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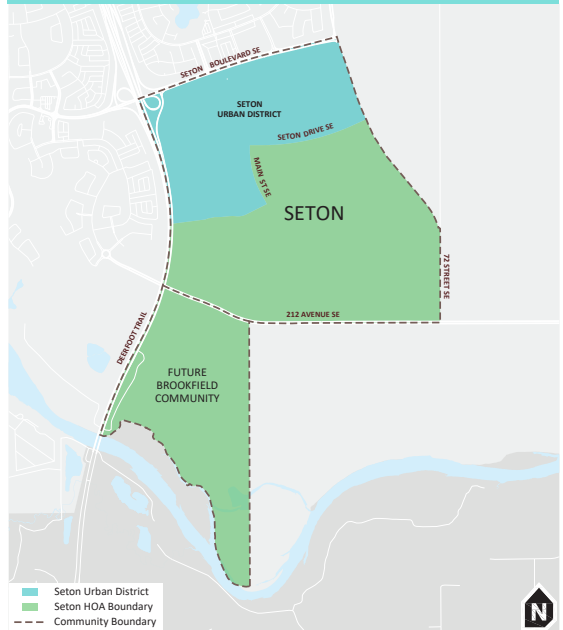
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How to Know if You Are Ready For Couples Therapy or Not

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



There are many approaches to couples therapy such as Gottman Method, Emotionally Focused Therapy, and IMAGO to name a few. The decision to seek couples therapy requires evaluating your relationship and your willingness to work through challenges. The following are some key signs that you may be ready:

- 1. Communication Issues** – Do you struggle to express your feelings without arguing or shutting down? Are there unresolved conflicts that keep resurfacing?
- 2. Feeling Disconnected** – Has the emotional or physical intimacy in the relationship declined? Do you feel like roommates rather than partners?
- 3. Recurring Problems** – Are you stuck in repetitive arguments or unhealthy patterns? Have individual efforts to fix these issues failed?
- 4. Life Changes or Stressors** – Have recent events (moving, new baby or job) put a strain on your relationship?
- 5. Trust Issues** – Has there been a betrayal such as an infidelity or broken promises? Are you struggling to rebuild trust?
- 6. Desire to Improve** – Are you both willing to put in the effort to strengthen the relationship? Do you believe the relationship has potential for growth?
- 7. Mutual Commitment** – Are you both open to exploring therapy, even if one of you is more hesitant at first?
- 8. Individual Challenges Impacting the Relationship** – Are personal issues such as stress, trauma, or mental health affecting how to connect with each other?

If you relate to some of the above, couples therapy could be beneficial. Even if you're unsure, seeking therapy to explore some of these concerns and set goals can be a proactive step.

The following are some signs that couples therapy could be unproductive or even counter-productive:

- 1. Lack of Commitment to Change** – One or both of you are not genuinely willing to work on the relationship. Going to therapy just to 'check the box' or appease the other.
- 2. Blaming Without Accountability** – If either of you is solely focused on blaming the other without reflecting on your own role in the relationship's challenges.
- 3. Unwillingness to Communicate Honestly** – If either of you are unwilling to be vulnerable, open, and honest, your therapist won't have a full picture to be able to help you.
- 4. Hidden Agendas** – If therapy is being used as a way to justify leaving the relationship rather than to repair it, the process won't be effective.
- 5. One of You is Being Forced into Therapy** – If one of you does not want to attend or doesn't believe in the process, lack of engagement can hinder the process.
- 6. Ongoing Abuse** – Couples therapy is not the right setting to address physical, emotional, or verbal abuse. These situations require specialized interventions to ensure safety and require individual therapeutic attention.
- 7. Unresolved Individual Issues** – If personal issues such as active addiction or untreated mental health conditions are dominating the relationship dynamics, individual therapy is a better starting point before engaging couples therapy.
- 8. Timing is Off** – If there are active external factors like intense work stress, a recent traumatic event, or other life circumstances, it will leave little energy or focus for therapy. It may be better to wait.
- 9. Desire for Separation** – If one of you has already decided to end the relationship and sees therapy as a formality, it will obviously prevent any genuine engagement.

