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## Mary Burlie Park To Be Renewed

*An important tribute to a beloved community member will shine once again.*

**PAULA E. KIRMAN & IAN YOUNG**

In our community at 10465 97th Street stands a public park named after Mary Burlie.

Who was Mary Burlie? She was born on February 15th, 1935, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and moved with her family to Canada from Sacramento, California, in 1969. The family lived in the Boyle Street/McCauley community from 1971 through 1975.

Mary Burlie began her career at Boyle Street Co-Op in 1971 as a volunteer. She was hired as an adult outreach worker a short time later and would serve the community until her death in July of 1996.

Known by the endearing title of the "Black Angel of Boyle Street," Mary Burlie's tireless dedication and service to the community was well recognized for its positive impact. An article published in 1997 by Boyle McCauley News ("Mary Burlie Bursary helps future social workers") notes that "many inner city residents affectionately referred to Mary as 'Mom,' in recognition of her warmth, compassion and non-judgemental attitude." As a result, she is also known as the "Mother of Boyle Street."

As an advocate for the disability community, I [Ian] know that it helps when you have support from someone who understands,



Some of the people at Mary Burlie Day on July 13th. Back row (from left): MP Blake Desjarlais, Stephanie Burlie, MLA David Shepherd, Tanika Burlie-Tanner, Roman Tanner, Joseph Burlie-Tanner. Front row (from left): Isaiah Tanner, Elijah Tanner, Linda Soy Tanner, MLA Janis Irwin. Paula E. Kirman

listens, and contributes to your quality of life. The people who dedicate time to improve, understand, and respect the diversity of our community - people like Mary Burlie - make this a wonderful place.

Mary Burlie's memory and contributions were honoured with a park named after her, which was established in 1999. However, over the years the park has fallen victim to vandalism and garbage, has not been well maintained, has been a site of crime, and is often considered an eyesore.

But here is some great news: the City is going to renew Mary Burlie Park! According to the City of Edmonton's website, existing infrastructure will be repaired or replaced, and efforts will be taken to improve the safety and accessibility of the park, which will hopefully increase its use. Construction is expected to start in 2025 and is scheduled for completion in 2026.

"The initiative to improve Mary Burlie Park was initiated more than eighteen years ago, in 2006, when community members began approaching me to express their concerns," says

Stephanie Burlie, one of Mary Burlie's six children, in an emailed statement to *Boyle McCauley News*.

"The park had attracted negative attention due to issues such as crime, drug use, and violence, exacerbated by a lack of maintenance. Consequently, public perception deemed Mary Burlie Park unwelcoming, unsafe, unclean, and a place of violence, sparking discussions regarding its potential dismantlement. Those public perceptions went against everything my mother worked for and stood for."

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## The McCauley Community League is Working To Build a Vibrant and Inclusive Community

Together with residents and partners, we work to build a vibrant, inclusive neighbourhood. We do this by creating opportunities for people to enrich their lives through civic engagement, community programs, and celebrations.

Through the support of municipal and provincial grants, sponsorship, fundraising, and our big-hearted volunteers we offer community-based activities, events, initiatives, and programs to our neighbourhood and communities.

If you want to be more involved with your neighbourhood and community, start by getting your McCauley Community League membership card. Your membership in the Community League is available at no cost to you.

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# Perspectives: Like Night and Day



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

## MCCAULEY MUSINGS

Photography is not only part of what I do for a living, it is also one of my passions. I tell people that I have been holding a camera and taking pictures since before I could even read and write. My earliest memory of taking pictures is at around the age of five.

I take pictures at a lot of events where other photographers are also present. Afterwards, I always enjoy seeing their photos. I find it fascinating how we could all be in the same place, and yet document the event through the lenses of our cameras so differently. For example, I often take wide shots that show a full context of where I am standing. Others prefer tighter shots that highlight a particular

person or detail.

As a result, multiple photographers can present different perspectives on the same topic, much like writers often do. Even the same photographer can present different perspectives by experimenting with different composition techniques, or simply by experiencing a place or event at different times.

I often photograph skylines and landscapes, but usually during the day. Recently, I had the opportunity to take some skyline shots of downtown during sunset and after dark. The images of bridges and buildings depicted in those photos look quite different than they do during daylight. There are reflections and lights and contrasts that don't exist at other times.

