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**All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.  
Our Board Meetings are always the third Tuesday of  
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**Mission:** The Dalhousie Community Association provides programs and services that reflect the varied interests of the community by engaging and supporting staff and volunteers.

**Vision:** Our vision is to ensure Dalhousie is a vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive community that promotes involvement.

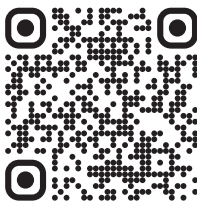
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## Good Food Box Program

([www.ckpcalgary.ca/goodfoodbox](http://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 pickup is at Dalhousie Church (5511 Baroc Rd NW) between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Late pickup and limited delivery available upon request.

Small Box \$25 | 20 to 25 lbs.

Medium Box \$30 | 30 to 35 lbs.

Large Box \$35 | 40 to 45 lbs.

ORDER DATE (TUESDAY)	DELIVERY DATE (WEDNESDAY)
September 13	September 21
October 11	October 19
November 15	November 23

## YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

### Cleaning Out the Garage This Summer?

When cleaning up the garage, put that waste in the right place. Here are some tips:

- Old garden hoses, rope, and electrical cords. Put in the garbage. They can't be recycled and create major tangles at the recycling facility, causing delays and equipment damage.
- Broken patio furniture. Put smaller items like lawn chairs, stools, and side tables in your black cart.
- Chemicals, motor oil, paint, and propane tanks. Take to a household hazardous waste drop-off at City landfills or designated fire stations for safe disposal. Visit [calgary.ca/hhw](http://calgary.ca/hhw) for locations.
- Power tools, electric lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, and weed whackers. Take to a City landfill for free recycling. Visit [calgary.ca/landfill](http://calgary.ca/landfill) for locations.
- Scrap metal such as car parts, bicycle parts, metal shelving, and wheel rims. Take to a metal recycler or City landfill for recycling.

Not sure how to safely dispose of an item? Look it up at [calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere).



### Who's at the DCA

At the DCA, many different user groups have found a home. We have opened our doors to church members, dance clubs, Yoga, Zumba, cardio training, Scouts, Girl Guides, weddings, birthdays, baby showers, and engagement parties. We are engaging with the community on many different levels as we discover the new interests of our guests and renters. Let us know if you're interested in joining or if you would like to be a renter and offer your own event. Contact us at [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca).

## Ongoing Programs at the DCA

Activity Name	Contact for Registration
Anthroposophical Society of Canada	anthroposophy.ca
Banzai Karate	banzaikaratedojo@gmail.com
Calgary Folk Club	www.calgaryfolkclub.com
Calgary Sketch Club	www.calgarysketchclub.com
Calgary Toy Show	www.calgarytoyshow.com
Cosmic Coders	www.cosmic-coders.com
Dalhousie Community Kindergarten	dcakids.com
Dalhousie Out of School Care	dalhousiecalgary.ca
Dalhousie Senior Drop-in Cribbage	dalhousiecalgary.ca
Dalhousie Community Preschool	DCPreschool.ca
Dance Beyond Borders	www.dancebeyondborders.com
Dynamic Karate	dynamickarate.ca
Engineering For Kids	engineeringforkids.net
Essentrics™ by Vital 1 Fitness	Vital1.ca
Girl Guides of Canada, Guides and Pathfinder Programs	204-471-4672
Heart to Core Fitness	thoilesg@gmail.com
Karuna Yoga	info@karunayoga.ca
Laurie Bee's Artisan Chocolates	www.lauriebeeschocolates.com
Mad Science	calgary.madscience.org
Mom Market	themommarket.co.com/calgary
Mommy Connections Calgary	katherinemcyyc@gmail.com
One Step Ahead Dance Studio	onestepaheaddance.com
Polyglots	polyglots.ca
Redeemed Christian Church	livingspringchapel.ca
Scouts Canada	www.scouts.ca
Second 60's Outdoor Club	secondsixties.ca
Stagecoach Theatre Arts Calgary	stagecoachschools.ca
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Weight Watchers	weightwatchers.com/ca/en/find-a-workshop/1022241/ ww-studio--calgary-nw-calgary-ab
Young Rembrandts	www.youngrembrandts.com

Check website or call for most-up-to date events and times.



## Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are seasonal insect in Calgary, whose numbers are generally low in spring and peak in mid summer.

While we can't definitely predict numbers, the late spring and increased precipitation may have created higher-than-ever populations of mosquitoes for 2022.

They can be annoying; however they play an extremely valuable role in our ecosystem: mosquitoes are essential food for birds and other animals, and support biodiversity in Calgary.

The City's mosquito-control program aims to improve quality of life, protect the health of Calgarians and manage biodiversity needs while reducing the number of insects.

### The City's Role

We monitor and trap mosquitoes to estimate numbers and plan treatment.

When populations are high enough, we do small scale treatments and/or aerial application of a product that specifically controls mosquito larvae.

This happens in early-to-mid spring in many of the larger water bodies surrounding Calgary. Monitoring starts in early spring, and we monitor and apply further treatments as necessary.

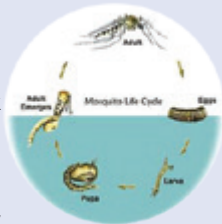
For mosquito control, we use a bacterial product, that's only activated when eaten by a mosquito.

### How can I prevent mosquito bites?

- Use insect repellent that contains Deet. Icaridin or oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Avoid spending extended time outdoors in the morning and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long sleeved, lighter coloured clothing to reduce exposure.
- When using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

### How do I reduce mosquitoes in my yard?

- Removing shallow standing water on property. If you have a birdbath, change the water daily.
- Keep your lawns shorter - long grass is where mosquitoes hide.
- Use a fan to create a barrier against mosquitoes: they can't fly if it's windy. Putting a fan up to create a breeze helps keep them at bay without chemicals.



## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Nose Hill is now an island habitat, surrounded by residential housing with no natural corridors leading in or out. It is also an urban park and must be managed to support high levels of visitor use. It is more difficult to prevent or slow the spread of non-native species (weeds) into and within the park, as well as to control wildlife diversity.

Native grassland is in various stages of disturbance, recovery, and maturity. Management strategies may be expensive or experimental but ought to be based on the response of vegetation and wildlife over time. The Natural Area Plan says that Nose Hill should be treated as a prairie reserve, with the remaining portions of native grassland regarded as a living museum of flora (plants) and fauna (animals); as a field laboratory where scientific observations and experiments are done so as not to injure the area.

The goal of Nose Hill Park is to perpetuate the natural character of Nose Hill landscape, its environmental features and cultural resources, while providing compatible, quality recreational opportunities. The management plan will not remain static (the same), but the entire area will be conserved now for future use by all Calgarians.

The management objectives are to preserve and enhance by encouraging conservation; provide educational and interpretive opportunities; and accommodate compatible recreational activities. Such contact should have limited effect on the natural environment and should protect the visual amenities of prairie, its unique features and resource values, as open space.

The park will continue to be a place where people can relax; escape from the pressures of city life and commune with nature; and pursue outdoor recreation and leisure activities. Any changes should have minimum impact while providing environmental protection and reasonable levels of access and safety for all Calgarians.

# Community Garden Open House

Dear neighbours,

A group of your neighbours has proposed building a community garden in Dalhousie, located north and northeast of the Dalhousie Community Association's (DCA) Dallyn building, beside Dalhousie School (approx. 48,500 ft<sup>2</sup>). This proposal is in line with the Dalhousie Community Associations vision to create a gathering place and satellite community hub in East Dalhousie. Community Gardens have the benefits of promoting healthy living, positive social interactions, outdoor activity, and promoting intergenerational and cross-cultural connections. The proposal includes community plot rentals, garden beds, a food forest, seating areas, and walking paths.

We had a fantastic Community Garden Open House at the end of June. There were a lot of in-depth and exciting conversations that were had with approximately 30 interested Dalhousie residents. Understandably, the neighbours who surround our intended plot have a lot of questions, and we look forward to engaging with them further on their areas of concern and positive ideas.

