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Duncan	17	403-500-9826	Yes
Faris	13	403-402-0950	Yes
Grace	14	403-282-8823	Yes
Jessica	16	403-969-7147	Yes
Jonahley	50	403-837-6348	Yes
Josephine	13	403-283-0478	Yes
Madison	12	403-850-6001	Yes
Miriam	13	403-774-8880	No
Shy-Lynn	14	587-899-2766	Yes
Sophie	15	403-283-0478	Yes
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DECEMBER MOON CALENDAR



Full
Moon
Dec 6



Last
Quarter
Dec 14



New
Moon
Dec 21



First
Quarter
Dec 28



Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2014	\$799,900	\$782,000
September 2014	\$1,440,212	\$1,418,612
August 2014	\$1,389,166	\$1,402,600
July 2014	\$1,609,974	\$1,448,750
June 2014	\$1,164,668	\$1,101,857
May 2014	\$1,218,266	\$1,186,666
April 2014	\$1,749,000	\$1,725,000
March 2014	\$1,246,266	\$1,217,333
February 2014	\$1,350,000	\$1,310,000
January 2014	\$1,494,450	\$1,415,000
December 2013	\$949,844	\$945,000
November 2013	\$709,900	\$700,000

Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2014	5	2
September 2014	10	8
August 2014	6	3
July 2014	4	4
June 2014	8	7
May 2014	6	3
April 2014	2	1
March 2014	7	3
February 2014	5	1
January 2014	5	2
December 2013	3	4
November 2013	2	3
Total	63	41

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above
MLS averages please visit
hounsfield_heights_briar_hill.great-news.ca



HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS-BRIAR HILL Community Association

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Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Hall meeting room. Resident's are welcome and encouraged to attend. To include an item on the agenda, please contact the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Contact the HHBH Community Association at:

Mailing Address: Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6

Phone: 282-6634 (voice mail) *(checked 1 - 2 times per week)*

Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

Beacon Submissions to: Beacon Editor – email: Beacon@hh-bh.ca

Deadline for submissions for next issue: Fifth of the month

Boardroom/Gym Bookings: bookings@hh-bh.ca

Website: www.hh-bh.ca

Boardroom/Gym 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W. Parking is west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library driveway. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

The HHBH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed online at www.hh-bh.ca.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Send us information about your annual or one-time event.

Community Board Meetings

Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Boardroom. All welcome! To be on the agenda, please contact Caroline or Robby at least 2 weeks in advance.

Family Open Gym Night

Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm
Community Gym

Tots Time Playgroup

Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am

HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

Badminton: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Pickleball: Wednesday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Rates: \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

*Candlelight
Concert of Hope
Memorial
Service*

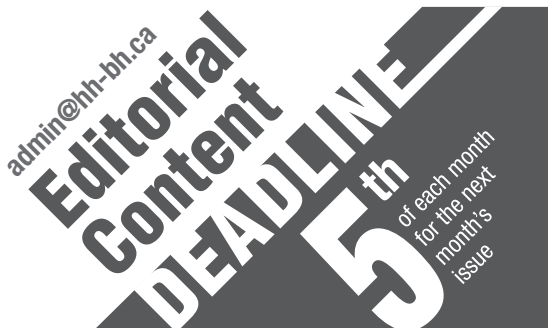
Brentview Baptist
Church
3512
Charleswood Dr. NW

Tues. December 2, at 7:00 PM

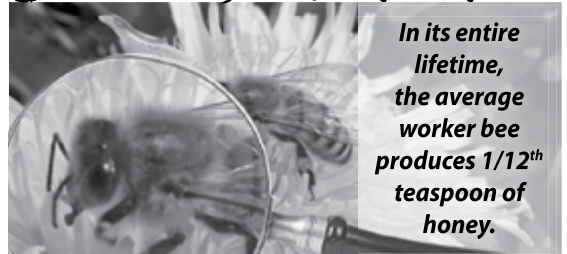
Guest Artists:
Baritone Michael Hope
& Harpist Tisha Murvihill

Reception to follow

For more information:
403-284-4691
mail@brentviewbaptist.com



Insect Trivia



MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2015 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST. Simply fill out this form & mail it in.

HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2014-15	
Family Name(s): _____	
First Name - Adults:	1. _____ 2. _____
First Name - Children:	_____
Address:	_____
Home Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<i>Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email?</i> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	
I would be interested in volunteering for:	Membership # _____ <i>Valid through July 31, 2015</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive	Annual membership (including GST) is :
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Space/Reforestation <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 per household
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors' Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 for seniors
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Ice Rink <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Programs	Paid by: cash <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Send cheques payable to Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6	
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your COMMUNITY business of the month

Balanced Health and Sports Therapy

Houndsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community

Balanced Health and Sports Therapy has been in the Hounsfield Heights and Briar Hill community for just over 11 years in the Lions Park Plaza. Our team is comprised of dedicated chiropractors, registered massage therapists and physiotherapists working together towards a common goal. We are a family and sports oriented clinic specializing in a multi-treatment approach for the management and prevention of musculoskeletal injuries for the entire body. This includes treatment of everything from low back and neck pain to tennis elbow, runner's knee, and headaches. Our name reflects both the ideal we promote of living life in balance, but also the holistic approach we take in our treatment plans.

Dr. Aaron Nardella is the founder and clinic director at Balanced Health and Sports Therapy. Dr. Nardella opened the practice in 2003 after completing four years of placements/locums across Alberta and Saskatchewan. Since starting the practice, Dr. Nardella has been joined by three other fantastic chiropractors: Dr. Alim Kara, Dr. Shereen Kangarloo and Dr. Lisa Scott. Together they are able to provide prompt service, with 6-day a week availability. We are open Monday to Friday from 9am-8pm and Saturday from 10am-4pm, and are located steps away from the Lions Park C-Train station and North Hill Mall, with easy access off 16th avenue NW. The community of Hounsfield Heights and Briar Hill is a great location for the clinic as this active, diverse and health-conscious population understands and appreciates the balanced lifestyle approach we promote.

Balanced Health and Sports Therapy offers advanced sports and health therapies all in one location. Our unique practice promotes a multi-treatment approach to healing injuries and preventing reoccurrences. Our dedicated team of practitioners uses techniques such as Active Release Technique (ART ©), Graston Therapy©, Medical Acupuncture, Intramuscular Stimulation (IMS)/Dry needling, Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, and Class IV Laser Therapy by K-Laser ©. We were fortunate to be the first clinic in Alberta


to have a Class IV laser, the most powerful laser used in the treatment of soft-tissue injuries. It is the combination of these techniques that confers the highest probability of therapeutic success. We also carry professional grade supplements and a wide range of at home rehabilitation equipment (foam rollers, sit disc, pillows etc.). Treatment is tailored to address each patient's specific needs. A customized combination of these therapies allows our patients not only to reach their health goals, but often to surpass them. We focus on optimizing the function, performance and health of all our patients.

Our reputation and treatment successes have afforded Balanced Health and Sports Therapy the opportunity to work hand in hand with athletes of the highest caliber. We see patients from the collegiate/university level, Olympic level and professional level, including CFL and NHL athletes; however, our treatment approach works well on everyone regardless of fitness endeavour and ability. At Balanced Health and Sports Therapy we strive to offer all our patients the highest level of care and commitment to their health.

To keep up with us, find us on Facebook and Twitter (@balancedhealthyc). For more information you are always welcome to come visit at 1519 19th Street NW or call 403-282-0880.

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Focusing on the future

As we look back on the past year we have much to be thankful for at the Calgary Board of Education. This fall we had more than 3,700 new students enrol in our schools, bringing our total enrolment to 114,472 students. We are proud that we are the dynamic learning community of choice for students from kindergarten to adult education.