If you want to expand your horizons, examine the world around you from different perspectives. Sometimes there is wisdom and beauty to be found even in the darkness of the night.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Happy autumn! The October-November edition of Boyle McCauley News features news, views, and event coverage from the neighbourhoods of McCauley and Boyle Street.

Much of the content of this newspaper is thanks to community members who volunteer their time and talents to contribute. If you are reading a physical copy of the paper that was delivered to your home, that is thanks to our volunteer Block Carriers. We are always looking for volunteer contributors and Block Carriers. Email me at [editor@bmcnews.org](mailto:editor@bmcnews.org) to learn more about the kinds of content we welcome, as well as what routes we have available.

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Enjoy the issue and see you next time.

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## MLA UPDATE

# Pushing for Action

**JANIS IRWIN**

Friends,

Happy fall! I'm a big fan of summer, and I've done my best to take advantage of the warm weather and the sunny days that we've had over the past few months. I was so happy to connect with many of you at community events this summer, including the McCauley Community League carnival, events with Boyle Street Community Services and Bissell Centre, the EDLC Labour Day BBQ, Mary Burlie Day, and so many Chinatown events: the Chinatown Summer and Mid-Autumn Festivals, Chinatown clean-ups, and the 102nd Avenue LRT Plaque unveiling - to name just a few!

Anytime I'm in our Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods (which is a lot!), I'm proud to say that I'm most struck by the great work that I see you all doing together to take care of each other. While there was a lot to enjoy about this past summer, I know that it came with its challenges, too. July 2024 was the hottest July on record for Edmonton, and of course we contended with some very intense wildfire smoke as well. I know that this hit many of our community members, especially our unhoused neighbours, so hard. I appreciate the care and support shown by Boyle Street and McCauley residents. So many of you set beautiful examples of what it means to be in community together.

And while I may be wearing a few more layers of flannel as we move

into fall, you can still expect to see me out and about—and I'm looking forward to seeing you, too. I'm already excited about many upcoming community events, but I am always happy to hear about more, so please keep me updated about any that you have planned!

My colleagues and I are headed back to the Legislature at the end of October, and I'm ready to keep fighting for our communities throughout Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood. Please know that I've been listening to your concerns. You're telling me that you want to see action on a number of issues: affordable housing, mental health, the drug poisoning crisis, health care chaos, education funding, and more. I couldn't agree more. I'll keep pushing for this action, and I'll keep amplifying your voices at every opportunity. Please keep in touch to share your priorities and concerns so that I can keep doing my best to represent you, and all of us, in the Legislature.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to continuing to connect with you, and to celebrating all the ways in which our community comes together. As always, I want to hear from you. Please reach out anytime.

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

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# Mary Burlie Park To Be Renewed

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The Burlie-Sanders family began advocating for improvement to the park through the Friends of Mary Burlie Park volunteer group, founded in 2011. The goal was “for Mary Burlie Park to receive the same respect and honour as other parks with community leaders’ namesakes, urging the City of Edmonton to take action,” Burlie explains.

An online survey at the City’s website in July of this year allowed people to review concept design options and offer feedback. People also had the opportunity to meet the project team at the park in person on Mary Burlie Day, which was July 13th. The event featured music, balloon twisting, a petting zoo, and the opportunity to

meet some of Mary Burlie’s family and friends. An annual event, it was organized by The Mary Burlie “Black Angel” Society, a non-profit organization created by the Burlie-Sanders family that supports community projects such as housing programs for youth aging out of Children’s Services. For more information, visit: [www.tmbbas.com](http://www.tmbbas.com).

“I am so pleased to see the City investing in this important park,” says Anne Stevenson, City Councillor for Ward O-day’m in. “The new designs are exciting - the potential for basketball courts, new pathways, and seating areas are a great way to encourage active use of this park, and it’s a fitting legacy for its namesake who did so much to support and unite the community.”

Janis Irwin, MLA for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, is optimistic about what the future holds for Mary Burlie Park. “Mary Burlie exemplified what it truly means to be in community with our neighbours, and her family has built on this legacy in a beautiful way. I’m so grateful that they are continuing their work through revitalizing the park that honours her memory. Together, in the spirit of Mary, we’ll keep creating a community of care that leaves no one behind,” she says.

Stephanie Burlie emphasizes how excited the Burlie-Sanders family is about the future of Mary Burlie Park. “Mary Burlie Park holds great significance for Edmonton’s Foundational Black American commu-

nity as a space that honours the contributions of our community leaders. It serves as a monument celebrating the memory and work of these leaders and introduces newcomers to the legacy of past community leaders, fostering a sense of community and inclusivity,” she says.

