

December
2019

Next league board meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
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.

Back in business

Businesses on 76 Ave. flooded by a water main break in February are open again. X-L Barbershop has been providing haircuts for a few months, while Campus Pizza opened on Dec. 11 and the medical offices at McKernan Plaza opened earlier.

Please support these local businesses!

Campus Pizza: 780-434-4414; Facebook: Campus Pizza YEG

X-L Barbershop: Walk-ins welcome; Closed Sundays and Mondays



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To everyone in
the McKernan
Community: Merry
Christmas, Happy
Holidays and a
very Happy and
Prosperous New
Year!



LRT station apartment proposal may expand to two buildings

The development company Pinto Properties has revised its initial proposal for a car-free apartment building at 78 Ave. and 114 St. (directly beside the LRT shared use path) from one building to two, according to a meeting with the developer held in November.

The initial proposal was described in the October issue of the McKernan Messenger. The revised proposal includes:

- Two separate four-storey buildings, one at 11416-78 Ave and the second across the street at 11419-78 Ave, each with 54 bachelor or one bedroom units, including four ground floor units with direct outdoor access to the LRT shared use path. The units would be rented.
- An expanded lot for each apartment building, incorporating green space from the City.
- A new north-south alley connecting 78 Avenue to the rear lanes, with ten surface parking stalls accessed from these connecting lanes.
- Removing the existing paved turnaround and replacing it with a park.
- Indoor bicycle parking.
- An indoor ground floor amenity room and a rooftop patio.

Pinto has told the community that they believe their proposal meets the overarching McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan. They plan to apply to the City for a zoning change to a DC2 zoning, which will be written specifically for these two sites and planned buildings. As of mid-December, they have not yet made their detailed application.

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Your community league membership buys you free skating on our rinks at 11341-78 Ave. You must have your League skate tags with you.

McKernan Rink open!

Kids under 14:
Mon–Fri: 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Family skating:
Sat, Sun: 1 to 5 p.m.
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Public skating / Shinny:
Mon, Wed–Fri: 6 to 9 p.m.
Tues: 6 to 8 p.m.
Sat, Sun: 5 to 9 p.m.

Broomball:
Tues: 8 to 10 p.m.

To volunteer for ice maintenance:
Greg Jones, 780-222-2096 or ghajones@hotmail.com



Rent the community centre!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open! Our beautiful facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a refurbished hall complete with danceable wooden floor and air conditioning. For future bookings, contact hall rental coordinator Darlene Dudley at hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com. More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at www.mckernancommunity.org.

	Main hall	Meeting room	Boardroom
Capacity	151	60	16
Hourly cost			
Weekend (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$75/hr	\$65/hr	\$25/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$55/hr	\$45/hr	\$25/hr
Long-term rentals (multi-week, with contract)	\$50/hr	\$40/hr	\$20/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 \$35 for family or organizations, \$25 for single parent families. Single memberships with skating are \$20, seniors and students only \$10. A bargain! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org.

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Comment on Garneau bikes and parkland

There is still time to comment on the Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal Options and Trade-offs materials presented at the open house held November 30.

McKernan residents may be interested in two parts of the plan:

1. The 110 Street Bike Lane, especially the segment from University Avenue to 76 Avenue.

Options presented at the open house for this segment were:

Option 1: On-street Protected Bike Facility – designed with NO on-street parking and with trees retained

Option 2: On-street Protected Bike Facility – designed with SOME on-street parking and with some trees removed

Option 3: Raised Bike Facility – designed with NO on-street parking and with trees retained Option 4: Raised Bike Facility – designed with SOME on-street parking and with some trees removed

Option 5: Shared-use Path – designed to retain on-street parking retained and with some trees removed

The option of leaving the road as-is (with cyclists integrated with other traffic along a quiet residential street) was not presented but could still be suggested.

Depending on which option is selected, residents along 110 St. will be impacted, while cyclists will have a more visible connection from 76 Ave north eventually to Saskatchewan Drive.

