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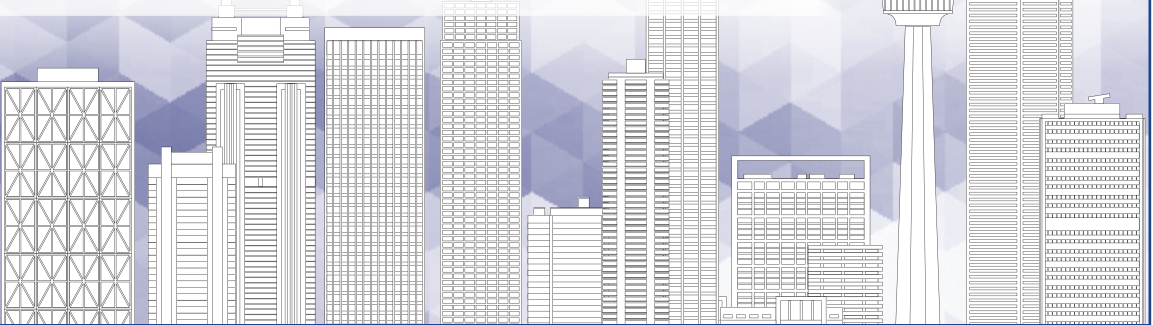
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Calgary Sketch Club	www.calgarysketchclub.com
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Dalhousie Community Kindergarten	dcakids.com
Dalhousie Out of School Care	dalhousiecalgary.ca
Dalhousie Senior Drop-in Cribbage	dalhousiecalgary.ca
Dalhousie Community Preschool	DCPreschool.ca
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Engineering For Kids	engineeringforkids.net
Essentrics™ by Vital 1 Fitness	Vital1.ca
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Dalhousie Musical Theater Camp:
PIRATES: THE MUSICAL

July 04 – 08 2022
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Performance – Friday July 8 at 6:30 P.M.

Ages: 6 and up

Come and join our singing Pirate Crew for some fun.

Drama: Songs: Stowaways: Prop making: Performing
Please bring a water bottle and a lunch.

Director: Wendy Kondrat

Looking For a Place to Host Your Event?

Over the past couple of years, so many weddings, memorial services, family reunions, and other celebrations have been put on hold, but now that restrictions have lifted, you may be thinking about organizing something. The Dalhousie Community Centre should be one of the facilities you consider for several reasons.

The facility is modern and clean. For example, the auditorium has recently been renovated, with new heating and air conditioning, flooring, doors, and many other upgrades.

There are several rooms to choose from, depending on the size of your event. The auditorium is the largest at 3,450 square feet and can hold up to 350 people. The Sunrise Room is the smallest at 840 square feet and can hold 50 people.

There is a commercial kitchen which could be used by a caterer.

If you require tables, chairs, audio/video equipment, signage, etc., most of these amenities are included in the cost of the room rental (this can save you a lot of \$\$!). admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca

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There is ample parking, which is free.

Access is easy, being less than a five-minute drive from Crowchild Trail, Shaganappi Trail, and Sarcee Trail.

Perhaps the best reason is price. Compare our auditorium to the Main Room of another Community Association. Although the auditorium is 1/3 larger, our hourly rates vary from \$37.50 per hour during the day, to \$60 per hour in the evening, to \$85 per hour after 9:00 am, while theirs is a flat rate of \$95 per hour. I could pick any community association, church, or other facility operator and the story would be the same. The DCA offers great value.

I know next time I need to find a facility to host an event, I'm going to consider renting one of the rooms at the Dalhousie Community Centre.



YYC Food Trucks

YYC Food Trucks will be coming to the DCA once a month this spring and summer.

Save the Dates!

June 14 - 4:00 to 7:00 pm

July 12, August 9, and September 13 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm



Dalhousie Preschool

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

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

Upcoming Dates:

June 10 – PD Day (No Classes)

It's hard to believe our school year is coming to an end. We would like to take a minute to thank all of our preschool families for another great year here at Dalhousie Preschool. For those families moving on to kindergarten in the fall, we wish you all the best, and we look forward to seeing all the returning families back in September. We hope you all enjoy a safe and wonderful summer!!



