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Northern Hills Community Association



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GUEST UPDATES		
Public Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership drive update: 37 membership sign ups (mostly family)</li> </ul>	
Clr. (Jasmine Mian) Ward 3 Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zev Klymochko present. Both the new councillor and staff are getting settled and up to speed.</li> </ul>	
MLA (Rajan Sawney) Calgary North East Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bal Manhas present. Second round of Civil Society grant due Dec 17.</li> </ul>	
MP (Michelle Rempel) Calgary Nose Hill Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jillian Montalbetti present.</li> <li>Primarily assisting family members of people in Afghanistan this summer.</li> <li>Waiting for shadow cabinet positions to be announced in the next week.</li> <li>Parliament will resume Nov 22, just dealing with riding questions mostly to deal with vaccine mandates re: travel.</li> </ul>	

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CCSD (Linda Wellman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early this evening the new Board of Trustees will take their Oath of Office and hold the Organization meeting where a Chair, Vice Chair and members will be appointed/elected to provincial organizations. All but 1</li> </ul>															






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		trustee are returning, with the newly elected trustee being Shannon Cook replacing retiring trustee, Cheryl Low in Wards 9, 10 & Chestermere.	
Guests		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gift of Joy (Chris Abdalla)</li> <li>• Donations from community to provide Christmas experiences for community members that need a little help this time of year</li> <li>• Small change this year: we are partnering with the MPC program this year to widen our ability to help families and seniors this year</li> <li>• Seeking donations and assistance with grants coming up soon, check your email inboxes for further information</li> </ul>	
Standing Committee	Sub-Committee/Team	Updates	Motions & Actions
Executive Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Board members</li> </ul>	<p><b>A Motion was made: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NHCA elect Ian McAnerin and Roop Rai to the Board of Directors."</b></p> <p>All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried</p>
Office		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque signing process – what documentation needs to be provided, how, timeline.</li> </ul>	


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<b>Finance</b>	Director: Asim		
	Grants (Chris)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roam the Hills Grant</li> <li>• Applied for various grants over the last month</li> </ul>	
	Fund Development (Devon-Membership/Events)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Drive 16th</li> <li>• Survey feedback: people wanted more COVID protocol, events seem to be targeted toward the same demographics all the time, processing memberships was tedious with tech issues</li> <li>• Do we have a membership goal?</li> </ul>	
<b>Projects &amp; Programs</b>	Director		
	Sports & Ice Rinks (Fadi/Devon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 14 meeting</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Arts &amp; Crafts (Chris)</p>	<p> Arts &amp; Crafts Update – Oct 27th, 2021</p> <p><b>General Updates</b></p> <p><b>Meetings</b> The NHCA Arts &amp; Crafts Committee will be hosting a weekly open meeting to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active programs &amp; projects</li> <li>New projects &amp; programming ideas</li> </ul> <p>Everyone is welcome to drop by and hear what is going on with Arts &amp; Crafts at the NHCA, suggest ideas or assist with planning. No weekly commitment required. Hope you see you there!</p> <p><b>SSS for Covid-19 Grant – Funds to be spent by December 31, 2021</b> The Arts &amp; Craft Committee is on track to fully spend the budgeted portion of this grant by the deadline in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art &amp; Craft Engagement with community members</li> <li>MylArt Program</li> <li>Seniors Art Program</li> <li>Pop Up Arts and Crafts Kits</li> </ul> <p><b>Arts &amp; Crafts Support/Collaboration</b> The Arts &amp; Crafts Committee was pleased to support the following NHCA initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vivo Preschool Trick or Treating (Oct 28 &amp; 29)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 crafts and instruction sheets, candy, temporary tattoo, NHCA Membership Coupon and info in a goodie bag with a NHCA Label</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 16<sup>th</sup> Membership drive/Rise Up Concert             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pop up Arts &amp; Craft Booth</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Arts &amp; Craft Committee is looking forward to supporting and collaborating on the following NHCA initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room the hills</li> <li>Gift of joy</li> </ul> <p>Please reach out to Chris Abdalla if your committee would like to collaborate on a project or program with the Arts &amp; Crafts committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 1   3</p>	
