

A MESSAGE FROM WARD 3 ALDERMAN JIM STEVENSON – www.ward3calgary.ca

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DEERFOOT TRAIL WIDENING

Work on widening Deerfoot Trail, Beddington Trail to 64th Avenue NE was somewhat delayed by inclement weather in October but it is still hoped that this section can be completed this season. However a contingency plan for shutting the project down over the winter months is being prepared in case the work is not completed before the ground is frozen. If work does have to cease over the winter, the current traffic pattern will be kept in place. From 64th Avenue to McKnight Boulevard, work on the retaining wall and the concrete culvert extension will start this winter with the road widening to commence in Spring, 2010. Completion of the project is scheduled for July 2010.

96th AVENUE NE WEST OF DEERFOOT TRAIL

Final negotiations for acquisition of all the land required for the section of 96th Avenue west of Deerfoot Trail have been completed and construction on the roadway will begin in the spring.

OVERPASS AT HARVEST HILLS BOULEVARD/CENTRE STREET NORTH AND STONEY TRAIL

The Province has confirmed that they will be letting the contract shortly for construction of the overpass over Stoney Trail at Harvest Hills Boulevard. Construction on the overpass will begin in the spring. I will provide further updates as I receive more information from the Province.

DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF STONEY TRAIL & HARVEST HILLS BOULEVARD

Development plans for the area north of Stoney Trail & Harvest Hills Boulevard are underway which include plans for a future hospital.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY AND SERVICE LEVELS

In September, Administration reported to Council on the results of the 2009 Roads Annual Survey, together with a response to Council's direction to report on potential cost saving methods for snow and ice control including consideration of cross-department training for best use of snow removal equipment and the possibility of cross-department budgeting. The 2009 Survey questions, along with the complete results are available on the Ward 3 website at www.ward3calgary.ca. Basically, the results show that the majority of Calgarians do not want to see a property tax increase to pay for an increased level of snow and ice control measures. I will continue to push for cross-departmental training to ensure optimum utilization of the City's plows and sanders.

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

And from all of here in the Ward 3 Office, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

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