We are also proud of the results our students are achieving. In the 2013, 14 provincial achievement tests and diploma exams, our students continued to outperform the province in most subjects, particularly at the excellence standard. In addition, our high school completion rate continues to rise.

In the last year, our students have also made significant contributions to their communities, volunteering thousands of hours and raising funds for local and global initiatives.

Looking forward to 2015 and beyond, we know we have more work to do. Education trends are shifting as we continue to support and improve student learning. These include shifts in how we assess and report on student learning and how we ensure the success of our high school students.

Our system has also been very involved in the provincial government's curriculum redesign initiative, which is reviewing what K-12 students learn and how they learn it. As we continue to make these shifts, the voices of our parents and community will continue to play an important role.

The Board of Trustees would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and wish you all the best in the new year. We always welcome your comments, feedback and questions. You can contact the Board of Trustees at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca.

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Ongoing Programs @ Your Library

Adult Book Club: Call for details on specific books.

Tuesday December 2, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Program Centre.

Registration Required.

Computer Technology Coaching: Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Saturdays until December 13. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. *No Registration Required.*

E-book Doctor: Looking for help with OverDrive or 3M Cloud? Drop in for assistance with your e-book and e-reader questions. Thursday December 4, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Magazine Area.

No Registration Required.

50+ Coffee and Conversation: Join us for coffee, conversation and presentations of interest. Ages 50 and up. Mondays until December 29, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

No Registration Required.

Saturday Family Storytime: Drop in for stories, songs and finger plays the whole family can enjoy. Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Saturdays until December 27, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

No Registration Required.

Need a present for an avid reader you know? YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Teens' Top Ten picks are picked by teens for teens!

Holiday Picks for Teens:

1. "Eleanor & Park" by Rainbow Rowell
2. "Splintered" by A.G. Howard
3. "The Rithmatist" by Brandon Sanderson
4. "The 5th Wave" by Rick Yancey
5. "Monument 14: Sky on Fire" by Emmy Laybourne
6. "Earth Girl" by Janet Edwards
7. "The Testing" by Joelle Charbonneau
8. "Steelheart" by Brandon Sanderson
9. "Siege and Storm" by Leigh Bardugo
10. "The Eye of Minds" by James Dashner



HHBH Playschool

Fall Update

New and returning students alike have enjoyed the first part of the school year. The little ones are enjoying the great activities that are offered at the playschool, including show and tell, circle time, gym and the many craft projects that they have brought home for you to admire. Free play is also an important part of our play based philosophy. The children have been enjoying lots of different play centres including blocks, puzzles, books, science, drama, water table, sand table, playdough, painting and crafts. This year we have also added an iPad to the classroom and the children are watching short videos as part of circle time to learn about everything from hedgehogs to giraffes.

The Halloween parties were a great success. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and put on a short performance for all the parents. Music sessions with Ms. Shannon have also started and the kids are having fun singing songs and trying different instruments. November's theme was space travel and included the always popular Outer Space Hair Day. The children also enjoyed a visit from one of the scientists at Mad Science. This holiday season our preschool is very honoured to be able to sponsor a local Calgary family through The Share Christmas and the Festive Season 2014 program at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Upcoming Highlights:

- December theme – Arctic, Snow and Christmas Celebrations
- Adopt a Family – collecting gifts for a family in need

- Christmas parties
- January theme – Welcome to the Jungle
- Beach days

There are still some afternoon spots available for the current school year. If you are interested, please contact our Registrar at 403.210.5126 or hbbhplayschool@gmail.com.

Our playschool would not be possible without the hard work of the executive and all of the parents. If you have any ideas on making the playschool even better, please let us know. Monthly meetings of the executive are open to all parents or you can contact your class vice president or one of the co-chairs with any ideas you might have. We are always looking for enrichment activities so if you have a skill or job that you think would be interesting to the children, please let us know.

