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New Chinatown Gate to Span 97th Street

Community input and collaboration leads to a positive end to a controversial chapter.

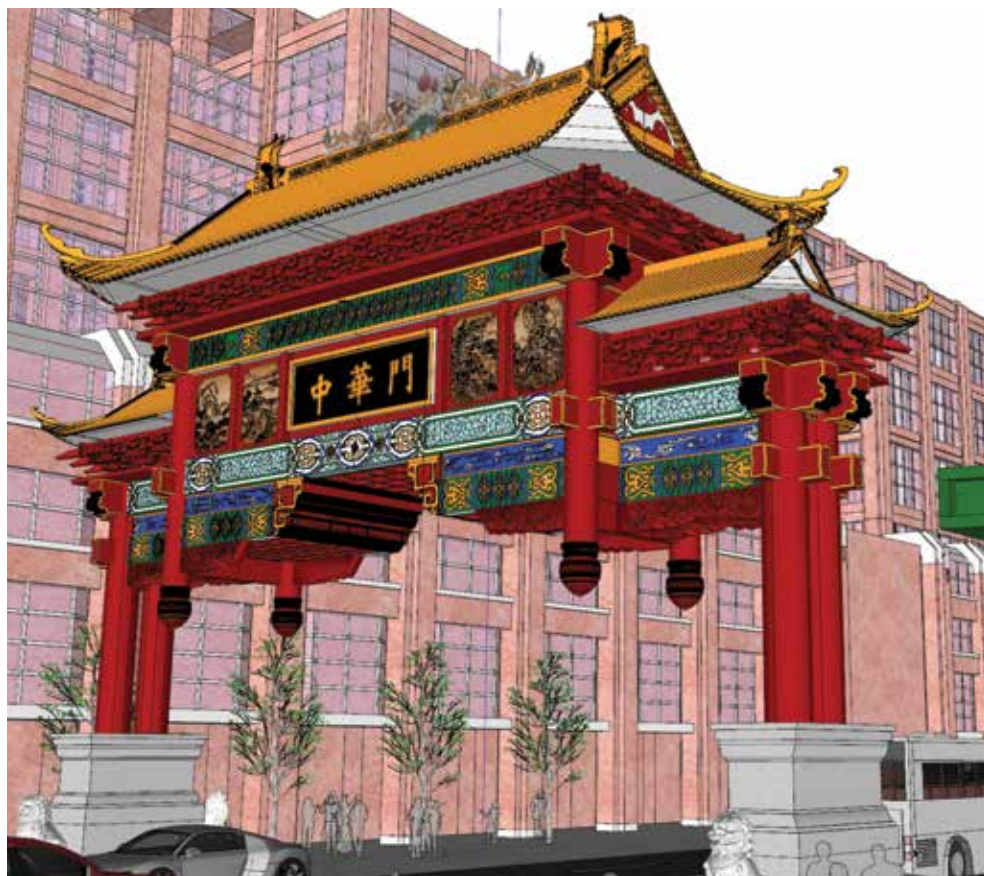
ANITA JENKINS

Edmonton's new Chinatown Gate is a go. Underground footings have been installed at the new location, over 97th Street at 101A Avenue. As well, the City has installed a dedicated area to showcase the gate, which includes landscaping.

City Council's 2023-26 budget has allocated \$6 million for the project, and designers in Harbin, Edmonton's sister city, have prepared a conceptual design. A refined and engineered design will be provided in the future. "The best gate designers in the world are in China," says Brett Latchford, Director of Chinatown Recovery, City of Edmonton.

Michael Lee, Vice Chair of the Chinese Benevolent Association Board, says it would have been ideal to install the new gate nearer to the area further north, where most of Chinatown is now established. But 97th Street close to Jasper Avenue is "a becoming site," Lee says, since Edmonton's Chinatown began in the late 19th century at and around the area where Canada Place is now.

Plans are to reflect the style of the old gate, constructed in 1987, which was a gift from Harbin. This "Harbin Gate," located on 102nd Avenue just east of 97th Street, was dismantled in 2017 to



A conceptual rendering of the new Chinatown Gate from the City of Edmonton.

make way for construction of the Valley Line LRT. It cannot be re-installed in the new location because it is not wide enough. One of the six lanes of traffic on 97th Street is being closed, but the old gate still cannot span the five remaining lanes.

