

## **VARSITY CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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Due to a shortage of space in the newsletter, this article will be a brief overview and the full Civic Affairs Report can be found on the Varsity Community Association website, [www.vcacalgary.com](http://www.vcacalgary.com).

### **Housing and Affordability Task Force Recommendations**

Go to [engage.Calgary.ca/HATaskForce](http://engage.Calgary.ca/HATaskForce) to view the recommendations that will be debated by Council in the fall.

### **South Shaganappi Local Area Plan**

The Local Area Plan will provide important future direction for planning and development in our community. More information can be found on the City's website at [engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi](http://engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi).

### **New Parking Permit Fees**

The City has put the new fee structure for residential parking permits on hold temporarily. See the City of Calgary website for more details.

### **Enmax Transmission Line – 53 St & Varsity Est Drive – Request to Maintain Overhead Structures**

Enmax has submitted an application to maintain on a permanent basis the current overhead transmission lines running through Varsity along 53 Street and Varsity Estates Drive. For more information, email [stakeholderrelations@enmax.com](mailto:stakeholderrelations@enmax.com), call 403-514-1471, or go to [enmax.com/varsitynorthwest](http://enmax.com/varsitynorthwest).

### **Playground Review Subcommittee**

Varsity is fortunate to have some great playgrounds, however, a few are in need of updating. If you are interested in serving on a playground subcommittee or would like to bring any existing problems with playgrounds to our attention, please email me. The first meeting of this group will be held in September.

### **Concerns about Nearby Development?**

If you have concerns about development that is proposed near to you, feel free to email me to discuss. We can review the development with you and advise you on the proper procedures to appeal if required.

**University Innovation Quarter (formerly University Research Park)**

The University Innovation Quarter is a 76 acre site north of 32 Avenue, south of Crowchild Trail, and east of 37 Street. Go to [uiqcalgary.com](http://uiqcalgary.com) to view the plans and for more information. The STEM Innovation Academy, a public charter school, opens this fall and we anticipate applications for more charter schools in the SMART Building.

For information regarding the Civic Affairs Committee, please contact JoAnne Atkins, Director of Civic Affairs, at [joanneatkins@shaw.ca](mailto:joanneatkins@shaw.ca).