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		<p>Northern Hills Community Association Arts &amp; Crafts Update – Oct 27th, 2021</p> <p>Infographic The Arts Committee has been collaborating with the Community Presence Committee to create complimentary infographics. Thank you to Lindsay Lantala for her design work. We are proud to unveil the NHCA Arts &amp; Crafts infographic:</p>  <p>Board Requests NONE</p>	
	<p>General Events (Chris - Acting)</p>	<p>Northern Hills Community Association Events Update – October 27, 2021</p> <p>General Updates Events Committee is still looking for a director to oversee this committee. Chris Abdalla has taken on the duties of this role until a Committee Chair can be identified.</p> <p>Event Updates Roam the Hills We will be activating 10 locations within the Northern hills through the 3 pillars of Play, Create and Learn. This project will engage community members to participate in a variety of independent activities along a 10km walking path that winds through the 5 communities over the Winter.</p> <p>Activities may include (based on ongoing permission and permit discussions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field Play Activities</li> <li>Tree Art Installations</li> <li>Painted Rock Garden</li> <li>Trash Neoplace Games</li> <li>Where are you from? - Map</li> <li>Activity Circuit</li> <li>Wool Education</li> <li>Sidewalk Games</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> <p>Each location will also have information on Community Volunteers and Membership</p> <p>We would like to acknowledge the Parks Foundation and the City of Calgary for funding this initiative through their Embrace the Outdoors Grant.</p> <p>Gift of Joy We have expanded the Gift of Joy program this year to include seniors. Through a partnership with MPC Foundation, we have merged their Christmas Cheer program with our present Gift of Joy program to maximize resources and volunteers to serve our community better. MPC Foundation is also Registered Canadian Charity and is able to provide tax receipts for monetary and in-kind donations that the program receives.</p> <p>The NHCA and MPC Foundation organizing committee are pleased to welcome back VIVO, Closer to Home, and BowWest (new name - TSA) as partners.</p> <p>Please let Chris Abdalla know if you would like to be involved.</p> <p>Page   2</p> <p>Northern Hills Community Association Events Update – October 27, 2021</p> <p>Key Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesdays at 3 pm – Weekly Planning Sessions - Teams</li> <li>Dec 11th &amp; 12th – Seniors Program Package Sorting</li> <li>Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Delivery of Seniors Packages</li> <li>Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Sorting of Family Gifts</li> <li>Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Gift of Joy Event</li> </ul> <p>Board Requests None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gift of Joy</li> <li>• Roam the Hills</li> </ul>	

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<b>Community Relations</b>	BSC Tavis Settles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Update looking for Director</li> </ul>	
	Government Relations (David)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Hartwick Requesting feedback and input into this guide</li> </ul>	



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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome to Ward 3</b></p> <p>Welcome to Ward 3, the 'forgotten' ward. We are the part of Calgary that started development 40 years ago but have not seen the supporting infrastructure to make us a sustainable part of Calgary. This was highlighted when City Council approved destroying the Harvest Hills Golf Course even when the community did not seem to meet the requirements of the Municipal Development Plan. Every candidate running should read the MDP and understand how it is being applied in different parts of Calgary. If you have read it, you can keep the Sustainability Principles and Key Directions for Land Use and Mobility in mind as I give you a tour of the Northern Hills communities of Ward 3.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Northern Hills Communities of Ward 3</b></p> <p>As you enter the Northern Hills communities from the south, you have to enter 'the island' from Beddington Trail due to a vehicle trap on Centre Street that captures cars almost daily. I refer to it as an island as Beddington Trail is the Northern Hills boundary to the south and west, Deerfoot Trail to the east, and Stoney Trail to the north. <b>We have to leave 'the island' of 60000 people for basic services and needs.</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aurora Business Park</b></p> <p>Entering the island, you first come upon the future Aurora Business Park. It was originally planned to be the equivalent of a second city centre, but the transportation network was never developed, like most other things in the area. The Greenline was intended to run up the Nose Creek Valley along the CPR tracks into the development but City Administration and subsequently City Council decided to move the line to Centre Street, long after the traffic impact analysis for the area was completed in 2005, and the Area Structure Plan was published in 2008.</p> 	
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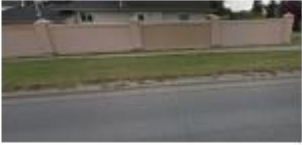


