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BOOK CLUB



Adults of all reading backgrounds — whether you're a lifelong bookworm or just looking to read more this year, this is the club for you!

Free for WHMCA members. Memberships available at the event.

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LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:00PM

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WINSTON HEIGHTS-MOUNTVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WHMCA PLAYGROUP

NEW DAY OF THE WEEK!



Relaxed, engaging play time for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Everyone welcome!

Every Thursday 9:30am - 11:00am

Sept 24th - Dec 10th, 2026 and Jan 7th - May 20th, 2027
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Winston Heights-Mountview Community Centre
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playgroup@winstonheights.ca

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Become part of a welcoming group that works together, shares ideas, and has a few laughs along the way!

Join the WHMCA Board of Directors or one of our committees and help shape the events, programs, and spaces that bring our community together.

No special experience needed.

Urgent need for:
- Communications and
- Facility and Operations

Board Meetings:
1st Tuesday of each month (except August) · 7:00 pm
WHMCA Hall, Founders Room

Come see what it's all about. No long-term commitment is required to attend a meeting.

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$20 for individuals or families

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- Free or discounts to some renter programs
- 20% off hall rentals
- 40% off kid's birthday party hall rentals

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Stories, photos, local history, art, tips...
We want to hear from you!

Send us your community-focused content that informs or celebrates Winston Heights-Mountview life.

Youth submissions welcome!

Guidelines:
- 300–600 words (shorter with photos)
- Clear, high-quality images
- No advertising, self-promotion, or links



Submit to: newsletter@winstonheights.ca
Submissions may be edited for space & clarity

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Your Community Needs You! Join the WHMCA Board

Doug Urquhart, a cartoonist from Whitehorse, Yukon, once made an observation that rings true for communities everywhere:

"As a long-time resident of small northern communities, I have often witnessed how such towns rely on relatively few capable and dedicated people. It's called the '20-80 rule'—20% of the people do 80% of the work. When such people leave town, chaos ensues."

While Winston Heights-Mountview may be nestled in the heart of a big city like Calgary, in many ways we're still a small community and just like those northern towns, we rely on neighbours who are willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in.

Over the past few years, WHMCA has been fortunate to have some incredibly talented, enthusiastic, and dedicated board members. They've brought fresh ideas, valuable skills, and plenty of energy to making our community association better, stronger, and more welcoming to both our neighbourhood and the wider city.

But life gets busy! Between careers, families, and other commitments, several of our current board members have had to step away from their volunteer roles. We've now reached a point where even achieving quorum (the minimum number of board members needed to hold an official meeting) can be a challenge.

And that's where you come in!

We're looking for neighbours to join the WHMCA Board of Directors. It's a wonderful opportunity to have a real say in what happens in your community. You'll help shape decisions that affect our neighbourhood, contribute ideas for social events and volunteer activities, and get a behind-the-scenes look at how a community association operates as a small business.

And here's the best part: you don't need any special experience or qualifications to join! Just bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and a willingness to get involved. There's plenty of support to help you learn the ropes, including excellent free training opportunities through the Federation of Calgary Communities.

Serving on the board is also a fantastic way to build valuable experience, develop new skills and expand your network. Whether you're looking to strengthen your leadership abilities, gain experience in governance, budgeting or event planning, make professional connections or simply meet more of your neighbours, there's something to gain. And the skills you develop can be just as valuable in your career as they are in your community!

Ideally, we're hoping for people who can commit to serving for one to three years. Board meetings take place from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, except August.

Still not sure? Come sit in on a board meeting! There's no better way to see what we're all about. You might be surprised by the friendships you'll make, the sense of purpose you'll discover and, yes, even the laughter you'll share along the way.

After all, a great community doesn't just happen. It takes great neighbours willing to make it happen. We'd love for you to be one of them!

Please contact me at president@winstonheights.ca or 587-582-5342.