The timelines are not definite, but project participants expect work to be completed within the next couple of years.

This whole process has been con-

troversial (see the story "Harbin Gate Makes Way for LRT" in the April 2017 issue of Boyle McCauley News at our website bmcnews.org). Hon Leong, President of the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society, says that at that time there was a lack of communication and consultation with the Chinese community.

But now, Lee says, the Chinese Benevolent Association is "very pleased that the City is considering our input."

The installation of a new gate is just one part of a broad strategy for the City and Chinatown businesses and residents to work collectively on several fronts (see sidebar: Five Pillars). The City of Edmonton's website states, "While the City played a role in the development of the strategy, it is community-driven and it will be collaborative community-based partnerships that drive the success of the strategy."

This good news is what Leong describes as "an end to this whole chapter."

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

FIVE PILLARS

The Chinatown Strategy is planned around these five pillars:

1. Improve sense of safety and security
2. Focused economic development
3. Governance and community leadership network
4. Celebrate Chinatown as a destination
5. Enhance built form and landmarks

From the Chinatown section of the City of Edmonton's website.



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From Boyle Street to Wyoming



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

Occasionally I encounter a situation in my role as Editor that reminds me of the small world in which we live - and, thanks to modern technology, how a small publication can impact lives far distances away.

In early February, I was emailed by a woman in Wyoming researching her aunt: Anne Boyea. An internet search led her to the paper's website. Anne Boyea was mentioned in the December 1979 issue - from our first year of publication, and of which we only have one physical copy. Her first name was misspelled as "Ann," and she was thanked for a financial contribution to the paper.

Then, this niece sent me a copy of

an article credited to **Boyle McCauley News**, December 1979. However, it was not in the copy of the issue on our website. At this moment I realized we did not have a complete copy. Through this article, I learned that Anne Boyea was born in a tent city in the 92nd-93rd Street area. Her family were recent immigrants from Yorkshire, England, who could not find proper housing. She lived in or near the area her entire life. In her later years, she lived in Pioneer Place in Boyle Street - and where we still drop off papers.

Later in February, I received a phone call from the sister-in-law of Boyea's Wyoming niece. She had a full copy of the December 1979 edition and wanted to donate it to us. I gladly met with her to accept the paper and chat about her family. Sure enough, the feature article about Anne Boyea was on one of the missing pages. We digitized the issue and it is now in our online archive at our website. I hope this experience demonstrates the importance of hyperlocal media extends beyond a neighbourhood's borders.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our April-May issue. I often use this space to thank volunteers who have gone above and beyond, and this time is no exception. Due to a technical issue with the software we were using, we needed the database we use to generate the distribution list and bag labels for our distribution team and block carriers rebuilt in another program.

Thank you to Randy Layetzke for undertaking the time-consuming task of ensuring all of our route information is up-to-date and useable in a more accessible format. Some of you may recognize Randy's name from when he was the paper's Distribution Manager a number of years ago. As a result, he is

quite familiar with our routes and our distribution system.

Fortunately most of our volunteers do not need hardcore technical skills. If you would like to volunteer with the paper, contact me at editor@bmcnews.org to find out what opportunities are available.

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Volume 44, Issue 3 will be published June 1st, 2023. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: May 12th, 2023. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

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A Long Way to Go

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

As I write this, spring is starting to peek around the corner, and I'm so looking forward to enjoying some warm weather soon. And with spring and warm weather comes a provincial election too!

As I wrap up my first term as your MLA, I wanted to use this space to say thank you for putting your faith in me to represent you and our communities for the last nearly four years. I've been so proud to use my role to stand up for our neighbours in Boyle Street and McCauley during this time, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to do so after the upcoming election.

It feels like the last four years have gone by quickly, but our communities have stayed strong and have continued to take care of one another. On my end, I think that what I've been proudest of has been my advocacy for our most vulnerable neighbours. This has included pressing the government on accessible and affordable housing, on harm reduction services, and on the need for strong public healthcare and education systems that leave no Albertans behind.

I know that we still have much work to do, and I am hopeful that my Alberta NDP colleagues and I will have the chance to put our advocacy into action and legislation for much-needed supports, like investments in permanent supportive housing, healthcare supports - including family health teams and free prescription contraception - and the wide range of social supports that our communities have been asking for over the past four years.

