

# NRC Report for November 2019

## Grandview Heights Community League

City of Edmonton

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### REMINDERS

#### It's Not Too Late to Participate in November's [Neighbourhood Recreation Network](#) Sessions!

- We are excited to be hosting another session of eight Building Community Through Recreation network events across the city this fall.
- Network event discussion dates, times, locations and topics are posted on [Eventbrite](#).
- You are welcome to attend any or all of the events.

#### Upcoming ACE Community of Practice Gatherings

- Twice per month, [Abundant Community Edmonton\(ACE\)](#) hosts Community of Practice gatherings to provide Block and Neighbourhood Connectors with the opportunity to share their stories, challenges, and experiences with other Connectors, as well as learn about new program resources.
- This is an excellent opportunity for Community League members to find out more about how City staff can support leagues to help neighbours Get Neighbouring and to access resources that are available for Block Parties, Play Streets and other community events.
- Get Neighbouring is the new Abundant Community Edmonton call to action for citizens to be active in making their block part of a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood.
- Upcoming dates and times for the Community of Practice are listed below. Note: Nov 27 session cancelled.
- If you have any questions about starting an ACE initiative in your community, please contact your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator or Revitalization Coordinator.
- You can also connect with your ACE Coordinator by emailing [abundantcommunity@edmonton.ca](mailto:abundantcommunity@edmonton.ca)

Date	Location
Saturday, Dec. 14 9:30 am - 12:00 pm	At Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, (11000 Stadium Road). Multipurpose Room .

#### [National Child Day - November 20, 2019](#)

- National Child Day is celebrated in Canada in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and to honour two historic events: the signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959, and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

- 2019 also marks the 30 anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the rights of children within 54 articles that provide us with a solid road map of what is needed to raise healthy and happy children and youth.

**Joy in Nature Competition Open Until November 30, 2019.**

- Every year, the Joy in Nature contest provides four outdoor education prize packages to youth in Alberta. Winning groups receive an unforgettable adventure experience in the Rocky Mountains, including one-night free accommodation, interpretive programming and an outdoor activity!

**Don't Forget to Check if Your Events on City Parkland Need a Permit**

- Permits are required year-round for hosting events on City of Edmonton parkland with more than 50 attendees or if you are using some type of vendor (e.g. sleigh rides, fireworks, food vendors, etc.).
- **Please note: This includes events that are held on licenced areas as well as surrounding parkland.**
- If you are planning an outdoor event, please complete the [permit application](#) at least 4 weeks prior to the event date.

**WHAT'S NEW**

**Collaborative Working Guide - Ask your NRC!**

- The Collaborative Working Guide is a tool intended to support a conversation around planning for your anticipated projects and priorities and how, as your City Liaison, we can help.
- This document will be an opportunity to write down what your organization's priorities are and discuss what support your City Liaison can offer.

**Collaborative Working Guide**  
*Supporting you to make the most of your neighbourhood*

Between (Organization): \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

City Liaison (Neighbourhood Services Section Staff): \_\_\_\_\_

For period of: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Check in date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization What are the group's priorities?	Organization What does the group need to do? (Action Item)	City Liaison How can the _____ help? (Action Item)	Notes

- For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator

**WHAT'S NEW (cont.)**

**City Public Engagement Opportunities:**

- There are a variety of ways that you can share your thoughts about the City and its projects, policies, and procedures.
- Current surveys:

[Public Engagement Feedback Survey](#) - Did you attend a public engagement event in September or October 2019 ? We want to hear from you.

## New Grant Opportunities

### EPCOR Grant

EPCOR is pleased to offer an \$800 grant to assist in building safe skating locations to **community leagues in Edmonton which have stormwater management facilities in their neighbourhood**. For information please contact [epcordrainage@epcor.com](mailto:epcordrainage@epcor.com) or call Michelle/Amy at 780-509-8080.

### [Government of Canada Anti-Racism Action Program](#)

- The Anti-Racism Action Program is one important means by which the Government of Canada implements [Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy](#).
- The Anti-Racism Action Program is intended to help address barriers to employment, justice and social participation among Indigenous Peoples, racialized communities and religious minorities.
- Eligible projects include ones that focus on social participation: promoting participation and reducing barriers in community sports, arts and culture.
- **Deadline is December 17, 2019**

## PROGRAMS, EVENTS & LICENSES

### [Priceless Fun Guide](#)

- The Fall 2019/Winter 2020 edition of the Priceless Fun Guide is now available online as well as at City recreational facilities and Edmonton Public Libraries.
- The guide provides information on free or low cost arts and culture; sport and recreation; events; and leisure opportunities.

### **Planning a New Event or Activity?**

- As we approach the end of the year and the onset of winter, you might have an idea for a new event or activity in your neighbourhood that is free to the public. Don't forget to talk to your NRC to find out what resources might be available to you (e.g. planning help, equipment loaning, possible partners, funding).

### [Equipment Loaning Program](#)

- If you're planning a holiday or winter event, don't forget that the City has equipment, games and kits that you can borrow for a nominal fee.
- The fee for loaning equipment is \$5 per kit (plus GST) and the borrowing period is from Wednesday (pick-up) to Tuesday (return).
- Check out the [equipment catalog](#), and submit your [request](#).
- Requests can be made as early as three months in advance and up to two weeks prior to the requested dates.

