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For Ward 14 Councillor

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Dear Neighbour,

I'm excited to share this with you: I'm running for City Council in Ward 14.

This decision comes from a deep passion to serve and a belief that leadership means listening, understanding, and acting in the best interests of the people, not chasing power or succession.

I'm a graduate of SAIT in instrumentation engineering. I've served as VP External of the Athabasca University Students' Union and serve as Technology & Digital Safety Ambassador. I've had the privilege of serving as a student advocate at both the provincial level with the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and at the federal level with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). Through these roles, I sat on policy and budgeting committees where I worked to ensure student voices were heard and their needs prioritized.

As Director of Volunteerism at the Calgary Legacy Community Association, I help organize events that build connection and community. I also volunteer with the Calgary Igbo Community Association at the Drop-In Centre, supporting unhoused individuals with essentials and encouragement.

I founded VEROROSE INC., a support agency for people with disabilities, and work at a harm reduction centre, helping people with disabilities and mental health challenges rebuild their lives.

I'm running as an independent candidate with conservative values. I'm for the people, here to serve and willing to work with anyone who puts Ward 14 first. Our city should serve residents, not political interests.

As your neighbour, I share your concerns about blanket rezoning that ignores local realities, property tax hikes, infrastructure strain, and loss of neighbourhood character. If elected, I'll push to repeal those policies and protect what makes our ward a great place to live.

I believe in service, transparency, and trust. As a husband, father of three, and Knight of the Catholic Church, I bring compassion, accountability, and empathy to public service.

Every resident deserves safe streets, basic infrastructure, and leaders who listen. That's what I'll fight for.

This campaign is about all of us; our families, our businesses, and our shared future. I'm ready to work hard for Ward 14 and make our voices count.

Sincerely,
Chima Akuchie

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QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

I would like to thank the following people who helped on Saturday, July 5, to make the Queensland Diamond Cove/Deer Ridge cleanup a success; Jeff Myrthu, Bob Hall, Julie Jack, Char Kirkpatrick, Susan Jackson, Nevelda Sands, Ian Murphy, Beth Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Anita Sukhedo, Eva Reid, Judith Nichols, Heather Field, Kevin Kiejko, Nick Black, Linda Brown, Nataliia Yasynevich, Yulian Yasynevich, City of Calgary Workers, Recon Metal and Techno Trash, and myself. We all worked diligently from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, unloading vehicles and placing the items where appropriate. I am not sure if you are aware that this event is run from these times on the nose due to City of Calgary union rules. We unfortunately had to turn some vehicles away due to this rule. We hope to see you again next year when we host this event with Deer Ridge.

A big thank you goes out to Nick who drove his work truck around the alleys looking for items to pick up. We appreciate the initiative and the items picked up. Thank you.

Please note that we are always looking for volunteers for this event and each event that we host at the community centre. You can use volunteering on your resume if you are looking for work.

I was taking my dog Ziggy for a walk the other day and ran into a few dog walkers on the off-leash area between Queensland and Diamond Cove. We were sharing how wonderful our community is, how we can call on our neighbours if we need help with things in our yards or houses. Please make sure that you welcome any new homeowner on your street to show them that we are a friendly community.

Upcoming Events at the Community Centre

Memberships are now due, please renew them at the community centre or online. They are still \$20.

Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale for our event on Saturday, October 4. Darts, dancing, buffet, and cash bar. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased before the event; no tickets will be available at the door.

Our Halloween Dance will be on Saturday, October 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are free for member families and \$10 for non-member families, cash only concession will be available.

Kind Regards,

Martine and Ziggy



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- 2 ½ cup all-purpose flour (I use unbleached)
- 1 ¼ cup brown sugar packed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk (I use almond milk)
- ⅔ cup oil
- 2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 ½ cup raspberries washed



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and grease muffin tin with cooking spray or use cupcake liners.
2. Mix flour, brown sugar, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon in a large mixing bowl.
3. Mix in egg, milk, oil, and vanilla. Stir just until moistened. Don't over stir.
4. Fold in raspberries.
5. In a greased or lined muffin tin, add batter to cups about ¾ full.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Diamond Cove Homeowners,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the change of seasons as we welcome the crisp air of fall! Though the Board hasn't met over the summer, we'll be resuming soon and look forward to keeping you updated on any developments and plans for the community.