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 not-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.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Calgary Captured is a citywide citizen science program with remote motion-activated cameras to monitor wildlife in city parks. The project documents dogs and off-leash activity across natural environment parks. Although there were off-leash dogs in on-leash zones in all natural areas, Nose Hill was identified as a Park where education or enforcement should be considered.

Based on images of off-leash dogs, 89% of them were in on-leash zones. Although the number of leashed dogs varied, about the same proportion of dogs were leashed in designated off-leash parks as in on-leash parks, suggesting that dog owners behave similarly with respect to dog leashing regardless of leash rules.

The peak of human use in parks was spring to summer, with the highest in June, July, and November. Human and pet use was during the day in all seasons. Wildlife became more active at night while there was greater human use during the day. Some species visit Calgary Parks almost entirely at nighttime when humans and dogs are not there. Others, such as coyotes and less so deer, occupy the same space as human park users during morning and evening. Wildlife overlapped more with humans (with or without dogs) than with off-leash or solo domestic dogs.

Wildlife at Nose Hill appeared to avoid humans, being most active during night hours when human use was lowest. However, there was much lower wildlife activity in winter than in other seasons. Their activity peaked around dusk in summer. Ranging from the highest to the lowest, the images of species in Nose Hill Park were of human, domestic dog, white-tailed deer, human with dog, coyote, deer, mule deer, porcupine, striped skunk, and domestic cat. Wildlife corridors and safe movement near ring roads remain concerns. https://www.rockies.ca/files/reports/Calgary%20Captured_3%20Year%20Technical%20Report_Final.pdf.

Ukraine Fundraiser Thank You

By Rochelle

Dear Neighbours,

As our Digest is published 6 weeks after the event, It is with extreme gratitude that I send my heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported our Celebrate Ukraine Fundraiser and Silent Auction in April. It was a very moving night. We had over 175 people attend. Many enjoyed the delicious eats from Ukrainian Fine Food Truck. We heard from Alexander Iwasyk, who spoke about Ukrainian resiliency. We also enjoyed musical performances from Ukrainian Korinnia (The Roots) Choir, Iryna Kalinovich (who performed with the traditional Ukrainian instrument, the bandura), and Prof. Edmond Agopian (violin) and Prof. Jani Parsons (piano) who performed music composed by Ukrainian musicians.

As our digest is published six weeks in advance, I am sure you have all been waiting to hear the results of our efforts for several weeks. I am delighted to report that we raised \$5,778. This total does not include many people who donated directly to the organization at the door using the QR code we provided. We are unable track these donations directly but are very grateful to all who attended and participated in that way. All proceeds from the silent auction and performance are being donated to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. If you would still like to donate, please contact us for the link to do so.

Below, I would like to thank everyone who donated to our silent auction, including Dalhousie residents, businesses at Dalhousie Station, and even vendors from our Farmer's Market. I apologize if I missed anyone who donated:

Company	Item
Dalhousie Station Retailers	
Canadian Footwear	\$100 gift card for shoes
Febeli	4 dresses and 1 woman's luxury shirt
PetValu	"Dog basket": \$100 gift card; dog basket; 4 dog treats; dog toy and Cat basket: \$100 gift card; small cat tree; 4 cat treats; cat toy
Shimoon Jewelers	\$100 gift card for custom jewelry
Suzanne Truba	2 pairs of pants and 1 woman's scarf
Companies	
Amy Joy Parenting Coach	Deluxe Parenting Package

Bolo Cakes	\$60 Cake Gift Certificate
Bridal's Flowers	Flower Centrepiece
Crista Cleans	Bathroom Deep Clean
Katie Hall Jewelry	Earrings
Lunchbox Theatre	2 Tickets to Lunchbox Theatre (Heaven)
StageWest Theatre Canaberta	2 Tickets to StageWest Theatre Preserves
Individuals	
Alexandra Lee	Handcrafted Children's Clothing
Anna Kjellqvist	\$150 VISA gift card
Bill McKeeman	Handmade Birdhouse
Carol Lacey	Framed paintings
Carole Boutin	3 limited edition prints
Chrissy Wiley	Beauty Counter Skincare Products
Drew Wiley	Robot Sculptures
Iris Hau	Sunflower Seeds
Jennifer Henderson	Breakfast Basket & Tea Basket
Marg Myroon	PartyLite Elegance Votive Holder Set of 5
Mary's Jikoni	Gift Certificate
Tracey Wood	2 Wine and snack gift Baskets

We Dalhousie!

