

October
2020

Next league board meeting

MONDAY, November 2
(new day!)

7:00 p.m. at the
Community Centre

Visitors welcome. To bring up a topic at the board meeting, please contact President Roberta Franchuk at least one week before the meeting. Bring your mask!

McKernan Helps still reaching out

The McKernan Community League Board would like to ensure that everyone in our community has the support they need during this pandemic. If you are currently in self-isolation and in need of someone to help pick up small orders of groceries, post your mail, run essential errands or just a friendly phone call, please let us know and we can match you with a volunteer who lives near you and is happy to help.

To be matched with a volunteer, contact Karla, the McKernan Helps project coordinator, at 780-953-7444 or barron.karla@gmail.com.

Trick or TrEAT for Campus Food Bank

COVID-19 has hit students hard and they need your help more than ever! Help support the Campus Food Bank by participating in their annual Trick or TrEAT food drive. Volunteers will be visiting McKernan the evening of Monday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. collecting non-perishable food and toiletry donations. Volunteers will not be knocking on doors so please leave donations outside of your door on Monday in a bag marked "Campus Food Bank" before the drive begins. While all food and toiletry donations are very appreciated, the most needed non-perishable items are: canned meats (eg. tuna); canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter; beans (without sauce); cereal; brown rice; whole wheat pasta; pasta sauce; rolled oats (instant oats). For more information on the event or to donate online visit campusfoodbank.com/trick-or-treat.



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Major revision to 114 St. development proposal

Six-storey buildings proposed next to LRT

A proposal put forward earlier this year to develop two buildings next to the LRT line at 114 St. on 78 Ave. has been completely revised by the developer. The new proposal is instead asking to rezone four lots at 11416, 11419, 11420 and 11423-78 Ave. to DC2, or direct control provision, and would also require an amendment to the McKernan-Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP).

The Pinto Properties proposal now consists of two buildings on two lots each at the same location, but with a fully public park space between the two buildings offering access to the LRT and multi-use trail. The proposal has been extended to six storeys in height for each building, instead of the original four, but with more larger and family-oriented units instead of the original very small apartments (microunits). The two extra storeys would be stepped back on all sides from the floors below, providing amenity areas to the building residents and somewhat reducing the effect of the building mass, shadowing and overlook impacts on the adjacent houses.

The proposal would relocate the north-south alley to west of the new buildings, with a new alley access north of 78 Ave. The proposal would still provide only onsite visitor parking, with no parking for building residents.

The proposal was introduced to the community at a meeting on Sept. 29 with a second meeting Oct. 14; full details including transportation, fire safety, wind and shadow studies have not yet been released while the city reviews the submission. Revised documents have not yet been uploaded to the City of Edmonton website for McKernan planning projects (edmonton.ca/mckernan) but these should be available soon. Pinto Properties has posted some details on its own site at <http://metro78.udconnect.net/#!/up>

Initial community concerns focus around the increased height, which could bring shadowing and wind problems and reduced privacy for immediate neighbours, along with general concerns about the 'boxiness' of a large development at the end of a street of single-family houses. The quality and accessibility of the lane connectors is also important to neighbours, as is the loss of the existing turnaround space at the end of the street. There could also be more of an emphasis on 'green' features, including solar; location of HVAC services and garbage pickup could also impact neighbours.

The developer has suggested that a 700 square metre public plaza between the buildings, a continuance of the green spine along the shared use path, and the construction of the new north-south lanes — along with the family-oriented units in the buildings — be considered as its community amenity contributions as tradeoff for being allowed to build a larger building than what would normally be allowed under the standard zoning. As well,

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Free memberships!

League memberships are available at no cost to eligible residents for 2020-2021. The membership form is in this issue of the Messenger and online at the league website (www.mckernancommunity.org). Memberships can also be purchased online through the EFCL website (<https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>)

League members get reduced rates to city recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program, participation in organized sports, reduced hall rental rates, use of skating rinks (at all leagues!), and discounts at business such as Cloverdale Paints, House of Wheels and U of A Bookstore. Plus membership gives you a voice in the shaping of your community!

Rent the community centre for your event! Now with social distancing!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open for rentals with reduced capacity. According to provincial guidelines as of June 12, 2020, meetings and social gatherings can now happen with a maximum of 50 people (inside) and 100 people (outside). Expanded cleaning protocols are being developed. In accordance with recent guidelines, events with shared food and/or significant social contact will not be allowed. Social distance of two metres must be maintained for all non-household members. For detailed up-to-date guidance on specific activities see www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.

Our beautiful air-conditioned facility has two meeting spaces: one smaller meeting space and one larger with danceable floor. For bookings, contact hall rental coordinator Darlene Dudley at hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com or see our website (www.mckernancommunity.org) for more details.

Rental rates – REVISED SEPTEMBER 2020

	Main hall	Meeting room
Capacity	50	30
Hourly cost (GST will be added)		
Weekend (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
Long-term rentals	\$40/hr	\$30/hr

*GST will also be charged on rentals

Residents of McKernan who are members of the community league receive a 15% discount on one-time hall rentals.