Being ready for couples therapy requires mutual willingness and effort, but readiness can evolve with time and self-reflection.

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- Snow removal on City streets
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- Taxes and property assessment
- Social programs and services
- Bylaws and public safety
- Calgary Fire Department
- Calgary Police Services
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- Operations of the future HOA facility & park
- Community programming & events
- Future maintenance of HOA owned land/ amenities in community
- Future seasonal lights
- Community engagement
- Future enhanced landscape maintenance & snow removal in key public (City of Calgary) green spaces & pathways
- Automatic Membership - encumbrance registered on Seton Homeowner's title
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 - Schools
 - Safety
 - Urban planning
 - Community issues
 - Civic issues
- Recreational sports leagues
- Community programming (minor sports) & events
- Future development of allocated CA land
- Optional membership
- Not for profit organization

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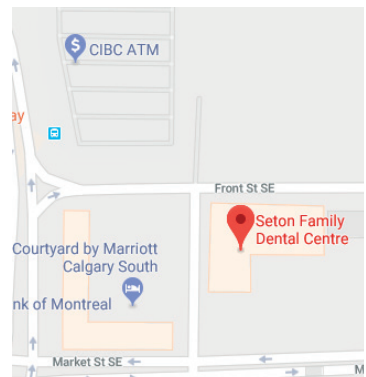
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Construction of the Seton Homeowners Association Facility Commences

Construction is set to begin on the facility and park. Spanning approximately 14,000 square feet and nestled on a strategically placed six-acre site, the facility promises to be a hub for resident interaction, recreation, and relaxation. From versatile multiuse rooms to outdoor amenities like a splash park, skating area, and playground, the facility and park aim to cater to diverse interests and ages within the community.

About the SHOA

The Seton Homeowners Association (SHOA) is professionally operated to oversee the operations, care, and maintenance of community assets. These include entry features, amenities, and the highly anticipated Seton HOA facility.

Board of Directors

At the helm of the SHOA stands a dedicated Board of Directors, currently comprising seven members from the community and three representatives of Brookfield Residential, the developer of the Seton neighbourhood. This collaborative board structure ensures that residents have a strong voice, community interests are upheld, and policies are implemented for the collective benefit.

Community Facility and Recreational Programming

The SHOA is planning a range of lifestyle and recreational programs, events, and drop-in activities to be offered when the HOA opens. Residents will have the opportunity to participate in these activities and even rent spaces and packages for their private events at member exclusive rates.

Looking Ahead

As Seton and Seton Ridge communities continue to flourish, SHOA remains committed to its mission of enhancing quality of life, fostering connections, and supporting the evolving needs of its residents. With the support of Brookfield Residential, SHOA is poised to navigate initial operational challenges and thrive as a cornerstone of community cohesion and enrichment.

For further information and updates, visit the SHOA website at www.seton-connect.com or contact info@setonhoa.ca.



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Seton Building (2)



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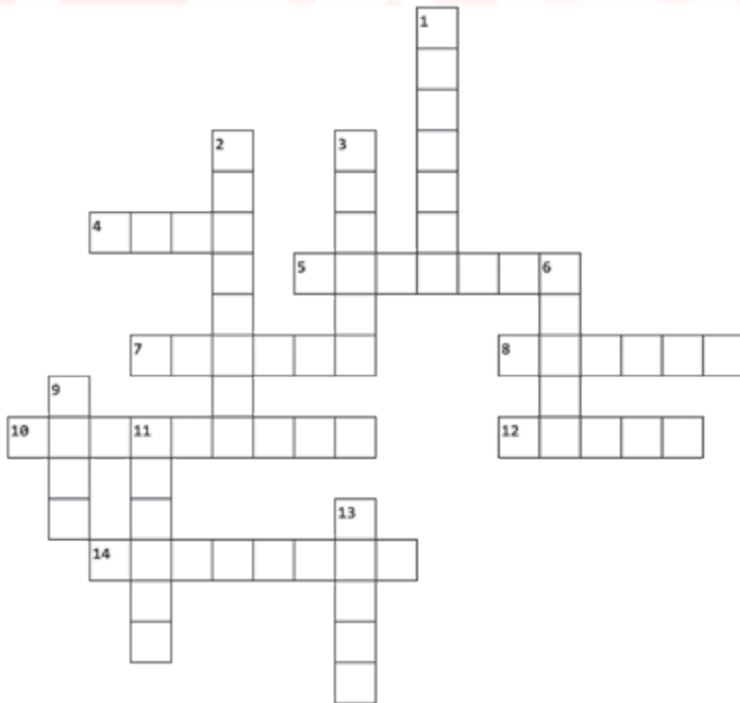


