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CEASE Marks 25 Years

Looking Back, Growing Forward: 25 Years of Community Engagement.

KATE QUINN

The organization known as the CEASE (an acronym for Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation) celebrated its 25th anniversary on June 15th. It grew from community residents mobilizing to address the harmful impacts of street prostitution and drug trade activity in central Edmonton neighbourhoods. This activity increased dramatically in the late '80s - early '90s with men cruising residential areas preying upon vulnerable children and adults and harassing residents. A key element of the community response was to keep the circle open, listen, and engage diverse voices and stakeholders. The multi-stakeholder committee included formerly exploited women, street outreach and safe house staff, parents whose daughters were on the street, community residents, business associations, police, crown prosecutors, and health professionals.

This community committee focused on short-term solutions and long-term strategies. A key question in the search for a short-term solution was to ask: what activity causes the most harm to the most people and what can we do about it? The answer was the activity of men cruising affected everyone in diverse ways. The action was increased enforcement and the creation of an Adult Alternatives Measures Program, now called the Sex Trade Offender Program. The Ministry of Justice decided that eligible offenders would pay a fee for the program



Mayor Amarjeet Sohi presents CEASE Executive Director Kate Quinn with a certificate of congratulations on June 15th. Kim York

that was equivalent to the fine. These funds were returned to the community because it was the community that had raised awareness of the multiple impacts of harm.

The core priorities were identified as poverty relief, counselling, bursaries, and public awareness. These priorities

are still reflected in the CEASE strategies: Heal the Harm, Build for the Future, and Inspire Positive Change.

Community partners helped create CEASE and reflect the adage "it takes a village." CEASE is grateful to e4c, Boyle McCauley Health Centre - Kindred House, Catholic Social Ser-

vices, DECSA, REACH Edmonton, and many community partners who collaborate to provide wrap around supports to individuals for various stages of their life journeys.

Thanks to philanthropy and community donors, CEASE has been able to create and sustain these strategies. The Edmonton Community Foundation, the United Way of Alberta Capital Region, the Stollery Foundation, Taillefer Family Foundation, and many others invested in creating hopeful responses. Poverty-relief became the HOPE Fund - Help Others Prosper Equally. The HOPE fund helps with food security, bus tickets and bridging support. Thanks to an anonymous donor, CEASE was able to add one-on-one coaching and a comprehensive approach called HOPE Coordination.

"Build for the Future" became three streams. One is EMPOWER U: Building Confident Futures through financial literacy and matched savings. The second is Building Blocks for Families one-one-one support and system navigation. The third stream is the expansion of the bursary funds to include the CEASE Bursary at MacEwan, the Rachel's Hope Fund at NorQuest, AWINITA Fund for Indigenous women, and the Blue Sky Bursary and funds from the ECF Eldon and Anne Foote Fund that can be used at any publicly-governed educational institution. "Heal the Harm" includes the Project STAR Victim Advocate program for those who have been victims of the crimes of sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes of violence.

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Walking in the Rain



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

I'm looking out my window at a hard early morning rain in July. The sky is very dark and gloomy. It's too wet and chilly to go outside right now.

This isn't the way I was going to start my day. I was going to go for a walk to hopefully enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. But that's the thing about plans: they often don't work out the way we intended.

However, I can view this unexpected shower as an opportunity. Sure, I can still go for a walk - I just have to dress for the weather and grab an umbrella. Some fresh air would be wonderful, and the smell of rain is exhilarating.

Or, I can continue to sit inside and stare out the window. The choice is mine.

I try to remind myself that rain is necessary. It provides moisture and helps things grow. Sure, it may come at inconvenient times, but I certainly don't have any control over that. I do have control over how I react.

Life has a tendency to throw us unexpected twists and turns. Personal upheavals. Losing a job. Health issues. Even surprises that aren't considered to be bad can throw us for a loop. An unexpected success can also be stressful.

But that's one of the things about life: if you're active and engaged with the world around you, things happen. Sometimes it means changing our perspective, dealing with a situation we've been neglecting, or simply going outside and getting wet.

Now, please excuse me. I have to go for a walk.

Boyle McCauley News

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Volunteers make Boyle McCauley News possible. I am excited to announce that we have a new volunteer position available. We need a Newspaper Box Technician to check on our five newspaper boxes approximately once a month to make minor repairs or tidying up as needed. The main requirements are having your own tools, a knack for fixing things, and a way of getting to the boxes. For more specific details, please contact me at editor@bmcnews.org.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE. . .

Volume 43, Issue 5 will be published October 1st, 2022. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: September 12th, 2022. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

Remember that if you love reading Boyle McCauley News and want to be a part of helping it thrive, consider becoming a member of the Boyle Street McCauley Community Newspaper Society, the non-profit organization that publishes the paper. Members help build our numbers and receive occasional updates - and it's free to join. You can apply for membership at bmcnews.org/membership.

