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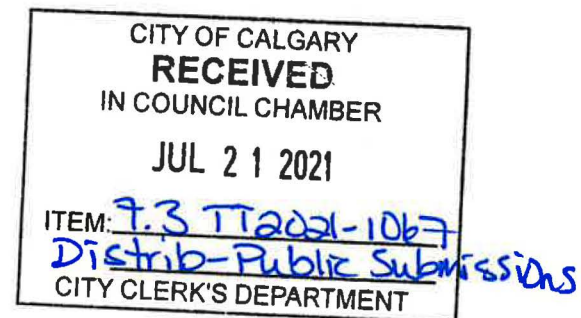
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Transportation & Transit Item 7.3 Crescent Road - Today & Tomorrow
Date of meeting	Jul 21, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please understand that the current road closure has not been successful in addressing issues. It has simply moved the issues to nearby streets within the Crescent Heights community. Details are in the attached letter.



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To: Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit

Re: Input for Crescent Road – Today and Tomorrow Agenda Item

As a long-time resident of Crescent Heights, I want to advise you of the negative impact of the Crescent Road Closure to residents living nearby the closed road.

From my home at the corner of 7 Ave NW and Centre A St NW I am seeing and experiencing a dramatic increase of the following while Crescent Rd is closed:

- Centre A St NW between 7 Ave NW and Crescent Rd has become a very busy street with vehicles travelling at high speeds as they move both to and from the 100 block of Crescent Rd;
- 7 Ave NW is a very busy street with vehicles entering from and leaving to Centre Street;
- cars frequently rev their engines, brake hard and accelerate from the stop sign at Centre A Street onto 7 Ave NW in both directions;
- afternoons, evenings, and weekends, when it is not raining, we are not able to sit in our back yard nor front yard and have a conversation nor are we able to sleep with windows open because of the noise from the many fast travelling vehicles, specifically the cars with tuned mufflers, the loud music being emitted from cars, and the loud motorcycles.

Quite frankly, the current situation is not tolerable.

If any portion of Crescent Road is to be closed permanently then the impact to the adjacent streets must be considered, and work done to ensure that the Crescent Rd issues are not simply moved elsewhere in the community. The permanent closure of the residential Avenues at Centre Street could address the issues that have moved from Crescent Rd.

Also, it is not at all clear where motorists from outside of Crescent Heights wanting to visit Crescent Park or to enjoy the 'promenade' created by the Crescent Road closure are to park. No parking signs have been placed all around the park and on all streets perpendicular to the closed road. Shamefully there is not even handicap parking. Once again, the burden is pushed to the neighbouring residential streets.

As work/ design continues to address the issues on Crescent Road, it is paramount that you ensure that changes benefit the entire Crescent Heights community and make a welcoming destination for all Calgarians and tourists to enjoy. With this year's closure, the primary benefactors from the road closure are the residents in the 200 and 400 blocks of Crescent Road, as well as in the 700 block of 2 St NW. And it is at significant cost to their nearby neighbours.

Respectfully,

Lois Petherick

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First name (required) **Brian**

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) **July 21, 2021 SPC on Transportation and Transit - agenda item 7.3 - Crescen**

Date of meeting **Jul 21, 2021**

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We were advised of this meeting and item on day ago. We cannot attend because we are away on vacation. We are homeowners on Crescent Road (646 Crescent Road NW) firmly opposed to the road closure - now and in the future - orchestrated by a self interested minority of residents and idealistic bureaucrats without consultation of the broader community. You know, the hundreds of thousands of Calgarians and visitors who come BY CAR from all corners of the city to enjoy the views. Today, thanks to a minority of elitist local residents and ideologically driven bureaucrats, the road has become, effectively, a "gated community" for a few privileged residents of our city - see letter below to the Calgary Herald from someone outside of the community for reference. This is a wrong and impractical solution. The correct solution is to leave Crescent Road fully accessible for all car traffic, with adequate parking for both residents and visitors (residents on the north side, visitors on the south side) and strict consistent enforcement of bad behaviour.

Mchugh Bluff Park for members only?

