

VARSIY CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

November 2025

Civic Election

Congratulations to all successful election candidates for City Council and School Boards and thanks to all who put their names forward. Our election forum on October 6 showcased a very talented group of 6 candidates for councillor and we thank them for participating. Thanks to The Sprawl for livestreaming the event.

Jeromy Farkas was elected mayor with former Ward 1 Councillor Sonya Sharp finishing a close second. Kim Tyres was elected as the new Ward 1 Councillor, Jenny Regal was elected as Calgary Board of Education Trustee, and Myra D'Souza was elected as Calgary Catholic School District Trustee. Thanks to all past members of Council for their public service and best wishes to the incoming Council.

Special thanks to Sonya Sharp for her past 4 years of dedicated service to all the residents of Ward 1 and the city at large. Sonya spent many hours researching the issues, attending meetings, working with communities, and advocating on behalf of all Calgarians. Serving on Council entails an incredible amount of work with very long hours and I'm sure all Varsity residents would like to extend their sincere appreciation for her outstanding commitment and representation to Sonya.

Development Permit and Land Use Redesignation Applications in Varsity

We have had a number of development permit and land use redesignation applications in Varsity. If you wish to view the plans for these sites, go to <https://developmentmap.calgary.ca/> and click on the property in question.

132 Varsity Estates Place NW

This is a very controversial application to rezone a property on a cul-de-sac backing onto the golf course to H-GO which is a higher density style of rowhouse. Another meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2025 at 7 pm in the Varsity Hall to review the development permit plans. Additional information can be found on the Varsity Community Association website.

Repeal of Blanket Rezoning

A majority of the new Council elected October 20, 2025 have pledged to repeal blanket rezoning. The process will involve a new public hearing and will take a few months to complete.

Restrictive Covenants

Restrictive Covenants are an agreement between neighbours that limit the type of development that can be built on their properties. More information can be obtained at www.varsityrestrictivecovenant.com.

Playgrounds

This has been on hold due to other pressing issues but I'm hoping to get the committee activated within the next few months. Varsity has 30 playgrounds in need of upgrades.

For information regarding the Civic Affairs Committee, please contact JoAnne Atkins, Director of Civic Affairs, at joanneatkins@shaw.ca. Due to a large number of issues, there may be delays in responding to email inquiries. If you do not hear back from me within a few days, please email again.