## Here is a Short Summary of Where We're at With This Project:

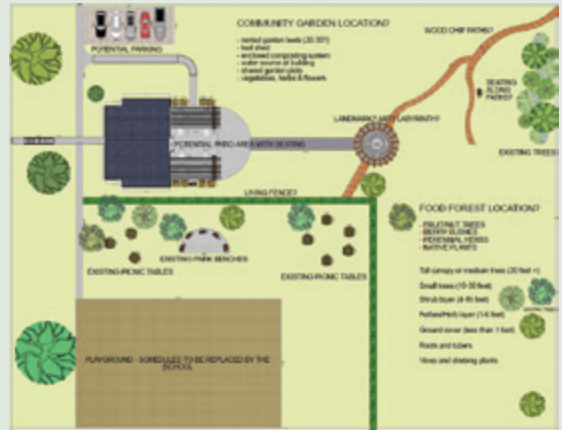
- Grant submissions - Ongoing
- Request to extend DCA license of occupation for parks land - In progress with the City of Calgary
- Approval and consultation with neighbouring homes - Ongoing
- Select a company to help us evaluate the land and design the garden (conceptual plan) - October 2022
- Approval of garden design - October to November 2022

- Project Costing and construction phase development - December 2022

- Community Garden Build - May 2023

If we can attain 66% approval for the Community Garden from the neighbouring houses around Dalhousie School (and Dalhousie School itself), we will be able to proceed with the location we've chosen.

Included below is an amateur rendering of what we would like to see in the Community Garden (please note, this concept is very likely to change).



As always, we would love your help! If you have any interest in any parts of this project - or just want to stay in the loop - please fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/tuo8iXeTnow9MhJN7>. Questions can be sent to [garden@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:garden@dalhousiecalgary.ca).

With growing excitement,  
*The Community Garden Team!*



May 10 and June 14  
4-7pm

July 12, Aug 9 and Sept 13  
5-8pm

## Calgary Transit Launches New Official Trip Planning App

Beginning June 28, Calgary Transit customers will have a new official app to help plan their transit trips. After a competitive RFP process earlier this year, Transit was selected as the app provider for our next generation mobility-as-a-service trip planning app.

Transit will be familiar to customers as it is the same app provider that we currently use for our existing YYC Transit App. The new app will be very similar, and customers in Calgary, including the thousands of Calgarians already using the Transit app, will now automatically be upgraded to Royale, Transit's subscription service.

**It will include all the features customers currently enjoy on the YYC Transit App, plus these additional features:**

- Transit Royale, providing in-app customizations and allowing customers to gamify their transit experience and compare their transit use with friends.
- Real-time, multi-modal trip planning that includes micro mobility (scooter/bike) options.
- Ability to locate and plan trips using Neuron and Bird shared e-scooters/e-bikes.
- Ability to locate and reserve carshare vehicles.
- Crowd-sourced data relating to the customer experience, such as even more accurate arrival times, transit stop accessibility, and passenger mask use.
- Machine-learning to improve the customer journey and provide even more precise real-time arrival data.
- Full access to the app in more than 300 cities worldwide, including Edmonton, Vancouver, Saskatoon, Toronto, and Montreal.

Transit can be downloaded now at [www.transitapp.com/download](http://www.transitapp.com/download), from the App Store, or from Google Play. Customers will start receiving the upgrade to Transit Royale on June 28, in time for the Calgary Stampede. Our previous app, YYC Transit, will no longer be available for download after June 28. Customers who have already downloaded our previous app can still use it as we transition to Transit.

