



Deputy Mayor Diane with Police Commission Chair Mike Shaikh and Solicitor General Frank Oberle at the 2010 Alberta Association of Police Governance conference.

Proposed Golf Course

The top priority this past month for most residents in Ward 13 has been the proposed redevelopment of the Shawnee Golf Course. I have been working very closely with all of you in trying to understand the nature of this application and the impact it will have on our community. I want to sincerely thank all the key community volunteers and City Administration who have made this a top priority. The plans have finally been released and circulated by the applicant. David Jacobs has been working as a liaison with the Community Association and my Ward 13 Land Use Mobility Advisory Council (LUMAC). David brings a wealth of planning expertise and

community involvement, and we have been fortunate to have him in this role for our community. I would also like to thank Tony Cleveland, who is the Chair of LUMAC, for all his efforts in working with affected communities in handling this application.

The primary role of my office in the past two months has been for Anthony to collect and coordinate all the responses of concerned residents from all across Ward 13 & 14. These phone calls, emails, and letters are being categorized and distributed to the appropriate City departments to ensure the concerns of residents are brought to the forefront. Those who contact us are added to a Shawnee Slopes Golf Course distribution list that helps us coordinate our communication.

I was pleased that the Shawnee/Evergreen Community Association took me up on my suggestion to hold their own community Townhall at the Peace Lutheran Church. I was honoured to participate along with Wilf Richter from the City and members of LUMAC to come and hear the frustration of affected residents and answer questions about the process moving forward. The Townhall was a great opportunity for us to engage, and for the community to chart a course in countering this application. If you have not had the chance to see our video of the event, please take the time and visit my website www.aldermandiane.ca.

There are a number of genuine concerns that have been raised by residents of Ward 13 and 14:

1. The effect this new development will have on existing transportation networks;
2. The establishment of gated communities with their own condominium associations being established within an established community;
3. The effect of the added density in this community and the compounding effect this will have in an already densely populated area;
4. The environmental impact and the loss of a green space that is valued by all Calgarians;
5. The effect on the quality of life for the residents of these communities.