

COUNCILLOR DIANE'S CITY HALL UPDATE – March 2017



Cllr Colley-Urquhart with members of the Woodcreek Lions Club, showing off her gift wrapping skills for the Christmas Hamper donations.

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2017 Online Brochure Announcement

With the current economic challenges many are facing, it is as important as ever to stay connected to what is happening in our City. The City of Calgary offers an abundance of excellent services available to you and your family. I wanted to pull all of these resources together in one place just for you.

By visiting CouncillorDiane.ca/OnlineGuide, I invite you to learn more about this remarkable City, share your feedback, connect to City services, give your time to a worthy cause, join your Community Association, help your neighbours, and discover the amazing amenities our City has to offer!

I hope that this Online Guide will provide you with a gateway to being informed about what is available to you. I absolutely love this City and all that it offers to my constituents.

Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club Christmas Hampers Update

I donated \$2,500 from my Community Fund this past December to the Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club. The Lions Club members do such fantastic in Calgary. My Dad was a founding member of the Lions Club in Oyen many years ago, so I have a real soft spot for the Lions. My donation in part, made it possible to add an additional eight-member family to the list of Christmas Hamper recipients. All the families for whom the Club provided hampers for have been extremely grateful and were able to enjoy Christmas with their loved ones.

I had fun gift-wrapping alongside my buddies at the Woodcreek Lions Club for the Christmas Hampers. I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent doing so, and I am truly inspired by the Club. Thank you for having me and for putting me to work with the ribbons and wrapping paper!



Cllr. Colley-Urquhart with Ward 13 residents at the Evergreen Winter Festival

Donating my Salary Increase to Our Syrian Refugee Family

The Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) was essential in coordinating the arrival and settlement for Government-Assisted Refugees (GAR) who came to Canada with the help of the federal government's response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

The Syrian family I was a part of sponsoring, arrived in Calgary last October to begin their new life in Canada. Our group was able to rent a home for them to move into and also raise enough money to fully support the family of three for one year.

The Mission Statement for our Group is, "We will support Syrians in their first year of living in Canada by appropriately allocating funds held by CCIS on the family's behalf. We will be assisting in other ways if possible, with the hope and intent to help the family integrate into the Canadian and Calgary communities, and to function independently."

In partnering with CCIS, they are assisting the family with all available Canadian government programs, but they will look to our Sponsoring Group to assist the family with their daily living needs and integration. Our Group helped raise \$42,000, which we are also responsible for allocating and distributing. We are all very proud that our combined efforts have assisted a family coming from war-torn Aleppo to live in a safe, caring community while continuing to build a successful life in Calgary.