Neighbour Day – June 18, 2022

Neighbour Day (Saturday, June 18, 2022) is a yearly grassroots celebration of community spirit in Calgary. You can find the City's information on their website (Calgary.ca) and on social media with #yycNeighbourDay.

Dalhousie is a great community, not only because of our physical characteristics, but also because of the great people who live here that make this a vibrant and supportive community. Our friends, neighbours, and family, as well as local businesses, schools, and their employees, and our community activities, groups, and their volunteers are important in our day to day lives. As are the parks, greenspaces, playgrounds, biking and walking paths of our city.

How can you honour, celebrate, or give back? Can you help people connect in some way? Is there an activity or project you can help promote? Can you decorate to lift people's spirits, promote connections between people, or inspire others to help a worthy cause? Your contribution might be as small as saying, "thank you" with a handwritten note, or something bigger that inspires a viral movement! Let's celebrate Neighbour Day 2022 in our fantastic Dalhousie neighbourhood!

DCA Ice Rink Fundraiser

Save the date and buy tickets now to attend this fundraiser for the outdoor rink.

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Where: DCA Auditorium

Cost: \$30 non-member | \$25 member
Cash Bar and 50/50 draw

Tickets can be purchased online at dalhousiecalgary.ca



Enjoy Fire Pits in Your Backyard or in Calgary Parks!

As our summer begins, many of us enjoy using outdoor fire pits in our backyards. Do your part to be a good neighbour and follow the city's bylaws:

Backyard Fire Pits Must:

- Be constructed from non-combustible material (e.g., brick or stone), set upon or built into the bare ground, or placed on non-combustible material.
- Be situated at least two metres from any building, fence, or wooden structure.
- Be covered with a mesh screen or spark guard to reduce the spread of embers and sparks from wood-burning fire pits.
- Be located away from trees or branches.
- Burn only clean, dry firewood (materials that are strictly prohibited in fire pits include painted/treated lumber, yard waste, tires, plastics, and animal parts).
- Ensure open flames do not exceed one metre in height and width to ensure that fire embers, sparks, or dense smoke do not endanger anyone or cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties.
- Be attended to at all times, with a means to extinguish the fire on hand at all times. Fire pit use on residential properties may occur between 10:00 am and midnight, Monday to Friday, or between 10:00 am and 1:00 am, Saturday and Sunday.

Did You Know:

You can also bring your own personal, portable propane fire pit to City of Calgary picnic sites? These fire pits are allowed from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, weekdays and weekends. (Wood-burning fire pits are not allowed).

The city has a number of wood-burning fire pits in City parks that can be booked in advance or used as drop-in. These are available for use between 10:00 am and 9:00 pm on weekdays and weekends. City fire pits are available for bookings from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, and 7:00 to 9:00 pm, weekdays and weekends. Alcohol is not permitted at any of the fire pit sites. You supply the wood. Do not use trees or other materials from the park in fire pits and use only proper, dry firewood. Also bring water to put out your fire. In the NW, fire pits are available at Confederation Park, Crescent Heights, and West Confederation Park. Search "fire pits" at www.calgary.ca to find more information.

All fire pit use must comply with fire bans that can be declared by the Fire Chief at any time that is required. You can find current fire ban information for the City of Calgary at www.calgary.ca when you enter "fire ban" in the search box.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP



June 19, 2022

The City of Calgary and Dalhousie Community Association will be holding a community cleanup on Sunday June 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm sharp.

