



## Ward 3 Update

### Traffic calming study for Mayland Heights

During my campaigning last October, a group of Mayland Heights residents raised concerns about an increase in traffic and speeding in their neighbourhood. Their concerns centered mostly on 19 Street and McKinnon Drive. The group would like the City of Calgary to conduct a traffic calming study for Mayland Heights.

Traffic calming uses several techniques to influence motorist behaviour and to prevent undesirable driving practices. It typically involves physical devices constructed in a roadway such as speed humps, traffic circles, turn prohibition signs, curb extensions and raised crosswalks.

The process for conducting a community traffic study:

- Identify traffic concerns
- Collect and analyze traffic data
- Develop a traffic plan
- Determine community support for the traffic plan
- Implement and monitor traffic calming measures for a trial period
- Review the result at the end of the trial period
- Make the traffic devices permanent or remove them.

I welcome your input or suggestions by contacting my office.

### Incompatible land uses potential for problems

Recently, an issue was brought to my attention. A liquor store was approved next door to a child care facility in a shopping centre. The owner of the child care facility was devastated and contacted me, as her business would be jeopardized by having a liquor store so close by.

The current Land Use Bylaw prohibits a liquor store to be located closer than 300 metres to another liquor store. The same Bylaw also prohibits a liquor store from being any closer than 150 metres to a school, and yet, there is no restriction on the distance for child care facilities.

I presented a motion to Council on December 6, 2004 to have the Land Use Bylaw changed so that child care facilities would be added to the same 150-metre setback as schools. My motion resulted in a tie vote and hence, was not passed. I, however, intend to raise this matter again in Council.

On closing, please contact my office if you have any concerns or issues you would like brought to my attention.

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