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Louise Riley Library **Community Police Liaison** 

**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.

Allison I nomson 403-221-2047 Cst. John Kastamonitis 403-567-6300

#### 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: First 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.



Community Board Meetings Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Boardroom. All are invited! To be on the agenda, please contact Sheryl at admin@hh-bh.ca at least two weeks in advance. Next Meeting: April 14

**7th Annual Summer Solstice Party** Saturday June 18, 2016

**Stampede Breakfast** Saturday July 16, 2016

**Community Cleanup / Fall Party** Saturday September 17, 2016 9 am to 2pm

**Family Open Gym Night** Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

#### **HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs**

Badminton: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Pickleball: Tuesday – Wednesday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Rates: \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

#### **Memberships:**

A reminder that memberships expired August 31! \$20 / year per family / household. \$10 / year Seniors. Renew online at www. hh-bh.ca, by mail or in person! Thanks!



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Inform IRP 9 (Revise

A Safety Management System (SMS) is all about managing the safety interaction you have with your workers. It's an overall strategy to help you communicate information on hazards and best practices in your workplace so you can develop a stranger, lasting culture of safety within all stakeholders in your organization.





This is a job that pays! A training session is mandatory and provided by the community association. This is a great way for you to be involved in our community. If you have already taken the training, you are not reguired to attend again. You may retake the training if you would like to refresh your skills.

If you are 12 years of age or older and interested in becoming a referee for the 2016 outdoor soccer season with HHBH, please contact Melissa Hagg at melissahagg@ gmail.com or 403-284-2410.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Hello everyone;

I think I can safely say that winter is now behind us and we are firmly planted in spring!

April 10 - 16 is National Volunteer Week. I recently read that there are 12.7 million volunteers across Canada and I am sure that many live in Calgary, including our own community. Several years ago a fellow volunteer said to me "If you want something done, ask a busy person." Somehow, it seems that volunteering has an addictive quality - the more you give, the more you get, and it becomes a lifestyle that would be hard to give up.

Look around you and you'll see volunteers disguised as friends, neighbours and strangers ready to lend a helping hand. I would especially like to thank all those involved with our recent community play school and outdoor soccer registrations. It took many hours of tutorials, team work and elbow grease to implement our new online registration service, Active Net. And thank you to all who make these programs successful for our children.

Our community association is also run by volunteers and there is more work than glory involved with helping to make our neighbourhood one of the best in Calgary. At the moment we are in need of a secretary for our board. This job includes board meetings (but not taking minutes!), helping with various projects, and overseeing our administrative assistant. If you have an interest in these kinds of duties and would like to get to know some great people, check out the volunteer opportunities on our website hh-bh.ca. You will also find other programs and projects there that could use a helping hand.

In the interest of your busy day, I am keeping this short and not listing the many people I would like to thank for all their work in our community. But for you volunteers - I ask that you take time this month to give yourself a pat on the back and realize that your commitment and efforts are noticed and appreciated by many.

Laura

## COMMUNITY Programs

2016 HH-BH Community Outdoor Soccer U4 -U18

Online Registration \*Now\* at www.hh-bh.ca To Volunteer Contact Jill hhbhsoccer@gmail.com

**FREE - Drop-in Soccer Skills Training – All AGES!** Saturdays 11:00 to 1:00 outdoors at the Fire hall Field.

Everyone is invited to come out Saturdays during the outdoor soccer season for FREE soccer skills sessions provided by TripleMeg. See you there!

#### **Outdoor Soccer Referees Needed**

If you are 12 years of age or older and interested in becoming a referee for the 2016 outdoor soccer season with HHBH, please contact Melissa Hagg at melissahagg@gmail.com or 403-284-2410.

#### Youth Badminton

Youth Badminton Program will continue again this Spring. Information at www.hh-bh.ca

Carol at vp@hh-bh.ca

**Family Open Gym Night** Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

#### HH-BH Kindergarten 2016 - 2017 Registration

Information Packages available online at www.hhbh.ca Or call 403-220-9775

## HH-BH Playschool \*ONLINE\* Registration is \*OPEN\*

Our new online registration system for the 2016/2017 year is Open! www.hhbhplayschool.com hhbhplayschool@gmail.com Visit www.hh-bh.ca for more information

Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your enquiry or idea to vp@hh-bh.ca.

