

Your Community Association

QEXCA

Queen Elizabeth * Exhibition * Haultain

NEWSLETTER * WINTER 2019

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To learn more about events in our community,
see www.qexca.ca or facebook.com/qexca.saskatoon

We welcome your questions,
suggestions and concerns!

Get in touch with us by email at qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com, by mail
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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2018

Programs:

INDOOR PROGRAMS

We are extremely grateful to our Indoor Program Coordinator, Crystal Touet, who spends many hours recruiting instructors, reserving class spaces, registering participants and then dealing with all the emergencies that arise during the season. We have stayed with a limited number of programs; mostly adult fitness classes plus Tiny Tots Soccer for 4- and 5-year olds and Drop-In Youth night for 8 to 12-year olds. In addition to the usual Fall and Winter sessions, this year, we added a Spring session Zumba class. Look for the Winter 2019 program information in this newsletter and on the [website](#).

RINKS:

QE rink was in operation this season, for the first time in a few years. Achs rink was without its long-time manager. Both rinks operated very well thanks to a dozen enthusiastic volunteers and the leadership of Josh Remai. Preparations are underway for another season of Supervised Public Skating on both rinks. See the details in this newsletter and on the [website](#).

Communication:

SIGN

The east side of the sign, at QE School, is for Association announcements. We appreciate



Winterfest 2015

PUBLIC SKATING AT YOUR RINKS

Supervised Public Skating this season at Achs and QE Rinks will be:
Saturdays and Sundays
from noon to 3:00 p.m.
December to March -
weather permitting

the efforts of the students who change the information during the school year (*weather permitting*).

NEWSLETTER

Cheryl McDougall, a graphic artist in the Community, continues to do a wonderful job volunteering to produce three issues a year. Unfortunately, the cost of door-to-door delivery is prohibitive. So, we only publish online and distribute by email. To be added to the distribution list, just send us an email qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

Our website (qexca.ca) has tried to remain up to date with

information of interest to the residents. This fall, we moved it to WordPress, to be more accessible on your mobile devices, more easily revised by volunteers and to be more secure for visitors.

FACEBOOK

Julie Barnes, a freelance writer in the Community, has been most diligent in keeping our [Facebook page](#) current with information of immediate importance.

Events:

SUMMER

This was the second summer that QEXCA presented SUM Theatre's Theatre-in-the-Park production in Exhibition Park. 2018 was attended even better than last year. We plan to host the 2019 production this summer.

WINTER

Watch for details of the 2019 WinterFest activities in late February or early March. We plan to have Family Fun Activities on the Sunday.

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VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Share Your Skills and Talents

The QEXCA offers residents a chance to join together, plan and provide programs and events, and get to know your neighbours.

Take part in your Community Association and help make your community an even better place to live!

There are many ways you can volunteer:

- flood/shovel an outdoor rink
- help edit and/or layout the newsletter or website
- act as liaison with schools or churches
- help develop partnerships with local businesses
- coordinate indoor programs
- provide leadership as a Board member

Community Association volunteers make friends, share their knowledge and expertise, get exercise or build their resume with positive work experience.

Contact us by [email](#) to find out how you can take action and improve life in your community!

BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The City thanks everyone who came out to the Broadway and Downtown engagement events November 6th and 8th. Your feedback is appreciated and the City wants an opportunity to talk to you.

More information and updates on engagement opportunities will be added to the engagement website as it becomes available at saskatoon.ca/engage/transit-plan.

If you have any questions about BRT, or would like to participate in future engagement activities, please contact BRT@saskatoon.ca. If you have any questions about the Plan for Growth in general, please contact the Growth Plan Implementation Team at growth@saskatoon.ca.

BABYSITTER REGISTRY

Reece Drake St. John's Ambulance
babysitting course
(306) 280 8656 | 14 years old

ATTENTION QEXCA BABYSITTERS!

We're compiling a babysitter list for the next issue of our newsletter.

If you'd like to be included in the list, please email qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com and provide us with the following info:

- Your name
- Your age as of January 2019
- Your phone number
- Whether or not you've completed the babysitter's training course through the Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance or the Saskatchewan Safety Council.

CITY COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY UPDATES

Hello residents!

I hope you've enjoyed the fall and early days of winter. Below are some updates about neighbourhood and city issues.

EXHIBITION LAP

The Exhibition Local Area Planning process is kicking off this fall! What's a Local Area Plan, you might ask? Well, Local Area Plans are a collaborative process between the City, residents, businesses, community groups, and other area stakeholders. Throughout the process, these different groups come together to identify issues in the area and develop goals and strategies that will result in neighbourhood improvements. If you're an Exhibition resident and you'd like to get involved, I encourage you to visit saskatoon.ca/engage/exhibition-local-area-plan for updates and information about how to get involved.

SPEED LIMITS

You have likely heard some discussion about the possibility of lowering speed limits in Saskatoon. There are quite a few misconceptions about this, so I'd like to provide a brief update on this issue.

What Council has approved is simply the development of a framework for evaluating posted speed limits, school zones, and playground zones in Saskatoon. This framework may include recommendations to lower speed limits on local roads, but not on arterial or expressway roads like 8th Street or Circle Drive. The framework will review playground and school zones, including the possible reconsideration of existing high school zones, to ensure our approach to traffic in Saskatoon aligns with best practices.