In the meantime, we want to take this opportunity to share some important information with you, including wildlife tips, updates on our neighbourhood, and a reminder about keeping our community safe.

Diamond Cove Wildlife: A Beautiful Part of Our Community

Our community is blessed with a variety of wildlife, from playful bunnies hopping across the lawns, to deer grazing along the edges of the neighbourhood and even on our flowers. Bobcats, coyotes, skunks, and porcupines are also part of our local ecosystem. As fall approaches, wildlife will become more active, and it's essential that we remain mindful of our interactions with these animals.

Fall Wildlife Safety Tips

Here are a few helpful tips on how to safely interact with wildlife in our neighbourhood:

1. **Keep Your Distance:** Wild animals can be unpredictable, and it's always safest to observe them from afar. Please avoid approaching them and never attempt to feed them (compost scraps included).
2. **Secure Your Garbage:** Keep trash cans tightly sealed and dispose of food waste properly to prevent attracting animals like raccoons, skunks, and coyotes.
3. **Pets and Wildlife:** To prevent possible confrontations with nocturnal animals like coyotes or bobcats, keep pets indoors during the night.
4. **Be Aware of Wildlife Crossings:** Watch out for deer and other animals, particularly during dawn and dusk, when they are most active. Drive carefully and be mindful of crossing wildlife.

5. **Remove Attractants:** Clean up fallen fruit and seeds from bird feeders or fruit trees to avoid drawing wildlife into your yard.

6. **Teach Children:** It's important to teach children to respect wildlife by keeping a safe distance and not trying to interact with or feed the animals.

Other Community Updates and Neighbourhood Watch

We hope those who participated in the recent Diamond Cove Garage Sale had a successful experience! If you were part of the event, we trust you had a chance to meet your neighbours and find some great deals. Thank you again to our sponsor Brenda Field from Royal LePage!

Speaking of neighbours, we want to remind everyone to keep an eye out for each other. Neighbourhood Watch is an essential part of ensuring our community remains safe. Unfortunately, there have been reports of increased crime in the area, and we all need to stay vigilant.

Here's how we can help:

1. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you see anything unusual or suspicious, do not hesitate to report it to the police. They rely on community support and eyes to keep us safe.
2. **Video Surveillance:** If you have home security cameras, please consider reviewing any footage you might have, especially during times of increased activity. Police will take your home video footage if it's clear and relevant to an investigation.
3. **Contacting Authorities:** Always call the police if needed, whether it's an emergency or something less urgent. For non-emergencies, the police have a separate line where you can report issues, and for emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

We all play a part in ensuring Diamond Cove stays a safe and peaceful place to live. Stay alert, report suspicious behaviour, and let's continue to work together for the good of the community.

Stay Connected!

As always, we encourage homeowners to send their name and email to dcovehoa@gmail.com so we can send timely updates directly to your inbox. Staying connected is one of the best ways to stay informed!

Wishing everyone a peaceful, safe, and joyful September, and don't forget to enjoy the beauty of our neighbourhood!

Warm regards,

Sonia Dantu

President, Diamond Cove Homeowners Association
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Guess the School Tool!

1. In the early 1960s, the first one of these was created to assist with number manipulation.
2. Before rubber, tablets of wax and crustless bread were both used at one point to do the job of this school tool.
3. A semi-circular measurement tool that deals with angles.
4. An organizer typically characterized by its circular or D-shaped retainers.
5. The first of these vibrant, attention-drawing school tools was invented by Dr. Frank Hon in 1963.
6. Alphabetical reference books that are always being updated, named after the Latin word for "the act of speaking".



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Devin Elkin

— WARD 14 —

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Hello Ward 14!

Here we are, a month away from going to the polls. Crazy. With that, in this month's newsletter, I wanted to highlight my top 10 priorities.

