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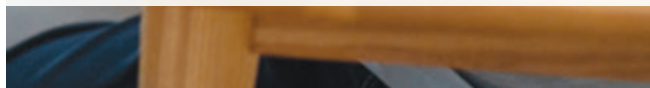


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Richmond-Knob Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
January 2025	\$828,500	\$773,500
December 2024	\$899,900	\$890,000
November 2024	\$849,900	\$835,000
October 2024	\$690,000	\$680,000
September 2024	\$859,000	\$859,000
August 2024	\$429,900	\$457,600
July 2024	\$879,450	\$872,000
June 2024	\$859,950	\$884,675
May 2024	\$995,000	\$990,000
April 2024	\$875,000	\$900,000
March 2024	\$874,900	\$845,000
February 2024	\$849,900	\$887,500

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2025	11	5
December 2024	7	9
November 2024	15	13
October 2024	10	7
September 2024	14	11
August 2024	13	7
July 2024	14	4
June 2024	15	16
May 2024	23	17
April 2024	18	23
March 2024	20	17
February 2024	12	19

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit rich.mycalgary.com

WHAT A KNOCKOUT!

On March 17, 1908, Canadian world heavyweight boxing champion Tommy Burns knocked out Irish challenger Jem Roche in a blistering 1 minute and 28 seconds setting the record for the quickest world heavyweight title fight ever at the time!



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Provincial Funding

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) serves approximately 64,000 students in 118 schools and is the largest Catholic school district in Alberta. We are unique in that we represent the interests of over five municipalities which include rural, urban, and metro areas in Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, and Rocky View County. Since 2021, our district has experienced consistent and significant student growth. During this time, we have seen a 12 percent increase, approximately 6,800 students. In addition, CCSD has seen the number of students with complex needs grow significantly over the past few years. Approximately 20 percent of our students are English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners and approximately 20 percent of our students have significant diverse learning needs. These complex needs may include autism, significant dysregulation, cognitive disabilities, medical diagnoses, and mental health challenges. Since 2018, the district's fixed costs have also increased more than 50 percent. Fixed costs include utilities, maintenance, insurance, carbon taxes, internet fees, etc., all of which are necessary to student learning.

In the face of these challenges, provincial funding per student has not increased since 2018. It is crucial that we receive appropriate and sustainable funding to accommodate rising costs. Without significant additional funding in Budget 2025, our district will be forced to make difficult decisions which will negatively impact the educational success of our students.

Did You Know?

- Alberta spends the least on its students. In 2023-2024, Alberta Education spent the lowest per student, roughly \$10,000 compared to the Canadian provincial average of approximately \$12,000.
- In the 2024-2025 operating budget, the CCSD's operating costs will exceed \$700 million. Due to the increase in costs, the budget forecasts an operating deficit of \$21.5 million.
- The deficit in the approved 2024-2025 operating budget was funded using \$18.6 million of the CCSD's reserves. The \$18.6 million is equivalent to 215 teachers.

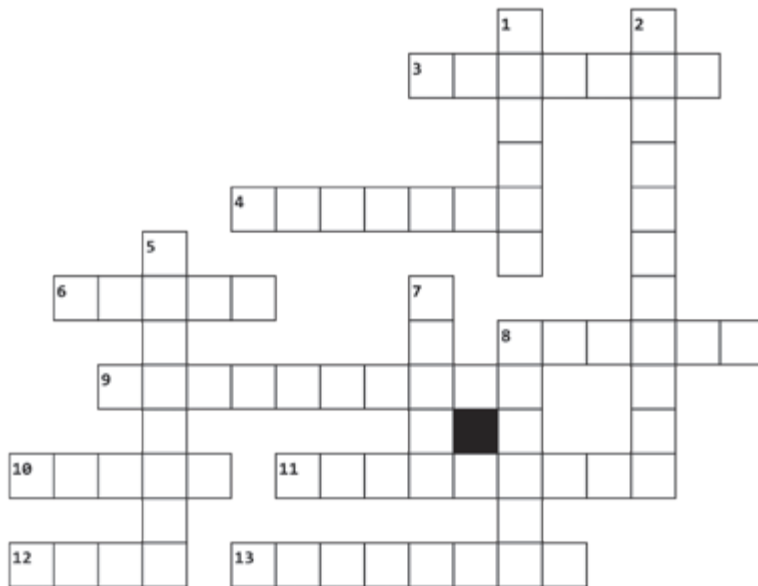
- Government funding accounts for 95 percent of the district's revenue and is based on student enrolment. Just over 80 percent of the district's costs relate directly to student learning.
- Per provincial government requirements, the CCSD must maintain an accumulated operating surplus to cover any potential funding shortfalls. However, in recent years, the district has elected to use our savings to fund budget shortfalls. This approach is not sustainable as our savings are at the minimum level required by the government.