Damage deposit and key deposit may also be required. Events where alcohol is served require event insurance through the renter.



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League Memberships

Memberships in your community league support programs, socials, hall activities, newsletters, and more; PLUS the League is looking out for your interests in housing, transportation, services and more. Memberships are ZERO dollars for 2020/2021! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org or in this issue.

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League notes October

Rink update: Ice is a go but shack is not

The rink team is still hoping to get the ice surfaces open this winter (weather permitting), as skating should be a safe outdoor activity. However, the rink shack will not be opened as we do not have a way to clean the shack to AHS standards. Watch for rink hours and details later this winter. Ice preparations will start when weather allows. Volunteers are always welcome for ice making and maintenance; give Greg Jones a call at 780-222-2096 or email ghajones@hotmail.com if you have a bit of time to help out.

Winter events

The league's annual Christmas potluck will not be able to go ahead this year; instead, we're hoping to host some smaller outdoor activities such as skating parties, skiing or kicksleds. All activities would follow AHS guidelines for safety. If you have ideas or would like to help out, contact Rehka Shepherd at shepherdrehka02@gmail.com.

Looking for more neighbourhood news?

Subscribe to the City of Edmonton's Keep Neighbouring Newsletter (https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/newsletter.aspx), sharing updates from Neighbourhood Services and other City departments related to community development and neighbourhood liveability, as well as inspiring community stories!

Charles Simmonds Park renewal – clarification

The September issue of the Messenger contained an error in the description of the process that the Charles Simmonds Park renewal would be going through. Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP) projects follow the City's park & facility development process, which includes five phases of work: strategy, concept, design, build & operate. Community groups work with a team of City staff through all phases of the project. NPDP projects are funded through a combination of City NPDP matching grants and community dollars.

The Charles Simmonds Park renewal is at the beginning of the strategy phase. The Park committee submitted a brief project proposal which was assessed by the City's Park & Facility Development Team for its general viability. The project has been classified as an Intermediate (Playground Replacement) project and would be supported with either Basic or Intermediate NPDP funding (upon application at end of Concept phase). Our committee has been given the go-ahead to start work on the NPDP strategy documents, including a plan to engage the community. Once the strategy phase has been completed and signed off by both the community group & City liaisons, the project will move in to concept phase. A City project manager and landscape architect will then be assigned to work with the community on a concept plan with more design specifics.

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114 St./LRT development proposal (continued from p1)

the developer is proposing to fund a \$1.1 million water main upgrade in its section of the community, which would also support water services to all nearby buildings.

The community plaza space would have to be carefully designed to ensure that it still meets the needs of the community as well as building residents – needs such as safety, LRT access, snow removal, noise reduction and attractiveness. There may also be other options for community amenity contributions that McKernan and Belgravia can explore (such as the Charles Simmonds Park renewal).

The proposal does include rooftop green areas and amenities — including a children's play area to support the family units —and balconies.

Although the lack of resident parking does concern many neighbours, this does conform with the recent direction of council (see the City of Edmonton's Open Option parking policy passed in June 2020) and is thus likely to be okayed by city planners and council. Providing less parking should, in theory, reduce the amount of vehicle traffic generated by the development. The revised plan would provide more bike parking, carshare access and subsidized transit passes for residents to support active transportation.

Construction would also be disruptive for the community and users of the LRT and trail, and would have to be managed to minimize problems.

Pinto has engaged a wider team for building and landscape design plus community consultation, and seem to have come forward with a better thought-out proposal. The community looks forward to seeing the critical details of the plan in the coming weeks. A third meeting will be held with the community on November 12, and the City should be hosting some kind of open house consultation after that point.

Some discussion of the proposal can also be seen at <https://edmonton.skyriscities.com/database/projects/metro-78>.

Interested in development issues in our community?

The league is looking for interested residents to serve on a panel to develop a guideline to evaluate proposed infill developments and rezoning requests. Having a number of residents reviewing proposals will ensure that all developments receive the necessary scrutiny, and will ensure that only high-quality buildings are put up in our neighbourhood. We need to maintain our expertise and knowledge in this area if we are to be an effective voice with developers and the City. Contact Roberta Franchuk (president@mckernancommunity.org), for further information on this working group and their goals.

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Development news

Front garage approved on 73 Ave.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board has approved the development of a single-family infill house at 11159-73 Ave with a front attached garage. At a hearing on August 12, 2020, the board overturned the decision of the planning officer to deny the development permit, and approved the building. Objections had been filed by neighbours and by the community league, as the front attached garage would have required variances to the development permit that did not meet the general requirements of the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay that governs development in McKernan.