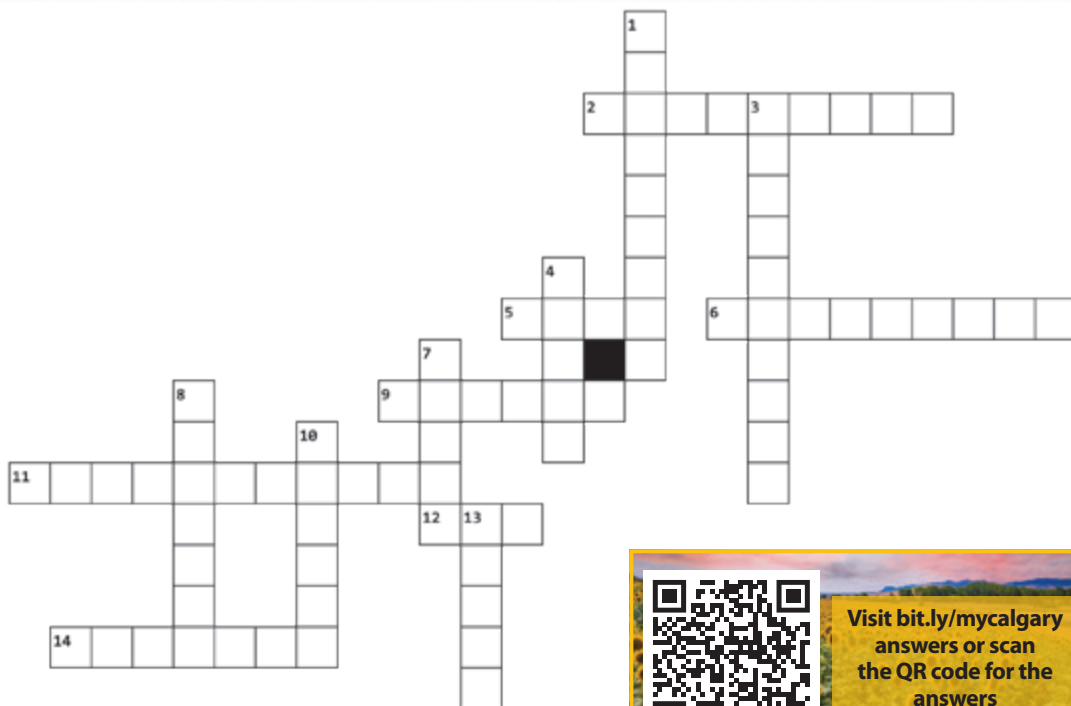
1. **Blanket Rezoning** — I will bring forward a Notice of Motion to change the base zoning back to R-C1 or one that repeals the original Notice of Motion that led to the base zoning change to R-CG. The direction I take will depend on the other faces that shape our new council but this is my number one priority.
2. **Public Hearing Items at Council** — I will be bringing forward a Notice of Motion that implements the following. If a particular public hearing item garners more than two full consecutive days of public submissions, this will automatically trigger a review of the item being presented before it is voted on by Council. This will ensure citizens who share an overwhelming passion on a certain topic will know their concerns will get the attention they deserve.
3. **Get back to simplifying service deliveries** — Civic politics isn't complicated, collect the taxes and make sure services are delivered in a manner that reflects and respects the efforts made by those individuals making that money in the first place.
4. **Continue to represent our communities the way we have for the past 10 years** — This isn't one of those "if it's not broke, don't fix it" attitudes. Over the past decade, the connection I have made with the community through events, attending community association monthly meetings, and open houses, has given me insight and clarity into what each community needs. Ward 14 is not a singular community, its very fabric is made up of communities developed in 1967 to some still in development. So continuing to ask the questions, listening with both ears and assisting in getting it done, has served us well and will continue to do so.
5. **Keeping up with aging infrastructure** — As mentioned, some of our communities have aging infrastructure, from stuff above the surface to stuff below the surface. Making sure there are monthly touch points with all departments in administration is critical to ensuring proper delivery. This also goes for our new communities, making sure we inspect the new assets that are going in will allow us to deliver services for decades to come which is crucial to future budgets. We don't need to be replacing infrastructure only a few years after it's installed.

