



CITY COUNCIL UPDATE 2024

Dear Friends:

As your City Councillor in Ward 13, regularly communicating with residents is of paramount importance to me, and I am pleased to once again provide you with insight and information on what has been going on at City Hall and in our community.

Within City Hall, it's no secret that I have not been pleased with the direction of this City Council. From the continued tax hikes to the ridiculous bag bylaw and the invasive city-wide rezoning, I have voiced my opposition and attempted, and at times succeeded in proposing alternatives. As always, I have appreciated the thousands of emails and messages from residents that have helped guide my thinking and develop my position on these and many other important issues. Throughout this newsletter, I have specified my voting record on key issues and the reasoning behind how I voted on these issues.

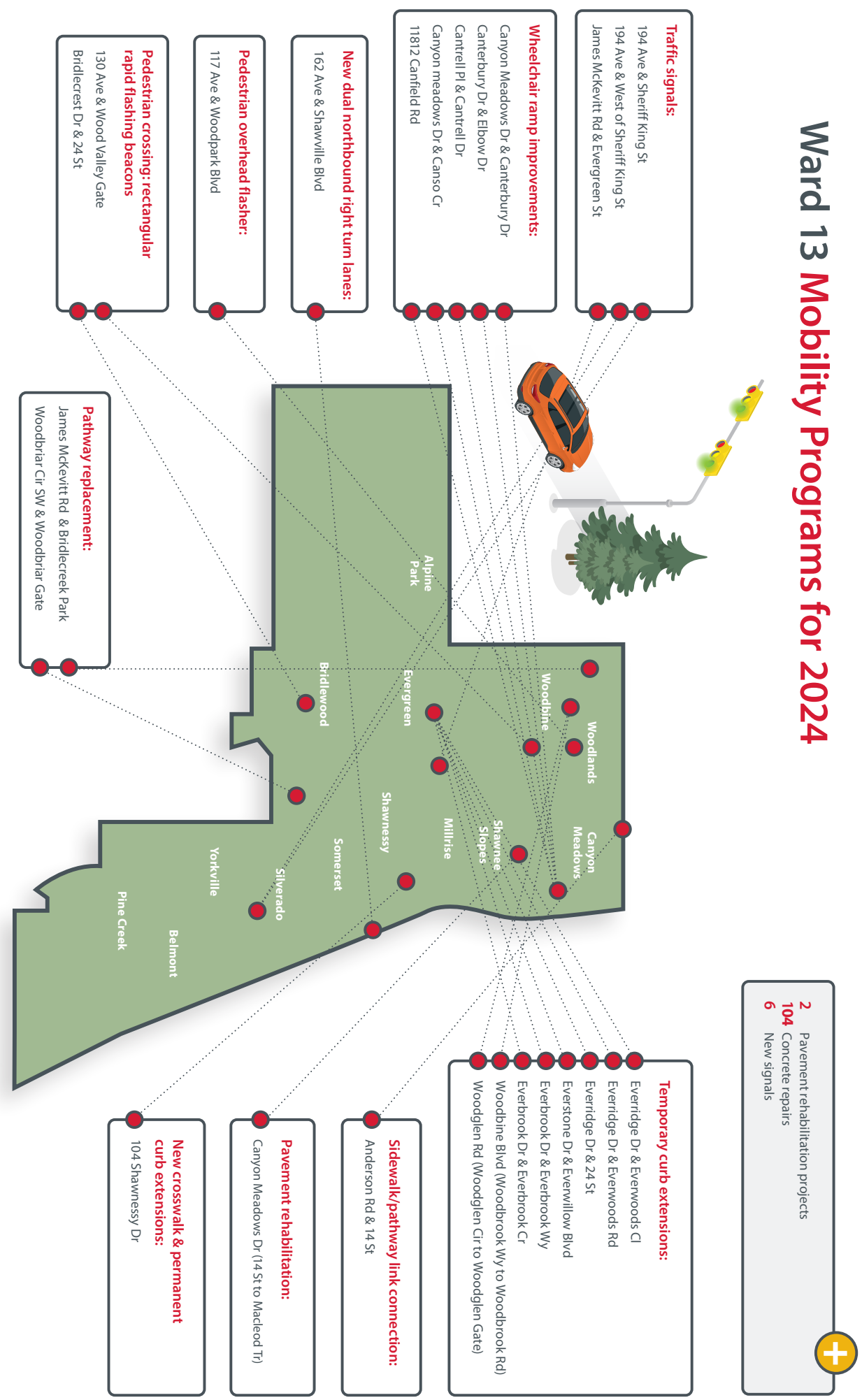
I am very pleased with the progress we are making on projects within our Ward 13 communities. We have made dozens of safety improvements to our streets and are continuing to work on more. Progress continues on the new Belmont Field House and a new fire station that will service the Silverado, Belmont, and area communities. I also hear from residents that we need to do more to fill potholes and improve the quality of our city roadways. I'll continue working on these issues, and as always, please continue to share your views and let me know how we can continue to work together to improve our communities.