Alex Reed

President

Recognizing Remembrance Day—November 11

On November 11, the Winston Heights-Mountview Community Association joins Canadians in honouring the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our country, and those who continue to serve.

We remember their courage, their sacrifices, and the freedoms we enjoy because of them.

Lest We Forget.

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News, Events, & More

Real Estate Statistics

ENMAX Central Calgary Transmission Line Replacement Project Update from the WHM Powerline Committee

The current tentative project timelines are:

Late October: ENMAX expects to notify the community about the routes that will be filed in the application, allowing additional time for public consultation. It is our understanding that ENMAX plans to host open houses in November (dates TBA) to share their preferred routes before submitting their AUC application.

End of 2026: ENMAX targets submission of its formal application.

Early 2027: The AUC regulatory process is expected to move forward.

May/June 2027: A potential AUC hearing may take place, with the final decision issued 90 days after the hearing concludes.

The WHM Powerline Committee is meeting on October 21. We have yet to decide whether the Winston Heights-Mountview Community Association (WHMCA) will act as an intervener. This decision depends entirely on the route options ENMAX submits in its upcoming application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). If we choose to move forward, we still have $15,000 held in trust by Cassels LLP to fund our intervention.

We do encourage you to continue to lobby for option 8 (almost entirely underground) when speaking with neighbours, media, elected representatives, ENMAX representatives etc.

ENMAX Central Calgary Project: stakeholderrelations@enmax.com

Councillor DJ Kelly: ward4@calgary.ca

Mayor Jeromy Farkas: info@jeromy.ca

Premier Danielle Smith: premier@gov.ab.ca

MLA Lizette Tejada: Calgary.Klein@assembly.ab.ca

As a point of reference, every $4 million in additional project costs adds about half a cent to a monthly residential utility bill over 30 years. Every $10 million in costs adds about one cent to a monthly residential utility bill over 30 years!

Volunteer Appreciation: Craig Baskett and Eva Logan

Since moving to Winston Heights–Mountview in 2000, Craig Baskett and Eva Logan have been dedicated volunteers and valued members of the WHMCA community. Their volunteer journey began unexpectedly at an emergency community association meeting, where the future of the community hall was at risk due to insolvency. Craig raised his hand to offer a suggestion, and to his surprise he found himself nominated and acclaimed as president.

What began as an unexpected opportunity to help has grown into more than two decades of community involvement, lasting friendships, and a shared commitment to giving back.

Today, Craig enjoys helping clear and flood the Marsden Road Rink, while Eva dedicates her time to the Community Garden and organizing the annual community cleanup. Outside of WHMCA, Eva volunteers with the Calgary Food Bank, and Craig supports Habitat for Humanity. When they aren't volunteering, you'll likely find them hiking, biking, golfing, or travelling.

When asked what they love most about Winston Heights–Mountview, their answer was simple: the people! The friendships they've built over the years are among their greatest rewards, along with knowing they're contributing to an important part of community life.

Their advice to anyone considering volunteering? You don't have to start as president! Every contribution matters, no matter how big or small. As Craig and Eva have learned, you often get back four times what you give.

Looking ahead, they'd love to see a community-sponsored spring cleanup, bringing neighbours together to pick up garbage around the neighbourhood before enjoying a low-key gathering at Citizen Brewery.

Thank you, Craig and Eva, for your many years of dedication, generosity, and community spirit. We're grateful to have volunteers like you helping make Winston Heights–Mountview such a wonderful place to call home!



Community Garden News and Looking Ahead





Hello, my name is Kim Scott, and I wanted to introduce myself. I've been involved with the community garden as a gardener for a year and the experience has shown me that our community garden is about much more than growing vegetables and flowers. It is a place where neighbours connect, friendships grow, and knowledge is shared. Inspired by the generosity and welcoming spirit of our gardening community, I am pleased to join the Community Garden Committee as Communications and Membership Director.

