



Callingwood-Lymburn Community Newsletter

Message from the Board

Back by popular demand is the CLCL Newsletter. There have been lots of wonderful comments how everyone loved our paper copy so we have listened and brought it back. It is a lot of work to coordinate so we'd like to thank our volunteers for the effort put into it. If there is any information you would like to see in our newsletter, please let us know. We want it to be something you look forward to receiving.

With the colder weather, our rink lights are on and that means the skating season has begun! This is the community league's largest undertaking for the year – our outdoor rink program. Gary, Jonah, and Ross, our amazing rink attendants, have been busy flooding the skating rink allowing us to open November 19th. This is the earliest we have ever been up and going. No doubt by the amount of people we have heard from, we have the best ice in the city to be enjoyed by the skaters – young and old. This team does a wonderful job of cleaning and maintaining our rink throughout the season so members of the community get maximum benefit from our facility. Please note that the rink will not be open if temperatures are lower than minus 20 or higher than plus 3; the rink team will make the call. We will try to notify you via our Facebook page and hope to soon have an "open/closed" sign at the rink as well. Thank you, team, for the great work!

A big change to our area occurred after the civic election this past October. We congratulate Councillor Sarah Hamilton, as our new City Councillor and we look forward to working with her over the next four years. Look for her greetings in our newsletter.

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Kites Over Callingwood 2017 - Thank You!



This year CLCL celebrated our 25th Kites Over Callingwood event. Unfortunately our long-time Kites Over Callingwood coordinator, Sharon Brown, was unable to finish planning the event this year due to illness. Her absence was deeply felt and she will be missed. The CLCL board still wished to proceed with the event and quickly assembled a committee with current board members and staff. As this annual event also fell on Canada's 150th year, the festivities were planned to occur for the whole day on Saturday, September 2nd, 2017.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 23 | Playschool Registration for Alumni Families
<i>Tuesday, January 23, 9 - 9:30am, outside the playschool classroom in Lyburn School</i> |
| January 25 | Playschool Open House and Registration
<i>Thursday, January 25, 6 - 7:30pm, playschool classroom in Lyburn School</i> |
| Feb 5, Feb 18, Feb 21, March 5 | Outdoor Soccer Registration Sessions
<i>CLCL Hall (18740 – 72 Avenue) beside Lyburn School</i>
See page 3 for details. |
| February 18 | CLCL Family Day Event
<i>Sunday, February 18, noon - 3pm, CLCL Hall (18740 – 72 Avenue) near Lyburn School</i>
Join us for skating, hot chocolate, hotdogs, and popcorn! |
| June 23 | Movie Night / Soccer Season Wrap-up
<i>Saturday, June 23</i> |
| September 1 | Kites Over Callingwood
<i>Saturday, September 1</i>
Mark your calendars for our annual kite-flying event! If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, please contact CLCL or come to a monthly board meeting. |

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A warning for all of our residents... please note if you are walking in the area with your dog or you let your cats wander, there have been many sightings of coyotes in the area. We ask that if you have a coyote encounter that you contact 311 to report it. The City cannot proceed with any action unless they hear from you each time.

With the new year upon us, we'd like to inform you of some upcoming events. Our playschool program will be starting to accept registrations for the next school year and will be holding an open house in January. Registration for outdoor soccer will occur in the months of February and March. CLCL will be holding a Family Day Skate on Sunday February 18 which will coincide with one of our soccer registration dates. Come spend some time skating at the rink while enjoying a hot dog and some hot chocolate. Please check for more information on these events inside this newsletter issue.

Our next Board meeting will be at Callingwood Rec Center on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:30 pm. We still have some board positions vacant. Regardless of whether you wish to be on the board or just want to come see what happens or is discussed at a meeting, you are invited to come and join us.

Best wishes for you, your family, friends and loved ones in the new year. We hope to see you at one of the great CLCL events this winter!

Soccer

By Kevin Kraglund, CLCL Soccer Coordinator

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With our indoor soccer season now in full swing, it's already time to start thinking of 'greener pastures' for our 2018 outdoor season!

