

## **A MESSAGE FROM WARD 3 ALDERMAN JIM STEVENSON – [www.ward3calgary.ca](http://www.ward3calgary.ca)**

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### **AIRPORT TRAIL TUNNEL UPDATE**

My fight to ensure that construction of the new north-south runway at the Calgary International Airport does not proceed without the tunnel underneath to provide an east-west connection on Airport Trail between Stoney Trail and Deerfoot Trail is gaining momentum. A community / business group came together this past month and have formed the Airport Tunnel Action Committee (A.T.A.C.), [www.yestunnel.com](http://www.yestunnel.com). They have been very effective in bringing more public awareness to this important issue and will be instrumental in working with the City, the Federal & Provincial Governments and with the Calgary Airport Authority in the days ahead to make sure the tunnel gets built.

In the Transportation Plan approved by Council in 1995, Airport Trail was classified as an expressway but in the proposed Transportation Plan (being considered by Council in conjunction with the Plan It document on 2009 June 23) Administration had proposed to downgrade it to a major roadway. At the 2009 May 25 Council meeting, my colleagues on Council supported my Notice of Motion and directed Administration to provide wording for an amendment to the proposed Transportation Plan to classify Airport Trail (96<sup>th</sup> Avenue) as an expressway to be brought forward to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> public hearing.

### **PARK & RIDE FEES**

I put forward a Notice of Motion to Council on May 25<sup>th</sup> asking that the fee for parking at all Calgary Transit Park & Ride stations be reduced from \$3 to \$1 effective immediately. Unfortunately, the Mayor ruled that in order for Council to debate this issue, a motion to reconsider it was required and my motion to reconsider was defeated. I have not given up on getting this fee reduced and am working with my like-minded colleagues on Council on bringing it forward again. I will post updates on the Ward 3 website ([www.ward3calgary.ca](http://www.ward3calgary.ca)) and in my newsletter articles to let you know when we will be bringing it forward again.

[www.calgaryinfrastructure.ca](http://www.calgaryinfrastructure.ca)

The City has just launched a new website, [www.calgaryinfrastructure.ca](http://www.calgaryinfrastructure.ca). This site enables citizens to find out about Calgary's infrastructure projects over the next 3 years. This website shows the projects underway and proposed over the next 3 years and provides detailed information on the financial contributions made by each level of government for each project. With the approval of the 2009 – 2011 business plan and budget, City Council approved more than \$6 billion to fund strategic investments in infrastructure; part of a five year plan that calls for \$7.5 billion in infrastructure spending overall. Take a minute to visit this website. It's easy to navigate and gives you detailed information on new projects in your community. I have posted the link to the Ward 3 website at [www.ward3calgary](http://www.ward3calgary) as well.

### **STAMPEDE BREAKFAST – SUNDAY – JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

I hope you can join me at the Elected Officials Stampede Breakfast this year – it is being held at Cardel Place, 11950 Country Village Link NE on Sunday, July 12 from 8 to 11 a.m. Come on by for a chat and a stack of piping hot pancakes! Hope to see you there!

As always, I welcome your calls and emails so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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