In short: I know that we have a long way to go toward building an equitable, kind, and supportive province for all Albertans, and I can't wait to continue this work together with you. And, as always, I'm here to help, so if you need anything, would like to share your thoughts or feedback, or if you'd just like to say hello, please reach out to our constituency office!

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

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Spring Streets

JON LAI

Before the bloom
of leaves and gardens
rain must provide refreshment
for the awaking environment

Days extend while nights dim
as icy conditions abate
and snowbanks deplete
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The air is light
as are the jackets
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Jon is an aspiring researcher and writer. He believes everyone has creative abilities.

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New Public Art Blooms in Boyle Street

This 16-foot tall marigold is a public art installation that blossomed at Stadium Yards in late January.

Rohit Rental Living commissioned Studio F Minus of Toronto to design and create "Marigold," which cycles through several colours and is intended to represent diversity.

As an interactive element, the colour transitions increase in speed when approached.

The marigold is Edmonton's official flower. Stadium Yards is located near 106A Avenue and 84th Street.



"Marigold" as seen in daylight plus several of the installation's colour changes visible in the dark. Paula E. Kirman

Meet & Greets Aim to Strengthen Relationships with Neighbourhoods Affected by Problem Properties

This spring, the City of Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative (PPI) will host a series of Meet & Greets in north central Edmonton, where the highest concentration of problem properties exist. Free for all Edmontonians to attend, these events aim to strengthen relationships with community members and increase awareness of the PPI's expanded powers to address problem properties. Each Meet & Greet will feature a presentation and Q&A session, followed by an

opportunity for community members to chat directly with PPI personnel. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

- Saturday April 29th, 2-4 p.m.: Eastwood Community League Hall, 11803 86th Street
- Thursday May 18th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Alberta Avenue Community League Hall, 9210 118th Avenue
- Wednesday June 14th, 6:30-8:30

p.m.: Edmonton Intercultural Centre (McCauley), 9538 107th Avenue

Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative addresses properties that generate frequent and serious complaints and safety concerns. As part of its strategy to tackle the issues associated with these places, the PPI is committed to communicating, engaging, and collaborating with neighbourhoods affected by problem properties. The PPI

is pleased to announce new public information resources and opportunities to meet with its team members. We've updated our edmonton.ca/problemproperties website. Visitors will find photo galleries, improved definitions of a problem property, more precise reporting guidance, an enhanced Who to Call list, and a new information sheet that provides an overview of the PPI.

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Janis Irwin

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Mural Party Celebrates New Artwork at the Edmonton Chinatown Multi-Cultural Centre



The Chinatown Mural Party took place on February 26th to celebrate the new mural by Emily Chu at the Edmonton Chinatown Multi-Cultural Centre. The untitled mural has a Lunar New Year theme and features a rabbit to commemorate this year. The mural party also featured performances, food, and a pop-up market. Paula E. Kirman

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ALAN SCHIETZSCH

McCauley residents might remember a little restaurant called “No Name” nestled behind Lucky 97. It closed when COVID hit, and a new jewel has sprung up in the location.

Abinet Restaurant (pronounced like “cabinet” without the “c”) is run by a charming fellow of the same first name, who opened his Ethiopian and Eritrean family restaurant last April. Wanting to explore a variety from the eight page menu, we came in a group of five, and were happy to see that there were several large tables suitable for family groups as well as smaller tables for one or two. The clean and bright space is decorated with Ethiopian embroidery tablecloths, colourful woven baskets, and it’s easy to get to by walking or bus, as well as having street parking right in front.

Abinet and his family welcomed our group in a very warm and casual



Vegetable Combo. Alan Schietzsch

style, with no reservations needed. Mentioning that we’d never visited before, he told us that he had run a restaurant in Kampala, Uganda about 10 years back, before finally landing in Edmonton. His experience shows: as well as having such a wide menu, his staff’s service was very accommodating to all our group’s different requests, and food showed up fairly quickly for such a large and varied order.