Calgary Herald July 14, 2021

I got a first-hand look at the elitism that afflicts some of Calgary's wealthier citizens. I thought it might be nice to take my grandsons for a picnic in Mchugh Bluff Park in Crescent Heights. The city has recently turned the area around Crescent Road into a gated "members only" community with barricades and No Parking signs. Two-year-old children do not ride bikes or want to walk two kilometres. If these people want the City of Calgary to operate a gated community, I suggest they pay for the privi-



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lege. Perhaps a 200 to 300 per cent increase to their property taxes might be a start.
Douglas Grant Hittel, Calgary



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First name (required) Barbara

Last name (required) Surplus

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) 7.3. Crescent Road – Today and Tomorrow (Verbal), TT2021-1067

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Crescent Rd should NOT be closed permanently to traffic. This is a public thoroughfare paid for by public funds and a closure will only be to the benefit of a select few. Those advocating for this closure DO NOT represent or speak for the majority of CH residents and their voices should not weigh more heavily than what is best for the rest of the community which has also been negatively affected by this closure. It is simply spreading the problems to other streets. What needs to be done is to actually FIX the problems of reckless driving, drug dealing, late-night partying, etc. by instituting a plan to reshape Crescent Rd and to initiate a policing program which will deter these events from occurring on a regular basis. Chicanes and other permanent road structures should be considered to drastically reduce traffic issues, and police/bylaw officers should be engaged on a regular basis to discourage the negative societal issues prevalent in the community. Simply closing Crescent Rd while not addressing the other issues WILL NOT SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. Thank you.

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First name (required) Doug

Last name (required) Mills

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Committee Meeting for Transportation and Transit -Crescent Road traffic

Date of meeting Jul 21, 2021

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"My wife and I reside on the 500 block of Crescent Road NW. I have a history on this street dating back to 1962 as I grew up in the house we now own. We support the current closure of the portion of the road east of 4th St. NE as, so far, it has largely resolved the racing cars and motorcycles, tailgate parties and drug deals that were causing a major disturbance to the residents of our 500 block. While initially concerned that not closing the 500 block would simply amplify our problem, the closure effected to the east of us has greatly reduced the problems and we are again seeing pedestrians, cyclists and children enjoying the promenade instead of the problems. We are hopeful that this will continue and that further measures may not require road closures in our block as well. To the extent that more controls are required, perhaps resident parking zones might be implemented as they once were. I believe that my neighbours in the 500 block are very willing to engage in support of a process to find the right answer. I would have liked to speak to this in person at the meeting but unfortunately will be out of town when it takes place. Our thanks to the City and in particular Ms. Glowacz for her continuing work on these issues.

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Public hearing item (required -
max 75 characters) July 21 transport committee hearing

Date of meeting Jul 21, 2021

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I fully support the Crescent Height road closure. The ridge cannot support the volume, attention, and misuse within a residential district without supporting infrastructure such as safe parking, facilities, enforcement of law. Motorcycles on pedestrian paths, noise at all hours, disrespect of private property and criminal activity within a once peaceful domain is intolerable for residents. The crescent closure is a blessing to enable healthy park use, safe children activities, and the same public to enjoy. Parking should be moved to the impark below the hill to attract people who respect the park. The current closure is amazing and should be upheld. With restricted enforcement resources or ambitions I believe the closure is the only option to preserve a beautiful city asset that has become the hangout for illegal behavior.

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Phil

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July 21 Committee Meeting Transportation and Transit -Crescent Road Closure

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I am strongly in support of the closure of Crescent Road to motor traffic. I live nearby in Rosedale, and have noted the very substantial reduction to litter, noise, and inappropriate behaviour, every time the road is closed. As a consequence the road becomes another attractive park in Calgary. I would support either a full summer closure, or a closure on weekends.



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First name (required) Angela

Last name (required) Ng

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Public hearing item (required -
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I believe Crescent Road belongs to all of the City of Calgary to enjoy. HOWEVER, the disruptive, illegal and dangerous behaviour that occurs either on Crescent Road, or roads leading to it has made peace and safety a concern for the residents that live in the area. The parties and loud cars in the wee hours of the morning are concerning whereby our family must move to the basement to sleep, or wear earplugs. Litter such as discarded liquor bottles and cannabis canisters around the neighbourhood also point to consumption in our residential area and oftentimes, our family witnesses parked cars full of individuals consuming such items prior to driving away. The most concerning issue for our young family are the speeding, or often, racing vehicles either on Crescent Road, or on surrounding roads leading to it. The park is accessed by many families and there have been several instances of 'near miss' pedestrian or bicycle accidents by speeding vehicles or motorcycles. The current closure of Crescent Road has reduced all of the peace and safety concerns listed above. With Crescent Road being a 'promenade' during the summer months, safe streets have returned for all of Calgary to enjoy Crescent Park.