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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aurora Concept Plan</b></p> <p><b>FIG. 3.1 Concept Plan</b></p>  <p>This is the concept plan for Aurora. Take note of the extensive protected greenspace as we will refer to it a little later.</p> <p>The Greenline was also intended to run east-west through the north side of that greenspace, adjacent to 96th Avenue North and would have provided an easy link to the airport.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>96 Avenue land north side of Aurora</b></p> <p>Kids have developed their own bicycle bmx style park in the approximate area of that north greenspace and the NHCA has some big ideas for this space.</p>  <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The planned Aurora LRT station south of 96th Avenue N</b></p> <p><b>FIG. 3.2 Future LRT Station</b></p> <p>With the realignment of the Greenline onto Centre Street, there is no longer an Aurora station which could mean decades for this land to be developed, if ever.</p> <p>It also means no LRT link to the airport and likely little desire for businesses to build here.</p> 	
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		<div data-bbox="889 485 1052 512" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Greenline route</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="678 531 980 667" data-label="Text"> <p>North Central Calgary has been underserved by Transit for decades. The Greenline was originally envisioned as far back as 1969 but politics influenced the West leg getting built first and it appears politics, city administration, and strong advocacy have now led to the south leg built before the north even though the north has always exceeded both those legs in transit use. Signs from the 90's still stand, saying it is coming.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1013 525 1284 800" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="678 682 980 806" data-label="Text"> <p>We get the 504 express at Stampede. Not much of an express when it stops at many of the stops other buses do. It also only runs until 1am which means many of those working at the Stampede have to drive to an LRT station because the north is not provided the same service as those with LRT, often making it faster to drive anywhere, than get to an LRT station.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="889 863 1052 890" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Greenline failure</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="667 905 932 995" data-label="Text"> <p>The City sent letters to landowners starting in 2016 when the north leg route was approved. However, while \$500 million was spent on procuring land on the SE leg prior to the June 2020 Council Greenline approval, how much was spent on the north leg? Zero?</p> </div> <div data-bbox="667 1010 932 1108" data-label="Text"> <p>While it makes sense for TOD along Centre Street, the original planned Nose Creek Valley could have been built TODAY, with no river crossing, not to mention the loss of an Aurora Business Park station, that could have also connected to the airport, is likely a multi-million dollar loss to the city.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="943 947 1284 1171" data-label="Figure"> </div> <div data-bbox="667 1123 932 1192" data-label="Text"> <p>Calgary.ca incorrectly suggests the #Greenline is going to 15th Ave in the 1st phase. It also suggests a 10+ year timeline for real BRT improvements. We cannot wait another 10 years.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="846 1220 1101 1247" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Calgary Transit Shortfalls</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="678 1276 867 1541" data-label="Figure"> </div> <div data-bbox="889 1262 1256 1297" data-label="Text"> <p>The transit problems in the north are not limited to the Greenline. Who holds Calgary Transit accountable to the people?</p> </div> <div data-bbox="889 1312 1273 1436" data-label="Text"> <p>When the Calgary North Crosstown BRT (Orange Max) was planned, we questioned the Transit Planner why it was duplicating an existing route, the 19 connecting the Red Line and Blue Line which already connect downtown? Why was it not providing a valuable route comparable to the South Crosstown which connects Mount Royal University to Douglasdale running down Heritage Drive (equivalent to 80th).</p> </div> <div data-bbox="889 1451 1256 1541" data-label="Text"> <p>The Yellow Max also demonstrated how to lose ridership. When doing consultation with MRU students on creating the Yellow Max and relocating the primary bus stop off campus, they faced huge opposition including a petition with 1700 signatures, but did it anyways. Many students switched to driving their cars to school.</p> </div>	
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deteriorating developer sound walls and fences</b></p> <p>Developers build expensive sound walls, decorative fences and community entry features, and it falls on homeowners or community associations to maintain them. Usually, the homeowner is unaware until they contact the City, who then often refers them to their community association, which has no resources for repair.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sign pollution and clutter</b></p> <p>Community boulevards are littered with signs advertising everything from weight loss, to matchmakers and businesses that are often located on the other side of the city.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The District/Stoney Industrial North</b></p> <p>The Nose Creek Valley west of Deerfoot Trail is believed to be the original Calgary/Edmonton wagontrail and we understand has a number of historic artifacts within it, as well as a glacial erratic. The community was told that this environmentally sensitive area could not have a dog park in it, yet it was quietly approved for development. The community was not included in the process.</p> 	