## **Protecting** your Property

Prepared by Constable Kastamonitis Community Resource Office District #3

Over the last several months thieves have targeted detached garages throughout northwest communities. They didn't have to do much more than just walk right in; as the majority of the pedestrian doors were left unlocked. Once inside, they focused on stealing high end bicycles, sporting goods, power tools as well as personal items left in unlocked vehicles parked inside.

Protecting your Property is quite easy and inexpensive. First, lock your doors to your detached garage or shed with good quality locks. Remove personal valuables from within your vehicle and lock the doors which, in most cases, also activates an alarm or use an anti-theft device. It is important to put valuables out of sight and securing them in hard to access areas. I also recommend that a record be kept of valuable items with pertinent information such as: make, model, serial numbers along with photographs.

The Calgary Police Service would like to remind you to be vigilant and to report any suspicious individuals or activities through the non-emergency line 403-266-1234. Always call 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress.

If possible, obtain a physical description, including clothing, along with a direction of travel of any suspicious individuals, as this information is crucial to responding police officers. You may also report crime anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## HHBH: North Hill Redevelopment: New Community Facilities

As mentioned in the November Beacon and captured on our website, ruminations and rustlings are swirling regarding major redevelopment of the entire North Hill site that has the potential to include our Community Association. In that over the past few years the community association has been looking for ways to expand our facilities and thus the services and programs available to residents, this represents an \*amazing\* opportunity for Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill.

The first step in exploring this opportunity is to develop an understanding of exactly what type of expanded facilities and enhanced programs and services would benefit the community and be of interest to our residents. What would you like to see? A climbing wall? Child care services? A banquet facility? More sports programs? A community theatre? As nothing specific has yet been decided, the possibilities are tremendous!

If you would like to be involved in this initiative, please send an email to north.hill.redevelopment@hh-bh.ca.



## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### **Crowchild Trail Study Phase 3: Concept** Identification

See the ideas. Give your input. The online tool is now available: www.crowchild.engagingplans.org/crowchild-trail-study-phase-3-concept-identification

We are now asking for your help to evaluate these ideas against the three project principles: maintain and enhance bordering communities, improve travel along Crowchild Trail and improve mobility across Crowchild Trail. Your feedback will help the project team identify concepts for further development and evaluation in Phase 4: Concept Evaluation.



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## 2016 Transit Service Review

We are conducting a Transit Service Review to examine proposed bus route changes for northwest and inner city Calgary. There are 12 bus routes that we are proposing changes to and seeking public feedback on. The changes could be implemented by late 2016 or early 2017.

#### Why is Calgary Transit looking to change bus routes?

The goal of this review is to modify some existing routes to provide more efficient and effective service. These modified routes should be more direct, frequent, and easier to understand.

Five considerations are taken into account with new proposed routes:

- 1. Avoid duplication of service along a road or corridor.
- 2. Provide higher frequency service (buses come more often). Create more direct routes.
- 4. Provide longer hours of service in the evenings and weekends.
- 5. Make transit more efficient by spending less and providing better service.

#### Proposed new routes

Note: Route numbers and names are preliminary and are subject to change

- Route 8 North Pointe Brentwood
- Route 9 Dalhousie Sunnyside
- Route 10 City Hall Southcentre
- Route 31 Dalhousie University
- Routes 37/43/137/143 Option A Ranchlands, Silver Springs and Scenic Acres
- Routes 37/43/137/143 Option B Ranchlands, Silver Springs and Scenic Acres
- Route 122 Market Mall Kerby
- Route 405 Dalhousie Hillhurst
- Route 407 Brentwood Greenwood
- Route 412 Bow Trail
- Route 419 Bridgeland Parkhill
- Route 422 Dalhousie & Route 437 Varsity Estates

#### Proposed to be discontinued

- Route 145 Northland
- Route 404 North Hill

After reviewing the proposed route changes, let us know what you think! Submit your feedback through our online survey.