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First name (required) Angela

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Crescent Road draws many vehicles to the area; notwithstanding whether the road is open to vehicles or closed to vehicles. To ensure the safety of all users (vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles), traffic calming measures are a necessity. There are too many speeding vehicles/motorcycles and no enforcement of the speed limits. There have been too many 'near miss' accidents including cars, bicycles and pedestrians due to speed or reckless driving (stunting). Speed bumps, increased stop signs etc would be a first step. Whether Crescent Road is open to vehicles or closed to vehicles, there are impacts to surrounding avenues and streets, including speeding and illegal parking. A full traffic study would likely indicate the need for traffic calming on Crescent Road and many avenues and streets that lead to Crescent Road.



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First name (required) Elizabeth

Last name (required) Whitsitt

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) City council mtg wrt closure of crescent road

Date of meeting Jul 21, 2021

Dear Councillors, citizens and neighbours,

First, let me say that I appreciate the opportunity to provide some feedback on the closure of Crescent Road. My family and I are also incredibly grateful to those who have worked so hard to create this safe community space.

I am in favour of this closure and support its continued closure - especially during the spring/summer season.

I have lived in Rosedale for 15 yrs. I love this area of the city; it has so much history, beautiful views, and wonderful green spaces. But, until the past couple of years, crescent road and the spaces abutting it were not safe - a reality that negatively impacted everyone's use of the space.

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The past couple of summers have been wonderful. Children ride their bikes with ease. I even had the magical experience of seeing a dad teaching his young son to ride his bike on the street not that long ago. Families, friends, neighbours and visitors can be seen skateboarding, scooting, and walking together. We frequently see and interact with neighbours that we never saw before. Recently I was able to take my daughter to a concert hosted by my neighbours on their front lawn, and the other morning my daughter and I played an outdoor game of Jenga to start our day. We have loved all of this! For the first time in 15 years. I feel like we're part of a community!

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I know that I have neighbours who do not agree, and I respect their views. I realize that closure presents certain challenges - traffic and parking move to other streets, accessibility issues for those on the crescent. Our particular location means that we see more parking on our street, but I will happily deal with that to facilitate this community space. It's been amazing!

Thanks for your time and consideration.



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First name (required) Nancy and Mike

Last name (required) Weedle

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Crescent Road closure

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The traffic issue of Rosedale and Crescent Heights should be studied at length before any permanent changes are made to Crescent Road NW. It would be foolhardy to close Crescent Road NW permanently without addressing the traffic issues through the entire community. The current closure of Crescent Road NW has put more pressure on Alexander Cres. NW. The city should be directing traffic onto 13th Avenue NW which is the main conduit through the community. As a result, we do NOT support the closure of Crescent Road NW permanently. The closing of one road pushes the problem of increased traffic onto other roads. Alexander Crescent NW residents have experienced a substantial increase in traffic from residents and visitors who formerly use Crescent Road. Because of the closure of Crescent Road, Alexander Crescent has more vehicular traffic, more loud motorcycle traffic and more vehicles travelling at unsafe speeds. While Crescent Road NW residents benefit from substantial no traffic noise during the temporary closure, Alexander Cres NW residents (our street run parallel to Crescent Road) have to deal with an inordinate amount of increased traffic. This has substantially decreased our enjoyment of the outdoor use of our yards and property due to increased noise, exhaust and unsafe speeds of drivers. If the city is truly attempting to make our community more 'liveable' by the closure of portions of Crescent Road, then listen to residents concerns, address our concerns and make a plan that prevents pushing the traffic onto Alexander Cres NW.

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As a family with young children we benefit greatly from having the road closed. However we don't live on Crescent and therefore are not directly affected by not being able to park in front of our home, accept deliveries etc. I would support the majority opinion of the home owners directly affected by the road closure. While we have loved the leisure and safety the closure has provided, I defer to the home owners facing Crescent Road for their input.

