



December 18, 2015

Councillor Brian Pincott, Ward 11
The City of Calgary
Historic City Hall
2nd Floor, 800 Macleod Trail South
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Councillor Pincott,

RE: SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Failure to Adequately Inform Residents and Other Stakeholders of October 2015 Information Sessions

It has come to our attention that you and your office were aware of the October 27 and 29, 2015 information sessions at least five (5) months in advance of them taking place and failed to notify residents and stakeholders in an adequate manner.

I refer you to your website page dated **May 29, 2015**, a copy of which is herewith attached, posted under several layers on your Ward 11 website in which you announce:

"SW Transitway and the SW Ring Road public information session

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5 to 8 pm, Southland Leisure Centre, 2000 Southland Drive SW

Thursday, October 29, 2015, 5 to 8 pm, Bethany Chapel Foyer, 333 Richardson Way SW"

Interestingly, this announcement was not sent out through your usual email program that informs constituents of other events.

In early November 2015, one of your constituents sent an email to your office inquiring why residents were not adequately notified of the October 2015 information sessions, your assistant Ms. Kim Warnke, responded on November 6, 2015 with the following email:

"You are right, there was no direct mention of the upcoming info sessions in our newsletter. At the time it was sent out, the Government of Alberta had very recently made the funding announcement and our office was unaware of the public engagement sessions. Our electronic newsletter did contain a link to the project website which held further information, however they may not have yet set the dates at that time. We would have loved to include this information in the October community newsletters as well, however the cut off date for submission is the first of the preceding month....hamstrung at all points!!! ;)"

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In addition, at the November 11, 2015 CKE Community Association meeting, your assistant Ms. Warnke, publicly stated that your office was unaware of any information sessions prior to early October 2015.

As you know, communities were only notified a few days before the first information session took place on October 27, 2015. The Community Associations themselves did not have any notice of the information sessions until middle to late October, 2015. This late and inadequate notice left Community Associations, residents and other stakeholders with little to no opportunity to understand the nature and scope of the project prior to attending the information sessions.

I look forward to receiving your explanation regarding this serious issue at your earliest convenience. Please contact me at info@readytoengage.ca.

Sincerely,

Maurice Tims

Chair, *ready to engage!*

Attachment - Ward 11 News: Upcoming Ring Road Events (Article Date: May 29, 2015)

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Mr. Malcolm (Mac) Logan, General Manager, Transportation
Mr. Doug Morgan, General Manager, Calgary Transit
Mr. Howard Kai, Project Manager, SW Transitway & BRT
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WARD 11 OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Ward 11 News: Upcoming Ring Road Events

Article Date: 5/29/2015

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Thursday, October 29, 2015, 5 to 8 pm, Bethany Chapel foyer, 3333 Richardson Way SW

37 Street SW Stormwater trunk relocation open house

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 5 to 7 pm, Lakeview Community Association, 6110 34 Street SW

The existing South Richmond Storm Trunk, which crosses Tsuu T'ina Nation's lands, is being relocated as part of the land transfer agreement with the Tsuu T'ina Nation. The City will construct a replacement storm trunk within the 37 Street SW road right-of-way, south of Lakeview Drive SW, to a new discharge point in the Elbow River. Visit [Stormtrunk](#) for more information on the project.

Anderson Road pedestrian bridge open house

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 5 to 8 pm, Woodcreek Community Association, 1991 Woodview Drive SW

A pedestrian bridge over Anderson Road SW, east of 37 Street S.W. and a pathway detour are planned for construction and completion in 2016. Located just east of the anticipated South West Ring Road (SWRR), the pedestrian bridge will link the communities of Woodbine and Cedarbrae. It will also serve as a north-south pathway connection for the existing pathway system, connecting south Glenmore Park and Fish Creek Park and replacing the intersection crossing at Bullhead Road and Anderson Road. Visit [Anderson Bridge](#) for more information on the project.

Visit the [City's Ring Road webpage](#) for additional information on the project.

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