

COUNCILLOR DIANE'S CITY HALL UPDATE – June 2017



Councillor Diane speaking with constituents at her Woodcreek Townhall

WARD 13 TOWNHALLS

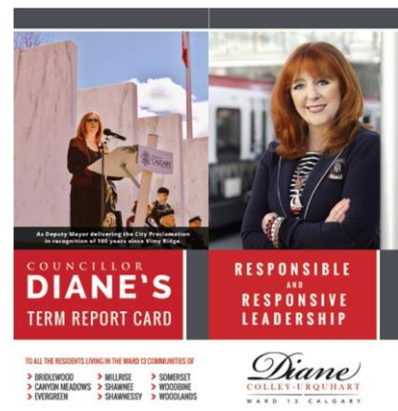
I want to give huge thanks and shout out to all my Ward 13 residents who attended my Townhall meetings. I arranged three presentations on the SW Ring Road, ATCO's Urban Pipeline Replacement Program, and an overview on Providence from Dream Developments. I then held a bear pit session on several topics including taxes, traffic, policing, and the SW BRT, among other issues raised by residents.

Having served residents of Ward 13 for 17 years, I know we would all agree the last 18 months have been difficult for our City. My many years of experience on City Council have been invaluable both as your Councillor and as a City Official during these challenging times. Trusted and experienced leadership means being transparent and accountable, which is why I sent my **Four Year Term Report Card** to every household (also posted on www.councillordiane.ca). We have received positive feedback and I sincerely thank you.

VACANT UNSAFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PROPERTIES

Many of you know I founded the STOP Marihuana Grow-op Coalition 12 years ago. All the work we did with our Coordinated Safety Response Team (CSRT) for illegal residential grow-ops will now be used and applied to unoccupied, derelict properties. To date in 2017, CSRT has issued 15 MGA Orders to owners of vacant, derelict properties, directing them to secure, fence and to either demolish or fix the homes within a set timeline. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that they do not create an unsafe condition or degradation in the community.

Examples of the new approach required owners of a fire-damaged property, located at 723 McDougall Road NE to obtain a demolition permit as directed by the MGA order. Owners of vacant, derelict properties located at 824 and 826 McDougall Road NE were also issued MGA orders directing them to secure and fence their properties. The owners have complied and have agreed to demolish the two properties. The City's Safety Response Unit, acting as lead investigative team of the CSRT, will continue to work with the owners until all three demolitions are complete. **Please call me if you are concerned about a derelict property, and I will come out with our Bylaw Officer to assess.**



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JANE'S WALK - WHO'S MINDING THE STORE?

Jane's Walk is a movement of free, citizen-led walking tours inspired by Jane Jacobs, who was an urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community-based approach to city building. These walks get citizens out to tell stories about their communities, explore their neighbourhoods, and connect with neighbours.

I partook in the May 6th walk with Canyon Meadows residents, to discuss how local businesses support the community. We visited the three small business areas to see what we can do to ensure local businesses are active and lively, now and in the future. Kudos to Gurmit Bhachu and all of his volunteers for organizing this walk! I was very happy to be a part of it.

CANYON MEADOWS AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE RE-OPENING

I am thrilled to announce that on Monday, May 29th, the new and improved space and amenities of the Canyon Meadows Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be opened just in time for the summer holidays. I worked hard on your behalf to get this on the approved capital list. The expansion and renovation project was funded by the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for a budget of \$4.4M.

Upgrades and additions include:

- Expanded lobby and entrance area
- Larger weight room and dedicated fitness studio
- New fitness equipment
- Larger multipurpose room
- Addition of an elevator and poolside lift for increased accessibility
- New pool slide
- New diving board
- Reconstructed hot tub and steam room areas
- Refreshed locker rooms

**PLEASE JOIN ME AT THE OPEN HOUSE TO WELCOME EVERYONE BACK TO THE FACILITY
JUNE 3RD FROM 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM!**