The developer argued that the reverse pie shape of the lot, the presence of EPCOR facilities in the rear lane, and the curved shape of the rear lane behind the lot presented unique difficulties for having a rear detached garage on the site. They also cited that some other properties in the neighbourhood have front garage access or front attached garages, so this development is similar in character. EPCOR supported the construction of the front garage because of difficulties in relocating the power pole in the rear. The board agreed with the developer, finding that "the proposed development is unlikely to have a material adverse impact on the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties or to materially adversely impact neighbourhood amenities..." the Board also noted that "in this case there are on balance certain hardships unique to the subject Site arising from the inverted pie shape, the shape and configuration of neighbouring lots, the shape of the Lane and the EPCOR pole and anchor..."

The approval was granted under a set of conditions and advisements. These include that the building be built according to drawings; that no secondary suite be included without an additional development permit unless a new development permit is issued; and that the driveway access to 73 Ave. cannot be modified without approval from the City.

Development applications (Sept. 1 to Oct. 4)

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan last month. Permits are under review unless otherwise noted. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton mapping website maps.edmonton.ca > Development Applications. Requested and approved planning applications (i.e. for rezoning, not development) are listed at www.edmonton.ca/mckernan. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

10961-73 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck with privacy screen.
11207-75 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (new suite).
11209-75 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (new suite).
11329-79 Ave.	To leave as built accessory building (detached garage). To construct a rear uncovered deck.
11331-79 Ave.	To leave as built accessory building (detached garage). To construct a rear uncovered deck.



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McKernan Playgroup MONDAYS

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Please bring your own toys
and snacks.

Contact Mary at cox.
marylouise@gmail.com if you
have questions.



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McKernan part of proposed ward 'papastew'

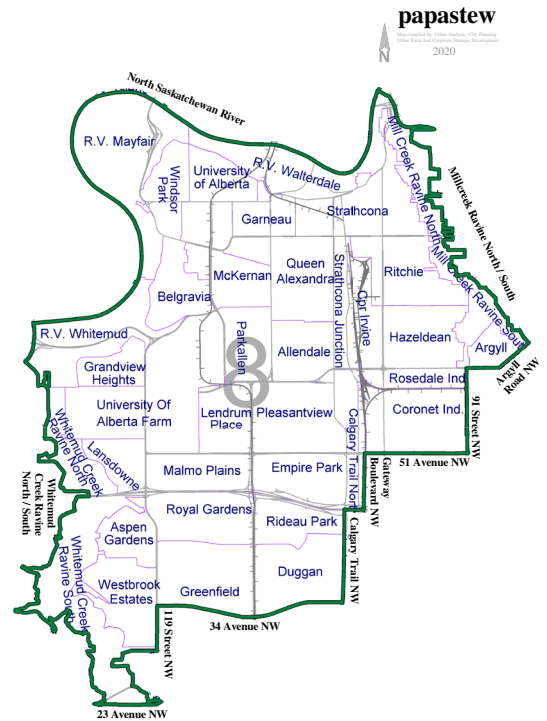
Did you know that Edmonton's city wards will be changing this year? Edmonton's newly redrawn wards also have Indigenous names chosen by iyiniw iskwewak wihtwawin (the committee of Indigenous matriarchs) to honour these sacred places in Edmonton and to preserve the history for future generations.

McKernan has been included as part of the new ward 'papastew' (pronounced 'pah-pah-stay-oh') comprising parts of the old Wards 8, 10 and 11. papastew was a highly respected leader of the papaschase Band #136 and signed an adhesion to Treaty 6 in 1877. papastew translates to 'large woodpecker.'

iyiniw iskwewak wihtwawin, the naming committee, is made up of 17 women representing the Anishinaabe, Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Inuit, Iroquois (Michel Band), Métis and Sioux nations. Indigenous cultures traditionally uphold women as leaders in their communities, which is why they were chosen to lead this initiative.

Bylaw 19366 received first reading at City Council on September 21 and is tentatively scheduled to return to City Council for second and third reading in December 2020.

If the bylaw is passed by December 31, 2020, changes to ward boundaries and names will come in to effect on the date of the next Edmonton General Election: October 18, 2021.



Community briefs

CHANGE for your health

Registration is now open for the CHANGE Health Community Program, which brings groups of families together to connect, learn and engage in fun activities related to physical activity, nutrition, mental health and social connection.

The program is delivered online with opportunities for outdoor, physically distanced meet-up and family retreat days. To register or for more information, email chcp@ualberta.ca, or visit CHANGE Health Community Program on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChangeHealthCommunityProgram.

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McKernan Community League Membership 2020/2021

Membership term: Sept. 1, 2020 to Aug. 31, 2021

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Type of Membership (please circle):

Family	\$0	Senior	\$0
Single Parent Family	\$0	Student	\$0
Single Adult	\$0		

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I would like to be on the McKernan Community League's volunteer list. ☐

Deliver/ mail to: Joyce Chung, McKernan membership director

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memberships@mkernancommunity.org

Memberships can also be purchased online through <https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>. Skate tags will be available later in the season, depending if rinks will be allowed to open.

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