The HHBH Playschool provides a safe, caring environment where children 3 to 5 years of age can play, grow and learn. The HHBH playschool is a non-profit, parent run cooperative affiliated with the Hounsfield Heights/ Briar Hill Community Association. For more information, please visit www.hbbhplayschool.com.

Handel's Messiah



Come and enjoy a special musical performance by the Brentview Baptist Church Choir and orchestra.

**Admission is Free
A charity offering will be taken for Inn From the Cold & Jesus Loves You Society**

Saturday, December 20 at 7:00 pm.

Refreshments to follow

3512 Charleswood Dr. NW



What's wrong with this Christmas picture?

Many of us have an ideal picture in our head of the perfect glowing Christmas tree in front of the hearth with flowers and candles throughout the room and the adorable blond cocker spaniel puppy sitting in front of the tree, ribbon in his mouth and his present between his paws. Look at the picture and see the dangers our pets face at Christmas.

At Christmas, veterinarians see a huge increase in dogs suffering from what we call "Garbage Gut Gastritis". Gastro-intestinal upsets ranging from mild to potentially life-threatening and can ruin Christmas... so practice restraint. Cooked turkey bones splinter and ham is far too rich for most pets to tolerate. Bowls of treats left out on coffee tables beg to be eaten. Chocolates, nuts, candy canes, and shortbread...Yum! Well if the goodies can be sniffed out in wrapped box under the tree at floor level, even a well-behaved pet may believe...it's mine. Remember chocolate, especially dark chocolate, is toxic to dogs and can cause heart problems.

Mistletoe, holly, lilies, and poinsettias are all toxic to varying degrees to pets and children. The toxic element of poinsettias has been reduced by growers and now usually causes only mild enteritis.

Ribbon, twine, and tinsel fall under the veterinary category of "linear or string foreign object" if ingested by a pet. They are doubly dangerous because the sharp edges of ribbon and tinsel can cut the lining of the gut. The free ends move down the intestine and act like knives as the normal waves of motion pass through the guts. Diagnosis of the problem can be difficult because there is no complete blockage and the ribbon does not show up on radiographs or x-rays. Decorations with wires in the middle and popcorn or candy on the outside go down the gullet easily, but don't pass through so well. What veterinarians have seen animals eat or

swallow whole over the years is usually limited only by your imagination! Some veterinary journals have competitions inviting vets to share our most impressive radiographs of the things our patients eat!

Flickering candles, tree ornaments and all the electrical wires necessary to light our homes are as attractive to a pet as they are to a young child. All those bright ornaments can shatter and lacerate your pet's paws or mouth. Pawing at the flickering light of a candle or chewing a wire may cause a fire in your home. If you have a pet... stand back and look at your house with the same mindset to safety as if you were protecting an infant or young toddler from their dangerous curiosity.

With additional socializing inherent to the holiday season, make sure your pet is wearing identification in the event they slip out the door. If parties are not to your pet's taste, confinement in a quiet isolated part of the house is preferable. Between the lights and the excitement, I find many of my epileptic patients have more seizures and many of my fragile elderly patients are more likely to become stressed and ill.

Finally, making a pet a part of your family should never be an impulse purchase. This is why many humane societies halt adoptions at Christmas time. Make sure you take a little time to think through if you have the space, time, and financial resources to support a pet. Don't buy or give a pet on a whim caught up in the fever of gift giving.

Christmas morning many furry children have their own gifts under the tree (mine do). Select a pet's gifts with the same attention to safety you would give a gift selected for a toddler. Have a very merry (healthy and safe) Christmas.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

Holiday Safety

*A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities
Building Safe Communities Program*

The Christmas season is prime time for car prowlers and thieves. Gifts and valuables left in vehicles can make their jobs easy. Here are a few tips to help reduce your risk:

- When you exit or enter your parked vehicle, stop and take a look around the area
- Before leaving your parked car, always lock the doors
- Park in a well-lit area, use parking lots frequented by others
- Put all valuables and gifts in your trunk. If that's not possible, conceal gifts and other valuables
- Try not to unload gifts in your vehicle and then leave it unattended in the same parking spot. Car prowlers might be on the lookout for shoppers traveling back and forth from stores to unload gifts.
- Never leave your car running unattended
- If you park in an attached garage, always lock the door leading from the house to the garage and the garage door
- After opening an automatic gate to underground parking, wait for the gate to close before you park

Prevent crime by reporting suspicious behaviour to police at (403) 266-1234, and always call 911 for a crime in progress.

