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Information and referrals for community and social services. www.ab.211.ca	Confidential information and support, or to report a suspected case of elder abuse.

Telephone language interpretation service available on all lines.

Let's Talk...

DEC. 10, 2024

TIME: 2:00 pm
Doors at 1:30 pm

Join us as we continue our Let's Talk series and discover "What Brings People Together"

This month, Michelle Mcfarlane, General Manager, North Hill Mall, will discuss what she sees bringing people together at the mall, and provide some information surrounding future plans for the mall.

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Riley Local Area Plan Referred to Administration by Council for More Work – May Get Worse

This is a short update on the Riley LAP process, which is becoming even more concerning for our community. The City is developing a new Riley Local Area Plan (LAP) for our community. This will replace the Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which has guided the redevelopment of our neighbourhood since the 1980s. The City circulated their latest Phase 4 LAP draft online a few months back – look at <https://engage.calgary.ca/Riley/Realize>. Their plan, as it is, makes fundamental changes to our community, including six and four storey apartments permitted to replace single-family homes in a significant portion of our community, six storeys permitted below the Hounsfield Heights escarpment, and narrow infill homes permitted throughout.

The initial council IPC hearing about the Riley LAP was on October 16, and they made a motion that it go back to City Administration for more work to “Prioritize greater density around Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites within the Riley Communities Local Area Plan”. The motion also included a clause about improving mobility planning. The full council unanimously passed this motion of referral on October 29. The scheduled public hearing on December 3 has been cancelled. Councillors had different motivations for approving the motion, and do not necessarily support the clause for even more density, but the City will do what the motion instructs, and fighting these changes will now be even more difficult.

Lions Park LRT station is the main TOD site discussed, and this motion instructs the City to add more density around our station. This very likely means they will propose twelve storeys in Hounsfield Heights and push apartments further into the community – exactly the opposite of what the citizens affected by these proposals have been saying. The Community Association has spoken about reasonable compromise and the effects on our community, but none of our concerns were heard.

Further, the Municipal Development Plan and Transit Oriented Development guidelines state that existing stable communities should be respected. The MDP says “ensure infill development complements the established character of the area and does not create dramatic contrasts in the physical development pattern”, but neither the current proposal nor suggested changes on referral do this. However, the City is also working on replacing the Municipal Development Plan with the “Calgary Plan”, and these concepts of considering context and respecting the citizens and communities that are already there do not appear to be included anymore...

If you receive this in time, please come out to the Community Association Annual General Meeting on November 28, to learn more about this issue and what we can do! Personally, I think it is grossly unfair and unreasonable to ignore context like this – we need to step up our lobby about context and respect – that everyone counts, and existing communities should not be thrown under the bus! Community members may wish to consider expressing their opinions directly to council (themayor@calgary.ca, ward07@calgary.ca, our councillor Terry Wong, and similarly for the rest of the 14 councillors – ward01@calgary.ca etc.). We can discuss and answer questions at land.use@hh-bh.ca.

Beth Atkinson

Director – Land Use, Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association



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Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;
- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;

- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
- Initiate gentle re-warming as quickly as possible. Remove any wet or constrictive clothing; cover with blankets or sleeping bags. Protect from further heat loss: eliminate contact with cold surfaces, and shield from wind and moisture.

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1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
4. Egnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.



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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Phase 3 of the Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan is underway, and the draft plan was shared with the public and partners before Council's expected approval in early 2025. You can send questions or comments directly to the project team by emailing parkspan@calgary.ca. Please note that these will not be included in the final Phase 3 What We Heard Report. A Park is a space set aside for enjoyment, recreation, education, cultural or aesthetic use, or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. An urban forest includes trees and shrubs intentionally planted, naturally occurring, or accidentally seeded within city limits. This means all trees in parks, river valleys, streets, roadways, natural areas, and commercial and private lands.