“We want that space filled with joy, family, and community in a safe and healthy environment where everyone is welcome, as Mary Burlie would wish.”

*Paula E. Kirman is the Editor of Boyle McCauley News.*

*Ian Young is a columnist and Block Carrier with the paper. He lives in the area.*

## MP UPDATE

# Reasons for Ending the Supply and Confidence Agreement

**BLAKE DESJARLAIS**

Dear constituents,

It is my greatest honour of my life to serve the good people of Edmonton Griesbach and to bring your stories, dreams, and hopes to Ottawa. This summer, my team and I heard from you, whether that was at your doorstep, a community event, or one of our BBQs we hosted. I wanted you to know I hear you. I got into politics to help people; I deeply believe Parliament needs to work for everyday people. A good opposition not only opposes bad policies but proposes and creates good ones.

From dental care to anti-scab legislation, New Democrats have always put Canadians first, but we need more from our federal government.

That is why I wanted to update you on the Supply and Confidence Agreement the NDP signed with the Liberal government in 2022.

With the support of Canadians across the country, the NDP has delivered:

- Dental coverage for millions of people – the largest expansion

of Canadian public health care in generations.

- Access for birth control and diabetes medication for all Canadians.
- Funding through the Early Learning and Child Care Act to lower the cost of child care for families.
- Anti-scab and sustainable jobs legislation to protect workers, and more.

All of these measures were opposed by status-quo successive Liberal and Conservative governments until the NDP used our power to force the Liberal government to enact them. We listened to Canadians and carried their priorities forward to Parliament, reaching this agreement with the government to demand better for our constituents.

But the truth is, people are losing hope. I’ve heard from so many people who work hard and look out for their neighbours but are falling further behind while CEOs and big corporations continue to make record profits. Our country is at a crossroads, and we need to choose what type of country we want to live in – one that values hard work and puts people first, or one that

caves to the interests of rich CEOs.

**That’s why New Democrats have decided to end the Supply and Confidence Agreement after two and a half years.**

While we secured historic investments and programs for Canadians with this agreement, it is no longer in the best interest of the country to continue with it. Justin Trudeau has proven again and again that he will never stand up to the elites and will always cave to corporate greed. The Liberal government is too weak and too selfish to bring the change Canadians desperately need. The cost: we pay for their inaction with higher utility bills, higher grocery costs, and higher rent and mortgages as the richest in Canada get even richer.

Meanwhile, Conservative policies would leave Canadians in an even worse financial position. We know this because Danielle Smith and the UCP have shown the damages of cut-and-gut policies. Pierre Poilievre is more of the same. Cuts to health care, pensions, and other services people rely on will only put us further behind – all while he funnels those savings into massive handouts for already profitable

corporations instead of returning them to taxpayers. That is not the Canada I know, where we help others in need and put the interests of everyday people ahead of CEOs and big corporations.

While Liberals and Conservatives team up to shut down grocery price caps and deny workers their Charter right to bargain for better wages and safer working conditions, the NDP is focused on policies that benefit Canadians. As Parliament resumes this fall, we will continue to put people first and fight for policies that get you and your family ahead: fixing health care, building affordable homes, and stopping price gouging. We will take it one vote at a time, keeping the best interest of Canadians at heart.

There is no room for big corporations in government – they’ve had their time; now it’s the people’s time for a government that works for them. Don’t let them tell you it can’t be done.

In solidarity,  
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# Census Data Reveals Shifts in McCauley's Population

*Fewer residents, an aging population, and fewer families in the neighbourhood.*

## PHIL O'HARA

Intuitively I knew it, but I was still shocked. That was my reaction when I got an email from my neighbour John saying McCauley's population decreased by over 1,000 residents between the 2016 and 2021 censuses.

McCauley's population decline isn't new. According to Canada Census data, there were 6,955 residents in 1971. Fifty years later, in 2021, the population was 3,355. That's a decline of over 50%. Over the past 10 years (2011-2021), our neighbourhood population has decreased by 33%. There is no evidence this decline won't continue.

The federal government releases a

census report every five years, with the next report due in 2026. Collecting personal information from people for research purposes is never easy and the census process has flaws and misses people. This is particularly true in low-income neighbourhoods like McCauley.

But the census report provides the best and most comprehensive data we have. The key is to look at trends over time rather than at a particular finding in a specific year.