We are grateful for the support of the Alberta government. As trustees, we are actively working to inform and educate the government about the district's financial pressures and the challenges that our students are facing. It is crucial that they are made aware that adequate and sustainable funding is needed to fully address our financial challenges and to ensure the long-term success and well-being of our students. Your Board of Trustees has been working diligently to advocate and shine a light on the areas in which our schools require additional support. Learn more about our efforts by reviewing our advocacy booklet at ccsd.ab.ca/advocacy. You can also reach out to your Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to express concerns regarding education and funding. MLAs are your elected provincial government representative. They represent your needs and wants and work with other MLAs to enact policies that meet your needs. Visit the Legislative Assembly of Alberta website to find your MLA and their contact information.

Happy March everyone. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



March Crossword



Across

3. Known as the “Fight of the Century”, on March 8, 1971, Muhammad Ali’s 31-fight winning streak was ended by Joe _____ in Madison Square Garden.

4. Nathan _____ was born on March 27, 1971, in Edmonton, Alberta, and is best known for his role as Captain Malcolm on *Firefly*.

6. Pink _____’s album *The Dark Side of the Moon* was released on March 1, 1973, and stayed on the Billboard Top 200 album charts for 741 weeks!

8. A _____ *Life*, an emotional novel following the lives of four friends and written by Hanya Yanagihara, was first published on March 10, 2015.

9. This pale-blue gemstone is one of March’s birthstones.

10. On March 26, 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk successfully tested a vaccine for this disease that has affected notable individuals such as Frida Kahlo, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joni Mitchell, and Neil Young in the past.

11. Known for her roles in *Schitt’s Creek*, *Home Alone*, and *Beetlejuice*, _____ O’Hara was born on March 4, 1954, in Toronto, Ontario.

12. The month of March is named after this Roman god of war.

13. This iconic film about a giant ape causing chaos in New York City first premiered on March 2, 1933, at Radio City Music Hall.

Down

1. Daylight _____ Time will start on Sunday, March 9 this year.

2. This national park with geothermal features spanning across Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho became the first national park in the world on March 1, 1872.

5. Daffodils and _____ are the official birth flowers of March.

7. March is officially _____ Heritage Month in Canada and celebrates the history and impact of individuals, past and present, from the country nicknamed the “Emerald Isle”.

8. On March 2, 2024, _____ James made NBA history by becoming the first player to score 40,000 career points.



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Landlord and Tenant Law in Condominiums

by Charmaine Coutinho, Volunteer Lawyer



This article will only discuss leases covered by Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act (RTA), and only when the rental unit is a condo unit. I will highlight some of the differences between the RTA and the Condominium Property Act that may surprise both landlords and tenants.

Renting a Condominium Unit

Though rental of a whole condo unit is generally covered by the Residential Tenancies Act (RTA), the Condominium Property Act trumps the RTA in some circumstances. Importantly, condo bylaws take precedence over the terms of a lease, so a tenant in a condo unit should always ask for the condo bylaws. If, for example, you sign a lease for a condo unit that permits pets, but the condo bylaws permit only dogs under 20 lbs, you may be evicted by the condo board for keeping a cat or a large dog in your unit. This scenario also demonstrates that a condo board has authority to sanction and/or evict a tenant even when a landlord may not. Even if a landlord is prohibited from taking action under the RTA (for example, from evicting a non-harmful, rent-paying tenant in the midst of a fixed-term lease), the condo board may have authority to do so under condo legislation or the condo bylaws.

If a tenant breaches the bylaws or damages common property, the condo board is entitled to sanction or evict the tenant without the landlord's (the condo unit owner) consent. If the condo board evicts a tenant, the tenancy terminates on the last day of the month immediately following the month during which the

notice was delivered. So, for example, regardless of whether the condo board issues an eviction notice on August 1 or August 25, the tenancy will terminate on September 31. This notice period is much shorter than needed from a landlord for a periodic tenancy and even trumps a fixed-term lease.

The condo board also has the authority to require a tenant to redirect their rent payment to the condo board. In these circumstances, condo legislation deems the rent to have been paid to the landlord such that the tenant is not considered in breach of their obligations under the lease.

The condo board can also require an owner to pay a deposit for renting out the unit. All deposits requested by the landlord are aggregated and considered a 'security deposit' under the RTA, and a security deposit cannot exceed the amount of the first month's rent. Any deposit requested by the condo board is payable by the landlord; if a landlord asks the tenant for this amount, it too is lumped in with any other deposit and considered a component of the 'security deposit'. Regardless of any requirement by the condo board on the owner, the security deposit payable by a tenant cannot exceed the amount of the first month's rent.