Ethiopian food is eaten by scooping up morsels of food with pieces of pancake-like injera bread, but two of our group were more comfortable using forks and plates, which the staff were

happy to quickly supply. Because one of our diners doesn’t eat bread, we tried Ruze be Doro, a very mild chicken-on-rice dish that arrived on a huge oval platter. If you like it tangy, Abinet will give you a container of Awaze (pronounced a-wa-zee), a spicy thick sauce made with not just chiles, but also mustard seeds and berber spices, which had heat and an amazing depth of flavour. Be sure to try it. When we asked about this remarkable flavour, Abinet pulled out his phone to show us a video of how it’s made.

Next, the vegetable combo arrived, with five different items on the injera bread.

It could be an entire meal in itself for vegetarians. The generous portions continued with Misto, a spicy lamb (or you can choose beef) stew, and Lega Tibs: lamb cubes with onions and peppers, seasoned with herbs. The seasoning was the best I’ve had at any Ethiopian restaurant, with rosemary adding subtle depth instead of being garlic-dominated.

Our absolute favourite was the Derek Tibs, which had sprigs of rosemary amongst the meaty chunks of barbecued grilled beef, accented by Senafich, which is like a Texas barbecue rub powder, blending hints of mustard and chili dusted on the grilled meat.

For drinks, try the coffee ceremony, where freshly roasted beans are still smoking as they arrive, and it’s prepared at the table alongside the traditional Ethiopian incense. There are also regular fruit juices and soda pop for the kids, as well as tea and Perrier water. Abinet is a comfortable place for families, and our senior mom was warmly treated.

Prices are very reasonable: all five of us enjoyed a delicious and enormous meal, with four containers left over for the next day’s lunches, for about \$100. What a value - real quality food for \$20 a person. We’ll be back again with friends, or before if we start craving the lip-smacking Derek Tibs again - I know it won’t be long!

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

Teresa Spinelli Honoured at Chamber Ball



Congratulations to Teresa Spinelli of the Italian Centre Shop, who received the 2023 Northern Lights Award of Distinction from the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce for leadership having significant impacts in Edmonton's economy and the community. The award was presented at the Chamber Ball 2023 on January 28th. Teresa (centre) is pictured with her husband Mike Newbery (to her right) and the Italian Centre team. Sara Marghella

Lunar New Year Celebrated in Chinatown



A Dragon Dance during the Lunar New Year celebrations that returned to Chinatown on January 28th. The event was organized by the Chinatown and Area Business Association with support from the City of Edmonton. The Lunar New Year began on January 22nd. The Chinese Lunar New Year in 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, while in Vietnamese culture it is the Year of the Cat. The Chinese and Vietnamese zodiac animal signs also differ for the Year of the Ox (Chinese) / Year of the Water Buffalo (Vietnamese). Paula E. Kirman

Valentine's Day Memorial March Honours Missing and Murdered Indigenous People




The Valentine's Day Memorial March returned for the first time since 2020. The march began at iHuman (left) and circled through a portion of Boyle Street, including a stop at Okisikow (Angel) Way (right). Paula E. Kirman



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Weaving Threads of Hope

New transitional housing in the west end offers help to those in immediate need.

KATE QUINN

Whether we are housed, unhoused, tenting, or just driving through Boyle Street and McCauley, we are affected by the visible weight of homelessness and the wait for positive shifts in this continuing crisis. It's been a hard winter with the devastating impact of frost-bite, the shigella outbreak, fires, and deaths. Housing Outreach Teams at Bissell Centre, Boyle Street Community Services, and others actively engage with those sleeping rough. They work tirelessly to connect them with community resources and housing options, while Homeward Trust coordinates the city-wide responses.

One additional thread of hope opened in late January, thanks to partners like the Jasper Place Wellness Centre, the Tallcree First Nation, and the City of Edmonton, which invested \$7.5 million from its Sustainability Fund. The Bedford Inn on 155th Street and Stony Plain Road provides a transitional space for those in need of immediate safe lodging. Fifty-nine separate rooms equipped with a mini-fridge, microwave, and bathroom offer steps towards improved health and affordable housing. There are also daily meals plus mat spaces in the former banquet hall.

