clear of the streets during sweeping times. For more information on neighborhood clean-up volunteer opportunities, please reach out to the Community Association in your area.

Watering your yard can account for 30 to 40% of your annual water use. With changing weather patterns in the city, capturing water can help you and your community save money and water during times of high heat and dryness.

First, look for a sealed barrel equipped with:

- An overflow mechanism.
- An additional outlet and hose to redirect water to plants or trees from the barrel once it's full.
- A drain or tap near the bottom to fill a watering can.

Please visit the YardSmart – Rain Barrels section of the City of Calgary's website for more information on how to set up your rain barrel.

As part of your home maintenance, please don't forget to check your taps, hot waters heaters, water softeners, and toilets for leaks. Toilets are the most common cause of leaks in the home. Take the Leaky Toilet Test to find out if your toilet is leaking.

For more information and guidelines about how to repair and check for leaks, please visit the City of Calgary's 'Homeowner Water Guide' available at calgary.ca.

I hope you all had a wonderful winter, and I am looking forward to focusing on these warm spring months ahead.



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Private Members' Business

The Parliamentary process seldom provides opportunities for individual Members of Parliament to introduce legislation; however, through Private Members Business (PMB), MPs may introduce legislation of their choice.

MPs can introduce almost any legislation outside of the Government's agenda. Members are chosen in a lottery system and may only introduce one PMB. Members can also be official Seconders to PMB legislation – I have Seconded many Bills during my time on the Hill.

Last year, the House of Commons passed my Private Member's Bill, Bill C-210, with the support of every Member of Parliament. Less than 2% of PMBs pass. My Bill simplifies the process of registering as an organ and tissue donor using the federal annual tax return form.

You can explore the Bills currently up for debate in the House of Commons at www.ourcommons.ca. Each of these Bills represents the commitment of their sponsoring MP to improve the lives of Canadians.

Some PMBs being debated this Parliamentary session include:

- Bill C-240 proposes to provide an exemption from the capital gains tax when real estate or private corporation shares are donated to charity.
- Bill C-234 proposes to exempt additional farm equipment and fuel from the carbon tax.
- Bill C-251 proposes to develop a framework on the conservation of fish stocks and management of pinnipeds.
- Bill S-223 proposes that permanent residents and foreign nationals are inadmissible to Canada if the appropriate minister believes that they have engaged in activities related to organ trafficking.
- Bill C-230 proposes to outlaw the act of intimidating a healthcare professional to compel them to contribute to the provision of medical assistance in dying.
- Bill S-216 proposes to allow charities to provide resources to people outside of the organization, provided that they take reasonable steps to ensure those resources are used for a charitable purpose.

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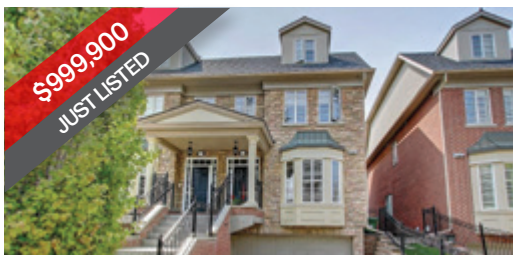
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