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Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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McCauley Community League: AGM Recap

ALICE KOS

MCL's Annual General Meeting took place on June 14th. The Commonwealth Recreation Centre generously offered the League complimentary use of their beautiful Alumni Room in exchange for a spot on the evening's agenda.

Approximately 35 neighbours and community stakeholders shared food, beverages, and good conversation over the course of the evening.

The meeting began with a presentation by Greg Witt, Supervisor at Commonwealth Rec Centre. Greg provided an overview of the programs he supervises at the Commonwealth Rec Centre, Clarke Stadium, and the Eastglen Leisure Centre. Greg welcomed community feedback and shared opportunities for the community to use Clark Stadium, receive tours of Commonwealth, and connect with Edmonton Elks reps for the engagement of Elks players in community events.

MLA Janis Irwin and Councillor Anne Stevenson also brought their greetings and expressed their support for the community.

Hon Leong, Chair of the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society, gave a heartfelt account of how the community is reeling from the recent random murders of two members of the Chinatown community. Hon spoke passionately about the need for all of us to advocate for our community – from municipal and provincial leaders to residents. He spoke to the great need for inclusivity and respect for all cultures in our neighbourhood. He appealed to all McCauley community members to support our Chinatown neighbours. His words resonated deeply with many.

I summarized various projects undertaken by the MCL Board this past year, which included the digitization and centralizing of League files, improving communications, and creating reliable and sustainable access to financial information. We also summarized the past year's programs and events including the Community League Day Party; the Safe Halloween Party, Holiday Skating Party, and Family Day Celebration; our year-long kids' soccer program; and Light

Up McCauley. We're so pleased to partner with McCauley Revitalization, who supported many of these events and programs. And we continue to strengthen relationships with Safer McCauley/REACH, E4C and other community stakeholders. We really are stronger together.

MCL Director Rickard Enstroem provided an update on the new Rink building, which we're tentatively referring to as the "Rink Pavilion Project." This year, we finalized the first of four stages: Strategy. The remaining stages are Concept, Design, and Build. Each involves community engagement and consultation, and we're always looking for volunteers who are willing to see this approximately five-year project through to completion.

An amendment to our bylaws was passed, which essentially requires that Board members be elected individually rather than as a slate, and via secret ballot rather than a show of hands.

Finally, we're thrilled to welcome three new members to our board: Corine Demas, John Gee, and Sarah Pearson. Board positions for 2022-2023 are:

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Alice Kos

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Corine Demas

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We look forward to another productive year working towards a vibrant McCauley!

Alice is the President of the McCauley Community League.

CEASE Marks 25 Years

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Woven through all these years are the voices of those who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. These include staff and board members. People with lived experience provided input into creating a range of supportive programs that would truly assist people wherever they were on their journey.

The high cost of sexual exploitation is marked each year through the Annu-

al August Memorial to remember all those who have died, whether through murder, suicide, overdose, or illness associated with discrimination, trauma, and poverty.

As CEASE marks 25 years of community engagement, the board, staff, and community members are reflecting on how CEASE can continue to contribute to realistic and positive change.

Kate Quinn is the Executive Director of CEASE. She lives in McCauley.

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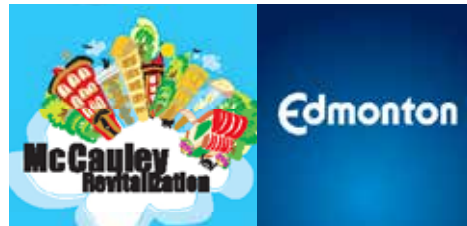
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MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION UPDATES

An Introduction

My name is Margaret Smith and I am currently working as the Revitalization Coordinator in McCauley. I grew up in the Parkdale Neighbourhood and attended Parkdale Elementary & Junior High (now The Bent Arrow Healing Society). I am a graduate of The University of Alberta and MacEwan Universities and one of my first jobs was working at Giovanni Caboto Park as a Green Shack Leader (a long time ago!). I have been with The City for over 10 years and have worked with The City Arts Centre, The Muttart, as a Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator in Ward O'day Min and now as a Revitalization Coordinator in McCauley. I am honoured and thrilled to be working in McCauley. I feel like I have come home! Please feel free to reach out to me with any Revitalization questions you may have!

CONTACT MARGARET: margaret.smith@edmonton.ca

***PS -** I realize I have some big shoes to fill! My colleague, Greg Brandenburg, is still with the Revitalization Team but concentrating his efforts on Alberta Avenue until the end of the year. I know he will be missed but he has not gone far.

The Great 2022 McCauley Neighbourhood Clean Up!

SATURDAY AUG 20 & SUNDAY AUG 21, 2022

(OR MONDAY, AUG 22 IF NEED BE)

Do you need help disposing of (reasonably sized) large unwanted items from your home or illegally dumped junk on your property?

ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20 before 8 AM:

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*Please do not put out your smaller garbage items that should be collected weekly by Waste Management.

The Great 2022 McCauley Clean Up is supported by McCauley Revitalization, E4C, McCauley Apartments, McCauley Community League and Safer McCauley. Have a truck and want to help out? Contact Mike at (780) 903 9661. For more information on this event or other Revitalization projects in McCauley, contact margaret.smith@edmonton.ca (your friendly Neighbourhood Revitalization Coordinator). ●

The City of Edmonton McCauley Revitalization Team is happy to announce new funding criteria

MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION GRANTS

- As of June 1st, we have a new grants funding model: no more match components needed!
- All grants require a fiscal agent
- Micro-Grants: Up to \$500
- Macro-Grants: \$501-\$20,000 (no match needed)
- Revitalization Extensive Project Fund (REPF): \$20,001 to \$250,000
- The intake schedule for 2022 :
July 15 to August 12 / September 15 to October 13

Core Criteria for The Revitalization Extensive Project Fund (REPF):

- Beauty, Safety, Security
- Support the care and attractiveness of local property within the Revitalization area.
- Support safety initiatives within their neighbourhood that build personal and community sense of safety.
- Thriving Local Economy Investment
- Support the connection between local individuals and their local businesses.
- Support the connection between local businesses and local individuals.
- Support investment in market residential development.
- Support investment in market commercial development.
- Strengthening Capacity and Inclusion
- Strengthen individuals' sense of neighbourliness.
- Increase local individuals and business participation in neighbourhood events.
- Support local individuals to innovate in their neighbourhoods.
- Build a network of collaboration, openness, transparency and mutual support in their neighbourhood.
- Reflect the demographic diversity of the neighbourhood

Secondary Criteria for Revitalization Extensive Program Fund:

Each Revitalization Area has goals created with local partners and residents to set out for the success of their Revitalization Strategy. Applications will be reviewed for alignment with these Strategy goals during the preliminary assessment by the Revitalization Coordinator. We invite you to contact the Revitalization Coordinator to learn more about the specific criteria applied to the area of your project.

Applications will be reviewed for alignment with these Strategy goals during the preliminary assessment by the Revitalization Coordinator. For more information please check out www.edmonton.ca and search *grants* or contact margaret.smith@edmonton.ca ●

Chinatown Rally and Vigil Commemorates Victims, Calls For Action



The Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society (CTC) organized a vigil in Churchill Square on May 28th to commemorate the lives of Chinatown community members Hung Trang and Ban Hoang, who were violently killed on May 18th. A rally was also held on May 28th at City Hall to support Chinatown and its businesses and express concern about safety issues. The rally was organized by the Chinese Benevolent Association with support from the CTC and the Chinatown and Area Business Association Paula E. Kirman

Heart of the City 2022 Recap

Back in Giovanni Caboto Park and loving it!

CORINE DEMAS & JEN DUNFORD

After two years of producing small events and online offerings, our team of volunteer board members were so excited to bring Heart of the City Festival back to Giovanni Caboto Park in 2022 on June 4th and 5th. The annual theme, aptly named Arts Awakened, found visual expression in the festival's central theme artwork made by artist Elaine Cooper, which featured two foxes reaching out to one another and joining paws in a starburst of light. The image symbolized reconnecting with our friends, neighbours and, in turn, our own creativity. This is the magic that this festival brings to our community.

Many of our board members were new this year. They brought positive fresh energy to the festival. Those of us who have experience with producing the festival felt that with the help of all our new board members, our 19th year was one of the smoothest festivals we have ever produced.

This year the festival combined the youth stage and main stage, mingling established and emerging artists in the same line-up. The unified "clam shell" stage no doubt created many networking opportunities and a chance for youth to brush shoulders with a wide array of talent.

On the music stage, a notable moment occurred when Chubby Cree opened Sunday's bill with the powerhouse voice of traditional singer 12-year-old Noah Green. He performs with his grandmother, Carol Powder, a female hand drummer. Their rendition of the healing song "Remember Me" touched many amongst the crowd. Chubby Cree were recently invited to open for The Halluci Nation, formerly A Tribe Called Red, and are currently hosting a Go Fund Me donation campaign page to raise money to travel to Toronto to bring their healing voices across Turtle Island.

Another stand-out memory was made when The Littlebirds Big Band closed the

festival with some fantastic up-and-coming horn players taught by world-class jazz local musicians at the Yardbird's youth music program. Head-turning improvised solos filled the air, stopping you in your tracks and causing you to question the years of experience that this incredibly talented group has under their belt.

