

NRC Update - February 2023

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Abundant Community Edmonton

Abundant Community Edmonton - "Creating a Neighbourly Vibe" Workshop.
Interested in getting more connected on your block, building floor or cul-de-sac? Join Neighbourhood Services / Abundant Community for a workshop on creating a neighbourly vibe! The "Creating a Neighbourly Vibe" workshop is held twice per month. See all upcoming event dates [here](#) and register today!

Upcoming Workshops: Feb 9 at 1:30 pm and Feb 23 at 6:30 pm

Civic Event Grant

Neighbourhood events are eligible. This grant is specifically to address the additional resources required to operate a winter event. (e.g. heaters, hot pockets, etc). Any logistical items that are specific to winter events. See [link](#) for more information.

Deadline: **Feb 15, 2023**

Community Services Recovery Fund

The Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support charities and non-profits as they focus on how to adapt their organisations for pandemic recovery. Edmonton Community Foundation is working with community foundations across Canada in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross, and United Ways to distribute funding. This fund supports Community Service Organizations including non-profit organisations, Indigenous Governing Bodies and Registered Charities located in Canada.

Visit the [website](#) for applicant information, including an applicant guide and FAQ document.

Applications are open from **Jan 6 - Feb 21, 2023**

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EFCL Resources for your League

Check out [this](#) workshop offered with a Google Certified Trainer for moving your organization online- 3 part workshop begins Feb 23. See other opportunities on the EFCL [website](#)!

Pop-Up Community Gardens

[Pop-Up Community Gardens](#) are sprouting across Edmonton once again- applications are now open! This program creates temporary gardens across Edmonton, increasing growing opportunities, recreation and community connectedness. Reach out to your Community League to see if an application has been submitted. Visit edmonton.ca/popupgardens for more information.

Deadline to apply: **March 1, 2023**

Tell Us What You Think About Your Community Sandbox

From Jan 27 - Mar 10, we want to hear from residents, Community Leagues and stakeholder organizations and partners on possible future changes to the Community Sandbox program. For more information see [link](#).

Visit edmonton.ca/communitysandboxes to learn more and for a schedule of upcoming events! Join us at a pop-up event, stop by one of our display tables, or take our online survey beginning **Feb 6**. Find [Info Package here](#).

Community Information

E-reminders for curbside waste collection

- ❖ Do you use WasteWise to keep track of your curbside collection schedule? Do you want to reduce the environmental impact and printing and mailing out collection calendars?

Opt-out of receiving a printed collection calendar before Feb 14, 2023 by filling out the form at edmonton.ca/CalendarOptOut.

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Recreation Facility Opening

- ❖ **[ACT Recreation Centre Reopening](#)**: February 14th we will be open to the public. It has been a long road, but all the work is done and we are opening!

Highlights of what was done: Roof repair from the fire that happened Feb 29, 2020, new chlorination system, new filter systems, upgrades to the filter system infrastructure, new air handling, all windows in the building replaced, movable floors in the main pool and teach pool removed, new ramp into teach pool, all pool basins retiled, all the ceilings throughout the building redone, new acoustical panels in the pool area, new lighting throughout the building, new transformer for the building, all new exterior cladding, and so much more. Come and visit!

A pedestrian crossing upgrade may be coming to a neighbourhood near you! The **Safe Crossings Program** is expanding to further the City's commitment to Vision Zero by making Edmonton's streets safer and more livable. Approximately 400 crossings are planned for safety upgrades by the end of 2026, with 100 projects confirmed for 2023.

Since the City of Edmonton adopted Vision Zero in 2015, the City has been investing significantly in safe mobility and crossing safety. From 2016 to 2022, over 375 crosswalk upgrades have been installed.

Explore the **[Safe Crossings Dashboard](#)** to see completed and planned projects. Check out this [video](#) to learn more.

Learn more about the many other programs making Edmonton's streets safer and more livable at edmonton.ca/VisionZero.

Tackling Hate in Edmonton

- ❖ City develops new tool to help fight against hate in Edmonton: City of Edmonton Peace Officers have a new tool to help them identify and track hate symbols that appear in public places within the city. The City has created the tool **[Lighthouse](#)** in partnership with the Anti Defamation League (ADL), the leading anti-hate organization in the world.

City Council amended the Public Spaces Bylaw in 2021 to include communicating acts of harassment based on race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity and includes forms of non-verbal communication such as gestures or hate symbols.

Lighthouse includes a phone application for data collection and a web application for image labeling and analysis using the categorizations provided by the ADL hate symbol database.

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The phone application allows frontline workers to photograph and upload images of potential hate symbols that are encountered. Images are stored securely, along with time and geolocation to help identify patterns and provide a community-wide picture of hate-related incidents.

In addition to the hate symbols database, the ADL has mentored and supported the development of this technology solution. In return, the city will provide ADL with access to Lighthouse for the organization's use and with the potential to share the technology solution to their chapters and other interested Canadian organizations. Edmontonians can report hate symbols through 311.

Fun Outdoor Activities for Children and Families

- ❖ Are you interested in getting active this winter? The [Winterscapes competition](#) is back for 2023! This year every nominee will get a snowman-building kit prize (while supplies last), and there will be weekly draws for a gift card to #YEGWinterPatios. Want to see some past contest entries? You can check out the Inspiration & Ideas page and a Photo Gallery of past winners! If you want to learn more about Winterscapes, including contest rules and guidelines, you can visit our website at www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes.
- ❖ [For Girls By Girls](#) is a FREE drop-in program to help girls ages 8-17 build confidence and encourage their pursuit in sport and recreation. Starting January 9th, join us each Monday from 7:15-8:45pm at Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre to participate in a variety of activities, games, and skill development exercises. Each session will be facilitated by a University of Alberta Panda Athletics student-athlete. Best of all, this program is completely free for participants. No need to pay admission or program fees! Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ❖ [After School Youth Programs](#): City of Edmonton is collaborating with not-for-profit agencies to provide youth ages 8-17 with free drop in or registered programs from 3 pm - 5:30pm. Choose from a variety of sports, cultural, social, or academic support programs. Visit edmonton.ca/afterschool for more details.
- ❖ **Play Rangers Program** - Free recreational opportunities available for children and families who want to enjoy a special outdoor activity. See [link](#) for more information.