For each census, the City of Edmonton provides a report on the results for each neighbourhood in Edmonton called *Neighbourhood Profiles - Federal Census*. The report for 2021 can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3pht9bdj>

Not only are there fewer residents in McCauley, but we tend to be older.

Compared to the entire city, McCauley has fewer children and youth, and more pre-retirement and people over 65. In 2021, there were 10% fewer children and youth in McCauley than in the city. But McCauley has significantly more older adults: 37.1% of residents are 55 years and older compared to 24.7% for Edmonton. The results in 2016 were 32.9% in McCauley and 23.8% in Edmonton. This aging trend is unlikely to be reversed anytime soon.

Consistent with the aging trend, there are fewer families in McCauley. The number of families decreased by about 6% in 2021 compared with 2016. In real terms, the number of families decreased from 710 to 665.

This decline in families may be linked to such factors as the closure of schools and parents' concerns about safety in the neighbourhood. What's the long-term impact of this decline in families? If we can't open new schools, how else might we attract families to McCauley? What's the impact of these trends on local businesses?

We need to explore and better understand what's behind these trends that are hurting our neighbourhood. Then we can come together to take action to address these negative trends and build the community we want.

*Phil O'Hara is a long-time McCauley resident and was research and policy analysis coordinator with the Edmonton Social Planning Council.*

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## DINING OUT

### Xing Wang Steam Bun

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## ALAN SCHIETZSCH

Some McCauley residents may remember the old Xing Wang Bakery in Chinatown. But did you know that they have a sparkling new location on 98th Street and 108th Avenue, just west of the St. Josaphat Ukrainian Cathedral?

I'd been watching the very modern building going up for months and was excited to see it finally open. The space is bright and clean, with huge windows, and everything inside brand new. With plenty of round tables, there's room for groups, and I saw that the take-out counter at the back was very popular. Large TV screens show a huge variety of dim sum items and bakery treats, and there are large printed six-page menus for the tables.

Since we were with another couple, we decided the simple way would be to order the "Dinner for Four," which offered tea, spring rolls, wonton soup, and chicken fried rice, as well as our choice of four main menu items. We selected lemon chicken, stir-fried mixed vegetables, curry beef, and mixed fried noodles.

The tea arrived instantly in tall



A table of food at Xing Wang Steam Bun. Alan Schietzsch

glasses, quickly followed by the wonton soup. The soup's tasty light broth was filled with the freshest wontons ever - you can tell they make all sorts of dim sum items right on site. The golden spring rolls were evenly browned and not at all greasy, arriving alongside a heaping platter of chicken fried rice that could be a meal in itself.

The mountain of rice was an omen of good things to come. Next up was

the lemon chicken, as generous as the rice and as golden as the spring rolls. Even better, the lemon sauce was not overly sweet, but beautifully balanced between sweet and tart. It was presented in a bowl on the side, so each of us could use as much or as little as we liked. And we liked!

During the feeding frenzy a chopstick went astray. Our smiling server ran over with a fresh pair of

chopsticks the second she heard it hit the floor. That she did this the same moment we'd realized what happened, and before we could even think to ask for new ones, left us impressed us with the terrific, no-fuss service!

Both the fried noodles and stir-fried vegetables delighted us with the skillful balance of flavours within each dish. The cooks always let the main ingredients show up without being overpowered by one or the other. Each item was fresh and flavourful, the curry beef being a standout. A substantial thick and hot yellow Asian curry gets your taste buds' attention, with tender cross-grain cut beef slices amid bright red and green bell peppers.

With such generous portions, our tummies said "Uncle!" with three containers of food left to take home and a total bill of \$88 for the four of us. This much food would probably cost much more in other parts of town, which is one of the benefits of living in Edmonton's best foodie neighbourhood.

Since we went at supertime, we didn't get a chance to try the dim sum items, so we're looking forward to going back soon. Maybe those will be fuel for a "Part Two" in a future edition!

Xing Wang Steam Bun is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays.

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



# Fifteen Fast Facts About Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative

Problem properties—whether occupied or vacant—pose serious challenges to the well-being of surrounding communities and the people living or working in them.

These properties have a history of repeated violations relating to development permits, safety codes, nuisance conditions, public health, fire risk, or other illegal activity and/or criminal offences. They create an extraordinary demand on services, and often require a coordinated response from multiple agencies.

Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative (PPI) coordinates the efforts of several City departments, the Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Health Services, and the Government of Alberta to address the many issues related to problem properties.

Since its launch in January 2023, the PPI has shared stories about Edmonton's approach to problem properties, including securing vacant buildings at risk of fire, demolishing unsafe abandoned structures, providing support to tenants, and a tax subclass for derelict residential properties. There's so much more to tell. So, for this edition of *Boyle McCauley News*, here are 15 fast facts about the Problem Property Initiative.

The Problem Property Initiative:

- Is designed in collaboration with community members affected by problem properties;
- Addresses both residential and commercial properties;



Examples of problem properties in Edmonton. Supplied by the City of Edmonton

- Is an inter-jurisdictional partnership involving ten different agencies;
- Promotes the City of Edmonton's goal of creating safe and inclusive spaces;
- Has four specialty teams to address different issues at problem properties;
- Addresses properties city-wide, with a data-driven focus on the

neighbourhoods most affected by problem properties;

- Removes hundreds of thousands of pounds of debris and hazardous materials annually from Edmonton neighbourhoods;
- Proactively monitors several hundred vacant properties for nuisance conditions and breaches;
- Significantly reduces the number of structural fires occurring in Edmonton neighbourhoods;
- Ensures problematic residential properties comply with minimum housing standards;
- Connects vulnerable tenants to resources and services, including rehousing from unlivable problem properties;
- Holds private property owners accountable for the costs related to cleanups, board ups, and demolitions at their properties;
- Promotes neighbourhood vibrancy by stimulating the redevelopment of derelict vacant properties;
- Has a confidential problem property reporting form at its web page; and
- Is influencing how other municipalities across Canada address problem properties.

To learn more about the Problem Property Initiative, to register for the PPI newsletter, or to report a problem property, visit [edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties](http://edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties) or call 311. To report an unsecured vacant property call 311 or email [communitypropertysafetyteam@edmonton.ca](mailto:communitypropertysafetyteam@edmonton.ca).

Information provided by the City of Edmonton.

## Chinatown Summer Festival Unites Cultures



Edmonton's Chinatown Summer Festival on August 25th featured performances representing different cultures in the community. The free festival also had local vendors, food trucks, face painting, and more. Kat Luu, from the Chinatown BIA (Business Improvement Area), says the event is "all about creating beautiful memories and a great way to bring community together in the spirit of good relations." The festival was presented by the Chinatown BIA with support from the City of Edmonton and the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative. *Caption: Paula E. Kirman. Photos: Leif Gregersen.*

## Festa Italiana Brings Italy to Caboto Park




Festa Italiana on August 18th brought an Italian car show, bouncy castle entertainment for all ages, food trucks, and more to Giovanni Caboto Park. The event was presented by Amici Italiani and sponsored by Viva Italia Edmonton, ATCO, RE/MAX, and the Italian Centre Shop. *Caption: Paula E. Kirman. Photos: Alan Schietzsch.*



# Miyo Pimatsowin "My Good Life" Mental Health Support Project

## Women's Circle




This 12 week program runs every Monday. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. By registering, you understand you will be expected to attend all sessions.

Sharing Circle  
Full Moon Ceremony  
Land Based Teachings  
Equine Horse Therapy  
Wellbriety Support Group

### Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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Registration 15 people max