At The Beat Spoken Word Stage we held two poetry showcases, three workshops, a comedy night, and a Story Slam. One of the poetry showcases featured youth reading their original works. We were impressed with the young people who showed up at our open stage, including a youngster called, "Arlo" who improvised a poem and even tried stand-up comedy for the first time to open our comedy night! KazMega, Leif Gregersen, and Fara Joy hosted workshops that were well attended. The winner of this year's Story Slam was Ahmed Ahmed who told a story that made the judges laugh and cry.

We had an outstanding turnout of volunteers to help run the festival including long time security staff and organizers. Courtney Cronkhite, our first-time stage manager, deserves special mention for transforming into a pearl of an MC on stage.

Next year will mark the Heart of the City Festival's 20th anniversary. We would love to hear from you about what you would like to see us do to celebrate inner city arts and this milestone year. Also, stay tuned for our next event coming this fall. We are planning to have our second Indigenous Fashion Show, community meal, and clothing drive.

Reach us at heartcityfest@gmail.com and visit our website: heartcityfest.com.

Corine Demas is the President of the Heart of the City Festival. Jen Dunford, HOTC's Volunteer Coordinator, views art as a tool for change and believes in its integral role as a part of Canadian cultural identity. Her mission is to create cultural legacies through the practice of performance.



The Littlebirds Big Band. Jen Dunford



From left: KazMega, Sanderina, and Yuci at The Beat spoken word stage. Paula E. Kirman



Heart of the City board members. Back row (left to right): Corine Demas, Norbert Topolski, Mike Siek, Sebastian Barrera, Stefani Alzati, and Faytima Goble. Front row (left to right): Heather Bouchier, Jen Dunford, and Dilara Polat. Louis Bouchier

Sahaba Mosque in Boyle Street

ANITA JENKINS

After I moved to Boyle Street in 2013, I often walked past the modest building at 9216 105th Avenue and wondered about its sign in front, "Sahaba Mosque." It looks as if it was a community hall in a past life and has little or no resemblance to a mosque. Then I noticed the separate entrances for women and men, and on Fridays I saw many cars overflowing the parking lot and men arriving in their thobes (an ankle-length, long-sleeved gown).

I recently learned a bit about the Sahaba Mosque in conversation with Sami Khalaf, a board member of Edmonton's Downtown Islamic Association which was established in 1998. The association operates the Sahaba Mosque and is also establishing a mosque on the south side.

Khalaf says people regularly visit the Sahaba Mosque to fulfill the Muslim obligation to pray five times a day. The women pray downstairs and the men upstairs. The building doors can remain open for daily prayers



The Sahaba Mosque. Leif Gregersen

because Imam Abdul Shakoore has an office there where he writes sermons, prepares for Qur'an classes, and meets with members of the mosque who ask for spiritual guidance.

The congregation of about 200 to 250 people is made up of people from many ethnically diverse regions: North Africa (Egypt, Somalia, Nigeria, Eritrea, and other countries), the Middle East, Pakistan, and other places.

The Sahaba Mosque is undergoing

minor renovation, as the kitchen and bathrooms are in need of improvement. In addition, the Downtown Islamic Association has bought land at 44th Avenue and 127th Street with a view to building a mosque on the south side. A house on the property is being used as a school, and a shed-type building serves as a temporary mosque.

One of the goals of the association is to engage youth through programs and services such as soccer games, summer camps, barbecues, and other social activities. In this way, young

people can meet their peers, learn more about Islam, and talk about how they can best navigate the challenges of young adulthood.

During Ramadan, the association participates in the traditional "families in need" service. Members deliver food to seniors and others who have difficulty making meals or cannot afford groceries. In some cases, local restaurants donate the food; in others volunteers gather to cook the meals.

The mission of the Sahaba Mosque/Downtown Islamic Association is, in part, "To sustainably provide a welcoming space and promote an indigenous practice and realization of Islam rooted in excellence, gratitude, and inclusion."

For more information, visit the Sahaba website, www.sahabamosque.ca. The mosque also has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sahaba.masjid>

Anita Jenkins is a retired writer and editor who lives in Boyle Street.

Rayyan East African Restaurant

DINING OUT

Rayyan East African Restaurant

10019 106 Ave NW

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Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

ALAN SCHIETZSCH

Although it's been in our neighbourhood for about a year, not many people seem to know about Rayyan East African Restaurant. Well, that's about to change!

Rayyan has a friendly atmosphere, incredibly generous portions, and surprisingly low prices: three of us left after a huge meal, with delicious meats and rice for the next day's lunch, for under \$60! When you can enjoy such fabulous food for an incredibly low price at a restaurant staffed by a charming and generous Somali-Kenyan family, it just has to be experienced.

Rayyan's modern and bright space was previously occupied by a Chinese bakery, located kitty corner from Hope Mission, in the shadow of the EPCOR Tower. It's spotlessly clean, and you are welcomed in a warm and very casual style.

