

NRC Report for January 2019

Prince Rupert Community League

City of Edmonton

Edmonton

NEW NRC

- Kristy Berryman is the new NRC for your area
- Current contact info: kristy.berryman@edmonton.ca
- Once I have a telephone, I will update you with those numbers
- I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you in the coming weeks :)

REMINDERS

Equipment for Family Day

- Because of the large number of requests for equipment our Neighbourhood Recreation Experiences team typically receives for the Family Day weekend, it is recommended that requests be made as soon as possible
- More information about the Equipment Loaning program can be found at: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/services-for-recreation-provid.aspx
- the Equipment Catalogue can be found at: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/documents/PDF/EquipmentMagazine2018.pdf

Community League Operating Grant

- The Community League Operating Grant provides funding assistance to community leagues in the City of Edmonton.
- The funding enables leagues to be in a better position to meet operating requirements, support the specific needs in their neighbourhoods, improve collaboration with other organizations and deliver effective and efficient programs and services.
- **Deadline for applications is on Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 11:59pm**
- More info available at: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/funding_grants/community-league-operating-grant.aspx

WHAT'S NEW

Front Yards in Bloom Winterscape Contest

- The staff of Front Yards in Bloom are getting ready for a new and exciting season of Winterscapes! Now is the time to start thinking about creating beautiful outdoor art this winter. Celebrate the snow in the city and keep our neighbourhood looking great!
- photo submissions will be accepted from January 17 - February 28, 2019 but you

don't need to wait to start having fun in the snow. Take a photo of your creation now to save for the contest. Exciting prizes to be won each week, just for submitting!

- More info about rules, prizes, ideas can be found at:
https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/winterscapes.aspx

Great Kids Award

- Nominate an outstanding child or youth who has achieved great things while overcoming life's challenges.
- Nominate youth by January 31, 2019.
- More info at:
https://www.alberta.ca/great-kids-award.aspx?inf_contact_key=908092ddd239200c49383e25b6432d5cb14359a2091fce78f4814aca51ef3adf

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND LICENSES

Learn to Skate Drop-in Programs

- Children and families of all ages can try out various basic skating skills at their own pace through on-ice games and activities. Trained leaders will be on hand to adapt the program to the age and skill level of the participants.
- Dovercourt is hosting a program on Wednesdays at 5-8pm, from January 7-February 17
- For more information about the program and other sessions being offered in the city, visit:
https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/drop-in-learn-to-skate-program.aspx

Winter Green Shack Programs

- Free program for ages: 6-12 years. Note: children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.
- Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that you'd like to play, just ask the Program Leader.
- Westwood is hosting a green shack from January 5- February 1 (Mon & Wed 3:30-6pm, and Sat 1-5pm)
- Dates and locations and more information can be found at:
https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/green-shacks.aspx

Winter Events

- Looking for something to do this winter? Find out about all the festivals and events taking place in Edmonton this winter season by taking a look at the Winter Excitement Guide available online at:
https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/WinterCityEventsGuide2018.pdf
- We could only squeeze so many events into the Winter Excitement Guide. For more winter fun, check out the WinterCity Blog at:
<http://www.wintercityedmonton.ca/blog/> or Edmonton Tourism's site:
<https://exploreedmonton.com/festivals-and-events/all/all/winter>
- You can also sign up to get the latest news and information delivered right to your inbox by subscribing to the WinterCity Blizzard e-newsletter:
<http://www.wintercityedmonton.ca/newsletter/>

PARKLAND, PROJECTS

Neighbourhood Park Project Survey - Open till January 9th

The City of Edmonton, in collaboration with a number of community representatives and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, is looking to improve the process for community groups that are involved in projects on neighbourhood parks.

We are looking for committee members who have been involved with community projects on parkland, currently or in the past, to provide their input by completing an [online survey](#) by January 9, 2019. We have recently gathered information on areas for improvement through a number of sources and identified themes from what we heard. Through this survey, we would like to gather your feedback on the themes. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone that has been involved in past community projects on neighbourhood parks. We are looking to collect as much information as possible and need your help to spread the word.

Link to survey:

<https://www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca/c/a/6VxV1UgSkX0AQ7HBszApjA>

STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES**Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)**

- STEP is a 4 - 16 week wage subsidy program that provides funding to eligible Alberta employers to hire high school or post-secondary students into summer jobs from May to August.
- Summer positions created through STEP provide students with the opportunity to build meaningful work experience, increase their skills and workplace insight and help prepare them for the future.
- The program will start accepting applications in early 2019. Check their website for more information: <https://www.alberta.ca/step.aspx>

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ)

- CSJ is an initiative of the Summer Work Experience program that provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees to create summer job opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years.
- New expanded eligibility now includes all youth aged 15-30, and is no longer restricted to students.
- Applications are **due by January 25, 2019**
- To download the CSJ Guide, visit:
https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/canada/employment-social-development/services/funding/CSJ2019_applicant_guide.pdf

Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Grant (CIP)

- supports new, expanded or renewed community centres and hubs, amateur sport, cultural and recreational facilities.
- Eligible organizations can apply for funding to support projects that build stronger communities and improve social inclusion.
- Details can be found at:
<https://www.alberta.ca/ICIP-community-culture-recreation.aspx>

Free Yeg youth Terrarium Making

- Youth ages 13-17 are invited to attend one of the YEG youth Drop in Programs to make mason jar terrariums
- Date (Jan 29-Feb 2) and time (4-9 pm) depends on the location you choose to attend.
- Check out their website for days and times of each location: edmonton.ca/youth

LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Engagement 101

- Interested in learning some basic tips, tools, and tactics for effectively engaging the members of your community league? Join the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues on Saturday, January 26 from 9am-12pm to learn more!
- Tickets available at:
https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/community-engagement-101-tickets-53932749305?aff=efbevent&fbclid=IwAR02kVliicG0xWXMV54Y8qLJCB9_4k2C0b4_g-im1ePgKweqYtaLc2HigTw

Alberta Board Member Essentials Program (ABME)

Dates: January 19 - March 16

- ABME is a multi-part training program that combines online learning with in-person workshops to give new and developing board members the tools to successfully serve on a non-profit board.
- More info and registration available at:
<https://ff209.infusionsoft.com/app/linkClick/22710/0403c5a8fe6e3a50/465778/3046e65733bfd501>

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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)

- ACE is a neighbourhood engagement and community organizing approach that provides tools for neighbours to get to know each other on a block level.
- [Learn more about ACE](#) and 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