Plan to bring:

- Landfill items (no batteries, hazardous waste)
- Organic Waste items – i.e., yard cleanup
- Household items in good condition to donate to the WINS
- Electronic recycling items Re-con Metal -Techtrash

Bottle Drive

In support of the Preschool and Kindergarten programs

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for this event ! We prefer volunteers to be over the age of 18, with steel toed or close toed shoes, and a good work ethic . It is a busy day but a very fun day in the community! If you are interested in volunteering, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca

Geocaching

Now that spring is here, the longer days and warmer weather may inspire your family to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. If so, you may want to give Geocaching a try. Geocaching is a modern treasure hunting game with "caches" hidden by participants to be found by others all over the world. Geocaching uses latitude and longitudinal coordinates to guide users to a small cache, and typically clues are given to the hidden location. You can download the app on your mobile device or sign up online and use a GPS device to find a cache. They are hidden in a waterproof container with a few trinkets and a logbook to record who found the cache and when. Earthcaches are locations at interesting geological features, and provide interesting information about the local landscape, flora, and fauna. There are more than two million hidden around the world, and dozens of geocaches hidden around Calgary and the surrounding area. With new caches to find everywhere you go, Geocaching is an easy and fun way to spend some time outdoors and explore nature. To learn more, check out geocaching.com.



Photo from the Nature Canada website: <https://naturecanada.ca/news/blog/geocaching-the-outdoor-treasure-hunt-for-you-and-your-family/>

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FARMERS MARKET



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We have moved back outdoors for our weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

We are open this summer season from May 26 until September 15, 2022.

We have so many great vendors and products ranging from produce, breads, baked goodies, honey, soups, fermented foods, popcorn, microgreens, frozen foods, canned goods, art, and so much more. Also, don't miss the amazing local Food Trucks at the market each week.

Our list of summer vendors is available at <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/farmers-market>.

If you have any questions or would like to apply to be a vendor, please contact us at market@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

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Dad Jokes

What does a dad joke suggest to you? One that is ultimately harmless but only barely clever? Indescribably cheesy and/or dumb? A joke so corny you hate it with every fiber of your being.... but also, can't help but laugh at it? (Or at least groan out loud?) *Here are a few in honour of Father's Day!*

- Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he Neverlands.
- Why did the coach go to the bank? To get his quarterback.
- I lost my job at the bank on my first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- What kind of music do chiropractors like? Hip pop.
- I was supposed to go get 6 cans of Sprite from the grocery store. I realized when I got home that I had picked 7 up.
- Why do melons have weddings? Because they cantaloupe.
- "A father carries pictures where his money used to be."
- Steve Martin

Father's Day – June 19, 2022

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown

Father's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world to recognize fathers and father figures for the contributions they make to the lives of their children and others. Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, many countries, including Canada, the United States, and Mexico observe this day on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday, with the North American tradition generally being traced back to 1910. A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was first introduced in Congress in 1913 but it was many years before it was officially recognized. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honouring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. In Canada, Father's Day is not an official public holiday, but is widely celebrated and promoted.

Spectrum of Light

Did you know that there are actually only seven named colours in the spectrum of visible light according to Newton? They are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

Aboriginal Awareness Week: June 20 to 25

June is Indigenous History Awareness Month, and this year is the 25th Annual National Indigenous Peoples' Day, recognizing the unique heritages and important contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples to Canadian Culture. Each Nation is distinct and unique in their traditions, language, and culture, but the summer solstice is recognized across many Nations as a day of celebration, which is why June 21 is National Indigenous People's Day. As we all continue to work toward a more inclusive country that recognizes the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, consider taking the opportunity to learn more about this work by visiting the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website at nctr.ca.



In Calgary, the Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary Circle (AAWC) is hosting Aboriginal Awareness week events from June 21 to June 25. AAWC aims to raise cultural awareness in Calgary and to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous people.

During Aboriginal Awareness Week, the AAWC has organized a number of events to promote pride, understanding and awareness of Aboriginal cultures, traditions, contributions and achievements to Canadian history, business, agriculture, environment, and the arts. Celebrations kick off at Studio Bell on June 20, featuring Indigenous song, music, and dancing. During the week, they will host Handgame competitions at Fort Calgary over lunch hour; each corporate team is paired with an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper and drummer, and the top teams will compete in the Handgame finals. Closing ceremonies and Handgame finals will be on Saturday, June 25 at the former Indian Village at the Calgary Stampede Grounds. There will also be a free pancake breakfast, arts and crafts vendors, an art exhibition, and a PowWow. To learn more about these events and register for tickets, please visit aawc.ca or email info@aawc.ca.