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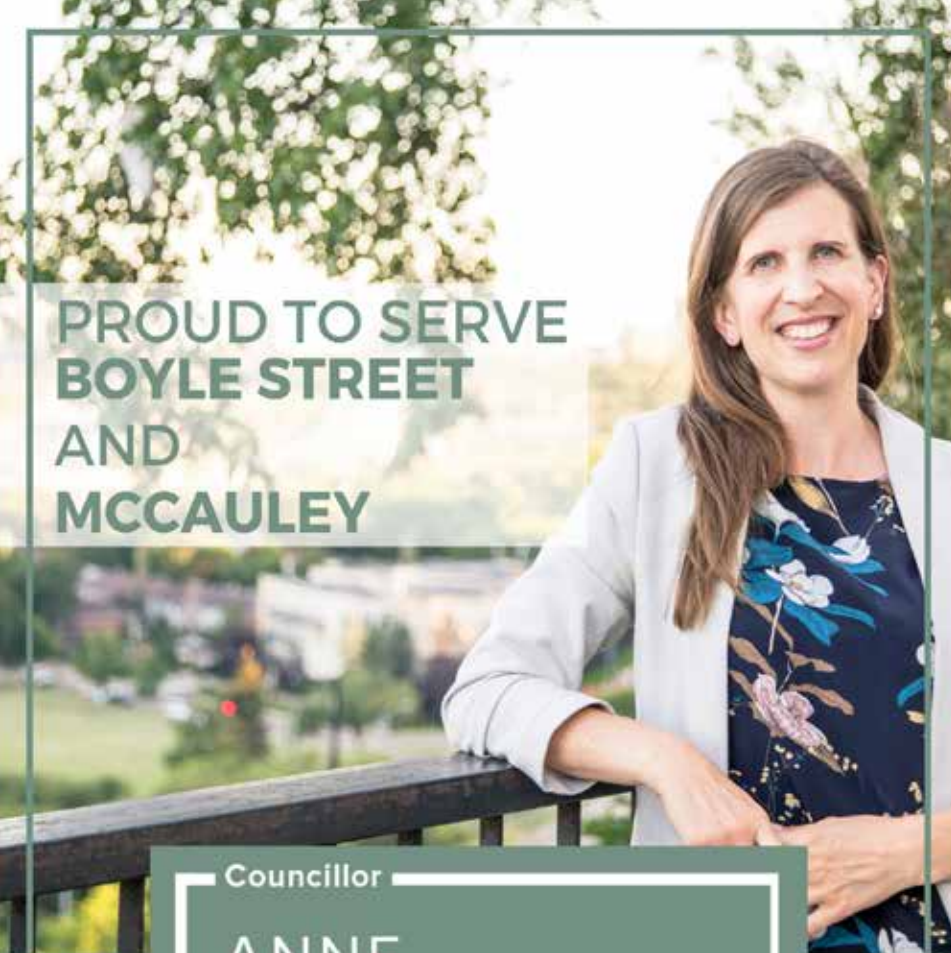
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
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EDMONTON INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

# Intercultural Child and Family Centre Launches New Preschool Program

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.

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre proudly hosts the Intercultural Child and Family Centre (ICFC). ICFC is dedicated to providing high-quality, culturally responsive early learning and care. With a mission to support families and foster community, ICFC integrates the Alberta FLIGHT Framework to create engaging, play-based learning environments. Emphasizing respect, innovation, and collaboration, ICFC builds on diverse perspectives and current research to nurture children's growth and support educators. ICFC's commitment to quality and continuous improvement ensures a vibrant, inclusive space where children and families thrive together.

We are thrilled to spotlight the Intercultural Child and Family Centre (ICFC) and its exciting new Preschool Program. This new initiative perfectly aligns with ICFC's mission to enrich young minds and support families, promising a vibrant learning experience for our community's youngest learners.

The Intercultural Child and Family Centre (ICFC) opened its new Preschool Program for children aged 3 to 5 years old in September 2024. This innovative program, designed to foster a love of learning through a holistic, play-based approach, runs from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.,

with options to attend two, three, or four days a week. ICFC's curriculum is built around holistic play-based goals, integrating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and the 3Rs (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic). The program emphasizes emotional well-being, creativity, and communication, alongside a strong focus on inclusiveness and social responsibility. Through play and exploration, children engage in imaginative activities that promote critical thinking and problem-solving.

ICFC's STEAM curriculum guides children through inquiry and dialogue, fostering curiosity in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The 3Rs focus on foundational skills: reading for comprehension, writing for expression, and arithmetic for mathematical understanding. Intended to be affordable and accessible, the program fees are as low as \$100 per month per child. Please note that the ICFC is closed on professional development days and holidays.

For more details about the curriculum or to enrol your child, please contact Ellen at 780-298-1443 or via email at [egenchez@icfc.ca](mailto:egenchez@icfc.ca). Visit us at 9538 107th Avenue. For a comprehensive overview of the curriculum, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2ydt7vrX>

Welcome to all who join ICFC, where learning is an adventure and every child's potential is nurtured.

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre, which is located at 9538 107th Avenue.

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**UPDATE FROM CITY COUNCIL**

# Navigating Difficult Budget Decisions

**ANNE STEVENSON**

Happy fall, everyone!

It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Festa Italiana at Giovanni Caboto Park in the heat of summer! It was wonderful to see so many people coming together and connecting. I hope the return to school has been a good one, filled with excitement for new learning opportunities, reconnecting with friends, and settling into new routines.