The owners, Noor and Jamal, are a father and son who started the restaurant

Great portions, flavours, and value.



A table full of food at Rayyan East African Restaurant. Alan Schietzsch

together about a year ago, naming it "Rayyan" after a family daughter. The family is mixed Somali and Kenyan, so their cuisine combines the generous portions of meat or fish with rice and/or several types of bread that are typically Somali, with dishes borrowing a touch of the Kenyan seasonings and spices to make Rayyan's cooking a very flavourful and unique blend - the best of both nations.

Somali meals are often protein-based.

Fish, goat, beef, lamb, or chicken is fried in ghee or grilled or broiled. It is lightly spiced with turmeric, coriander, cumin, and curry and is eaten with basmati rice that has added onions, sweet peppers, and even a few raisins for a touch of sweetness.

For just \$17, the food comes as a set meal. It's prefaced with a small bowl of a brothy soup, and next you get a complimentary salad - and then the waiter arrives with a big platter of Somali style rice or pasta (much of the Mareeg coastal region of

eastern Africa was an Italian colony, so pasta became part of the cuisine) or your choice of several types of flat bread: there's Canjeero, a traditional Somali bread, as well as Mandazi (fried bread) and Muufu, a flat bread similar to an Indian chapati.

The food just keeps arriving. Then you see and smell your choice of kind of meat (beef, lamb, chicken, or goat) or one of four kinds of fish, or shrimps - so much food! And for a drink, try the mango which goes well with every Somali dish. There's even a cinnamon spiced tea.

Our party of three hungry adults ordered the grilled fish, a lamb shoulder, and the breaded chicken (less greasy than most places, and a very comfortable introduction for children or those who are "scared" of trying something new or seasoned with spices - even my English mum would have totally enjoyed it!) The food is so good and the portions are great, with lots for leftovers.

Rayyan is an exceptionally friendly place in McCauley for some great East African cuisine. The food they put in front of their customers is delicious, filling, very affordable, and representative of their Somali-Kenyan heritage and identity.

Alan lives in McCauley. He is the Chair of the paper's Board of Directors.



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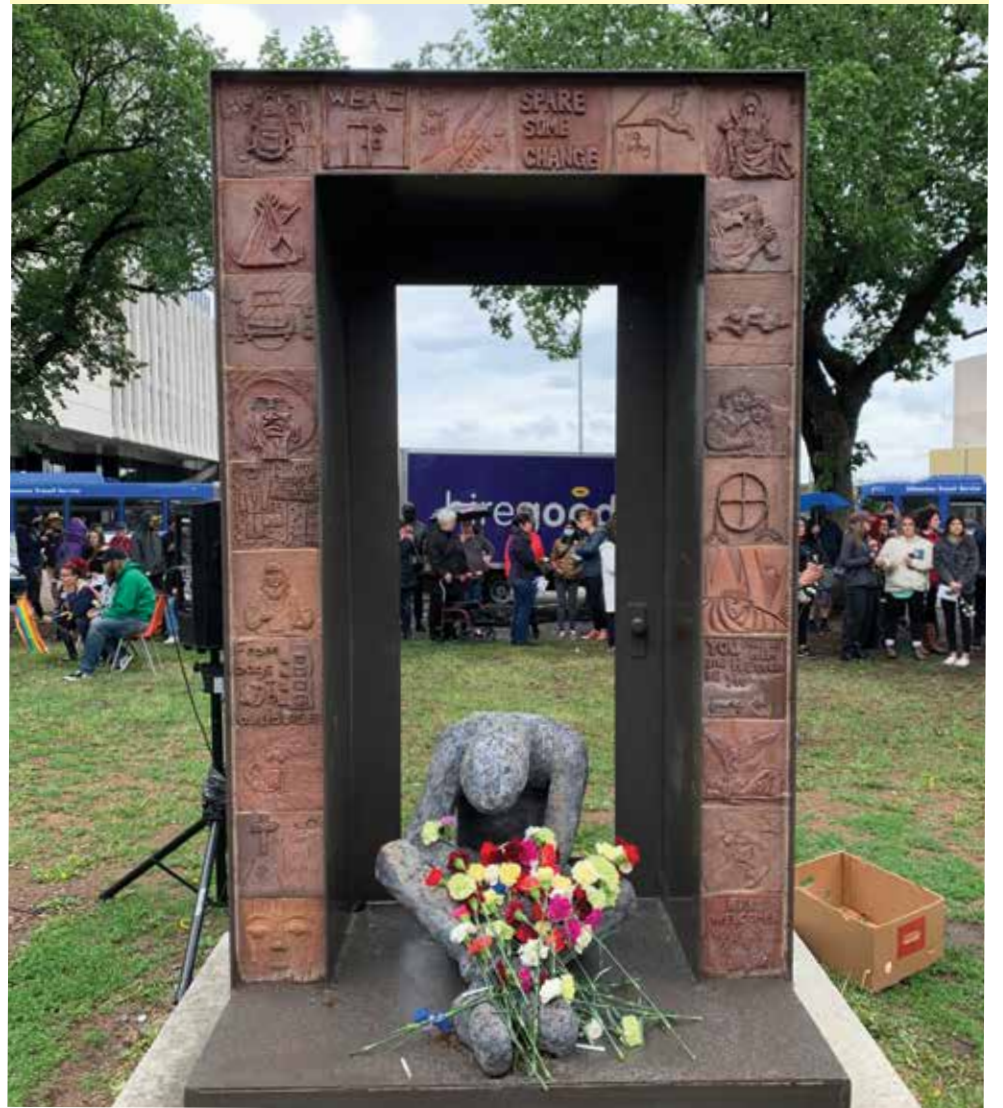
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Edmonton Homeless Memorial Returns