6. **Never forget who I work for** — Your support for our Ward 14 team over the past decade has allowed us to make our communities better. Your engagement and passion is clear and this allows us to translate concerns into action. I will never forget that we are here to serve the residents who call Ward 14 home.
7. **Communication** — As I have shown in my time serving Ward 14, there are many ways to engage with residents. Through various social media posts to open houses and bringing back our original "Ward 14 Council Talks", these will continue to be methods I will use to reach out to constituents. You will continue to receive our monthly newsletter but the new communication piece will be weekly recaps. Recorded videos will be made available for you to find out what happened that week at Council. Obviously, some of these videos will be extensive, and some might be a quick hello, but you will always know you have a voice.
8. **Community Association Development Permit Stream** — I will be working with our planning director to implement a separate stream for community associations. This will enable them to act on time sensitive grants with confidence and be able to deliver community improvements in a timely manner.
9. **Community Safety** — Over my decade here we have made deep connections with both Calgary Police Districts that serve Ward 14, districts 6 & 8. These relationships will continue to allow us to collaborate with our Community Resource Officers, our School Resource officers and Traffic Safety Group in relaying concerns we hear from the community. We will continue to collaborate on high school traffic blitz days, work on highlighting areas in need of enforcement and collaborating on educational forums such as protecting your homes, senior fraud prevention tips, and the 9 P.M. check your vehicle routine.
10. **Spending Smarter** — We simply must be better at where our tax dollars go beyond essential services. We need to eliminate these surprise expenditures, and this will be accomplished by focusing on meaningful conversation through committee reports, budgetary asks and accountability.

Please take the time to visit www.devinelkin.com where I have outlined why I believe I am ready to be your next city councillor and what 10 years of public service has taught me.

Thank you,
Devin Elkin
Rooted in Community

September Crossword



Across

2. Ernest _____'s *The Old Man and the Sea* was first published on September 1, 1952.
5. September's full moon is named after a plant also known as maize.
6. In September 1835, Charles Darwin, aboard the *HMS Beagle* arrived at the _____ Islands.
9. *The _____ Girls*, a sitcom about four older women living together in Miami, premiered on September 14, 1985.
11. Ice hockey forward, John Tavares, was born on September 20, 1990, in _____, Ontario.
12. This "Finger Lickin' Good" fast food restaurant opened its first franchise on September 24, 1952.
14. Starring Canadian actor, William _____, *Star Trek* premiered on September 8, 1966.

Down

1. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened to the public on September 2, 1995, in _____, Ohio.
3. On September 19, 1893, this country became the first to grant all women the right to vote.
4. Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard _____ was born on September 21, 1934.
7. On September 4, 1888, George Eastman patented a roll-film camera and introduced this now-iconic brand name.
8. Canada beat the USA by 23 runs on September 25, 1844, in the first international _____ match.
10. On the first Monday of September, _____ Day is observed in Alberta.
13. Stars of *Bridget Jones's Diary*, Colin _____ and Hugh Grant, were both born in September 1960, just one day apart.



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Alberta Builds a Stronger Future with Historic Investment and Physician Growth

Alberta is making significant progress on two key fronts: securing long-term financial stability and strengthening health care. The province's Heritage Savings Trust Fund has reached a record high of \$30 billion, thanks to a \$2.8-billion contribution from surplus funds. This marks a major milestone in Alberta's plan to grow the fund to \$250 billion by 2050—a strategy aimed at creating a reliable, long-term source of funding for essential public services, including health care and education.

The Heritage Fund, originally created to save non-renewable resource revenue, is now a central part of Alberta's roadmap to a prosperous and resilient future. By reinvesting income and accessing global investment opportunities through the newly modernized Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation, Alberta is taking strategic steps to build wealth that will benefit future generations. Once the fund reaches its \$250 billion goal, the income it generates will help stabilize the budget, support infrastructure, and keep taxes low.

At the same time, Alberta's physician workforce is reaching record levels. As of June 30, 2025, there is a total of 12,327 physicians registered in the province—204 more than the previous quarter and 571 more than last year. This growth includes gains in both urban and rural areas, with a notable 8% increase in the North Zone.

These investments in financial security and health care reflect Alberta's commitment to building a strong, sustainable future—where families thrive, communities grow, and core services are there when people need them most.

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