Homeward Trust reports that 45% of those seeking safe, affordable housing identify as women. Separate rooms with private bathrooms are especially valued by women. CEASE staff can refer women fleeing trafficking and

exploitation to the Bedford. The Safety Network Coordinator (identity protected) works with ALERT Human Trafficking Counter Exploitation Detectives. One woman felt her only option was to return to her trafficker. When she was offered a spot at the Bedford, she took it! Knowing that she had a safe place to stay for 90 days where she could regain her autonomy and connect to a housing worker lifted her hopes.

Maureen Reid, CEASE Coordinator, asked a woman she had referred to the Bedford about her experience: "Oh my goodness, I finally had a safe bed to sleep in after being homeless for four months. The stress immediately left me and the first night I slept nine hours straight, and I was warm! The staff were extremely kind to me and I felt really supported and cared for. The housing support worker was so helpful with my move and helped me with getting food and furniture."

Maureen said, "As a staff person, this is a tremendous resource gift and a very gratifying experience working with the JPW staff to help participants reach their goal of finding a safe and affordable home".

There are many other hopeful stories emerging from these 59 rooms. These stories strengthen us all. But, will this be a last chapter? The original funding expires May 31st.

Kate Quinn is the Executive Director of the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE). She lives in McCauley.



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A Time of Transition

IAN YOUNG

**ABILITY AND
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"Transitions are a time for reflection, and a time for looking forward." - Roy Cooper, American politician and attorney.

Spring arrived as of March 20th. Spring and fall are known as "transitional seasons" with spring transitioning from winter and fall from summer.

However, every season has a transition, requiring us to adapt. Seasons affect how we dress for the weather, the recognition and celebration of events, how nature appears, and what fresh food choices are available.

As well, every season has something to offer. Spring can be a time of planning whether it be for a summer vacation or an event, such as attending Edmonton's numerous outdoor festivals and concerts.

When the snow melts, we discover things that have been covered. Unfortunately, some of it is trash, so if you want to plan an event with your neighbours and community you can arrange a clean-up! You need gloves, garbage bags, a broom, and a reach-

er/grabber tool, all available for a bargain at dollar stores. You can also get a free Capital City Clean Up Litter Kit from the City of Edmonton that includes a safety guide, a pair of gloves, and three garbage bags. Go to edmonton.ca, search "Litter Pick Up Supplies & Events", and fill out the form.

Living in a clean environment makes life healthier, less stressful, and more pleasant. It can improve the self-image of residents and of the neighbourhood as a whole. Of course, be cautious of sharp objects, like needles. If you find a needle on public property, call 311 and they will arrange for it to be picked up. For private properties, call Boyle Street Ventures: (780) 426-0500. You can refer to the Boyle Street and McCauley Crime and Safety Resources on page three of the paper for more information.

Do what you can for your ability. Our community is historic, original, and beautiful. Let's embrace and respect it. Every little bit helps.

Let's embrace the transition of the seasons!

Ian is a columnist with the paper. He lives in the area.



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780-429-4126
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Lunch provided by parents; centre provides a.m. and p.m. snacks
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BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES
10116 – 105 Avenue
(780) 424-4106
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(780) 424-7652
Pastor Quinn Strikwerda
Pastoral Assistants: Jim Gurnett & Michelle Nieviadomy
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Visits and other pastoral services on request.
info@icpmedmonton.ca

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(780) 426-5600
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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. For more information, please view our weekly bulletin, our webpage, and our Sacred Heart Facebook.

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Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator
780-429-0675 or email: dl.learningcentre@shaw.ca

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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.

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.

MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Winter Events Past With Spring on the Horizon

With the arrival of April, our minds seem to naturally wander towards the spring and summer, and perhaps overlook some of the fun that has taken place over the past few cooler (but still sunny!) months.

Prior to speaking about spring, we'd like to make special mention of a few recent MCL-supported winter happenings:

WINTER EVENTS PAST

The McCauley Rink season wound down after another active, eventful, and fun-filled year. Special thanks to Dan, Albert, Adam, Kevin, and all others who contributed in so many ways to keep the gate open, the ice smooth, and the music playing! Also special mention to the good people at Baijiu restaurant for supporting us this year with a supply of snacks.