More information online at: www.calgarytransit.com/2016ServiceReview. come celebrate our

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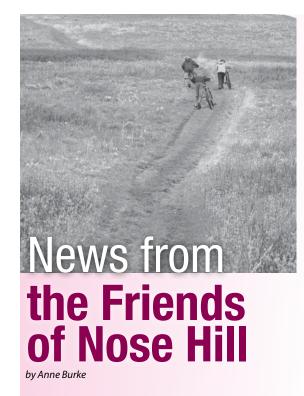
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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2016 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 2015-16					
Family Name(s):					
First Name - Adults: 1.		2.			
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□ Fundraising	Seniors' Programs	□ \$20 per household			
□ Facilities/Ice Rink	Sports Programs	□ \$10 for seniors			
Communications/Newsletter	□ Social Activities				
□ Other		Paid by: cash □ cheque □			
Send cheques payable to Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6					

Privacy Consent: By providing the personal information on this form you are consenting to HH-BH Community Association's collection and use of that information for the purposes of providing you a membership in the community association. This information will be stored in a database of community members for the sole use of the Association. The Association will not sell, barter or lease membership lists or information. We may retain this information until nine months after expiry date of the membership.



Recently I was told that the City does not collect cycle use data on Nose Hill and there were no 311 calls about it. Now there is a colour-coded Global Heatmap of human activities, such as running or cycling on the regional pathway system. You can use the toggle labels to check locations, for Nose Hill Park or your community. Through social media athletes network in real time.

Local Action for Biodiversity means each local government has a long-term local strategy, action plan, and will implement on-the-ground initiatives. The edits to The City's biodiversity webpage have now been made. The page better reflects the strategic plan, as well as providing details on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee. Agendas and minutes are at: www.calgary. ca/biodiversity. As the Committee advances its work plans, further refinement and expansion of the webpage is expected. A report to City Council will go forward in the spring.

The CBC is looking for photos of Calgary's wildlife, animals, and birds for a photo gallery on their website. The contact person is: heather.moriarty@cbc.ca. She is just in the process of collecting photographs now and if people are interested they should email them to her. She hopes to have the online photo gallery put together and posted within the next couple of weeks. "We are featuring photos that were taken in Calgary. The idea is to show all of the wildlife that can be found within city limits. We will credit the photographers, identify the animal/bird in the photo, and let people know approximately where in the city it was photographed."

In 2014, City Parks and Roads received a one-time grant from the Council Innovation Fund of \$300,000 for an automated, interactive Parks and Roads Map. With the number of 311 service requests, it has been challenging to have accurate information. Soon the system on www.calgary.ca will improve access to up-to-date data for Parks and Roads services, such as mowing and snow ploughing.

Calgary has one of the highest allocations of greenspace of any city in North America. There are 693 natural areas which make up over 50% of the park space in Calgary. Natural areas give priority to the protection of vegetation and wildlife over human use when the two come into conflict.

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## The scoop on dog poop

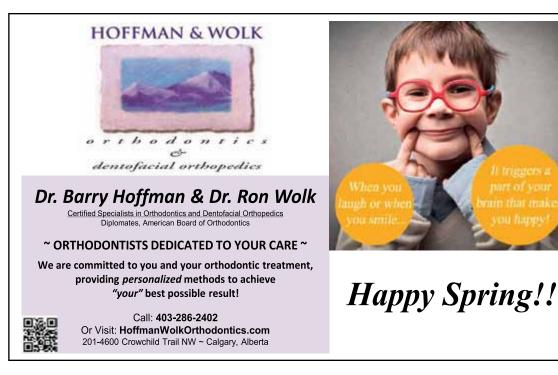
With 150 public off-leash areas and over 100,000 dogs in our city, it's clear Calgarians love their canine companions. What isn't to love is the stinky situation that's left behind when owners don't pick up after their pets.