June 15th, 2022 was the first Edmonton Homeless Memorial since the beginning of the pandemic, to honour and grieve 453 people who have died due to not having a home (either directly or indirectly) in 2019 (99), 2020 (132), and 2021 (222). The service was organized by the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOH) and held at the Homeless Memorial Plaza at 100th Street and 103A Avenue. Paula E. Kirman



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Upholding Diversity for Cultural Equity

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) is a community full of love, caring, and support. In this and future articles, we will inform readers of the non-profit organizations operating in the EIC facility in order to bring light to their many good deeds.

Ending Forever the Historically Devastating Impacts of the Child Welfare System

Creating Hope Society (CHS) describes who they are very clearly on their website: "a non-profit society established to recognize that the sixties and seventies child welfare scoop of Aboriginal children is a continuation of the Residential Schools era." As such, CHS is "is carrying forward a healing process, commenced for Residential School survivors, to those who are products of a Child Welfare system that has perpetuated the legacy of the Residential Schools." Through the many programs offered, CHS aims to build a just and humane society with the hope for a better future, full of support and healing for Indigenous Peoples. Their mission and vision support the values that EIC upholds.

Creating Hope Society has recently grown beyond the walls of the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. In this light, we would like to thank the Creating Hope Society for being part of the EIC family for eight meaningful years, May 2014 to May 2022. Through the years we have witnessed our humble beginnings, our crossroads, our growth, and our successes. EIC continues to support CHS in all of its future programming, activities, and events. For more information about this organization and their events, please

visit their website at CreatingHopeSociety.ca or drop into their new office at Unit 4, 10865 96th Street.

Ethnically Inclusive Early Learning and Childcare

Intercultural Child and Family Centre (ICFC) is committed to providing high-quality, culturally responsive early learning and care for children while supporting families, fostering community, and building the capacity of educators.

ICFC operates two early learning and care programs: one at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre, and another at the 1000 Women site at NorQuest College, with a total capacity of 128 children, aged 12 months to 12 years. This organization works to develop and demonstrate culturally responsive childcare. Most enrolled families fall into one or more of these categories: immigrant, refugee, Indigenous, single parent, student, low income, or LGBTQ2S+. To the extent that it is possible, educators are chosen who reflect the demographics of their families.

The ICFC centres are demonstration sites for NorQuest students, and they also host students and research projects from post-secondary and other organizations. This organization is committed to demonstrating and promoting high-quality childcare. You are welcome and invited to tour one or both of their sites. For further information and enrolment, please call (825) 777-6014.

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.

McCauley Development Corporation Revamps Little Italy's PIAZZA

From a community eyesore to the heart of Little Italy.



The PIAZZA currently. Katie Parent/AICRE Commercial

KATIE PARENT

For years, McCauley community residents watched the PIAZZA (located at 10825 95th Street, Edmonton) attract less-than-desirable visitors to the area with adult-only venues. Concerned local business owners and McCauley residents, determined to change their neighbourhood for the better, joined together and purchased this corner-stone retail property in 2019. With the economy looking up, the McCauley Development Corporation is renewed in its vision of the PIAZZA "Becoming a destination experience in Edmonton where Old World Charm meets Urban Vibe." The investors hope to see the PIAZZA turn into an open-air shopping and dining destination filled with local vendors who are enthusiastic about improving the communities they serve.

To attract the best businesses for the area, the McCauley Development group tasked AICRE Commercial, a local Edmonton boutique commercial real estate company, to procure

the best tenants for the spaces available. "It is an honour to be a part of this process," said Meadow Kenney, real estate agent at AICRE Commercial who is leading the project. "Witnessing the power and positive impact of the community spirit in action already making a visible shift to the vibe at this corner of Little Italy is truly special. I know that the next businesses that open their doors here will continue to create a positive impact while enjoying a high-traffic retail location and the support of this incredible network of local business owners." Meadow and the team at AICRE Commercial are seeking community-minded tenants to be a part of The PIAZZA in Little Italy. Business uses of all sizes are welcome to apply to be a part of this exclusive retail opportunity.