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The District/Stoney Industrial North</b></p>  <p>The most prominent natural feature within the Stoney Industrial Area is Nose Creek and its associated wetlands, ravines and escarpments, and is a wildlife corridor.</p> <p>The Area Structure Plan recognizes that the corridor needs to be protected for the benefit of the surrounding communities and the local workforce. It states this will be done by: "acquiring and protecting the lands comprising this open space corridor wherever possible through environmental or municipal reserve dedication, the application of development controls or other innovative means; and - enhancing the recreational function of this open space corridor through the introduction of complementary amenities and facilities while ensuring that any urban-level development allowed within or adjacent to the area is sensitively and compatibly designed."</p> <p>This photo was taken in this planned development area September 2021.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stoney Industrial South</b></p>  <p>Some development has already taken place on the south side of Country Hills Blvd, again with no community consultation, and there are concerns for how much more development will occur on this land which should be protected as a historical site but also environmental reserve.</p> <p>Rumours have suggested a medicine wheel was destroyed to build 96th Avenue to the south of this area.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ward 3 recreation</b></p> <p>Ward 3 is very limited on recreation infrastructure. In 2005, Cardel Place (now Vivo) opened at a cost of \$38 million and has been working on expansion for a decade. Vivo has the largest catchment area with the smallest footprint and is finally starting expansion a decade after it was needed. The past 4 recreation centres built in Quarry Park, Great Plains, Sison and Rockyridge cost a combined \$480 million, considerably more than the cost to build and renovate Vivo. Registration for swimming lessons open at 8am with parents frantically trying to book lessons, with many unsuccessful. While City operated facilities are subsidized by city taxpayers, 3 new regional facilities are owned by the City and operated by non-profits that require charging higher centre fees than city facilities to ensure long term financial stability and reserve funds. For example, drop-in to admission to Thorncliffe will set you back \$8 compared to \$15 at Vivo - kind of like an extra tax we pay in the suburbs.</p> <p>The expansion, which includes \$22.5 million from the City, will not include desperately needed additional ice rinks. The City of Calgary had an Ice Arena study done in 2006 that required one rink for every 18500 people. The two rinks at Vivo serve over 100000 people. As a former board member, it was made clear from the city that additional ice surfaces were not to be included in expansion plans. Again, why does the north have to get in their cars and drive to Carleton, Innesken and other distant rinks for kids to play hockey? Why is there a requirement of 1 rink per 18500 people elsewhere in the City but not Wards 3 or 37?</p> 	
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		<p>Heavily populating North Central Calgary in a quadrant system does not work</p> <p><b>LEISURE FACILITIES IN CALGARY (2014)</b></p>  <p>Not only do we lack ice rinks, but we lack athletic parks, football fields, frisbee golf and regulation baseball diamonds, with the home diamond for Ward 3's Centennial Little League baseball CONFEDERATION PARK! Most of these kids are not old enough to drive, and transit does not take them there. Adults from our community are going to Airdrie to play.</p> <p>City Council approved TWO athletic facilities in NE Ward 5 in June and opened a third in September! Skyview will get a \$32 million Fieldhouse, and SaddleRidge will get a \$25 million Athletic Park. NW RockyRidge is also getting an athletic park. <b>The City needs to stop approving infrastructure based on quadrants of the city!</b></p>	
	<p>As part of the redevelopment of Harvest Hills Golf Course, a tennis court recently opened in the area but this map shows another example of the City not developing complete and sustainable communities.</p>	<p><b>OUTDOOR BASEBALL, BASKETBALL &amp; TENNIS IN NORTH CALGARY (2014)</b></p> 	
		<p><b>Recreation shortfalls in Ward 3</b></p> <p>As mentioned, the lack of ice rinks fails to meet the City of Calgary's own report. But the shortfall exists with all sports. The diamonds at Confederation Park that Centennial Baseball uses are actually designated to a different division because there are no suitable diamonds within their boundary. Centennial has been pursuing the opportunity for a diamond closer to home for years with no success dealing with the City. Hilltoppers Football was able to secure land that many wanted, on a year to year basis.</p> <p>A number of reports have been done reflecting the needs for the area including: the 2010 Recreation Amenities Gap Analysis, Creating Space for Strength Study of North Central Calgary 2013, and the City Of Calgary Community Needs and Preferences Research 2016 yet they are all ignored. Why is that?</p> <p>The City is 10 years overdue developing City owned Aurora and has chosen to develop Stoney Industrial in favour of land developers, instead of doing what is best for the community. An Athletic Park that preserves the history and ecology in the Nose Creek Valley, and does not significantly increase traffic volumes, is far better for everyone. How does City Council approve more development without providing communities with the infrastructure, programs and services to be strong and sustainable?</p>	