## Upcoming Events: Calgary Pride (August 26 to September 5)

Although June is International Pride month, Calgary celebrates our 2SLGBTQ+ community at the end of August. The mandate of Calgary Pride is to advance visibility and inclusion for Calgary's gender and sexually diverse communities. For many years, and even today, being part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community was associated with shame and stigma. Pride celebrations aim to uplift and include all members of our society, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

This year, Calgary Pride Week is August 26 to September 5. Festivities start with a flag raising at City Hall, and a Kick-off Event at Central Memorial Park. The Pride Parade and Festival will happen on Sunday, September 4, 2022, sponsored by TD Bank. The parade will come down 9 Avenue SW and into the East Village, followed by the Festival at Fort Calgary. Details are listed on the Calgary Pride website at [www.calgarypride.ca](http://www.calgarypride.ca). The festival is kid-friendly and will showcase fun and fascinating performances, food trucks, a marketplace, and a beer garden.

To learn more about the origins of the Pride Movement in Canada and the 2SLGBTQ+ community, visit [www.queerevents.ca/canada/pride/history](http://www.queerevents.ca/canada/pride/history) and [www.genderbread.org](http://www.genderbread.org).



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## DCA Ice Rink Fundraiser



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

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The most sought after Tragically Hip tribute band with all your Hip favourites!

**When:** August 12, 2022

**Where:** DCA Auditorium

**Cost:** \$30 non-member | \$25 member

Cash Bar and 50/50 Draw

Tickets can be purchased online at [dalhousiecalgary.ca](http://dalhousiecalgary.ca)

## Dalhousie Community Kindergarten

### Activity Ideas to Help Prepare for First Days of School

Ask your child to help plan school snacks for the first week. You can go to the store together to shop for these items or get them to help pick out their special indoor school shoes, backpack, or water bottle.

Visit the school playground and play a few times before the first day.

Ask your child to help choose what they want to wear on the first few days.

If your child has a history of separation anxiety in other settings, tell their teacher. Most teachers are experts in this area and have years of experience, and it is OK if your child takes some time to warm up to the kindergarten experience.

Most importantly, continue to praise and reward your child for brave behavior. Celebrate and praise their successes – no matter how big or small! Building confidence is a team effort, and in our class, we will be giving each child lots of opportunities for success and recognition of their efforts.

At Dalhousie Community Kindergarten, our teacher Mrs. Scherpenisse offers one-on-one home or playground visits prior to the first day of school. Children take the lead at this meeting – some are more reserved and appreciate sharing a story or doing a small craft together, while others are excited and have lots to talk about and share with their new teacher. Either way, this special time together ensures that every child has a familiar friend when they arrive in class.

This is also an excellent time for parents to ask questions and discuss any concerns they may have about the start of the school year. Establishing a good rapport between parents and teachers is an important building block of success for the upcoming school year. You should be able to work as a team throughout the year, and we always appreciate having a good understanding of your child during these early days.

Classes start for our community kindergarten with split entry on Tuesday, September 7 and Wednesday, September 8. Interested in our program? Check out our website: [www.dcakids.com](http://www.dcakids.com).

## Dalhousie Craft Beer Festival

Join us on:  
October 1<sup>st</sup>,  
3:00pm to 10:00pm,  
Come enjoy some  
local craft beers,  
food, and music at  
the

Dalhousie  
Community Centre

*Save the date!  
More information  
to follow*

## Beekeeping



The City of Calgary is pleased to announce the launch of buzzworthy new urban livestock program, regulating beekeeping under the updated Responsible Pet Ownership

(RPO) Bylaw. Calgarians are now able to apply for a licence to keep bee colonies within the city limits.

The program is aligned with expert care guidelines and structured similar to other Canadian municipalities that have successfully implemented local beekeeping regulations.

"Beekeeping has become an increasingly popular hobby in Calgary," said Jennifer Lawlor, Strategic Services Leader, Calgary Community Standards.

"The City of Calgary wants beekeeping to remain a safe pastime, and the licensing regulations ensure new beekeepers are properly trained and adhere to commonly accepted beekeeping practices that prevent potential community issues."

Through licensing of urban beekeeping, The City of Calgary can help address any problems and create solutions for the benefit of bees, keepers, and their neighbours. The program has been created based on what has been working locally, expert perspectives, and what the licensing will regulate.