Starting February 1st, you'll be able to start the online registration process through either www.emsawest.com or www.emsasoccerportal.com. The biggest change this coming year is that age categories are shifting to odd years (except for U4). This change is because Canada was the outlier on the international soccer scene (the majority of other countries use 'odd' age categories) and has been in the works for the last couple decades.

Another change is that, for U9 and higher, there will be a \$40 refundable jersey deposit (refunded once jerseys are returned). Otherwise, the fees for our community league memberships and registration fees will remain unchanged. As in past years, there will also be NO VOLUNTEER BONDS. However, it should be emphasized that community soccer is entirely dependent on parent volunteers to serve as coaches and team officials. Having been an assistant coach for the 2017-18 indoor soccer season, I can personally vouch what a rewarding experience it is to volunteer in this way and support our soccer program! For the outdoor season, there will also be the added incentive of receiving vouchers toward registration for the 2019 outdoor season.

So, in a nutshell, the fee schedule looks like this:

Community League Membership: \$35 (family rate)
 Refundable Jersey Deposit (U9+): \$40
 U4, U5 & U7 Registration Fee: \$135
 U9 Registration Fee: \$150
 U11 Registration Fee: \$195
 U13 Registration Fee: \$215
 U15, U17 & U19 Registration Fee: \$245



This year, we're offering more opportunities to attend a registration session at the CLCL Hall (18740 – 72 Avenue) behind Lyburn School to confirm information (from online registration) and make payment.

- Monday, February 5th from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 18th from 12 – 3 p.m. (during our CLCL Family Day Event)
- Wednesday, February 21st from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 5th from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

The last registration session will be on Wednesday, March 7th from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton (16615 – 109 Avenue, access at the back of the building).

To the registration sessions, please remember to bring: a) your printed registration form, b) CLCL membership card, c) child's Alberta Health Card, and d) preferred method of payment (cash, cheque, credit, or volunteer chits). CLCL will have memberships available (or online at www.efcl.org) and uniforms for sizing. As of March 8th, there will be a \$25 late registration fee.

See you all soon as we usher in CLCL's 2018 Outdoor Soccer Season!

Callingwood-Lymburn Community Playschool

By Drew Graham, Playschool Chair



Welcome to the Callingwood-Lymburn Community Playschool (CLCP). We are a non-profit, parent co-operative program offered by the Callingwood-Lymburn Community League. We are located in the Lymburn Elementary School at 18710 – 72nd Avenue, are licensed by the Province of Alberta and as part of the community league are incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta. Our school has adopted the Learn Thru Play philosophy, believing that helping children to use their imagination fosters wonderful daily opportunities for learning. The purpose of the playschool is to provide enriching pre-school experiences for children from the ages of 3 to 5 years old.

We are having a great school year so far. As we are a co-operative playschool, all parents participate in our school's operations by assisting in classroom activities. Parents can also participate on the CLCP committee, which oversees the running of the program under the guidance and approval of the CLCL. We have a great group of parents this year – so a big Thank You to our current parents for making our playschool such a success.

Looking ahead to September 2018 for parents of children hoping to participate in playschool, check out our website at <http://callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com/>

Registration for the 2018/2019 school year:

- January 10 – Current Parent Meeting (7-9 pm) – Callingwood-Lymburn Community Hall. We will accept registration for current families who will be returning for 2018/2019 school year.
- January 23 - Registration for Alumni Families. Completed registration forms can be dropped off at CLCP between 9:00-9:30am outside the classroom.
- January 25 - Open house in the Classroom from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be accepting completed registration for new families at the open house.

A complete registration must include ALL necessary forms of payment attached to the registration form. Only complete registrations will secure your child's spot on the class list. Be sure to read the handbook and make sure you fill out the registration package for the 2018/2019 school year.

<http://callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com/registration-package/>

For any questions, please email us at info@callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com or contact our current registrar, Lisa Turgeon, at 780-293-3854. We are also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CLCPlayschool>

Callingwood-Lymburn Community Playgroup

Our playgroup runs every Tuesday 10-12am. Playgroup is held upstairs in the Callingwood rec centre, beside the ice rink. Playgroup is open to parents of children 0-6 years old. Parents are required to stay with children. Playgroup is a free program offered as part of CLCL membership. CLCL family memberships are \$35, and can be purchased on site. For any other questions please contact Jessica at jessicasaesthetics@gmail.com or on the playgroup Facebook group Callingwood Lymburn Community Playgroup.

