COUNCILLOR DIANE'S CITY HALL UPDATE - May 2017

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<u>Preparing for the SW Ring Road Construction & Anderson Road</u> Widening Project

With The City looking to increase the thoroughfare on Anderson Road to six lanes between the Southwest Ring Road (SWRR) and Elbow Drive, construction is once again a traffic concern in our Ward. This road improvement, while cumbersome, looks to provide a better road network by offering an attractive alternative for people travelling east-west through the area between the SWRR and city destinations. Construction on this project is expected to begin June 2017 and will be wrapped up by the end of 2018.

Another issue that has been brought to my attention is the approximate 111 trees that were removed along Anderson Road between Elbow Drive and the future SWRR last month. I find this to be very disappointing, however by the time the project wraps up at the end of 2018, The City will have replanted 281 poplar and spruce trees along this stretch of Anderson Road.

SW Ring Road Open House

In preparation for the project that has been in the works within our Ward for quite some time, please join me for the information sessions I will be hosting. I will continue to be actively involved in the upcoming citizen engagement process on this project and I urge you to get involved and continue to give me your feedback. I deeply appreciate all the time, effort and concerns citizens have raised.

When: *Thursday, May* 25th, 2017 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Southland Leisure Centre, Pool Viewing Area (2000 Southland Drive SW)

No RSVP is required.

Please join me, along with representatives from Alberta Transportation and KGL Constructors. They will be available to answer questions related to the SW Ring Road.



Cllr. Colley-Urquhart with Dream Developments discussing plans for the new community of Providence and plans for an off-leash dog park



Commemorating the 100 Year Anniversary of Vimy Ridge as Deputy Mayor, April 9th, 1917-2017.

Surrounding Area Construction Updates

162nd Avenue SW Connections: Construction on the 162nd Avenue SW connection project will be starting July 2017 and is expected to be completed in fall 2017. The roadway will not open to traffic until the SWRR is completed – fall 2021.

Some Ward 13 residents may notice periodic increases in construction traffic throughout the project. They will be limiting access from eastbound $162^{\rm nd}$ Avenue to Bridlecrest Blvd SW but will remain open until the SWRR is completed. Once the SWRR is open, the left turn from $162^{\rm nd}$ Avenue to Bridlecrest Boulevard will be **permanently closed**.

Glenmore Trail Widening and Interchange Upgrade: The City will be widening Glenmore Trail to six lanes between 37 Street and Crowchild Trail SW and modifying the Glenmore Trail / Crowchild Trail SW interchange. These upgrades will help to provide a better road network by accommodating changes to traffic volume and patterns that are expected after the opening of the SWRR. The design work for the Glenmore Trail widening and interchange upgrades are scheduled to begin in late 2017, with construction planned to start in 2018 and continue into 2019.