What Happened Most Recently?
As another wonderful growing season came to a close, 2026 Season gardeners joined us for our Fall Community Garden Meeting and Cleanup Day on October 24.

Interested in Gardening Next Year?
If you've admired the garden from afar, consider joining us for the 2027 growing season. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, our community garden offers a welcoming space to learn, grow, and connect with neighbours.

Garden boxes are limited. To request a garden box or be added to the waitlist, please contact: communitygarden@winstonheights.ca Sign up early to secure your spot for the 2027 season!

"Hearts Bloom in the Garden" is more than just a saying. It's what happens when a community grows together.

Kim Scott

Communications and Membership Director, Winston Heights Mountview Community Garden Committee





Winter Green Cart Schedule Starts in November

Starting in November, your green cart will be collected every other week. This seasonal schedule helps match service to the lower volumes of yard waste during colder months.

Weekly collection will return in April 2027, when spring clean-up season begins. Visit calgary.ca/reminders to get the free Calgary Garbage Day App!

Board Meetings
First Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Community welcome!

Family Craft Night
Tuesday, November 24 and December 29 (Last Tuesday of every month).

6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Founders' Room.

A relaxed evening of creativity and connection. Enjoy free kids' crafts and light refreshments and bring your own project to work on while you visit with neighbours. We welcome knitting, crochet, needlework, sewing, paper crafts, and more! Just be sure to bring all your supplies. Free for WHMCA members. Please note that we ask that no projects have glitter. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more info, contact Heather at 403-276-5474.

Coffee and Conversation
November 6 and December 4 (1st Friday of each month).

9:30 to 11:00 am in the Founders' Room.

Come along—it's not just for seniors or women. Everyone is welcome! We'll talk about news of the day, books we're reading, or whatever we'd like. At this point, it is unstructured but if people prefer, we could choose hot topics or invite guest speakers. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Free for WHMCA members.

For more info, contact Suzanne at 403-276-5606 or events@winstonheights.ca.

New! Community Book Club
November 26 and December TBD (Last Thursday of Every Month).

7:00pm in the Founders' Room.

Looking for a reason to get out of the house, meet your neighbours, and dive into a good book? We're excited to launch a brand new book club and we'd love for you to be a part of it from the very first page. Welcoming adults of all reading backgrounds, whether you are a lifelong bookworm or just looking to read more this year. Free for WHMCA members.

For more info, contact Rosalva at romaocu@yahoo.com.

WHMCA Playgroup
September 24 to December 10 on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

A relaxed, engaging time for kids ages 0 to 5 to play with toys and with each other, as well as for parents and caregivers to be able to visit with each other. Coffee and tea. Occasional light snacks, crafts, and activities provided for the children.

For more info, contact Sharayah 403-968-8001 or she and her co-host Arden at playgroup@winstonheights.ca.

Warm Clothing Drive
Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the North Hall.

Bring any warm weather clothing you want for adults and kids. All used clothing items will be dry cleaned by our partner and then donated. We are also accepting all winter accessories and blankets as well. Non-perishable food bank donations for the Calgary Food Bank will also be accepted.

For more info, contact Heather at 403-276-5474

Santa Breakfast
Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in all the halls.

The WHMCA Santa Breakfast is one of our community's favourite holiday traditions. Every year, neighbours gather for a morning of good food, festive fun, and a chance to kick off the season together. It's the kind of event that reminds you why community matters—familiar faces, new friends, and a warm, cheerful atmosphere that makes December feel a little brighter.

Everyone is welcome. Young, old, families, singles, kids, no kids—you don't need to celebrate Christmas to enjoy a great breakfast and connect with the people who live around you.

For more info, contact Heather at 403-276-5474.

Spooky Little Christmas Market*
Saturday, November 7, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in all the halls.

Join us for a Spooky little Christmas Market, hosted by High Crass Trash. A Christmas market celebrating and embracing the creepy, the quirky, the alternative, and the wonderfully weird. Shop from 50 local artists and small businesses offering Tarot card readings, numerology, handmade gifts, creepy and cute creations, gothic decor, horror inspired art, oddities, jewelry, candles, apparel, and all of the things you won't find at your average Christmas market!

