

Diane as Deputy Mayor dropping the puck for the Calgary Hitmen Olympic Torch Relay Celebration



It is time to do something more about the lack of **Snow Removal** on residential streets. Simply put, the citizens I represent expect better. As a member of the Audit Committee, Council approved our Value for Money Audit on the entire City Snow Removal Policy. It will provide a comprehensive review of the snow removal budget and process, and will look at the policies of other Canadian Cities. I hope to serve on the Task Force.

Please email me any ideas or opinions you have on this so they can be included in the Audit.

There was minimal support for my **Winter Tires** motion to look at mandatory use on all vehicles. I learned more about rubber than I ever thought possible! Winter tires are designed to maintain grip, even in freezing cold temperatures. Regular and all-season tires become hard and slippery when the temperature drops. Winter tires are also better able to help vehicles maintain traction, allowing them to come to a stop in less time. Having winter tires does improve safety on the road and I felt it would be valuable to get the discussion going. It was a good debate. We will move forward on looking at winter tires for first responder and emergency vehicles. Go to my website to see the motion and research we did on this issue, and check out my appearance on Alberta Primetime.

http://www.albertaprimetime.com/Segments.aspx?FlashVars=Video/PT_snowTires.flv

There has been recent coverage on a number of **Police Officer Complaints**. As a Police Commissioner for the past two years, one of the key mandates of the Calgary Police Commission (CPC) is police oversight. All complaints against any police officer are taken very seriously and there are a number of rigorous avenues that are undertaken. The Complaint's Director works out of the Police Commission Office, which is an independent arm's length body from the Calgary Police Service (CPS). I also serve on the Complaint's Oversight Committee of the Commission and we review monthly all complaints being investigated by our Complaint's Director. Citizens can call the Director to seek guidance in discussing and/or filing a complaint. The Director also works very closely with the Professional Standards Department of the CPS. Chief Hanson also conducts internal reviews of officer conduct. This is a fair, transparent and timely process that I believe is important for citizens and police officers.

The **Shawnee Golf Course** has been sold and the owners have filed an application with City planners to redevelop the 135 acre site. There are two parts to the application which the City circulated to a number of key community stakeholders in February. This initial circulation included a three week window to give feedback. The City, the Shawnee Evergreen Community Association, and the applicant will be conducting open houses to get feedback. In particular, it is the responsibility of the applicant to conduct several community meetings to seek feedback and address issues that the residents of Ward 13 & 14 may have. This application will have significant impact on all of Ward 13, so it is

important for you to give me your feedback and opinions. There will be plenty of time for everyone to have their say. Please call my office at **403-268-1624** if you have any questions. Go to the website for all documents related to this application. **aldermandiane.ca**