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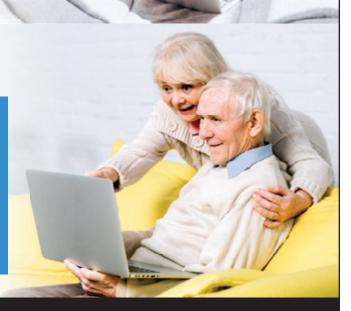
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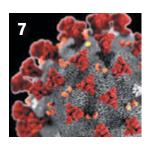


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I hope this Newsletter finds you all safe and healthy. The past weeks have been incredibly trying and stressful for everyone as the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, and there will be long-term consequences for many Calgarians once the health threat has passed. I strongly encourage everyone to continue to follow all Alberta Health Services recommendations, and to stay apprised of all City developments at www.calgary.ca/covid19.

I value your feedback and being your Voice at City Hall, and I rely on as many voices as possible to guide the decisions that need to be made on your behalf. While many residents connect with me on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, @BigRedYYC, and at www. councillordiane.ca, it's very few of our 91,170 residents. With monthly Community Newsletters, they allow only a few hundred words, which severely limits the content I can share with you. I will use their newsletters going forward to connect residents with the newly launched e-dicu Report.

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With this in mind, it is no surprise that birding is one of the most popular recreational activities in Fish Creek Provincial Park, as many people take advantage of this natural asset and its ability to support so many wide-ranging species. It is common throughout the year – yes, even in the winter! – to see groups of people staring up at the treetops and sky, seeking out their latest find, kitted out with binoculars and cameras to help them better capture the experience. And while we know it is tempting to bring along bird seed to attract them closer to get a better look, this is a prohibited activity in all of Alberta's Provincial Parks, including Fish Creek. Unfortunately, feeding birds has become an increasing problem in the park, and for some people, they continue to do so, even if they know it is illegal.

Feeding birds, or any other wild animal in a Provincial Park, can contribute to habituation, meaning that they lose their fear of people. When wild animals lose this fear and come to associate people with food, this puts everyone at risk. Animals can lose their natural drive to search for food, expecting it to come to them as

handouts, and this can impact their survival. Bird seed left on the ground can also attract many other creatures who enjoy it, such as mice, deer and, yes, even bears. It can attract animals to areas more frequented by people, increasing the likelihood of an undesired animal-human interaction, or leading them nearer to pathways and roads where they can be injured.

We all need to remember that everything is connected, and that often times there are unanticipated consequences to our actions, even if our intentions are well-meaning. Birds have an incredible resource in the park, and need to be able to fend for themselves, letting nature take its course, in whatever way that looks. So, please support us by being a good steward of the park, observe birds and other wildlife from a distance, and help to educate others who may not be aware of the harm they may be causing.

And if you haven't had the opportunity, feel free to sign up for our Spring Birding Course at https:// friendsoffishcreek.org/ programs/birding-course, and spend some time in the glorious spring sunshine, exploring and searching to see how many different species you can find. You can also use the Fish Creek Provincial Park Bird Checklist at https://bit.ly/2ybUvsW any time, to see what you can find!

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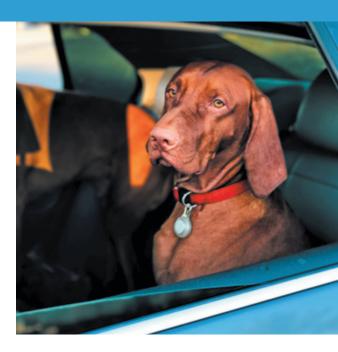
With summer on the way, mosquitos are becoming more and more prevalent. No one likes being bitten, but there is a simple way to defend yourself. Did you know that mosquitos are twice as attracted to the colour blue, as opposed to any other colour? Seems like the perfect time to bust out those bright, light summer clothes.

Your Pet, Your Vet, and COVID-19

For the next few weeks or months, our world has changed as we fight the spread of COVID-19. Veterinary medicine has been declared an essential service, but we have changed the face of its delivery to you and your pet. If a member of a veterinary practice were to become ill with COVID-19, the practice will be forced to close so most practices have set in place social-distancing steps to protect us all and our ability to provide veterinary care. We are following many of the recommendations of our provincial professional associations.

Due to the shortage of personal protective equipment, many elective procedures are being postponed. These surgeries may include spaying and neutering dogs and dental procedures on pets with only mild disease. Some practices are continuing cat spays and neuters because of the strong behaviours that many cats engage to find a mate. Puppy and kitten vaccinations are continuing but annual wellness examinations may be postponed. Clients with current veterinary patient client relationships with practices will find many of their needs may be dealt with through telemedicine. Veterinarians must use their professional judgement on a case by case basis and be able to justify decisions to their professional associations. Heartworm, flea and tick preventatives, food and medication refills are available.

Many practices have reduced hours and appointments are being made as staff are available. Doors are locked at most practices. Upon arrival clients phone the reception desk, food and medication to be picked up will be brought outside to clients, and payment will be made electronically. Clients with appointments are being asked to remain in their cars until the examination room is ready, so no one is in waiting rooms. Practices that still allow a client to accompany a pet into an examination room may limit this to one individual with the



veterinarian in the closed space. This applies only to clients that are not considered high risk. A strict protocol is in place for pets of high-risk clients that need care.

In the case of many practices, especially emergency clinics, the pet will be taken from the car with a leash provided by the facility or in the crate or carrier. Clients will be asked to stay in the vehicle while the pet is examined and all consultations with the client will be remote by phone or computer. Many house call practices have discontinued service completely or go only to established clients.

I chose to become a small animal general practitioner because of a love of animals. I enjoyed sharing that human-animal bond with my clients, with over thirty years of practice. This is not how I want to practice but we all must come together "at a distance" to get through this crisis. While your veterinarian and their staff members must put many procedures in place to protect us all, we have not lost sight that these are, for many of us, our furry family members and some of the social distancing steps we are asking our clients to take are incredibly emotionally painful.

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