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February Crossword



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4. Canadian filmmaker, Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi adventure film _____: *Part Two* first premiered in February 2024.
5. Fleetwood Mac's best-selling album, _____, was released on February 4, 1977, featuring songs such as "Dreams" and "Go Your Own Way".
7. Born on February 1, 1994, England-born pop sensation, Harry _____ rose to fame as part of a boy band before going off on his own.
8. On February 21, 1948, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, best-known as _____, was founded.
10. Something that is typically given to a significant other or friend(s) during the month of February.
12. February is National _____ Month, highlighting the importance of cardiovascular health.
14. Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Joni _____, was inducted into Canada's Juno Hall of Fame on February 5, 1981.

Down

1. In February of 1917, this famous Spanish artist, best known for Cubism made his first trip to Italy.
2. February's purple birthstone, the _____ is believed to be a symbol of protection.
3. The Grammy Award-winning song "No _____" by TLC was released on February 2, 1999.
6. 2025's Chinese Zodiac is this slippery, slithery creature.
9. Angie Thomas' young adult bestseller, *The _____ U Give* was originally published on February 28, 2017.
11. Canadian actor, _____ Page, was born on February 21, 1987, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
13. _____ History Month was made official by U.S. President Gerald Ford in 1976 and is observed every February.





Winter Salad with Green Dressing

by Jennifer Puri

Cranberries are rarely eaten raw due to their acidic and sour taste. They are typically consumed dried, in a juice, sauce, or as supplements. Dried cranberries are typically sweetened with sugar or a sugar alternative.

Related to blueberries, bilberries, and lingonberries, cranberries are a rich source of plant compounds and antioxidants which include flavonoids and polyphenols. These help in keeping blood vessels healthy and cranberries' vitamin C and calcium content assist in maintaining strong bones.

There are a multitude of ways to enjoy cranberries as they can be added to muffins, tarts, breads, stuffing, smoothies, spritzers, sangria, or a salad as shown in the winter salad with green dressing recipe below.

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 small butternut squash
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. coarsely ground salt
- 1 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 small can sliced pears or peaches, drained
- 1 small can beets drained, rinsed, and cut in halves
- 6 cups arugula or baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup dried cranberries

Dressing:

- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1 cup Greek yoghurt
- 1 cup of fresh coriander and parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- Juice of half a lemon
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- ½ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- ¾ tsp. salt or to taste

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Slice butternut squash into 1-inch-thick pieces and remove seeds, pith, and skin.
- Place squash pieces in a bowl and toss with olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- Line a baking tray with foil and place the squash pieces on it. Bake on middle rack of oven for approximately 30 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool and then cut into bite size pieces.
- In a blender place the garlic, green onion, yoghurt, honey, mayonnaise, parsley, coriander, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Pulse until smooth and then slowly add the olive oil and pulse for a few more seconds.
- Place arugula or spinach leaves in a large salad bowl. Arrange the squash pieces, beets, pear or peach slices around the edges of the bowl and the walnuts and cranberries in the center.
- Serve with green dressing and crusty, sourdough, or ciabatta bread.

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