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		<div data-bbox="654 464 1294 827"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Community Centre locations</h3> <p>Ward 3 lacks meeting space. Hidden Valley has their Hut for small gatherings, but we generally count on community churches, Vivo (which has very little space and is generally booked solid), or even a local bar for meetings, and there is certainly nowhere for a political event, wedding, or meeting larger than about 25 people. How does the City continue to build, build and build without creating a sustainable COMMUNITY? Local politicians are challenged to even find office space.</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="654 833 1294 1192"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Existing traffic on Country Hills Blvd</h3> <p>We challenged the data that the City was using for traffic during the Harvest Hills Golf Course process as we felt it was already at capacity. The redevelopment will add up to 3000 more people to our communities.</p> <p>During the process, we learned the City was adding traffic signals on this hill, as you can see in this photo. This hill is regularly impassable in the winter, so adding traffic signals part way up the hill has had horrible results on traffic. Building bus barns off 14th Street increased the problem.</p> <p>Subsequently, City Council approved development of Stoney Industrial north of this intersection last year with no community involvement.</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="654 1199 1294 1562"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Former Harvest Hills Golf Course</h3> <p>Over 1000 volunteer hours was put into this Land Use change demonstrating it did not meet the requirements of the MDP and other city policies but it was approved anyways, without any increase to community infrastructure to support the growth. We could talk for a long time about what it was like dealing with the City including city planners arguing and ethics complaints.</p>  </div>	
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vacant land</b></p> <p>Aerial view of Vivo and Notre Dame High School with all the available land around it. The land directly east of the Vivo parking lot is designated to the CSSD for a school for life, and that is a problem for communities that could use this land for other purposes.</p> <p>The land in the southeast corner is designated AHS land for a 24 hour health centre approved in 2005 by the Alberta Government and still not built.</p> 	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vacant school sites</b></p>  <p>Schools - After 25 years, finally getting the schools we need, but Harvest Hills and Country Hills still lack schools, and the planned one has again been removed from the CBE Capital Plan, but the City approved adding 3000 more people to the community. <b>Do people come first or developers?</b></p> <p>This is one of two sites for the school for this community, but it is also land that could be used for off leash parks, a community centre, an Athletic Park, or many other options because both sites will not be used.</p>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Calgary Off Leash Dog Areas</b></p>  <p>How is it that Calgary has 150 dog parks, but none within the Northern Hills? There are 3 in Sundreans, and 2 within Hidden Valley but residents say the garbage cans get full and stink up the area. The City is evaluating relocating one of them to an unused baseball diamond but looking at the location, I have to wonder if it would meet the needs for Centennial Baseball instead?</p>	



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		<div data-bbox="870 506 1068 537" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Coventry Hills land</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="665 546 862 711" data-label="Text"> <p>More examples of vacant land in our communities. Look at other communities around the city that have 4, 5, or even more dog parks, with 20% of our population. Creating Coventry has been working on a dog park using Provincial land adjacent to Stony Trail but it has been a very long process and still not done.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="878 569 1268 724" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="665 718 867 783" data-label="Text"> <p>Again, why has the north been left out of simple things within our community, and instead have to drive everywhere?</p> </div>	
		<div data-bbox="860 873 1078 903" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Panorama Hills Land</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="673 921 886 1098" data-label="Text"> <p>There is a lot of great vacant land in our communities that could be used for off-leash parks, community infrastructure and useable ball diamonds as examples. There is no inventory list of all the available land.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="914 909 1284 1171" data-label="Image"> </div>	