Cleaning up your dog's waste is part of being a responsible pet owner and helps keep our yards, parks and off-leash areas safe and healthy. Here are five facts you may not know about doggy doo-doo:

- 1. It's classified as a hazardous pollutant. It's in the same category as toxic chemicals!
- 2. It's crawling with E. coli and roundworm larvae which, if ingested by humans or dogs, can lead to brain, eye, and other organ damage.
- 3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
- 4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
- 5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, check out our P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) program at calgary.ca/puppy.





## Community Cleanups: Save Yourself a Trip to the Landfill

Calgary Community Standards (formerly Animal & Bylaw Services) in partnership with Waste & Recycling Services and your community association is pleased to offer another year of Community Clean-ups for FREE of charge to Calgarians. A Community Clean-up is a day scheduled at your community centre where you can bring your household items that may not fit in your black, brown or blue carts like furniture or old fencing or items that fill up your carts too quickly or just an accumulation of items that are ready for the landfill. If you live in a multi-unit housing complex, we welcome you to bring your waste and recycling items to this event especially if it is closer than the designated community recycling depots.

We are pleased to announce that 3 packer trucks will be provided this year (2 for waste and 1 for organic materials). Last year, 110 communities were served between April and October. Please check with your community association to see when your Community Clean-up has been booked and better yet, volunteer to help with the event which is held either on a Saturday or Sunday from 9 am – 2 pm. Your community association needs 15-20 volunteers to put on the event so your assistance is greatly appreciated. Calgary Community Standards provides funds for food and refreshments for the volunteers, advertising and promotion, gloves, garbage bags and any other items used to help Clean-up.

Please note, there are items that the City of Calgary's packer trucks will not accept:

- Tires, home appliances, paint, household chemicals, propane tanks, microwaves, car batteries, home electronics, liquids, metals and glass, railway ties.
- Your Community Association usually enhances the event with recycling services such as electronics, metal, paper shredding and possible tire recycling and paint pickup (or you can take your cans of paint to any fire hall station).

The Community Clean-ups provide a fantastic opportunity to work with your neighbours and community associations to Clean-up your yards and homes, parks, off-leash areas and sport playfields. Thank you for your commitment to help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

For more information about the date set in your community, please call your Community Association or you can go to www.calgary.ca/cleanup for the full schedule and further details.

## EMS: Bicycle Helmet

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles<sup>\*</sup>. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

#### **Getting informed**

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
  Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

#### **Getting started**

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example always wear a helmet when cycling.

#### Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.



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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		
February 2016	\$2,199,000.00	\$2,100,000.00		
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00		
December 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00		
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00		
October 2015	\$2,799,900.00	\$2,500,000.00		
September 2015	\$1,475,000.00	\$1,415,000.00		
August 2015	\$619,800.00	\$596,000.00		
July 2015	\$982,500.00	\$982,500.00		
June 2015	\$759,500.00	\$737,000.00		
May 2015	\$549,900.00	\$530,000.00		
April 2015	\$2,089,900.00	\$1,814,000.00		
March 2015	\$899,900.00	\$895,000.00		

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	3	1
January 2016	6	0
December 2015	1	0
November 2015	3	0
October 2015	1	1
September 2015	3	2
August 2015	3	1
July 2015	2	2
June 2015	6	4
May 2015	6	1
April 2015	3	2
March 2015	3	1
Total	37	15

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit hounsfield heights briar hill.great-news.ca

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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### **National Volunteer Week**

April 10 - 16 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and on behalf of all Calgarians we want to sincerely thank community volunteers for all they do each and every day to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

There are 150 community associations in every neighbourhood across our city, and they are all run by volunteers. In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!



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Without their hard-working volunteers community associations would not exist. They would not be able to provide you with the programs you enjoy, put on the year-round special events that bring you together as neighbours, advocate for your community on local issues, or produce this monthly newsletter full of important information. These volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play.

Community volunteers are the lifeblood of the community association movement here in Calgary, a movement that brings Calgarians that small-town feel in our large urban centre. So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 10 – 16, to thank a volunteer in your community for their hard work and dedication to ensuring you love where you live!