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Button Battery Safety

Button batteries are used to power things like watches, cameras, calculators, hearing aids, and computer games. Because they are small and shiny, children may be tempted to swallow them, or accidentally get a button battery stuck in their nose or ears. A button battery in the ear, nose, or throat is dangerous, as it can cause chemical burns. This can damage internal organs and can be life threatening. Damage from chemical burns due to swallowed button batteries occurs very quickly, within two hours.

Button batteries are most dangerous if swallowed, especially if they become stuck in the esophagus (throat) rather than travelling down to the stomach. Symptoms include trouble breathing, wheezing, drooling, no appetite and/or coughing and gagging when eating, trouble swallowing, chest pain or belly pain, nausea, vomiting, fever, no symptoms at all.

If you suspect someone has swallowed a button battery:

- Most importantly go to an Emergency Department immediately.
- Do not try to induce vomiting (throwing up).
- If it has been less than 12 hours since swallowing, and the child can swallow, give 2 teaspoons (10 ml) of honey. Give up to 6 doses, 10 minutes apart. Do not give anything else to eat or drink.

The best way to avoid worrying about a loved one swallowing a button battery is prevention. Some tips:

- Keep batteries out of reach and out of sight.
- Buy products with battery compartments that cannot be easily opened by children.
- Use both the screws provided and tape to seal battery compartments.
- Supervise children when they use products containing button batteries.
- Look for loose batteries on floors, tables, and counters, and dispose of them in a safe a secure place.
- Cover both sides of the battery with tape before storing or disposing.

Photo and information from Alberta Health Services Injury Prevention and Safety: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page15807.aspx#:~:text=A%20child%20might%20exhibit%20no,to%20an%20emergency%20department%20immediately.>



MyHealth Alberta:
<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/health/pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=sig154413>

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Community outdoor summer programs

Looking for some fun, **FREE** activities for children, youth and families this summer? These safe, supervised programs are great for making new friends and learning new activities.

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ActivateYYC

by Hayley Dechaine, ActivateYYC Coordinator

Do you have an idea that can enhance the feeling of safety and community pride in your community? An idea that can transform neglected space in your community into something meaningful, or an idea that will help change how people interact with a space in your community? The



Federation of Calgary Communities' ActivateYYC grant program can help you with that! ActivateYYC funds small, temporary, low-cost projects that help change how people use and interact with spaces.

You can partner with a Calgary community organization, community association, local business, or business revitalization zone, and apply for one of ActivateYYC's two grant options.

If you're interested in doing something that will mobilize people to move differently in your community, re-imagine space into place, or create a sense of neighbourliness, you can apply for the \$1,000 Walk, Play and Be Neighbourly grant. This grant could fund sidewalk art, buddy benches, garden competitions, beautification of chain link fences, etc. The sky is the limit!

Or, if your idea is focused on encouraging traffic calming, accessibility, safety, and walkability, you can apply for the \$3,000 Bump Outs and Pathways grant. This grant can be used for projects on non-bus route residential streets or neighbourhood pathways; for example, a bump out activation that will narrow cross-streets so that car traffic is slowed and pedestrians, bikes, and scooters can reclaim the streets.

This year there is no application deadline. Application intake is ongoing until all funding is granted. So, if you have an idea for a small, temporary, low-cost project, apply fast! To get inspired by past projects, learn more about the application process, and fill out an application form, visit <https://activateyyc.calgarycommunities.com/>. Be part of it!



Although some people are not a fan of creepy crawlers and insects, it may be worth noting that June actually has its own bug named after it. The June Bug can be found in the United States within the months of May and June. Whether you're a fan or not, you've got to admit that having a whole bug named after you is pretty cool!



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Greetings Ward 4!

Show appreciation for seniors: June 6 to 12 is Seniors' Week and it's a great opportunity to show appreciation for older adults and the many contributions they make to our communities through volunteerism, assisting charities, and by supporting family members and friends.

This year's theme is 'Move & Groove - finding inspiration that moves you.' It aims to inspire Calgarians to find joy through dance, music, and different cultural experiences. A variety of free events will be held in-person, with some online options as well. Events include music and dance performances, drop-in fitness classes, nature walks, cultural celebrations, presentations, and more. Participating Seniors' Week partners include Studio Bell National Music Centre, Calgary Zoo, Telus Spark, the THIRD ACTION Film Festival, and various senior serving organizations.