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Crescent Heights Road Closure/ Vision (SPC on Transportation and Transit)

Date of meeting

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As long-time Crescent Heights residents, we thank you for this opportunity to express our views. Please see the attached letter. In summary - we support the following: 1) Re-opening all of Crescent Road for vehicles with the exception of perhaps one thoughtfully selected block - reserved and designed for special (community and beyond) events/activations. 2) A thoughtful, easy-access parking plan, designed to accommodate visitors. 3) A plan to address issues of disrespectful/unlawful behaviour, employing alternatives (to closure) such as increased bylaw /police officer and security presence, monitored CCTV, and on-the-spot ticketing... this, while educating the public and enabling an accessible, fun, safe and family-friendly space. We believe a partial (one block) closure (south of the park) could offer a middle way through this contentious issue; it could be interesting and fruitful to explore this, initially perhaps through experimental weekend closures, provided adequate parking is assigned (and clearly marked) nearby. Thank you.

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Re: Crescent Road Closure

Dear Members of Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our views. As long time (25+ yr.) residents of Crescent Heights, we live a few blocks north of Crescent Road. In pleasant weather, we visit the road virtually every day, walking or biking, and over the winter months we enjoy strolling, when possible, or taking in the city view/lights from our vehicle.

We wish to please express our **support for:** 1) re-opening all of Crescent Road for vehicles with the exception of perhaps one thoughtfully selected block - reserved and designed for special (community and beyond) events/activations. 2) A thoughtful, easy-access parking plan designed to accommodate visitors. 3) A plan to address issues of disrespectful/unlawful behaviour, employing alternatives (to closure) *such as* increased bylaw /police officer and security presence, monitored CCTV, and on-the-spot ticketing... this, while educating, and enabling an accessible, fun, safe and family-friendly space.

Crescent Road is an absolute treasure; With access to the bluffs, the amazing skyline and lights - it encourages citizens from all over the city to connect, spend time outdoors, and create priceless memories. It is only fair to acknowledge that, as local residents, we do not have exclusive ownership over this road. While a public attraction of this kind is also, unfortunately, bound to attract some troublesome behaviour - we support finding ways to address these difficulties without having to impose restrictions that unfairly deny access for the good majority.

We respect that this closure briefly served a pandemic-distancing function, however it seems to have been quickly re-imposed as a solution to deal with the aforementioned bad behaviour. We would like to please assert that blocking the road - *and erecting barriers at the entrance to every access street* - is very prohibitive and punitive to the public at large and does nothing to specifically deal with resident complaints (noise, littering, speeding, lawlessness) only pushing these issues elsewhere while creating new problems of parking and access.

Those in favour of permanent closure may argue that a closed road becomes a “place where individuals and families from all around can enjoy a peaceful stroll,” yet in reality - this experience isn't readily available to those outside our immediate community, given the numerous no-parking signs that seem to have eliminated the few previously available parking zones. We've watched folks in vehicles struggle as they seek a way to approach,

only to give up and drive away. It doesn't take much imagination to recognize that gaining close access is awkward or impossible for the elderly or anyone with mobility challenges.

While strolling and biking to Crescent Road is obviously an attractive option (in fair weather -for those who are able) it is not reasonable to expect this in the colder months, especially with ice underfoot. As example, one major pathway providing access (west of the Crescent Heights High School and parking lot) is rarely shovelled and frequently treacherous.

Enjoying Crescent Road during the winter, often therefore requires vehicle access. If closed (entirely) over the winter months, the road could potentially become a dismal, desolate place - not to mention, skyline/holiday light viewing (an annual tradition for many) would be reserved for the select few who live on, or very close to the road.

Lastly, the idea of partial closure - for example, the one block running south of the park - might serve as a 'middle way' through this contentious issue. Pandemic-permitting, our very vibrant community association (CHCA) could activate a variety of appealing and exciting events on - or near - this stretch of road. Perhaps before making anything permanent, this could be tested during a series of weekend block closures. It would be important to take into consideration that *when open*, this particular stretch of Crescent Road, typically enables 2 hour parking for approx. 30 or more vehicles. Therefore it would be important to relocate this parking availability nearby, so that people outside the immediate area are able to gain easy access. Some overall advantages: Having one block closed might naturally slow vehicle traffic by re-routing. It would allow a place for folks to gather and stroll in peace without residents unfairly laying claim to the entire road. Events designed to selectively attract more people to the area, as well as bringing more 'eyes' to the area, may also help us procure the patrolling /policing measures required for the entire length of road.

