



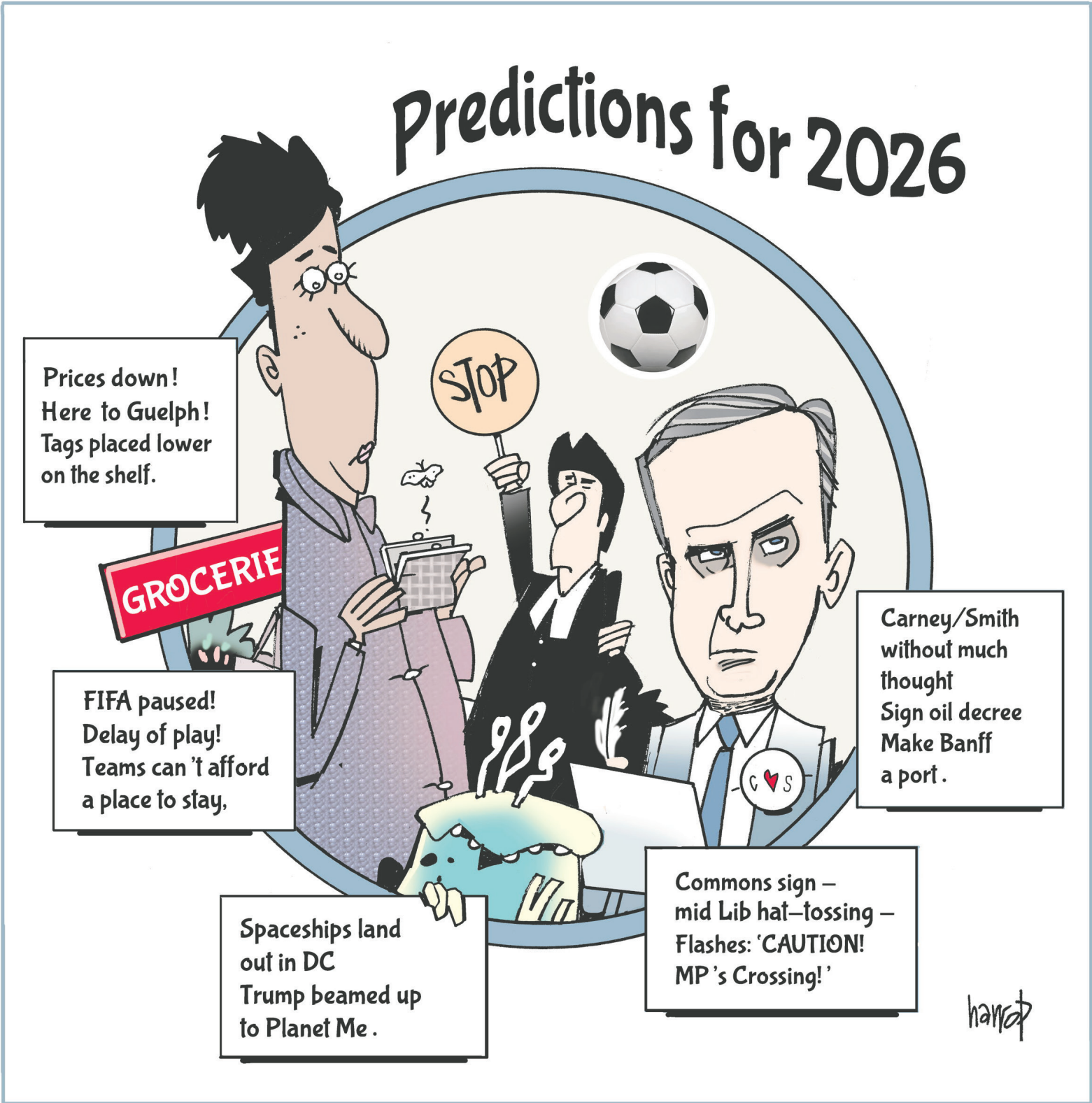
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A 'BEACON OF HOPE' IN ALBERTA

*Calgary's move to repeal multi-unit zoning
a positive sign for some British Columbians*



DAN FUMANO

A significant shift in Calgary's municipal politics is being welcomed as a hopeful sign by some British Columbians who feel like their cities are building

too much, too fast. Earlier this month, Calgary council voted to begin the process of repealing a major policy change implemented last year allowing up to four ground-level housing units on a single parcel of property previously zoned for single-detached homes.

Last year's change, which they called a "blanket rezoning," was hugely contentious. Before a public hearing began in mid-April 2024, the city received

more than 5,500 written submissions from residents, totalling more than 13,000 pages of public feedback, a record level of engagement.

Of the more than 700 Calgaryans who addressed council, there was a noticeable generational divide. Younger residents largely supported the rezoning, which they said could help them find places they can afford to rent or even own one day. Many older residents, meanwhile, raised concerns that more density could alter their neighbourhood's character and lead to problems with parking, traffic and overburdened infrastructure.

Council eventually approved the rezoning by a 9-6 vote in May 2024, but it remained a polarizing issue, and became one of the top campaign issues in Calgary's municipal election this past fall.

Many council candidates who campaigned this year on repealing the blanket rezoning were elected in October, including new Mayor Jeromy Farkas. So it was no surprise earlier this month when one of the first items the new council addressed was to move, with a 13-2 vote, to begin a repeal process. The issue is now expected to be the focus of a new public hearing in March. SEE FUMANO ON **A2**

B.C.-funded in vitro fertilization program has fallen way short, aspiring moms say

ALEC LAZENBY

When Mya Wolff and her husband heard that the province was moving forward with a provincially funded program for in vitro fertilization, they were ecstatic.

After having tried for a baby for five years and several rounds of fertility treatments, the Coquitlam couple wasn't told that eligibility dated to the program's announcement in March 2024. By the time they got a consultation in June 2025, a month before the program

launched, the waiting list had already increased.

"Even though we had been at the clinic for many years, we were not on that list in the beginning," said Wolff. "By the time we even got to see our doctor, the funding had run out."

She said she has now entered menopause, so she won't be eligible for IVF, and the program doesn't cover the \$30,000 an egg donation cycle would cost.

Wolff is one of two women who spoke about the challenges they've

faced with the province's publicly funded IVF program following the news last week that funding has run out and more money won't be released until the spring.

Health Minister Josie Osborne and Premier David Eby promised the program would be able to cover up to \$19,000 for one round of IVF treatment to anyone who wants it. However, the limited nature of the program — which is two years — and the maximum budget of \$68 million did not keep pace with demand.

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