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## President's Message

Anne Burke

**As I write, the vaccines are slowly being rolled out according to age groups.**

This has been a very challenging year for all of us. I want to thank the FONHS team and our members for their dedication and continuing support. Our public FACEBOOK account, created by our Executive, now has 259 members and is trending with breaking news and views. We previously published a newsletter for summer 2020 and another for fall & winter 2020.

In this issue of the newsletter we want to inform you about several things. The construction of the [North Calgary Water Servicing Project](#), introduced to you in our spring 2018 newsletter, is ongoing. The [2021 Calgary City Nature Challenge](#)

[\(April 30 - May 3\)](#), is returning with COVID-19 precautions. The [May Count of Plants in Bloom \(May 25 – 30\)](#), another popular annual event. And, finally, the [New Environment Strategy and Action Plan for the City](#).

During the lockdowns, the earth sounded very quiet and we met neighbours only with social distancing, masks covering most of our faces. The tragic losses are keenly felt and loved ones poignantly mourned. Throughout it all, Nose Hill endures, as a natural oasis from the City. I hope you will find comfort in nature and in the company of wildlife and plants in bloom.

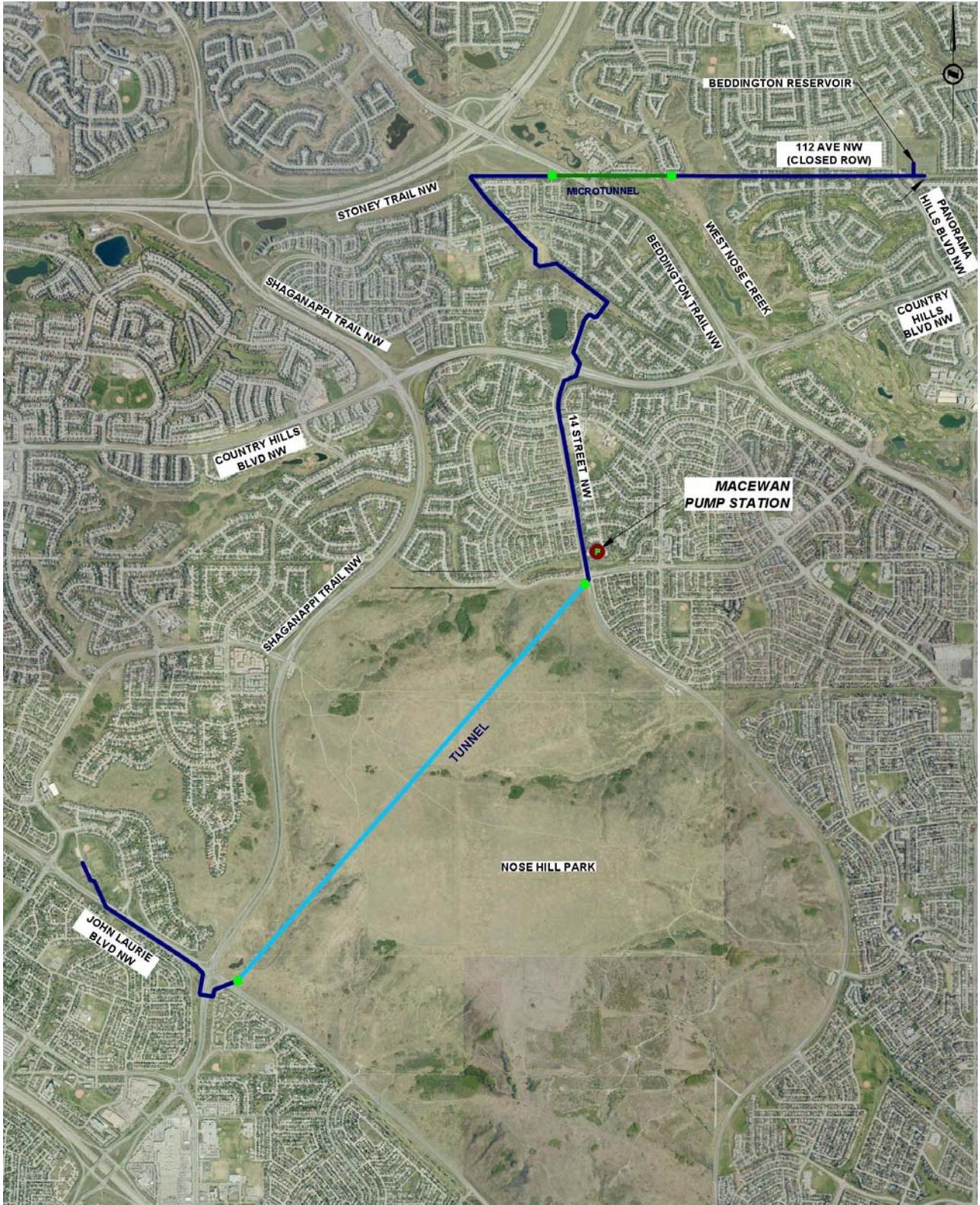
*Anne Burke*

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### North Calgary Water Servicing Project