Outdoor Skating

Free outdoor skating is available for community league members with a current membership. Please wear your YELLOW skate tags. CLCL memberships are available on site... just ask Jonah or Ross, our rink attendants, if you need to renew yours. Washroom facilities and change room are available. Our rink, by the community hall and Lyburn School, is open the following hours:

Monday to Friday: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: noon to 7:00 pm

The rink will be closed to the general public Monday to Friday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 11:00 am to noon, if there is a hockey practice rental scheduled, but will re-open to the public after the practice is finished.

For ice rental questions, please contact Lisa Madsen at 780-444-0235 or madsen@telusplanet.net.

The rink will be closed when temperatures are below -20C (including windchill) or above +3C.

Please observe the following rink rules, also posted at the hall.

- The rink is open for general public shinny hockey AND recreational skating.
- For safety reasons, approved skating helmets are recommended for all skaters under 18 years of age.
- Children 6 years and under must be supervised by an individual 14 years or older.
- Skating in a manner that endangers or interferes with other skater's safety or pleasure is strictly forbidden.
- No fighting, pushing, checking, foul language, smoking, spitting or high sticking. Users should encourage good sportsmanship.
- Alcohol and drugs are not permitted on the premises.
- Pets are not allowed.
- Skate tags must be visible at all times.
- Rink Attendant/Supervisor's Word is Final.

Callingwood-Lyburn Community League Bingos

Volunteer to help out at bingo! Meet people in your community, and enjoy a free meal. It's simple and fun, and lets you get to know your neighbours. Bingos are important fundraisers that help support the community league's programs and events. Volunteers receive a "chit" which can be redeemed for various programs.

Upcoming Bingo dates:

Afternoon 11am to 3:30pm Evening 5 to 9:30/**11:30pm

Monday February 12, 2018	Wednesday January 24, 2018
Sunday March 18, 2018	Monday February 19, 2018
Thursday April 5, 2018	Saturday April 28, 2018 **
Saturday April 14, 2018	Thursday May 10, 2018
Friday June 22, 2018	Tuesday June 5, 2018
Friday September 21, 2018	Sunday July 1, 2018
	Saturday July 28, 2018 **



Volunteers are always welcome, especially for afternoon shifts!

Contact us:

Bingo Chairs:

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Kathy Kammermayer 780-405-7596 or 780-481-2695 / kkamm77@gmail.com

Jason Street 780-484-9399 / kjstreet@shaw.ca

Weekday Afternoon Bingo Chairs:

Gerry Lewis 780-489-1376

Kevin Kraglund 780-993-9985 / k.squared@telus.net

Free Family Day Event!

Join us for skating, hot chocolate, hotdogs, and popcorn at the CLCL hall near Lymburn School on Sunday, February 18 from noon to 3 pm! If the weather is too cold or too warm, we will still hold a Family Day gathering to enjoy the food and drink. CLCL members and non-members are welcome.

This event is sponsored by All-West Glass Edmonton Ltd. Thank you Scott Thompson!!



Callingwood-Lymburn Community League

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Find us on Facebook

The Callingwood-Lymburn Community Newsletter is printed twice a year and distributed throughout the Callingwood and Lymburn neighbourhoods. For information on advertising, see our website.

CLCL Membership Benefits

CLCL memberships are available for \$35 for a family or \$20 for an individual adult, and are valid for 1 year from Sept 1 - Aug 31. To purchase a membership, email jessicasesthetics@gmail.com.

- **Free public swimming** at the Jamie Platz YMCA Sundays 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Free outdoor skating** at the outdoor rinks by Lymburn School during the winter season, weather permitting. Wear the current skate tags provided with your membership.
- **Free admission to the Jamie Platz YMCA multi-purpose room** at the following times. Open to children of all ages; children 5 years and under require parental supervision.