2. Improvements to Braithwaite Park (north of University Ave from 112-114 St.) that include tree-lined boulevard along 82 Avenue at the curve; relocation of the memorial plaza to reduce safety concerns; new pathways following current pedestrian travel patterns; sidewalk upgrade along 82 Avenue at the curve (west end). Along with these improvements, there is an option for a fenced dog park area in the centre of the area, or an option to leave the space mainly open.

Full maps and details about the full Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal, including these aspects, are available at edmonton.ca/BuildingGarneau. Comments on the plan can be submitted at that site until December 21, 2019.

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Instagram: [mckernancommunity](https://www.instagram.com/mckernancommunity)

McKernan Playgroup MONDAYS

Our playgroup for parents, caregivers and little ones (ages 0-5) meets again! Join us on Mondays at the Community Centre from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Bring a toy to share, if you want. Please make sure any snacks are nut-free!

PRELOVED TOYS NEEDED: Clean, nearly new preloved toys are also needed (suitable for young ones). Contact Mary at cox.marylouise@gmail.com if you have donations or questions.



Craft show success

The first McKernan Gift & Craft Sale took place at the hall on November 24 and was a success for shoppers and sellers alike. The league hopes to be able to host this event again next year. Thanks especially to Cathy Malcolm and Darlene Dudley for doing all the organizing.

Events in the Community

Social Justice Film Night, Fri. Jan 10, 7 p.m., Westwood Unitarian Church (11135-65 Ave.). *Zero Degrees of Separation* breaks with the sensationalistic media coverage of the Middle East by documenting the everyday lives of same-sex Palestinian-Israeli couples. Get film listings at www.westwoodunitarian.ca/participate/social-justice/social-justice-movie-nights/

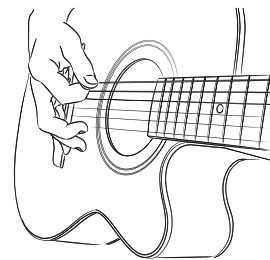


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114 St. development (cont.)

At this point a number of key issues have been identified, including:

- Proposed density and number of units.
- Lack of family sized units.
- Width of the green corridor.
- Emergency vehicle access due to the removed turnaround and changed lane connections.
- Additional traffic in the rear lanes due to the missing turnarounds and to the garbage truck needed for the new apartment building.
- Number of car parking stalls and the overall impact on on-street parking, traffic congestion, and increase to lane traffic.

As their next step, Pinto would submit formal DC2 rezoning application to the City. These will trigger further negotiations as well as a public meeting in the community. Then city administration prepares a zoning bylaw amendment for Council's consideration at a public hearing. The time frame for all these steps is likely at least three months but is often longer.

Marcel Huculak (Belgravia) and Roberta Franchuk (McKernan)

Treasurer needed 2020

The league's hardworking treasurer Jennifer Branch-Mueller will be stepping down from the board at the end of her term in April 2020. As the treasurer is a key position for the board, we are beginning to search for a community member to take over.

General duties of the treasurer are: deposit fees and income paid to the league; present a detailed account of revenues and expenditures at every Board and General Meeting; prepare and present an audited financial statement at the Annual General Meeting. There is regular bookkeeping and accounting support for this position.



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Development news

Escort agency permit raises eyebrows

A development issued for an "Escort Agency" at 11520 78 Ave. has raised some questions in McKernan and Belgravia. Ben Henderson's office was contacted to investigate, and they have clarified that the business activity on site is expected to be administrative (arranging introductions) while the services (companionship) is expected to occur offsite. If anyone witnesses visitors coming to the house, then a complaint can be made to 311 and that would initiate an investigation.

The additional wrinkle in the situation is that this property was approved earlier this year as a legal lodging house. Further inquiries are being made.

Development applications (Nov. 1 – Dec. 8)

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan this summer. 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 applications for rezoning (not development) are listed at www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

10934–72 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage.
11139 and 11141–73 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11136–76 Ave.	To construct an addition (other).
7603–112 St.	To install a freestanding on-premises sign (Parkview Apartments).t



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