For information regarding this specific market, check

out High Crass Trash on Facebook.

Raven Realm Collective Market*
Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Main and East Halls.

Join Raven Realm Collective for another event featuring an amazing community of vendors and guests. For information regarding this specific market, check out Facebook.

Elevated Events Co. Handmade for Christmas: A Holiday Market *
Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in all the halls.

Elevated Events Co. is back with another wonderful market of artisan work and collectibles. For information regarding this specific market, check out Facebook.

Amala Hangout*
Friday, November 13 and December 11, from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Up for a culinary adventure? Each month, Forks 'n Fingers Catering cooks up a feast which is sold as takeout, as well as enjoyed as a sit-down meal/social evening in our East Hall with music and cash bar.

Info and reservations: 403-404-7614 | www.instagram.com/forksnfingerss, forksandfingers.ca.

Lets Get Scrappin'*
Saturday November 28 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

A full day of scrapbooking. Products for purchase. For more information visit stephaniebell.wixsite.com/letsgetscrappin.

To register, contact Stephanie Bell at stephaniebell@shaw.ca.

Cue Steps Round Dance*
Sundays, September 13, 2026, to April 18, 2027.

At a glance, round dancing looks like social or ballroom dancing since the rhythms and movements are the same. However, round dancers have the advantage of pre-choreographed and cued dances which use defined (and practiced) figures and steps. A variety of classes are offered from Beginner to Phase IV.

Contact Janice: 403-279 3771 or Ron: 403-851 1581 | www.rounddancecalgary.com.

Fancy Double "C" Cloggers*
Wednesday evening classes for Beginners, Easy to Easy Intermediates | Intermediate to Low Advanced

Fall Session: September 23 to December 2

Winter Session: January 20 to March 31

Clogging is a rhythmic percussive dance done to pop, country, or traditional fiddle music. No partner is necessary for this fun and social activity. Only comfortable clothes and shoes are required for this mild workout.

For more information and to register, contact Janet at janet_rae@shaw.ca. | www.squaredancecalgary.com.

Foundational Pilates*
Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

Pilates is exercise that strengthens your core and improves posture, flexibility, and body awareness. It focuses on strengthening deep core muscles in your abdominals, hips and back to improve stability and control. Pilates promotes attention to alignment, balanced muscle development, mindful movement, and breath support. Can be customized for all ages and fitness levels. If you are interested, please contact the instructor, Andrea, at 403-836-3892 or andreasatveit@live.com.

$30 per class. Andrea offers a free trial class and a 15% discount for WHMCA members.

Yoga Classes | Prevail Yoga*
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm and 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

- New Session: October 13 to November 5
- New Session: November 17 to December 10

North Hall (annex building).

Pre-registration required. WHMCA members receive 15% discount. For more information and to register, contact Karl at karl@prevailyoga.ca or 403-681-9142.

Kids' Aikido Classes | Calgary Rakushinkan*
Mondays | Kids from 5:00 to 6:15 pm | Teens/Adults from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Aikido helps children, teens and adults develop strong, flexible bodies and clear, steady minds—cultivating balance, posture, awareness, and calm under pressure.

For information, contact Josh at rakushincalgary@gmail.com | calgaryrakushinkan.com.

Calgary Community Day Services (CCDS)*
Mondays to Fridays, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, year-round!

A unique day service dedicated to seniors and mature adults with developmental disabilities. It emphasises

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community presence while caring for the unique needs of seniors. It focuses on recreation and leisure with an objective of an enhanced quality of life.

Contact ccds.inc@shaw.ca
www.calgarycommunitydayservices.com.

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WHMCA Santa Breakfast: A Holiday Tradition for Everyone

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What to Expect

- Entertainment, crafts, and festive holiday beverages.
- A delicious breakfast with options for all dietary needs.
- And of course… a visit from Santa himself.