Tuesday: 6 - 9pm	Thursday: 11:30am - 2pm	Saturday & Sunday: 7am - 9pm
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- **Free playgroup** Tuesday mornings at the Callingwood Recreation Centre
- 25% discount off the rental of the meeting room or hall at the Callingwood Recreation Centre or the Callingwood-Lymburn Community Hall
- Up to 20% discount off annual passes or multi admission passes at City of Edmonton's Recreation facilities
- Access to programs available at an additional cost: soccer and playschool
- Business Discounts offered when you show your valid CLCL membership:
 - 15% at the Happy Camel Inc. Mediterranean Pita Bakery and Deli (6404 - 177 Street)
 - 10% off food purchases at Muggn'z Family Restaurant (6655 - 178 Street)
 - 25% off all public courses at University of Alberta Technology Training Centre
 - 15% off programs offered by Mommy Connections - West Edmonton
 - \$5 off a \$50 purchase at M&M Meat Shops (Callingwood 6655-178 St)
 - 25% off tickets at Jubilations Theatre
 - 70% off enrolment fees at Curves Edmonton West (17228 - 95 Ave)

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Free tool rental from the Edmonton Tool Library (edmontontoolibrary.ca)
 - Up to 30% discount off Cloverdale Paint products
 - Various discounts on security products through Fluent Home

Kites Over Callingwood 2017 - Thank you! continued from page 1

By Kathy Kammermeyer and Kim Street for the Kites Over Callingwood 2017 Committee (Erin Harrigan, Kathy Kammermeyer, Deanna Logan and Jessica Rochlitz)

The day began with a delicious pancake breakfast provided by **St. John's Institute** with donations from **Starbucks Wolf Willow, Muggnz Family Restaurant, Booster Juice Meadowlark, Save On Foods Hamptons and Real Canadian Superstore Windemere**. Our volunteers, **Lorne Dach** (MLA Edmonton McClung), **Kelly McCauley** (MP Edmonton West) and ward 5 candidates, **Nafisa Bowen, Miranda Jimmy, Dawn Newton and David Xiao** served about 2500 pancakes, coffee and juice with the help of the **699 Air Cadets Support Wing Society**.

After the breakfast our Kites festival occurred. As in the past, **Bud Taylor & crew from The Kite Guys** supplied the kite making kits and did numerous candy drops. The **Lynnwood 116 Scouts** returned to help the children put together their kites and **Ken Mueller, George Aronetz & friends** helped set up the kite flying area. Also returning was our DJ from **City Pro Entertainment** and our concessions set up by the **Venturer's**. Gertie from **Gigi & Friends** returned with her creative airbrushing tattoos and the **Al Shamal Clowns**, with their balloon animals.

New to the festival this year were two shows. **Tristan Underwood**, from KiteZone Entertainment, performed three spectacular kite stunt shows and **Leah James** gave us a performance in the Jackie Sparrow Show. Various businesses and groups joined Kites this year. **Curves, West Edmonton**, provided a coloring activity and protein shakes. The **Jamie Platz YMCA** put on an obstacle course. **Corrine Shostak, Sparkles Tattoos** created many beautiful tattoos and the **Lois Hole Library** provided some story time for the children. Margaret Ushko from **Callingwood AKF Karate** came and let the kids try their hand at board breaking. The **Heritage Museum** supplied a canoe building and paddle keychain craft. **ABC Headstart, Parent Link (Wendy Countaway) and Gymboree** kept the children busy coloring and playing while families toured the field thanks to **Dick Laurin's Hay and Sleigh Ride**. A new snack machine concept from **CST West Edmonton Make a Wish Snack Program** was introduced and with the help of the Venturer's supplied a donation to the Edmonton Food Bank. **Lorne Dach & crew** (MLA Edmonton McClung) provided cotton candy while **Steve Thompson, Brian Jean & crew** (UPC Party) provided sno cones. **Community Recreation Coordinators Una Bryce and Cathy Backewich** introduced the upcoming walking map for the Lymburn area. Ward 5 candidate **Miranda Jimmy and her crew** of volunteers helped man the City of Edmonton carnival games and were relieved by the **Air cadets** who assisted us throughout the day with many of the activities. Our other volunteers who helped out included **Jeff Lee, David Xiao (Ward 5 candidate)** and various CLCL members. The festival t-shirt design was created by the talented **Jessie Naguib, with Derrick Concrete Cutting & Construction Ltd** sponsoring the t-shirt printing through **Pacific Gold**.



