**President’s Update**

**Transportation Update**

SACA has been working with the City Transportation and the three schools for a few years in order to implement a number of transportation initiatives. We proposed a number of changes in north and south Scenic Acres in order to improve parking options and traffic flow as well as ensure safe travel for pedestrians. These suggestions were based on your feedback; through conversations, emails, observations over the last 10 years or through the open houses we facilitated. In the fall, I provided information regarding the changes made in south Scenic Acres that had been completed. I would like to highlight the changes that have been completed in north Scenic Acres over the last few months.

**North Scenic Acres**

Changes to parking restrictions and new street parking has been added along Scurfield Way and Scurfield Drive. There is now three-hour parking in front of Monsignor Doyle School on eastbound Scurfield Drive adjacent to the bus drop-off area and in front of the community centre Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 5 PM. These areas did not have allowed parking previously. Along Scurfield Way, there are new ‘Hug ‘N Go’ parking areas north and south of the school on the west side of the street and a three-hour parking area on the outer edge of the cul-de-sac.

These changes were made to help alleviate parking in a high demand, compressed area that includes two schools and the community centre. These changes serve a threefold purpose; 1. provide additional options to drop-off and pick-up students for both schools; 2. provide more parking spaces for school volunteers and with longer term street parking allowed; 3. help to narrow the road along Scurfield Drive by allowing more parking in this area which discourages speeding. In addition, the new electronic City parking permitting process allows the schools and the community centre to obtain temporary parking permits in the restricted parking areas within the immediate area as needed to accommodate guests; a good example where this new program is effective in using street parking is along Scotia Point where it has been restricted for the last 10 years.

We believe the changes are reasonable and balance the need for more parking and increased safety while still accommodating the feedback from the adjacent neighbourhoods to not encroach too close to existing housing in the immediate area and not have parking arrangements that encourage LRT customers to use our streets excessively as an alternative to the LRT parking lot. Parking changes along westbound Scurfield Way in this area were not considered as a result of the Revera development which will change the road dynamics once completed; there will likely be limited or no street parking in front of the facility and the presence and activity of the facility will likely have an effect of slowing traffic.

Drivers are reminded that stopping or parking is still not permitted in the interior part of the cul-de-sac of Scurfield Way and though parking is allowed along Scurfield Drive, no parking is allowed east of the community centre to ensure Scenic Garden residents can turn out of their driveway safely without obstruction. The parking authority and our police liaison officer are monitoring the area and have been enforcing the restrictions when needed. If you see parking violations, please call the Parking Authority using 3-1-1. Parking in the Monsignor Doyle lot is restricted to school staff and the community centre lot is restricted to tenants and program participants. SACA informally has allowed drivers to leverage our parking lot for student drop-off and pick-up and will continue to do so when feasible. However, the additional street parking should alleviate some of this demand and we must ensure our parking lot is available for the community centre requirements.

**Scenic Acres Boulevard**

Along Scenic Acres Boulevard, the parking signage has been modified to allow parking adjacent to Scurfield Park starting at 5 PM where it started previously at 6 PM. This change was made to more practically accommodate regular evening use of the sports fields.

**South Scenic Acres – Restricted Parking Zone**

The Residential Parking Permit Program is a parking management tool that is used in areas

next to amenities that generate parking demand. In the case of Scenic Acres, the parking

generator is the Crowfoot LRT station. The parking restrictions deter all day, non-resident

parking. The City has been inundated with complaints about onerous parking restrictions by visitors to

restricted areas and by businesses that need adequate parking for customers and patrons. City

Council has directed the Calgary Parking Authority to undertake a review of the program with

the intent to improve the system. As a result, the proposal to extend the Scenic Acres restricted parking zone west along Scenic Acres Drive to Scenic Ridge Gate was put on hold. Generally, it seems there have been minimal impacts to the local area traffic patterns related to the school. As you may recall

however, the school has capacity for 400 students. Last year, they had approximately 250 and

this year about 300 students so we haven’t experienced the full impact of the traffic and

pedestrian increase. However, at this time, SACA will not pursue extending the restriction zone unless we find there are significant negative impacts to the residences and traffic in the immediate area.