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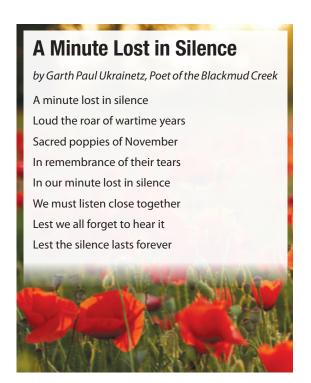


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Join us in creating community for everyone.

HELP (formally the DOAP Team)

403-998-7388

24/7

Non-emergency number for individuals on the street needing assistance.

Needle Response Team

403-796-5334

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mobile unit cleaning up needle and needle debris on public and private property.

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403-805-7388

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mobile unit assisting individuals who are sleeping in camps outside.

OUR VISION: We will be a safe community with established programs and facilities, committed volunteers, and we'll be financially stable.

OUR MISSION: To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.



Community Association

Box 43052, RPO Deer Valley SE, Calgary, AB - T2J 7A7

Membership Request / Renewal Form

Deer Ridge Community Association memberships are available online at www.DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership/ or you may mail this form along with a cheque payable to:

Deer Ridge Community Association.

The Deer Ridge Community Association membership fee is \$15.00 per household and two membership cards will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment. Your membership also grants you Deer Ridge CA voting privileges at the AGM. We invite all Deer Ridge residents to actively participate in the decisions that shape our community. For volunteer opportunities, please visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com/volunteer/



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Casino Volunteers Needed

Did you know your community association is a non-profit organization registered with Alberta Societies and as such, a large portion of our funding is from AGLC fundraising casinos? AGLC (Alberta Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis) is the overseeing agency. A portion of funds from all casinos in Alberta is pooled and allocated to various non-profits and charities within the province. This funding is very significant in supporting and maintaining your community amenities.

To receive a portion of the funds, we provide volunteers to fill positions for two days at a casino.

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Cashiers
- Chip Runners
- Count Room Staff (Sorter, Counter, Recorder, Amalgamator)

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and help ensure AGLC funding is available for amenities and programs such as: the new shade shelter at Yellow Slide Park, community ice rinks and tennis courts, replace aging structures in playgrounds, community programs, and special events like Movie at Yellow Slide Park!

Our 2025 Casino dates are Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16, at Deerfoot Inn & Casino (11500 35 St SE).

Day shifts are 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. Night shifts are 7:00 pm to 3:30 am. Count room is 11:00 pm to 3:30 am. Training is provided. Meals are provided at no expense to the volunteer and transportation is available if needed.

Please help us ensure we can continue to fund your community amenities – volunteer to help at one of the casino dates!

Visit www.deerridgeca.com/volunteer-casino/ for more information and to sign-up or contact us directly.

Community Garden

The October community garden cleanup event was a big success again this year – the garden plots have all been put to bed and the gardens are ready for snowfall. A great big thank you goes out to all the gardeners, gardening families, volunteers, and helpers who came out to assist with the work, both for fall cleanup and all year long. A great big thank you goes to Mr. Bob Hall

for organizing, and for all the extra volunteer hours maintaining the garden area all season long.

Gardeners, please watch for an email in March or April bringing an offer to renew your plot and providing dates for the May garden startup.

Interested in joining? If you are not yet a community garden member and you'd like to garden with us, visit the Deer Ridge Community Garden Facebook page to express your interest in joining.

Community Association Christmas Party and Winter Celebration

Back by popular demand – the annual afternoon community Christmas party! This party is a big hit with children and families every year, so if you've got kids who are excited to see Santa and enjoy doing seasonal crafts and taking home a treat bag, make sure you mark November 30 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm on your calendar!

The party will take place at the Queensland Diamond Cove community hall, at 649 Queensland Drive SE, and is sponsored by the Queensland Diamond Cove and Deer Ridge Community Associations. See the poster in this newsletter.

Playgrounds

The new shade shelter at Yellow Slide Park was completed in early autumn and is very much being enjoyed by families. Construction of the shade shelter was a multi-year effort by community volunteers and the City to get permits and approvals in place. The shelter has been designed so that it can be used by the community for events, as well as by families who would like a welcoming space to picnic or simply watch their kids play lava-tag or climb, run, and slide on the playscape.

Congratulations go out to Don Bosco School in Deer Ridge and Haultain Memorial School in Queensland, on their new playscapes, and our recognition goes to the teachers, school children, and parents who contributed with all kinds of interesting and fun fundraising initiatives. Special recognition also goes to the parent committees who spearheaded the funding drives, and to the volunteers who made it happen. The beautiful, new playgrounds are well used and much enjoyed by school children and community families.

Membership

Do you enjoy living in Deer Ridge? Want to take part in keeping this community a vibrant place to live, with plenty of amenities for adults and children? We invite you to become a community association member!

The Deer Ridge Community Association is a volunteer-run non-profit group. Your membership contributes directly to the community. Your \$15 per year membership dues are used to support your community playgrounds, rinks, tennis court, and other amenities, and your voice will help make decisions about what is needed or wanted in the community.

If you have not yet purchased your 2024-2025 membership, we invite you to add your voice and become a member today. Memberships are still only \$15 per household. All memberships expire annually on August 31. You may purchase your membership:

- Online from our website at deerridgeca.com/ Membership/
- By downloading the membership form and returning it by mail with payment
- By filling in the membership form in this newsletter and returning it by mail with payment

If you are already a member, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and commitment to your community!