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- River City Events / Big Top Rentals @ <http://www.rivercityevents.ca/>
- Brian Jean
- Steve Thompson
- David Xiao
- The City of Edmonton

This great festival could not have occurred without the financial support of **Servus Credit Union, Brian Jean (UPC Party), David Xiao (Ward 5 candidate), Steve Thompson, River City/Big Top Rentals, Magnet Signs, Copy City, Mayfield Toyota, the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta.** We had some fantastic door prizes from **ABC Headstart, Alberta Milk Producers, Rapid Fire Theatre Gymboree, Muggnz Family Restaurant, River Cree, Royal Tyrell Museum, Scholar's Choice, Snow Valley, The City of Edmonton, The Comic Strip, University of Alberta Botanic Garden and Yuk Yuk's.** CLCL thanks all those involved in making the day portion of our event a success!

The festival was to carry on into the evening with the **Remax** tethered hot air balloon ride, **Kompany Family Theatre Show, iPlay Game Theatre,** Movie in the Park with fireworks to wrap up the day. Unfortunately, strong winds resulted in unsafe conditions and the evening activities were cancelled. We were able to rebook all but the Remax tethered hot air balloon ride and the iPlay Game Theatre for the following weekend. About 200 joined us to watch the Kompany Family Theatre Show, Cars 3; thanks to **Audio Cine Films and Fresh Air Cinema** and the fireworks display put on by **Aerial Fireworks.** The evening activities would not have been a success without the support of **Famoso Pizzeria** - supplying the delicious pizza, Ward 5 candidate **Miranda Jimmy** - supplying the popcorn, **Callingwood AKF Karate** - supplying the water and **Safeway, Callingwood and Grange** - supplying the pop. We'd like to thank the businesses and individuals that helped make the evening portion of our Kites festival a success. Some special thanks go to the **Edmonton Catholic School Board and staff at Blessed Oscar Romero High School** for taking our last-minute request as back up venue for the evening activities. Though the weather held out, the custodial staff stayed on-site to ensure we had a venue for our movie night!

The 25th Kites Over Callingwood Festival was a great success thanks to all the support and involvement of the various businesses and individuals involved plus Callingwood-Lymburn Community members - **Andre Derock, Vinny Eder, Kenzie Harrigan, Jared and Jonah Kammermayer, Lisa and Jessica Madsen and Cortney McCracken.**



MLA News

By Lorne Dach, MLA for Edmonton - McClung

I am thrilled to be working with residents of Edmonton-McClung to make life better for everyday Albertans.

This past year Alberta Government announced \$65 million in capital investment in the Misericordia Hospital over four years. This year this will include starting construction of a new emergency department and maintenance work such as improvements to elevators, water systems, fire alarms and sprinklers. This is the first major renovation at the hospital in 29 years.

The contribution of the Callingwood-Lymburn Community League and its tireless team of volunteers was also recognized by our government. Last fall it was awarded \$13,865 Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant towards the cost of hosting Kites Over Callingwood.

This major community event celebrated its 25th anniversary September 2nd 2017. It was a pleasure to participate. While I popped popcorn, I watched the kites soaring and folks out enjoying themselves at this historic end-of-summer festival. The community

league is to be commended for its hard work and ingenuity in planning and maintaining this fun-filled event over the years.

Another great volunteer organization, based in Callingwood, is ACES, the Association of a Community Engaged in Sharing. Recognizing the valuable work of volunteer board members toward the betterment of our community, ACES received a provincial Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant of \$60,300 last fall which will go towards paying for classes for immigrant women in Edmonton. Callingwood women will be amongst those who benefit from these programs which promote positive interactions among our diverse communities, ensuring all Albertans have equal access and opportunities to programs and services.

As we move into 2018, our economy continues to show signs of growth. Shovels are in the ground and construction has begun on Enbridge's Line 3 replacement project. Enbridge is planning to replace over 1,000 miles of pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the Enbridge terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. This will provide much needed increased market access for Canadian crude oil.

