**President’s Update**

**Scenic Acres Canada 150 Day Event**

We received many positive comments and thanks regarding our event on August 26th. We couldn’t have asked for better weather. We started preparing for this event a year ago and intense planning with a small group of volunteers occurred for six months before the date. I want to thank Ike Zacharopoulos for the leadership he provided to this project, to the small, dedicated committee who made it happen and to the hundred or so volunteers who contributed to executing all the activities. I can’t express my thanks enough; it takes special people to demonstrate this high level of dedication.

**Scurfield Drive Fire**

Our Scenic Acres neighbours experienced a tragic event on August 27th with the destruction of two homes on Scurfield Drive. We are at a loss for words and can only express our condolences. We engaged with the Fire Department and City personnel to be able to reach out to these families in order to offer tangible support. Thankfully only 1.2% of fires in Calgary result in complete home destruction but that doesn’t negate the personal hardship that resulted with our neighbours. The families have a good support network, available services and arrangements but if they have specific needs, they also have opportunity to contact us so we can reach out to you to help them. I will provide further instructions based on their requests. Thank you to those who have already offered support!

**École du Nouveau-Monde – Félicitations et Bienvenue à Scenic Acres!**

Congratulations to Guy Perreault and his staff starting their inaugural year of school operations. We hope to see Guy’s regular updates in the Scenic Review regarding school activities. As with the other two schools, the staff has an awesome responsibility to teach and mentor the next generation but additionally the Francophone school has an important accountability to preserve the French culture through these young people. Beaucoup de succès!

**Transportation Update**

As a brief update, Traffic Engineering is reviewing the plans we recommended for north and south Scenic Acres and I expect their report sometime in September. You may start to notice some signage changes for parking and traffic before my next update. The overall objectives are to provide appropriate parking options within our community and encourage safe travel based on observed behaviours over the last 10 years, new dynamics in the Community and your feedback.

**Poor Behaviours**

In regard to travel safety, there are a few poor behavior issues I would like to highlight related to the start of this new school year that your SACA representatives and our CPS liaison officer observed during the first week. These poor behaviours were noted with all three schools and with buses that travel to schools outside the Community. They include, unsafe U-turns especially on through streets; parking in crosswalks, in no stopping zones; double parking and blocking private driveways; parents escorting children to school by jay walking across streets or walking in the centre of streets or letting their children out of their vehicles into the path of traffic. New planned signage and street markings will provide some more warnings and clarity but these behaviours shouldn’t be occurring regardless. Let’s be an example to the next generation and practice safe and considerate behaviours. Regular, proactive enforcement by CPS and the Parking Authority is not possible due to limited resources but periodic enforcement does occur and our CPS liaison officer has committed to proceed with ticketing offenders. If you do observe non-compliant behaviour, please call the Parking Authority at 403-537-7100 and for illegal parked vehicles press option 2 to speak to a dispatcher; 3-1-1 will provide automated directions to the Parking Authority.

**Ward One Candidate Election Forum October 11th**

SACA along with the other CA’s in Ward One will be hosting an all candidates’ election forum on October 11th 7:30 PM at the Tuscany Club. Please plan to attend. We are still in the planning stages but hope to post the forum on YouTube as well. Questions must be applicable to municipal government and answerable by all candidates. They can be submitted in advance to palmerjr@telus.net. The Municipal Election is Monday, October 16th and I would appreciate two commitments from you. Please research each candidate’s platform so your vote is informed and then please vote. You can vote at advanced polls October 4-11 excluding October 9th. You will be voting for mayor, councillor and school board trustee. Council is elected for a four year term and we want to ensure we have a government that displays wisdom and integrity as well as a servant attitude to the constituents of this City. Let’s be sure we support the elected representatives whether they were our choice or not.