It's a simple event, but it's one that brings people together in the best way. A cozy hall, the smell of pancakes, excited kids, relaxed parents, and neighbours chatting over coffee or a mimosa—it's community at its finest.

This year's Santa Breakfast is Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 am to noon in the Main Hall. Watch for more details on the WHMCA Facebook or Instagram page or visit the Santa Breakfast event page at: https://winstonheights.getcommunal.com/parent_programs/5113.

Coming Soon: New Year Skating Lessons!

Get ready to lace up your skates!

We're looking forward to bringing skating lessons back to Winston Heights-Mountview in the New Year. Whether you're learning to skate for the first time or hoping to build your confidence on the ice, keep an eye out for upcoming announcements. Registration details, lesson dates, and availability will be announced soon!

Stay tuned to our social media for more information.

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Scan for details!

Join Us For WHMCA's Annual

SANTA BREAKFAST

HO HO HO!

- Festive holiday beverages
- A delicious breakfast (options for all dietary needs)
- Fun entertainment
- And a visit from Santa!







SATURDAY, DEC 5, 2026 | 9:00am to Noon

Free for WHMCA Members, $5/person for non-members

Purchase an annual membership at the door or online: winstonheights.ca/become-a-member/

Supporting Senior Secret Service

- *Cash donations accepted at the door to support isolated seniors and/or*
- *Bring new items from the Senior Secret Santa Wish List (scan the QR code above for info)*

Winston Heights-Mountview Community Centre

520 27 Avenue NE | events@winstonheights.ca

COLOUR ME TO GET A PRIZE!



Colour this and bring it to the Community Centre to get a fun prize!
Monday to Friday, 10am-1pm. Ask for Heather.

Start a Community Club or Class

Have you ever thought, "I wish we had a group for that?" This is your invitation to make it happen.

We're always happy to support residents who want to create clubs, groups, or classes whether you want to lead or help organize.

Ideas we've heard recently:

- Poker Nights (with instructor)
- Board Game Social
- Fitness and Nutrition (for older adults)

If you have an idea or want to get one of the ideas above launched, we'll help you connect with others who are interested and support you in getting it off the ground.

Contact Suzanne, Event and Programming Chair, at 403-276-5474 or events@winstonheights.ca.

A Mushroom's Tale

by aspiring writer, Raymond Hepler (Age 11)

I am the smallest mushroom in my clump. There are many others, and they are at least three times my size. But I know one thing—now that they've grown, they'll just start turning to mush while I continue to grow older. Wait until they know that.

Today is when I will truly dominate the cluster. We are already feeling rain cooly wash over us, helping us ripen more. Hey, wait a minute…the chanterelles have already rocketed up by the nearby oak trees which were supposed to be ours. This will lead to dire problems, for if they manage to take this tree from us, we will all die. Therefore, if we don't spread our spores now, we're all as good as dead. I take it as my duty to start growing like a human child. Alright, maybe I'll just pretend I've matured to make me actually sprout. Actually, I meant to stay short, let's just go with that. Three, two, one… hey, why isn't this working?

I try many things, like maybe thinking of something else, and manifesting thoughts of growth, but none of these methods work. Eventually, nighttime falls and we show off our glowing gills. They illuminate the night, attracting flies to spread our basidiospores. I am unfortunately unable to create spores as of yet, so therefore I can't glow.

Now I will focus on something else. I must find a way to create my spores, knowing that is how I will glow in the night. Also, because of the chanterelles, this may be my only way to live. I try different methods until I realize I'm just doing the same things as last time. Then I realize—if I wait, maybe I'll enlarge without noticing it.

It starts to work. After several nights I gradually change to the size I was meaning to become and more. Furthermore, my spores gather on my gills, leading to my second goal. Everything is working according to plan. That is, until I notice that I'm actually on the bottom of the cluster!