A recent National Energy Board ruling on Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline to British Columbia's west coast means that work can go ahead on developing this pipeline plan as well.

Corporate investment in Alberta's industries is up. Organizations like Cavendish Farms, Champion Pet Foods, Amazon and Google are pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into the province. Our GDP is on track to grow by four per cent this year and many leading economists are forecasting Alberta will continue to lead the country in growth.

My NDP Caucus colleagues and I will continue to focus on the priorities that matter to everyday Albertans, such as jobs, protecting healthcare and education, and making life more affordable.

Just last fall our government tabled new protections for gas and convenience store workers, which will require people to pre-pay or pay at the pump for their

Lorne Dach, MLA Edmonton-McClung

We want to know what priorities you would like your MLA to focus on in your community. Please contact our office to tell us your thoughts and concerns.

Our constituency office staff are also available to help you with contacting provincial government departments, programs and services. We look forward to talking with you!

Contact Our Office

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gas. We've heard too many stories of workers who have been injured or killed in gas-and-dash incidents, which is completely unacceptable. Every worker deserves to get home safely at the end of the day.

Over the last two years our government has reduced school fees by 25% and school nutrition programs have been expanded. The Alberta Child Benefit has been increased and the minimum wage has been raised. \$25-a-day childcare pilot projects have been implemented, energy bills capped and rebates given on energy efficient products.

For far too long, school infrastructure hasn't kept up with the need. I'm proud that thousands of students started classes last fall in 53 new or modernized schools across the province. Another 22 new or modernized schools are expected to open by April this year. In addition school playground grants have been awarded to new and retrofitted schools. \$25.8 million has been allocated to fund mental health supports for post-secondary students. Post-secondary tuition continues to be frozen for the third year.

We are also addressing long-standing health concerns by investing \$400 million into a state-of-the-art hospital in Southwest Edmonton, on the corner of Ellerslie Road and 127 Street southwest. This 350-to-500 bed hospital will be the first new hospital to be built in Edmonton in a generation.

Investing in infrastructure during an economic downturn makes good economic sense. Our government has invested in public infrastructure including schools, health facilities, transit and roads to put Albertans back to work. We have begun the growth process once more in Alberta while at the same time doing our best to put money in the pockets of people and families most in need. Let's keep working together to continue making life better for all Albertans. We are in this together.

Hall Rental

CLCL offers two great locations to host your event:

- Birthday Parties
- Wedding Receptions
- Corporate Events
- Baby Showers
- Family Gatherings



Hall 1 – Callingwood Recreation Centre

Meeting Room:

- Capacity for 35 people
- Tables and chairs

Hall:

- Capacity for 80 people
- Kitchen with Fridge and Stove
- Tables and Chairs

For more information or to book a hall rental contact:

Hall 1: Deanna Logan

780-486-4022

badcatlogan@hotmail.com

Hall 2 – Callingwood-Lymburn Community Hall

Amenities include:

- Capacity for up to 75 people; 900 sq. ft.
- Kitchen w/fridge, stove, microwave, fully equipped
- Tables and chairs
- Access to Skating Rink
- Skating Rink available for rent for private functions

Hall 2: Lisa Madsen

780-444-0235

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Kelly McCauley
Member of Parliament Edmonton West

My office is available to help constituents navigate through and help resolve issues with federal government departments, programs and services, including:

- Citizenship and Immigration
- Service Canada
- Canada Pension Plan
- Disability Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Employment Insurance
- Passports
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Please contact our office if we can assist with any federal department.

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Edmonton West MP News

By MP Kelly McCauley

The Fall 2017 Parliamentary session ended just before the Christmas holidays, and I'd like to share some of the highlights from the past few months.

This past spring the Government Operations committee, of which I'm a member, submitted a unanimous report recommending substantial changes to Canada's whistleblower protection legislation. Whistleblowers are public servants that see wrongdoing like financial mismanagement, corruption, or negligence happening within their offices, and report it to protect the public interest. Despite the study being requested by the Prime Minister and Treasury Board President, the Liberals refused to accept the committee's recommendations.

