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NOTICE OF OFFICIAL-TYPE MEETING!

Monday, April 5

Starting 7:00 p.m online.

Annual General Meeting

- Election of officers
(president, vice-president,
secretary, directors)
- Year-end business

**Meet the executive, find out
how you can help, discuss
your concerns.**

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AGM April 5: Elect a new President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, April 5 online. All community league members are eligible to vote and we encourage you to attend (login details will be posted at mckernancommunity.org).

The positions of president and vice-president are open for election for two-year terms. Current secretary and past director Phil Kloc has agreed to stand been nominated as a candidate for president as Roberta Franchuk moves on to past president, while the vice-president slot is still open. The secretary position would also be open if Phil becomes president. The position of treasurer has also opened up again as Jim Martin will be moving out of the community; Jen Bodnar, who has extensive non-profit finance experience, has put her name forward for this position. Two of the director-at-large positions are open, and current directors Rehka Shepherd and Marilyn Johnson are standing for reelection.

About the positions:

President: supervises the affairs of the Board; chairs all meetings of the League, the Board and the Executive Committee; and acts as the spokesperson for the League

Vice-president: presides at meetings in the President's absence; replaces the President at various functions; and is responsible for the annual review of the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.

Secretary: Keeps minutes of the league, the Board and the Executive Committee, sends notices of meetings, and manages the Board correspondence.

Treasurer: Oversees expenditures and revenue; presents a detailed account of revenues and expenditures at Board and General Meetings; prepares and presents an audited financial statement at the AGM.

Director-at-large: Attends meetings of the league and the Board, and carries out League business as required.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Roberta Franchuk (president@mckernancommunity.org). The Board would particularly like to have representation from a younger community member (university student or young adult). If you are keen on helping to make connections in the community, we'd love to hear from you.

Also, if you haven't purchased your league membership, memberships are free until August! See page 2 for details or online at efcl.org/membership-purchase/ (online fee applies).

114 University 2 consultation results

A short public consultation was held in February for the newest Direct control provision rezoning for a building on the sites 11323, 11325, 11329, 11333 and 11335 University Ave., next to the site already approved and under construction. The project, formerly called McKernan Crossing but now called 114 University 2, would see a six-storey (revised down from nine storeys) building with an underground parkade shared with the next-door site (for 135 parking stalls between the two developments. The building does conform to the Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). Although the consultation period in late January/early February was announced too late to be printed in the Messenger, it was advertised directly to neighbouring properties. A summary of the consultation results (the What We Heard report) is available at www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/11323-11335-university-avenue-nw.aspx. While 43 visitors reached the consultation site and clicked at least one item, only 15 left questions or comments. Of these, 5 people supported the project, 3 opposed and 7 were neutral/mixed. Comments included support of density and lowered height, although the cube-like design was criticized. Some wanted more on-site parking while others wanted less, due to proximity to the LRT. Alley improvements were also suggested.

The City Council public hearing date for the rezoning has not yet been determined.

Soccer registration

Minor soccer registration should be open in March, but details were not yet available when the Messenger went to print. Check the SWEMSA website after March 15 for more details. You can also follow the the Belgravia/McKernan Community Soccer page on Facebook for updates, or contact Carley at belmac@belgraviaedmonton.ca.



**Charles Simmonds Park
survey in this issue!**

Rink wraps up this month

As the ice making season approached, it became clear that it was definitely going to be an interesting year for the McKernan outdoor rink. The McKernan ice team all felt an outdoor rink was more important this year than ever. The goal was to create a safe place for the community to enjoy the winter months and abide by the restrictions. This meant closing the rink shack, moving the picnic tables outside, posting signage, and continually updating the information and removing the nets. Thankfully the community was very understanding and did their best to follow the rules and stay safe.

Removing the nets was necessary to ensure there were no hockey games being played and to limit large groups gathering. However, this caused another problem, because without nets, player shot directly at the boards (hard to blame them). This caused significant damage to the boards that resulted in a large unanticipated repair cost for the community league.

The people who used the rink were very understanding and continually expressed their thanks to the rink volunteers. We even got a wonderful handmade card from Mio and Hana, who obviously made the most of the rink. This feedback is heartwarming for the volunteers and it reminds us of why we spend countless hours and late nights shoveling snow and making ice in sub-zero temperatures. It's all for the community!

A great group of volunteers...

What a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people. The pandemic made everything just a bit more challenging, but the rink team (known as the "Human Zambonis") did not waver. There are so many good causes where you can volunteer your time, but these people chose to shovel enormous amounts of snow, and spend their evenings making ice in the wind and cold. Thank you to the amazing volunteers: Cherie Hoyles, Rolf Nagan, Phil Kloc, Jonny Cox, David Sulz, Henry An, Sheldon Pinto, Craig Ellingson, Robert Driver, Brian Ballman, John Russell, James Muir, Gerald Gosselin.

