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Southwest Connector Update

At the February 19th meeting of the Transportation, Transit & Parking Committee (TT&P), the Administration presented a work plan and comparison study for 3 options for 37 Street to cross the western Elbow River. I want to sincerely thank the community residents who came to speak to the options presented in the report. Peter Manywounds spoke on behalf of the Tsuu T'ina Nation to reaffirm their commitment to negotiating an option that will benefit The Nation, The City and The Province.

Over the past 30 years, numerous studies have evaluated options for moving traffic in the southwest and they confirmed that a Southwest Connector is an important link in the city's transportation system. Three roadway alignments have been proposed, which will eventually link Glenmore Trail to Highway 22X:

- Extending Sarcee Trail through the Tsuu T'ina Nation to 37 Street and Southland Drive;
- Extending 37 Street across the Glenmore Reservoir to Anderson Road; and
- Extending Crowchild Trail south through Lakeview and cross the Glenmore Reservoir to 37 Street.

On March 4th, Council approved spending \$100,000 to complete an environmental inventory of the Weaselhead area.

On January 23, 2003, City Council met with the Tsuu T'ina Nation Council to discuss The Nation's development plans. At the conclusion, I put forward a motion that was unanimously approved by Council to authorize our Mayor on behalf of Council, to meet with Chief Big Plume and Premier Klein to continue discussions and report back to Council by May 5, 2003. The 37th street alignment options discussed at TT&P will be brought to Council for further discussion concurrent with the Mayor's Report on meetings with the Tsuu T'ina and the Province.

To view the TT&P report and options for the Southwest Connector, visit my website at www.aldermandiane.ca.

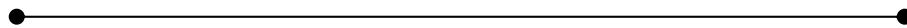
Southwest Community Plan

City Planners and the Advisory Committee have met with the 28 landowners to develop a work program for those lands east of Spruce Meadows. It is anticipated that the Area Structure Plan will be completed and be presented to Council by year end.

Proposed is an employment area adjacent to the Macleod Trail corridor, with the balance of the lands to the west to be general urban (which includes residential and other supporting mixed uses such as commercial, institutional, parks/open spaces and schools). Discussions will continue to develop an interface that will complement Spruce Meadows and protect adjacent wetlands in the context of the 14th Street alignment.

CP Rail's Holiday Train a Huge Success!

The Shawnessy stop of CP Rail's Holiday Train in December was by far the most successful of the 80 stops from Pennsylvania through the Midwest and from Montreal to Vancouver. Over 10,000 people attended Calgary's event. Over 93 tons of food and \$410,000 in cash donations were collected for local food banks. Calgary's success is directly attributed to my request for help being answered by Community Presidents, and the dozens of community volunteers who assisted the Holiday Train staff and thousands of community residents and visitors to the area.



As always, I welcome your comments and input. Feel free to contact me through my website, www.aldermandiane.ca, by email at dcolley@gov.calgary.ab.ca, or by calling my office at 268-1624.