### **Licence or permit holders must:**

- Own the property where the colony is kept (or have proof of consent from the property's owner).
- Provide proof of completion of training or mentoring or be able to provide proof that they were beekeeping in Calgary prior to January 1, 2022.
- Keep all housing consistent with what was approved in their application (and in good repair).
- Notify the City of Calgary if the bee colony is being relocated or moved.
- Adhere to municipal, provincial, and federal legislation for distribution or sale of honey.

All Calgarians and businesses who keep bees in Calgary are now required to license their colonies under section 4 of the RPO Bylaw.

The update to the RPO Bylaw went into effect on January 1, 2022. Last revised over 12 years ago, the bylaw update recognizes that pet ownership in Calgary has evolved and includes the expansion of licensing that will also oversee regulation of pigeon keeping this spring. The urban livestock program ensures proper housing and care conditions are met for bees, and that any neighbouring concerns are addressed. Questions or concern can be directed to 311.

More information on the urban bee licensing program is now available on [Calgary.ca/pets](https://calgary.ca/pets).

## Future Layers of Dalhousie

A topic that comes up frequently in the Planning and Development Committee, and something we want to give more thought to in coming months, is opportunities to strengthen connections within the community to make it easier for people of all ages to get out and be active moving around the community and to nearby destinations. This includes considering ways to improve convenience and safety for people traveling on foot, by bike, or by other types of micro mobility device. We feel this aligns with the Future Layers of Dalhousie Community Visioning Project completed in 2021 (<https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/u-of-c-sapl-planning-project>), as well as supports the Vision of the DCA of "ensuring Dalhousie is a vibrant, safe and fun community where everyone can feel like they belong". If residents wish to share their ideas, they can reach us at [pd@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:pd@dalhousiecalgary.ca) or through the DCA office.

## National Waffle Day



August 24 is National Waffle Day in Canada! The day commemorates the creation of the patent for the first modern waffle iron. It's crazy to think that we're still using this invention 153 years later!

# Yard Maintenance for “The Last Half of Summer” (Yikes!)

Now that summer is in full force, the yards and pathways around Dalhousie look fantastic (mostly!) Whether you are strolling the paths, checking out the yards and fairy gardens, or checking out the little community libraries, Dalhousie is an amazing community to live in. Here are just a couple of ways to maintain your yard for the remainder of summer.

## Don't Neglect Your Trees, Hedges, and Shrubs!

A nicely mowed lawn is an easy way to keep your yard healthy and looking neat. But don't forget about trees and shrubs - they need some loving too!

## So Why Should You Take Care of Them?

**It's a bylaw.** Bylaw 20M88 – this bylaw requires you to keep trees, hedges, and shrubs on your property trimmed (pruned back to the property line or edge of sidewalk with a height clearance of 15 feet in alleys and streets and 8 feet over sidewalks).

**You're being a good neighbor.** Prevent others from having to duck under branches or weave around a hedge or having tree branches sitting on your neighbor's house.

**It looks nice. And it can be fun!** Be inventive! Try to grow at least one new vegetable or flower every year. Who knows? Maybe you'll be the next Edward Scissorhands.

**Stay ahead of those pesky weeds!** In the last Dalhousie Digest, we shared an article on noxious weeds, stating if you don't want them, don't plant them. Letting weeds take over will become more of an issue later, requiring a lot of work to get rid of the problem. In net, if you don't do something about your weed problem, a) they will come back, b) It's not aesthetically pleasant to look at, and c) they can make you sick.

## Weed Control Tips

Weed when wet. The best time to pull your weeds is after it rains. After a rainstorm, the ground is wet, and the weeds are easier to pick.

Mulch around plants prevents weeds from growing around your plants.

Have a contest with your kids to see who pulls the most weeds – grand prize winner gets something awesome!

## Benefits of Maintaining Your Yard

**Stay healthy!** Yard work is a great way to get exercise and improve your health. In fact, gardening for 30 to 45 minutes per day can burn up to 300 calories!

**Stay connected!** Gardening is a great way to connect with your neighbors. You can join forces to design gardens, have friendly conversations and a few laughs, and exchange and discuss the tips and tricks of successful gardening.