If your car is broken into:

- Inventory missing articles for later use with the police or an insurance claim.
- Report online at www.calgarypolice.ca/online-reporting or in person at a district office. Even if there's little chance of catching the suspect, alerting the police can help prevent somebody else's car from being prowled.

For more crime prevention and safety information please visit calgarycommunities.com.



Be a good neighbour, clear the snow

Winter has arrived and it's time to be mindful of how the buildup of ice and snow on city sidewalks can pose a risk of injury to Calgarians. Older adults, those with mobility issues or parents pushing strollers or walking with young children, may find it treacherous to venture out if neighbours are not diligent about clearing the ice and snow. All of us can help make walking in our communities safe for everyone if we work together and follow the regulations set out in Calgary's Street Bylaw.

Property owners are responsible for clearing all sidewalks adjacent to their property. This means removing all snow and ice down to the bare concrete within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. If, as a property owner, you do not live at the residence, it is important to work with tenants or arrange for a contractor to clear the snow. It's also important to note that if a property is being developed, the developer is often the owner responsible to clean sidewalks around a construction site or empty lot. The property owner is ultimately responsible for snow clearing under the bylaw. For any ice that is difficult to remove, a de-icing mixture is available at fire halls or Roads depots. Please bring your own container.

Remember that snow from private property cannot be put onto the road or boulevard. Large mounds of snow in the street can impede the flow of traffic, limit driver and pedestrian visibility and hinder Blue Cart and Black Bin collection.

Sidewalks also need to be clear of obstructions such as electrical cords. When plugging in your vehicle, make sure you don't place an electrical cord on or over any portion of a street.

Have you considered being a Snow Angel? It can be a challenge for some residents to shovel and clear their sidewalks. The Snow Angel campaign encourages citizens to be good neighbours by helping older adults and others in need with their snow removal. All you have to do is adopt someone's sidewalk this winter and keep it clear.

Let's remember that snow, ice and obstructions on our sidewalks can result in serious injuries and can cause those with limited mobility to be confined indoors. Be a good neighbour and clear the snow.

To find out more about snow and ice removal in Calgary visit calgary.ca/snow or contact 311. For information on how to become a Snow Angel, visit Calgary.ca/snowangels.

JANUARY 7 – 11 – CHELSEA HOTEL: THE SONGS OF LEONARD COHEN.

Check into New York's infamous hotel and be transported to a place full of music, mystery and desire. 403.294.7447 / www.theatrecalgary.com



JANUARY 16 & 17 – THE LEGENDS OF CLASSIC ROCK FEATURING JOHN ELEFANTE:

A tribute to Parisian music performed by Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra at Jack Singer Concert Hall. For detailed info: 403.571.0849 / www.cpo-live.com



JANUARY 23 & 24 – BEETHOVEN AND MAHLER WITH STEPHEN HOUGH:

Beethoven's effervescent Piano Concerto No. 1 is performed by one of the world's leading pianist Stephen Hough. 403.571.0849 / www.cpo-live.com



