

April 1-7 events and activities

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Hi Everyone,

Throughout tax season we talk a lot about the **Disability Tax Credit (DTC)**, and how it can help you to access tax savings, Registered Disability Savings Plans, and more.

The disability tax credit or DTC is a non-refundable tax credit intended to financially help people with disabilities. It is also designed to help supporters, such as parents, reduce the amount of income tax that they pay.

This year we have received reports about an increased number of advertisements, mostly on Facebook, for businesses indicating that they will help you apply for the Disability Tax Credit.

Please be aware that using one of these businesses could cost you up to 25% of the money that you will get from your Disability Tax Credit, costing you hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

There are other, **free** options (please note: your doctor may need to charge you a fee to complete some paperwork required for application). Please contact rachel.janzen@c-a-s-s.org if you want more information about **free** ways to apply for the Disability Tax Credit (excluding the cost of the paperwork required from your doctor), or if you have already used one of these services to apply for the DTC and want to stop them from being able to charge you in future tax years.

In our efforts to provide education around the DTC, we will be hosting an **information session** delivered by the **Canada Revenue Agency Outreach on Wednesday May 8th from 1-2:30 pm**. We invite all CASS clients, staff, and other supports to attend to **learn more about this valuable tax credit, and how to combat misinformation around the application process.**

For more information about the Disability Tax Credit please see this page from the Canada Revenue Agency: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html> ^[1]

Has it been getting hard to pay your utility bills? CASS will be hosting an Energy Savings Workshop presented by EmpowerMe (<https://www.empowermeprogram.com/ab/>) ^[2], on **Monday April 1st, 2019 from 10-11:30am** to help you reduce your energy bills. Whether you rent or own, **if you bring a recent utility bill with your name on it, you will get a free energy savings kit valued around \$90**. You may also qualify for further benefits. The workshop has limited room in it, so please sign up ASAP by emailing rachel.janzen@c-a-s-s.org, or calling (403) 283-0611.

Fun Drum Fridays (and Tuesdays) start their Spring sessions next week, and runs until June 28, from

10:30-Noon. For more information about this music therapy program, check out <https://www.jbmusictherapy.com/fundrum/> ^[3]

FREE:

Apr 2 & 9: Your vote matters workshop @ Momentum (#16 2936 Radcliffe Dr SE) Non-partisan voter information. Apr 2 @ 4:15 pm, Apr 9 @ Noon. Please register through <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/your-vote-matters-workshops-tickets-58827127522?aff=mcivte> ^[4]

Apr 3: Easy Backyard Beekeeping @ Community Natural Foods (202 61 Ave SW) 7-8:30pm. Learn about how to be a good host to the mason bees in your yard.

April 4: FIRST Robotics Competition @ Nelson Mandela High School (45 Saddletowne Circle NE) 8:30am-6pm. Watch high school robotics team compete. The topic for the competition is DEEP SPACE.

Apr 5 & 6: Second Chance Art Sale @ St Peter's Anglican Church (903 75 Ave SW) Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-4pm. This is a second-hand art sale in support of the Rotary Club of Calgary. The event is free to attend, but bring cash if you would like to buy some art. You can also donate art to this event by bringing it to any Michael's craft store in Calgary until March 31.

Apr 6: Seniors housing information session @ Confederation park 55+ Activity Centre (2212 13 St NW) 9:30am - noon. Learn about the types of housing available for Calgary Seniors, and about healthy living options from information booths and speakers.

Apr 6: YYC Alternative Market @ Inglewood Community Association (1740 24 Ave SE) 10am-4pm.

Apr 6: Calgary Sketch Club Art Exhibition and Sale @ Dalhousie Community Centre (5432 Dalhart Rd NW) 10am-4pm.

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Apr 5-7: Make It Calgary @ Deerfoot City (901-64 Ave NE) Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 10 am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Admission is \$5, to check out the work of over 100 local makers.

Apr 6: Tibetan Spring Bazaar @ Westgate Community Association ((4943 8 Ave SW) 10 am -6pm. Admission is \$2, to look through or buy Tibetan food, art, jewellery and more.

Apr 6: Pitch Night: Neighbour Grants @ New Central Library (800 3 St SE) 4-7pm. Admission is \$10-15, and includes a pizza dinner. The Calgary foundation is looking to give out up to \$50,000 in grants for community projects, and you get to be the judge. For tickets and information, check out <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pitch-night-neighbour-grants-live-tickets-58653904407?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> ^[5]

Apr 6: Calgary Swap Meet @ Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (1320 5 Ave NW) 9 am-1pm. Admission is \$5.

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Links:

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>

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