### Year Round Green Shack

- Join in on games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events.
- A complete list of activities and special events are posted on the side of Green Shacks each week.
- If there is a game or activity that peaks your child's interest that you would like to have included in programming, just ask the Program Leader.

### Free All is Bright Festival: November 16, 2019, 4:00pm to 8:00pm

- The 124 Street business community invites you to celebrate the coming of the winter season at the annual 'All is Bright on 124' winter festival by lighting up 124 Street with illumination, live music, street performers, fire dancers, beverage gardens, a children's activity area, food trucks, s'mores around the fire, sleigh rides, fun winter activities, and more.

## PARKLAND USE & PROJECTS

### Green Leagues: Climate Adapted Workshop Series

Dates: November 12, 19, and 26

- The EFCL and the City of Edmonton are partnering to bring you a series of workshops on Climate Adaptation.
- The workshops will cover a range of topics related to how leagues can prepare for and respond to Edmonton's changing climate.
- Topics will include climate trends, preparing for extreme weather events such as flooding, and climate adaptations relevant to community leagues.

### Vital Topic - Green Spaces in Edmonton

- Edmonton Vital Signs is an annual checkup conducted by Edmonton Community Foundation, in partnership with Edmonton Social Planning Council, to measure how the community is doing.
- Vital Topic reports are a quick but comprehensive look at issues that are timely and important to Edmonton.
- The Green Spaces Report takes a look at the natural areas, green spaces, and parks in Edmonton

## STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

### Intergenerational Programming

**When:** November 12, 2019, 9am-3pm

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Room 2-150, Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (11405 87 Avenue)

- The Institute for Continuing Care Education & Research (ICCEER) invites you to join the experts for presentations about best practices, toolkits, and resources to enhance your

- intergenerational programming.
- This session will cover a range of perspectives, including policymakers, community-based organizations, and continuing care providers.

### [Engaging The Volunteers of The Future](#)

**Offered by:** Volunteer Match

**When:** November 19, 2019, 12pm-1pm

**Cost:** Free

- The age of one-size-fits-all volunteer engagement is coming to an end.
- This webinar will start with a review of what volunteers are looking for in an opportunity. It will then help you use this information to start designing volunteer opportunities and determining the right volunteers for your program.
- Additionally, this webinar addresses the significant role of "word of mouth" and social media promotion in attracting volunteers to your organization.

### [Nominations for the Emerald Awards Open November 1](#)

- For the past 29 years, the Alberta Emerald Foundation's Emerald Awards have recognized and celebrated the outstanding environmental achievements of large and small businesses, individuals, not-for-profit associations, community groups, youth, and governments across Alberta.
- Already know an #EcoHero in your community? [Nominations open on November 1st!](#)

## Funding

### [EcoPitch & Emerald Summit](#)

- Are you a fan of the hit TV show Dragon's Den? Daydreaming of an environmental project you'd like to start in your community?
- EcoPitch, one of Alberta Emerald Foundation's newest programs, invites youth to present their environmental dream project to a panel of eco-celebrity judges.
- Pitches will take place at the [Emerald Summit](#) in February 2020.
- There will be five prizes of various amounts handed out.

## LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### [Tools For Reconciliation](#)

**Offered by:** Neheyawin

**When:** November 24 or December 14, 10am-4pm

**Where:** Singhmar Centre for Learning, NorQuest College, 10215 108 St NW

**Cost:** \$147

- Curious to learn more about Indigenous peoples and how you can be a part of Reconciliation?
- Tools for Reconciliation is a full-day intensive workshop that takes a deep dive into the history, concepts, and practical tools for all those that wish to do their part in mending the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Participants at any level of education and exposure to Indigenous ideas and history are welcome.

### [Nonprofit Tech for Good](#)

- Nonprofit Tech for Good focuses on providing useful, easy-to-understand news and resources related to nonprofit technology, online communication, and mobile and social fundraising.
- You can [subscribe](#) to their weekly newsletter which provides
  - 10 recent news stories about nonprofit technology and fundraising
  - 5 most recent posts on Nonprofit Tech for Good
  - Periodic event and webinar announcements

### [Calgary Foundation's Indigenous Ally Toolkit](#)

- When it comes to creating a positive and sustainable impact on the lives of Indigenous people, it is important to understand the role that individuals play within the collective experience.
- An ally recognizes that every person has a basic right to human dignity, respect, and equal access to resources.
- While we may not have had a direct hand in designing the injustices facing Indigenous people, we do have a responsibility to make it right.
- You can download the toolkit to use as a resource for your individual or organizational reconciliation journey.

## CONTACT INFO

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## RESOURCES

### 1. **The Park Bench e-NEWSLETTER:**

- Each month you will find information that celebrates and highlights City activities, events, programs and services for neighbourhoods in Edmonton. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

### 2. **Abundant Communities Edmonton**

- ACE is a neighbourhood engagement and community organizing approach that provides tools for neighbours to get to know each other on a block level.
- [Read about](#) how you can help your neighbourhood turn [Strangers into Neighbours](#) by becoming a part of Abundant Community Edmonton.



### 3. Building Community Through Recreation

- We support neighbourhoods and local organizations to utilize recreation to build community connections.
- [Click here](#) for information about upcoming Recreation Network events