**Weaselhead /Glenmore Park Preservation Society**

**Civic Elections 2021**

**Questions to Candidates (Councillor)**

The Weaselhead / Glenmore Park Preservation Society (WGPPS) is interested in your response to 2 questions relevant to the Park and The Society.

* The replies will be posted Alphabetically by the Candidates family name , Mayoralty then Councillors, on our website.
* Replies will be posted "as is” with no alterations (please use PDF, Helvetica 12 font)
* The WGPPS, Its board members and contractors **WILL NOT** comment any social platform on behalf of the Society. We will let our membership make their own decisions.
* This Letter is sent to all candidates on September 21 2021
* **Reply due date October 4 2021**
* All Replies will be posted at the same time (after the due date) *October 7th*
* “**NO REPLY”** will posted next to the candidates’ name if no reply is received by the due date.

*Please note: to level the playing field be aware of the following :*

Negotiations with the City were begun last fall to look into a stronger, formalized partnership with the City and the WGPPS. Though not yet finalized, communications have greatly improved, this has been a plus to the Society and the Park.

***Question 1 (100 words)***

**How will you ensure the integrity of the Weaselhead Natural Environment Park and North /South Glenmore Park and address current issues related to the impact of the South West Calgary Ring Road expansion, the intrusion of built infrastructure into protected open spaces, the impact of the increasing number of park users and the challenge of maintenance?**

***Question 2 (100 words)***

**Write your comments about the Parks and/or the Weaselhead / Glenmore Park Preservation Society ( This is open ended as long as it deals with the Parks**

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| Vance Bertram | NO REPLY |
| Kourtney Branagan | Has replied see below |
| Devin DeFraine | NO REPLY |
| Lauren Herschel | Has replied see below |
| Mike Jamieson | NO REPLY |
| Dawid Pawlowski | Has replied see below |
| Geoffrey Vanderburg | NO REPLY |
| Rob Ward | NO REPLY |

*Kourtney Branagan Ward 11 Candidate*

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As one of Calgary’s best natural assets, I believe that stewardship of the park needs to be supported by the City. The City should be looking at the combined effects of both the downstream consequences from the Ring Road construction as well as the upstream effects from increasing the capacity of the Glenmore reservoir. Protection for the park’s ecological importance should be supported through educational signage and investment into maintenance of trails. By partnering with the WGPPS, the City benefits from historical knowledge and dedicated activism for sustainable outcomes.

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Thank you for your valuable contribution to our city. Community led organizations are the heart of our city, providing education, leadership, and stewardship. Parks are a valuable asset and their integrity and longevity matters. Protecting parks spaces matters, for people, animals, and plants.

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**Lauren Herschel Ward 11 Responses**

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The preservation of Weaselhead Natural Environment Park, along with North and South Glenmore parks are very important for the area and the city. I would like to see the City working closely with the preservation society to understand ongoing challenges and risks – both from natural and human impacts.

I would like to see better wildlife protection measures installed around the bridge on the ring road to prevent animals from entering the roadway. I also want to ensure that the water in the Elbow River is monitored closely – especially during winter months – so we have an understanding of contaminants entering the waterway as a result of road run off.

***Question 2 (100 words)***

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I think the Society does great work in terms of preservation and education about the importance of this natural habitat and it’s ecosystem for Calgary. I don’t think many Calgarians are aware of the ecological importance of the area. I would like to work with the society to determine how the City can best support the preservation and integrity of the lands so that they are protected and healthy for generations to come.

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**Dawid Pawłowski Ward 11 Responses**

**First and most of all we need to fight for our freedoms. If we don’t unite and resist this tyranny soon Canadians will loose everything. 4039901916**

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