Best Regards,
Dan McLean
City Councillor – Ward 13

- Get involved in your community by joining your local community association:
- Evergreen Community Association myceca.ca
 - Canyon Meadows Community Association cmca.ca
 - Millrise Community Association millrise.org
 - Shawnee–Evergreen Community Association shawnee-evergreen.ca
 - Shawnessy Community Association Shawnessy.ca
 - Sommerset–Bridlewood Community Association mysbca.ca
 - Silverado Community Association silveradoca.ca
 - Woodcreek Community Association woodcreekcommunity.ca

Councillor Dan McLean
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**STAMPEDE
BREAKFAST**
SATURDAY JULY 13 9:00-11:00
CARDEL REC CENTRE

Ward 13 Mobility Programs for 2024

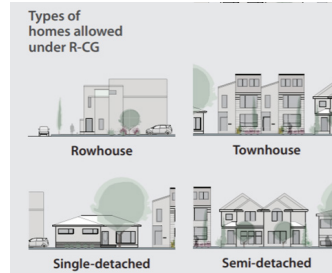


COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTING RECORD

BLANKET UPZONING

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

Council voted 9-6 to approve the land-use amendment, rezoning properties currently zoned as R-C1 districts, which only permit single-detached homes, to R-CG, permitting townhomes and multiplexes. I opposed this decision because, following a three-week public hearing, 80% of Calgarians who provided input were in opposition. I aligned with the concerns of residents who opposed this policy due to the removal of public input, the over-densification of single-family communities, and the alteration of the character of these neighborhoods.



BLANKET UPZONING PLEBISCITE

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: YES ✅ **COUNCIL DECISION:** DEFEATED

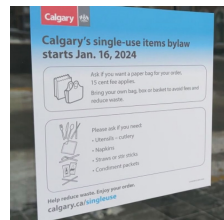
I proposed a Notice of Motion to hold a city-wide plebiscite on the blanket upzoning of our city. I believed that this policy affects hundreds of thousands of Calgarians, their homes, and their communities. I felt that Calgarians should have a direct voice

through a plebiscite held in conjunction with the next municipal election. However, Council voted down this Notice of Motion by a vote of 6-8.

TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

As part of The Calgary Housing Strategy, an amendment was made to allocate two City-owned sites for the development of an emergency housing program. The aim was to collaborate with modular or pre-fabricated housing providers, social service agencies, and government partners to construct temporary, transitional housing. I opposed this amendment because I believed there should have been more specific outcomes regarding the intended goals of this policy. Additionally, I would have liked more information on the specific locations for the temporary housing, such as Shawnee Slopes, and assurance that neighboring communities would be consulted. Council voted 12-3 in favor of this motion.



SINGLE USE ITEMS BYLAW REPEAL

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: YES ✅ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

Myself and five of my council colleagues proposed a Notice of Motion to repeal the Single Use Items Bylaw that came into effect in January. I opposed the Single Use Items Strategy from the beginning, and I concurred with the vast majority of Calgarians who

believed this bylaw was ineffective, inconvenient, unsanitary, and costly. I was pleased that Council voted 8-7 in favor of this Motion, leading to the full repeal of the bylaw in May.

NON-CITIZENS VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

I opposed a proposal brought to City Council advocating for permitting non-citizens to vote in municipal elections. Many Calgarians who contacted my office strongly opposed this proposal, especially new Canadians who believe that voting is a privilege afforded to citizens. Despite the proposal passing council by a vote of 9-6, I was pleased to learn that the Provincial Government indicated they would not amend provincial legislation to allow non-citizens to vote in municipal elections.



PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

Council approved Budget 2024, which included an 8.6% property tax increase. I opposed the budget and this substantial tax hike. Despite spending significant time debating and discussing our housing affordability issues, I feel Council doesn't understand the correlation between property tax increases and housing affordability. When property taxes rise, it not only impacts businesses and homeowners but also affects commercial tenants and apartment renters, as the increased taxes are often passed on to tenants through higher rent. Calgary has one of the highest inflation rates in Canada, with housing being the largest contributor to this inflation. I believe that Council is exacerbating inflation and housing affordability issues by persistently increasing property taxes, which is why I continue to oppose these tax hikes. Council passed the 8.6% tax increase by a vote of 9-5. I co-sponsored a Motion that requested City Administration to find \$23 million in savings to provide some tax relief; however, Council opposed this Motion by a vote of 7-8.

SALE OF PARK LAND BY GLENMORE LANDING



COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

Nearly 3000 Calgarians provided input to Council on the proposal to sell off parkland by Glenmore Landing, and 99% of this input was in opposition. I opposed this sale because I believe Council should be listening to Calgarians and the communities we represent. However, the Council Committee voted 8-3 in favor of selling off this land for development.

ELECTRIC BUSES

COUNCILLOR MCLEAN'S VOTE: NO ❌ **COUNCIL DECISION:** APPROVED

I remain opposed to the plan for The City to purchase and operate electric buses in Calgary. Council Committee approved this plan back in December 2022 by a vote of 7-1 (I opposed), allocating \$100 million and authorizing borrowing of \$168 million to acquire these buses and construct the necessary charging infrastructure. Council has received updates throughout 2024 regarding the procurement of the buses and infrastructure, and I continue to question administration about the feasibility and reliability of the buses and the overall strategy. In Calgary, our electricity is sourced from natural gas, and I fail to comprehend how it makes sense to invest in expensive electric buses instead of natural gas buses, which the electric buses will charged with electricity generated from natural gas. I have also been following Edmonton's experience of electric buses where they have found that most of their cities electric bus fleet is no long fit to be on the road due to issues related to range, battery life, reliability, durability and a lack of replacement parts.



PRIDDIS SLOUGH UPDATE

Priddis Slough is neither a slough or in Priddis, so I have been working on getting a masterplan developed for this site. This location holds regional significance as the largest natural wetland complex within Calgary. A future park will provide recreational opportunities for people while protecting the natural environment. High level planning is ongoing and the next steps is to engage various parties to see how to move this major project forward.



Funding from the Legacy Parks Program will go towards the development of a concept masterplan to guide park redevelopment. The Legacy Parks Program has estimated \$500K is required to fund the development of the masterplan and they are estimating \$5 Million for construction of this project. Potential amenities may include a nature preserve, walking paths, and a dog park.