As many of you may have been hearing, City Council is facing some tough budget discussions in the coming months. We are facing structural budget issues years in the making, high inflation costs, high growth pressures, and decreased Provincial support. I recognize that Edmontonians are stretched in what they can contribute to our community through property taxes. I'll be looking to find ways to alleviate current pressures without shortchanging the services that best serve our city.

A good example of this happened recently at City Hall. Over the past year, we've seen tremendous growth in the demand for low income transit passes - surpassing 100,000 individual users. This rising need reflects the affordability pressures many Edmontonians continue to face, and it's also one that's creating a pressure in our City budget as our transit fare revenue hasn't kept pace. City Council was presented with an

option to increase low income fares, including doubling the cost of monthly seniors' passes. I'm proud to have supported keeping rates as planned, with a modest \$1-2 increase per month starting in January instead.

Choices like this ensure we're not decreasing City budget pressures by transferring the burden onto Edmontonians in other ways. Keeping people on transit is also important for our city's long-term viability. It helps individuals connect to jobs, supporting our local economy. It keeps more cars off the road, helping to decrease traffic congestion and our carbon emissions. And it helps ensure all Edmontonians can access the wealth of amenities and opportunities in our city. I believe we need to continue investing so that short-sighted decisions today don't end up shortchanging our long-term prosperity.

I would welcome hearing from you about the upcoming budget or any other issues that are top of mind for you. Your input is invaluable in helping me understand the diverse needs of our community. Through ongoing dialogue and engagement, we can work together to create a better community for everyone. Please continue to reach out to my office anytime and, whether it's by phone or online, 311 is also available to assist.

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HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL SOCIETY ARTIST PROFILE SERIES

# Jacqueline Duttenhoffer: “I didn’t just make food to sustain, I made food to evoke emotion . . . That’s art.”

**CORINE DEMAS**

Jacqueline Duttenhoffer lives just outside of the boundaries of McCauley in the Alberta Avenue area. Jacqueline is a long-time volunteer with the McCauley Community League. She is the President of Heart of the City Festival Society and says, “It’s the most rewarding volunteer job.”

Jacqueline got involved with Heart of the City when she was working at a restaurant called The Local Omnivore. James Jarvis, former Heart of the City board member who died in 2023, was working at *VUE Weekly* at the time, so he was always bringing in clients to eat. “If you know James, then you know that he was one of the hardest people to say no to, and so that is how it began.”

Jacqueline describes her first role with Heart of the City as “Stage Assistant.”

“I was working with [former board member] Gautam Karnik and he was the kindest person ever. I was nervous because I

had to walk up to people backstage, and then there was sound, and then there was the main stage and that is where I had to work all day! Gautam made it the funnest job.”

The highlight of Heart of the City for Jacqueline this year “was doing the Round Dance in the rain. It was awesome because it just started pouring and Spirit Within (Alicia Cardinal) came on stage, and no one was there because of the pouring rain.”

Jacqueline had done research on Spirit Within and she was so impressed with her story she was compelled to go watch. “I ran over and I grabbed her hands and then three other people came and then Gautam Karnik came and it was like magic. It wasn’t cold and the rain didn’t bother me.”

As for art, Jacqueline was a chef for 18 years. “I didn’t just make food to sustain, I made food to evoke emotion, you know really putting love into it. I made food that people reacted to. That’s art.”



Jacqueline Duttenhoffer. Corine Demas

Jacqueline also loves beading, Métis art, dot art, and making collages. “I really like to create something out of nothing if I had to sum it all up,” she says.

“Well, that is what we do with Heart of the City,” she adds. “We are a volunteer-run society. We don’t have any money. We have to go after funding and

build the festival every year.” Jacqueline wishes to thank Heart of the City’s major sponsors: McCauley Community League, Edmonton Arts Council, the City of Edmonton’s Revitalization fund, and *Boyle McCauley News*.

Jacqueline and her family have found home and community here in the inner city. She first lived on 124th Street and 111th Avenue. “I was a young mom and just being able to walk out of my apartment and walk down and have all of the stuff [going on] made me fall in love with the inner city. Then I found Heart of the City. Then I got to meet everyone in McCauley and see all the beautiful stuff that community members just do to support each other out of the goodness of their hearts, something we have been moving around looking for our whole lives.”

*Corine Demas lives in McCauley where she is the President of the McCauley Community League and a board member with Heart of the City.*



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