The McCauley Family Day event held at the rink on Sunday, February 19th offered warm drinks and snacks generously donated by the Pagnotta and Mannarino families, some lovely live music from Dana Wylie, horse rides from Longriders, as well as skating and warm fires. Special thanks to all our volunteers; LeaAnn Whiting, Jakki Duttendorfer, Kenna, Grace Kuipers, Harley Kuipers Glugosh, Ruscita Hygaard, Ruth Sorochan, and Corine Demas.

The McCauley Cup, a fun-centered hockey game between members of the Edmonton Police Service and kids from in and around McCauley, took place at the rink on Saturday, February 25th. It was a warm and sunny day, and good times were shared both on and off the ice. There were too many donors and volunteers to list them all, but a few notables were Arctic Chiller water, United Sport & Cycle, Italian Centre, Sports Central, and community volunteers Grace Kuipers and Joan Kirillo. Special guests included EPS Chief Dale McFee, Mayor Amarjeet Sohi, MLA Janis Irwin, Councillor Anne Stevenson, and MP Blake Desjarlais.

SPRING ON THE HORIZON

By the time this article is published, spring will have officially arrived. At MCL this means a shift in focus to outdoor activities and events, and a build-up of excitement for what's to come. A few things we have on our radar include: a summer kids/youth soccer program at Giovanni Caboto and Norwood Parks, a spring/summer event at the rink, Community League Day in September, and a willingness to consider any other ideas and opportunities that may arise. For up-to-date information, please visit our website, follow us on social media, or sign up for a membership at www.mccauleycl.com.

CASINO AND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have been approved for an upcoming casino on June 24th and 25th at Grand Villa (next to Rogers Place). The funds received from this casino will be used to fund both our rink operations for 2023/2024, events and programs, and beyond. If you are interested in volunteering please call 780-668-3194 to discuss details with Colleen.

MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND. JOIN US!

Finally, our board is searching for a few more committee members who are passionate about all things McCauley. Our intention is to have friendly and engaging conversations, work towards a few worthwhile goals, and do our best to support community members in good ways. Email us at league@mccauleycl.com if you'd like to chat further about your interest in this opportunity.

Sincerely,
McCauley Community League



A group photo from the 2023 McCauley Cup on February 25th. Adaptive Professional Photography/Jesse Hervé



A horse-drawn wagon ride during the Family Day Skating Party on February 19th. Paula E. Kirman



Action on the ice at the 2023 McCauley Cup on February 25th. Alan Schietzsch

Reflecting on the “Light Up McCauley” Initiative

CELIA SWEETLAND

Light does more than simply help us see - it can change our perspective. The “Light Up McCauley” (LUM) campaign has brightened the McCauley neighbourhood in more ways than one since its introduction in 2021. By providing lighting resources to local community members and groups, LUM spotlights the benefits of adequate lighting on mental health and well-being, while improving visibility and security.

On a sunny Community League Day last September, Safer McCauley and the McCauley Community League invited league members to take home a free set of motion-activated solar security lights and/or decorative LED string lights. Then as the familiar darkness of winter set in, we decided to follow up with recipients about their experiences with the lighting.

The first notable outcome of LUM was an improved sense of social connectedness, an important factor in community-building. Individuals who decorated



An example of how a participant took part in “Light Up McCauley.” Jakki Dutenhoffer

their homes with coloured string lights received compliments on their efforts, which often encouraged them to compliment their neighbours’ decorative efforts in a chain of appreciation. One community member also reported that having the festive lights in his home made him more inclined to host guests over the holiday season.

Because the Christmas season

can often feel cost-prohibitive and inaccessible, the opportunity to have decorative lighting provided by LUM promoted inclusivity during this time. Residents of all ages reported that their light display allowed them to participate in holiday festivities, and feel included. Families with children also found joy in creating daily rituals and lasting memories centered around the lights.

Another important outcome reported was an increase in perceived safety with the installation of lighting outside. Motion-activated security lights helped residents feel greater protection from crimes such as vandalism, trespassing, and theft. Many residents also reported feelings of security when entering and exiting their homes at night, allowing them to enjoy the comforts of home.

The last reported benefit of the lighting project is general happiness and positivity. Evidently, people feel good when they make improvements to their environment. This translates to the community at large and makes for a brighter place for us all.

“Light Up McCauley” is an initiative of McCauley Community League and Safer McCauley (REACH Edmonton), supported by funding from the City of Edmonton McCauley Revitalization.

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