Seeing the ice melt is a bitter sweet feeling. It's fantastic that spring is finally coming, but I think we'll all miss the community that comes together around the rink each year.

Greg Jones

(ed. note: and many thanks to Greg as well for his long service with the rink team!)

.. and a generous rink donor

Richard Covlin, a long-time McKernan resident, has made a generous donation to the league to help fix the broken rink boards. Thank you very much, Richard!

Community centre closed

Our community centre is currently closed to the public as per Alberta Health guidelines. We will reopen for events and rentals when it is safe to do so.

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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.

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Development news

Development applications (Feb. 1 to Mar. 6)

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 https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

7226-112 St.	To construct a semi-detached house with secondary suite(s) and veranda. To construct an accessory building (detached garage (7.92m x 13.41m))
10907-77 Ave.	To construct an 11 dwelling multi-unit housing (apartment) building.
11519 University Ave.	To construct an addition (covered deck/patio/veranda).

Apartment proposed at 10907-77 Ave.

A new development proposal has been advanced to construct an 3 storey apartment building on a single site at 10907-77 Ave. The proposal asks for 3 units on each floor and 2 additional units in the basement. No further information has been provided to city planners yet. The site, along with most residential sites along 109 St north of 69 Ave., is already zoned RA7 to accommodate low-rise apartment

buildings. The league will be monitoring this proposal as details are provided.

Metro 78 update (114 St and 78 Ave.)

The BelMac neighbours group plus reps from McKernan and Belgravia community leagues continue to meet with developers and city staff to press for improvements to the Metro 78 project. The proposal, which consists of two six-storey apartment buildings on 114 St and 78 Ave. next to the LRT station, would call for an amendment to the McKernan-Belgravia Area Redevelopment plan which governs development in the two communities.

The proposal is still undergoing review by the City planners, including revisions to the Transportation Impact Assessment. The next stage, which may happen in April, is for online community consultation. Concerned residents will have two to three weeks to submit questions and concerns to a city portal. After consultation closes, City planners will consolidate feedback and make a recommendation to City Council to either support or not support the development.

The community is still concerned about the height of the development (four storeys is the maximum called for under the ARP); distance from neighbouring properties, especially across the alleys; and disruption from garbage pickup. They are also pushing for the developer to offer resident more transit passes, and for a Good Neighbour Agreement to be included in the DC2 rezoning application to lock in some reassurances to the community about construction process and design details.

Allowed hours for on-street parking might be revised by Transportation as the current restriction of maximum two hours between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. does not fully prevent people from using street parking for permanent storage, even if the new buildings themselves do not provide resident parking. The city is considering extending the restrictions and further inquiries will be made to Transportation. Enforcement of current restrictions could also be significantly improved, as many residents have noted.

Belgravia survey

Belgravia's Community Planning Committee ran a survey in January of impacted Belgravia and McKernan residents to find their thoughts about the Metro 78 proposal. Respondents had "positive opinions on the overall appearance and frequently felt density near the LRT was a good use of space. Disliked were the proposal's height and mass, the lack of provided parking, and that the extra density sought was "pushing things too far." The plaza proposed for between the two buildings did not receive significant support, and respondents were skeptical that a carless building would result in a low overall traffic impact. A summary of survey responses is at the McKernan website at www.mckernancommunity.org/about-development

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Medicine Cup tournament raffle supports kids

The Medicine Cup Charity Tournament committee has thanked the McKernan community and the community at large for support in their 50/50 raffle in support of the Little Warriors. The raffle was held in February in place of the long-standing hockey tournament organized by the medical students that usually takes place on the McKernan Rink. This year's event raised \$16,600, with \$6,489 donated directly to the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch. The Ranch, which is located east of Edmonton, is a specialized, intensive, trauma-informed, evidence-based treatment centre solely focused on helping children from across Canada who have been sexually abused, as well as their families.

Some neighbourhood plans being repealed, but not McKernan

With the acceptance of the new City Plan, some of the over 200 existing neighbourhood and land use plans have fulfilled their purpose and are now slated to be repealed. The McKernan-Belgravia ARP, which was developed relatively recently (2013) is not one of these currently slated to be repealed.

Selected for repeal are plans that no longer advance their intended purpose; those that no longer meet current City planning approaches or directions; and those whose intended time horizon have passed. More info including a list of affected plans can be found at engaged.edmonton.ca/cpfrepeals.

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Events in the community

Insomnia and sleep: Zoom talk, Wed., Mar. 17, 7 p.m. We could all use better sleep! Join Belgravia's Neighbour to Neighbour talk for March to hear Dr. Cheryl Laratta, respirologist and sleep specialist, talk about insomnia and sleep. Check McKernan Facebook feed for Zoom link.



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