		<div data-bbox="673 1241 1258 1272" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>AHS land sitting empty 16 years after Urgent Care approved</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="673 1278 963 1558" data-label="Text"> <p>The North Calgary Diagnosis and Treatment Centre is a provincial responsibility originally approved in the 2005 Alberta budget and quietly cancelled later that year. The land is still owned by AHS and sits vacant. The impact of this facility not being built is that residents of north central Calgary are putting wear and tear on Calgary roads having to travel to Foothills Hospital, Lougheed Hospital, or Airdrie for urgent medical service. The wait is so long, that some people drive to Didsbury. You can also expect to wait several weeks to a month for lab tests in North Calgary. Again, the north is forced into their cars for basic services but city politicians keep building.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="967 1383 1284 1562" data-label="Image"> </div>	


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		<div data-bbox="873 873 1065 905" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Creating Coventry</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="662 917 1024 1144" data-label="Image">  </div> <div data-bbox="1040 917 1281 1024" data-label="Text"> <p>When the City of Calgary asked the NHCA that six of its playgrounds would need to be replaced, Marnie McCabe saw a bigger opportunity recognizing that all of Coventry Hills' 14 playgrounds would likely need to be replaced. She wondered what possibilities would open for deeper community engagement and better playgrounds with a community master plan?</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1040 1037 1278 1184" data-label="Text"> <p>Creating Coventry brought together community groups, partner organizations, and municipal stakeholders in a series of engagements to learn more about the residents' hopes and dreams for these green spaces. They found that creating an up-to-date picture of the community's priorities gave decision-makers confidence to support their requests. Having a neighbourhood-endorsed plan in place can also put your community at the top of the list when funding opportunities arise. Moving has done some amazing things for Coventry Hills.</p> </div>	
		<div data-bbox="703 1241 883 1270" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Harvest Hills Hub</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="675 1289 915 1428" data-label="Text"> <p>Similar to Creating Coventry, the Harvest Hills Community Hub Project was the result of another outsized City of Calgary playground resulting in community volunteer efforts working with the NHCA to replace the old equipment. It was not just about replacing the playground, but also about facilitating connections between neighbours to foster a more vibrant, enriched community! It is a grassroots initiative to foster a vibrant and active community hub in Harvest Hills.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="675 1438 911 1509" data-label="Text"> <p>Their dedicated committee fundraised extensively to build a new all-ages playground, add picnic benches and picnic tables, and plant a number of new trees, shrubs, and flowers. Construction was completed in Summer 2019 and the outdoor play hub is now open.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="927 1253 1278 1520" data-label="Image">  </div>	

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		<div data-bbox="678 506 831 535" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Resource Gap</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="678 558 930 678" data-label="Text"> <p>As you can see, there is a lack of medical and social facilities and services in Wards 2 AND 3. With a population exceeding 10% of the population, there are no City or Provincial services available.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="678 688 954 770" data-label="Text"> <p>The NHCA has established a partnership with BowWest Community Resource Centre and Closer to Home so that we can assist our community.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="998 514 1252 550" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>HEALTH AND SOCIAL FACILITIES IN CALGARY (2014)</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="998 550 1252 829" data-label="Figure"> </div> <div data-bbox="901 875 1044 903" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Deerfoot Trail</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="678 924 938 1094" data-label="Text"> <p>The Alberta Government is tendering a number of improvements to Deerfoot Trail but it appears the long-overdue widening of the northbound lanes connecting the on-ramp from McKnight Blvd to the off-ramp of 64th Avenue is missing. At the last open house, the city said it is #1 but waiting for provincial funding and they are well aware of the short 120m connection that would increase traffic flow significantly. Listening to daily traffic reports, it has consistently been the one rush hour bottleneck both pre-pandemic and throughout it.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="678 1104 946 1167" data-label="Text"> <p>It appears the majority of improvements will be in Southeast Calgary, where the Greenline is also being built. Again, why is North Central Calgary so ignored??</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1039 909 1263 1182" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="776 1224 1170 1253" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Police Services, Blockwatch and Bylaw</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="669 1268 1279 1367" data-label="Text"> <p>Back around 2014, Coventry Hills was fed up with crime and tried several community based initiatives to address it because the police did not have the resources. Eventually, a grassroots blockwatch type program joined up with the Northern Hills Community Association to gain credibility and recognition from politicians, the FCC and the Calgary Police Service. While there was hesitation at first, the program has now grown to communities across the city, still facilitated by volunteers from the Northern Hills. We have seen REAL reductions in crime as a result, but we need more police on the street supporting the program.