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The City of Calgary is moving quickly to mitigate the economic downturn with a number

of endeavours, both short and long-term. Accelerating the pace of large construction projects can be an effective way to stimulate a struggling economy and increase employment. The City has identified a list of pre-approved projects that will create jobs and leave a lasting public benefit. The projects are divided into three buckets: new infrastructure, lifecycle maintenance and enhancement, and affordable housing.

Flood mitigation measures to protect river communities and the City Centre are at the top of the priority list. Some capital projects, like enhancing community and recreation centres, can start right away, while others, like the Green Line LRT, will break ground only once community consultation is completed and funding is secured. The City will work with its community partners to construct new affordable housing units or purchase existing housing stock.

While large-scale, transformational projects have their place, incremental micro-improvements are increasingly seen as a way to phase into large investments. I have long been a promoter of low-cost, high-reward projects to create opportunity and vibrancy, test new ideas, and solve urban problems. Quick projects such as pop-up parks, patios, and restaurants take little investment but add instant vitality. Pilots like cycle tracks or lane reversals help us test new concepts before making substantial political and financial commitments. Rules can be a barrier and sometimes the rule-makers just need to know when to get out of the way.

While temporary projects can spark creative solutions, we must take a long-term approach with investments that are meant to last. Over the years I have seen both booms and busts used as excuses for shoddy design and workmanship. When the economy is booming we are in a rush to build, and success is measured by the speed of the planning process. During a downturn, we are afraid to be too demanding, for fear that that the opportunity will vanish. Calgary deserves better.

In addition to the capital construction program, City Council is working with Calgary Economic Development on economic resiliency. Several projects have already been funded:

- Marketing campaign to promote tourism
- Buy-local campaign to promote local business
- Real estate and economic diversification plan to attract headoffices and repurpose empty office space
- Grant program to cover development permit fees for new and refurbished affordable housing

The City of Calgary is doing its part to strengthen our economy. During hard times, we must manage carefully, but think ambitiously, and combine caution with optimistic long-term planning for the recovery.



## Proudly Serving the Communities of Calgary Confederation

It has been a few months since the federal election and it still humbles me that the fine people of Calgary Confederation have chosen me to be their elected representative to the House of Commons.

I committed to being a strong voice on your behalf in Ottawa and am working to represent your interests and advocate on issues which have been forwarded to me. I have been impressed with the thoughtful letters and kind wishes I have received.

The election brought many changes to the political landscape, but it does not change the things that are most important to Canadians. No matter the party in power, Canadians want a strong economy, a safe country and a bright future. While I believe all politicians agree on this and want the best for Canada, it is in how we go about achieving these goals that we differ. I will continue to raise the need for pipelines, both east and west, and push for innovative, prompt and productive ways to address unemployment and getting people back to work.

The early days of this Liberal government tell me that there will be a lot of work ahead to keep this government focused on the important priorities of all Canadians. Warning signs are everywhere of outof-control spending with no fiscal plan for the future. Without a sound and disciplined fiscal plan, we put at risk many of the things Canadians cherish most.

I am privileged to have been selected as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Health. This will be an opportunity to address many health issues including a national organ donor system that works for those in need of a life-saving transplant.

It is with your support and encouragement that I proudly stand in Parliament on your behalf. Please feel free to contact my Calgary constituency office for information, assistance and/or appointments by phone 403-220-0888 or by email len.webber@parl.gc.ca.

I hope you continue to share your comments with me and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900				
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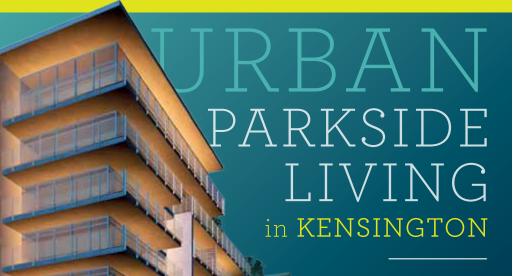


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