For more information, contact Meadow Kenney at 780-271-4845 or meadow@aicrecommercial.com.

Katie Parent is the Marketing Manager with AICRE Commercial.



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CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

BISSELL CENTRE
780-423-2285 x 111 (General Inquiries)
Community Space: Closed to support operations at the Edmontonton Convention Centre.
Bissell Centre Early Childhood Development Program
9331-105 Avenue Edmonton Alberta T5H 4E4
780-429-4126
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday full-time care 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lunch provided by parents; centre provides a.m. and p.m. snacks
FREE Drop-in/respite spaces available Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Spaces are limited, please call ahead to reserve a space for your child.

BOYLE MCCAULEY HEALTH CENTRE
10628 – 96 Street
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour.
Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Streetworks during clinic hours.

BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES
10116 – 105 Avenue
(780) 424-4106
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Youth night: Wed. 4-7 p.m. Adult Drop-In open all day – 8:30 – 4:30 . Lunch: Monday-Friday at 11.30. Free repairs for eyeglasses every Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m; housing, family, youth, mental health and outreach programs available.

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY
10527-96 St. NW
(780) 424-7652
Pastor Quinn Strikwerda
Pastoral Assistants: Jim Gurnett & Michelle Nieviadomy
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. - noon
Take-away snack bags Sunday at noon.
Visits and other pastoral services on request.
info@icpmontomontion.ca

THE ROCK OUTREACH
11004 – 96 Street NW
Phone (780) 426-1122
Breakfasts: Tuesday to Thursday 7-9 a.m.
Kids Club: Third Monday of the Month

THE SALVATION ARMY ADDICTIONS & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE
9611 -102 Avenue
(780) 429-4274
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WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC
Located in the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre is open Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

THE MUSTARD SEED
10635 – 96 Street
(780) 426-5600
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For more information, call The Mustard Seed at (780) 426-5600 or visit: www.theseed.ca

HOPE MISSION 9908 106 Avenue (780) 422-2018
HOPE MISSION MEALS:
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Lunch 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Supper 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Weekends & Holidays
Brunch 10:45 am - 11:30 a.m.
Supper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

HOPE MISSION SHELTER:
Men, Women, Youth
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HOPE MISSION COMMUNITY CHURCH:
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. Hope Mission Centre - 9908 106 Avenue
7:00 p.m. Herb Jamieson Centre - 10014 105A Avenue

HOPE MISSION HEALTH CLINIC:
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7 p.m. at Santa Maria Goretti Catholic Church.
Currently, we are allowed to have 175 participants for the Sunday Masses. All are welcome. No need for registration.
Monthly Baptism preparation class is available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmations. Please call the office to register their names. (Our Sacred Heart Church is under renovation and the use of the St. Kateri Hall and the Church is not allowed until the church inauguration.)

THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION is seeking volunteer tutors to help adults develop reading, writing and/or math skills. Volunteers participate in group learning, tutor one-to-one, or assist drop-in learners. Skills and Experience: High school level reading, writing and/or math skills. Openness to tutor and learn with adults with various life experiences, including living with homelessness. Two locations: Boyle Street Community Services and Abbottsfield Mall.
Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator
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NETWORKS ACTIVITY CENTRE
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P.A.L.S. PROJECT ADULT LITERACY SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
Work with adult students in the ESL - English as a Second Language program. Training, materials, and supplies provided. Call (780) 424-5514 for more information.

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McCauley Cleanup - Saturday, August 21, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - (9541 108A Avenue)
Let's help clean up our community and have a party while we're at it! Join us, with the support of McCauley Revitalization and the City of Edmonton, as we go into our streets and alleys to pick up large and small items that have collected over the winter. Meet in the parking lot to get your litter clean up supplies and some delicious snacks! We are seeking volunteer truck/trailer drivers for this event! Please call 780-424-2870 to sign up!

Drop-In Soccer - Tuesdays 4:30-6 p.m. Behind Sacred Heart Church (108A Ave. & 96 St.)
Have some fun playing soccer with your neighbours! We warm up with some stretches, do a few footcontrol drills, then we set up a scrimmage game or two. It's all for fun, friends, and exercise! All experience levels welcome. Snacks and cold drinks provided.

Poetry in the Park – Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Giovanni Caboto Park (94 St. & 108A Ave.)
Ever want to have your poetry published? Local poet, author, and teacher, Leif Gregerson, together with some guest poets, will guide you through writing and publishing your own poetry. At the end of the summer, we will create a book of poetry from the works that are created during the sessions and distribute it around the city.