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="669 1373 1282 1486" data-label="Text"> <p>For example, a call to police at 4pm on a weekday regarding a possible crime in progress, was never responded to, even though it was occurring blocks from the District 7 office and multiple police cars drove by the scene. There are complaints from Ward 3 communities about property crime, car prowling, porch pirates and smashed bus shelters with little action or concern from CPS, likely due to a lack of resources. It is great to build statistics of crime, but we need officers to respond. It would also be great for politicians to recognize the grassroots Blockwatch effort and to support it. We would love to see Blockwatch stickers on homes or Blockwatch signs in neighbourhoods like there was many years ago.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="669 1493 1279 1526" data-label="Text"> <p>There are also complaints that 311 is unresponsive on bylaw complaints, such as all those signs cluttering our roadways, including illegal election signs, as well as many of the Good Neighbour bylaws.</p> </div>	
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Living</b></p> <p>City Council elected to lower residential speed limits for safety even though the majority of incidents do not occur in residential communities. This was like putting a bandage on a headache. No action has been done at busy crossings by adding lighted crosswalks, which is what residents have repeatedly asked for. One example is Hidden Valley Blvd/Hidden Park/Hidden Green - major pedestrian crossing that is blinded in morning sun heading eastbound. The road is curved so drivers cannot see the whole crosswalk creating a hazard that resulted in a hit and run a few years ago. Another example is Coventry Hills Blvd at Coventry Way which is a challenging intersection for pedestrians and vehicles alike due to speed variances and volume of traffic.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bike and pedestrian paths that do not connect</b></p> <p>Ward 3 lacks connections to get places. There are crosswalks at Shaganappi Trail and Country Hills Blvd but no sidewalks connecting to them. There are no sidewalks through the adjacent dog park nor a connection to Macewan where there are no dog parks. Hidden Valley has no connection to the neighbouring Co-op.</p> <p>In Coventry Hills, a paved pathway runs between Coventry Drive and Coventry Hills Way, and then ends, with no paved connection between north and south Coventry Hills Way, even though this pathway is adjacent to two schools and parks. There is also no sidewalk on the north side of Country Hills Blvd from Coventry to the District (14th Street NE) even though the north side is where the sidewalk crosses Deerfoot and there is a bus stop on that side.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections off the island....</b></p> <p>Airdrie wants to build a pathway from Airdrie to Calgary through the Nose Creek Valley. The maps show that there are gaps at both Country Hills Blvd and 96th Ave, another example of how our communities are cut off from the rest of the city requiring people to trespass on the rail right of way in order to connect to the Confluence Park pathways.</p> 	
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City Council spends everywhere else.....</b></p> <p>City Council continues to invest in other communities and wards, and trying to convince Calgarians to go downtown. In addition to the \$1 billion that city council recently committed to downtown, in recent years they have spent over \$1.7 billion in pursuit of this goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$436M New Central library and National Music Centre</li> <li>\$396M East Village and development programs</li> <li>\$206M Bus Rapid Transit system mostly to improve downtown accessibility</li> <li>\$183M 7th Ave Downtown Transit Corridor Enhancements,</li> <li>\$60M Stampede LRT Station redevelopment</li> <li>\$45M St. Patrick's Island redevelopment</li> <li>\$44M 17th Ave SW infrastructure improvement for future development</li> <li>\$25M Peace Bridge</li> <li>\$25M George King Bridge</li> <li>\$24M Rehabilitation of former Planetarium for public art gallery</li> <li>\$11M West Eau Claire Park</li> <li>\$10M Century Gardens</li> <li>\$287.5M Event Centre</li> </ul> <p>There is no denying some of this spending may have been needed, but so is spending in the communities where people actually live.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Building recreation infrastructure elsewhere</b></p> <p>On June 21, 2021, Council approved the Revised Calgary Recreation Capital Investment Strategy after directing Administration to revise the strategy to address immediate community need by building and renewing facilities filling known gaps in amenities city-wide. The strategy is to leverage available restricted funding to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the service gap for practice and play areas in new and established areas of Calgary</li> <li>• address recreation infrastructure and associated service inefficiencies, and</li> <li>• equitable distribution of in-demand amenities throughout Calgary.