Visit calgary.ca/seniorsweek for a complete list of activities taking place during Seniors' Week, as well as the Government of Alberta's website to learn more about the events planned throughout the province in recognition of older adults.

Seniors' Week has been recognized since 1986 to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions seniors make to enhancing the quality of life in Alberta.

Property tax must be paid by June 30 to avoid late payment penalties. The City's Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) is the most popular payment method. You pay the same amount as your annual property tax levy, but instead of one large lump sum payment in June, you pay smaller monthly instalments.

This makes budgeting easier, and you reduce the risk of late payment penalties. Signing up for TIPP is easy and you don't need to re-apply each year. There is no filing fee or initial payment required.

Plan enrolment must be completed by the due date shown on your bill to avoid a late payment penalty. Avoid waiting and request your TIPP agreement today.

To request your TIPP agreement, go to calgary.ca/TIPP or call 311. If calling from outside Calgary, dial 403-268-2489 to request your agreement.

If you're already on TIPP, you can visit calgary.ca/TIPP to learn how your monthly TIPP instalments are calculated and adjusted.

Thank you for your attention,

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A Step into Indigenous History

June is National Indigenous History Month and an excellent time to reflect on the history of Indigenous peoples. While I encourage you to use the many resources available online to explore this topic, participating in one of the Indigenous events in the Calgary area is an opportunity not to be missed.

For Calgarians, it is July that provides a substantial additional opportunity to learn more about Indigenous culture in Alberta. The Elbow River Camp, a part of the Calgary Stampede, is an immersive cultural experience that runs from July 8 to 17. I have many fond memories of my time as the Alberta Aboriginal Relations Minister when I had the privilege of participating in many of these events.

The Camp consists of 26 tipis and represents the cultures of the Treaty 7 Nations: The Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, Tsuut'ina, and Stoney Nakoda First Nations. Local artisans sell jewellery, art, and traditional food. There are also many activities throughout the event, including a powwow competition, flag raising, a meat cutting competition, and days devoted to each of the First Nations represented at the camp.

The camps also boast opportunities to learn more about the cultures and traditions of Treaty 7 Nations to be shared in guided tours with proud members of these Nations. These tours include a breadth of information such as the significance of the painted tipis and the skills required to produce many of the traditional items throughout the Camp. The interpreters will also demonstrate traditional outdoor cooking as they make dried meat, tea, Saskatoonberry soup, and bannock.

These interactive experiences are excellent teachers for people of all ages. From sampling traditional food to learning hand games, there is no better way to learn about the diverse cultures of the Treaty 7 Nations.

Indigenous communities are one of Canada's three foundational groups, and their history and cultural contributions are valuable for understanding Canada today. I encourage you to make the Elbow River Camp a stop on your summer itinerary!



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Public transit is an option for many people to get to and from work that allows them to save on parking costs. For others, public transit is an essential service, in particular for students who are returning to on-campus learning, seniors, and other vulnerable populations who may be re-entering the workforce to get to and from work or re-engaging in social activities.

It's true that transit ridership across the province declined significantly during the pandemic. The City of Calgary saw a 51 percent decline in passengers. This decline has challenged not only Calgary, but municipalities across Alberta, to keep their services in operation. It's why our government is working to fill the public transportation potholes.

Recognizing the vital role transit plays in our communities, Alberta's government is committing \$79.5 million, which is being matched by the federal government, to support transit services in 26 Alberta municipalities. Calgary will see a cash injection of almost \$82.4 million, based on 2019 ridership statistics.

From Whitecourt to Medicine Hat, Wood Buffalo to Black Diamond, the Alberta Relief for Shortfalls for Transit Operators (RESTOR) funding will provide a top-up to assist municipalities that are feeling the financial pinch from low ridership over the last two years.

While the pandemic was a hard bump in the road for transit operators, Alberta is seeing a big comeback. Job opportunities continue to grow at a staggering pace, more companies are choosing Alberta as their headquarters, and we continue to see record investments in industries like technology and innovation, petrochemicals, film and television, and much more. This all means added demand for public transportation. By providing financial fuel for these programs, our government will keep buses and trains moving to meet the diverse transportation needs of Albertans.

Don't forget, Saturday, June 18 is Neighbour Day in Calgary!

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