I hope that this brief helps community members to understand their rights and obligations in the context of a condo lease covered by the Residential Tenancies Act. I wish my neighbours amicable tenancies and peaceful enjoyment of their rental premises!

Celebrating Calgary 150 - Fort Calgary

by Anthony Imbrogno (*The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC*)

Fur trading provided First Nations with manufactured goods and saw more people arriving from the east. John Palliser led a hunting/science expedition in 1857. He described Palliser's Triangle as an arid area surrounded by agricultural lands.

Calgary soon saw its earliest settlements. The first European to arrive was John Glenn (ca.1873), who established a farm where Fish Creek meets the Bow. Sandford Fleming meanwhile was surveying a route for Canadian Pacific Railway.

The second group were Francophones. In 1861, Father Lacombe founded a chapel in St. Albert, Alberta's oldest building. Father Doucet later established St. Mary's, Calgary's first mission.

Third, starting in 1869, former Métis HBC employees arrived on the Elbow River. One family, Antoine Godin and Susanne Bruneau, were likely Calgary's first permanent residents.

Illegal whisky from the U.S. was trading in the area, which led Ottawa to create the North-West Mounted Police. They began their March West in July 1874. They made slow progress and struggled to supply themselves. Eventually, they founded Fort Macleod and started arresting whisky traders. There, Lt.-Colonel James Macleod met with Chief Isapo-Muxika ("Crowfoot"), who wanted peace and security for his people.

Macleod then sent a detachment to establish a fort along the Old North Trail halfway between Forts Macleod and Edmonton. For millennia, the Trail was used as a food-rich and sheltered route between the harsher montane and prairie environments.

On August 25, 1875, George C. King became the first NWMP officer to cross the Bow River and arrive at its confluence with the Elbow. Macleod named it Fort Calgary, after his good memories from staying at Calgary House, Scotland.

More Métis arrived from Fort Edmonton. They constructed log cabins along the Elbow and HBC opened a post in 1876 called Hunt House, the oldest building in Calgary remaining on its original site.

Meanwhile, John Glenn and Sam Livingston become the first to cultivate cereal crops and use mechanized farm equipment. Livingston established Glenmore School, named after his Irish home village.

What would the future hold for all the people now calling the Calgary area home? Join us next month.

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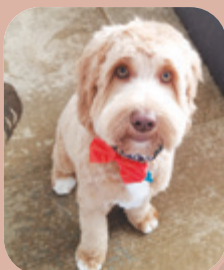


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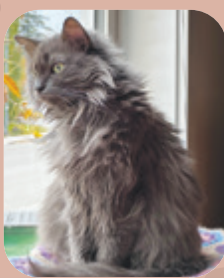
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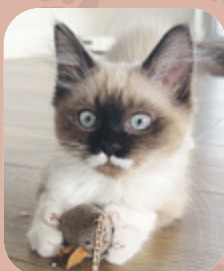
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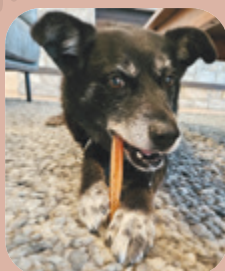
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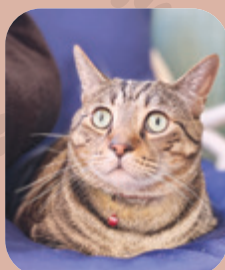
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Burns and Scalds

by Alberta Health Services

Each year Emergency Medical Services respond to emergencies involving young children who have sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching hot surfaces such as stoves, or making contact with electrical outlets. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

Degrees of Burn

- 1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable.
- 2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop.
- 3°: Severe. The deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for Burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or at least clean material to protect infection.
- Over-the-counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label.
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of Burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds.
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks or food to spill on a child.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached.
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids.
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access.
- Keep children away from areas where appliances are in use (kettles, irons, hot stoves).

If you require immediate medical attention, call 911.

Birthday Sunflowers

On Vincent van Gogh's 134th birthday, March 30, 1987, his painting "Sunflowers" sold for a whopping £22.5 million!



Talk about a priceless birthday tribute. Van Gogh, born in 1853 in Groot-Zundert, Netherlands, never saw fame in his lifetime, but his art now blooms in value like his beloved sunflowers.



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Preventing Cervical Cancer

by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) recommends cervical cancer screening once every three years, or as your healthcare provider recommends, for women and people with a cervix between the ages of 25 and 69 who are or have been sexually active.