**It feels good!** There is nothing like pulling up in front of your house with pride for that weed-free yard, a nicely trimmed hedge, and a freshly cut lawn.

Happy maintaining!

## Planning and Development Committee

### Did You Know?

If you're planning a home renovation or major yard landscaping, it is important to know if a building permit or a development permit is required from the City of Calgary. Please consult the City of Calgary website for more information.

Development permits confirm that all the rules and planning policies have been considered. It provides a means through which neighbours, community associations, and other affected individuals and organizations can provide feedback. The development map website (<https://dmap.calgary.ca/>) allows you to view development permit applications by navigating to your area of interest or entering the file number or address in the search field. The City has been including additional details on proposed developments, including site plans, architectural drawings, elevation profiles, etc., making it easier for you to see what's planned and provide comments.





Greetings Ward 4!

We hope you're having a great summer and can spend some time with your family and friends this month. As a reminder, Councillors will be on recess from August 1 through August 31, however, my ward 4 staff are here to support shall you need any assistance. If you need to report anything to the City, please create a service request with 311 and save a copy/write down the service request number so we may better assist your needs.

#### **Parks Wayfinder: Map Shows Amenities in Calgary Parks**

Summer is in full force and it's the perfect time for Calgarians to enjoy the outdoors through visiting the many parks in the city. The Parks Wayfinder Map shows amenities owned by Calgary Parks. You can search for the nearest washroom, drinking fountain, waste/recycling disposal, firepit, picnic table, off-leash area, sports field, park vendor, and other amenities available in City parks. Visit the Parks Wayfinder Map at <https://maps.calgary.ca/ParksWayfinder/>.

To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at <https://maps.calgary.ca>.

Thank you for your attention,

*Ward 4 Cllr. Sean Chu*



#### **Tour Canada From Home**

As much as we want to, not everyone is able to take a vacation this summer. However, we can still explore Canada's museums from the comfort of home with Digital Museums Canada.

This website consolidates virtual museum exhibits from all corners of Canada. These exhibits focus on topics including art, culture, heritage, history, Indigeneity, industry, media, military, nature, science, sports – something for everyone!

The exhibits available at these virtual museums are not only available online, but they are best experienced online. There are many museums with virtual interactions, including games, immersive experiences, virtual exhibitions, and videos.

There are exhibits for people of all ages, which makes Canada Digital Museums a great way to keep the kids entertained during these long summer months. Right now, there are three projects based in Calgary: one with the Leighton Art Centre, one with the Lougheed House, and one with the Firefighters Museum of Calgary. These projects are a great way to teach people across Canada and around the world about the amazing history of our city and our province. Since we are lucky enough to live in Calgary, you even have the opportunity to compare the online exhibits to the real thing.

Digital Museums Canada is the largest funding program in Canada dedicated to online projects by the museum and heritage community. The program provides investments of \$15,000 to \$250,000 for online projects by Canadian museums and heritage organizations that help these organizations engage with their audiences in innovative and interesting ways. There are periodic opportunities to apply for this funding, and you can find that information on the website.

Digital Museums Canada can be found online at [www.digitalmuseums.ca](http://www.digitalmuseums.ca).

I hope you take advantage of this resource to learn more about Canada from the comfort of your home.





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I hope you are finding time this summer to celebrate this good economic news with friends and family in your community. Alberta is embarking on another economic boom – one that is more diverse and resilient than ones seen before.

While rising energy prices are good for Alberta's primary industry and government royalty revenue, this also causes inflated prices for almost everything we consume. Our government has already removed the provincial tax at the pump for gasoline and diesel and will be offering natural gas rebates for October through March to support more than 1.6 million homes, farms, and businesses facing high heating bills next winter.

On a personal note, on June 21, I was honoured to be sworn in as Alberta's Transportation Minister. I thoroughly enjoyed my past three years as Minister of Infrastructure and I'm happy to pass this portfolio over to the capable hands of Nick Milliken, MLA for Calgary-Currie. I look forward to the new challenges in transportation, including working to complete Calgary's Ring Road.

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