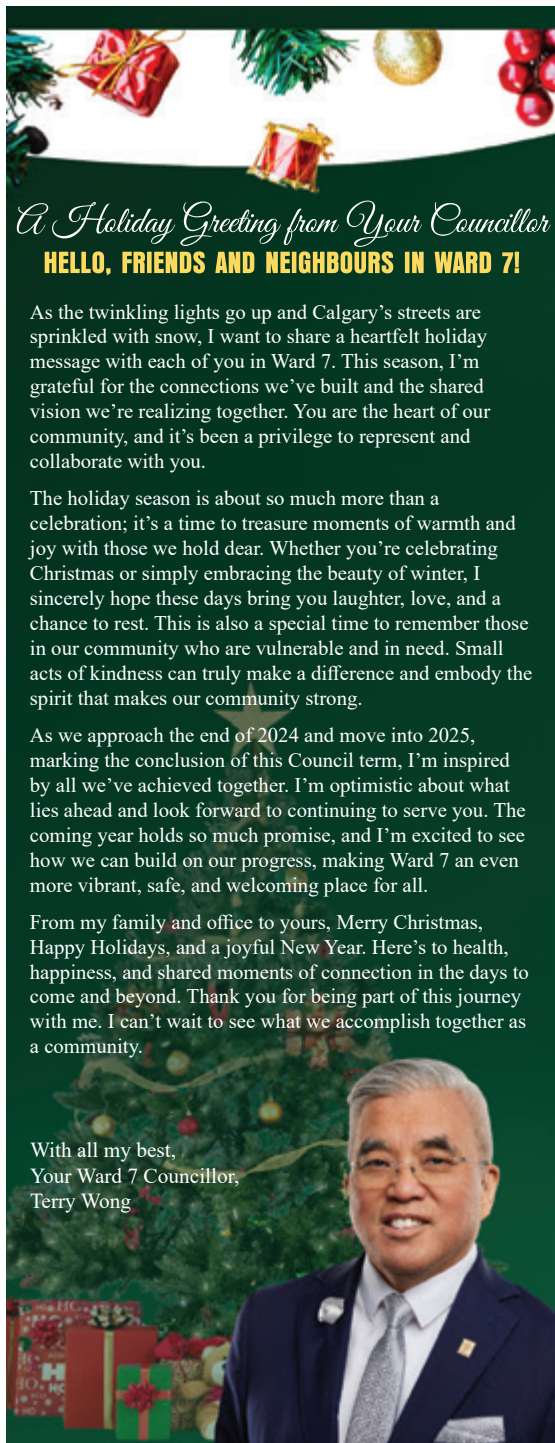
A Natural Area is a City-owned park or open space where the primary role is protection of a (relatively) undisturbed parcel or with a natural/native plant community. Natural areas are categorized to provide guidance for management and permitted uses according to habitat sensitivity and conservation needs. Habitat is the environment where the life cycle of a species is found and characteristics of the place (climate or suitable food and shelter). A Habitat Management Plan means a ten-year operational plan on how we manage natural areas that help maintain or improve the health and function of a park. Calgary's natural ecosystems are categorized by their habitat type (e.g., grassland, forest, wetland). There are also categories for classifying parks with natural environments: Special Protection or Major; Supporting (may be buffers), and other naturalized parks. Naturalization means improving management or repairing some function. For Environmentally Significant Areas, some key natural components recognized by the City of Calgary are Water Quality and Quantity; Rare, Intact, or Biologically Diverse content; and Habitat for Native Species of Interest. Read more at engage.calgary.ca/parkspan.

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. A white location pin is placed on a street. The street names '1001 17 ST NW', '12 ST NW', and '6 AVE NW' are visible. The image is partially overlaid by a dark circular graphic containing text.

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A Holiday Greeting from Your Councillor

HELLO, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN WARD 7!

As the twinkling lights go up and Calgary’s streets are sprinkled with snow, I want to share a heartfelt holiday message with each of you in Ward 7. This season, I’m grateful for the connections we’ve built and the shared vision we’re realizing together. You are the heart of our community, and it’s been a privilege to represent and collaborate with you.

The holiday season is about so much more than a celebration; it’s a time to treasure moments of warmth and joy with those we hold dear. Whether you’re celebrating Christmas or simply embracing the beauty of winter, I sincerely hope these days bring you laughter, love, and a chance to rest. This is also a special time to remember those in our community who are vulnerable and in need. Small acts of kindness can truly make a difference and embody the spirit that makes our community strong.

As we approach the end of 2024 and move into 2025, marking the conclusion of this Council term, I’m inspired by all we’ve achieved together. I’m optimistic about what lies ahead and look forward to continuing to serve you. The coming year holds so much promise, and I’m excited to see how we can build on our progress, making Ward 7 an even more vibrant, safe, and welcoming place for all.

From my family and office to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a joyful New Year. Here’s to health, happiness, and shared moments of connection in the days to come and beyond. Thank you for being part of this journey with me. I can’t wait to see what we accomplish together as a community.

With all my best,
Your Ward 7 Councillor,
Terry Wong



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Christmas Help

This month, many families will gather around the table to celebrate Christmas with loved ones. Unfortunately, the meal will not be as grand as it once was for a growing number of families.

Food Banks Canada has reported that food bank use in Canada is setting all-time records with shocking regularity. They report that up to 25% of Canadians are living in a state of poverty, while 35% feel worse-off financially. Canadians are struggling to keep their heads above water, relying on food banks to survive.

Food bank use in Canada has doubled since 2019 with over two million visits in March 2024 alone. This is 6% higher than last year and this year will likely set a new record.

Food Banks Canada blames inflation, housing costs, and insufficient social supports for creating the food insecurity problem.

At the same time, a 23% hike in the carbon tax is not helping. If you tax the farmer who grows the food, and the trucker who ships the food, you end up taxing the Canadian who buys the food.

One-third of those using food banks are children. One-in-five is employed and 70% live in market rent housing. These are people struggling to keep up. Food insecurity has a huge impact on one’s mental health and overall health outcomes. This in turn puts additional stress on other social services and the healthcare system.

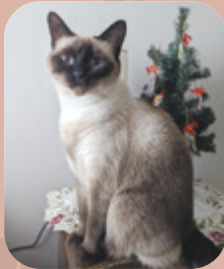
This Christmas season, if you are able, please donate to a food bank or food pantry so that we can all celebrate Christmas like we used to.

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