



**All Community Associations
Ward 8 office Board Report
April 10, 2026**

PRIORITY ITEMS	
<p>Ward Community Event Fund</p> <p>Spring Clean-up street cleaning</p> <p>Branching out tree program</p> <p>Green Cart compost giveaway</p> <p>Revitalize 8 Street SW Project</p>	<p>Please let our office know of your intentions to apply for the WCEF by filling out our survey: WCEF Ward 8 Intentions Survey</p> <p>The Annual Spring Clean-up program scheduling has been finalized and is set to start Monday, April 20, 2026. Check your address in the lookup form for your scheduled sweep date or visit the Street Sweeping Map. You can also sign up for Street Sweeping alerts which will automatically alert you when your street is going to be swept. 2026 residential sweeping starts April 20</p> <p>The City provides a limited amount of free trees to anyone who signs up, but you must complete the e-learning module before applying. S.W. Calgary registration opens Monday, April 27 at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Complimentary compost is available to Calgary residents to be used in yards and gardens. The compost is produced from food scraps and yard waste collected through the Green Cart program. The next registration times will go live on April 28 and May 12 at 8am.</p> <p>“Crews plan to continue hydrovac work between 5-8 Avenue S.W. over the next several weeks, and mobilization on the northwest side of 8 Street S.W. begins this month to start work on the pathway improvements. For more detailed information about this work, view our construction timetable.”</p>
Council Updates	
<p>Council approves Repeal of Blanket Rezoning (Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 Amendments Implementing Citywide Residential Rezoning)</p>	<p>Updates: Understanding the proposed citywide zoning change</p> <p>This was indeed a very tough decision, and my mind was not made up until the morning of our final vote. I will fully admit to struggling with the decision and being emotionally drained in the subsequent days. I've listed a few links below that will help explain my thinking on this subject and I'll try my best to explain my thoughts today in the parts below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouTube link of my debate prior to the vote on the motion: https://youtu.be/qpNfA6ZNGnE • Blog post at the beginning of the hearing: City-Wide Zoning - Where We Are • Blog post at the conclusion of the hearing: Rezoning Public Hearing: Thank You For Showing Up <p>Now some current thoughts: My vote wasn't a recognition that the policy was working in its current form and wasn't an endorsement of the policy. Improvements and changes were needed, but I there was a better way where we could address all sides more efficiently without a full repeal.</p>



	<p>I'm very much a process thinker which is both a curse and a blessing from my legal training. We tracked every speaker and every email we received and collected not only the yes/no answers but also the content.</p> <p>The results of that showed us that there was general agreement we need to grow differently and find opportunities everywhere. Me and my team identified the concerns and also the solutions. In looking at both, we determined many of those concerns could be addressed by changes outside of land use and that procedurally we could get that done faster without a full repeal.</p> <p>Another important aspect was the feedback we received from all areas of the Ward. Notably, communities such as Beltline, Erlton, Currie Barracks, Shaganappi, Rosscarrock, Killarney, Sunalta, South Calgary, Marda Loop, Lincoln Park, Lower Mount Royal, and Bankview, were either supportive of the current policy, wanted a replacement option, or had lower overall engagement levels related to the final outcome. That is not to say there weren't members of these communities (including members of some of the community associations) opposed to the policy, but that overall opinion was different in these places.</p> <p>There was also a notable deviation in support and opposition between age groups and home ownership status. Rental groups, student groups, younger Calgarians, and others had compelling submissions about the barriers they face finding a place to live in Calgary. There were strong arguments and significant input from both sides. This weighed heavily on my mind as I reached my final vote and how I ultimately decided that we could make changes now that addressed concerns and maintained our momentum in providing more housing options for all Calgarians.</p> <p>However, the vote has happened, and we now have a clean slate with the chance to build back better.</p> <p>What I can promise moving forward is that we will not be shying away from showing up and being present for everything in the Ward. Engagement continues to be our main priority. I'm fully aware I'll need to do hard work to continue to build trust and want to acknowledge that with you directly because of your willingness to communicate with us. I recognize a cooling off period and some repairing of relationships will be necessary. I'm here to do that whenever the time is right for you and many others.</p> <p>So with that, the lines of communication are open, and I look forward to being able to work together as we move forward.</p>
Hot topics in the Ward 8 office	
	(none)
Engagement Opportunities	
2027-2030 Business Plans and Budgets Engage	<p>“Every four years, The City creates a budget that guides how we deliver services Calgarians use every day. We are now building the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, and we want to hear from you.”</p>
What’s happening in Ward 8	
Ward 8 Date with Nate	We are working on our next one! Details to come soon.
Ward Office activities	Ward 8 Events
Add your event here.	Let me know if you would like to have your event put in this section for other CAs to see.



<p>Invite us!</p>	<p>We will have fun things from City departments and from our office to bring. We will also volunteer if extra help is needed.</p>
<p>Grants & Opportunities</p>	
<p>WCEF</p> <p>Atco</p>	<p>Ward Community Event Fund (calgary.ca)</p> <p>They can help with community events by offering use of equipment: Community Equipment Program - https://communityequipment.atco.com/</p>
<p>Other</p>	
<p>Follow Cllr. Schmidt on social media:</p> <p>Sign up for our Newsletter: City Newsletter content:</p>	<p>Nathaniel Schmidt Ward 8 City Councillor (@natefor8) • Instagram photos and videos Nathaniel Schmidt Facebook Nathaniel Schmidt LinkedIn Nathaniel Schmidt - Ward 8 City Councillor (@nate_for_8) / X Nathaniel Schmidt Ward 8 City Councillor (@natefor8.bsky.social) — Bluesky Nathaniel Schmidt Ward 8 City Councillor (@natefor8) • Threads, Say more</p> <p>Stay connected City content for community newsletters (calgary.ca)</p>
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