Part of the proposed route crosses *under* Nose Hill Park, from the SW to the NE, using tunneling technology, as much as 90 meters below the surface. The

tunneling (via shafts at either end) uses a machine to install the pipe *underground*. It minimizes impact on the natural area of the park. The two shaft locations will be restored to their original state, following construction (see the Map on page 2).



**NORTH CALGARY WATER SERVICING STRATEGY**

**FEEDERMAIN**

CITY OF CALGARY

Project No.: 60525348 Date: 2021-01-14

LEGEND

-  FEEDERMAIN ALIGNMENT TRENCH
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## Calgary City Nature Challenge 2021

April 30 - May 3

The City Nature Challenge returns to Calgary and surrounding municipalities (Airdrie, Chestermere, Cochrane, Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, and Okotoks). Taking pictures of wild plants and animals, April 30 - May 3; identifying

the images, May 4 - 9. The results will be announced May 10.

Our City will be under a total "bioblitz" and compete with 250+ other cities around the world. It is a free event. Take photos and make audio recordings using your phone, tablet, and camera. Post your observations, using the app on your phone or online. Join the challenge to see how Calgary's urban bio-diversity compares.

In 2020, our results put us in the top 50 cities. Of all Canadian cities, YYC achieved more observations, documented the most species, and engaged the most observers. More than 755 species were reported ([www.citynatureyyc.ca](http://www.citynatureyyc.ca) or [facebook.com/citynatureyyc](https://facebook.com/citynatureyyc)).

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## The May Count of Plants in Bloom

(May 25 – 30)

Annual event by Nature Alberta to record plants in bloom in Alberta during the last week in May. Using a standardized approach, the purpose is to provide information on the distribution of flowering plants. This monitors the spread of non-native species and provides insights into the response of plants to variations in climate.

Anyone who is familiar with Alberta wildflowers can participate by e-mailing [mayplantcount@outlook.com](mailto:mayplantcount@outlook.com). In early May the organizers will send out the most up to date count instructions. Participants should select natural areas and record

the plants they see blooming. Then e-mail their list.

We will soon have an information package on our website at [fonhs.org](http://fonhs.org). It is no problem at all if you find a flower that you don't recognize. It can be ignored in your Count. (Or you can photograph it for later identification). COVID-19 guidelines are recommended.

Connect by email:

[mayplantcount@outlook.com](mailto:mayplantcount@outlook.com)

Facebook: May Plant Count Nature Alberta

Instagram: mayplantcount

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## New Environment Strategy and Action Plan for the City

We were contacted as stakeholders to help set the priorities and define the direction. Our feedback will be used, along with internal expertise, public input and research findings, to develop Calgary's new Strategy and Action Plan.

We were asked, if there are other stakeholders who should share their input in the next phase of engagement.

So please email  
[environment@calgary.ca](mailto:environment@calgary.ca)

with the subject line **Environment Strategy** so that the City may reach out to you directly!

Our theme focused on increasing support for Calgary's natural environment. This highlights the need for more balance between built environment and natural spaces. Having Healthy Ecosystems means protecting and enhancing natural areas and providing better access to nature for more Calgarians. We need to conserve existing natural spaces and plan for more.

The proposal will be presented to the Executive Leadership Team, the Council Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services, and City Council. Dates will be posted when available.

[www.calgary.ca/environment](http://www.calgary.ca/environment) [www.engage.calgary.ca](http://www.engage.calgary.ca)

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**Membership Year: 2021**

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The Friends of Nose Hill invite submissions of articles, poems, thoughts, drawings or photographs from members, visitors and others who have experienced the Hill. We will do our best to print all submissions, but because of space limitations, we reserve the right to edit as necessary.

Please include your name and phone number with submissions.

**The views expressed are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect those of the FONHS**

## The Friends on Facebook

The Friends of Nose Hill have a Facebook Group. If you are a Facebook member, check out the group: "Friends of Nose Hill Society". It has **259** members and 2615 photos so far. Feel free to post your stories, photos, comments and questions about the Park.

Members who would like to receive future issues of the Friends of Nose Hill Newsletter by e-mail should send an e-mail message with their request to: [ervan@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ervan@ucalgary.ca).

New members can join the Friends of Nose Hill by mailing \$20.00 to:

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