In response to this inaction, I am sponsoring a petition to the government demanding they implement the committee's recommendations immediately so that whistleblowers are properly protected. You can sign the petition digitally by contacting my office for an email link.

I also met with Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht, to discuss the impact of the legalization of marijuana. Put simply, the Liberal plan is being recklessly rammed through to meet an arbitrary deadline. I spoke against the Liberal marijuana legislation in the House of Commons, to share the comments of my constituents and Chief Knecht, demanding that the Liberals slow down. I will always fight for the safety and security of our community.

Thanks to continuous pressure from Conservative MPs, we managed to get the Liberals to back down on taxing dental and health benefits and implementing a tax hike on small businesses. When the Liberals tried forcing through tax hikes on small business owners, Edmonton's Liberal MPs neglected to consult Edmontonians about the changes. My office took the lead in Edmonton by hosting a city-wide town hall with my Conservative colleagues, attended by hundreds of concerned and outraged constituents.

Recently, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) was told to refuse the Disability Tax Credit to those suffering from diabetes. This shameful tax-grab has been repeatedly dismissed by the Liberals, but group after group of disability advocates show that what the government says and what it's doing are not the same.

Conservatives will continue to push the Liberals to reverse this reckless decision. The constant attacks on Canadians' hard-earned tax dollars by the Prime Minister must stop.

I have been working hard to oppose the Liberal plan to "re-integrate" ISIS terrorists who are returning to Canada from abroad. Canadians expect justice to be served for all the atrocities these terrorists committed. Conservatives believe that we need to support our allies in the ongoing struggle against extremism, and I will continue to oppose reckless policies by the Liberals that put law-abiding Canadians at risk.

My constituency staff and I also work to help my constituents navigate issues related to the Federal Government, such as the Canada Revenue Agency, Citizenship and Immigration, Employment Insurance, and Old Age Security to name a few. If you or anyone in your family has an issue, you are always welcome to contact my office to see what we can do.

I'm very grateful and honoured to have the trust of my constituents in Edmonton West, to work on their behalf in Ottawa by standing up for low taxes, balanced budgets, and job creating projects like pipelines that support Alberta's energy sector.

From my family to yours, I hope you had a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and that you have a Happy New Year!

Kelly

City Council News

By Sarah Hamilton, Ward 5 Councillor

While I had the chance to meet many Ward 5 residents over the last few months, I'd like to take this opportunity to officially introduce myself.

I'm a longtime resident of west Edmonton – in fact I grew up just down the road from the Callingwood-Lymburn community in Lessard. I've seen first-hand this area's remarkable growth and development over the years. After completing my Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta, I left Edmonton for a few years to complete a Master of Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. I later worked as an adjunct professor there, teaching Media Studies and Communications.

Prior to my election as Councillor, I also gained experience as a journalist, small business owner and in roles with both provincial and municipal government. Through my work with the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Health, I worked on several large-scale projects such as the Southwest Wellness Initiative, which aimed to bring together wellness strategies at different levels of government.

From a young age, I was encouraged to volunteer in my community -- my very first volunteer job was at the Jamie Platz YMCA. Since then, I've held many volunteer positions with organizations and events like the World Partnership Walk, the Lessard Community League and Latitude 53, an artist-run gallery in Edmonton. This community involvement has helped me develop a deep knowledge of the issues that concern my fellow Edmontonians and Ward 5 residents.

I ran for City Council because I see our city growing and I want to ensure that it remains a place attractive to young talent, and where our long-term residents can still afford to live. My top priorities continue to be the creation of a west-end recreation centre and ensuring future Valley Line LRT development is built with Ward 5 in mind. I also want to ensure the City as an organization is leading with greater integrity and openness than ever before. I'm deeply committed to helping Edmonton grow as a city, which means meeting the challenges in front of us, and preparing for the challenges yet to come.

As your City Councillor, I am accountable to you. Please contact me at any time with your comments, concerns or questions at sarah.hamilton@edmonton.ca or 780-496-8120 and follow me on Twitter (@sjlhamilton), Instagram (@HamiltonWard5) and Facebook (@SarahHamiltonYEG).

