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Pictured above are (L to R) EFCL Executive Director Allan Bolstad, Vice-President Christine Bremner, President David Dodge, Director Ken Shapka, Director Alf White and Minister Lukaszuk.

Education Minister Supports Shared Space

EFCL reps were pleased to discover in a meeting on Wednesday that Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk is a big supporter of sharing school space with community leagues. In fact, reviewing the space needs of the community, including community leagues, needs to be done before any more new schools are built, according to the Minister. Other topics discussed included the promotion of neighborhood schools, the revitalization of older neighborhoods and the federation's 100th Anniversary project in Hawrelak Park.



Above, attendees pose in the beautiful & historical McKay Avenue School

Public School Board Hosts EFCL Board

EFCL Board members were treated to a lovely evening at the school board's historical McKay Avenue School, where the district's archives are located. After a tour and dinner, the two groups discussed a number of topics, including the promotion of neighborhood schools, sharing of school space with community leagues, attracting families to older neighborhoods, the Early Childhood Mapping Project and the potential for using a special property tax levy for educational purposes. The federation was happy to learn that the board understands and supports many of the federation's community building initiatives.

Community League Swim Program Options Now Released

The Community Swim Program was originally developed independently by the staff at each City swimming pool; as such, each program has differed from other programs offered at other swimming pools.

In order to standardize the Community Swim Program, the administration has been centralized and we have attempted to standardize the service offered to all community leagues.

Communities may keep their existing (Historic) programs and / or choose one of the options listed in this [downloadable pdf](#)



EFCL Welcomes New Board Development Director

Andrea Sage commenced this week and brings with her a wealth of experience in board development and not for profits.

We are certain our members will benefit from the development programs and training she will develop and her infectious positive attitude.

Andrea says, "I'd like to announce that I'm excited and thrilled to

be a part of this awesome organization and team! I'm looking forward to working with the various Community League Boards and Members."

Please send her your training ideas and any great facilitators or experienced and eloquent league volunteers you might know!
Andrea.Sage@efcl.org

EFCL Invited to Join New Neighbourhood Design Guidelines Team

The City is forming a team to create New Neighbourhood Design Guidelines which will shape all future neighbourhoods. One EFCL person will be part of the team and will bring the community perspective to the table. Here is an opportunity to influence the creation of neighbourhoods which are people-oriented and lend themselves to building strong community connections.

Are you interested in being part of an advisory group for the EFCL representative? Or perhaps just interested in giving one time advice? Email: planning@efcl.org



PORTABLE SIGN INFORMATION SESSION

Community leagues with questions or concerns about the use of portable signs are encouraged to attend an information session at **7:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, at Cloverdale Community League Hall (9411-97 Avenue)**. [More info . . .](#)

RESOURCES



Nominate Your Good Neighbour Today!

[Details online at efcl.org / news](http://efcl.org/news)



Community Safety Conversation Workshop

[More info](#)

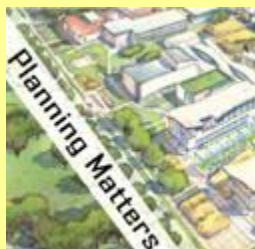
The Canadian Cancer Society asks for you to contact council and support the outdoor areas smoking regulation. [Read more](#)

Neighbourhood Engagement Strategy Grant [Read more](#)

Non-Profit Training Opportunities Calendar
[Click here for full article...](#)

PARTNER LINKS

Upcoming webinar presented by the **National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO)** on March 1. I have pasted the info from their website for your easy reference; you can access the page directly here:
<http://www.naho.ca/events/speaker->



PLANNING MATTERS

VISIT [efcl.org / planning matters](http://efcl.org/planning/matters) for EFCL position papers, planning committee info, and planning news

LATEST PLANNING HEADLINES

Cell Towers on the Rise Meeting March 7 at EFCL [Read more](#)

Task Force on Community Sustainability Recommends Actions to Elevate Mature Neighbourhoods

[Join the forum](#) [Read more details in our news ...](#)

Proposed Zoning Amendments Put Single Family Homes on the Decline [Read more.....](#)

Transit Oriented Development Policy and Guidelines Approved by the Executive Committee of Council, February 8, 2012. [Read more.....](#)

[series/housing-homelessness-and-health/](#). Please pass this on to your networks.

Fun Team Alberta has Easy to Run Events & Programs

FunTeam is designed to guide parents, community-minded individuals and even student volunteers in the organization and implementation of sport in their own neighbourhood or community. Read more [online in our Community Classifieds](#)

RENT OUT YOUR HALL TO GREAT PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

This new website sponsored by the City of Edmonton helps pair up partners with the space you might have available! edmontonspacefinder.ca/

Foster Park Baskett has Short Term Facility Rental Applications ONLINE <http://facilityrental.ca>

Serving Communities Internship Program

Win \$1000 towards a SCIP Project For more contest details visit the [contest page](#) or go to the [SCiP website](#).

Want to know more about SCiP? Check out these [FAQs](#).

[EFCL's Community League Resource Guide](#)

[Templates](#)

[Event & Program Planning Guide](#)

MORE PARTNERS

[CommuniTEA Van](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Alberta Safety Council](#)

[Front Yards in Bloom](#)

[Seniors Resources](#)

[Community Swims](#)

[Discounts at Rec Centers](#)

[Graffiti Wipe - out](#)

[Mural Matching Grants](#)

[Walkable Edmonton](#)

www.gettinginvolved.ca

www.OurSharedResources.org

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March 7

Cell Tower Meeting at EFCL
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March 12

Portable Sign Meeting at Cloverdale
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March 30

Earth Hour 8:30 – 9:30 pm
[Read more](#)

April 30

EFCL AGM at Beacon Heights
[Read more](#)

June 15

Community League Day advertising deadline
communications@efcl.org



September 15
Community League Day