City of Calgary Development Map Upgrades

Interested in what's been approved for development in your community or any other part of the city? The City of Calgary has made some upgrades to its development map. Find it at www-prd.calgary.ca/development/ permits/permit-application-search.html.

Using this map, you can provide your input to the development approval process at the City, learn about current applications, review development plans, and learn when/how to share your comments. The page also provides a helpful link to show you how to use the new, upgraded map.

Some new features are:

- Photo uploads: Enhance your comments with images for more impactful feedback.
- Policy links and overlays: Gain easy access to policies

- and bylaws, enabling clearer understanding and informed decision-making.
- 3D views: Visualize projects in a dynamic way and see their impact on the cityscape.
- · Mobile optimization: Use the map on-the-go with a design tailored for your phone.
- Faster loading: Access project details guickly, without delay.
- Dedicated project pages: Find all the information you need on individual pages for each application.

Bow Bottom/Anderson/Deerfoot Trail Interchange **Development Map and Schedule**

Are you looking forward to completion of the interchange of Bow Bottom and Deerfoot? Wondering about timing for the end of construction (2027) and what the interchange will look like at completion? Visit www.deerfootimprovements.ca/anderson-road-bowbottom-trail-2/ for the latest in updates.

Board Meetings

Our community association board meetings take place at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, in the boardroom at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. The November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19.

If you would like to present on a community matter at a board meeting, we welcome you! Please contact us, in advance, at deerridge.ca@gmail.com, so we can make sure we get you or your group on the meeting agenda.



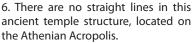
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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Landmark!

- 1. This gorgeous UNESCO World Heritage Site in India was built to be a mausoleum.
- 2. The _____ was made across many dynasties and states, taking over 2,500 years to construct.
- 3. This stunning Italian landmark is also called the Bell Tower and is over 180 feet tall.
- 4. This iconic structure was built for the 1889 World Fair; it celebrated the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution.
- 5. This famous ancient city was frozen in time due to almost the exact opposite circumstance.







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Hi, Ward 14!

I hope you had a fun and safe Halloween. Full of candy, we are now ready to take on the true beginning to winter. Even though winter has its challenges, it can still be a time to celebrate. Chinook Blast is Calgary's winter festival celebration. In the full, online version of this column, I will go into detail about the call for artists and market partners for the 2025 Chinook Blast.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14 for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14 or calling 403-268-1653.

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Thank you to everyone who attended my October Town Hall. It was wonderful to see so many of you actively engaged in the issues affecting our province. I look forward to continuing these important conversations in the new year at my next Town Hall. In the meantime, stay connected by following me on social media for the latest government updates.

Every year on November 11, Remembrance Day honours the military personnel who died in wars, particularly since World War I. It is a day marked by silence, ceremonies, and red poppies. A time for reflection and gratitude for the sacrifices made for peace and freedom.

Introducing the Rate of Last Resort

Alberta's government is helping Albertans take control of their electricity options and protecting Alberta's ratepayers from power price spikes.

New regulations and legislation are set to come into effect on January 1, 2025, to help Albertans better understand their energy options and encourage them to find the rate best suited to meet their needs. Following the Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, the default electricity rate is being renamed from the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) to the Rate of Last Resort (ROLR). Alberta's government has also introduced a rate confirmation requirement. The Utilities Consumer Advocate, under the Ministry of Affordability and Utilities, will contact all customers on the ROLR every 90 days to confirm whether they would like to stay on the ROLR or not, and encourage them to explore their options.

Albertans are encouraged to find the competitive rate best suited to their needs. Last year, tens of thousands of households moved off the Rate of Last Resort to competitive contracts for a more affordable option. Albertans who are looking for help with their utility bills or are experiencing a dispute with their provider should contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate at 310-4855 or through their website at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca.

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office anytime at Calgary.FishCreek@ assembly.ab.ca.



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Dear Constituents.

In November, we reflect, remember, and pay tribute to Canada's brave sons and daughters that have put their lives on the line to stand against tyranny and protect our freedoms. Many have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and we are forever in their debt.

Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier once said, "Canada is free, and freedom is its nationality."

This freedom that we know today exists only because of these brave Canadians. Their sacrifices allow us to worship where we want, love who we want, and live in peace in the greatest country on earth. May we never take it for granted.

Lest we forget.

As I write this, for the first time in over two years, Parliament is in a true minority government situation once again. Late in the summer, the NDP 'ripped up' their agreement with the Liberals and in September. the Bloc Québécois outlined the conditions for their continued support in the House of Commons. Conservatives have been clear since Parliament returned that we believe it is time for a carbon tax election where Canadians can choose to axe the tax or keep it. To date, we have introduced multiple non-confidence motions, which have unfortunately not passed as both the NDP and Bloc continue to prop up the government. My Conservative colleagues and I will not give up on our fight for an election so that the people – not the politicians – can decide their future.

To stay up to date on my ongoing work in Ottawa on your behalf please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter. You can do so online at StephanieKusieMP.ca. Another way to keep engaged is through my social media -@StephanieKusiePolitician (Facebook), @StephanieKusie (X and Instagram), @StephanieKusieMP (YouTube).

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