In closing, if we have learned anything from this pandemic - it is the need for us to overcome any self-serving inclinations and to operate instead, from a place of generosity and interconnectedness. Let's please continue to openly share this city jewel with our fellow-citizens as we press for solutions to help minimize troublesome and/or illegal behaviour.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

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First name (required) Laura

Last name (required) Merlo

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Committee Meeting Transportation and Transit - Crescent Road Closure

Date of meeting Jul 21, 2021

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I am a resident of Crescent Heights and live close to Crescent Road. I have always enjoyed the views, access to the park and pathways that living in the area provides. I enjoy seeing the fitness activities and photo taking that fellow Calgarians enjoy in the area as well. The concern is that the area has given priority to cars over pedestrians and positive recreation. Crescent Road has become a gathering place for late night parties, racing along the bluff and a host of other negative behaviours which leaves any other Calgarians trying to use the area uncomfortable and some of the residents fearful, with concerns about their safety. Residents have been desperately trying to have additional police presence and parking enforcement to help reduce the negative behaviour with limited to no success. Something needs to be done to permanently reduce the negative behaviour and priority given to cars, while continuing to allow Calgarians to access the park and bluff for positive activities. By closing Crescent Road, our neighbourhood seems to collectively breathe a sign of relief through the reduction of the late night racing and parking directly on the ridge. Children and families enjoy strolling the ridge and using the road for positive recreation. The challenge is that a) we still need designated parking for people to enjoy the bluff and park b) cars continue to park throughout the night at all of the closure points with no enforcement or regular police presence to move late night parties along c) there is no clear traffic flow. My recommendation is to extend Crescent Park to the bluff (b/w 2St & 3st), which would increase our park footprint and green space and stop the negative behaviour that comes with "driving the ridge". It would create a beautiful pedestrian focused park where families and those interested in seeing the views and participating in positive

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recreation could come. We would need to change the flow of traffic (perhaps in areas to one way), narrow the lanes on Crescent to stop it from being a place where people can park to see the views (rather the idea would be to walk / bike to the park) and create enforced parking opportunities (perhaps in the school parking lot after school hours or along the roads or direct cars to memorial parking lot as well). I suggest, that after the closure this is an opportunity to explore. to focus on the positive pedestrian park and recreation experience removing the priority to parked cars and "driving the ridge".



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First name (required) Mike

Last name (required) Macdonald

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Crescent Road Today and Tomorrow

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How can we best make a world class view available not only to the citizens of Calgary but for everyone while at the same time protecting the integrity of our inner city community? I wish I had all the answers but what I do know is the further we separate people from their vehicles the better their behaviour and the easier it is on our community. I think the green line will be a big part of this I envision a Crescent Road that's open to people but closed to vehicles. I believe that the social disorder currently costing the city large amounts of money can be reduced by a re-designed Crescent Rd that breaks it into two separate areas removing the speedway and the bad crowd. This break can be easily achieved by extending the park to the brow of the hill. I further believe there's a very good argument to close the road permanently from the 100 to 500 block. This problem has been a long time building I've been here in the area over 30 years and I've never seen it anywhere near this bad. It started getting bad many years ago when the two communities Rosedale and to a lesser extent Crescent Heights tried to limit cut through traffic by limiting access to the community especially from 16th Ave NW and the other feeder streets. This had the effect of increasing pressure on the remaining access points one of which is Crescent Rd. Many years later this increased pressure plus the discovery of the area by Motorcycle and other vehicle enthusiasts (I cannot use the terms I would like to use for these individuals) changed Crescent Rd into a dangerous speedway and attracted criminal elements. It's not only affects Crescent Road but it also affects the surrounding area. I believe the members of this Committee have access to accurate information in this area so I will not elaborate further.

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When the road was first closed one of my neighbours who does not live on Crescent Road but uses it all the time said "Mike We have our community back I feel safe on the road and I can hear myself think this is what it used to be like and why I moved to the area in the first place".

Calgary has grown a lot in the last 30+ years that I've had the privilege to live in this area and I can't realistically expect things to remain the same increased area usage comes with this growth. This is a good thing we are a vibrant and growing city. But what is not reasonable is the type of social disorder that puts people using the area at risk and does not allow the community to thri