**How important is it to you that the area be protected?**  
My family has lived in the SW Calgary Glenmore area for generations. We have had much enjoyment from the Weaselhead and Glenmore Parks. I have a deep appreciation for this special treasure in our constituency. The area has undergone much change over the years. With increased urban development, including infrastructure such as the South West Calgary Ring Road, much pressure has been put on these natural spaces. As we support the inevitable growth of Calgary, it is very important to me we work to maintain and protect the Weaselhead and Glenmore Parks. I want my children’s children and grandchildren to have the same opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our natural spaces that our past generations had.   
  
**Comments on societies goals and endeavours?**   
The Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society has done an amazing job of increasing awareness of issues, educating others and with preservation of this area. Our youth have benefitted from the educational outdoor field trips and in-school programs. Hopefully encouraging this connection to nature will help them in turn feel passionate about protecting it in the future. The active stewardship from the Society has helped to maintain the integrity and beauty of the spaces through removal of invasive plant species and of course the annual pathway and river clean up. By providing opportunities for volunteering and community involvement, the society has helped to build a greater sense of community in Calgary Glenmore.   
  
**How do you plan to help us achieve our goal?**    
I am committed to working collaboratively with the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society and other stakeholders, such as the City of Calgary. On my website [whitneyissik.ca](http://whitneyissik.ca/) I have laid out my promise on how I intend to put people first and work with those I represent. I am committed to listening to issues, earning your trust, and standing up for the interests of those in Calgary Glenmore. Issues can be complex when there are so many stakeholders involved, but I intend to ensure all voices are heard. I have the experience and ability to work flexibly, creatively and work towards solutions.   
  
**Own comments?**  
The Weaselhead and Glenmore Parks are truly jewels and unarguably some of our city’s greatest assets, right here in Calgary Glenmore. After a walk, bike, paddle, picnic or wildlife sighting, you feel recharged and it is easy to forget you are in the middle of a major city. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society for all of their hard work over the years protecting this precious natural area. If elected to represent Calgary Glenmore, I look forward to learning from you and working with you.