All the others have rotted away, save for those new growths that are smaller than me. I should have thought about this, considering I wanted to gloat in the end. Why, why, why? But it's too late now. Soon a similar fate will happen to me, or worse.

I prepare to dedicate tonight to wallowing in sorrow over my predicament. Then a thought comes to mind—what if there was a way to stop me from rotting?

Just then the ground below me gives way. I am flung to another tree with a resounding *splat*. I then notice the culprit—a three-year-old human child stomping and kicking at everything they see. Slowly all sense leaves me as I hit the floor. Even in the dark, these stinking idiots can see me.



A Wonderful Sunday Afternoon with Jed and the Valentine

by Shannon Smith, Newsletter Editor



For quite a while now, I've been meaning to attend one of the Nose Creek Concerts that Suzanne Mott regularly hosts at our Winston Heights-Mountview Community Hall. On Sunday, September 27, I finally had the chance to do so and I was so impressed!

Nose Creek Concerts are intimate afternoon live music events, and this time we were lucky enough to welcome Jed and the Valentine. They were absolutely spectacular. Jed and the Valentine are an up-and-coming Edmonton-based indie-folk duo made up of Maria Khaner and Jonah Morris.

There is something especially enjoyable about seeing talented musicians perform in a smaller, more intimate setting, and Jed and the Valentine were a perfect fit for our community hall. From the first song, they created a warm, relaxed atmosphere that made it easy to simply sit back and enjoy the music, along with the fun stories they shared between songs.

They are both such amazing musicians, and it was fun to see how many different instruments appeared over the course of the afternoon: guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, percussion, and even a bit of whistling. They moved easily from one instrument to another throughout the show, adding fun variety to the performance.

The vocals were a real highlight for me. Maria has a truly beautiful voice, and their harmonies together were lovely. Their voices complement each other so naturally that some of the most memorable moments were simply the two of them singing together.

I also really enjoyed how genuine and comfortable the whole performance felt. Nothing felt overly polished or distant. Instead, it was more like being invited to spend an afternoon listening to two musicians who clearly love what they do.

I'm so glad I finally made it to one of the Nose Creek Concerts, and I definitely plan to attend more of them in the future.

A big thank-you to Jed and the Valentine for coming to perform for us, and to Suzanne Mott for continuing to bring these wonderful live music experiences to our community. If you missed this one, Jed and the Valentine are definitely worth checking out.

A Flower to Remember

Red poppy seeds can remain dormant in the soil for years. During the First World War, artillery and trench warfare disturbed the earth along the Western Front, allowing poppies to bloom across the landscape. The sight inspired Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae's 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields", helping the red poppy become an enduring symbol of remembrance.







Councillor, Ward 4
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Hey, neighbour!

As I have said to my council colleagues, the City budget that will be approved later this month may be the most important decision that council makes during this term in office. This decision is more than just a tax rate: it sets the service you will receive from the City of Calgary for the next four years.

I want to be clear that we don't have a budget yet, and council has definitely not arrived at a final tax rate. Council has a lot of work to do this month before we get there, and that means being diligent and serious about the trade-offs we're going to have to make.

Repaired roads, sidewalks, bridges, and water treatment plants, alongside having safety responses to issues in our communities are what I am working towards. I also want to be clear, putting off spending again could mean reduced transit service, more risk from aging infrastructure, more broken pipes, gaps in our pathways and sidewalks, and not making progress on traffic and pedestrian safety in your neighbourhood. Council has to balance all of that—making sure that your priorities are advanced, and your neighbourhood isn't forgotten as it has been in the past—against keeping taxes affordable for everyone.

My debate will be to make sure your needs—your priorities that you have told me about for the past year—are front and center for all of my colleagues. The budget debate begins on November 23, and I want you to get involved. I want your feedback, I want your advice, but most importantly I want to hear from you at ward4@calgary.ca so that we can confidently say all of council has heard from you and your neighbours.

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