WECAN Food Co-Operative
Purchase inexpensive meat and produce for pickup once per month at McCauley Apartments (9541-108A Ave.). Visit wecanfood.com or call the e4c McCauley Office at 780-424-2870 for help to order.

Please visit our Facebook page @e4cwellness or a full schedule of FREE sessions and groups, open to all. Contact Kathryn or Mike at the e4c McCauley office at 780-424-2870, or email krambow@e4calberta.org or msiek@e4calberta.org.

Okîsikow Way Day Officially Proclaimed



The City of Edmonton proclaimed Okîsikow Way Day on June 14th. Okîsikow (Angel) Way is located along 101A Avenue, between 96th and 97th Streets. The area was officially named on June 14th, 2011, with the unveiling of a sign blade (bottom photo) created by artist Gloria Neapetung, who passed away in 2016. The street honours victims of gender-based violence. The City proclamation took place at THE nook CAFE as the final event to be held in that space. Top photo, from left: Elder Karen MacKenzie (part of the original – and current – volunteer steering committee), Sheri Neapetung (Gloria's sister), and Elder Theresa Strawberry. Paula E. Kirman

Mary Burlie Day: Kindness and Community



July 13th was Mary Burlie Day, which was first declared by the City of Edmonton last year. Family, friends, and supporters gathered in Mary Burlie Park to listen to poetry and music, and to share memories. Mary's daughter Stephanie explained that a major focus of the day is to share acts of kindness, as Mary's legacy is kindness and compassion for others. Paula E. Kirman



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Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback that helped shape the final design for the streets and sidewalks of Boyle Street and McCauley.

The Project Team is now working on the design details in preparation for construction to begin.

Next steps:

Preparing for Construction and Local Improvement Information

- + McCauley – February 2023
- + Boyle Street – early 2024

Construction on Your Streets

- + McCauley – spring 2023 to fall 2025
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Shima Robinson: “Life is hard, so I process those things with poetry.”

CORINE DEMAS

I met with Shima Robinson, a.k.a. Dwen-nimmen, and spoke with her about her former work with Heart of the City, among other things.

“I sat on the board of Heart of the City for three years. I used to help out with marketing and communications and the poetry stages. I have performed at Heart of the City since, I’ve done hosting at the Beat Stage, and I attend every year.”

I asked Shima about her connection to the downtown core. She said: “I have a lot of friends who live downtown. I do a lot of my work centrally: half downtown, half in the Old Strathcona area. I enjoy the energy of downtown, I like to see what is going on in my city - the good, the bad, the in-between. I like the proximity to all the things. Downtown is chock full of interesting places and spaces. There are institutional spots like the AGA and iHuman, but also venues like the Aviary or there is also Giovanni Caboto Park or the Italian Centre. A lot of good work happens in Boyle Street/McCauley. There is a lot of community outreach in the area that I am connected to as well.”

Shima shared with me about her work in the arts community. “Right now I



Shima Robinson. Colé Richards - Indigeneity Photography

work for the Fringe as the manager of learning and outreach and I work for the Edmonton Poetry Festival as the artistic producer. I am also an artist myself. I got published in April by Glass House Press, a book called *Bellow* that has an album that accompanies it - the QR code for the album is in the back of the book. The album was recorded with the collective Damn Magpies,” she says.

“I’m very busy in the arts. I’m a spoken word poet, performance poet, written word poet, stage poet, all the poetry stuff I do. I do a lot of performing at festivals. I

did the North Country Fair this year, I did the Found Festival this year, I’m doing Purple City this year. I’m really into improvisational music.”

When I asked Shima what brought her to poetry she said, “I needed an outlet that was verbal when I was very young. I started to write my own poetry when I was 19. I was performing shortly thereafter with the Raving Poets. I kept doing it. I kept doing it because it allows me to explore in a very healthy way, and in a potentially introspective way, the relative duress of being alive. Life is hard, so

I process those things with poetry.”

She continues: “A lot of people have very strong reactions to the things I say and the way that I say them. There are critiques in the poetry. I don’t make it a political mission but there is politics in everything.”

When it comes to poets, Shima says, “I think as poets we speak our minds. We tell it like we see it, we tell it like it is. Everyone has a responsibility to profess what they feel or give a testimony, but I think poets as a disparate group of people have a responsibility to honour themselves.”

Shima also takes part in poetry slams. “The slams both locally and nationally have had a huge impact on how I orate. I try to stay away from trends while taking cues from the way people do their thing - what makes the message clearer, what makes the story more interesting or more rich.

In the future, Shima will be releasing a book of poetry written in 4/4 time, inspired by hip-hop.

You can contact Shima on her website: denseverse.net. You can order her book, *Bellow*, at glassbookshop.com.

Corine Demas is the President of the Heart of the City Festival.

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iHuman Block Party

Young people making art at the iHuman Block Party on June 16th. The event featured a number of art engagement activities and live performances. Paula E. Kirman

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