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the \$2 million the City of Calgary allocated for a new artificial turf field build in Ward 5's Genesis Centre this year, the following projects were approved, noting two more of them in Ward 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northeast Regional Field House at Skyview Ranch – \$ 32 million</b></li> <li>• <b>Northeast Sports Park in Saddle Ridge – \$ 22 million</b></li> <li>• <b>Northwest Athletic Park in Rocky Ridge – \$ 14 million</b></li> <li>• <b>Southeast air inflated structure (stone) at the Calgary Soccer Center – \$ 6 million</b></li> <li>• <b>Southeast Regional Field House in Belmont – \$ 32 million</b></li> <li>• <b>Refurbishment of Southwest Twin Arena in Glenmore Athletic Park – \$ 45 million</b></li> </ul> <p>Most of the money will come from property developer taxes and the city's municipal reserve fund. What happened to all the property developer taxes from the Cedar Glen redevelopment of Harvest Hills Golf Course and why was there NO benefit for the community they impacted? What about the property developer taxes from The District and Stoney Industrial?</p> <p>How forgotten in North Calgary? According to the Athletic Park Open/Close schedule on Calgary.ca, a North Region does not even exist!</p> <p>If the strategy is to apply <b>CITY WIDE</b>, why does Ward 3 continue to be left behind with Recreation Capital Investment?</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Density, the MDP, and sustainable communities</b></p> <p>Calgarians want to live in complete, sustainable communities. The Municipal Development Plan lays out goals of a prosperous economy, a compact city, great communities, good urban design, connecting the city, greening the city, and managing growth and change. City Council continues to approve development in the Northern Hills area without supporting the community with basic infrastructure and services.</p> <p>One of the core indicators for MDP goals is density, with a goal of 27 people and 18 jobs per hectare. Northern Hills communities already exceed that goal, with 42 per hectare in Coventry Hills and Panorama Hills, and 34 per hectare in Harvest Hills, prior to the redevelopment of the golf course. While the MDP was updated last year to strengthen greening the city and revise the language to support and complete communities and local area planning, Stoney Industrial directly adjacent to our community is going ahead without any community involvement. Why are Calgarians fearful of the Guidebook for Great Communities? Likely due to a lack of trust. I think many community associations have experienced first hand that the City does what it wants, regardless of the impact on the communities.</p> <p>Even with this density, we lack restaurants and pubs, shopping, 24 hour medical services and lab services, schools, dog parks, recreation infrastructure, ice rinks and other recreation infrastructure, city and provincial services such as a public health nurse, social services, youth services, seniors services, and so many other things that make a community strong. <b>What are you going to do to improve North Central Calgary, and specifically, Ward 3?</b></p>	
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		<p><b>IT'S OUR TURN</b></p> <p>In the words of a Hidden Valley resident, "So much emphasis on downtown by City Council yet the burbs have little community engagement. There isn't much community here, even with more young families. The CA (Community Association) seems completely absent. We're like the demographic that the city doesn't care about - average homeowners that don't care about all the bougey stuff in the city. We pay our taxes and go to Costco, and we're not cool and therefore ignored."</p> <p>So much work is put on community associations to make their communities sustainable and without buildings and revenue, we largely count on volunteers who get burnt out and frustrated dealing with the City and providing basic services for their community.</p> <p><b>WHY MUST WE GET IN OUR CARS AND DRIVE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY FOR ALMOST EVERYTHING?</b></p> <p><b>IT'S OUR TURN</b></p>	
	Volunteer Relations Tavis Settles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Alberta grant to support volunteer services</li> </ul>	
	Business Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on sponsorship packages for the new year, so new sponsors can have a calendar of the full year's events with package options</li> <li>• Working on cash-back programs, and looking for new partners for some existing programs</li> <li>• Call for articles for the newsletter, anyone who sends in a letter to get entered for a \$25 gift card to Stampede City carwash</li> <li>• Do we need some paper copies of the newsletter for a couple of key areas? More accessible for seniors etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>			
	Gardens (Amanda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed garden clean up with the help of Leadership class at Nose Creek - willing to help with other events, clean-up etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Northern Hills Connect</b>		<p>Board went in-camera at pm.</p> <p>No In-Camera Necessary</p>	

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<p><b>IN-CAMERA MEETING</b></p>		<p>A Motion to Adjourn was called at 7:51 pm.</p> <p>All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried</p>	
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