A Pap test checks for abnormal cells in your cervix, which can lead to cervical cancer. Pap tests can also check if you already have cervical cancer. The earlier cancer is found, the easier it is to treat. Regular Pap tests and follow-up care can prevent about 90 percent of cervical cancer cases.

It's important to have regular Pap tests, even if:

- You feel healthy and have no symptoms of cervical cancer.
- You've only had one sexual partner.
- You've had the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.
- You've been through menopause.
- You're no longer sexually active.
- You're a lesbian, bisexual, or queer woman.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Immunization

HPV is a virus. It is the most common sexually transmitted infection and can cause genital warts and certain cancers. An HPV infection will often go away on its own. However, some people get a long-term infection. This can lead to cancer of the vagina, vulva, cervix, penis, anus, mouth, or throat. HPV causes almost all cervical cancers.

You can prevent cervical cancer by getting immunized with the HPV-9 vaccine. The HPV-9 vaccine protects against nine strains (types) of HPV. Some of these strains may cause up to 92% of cervical cancers.

Grade six students can get the HPV-9 vaccine as part of the school immunization program. Students can only be immunized in school with a parent or caregiver's permission (consent).

If you did not get the HPV-9 vaccine in Grade six, you can still get it for free up to and including age 26 years. Talk to your doctor to find out if it is a good idea for you. If you are unsure about getting the HPV vaccine for yourself or your child, try the HPV Vaccine Decision Tool.



Other Ways to Reduce Your Risk

Regular cervical cancer screening and vaccination help lower the chances of getting cervical cancer and finding it early. You can also reduce your risk by:

- Quitting commercial tobacco and avoiding second-hand smoke. Talk to your healthcare provider or visit AlbertaQuits.ca for information and support to help you quit when you are ready.
- Practice safer sex. Use a barrier method of protection such as a condom, internal condom, or dental dam.

Get Screened and Raise Awareness

Contact your healthcare provider's office or a women's health clinic to book a Pap test. If you do not have a healthcare provider:

- Visit <https://albertafindadoctor.ca/>.
- Use the screeningforlife.ca locator tool and select "cervical" as the type of test to find screening options near you.
- Call Health Link at 8-1-1.

Learn more about cervical cancer at <https://screeningforlife.ca/cervical/>.



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Tax season is here and below are some changes that will affect business taxes in 2025.

Transitioning to online mail for most business correspondence

Beginning in spring 2025, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make online mail the default for most business correspondence, delivering notices, and updates.

Changes for short-term rentals

New legislative changes require short-term rentals to be compliant with the short-term rental laws in the municipality/province in which they are located in order to claim deductions. Short-term rental hosts were required to comply with these applicable provincial and municipal registration, permit, license, and operating requirements by December 31, 2024.

The CRA is administering proposed capital gains inclusion rate legislation

On January 31, 2025, the Minister of Finance announced that the federal government is deferring—from June 25, 2024 to January 1, 2026—the date on which the capital gains inclusion rate would increase from one-half to two-thirds on capital gains realized annually above \$250,000 by individuals and on all capital gains realized by corporations and most types of trusts. The capital gains inclusion rate represents the portion of capital gains that is taxable.

For more information and other changes, visit www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.

It's provincial budget time again, and this year's budget is being presented under a thick veil of speculation and uncertainty, largely because of a new government to the south.

Even before the threat of tariffs landed on Alberta's doorstep, the finance minister was suggesting there would likely be cuts across most, if not all, ministries. Budget decisions, especially cuts, are rarely simple, but many of them have been unnecessary.

Recent moves from the government have either 1) granted benefit for a few, or 2) increased costs for many.

The committee that oversees MLA compensation, living allowances, and caucus funding, which is largely UCP members, voted to give themselves a big raise, far higher than an independent consultant recommended. They also changed the formula for caucus budget, adding \$1,000,000 to their political staff budget.

Clearly, the government knows the cost of living has gone up, which makes some of the following cuts a lot tougher to accept:

- Income supports like Alberta Works, Child Benefits, and AISH are no longer indexed to inflation.
- Funding was cut to three reputable organizations supporting adults with disabilities.
- They stopped providing coverage to children and seniors for partial eye exams and several other optometry services.
- They are raising the cap on car insurance hikes from 3.7 percent to 15 percent over two years.
- They refuse to improve the poverty wages of educational assistants.
- They removed local decision making from homelessness agencies during a housing and affordability crisis.
- They almost pulled funding for Calgary's low-income transit pass, until they realized it was bad press.

Unfortunately, this list is far from exhaustive. If you've been impacted by cuts, please reach out. These are certainly trying times, and you don't have to manage them alone. Your Calgary-Currie team is here to help.

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