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SAVE THE DATE: EFCL AGM April 30th – [details online](#) Be there! RSVP@efcl.org

**EFCL Connects with Aboriginal Groups**

In what might well prove to be an historical meeting, directors and staff of the EFCL were pleased to host two aboriginal elders and a dozen representatives from aboriginal groups at a dinner meeting Wednesday night. The objective was to find ways to welcome aboriginal people into the community league movement. EFCL reps were pleased to hear that we are on the right track and could count on these organizations for their support, so long as we recognize that aboriginal people are very proud of their history and culture and will likely want an opportunity to organize activities that will appeal to people of aboriginal descent, in addition to the activities already taking place at community leagues.

**100th Anniversary Project On AGM Agenda**

Plans are beginning to shape up quite nicely for the federation's 100th Anniversary Project. The objective is to recognize the substantial contribution community leagues have made to our city through an upgrade to Hawrelak Park. We are still negotiating with the City to secure the location and plans.

League reps will be asked at the April 30 Annual General Meeting (Beacon Heights Hall) to vote on a fundraising proposal, which will ask each league to donate \$400 each year for five years. It is hoped that Phase One of the project - the Community League Plaza - can be complete in time for the federation's 95th Anniversary in 2016, while the upgrades to an existing stream and creation of a water play area next to the existing playground can be complete by the 100th Anniversary in 2021. The project is expected to cost at least \$2 million, with approximately \$700,000 needed for Phase One.

[EFCL AGM Details online in our news](#)

Matching Under 40s and Community Leagues

- **STRATHCONA**- 10139 - 87 Avenue **Thursday April 12th, 7-9PM**
- **WEST MEADOWLARK**- 9311 - 165 Street **Thursday May 3rd 7-9PM**
- **SOUTHWOOD** - 1880 - 37 Street **Thursday May 17th 7-9PM**

Confirmed sponsors at this time include AlleyKat Breweries and YELP as a Social Media Sponsor. Food sponsors are pending.

Edmonton's Next Gen Committee has expressed support and interest in promoting these events.

Based on the success of these events, we will likely be hosting a SUMMER BBQ in Riverbend and a Fall BBQ on the north side.

Leagues Express Concerns About Portable Sign Rules

Eight community league reps took the opportunity to bend the ears of city staff on rules restricting the usage of portable signs at an EFCL hosted meeting on Monday. After listening to the concerns, the staffers committed to looking for more sites for leagues to use, particularly parkland sites where leagues could install permanent, landscaped signs with changeable message boards. Dunluce

Community League president Keoma McMurren said afterward that it was a pleasure to attend such a productive meeting.



**LATEST
PLANNING
HEADLINES**

PLANNING MATTERS

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

EFCL Photo Tour and Chat about Great Winter Neighbourhoods

7 pm, April 19th at Glenwood Community Hall, 16430 97 Avenue

You are invited to a social evening with other league members. Take the photo Tour of Northern Europe with Councillor Henderson. Chat about our great winter neighbourhoods and how they could be even better. Your conversation could shape the city's winter city strategy. You just may leave wishing the winter snow and ice would return tomorrow. Bring along your own winter photos if you like, and don't forget your friends and family. For more information on the City's Winter Strategy project see edmonton.ca/WinterCityStrategy

Invitation for Input for the Buena Vista / Sir Wilfred Laurier Park Master Plan

Your ideas about the future use and management of the Buena Vista/Sir Wilfred Laurier Park space, its amenities and Yorath House and grounds are important. We want to create a master plan that both reflects Edmontonians vision of the park and aligns with the City's strategic plan to create a more livable and sustainable Edmonton

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We are pleased to announce *Edmonton's 4th International Conference on Urban Traffic Safety: BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Improving Urban Traffic Safety* | April 23-26, 2012 | Shaw Conference Centre | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

<http://www.trafficsafetyconference.com/>

Free Lecture – Walk and Cycle the City by Michael Ronkin, Tuesday, **March 20**, 7 pm at Kule Lecture Theatre, Grant MacEwan City-Centre Campus, Robbins Health Learning Centre, 109 Street/104 Ave. This will be of special interest to you if your neighbourhood is getting new sidewalks or bike lanes; or if you want to increase traffic safety.

[more info..](#)



Nominate Your Good Neighbour Today!

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



JANE'S WALK

[Organize a Jane's Walk in Your Neighbourhood](#)

Also see

[Walkable Edmonton](#)

Non-Profit Training Opportunities Calendar

[Click here for full article...](#)

PARTNER LINKS

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

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

<http://www.reachedmonton.ca/>

SAVE THESE DATES:

March 30

Earth Hour 8:30 – 9:30 pm

[Read more](#)

April 12

Strathcona Under 40s Social

April 30

EFCL AGM at Beacon Heights

[Read more](#)

May 3

West Meadowlark Under 40s Social

May 17

Southwood Under 40s Social

June 15

Community League Day advertising deadline

communications@efcl.org

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](#)



September 15

Community League Day

Register your event now to

communications@efcl.org