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

- 1 • **January 1 – Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert:**
- 2 Celebrate the start of the New Year with an all-star
- 3 cast of European singers, dancers and full orchestra.
- 4 403.571.0849 / www.cpo-live.com
- 5 • **January 2 – Calgary Flames vs New York Islanders** at
- 6 the Saddledome 7:00 pm. www.calgaryflames.com
- 7 • **January 8 – 14 – West Side Story:** The world's
- 8 greatest love story takes to the streets in this landmark
- 9 Broadway musical that is one of the theatre's finest
- 10 accomplishments. 403.220.5313 /
- 11 • www.scpa.ucalgary.ca
- 12 • **January 9 – Calgary Flames & Florida Panthers** face
- 13 off at 7:00 pm at the Saddledome. www.calgaryflames.com
- 14 • **January 14 – Calgary Hitmen vs Red Deer Rebels** at
- 15 7:00 pm at the Saddledome. www.hitmenhockey.com
- 16 • **January 16 – Bryan Adams: Reckless 30th**
- 17 **Anniversary Tour.** 8:00 pm at the Saddledome. www.bryanadams.com
- 18 • **January 16 & 17 – Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte**
- 19 **Carlo:** This all-male group of professional ballet
- 20 dancers performs a full range of dance repertoire.
- 21 403.245.4549 / www.albertaballet.com
- 22 • **January 17 – February 15 – Bloodshot:** A pulse-
- 23 racing crime thriller hot off London's west end.
- 24 403.221.3708 / www.vertigotheatre.com
- 25 • **January 23 – Bob Dylan's Blood on the Tracks**
- 26 **Reimagined and Revisited:** Bob Dylan's 1974
- 27 beloved album will be reassembled and reimagined.
- 28 403.244.2912 www.fishcreekconcerts.com
- 29 • **January 24 – Buckcherry:** Wristband 6.30pm - show @
- 30 9:00 pm. 403.236.7529 / www.deerfootinn.com
- 31 • **January 27 – February 22 – The Philadelphia Story:**
- This classic comedy, turned Oscar-nominated film,
- takes a glorious and witty look at love, money and
- marriage. 403.294.7447 / www.theatrecalgary.com
- **January 28 – Symphonic Pink Floyd:** The Wall and
- Dark Side of the Moon. Experience the progressive and
- psychedelic genius of Dark Side of the Moon along
- with selections from their groundbreaking The Wall.
- 403.571.0849 / www.cpo-live.com
- **January 30 – Nikki Yanofsky:** Kaboom Pow - The Little
- Secret Tour. 8:00 pm. 403.294.9494 /
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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Councillor Druh Farrell

In November's newsletter, I introduced the City of Calgary's biggest priority: responding to the needs of a growing population. The City Manager since advised City Council that rapid growth is not just a planning issue, it is a financial issue, and in order to protect the fiscal health of our City, we must change the current system.

It is projected that Calgary will grow by up to 40,000 people a year for the next four years. Each new Calgarian requires a \$17,000 investment in utilities, roads, transit, and other infrastructure (at this growth rate, we will need to expand wastewater treatment plant capacity every six years). While we welcome new residents to help Calgary to grow, our ability to accommodate them is becoming increasingly strained under the existing model.

After advising Council on the financial magnitude of the growth challenges and the impacts on both our capital and operating budgets, our Chief Financial Officer provided potential solutions.

The City requires changes to Provincial legislation in order to explore different revenue sources including developer-paid infrastructure. Necessary changes are included in our negotiations with the Province on the creation of a City Charter which are currently underway.

While the strategic use of debt continues to be an option, I remain strongly opposed to increasing our debt limits as Calgary's debt-per-capita ratio is the highest of all major cities in Canada. Incurring more debt for depreciating capital infrastructure simply offloads the burden to future generations.

The City and the development industry (who acknowledge that change is needed) have agreed to work together on a new funding model in response to growth challenges. The objective is to ensure a sustainable funding agreement, with full cost recovery for The City and taxpayers, while allowing the development industry to remain profitable. A coordinated approach to planning and investment will allow The City to scale its efforts regardless of population growth.

As we work through the solutions, I will continue to provide updates on my website at www.druhfarrell.ca.

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- North of Louise Riley Library
- Entrance is on SW corner of gym; parking is west of library

Who: Children ages range from newborn – 4 years old

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