Thanks for reading! Please be in touch with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

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City News From Cynthia

There have been many important discussions in Council Chambers and throughout the community this fall, as we try to sort out plans for Bus Rapid Transit, AAA cycling network and high density infill proposals atop the Broadway and University Bridges. Expect to see some decisions around these in the New Year.

A plan for a new downtown district could one day include a combined arena and convention centre, along with shops, entertainment and residential housing. Council has decided to develop a comprehensive plan for our downtown that will help to inform considerations for parking, transit, infrastructure and residential housing. It will also help inform other future decisions including a central library.

Stay up-to-date on civic news by signing up for e-updates: www.cynthiablockward6.com

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

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KIDS & ADULT LATIN DANCE PROGRAM
START THIS JANUARY - REGISTER NOW



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(306) 491- 9866
www.danzamorena.com

EXHIBITION LOCAL AREA PLAN

The City of Saskatoon is beginning work on the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) and wants you to be involved!

LAPs are community engagement projects that result in local neighbourhood improvements. The City began in the Fall by asking Exhibition residents to share photos of their favourite places in the neighbourhood. In December, it will be conducting an online survey to get your help in identifying local issues.

To submit a photo of your favourite place in Exhibition or to participate in the online survey, go to saskatoon.ca/LAP or saskatoon.ca/engage

Watch for flyers announcing the first Exhibition LAP meeting that will happen in early-2019, where more information about the LAP process will be provided and identifying the topics that local stakeholders want to discuss will begin.

For more information or to be added to the e-mail list, please contact:

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Neighbourhood Planning Section
City of Saskatoon
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keith.folkersen@saskatoon.ca



UPDATE RE. 301 HILLIARD

Highlights of the current status of the project:

- Our project is currently at 66% design phase
- We haven't encountered any roadblocks on approvals, so the designs are proceeding as planned
- There aren't any public announcements planned about this project until January.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 627 TAYLOR ST. E.

Sundays 10:00 a.m. *Worship Services*

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH 1201 BROADWAY AVE.

Sundays 10:30 a.m. *Worship Services*

DANZA MORENA LATIN DANCE ACADEMY 2333 HERMAN AVE.

Thu. Jan. 3 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. *Meet and Greet*
Sat. Jan. 5 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. *Meet and Greet*
Salsa with Chocolate—a free salsa lesson and refreshments

WINTERFEST QUEEN ELIZABETH RINK

Sat. Mar. 2 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Family Fun and refreshments

Full Time, Part Time Care Available

Ages 18 Months - Kindergarten

Queen Elizabeth School 306-974-0394

Downtown 306-653-4464 ext. 106



QEXCA DIRECTORS MEETINGS

THE DIRECTORS MEET QUARTERLY, USUALLY, ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER, MARCH AND JUNE

These meetings are open to all residents of the three neighbourhoods of the Community; Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth and West Haultain.

Watch the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for details of future meetings.

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WINTER PARK

We are looking forward to the opening, early in the new year, of the [Optimist Hill Winter Park](#)—a monumental change to the original toboggan hill.

Community Relations:

CITY OF SASKATOON

Exhibition/Queen Elizabeth Traffic Review

A Neighbourhood Traffic Plan for the Queen Elizabeth/Exhibition neighbourhoods was developed in consultation with the community in response to concerns such as speeding, traffic shortcutting, and pedestrian safety. Its recommendations and implementation strategy were shared with the neighbourhoods at a public meeting. Links to this information are available on our [website](#).

Exhibition Local Area Plan

The City launched an [LAP for the Exhibition neighbourhood](#) in November of 2018. To kick-start the process, it asked residents to show what they love most about living in Exhibition by sharing photos of their favourite place, activity or anything in the neighbourhood they enjoy. Early in the new year, flyers will announce the first Exhibition LAP meeting.

SCHOOLS

Aden Bowman Collegiate Institute

Celebrating its 60th Anniversary on land that was once a Metis Community Garden. Principal Paul Humbert boasted that enrolment has increased, by 60 students, to about 920, with 260 in grade 9.

Pavillon Monique Rousseau (École canadienne-française - elementary)

We are happy to see Principal, Heather Durand back after a prolonged absence. Enrolment has decreased slightly to 359 pre-K to grade 6, with 48 in the preschool. A great deal of maintenance work has been, and continues to be, undertaken in the building and grounds, including the construction of an outdoor classroom.

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

Enrolment has declined, by about 30 this year, to 109 students, K to grade 8. The School Community Council will be supporting Principal Janet Simpson's staff and the students with such events as a book fair and math games night.

Seventh-day Adventist Christian School

The school has a new Principal, Kryshna Hylton. Corinne Lindberg has a new job in the organisation as Director of Education and Communication. The school has 44 students in K to grade 9.

St. Frances Cree Bilingual School

600 students, pre-K to grade 8, attend St. Frances. To ease the strain on the building, the staff and students, caused by the limited space, 150 of the senior students are now using the school on Bateman Cr. (previously St. Patrick School). Principal, Darren Fradette and the Parent Advisory Committee are still working to secure a single new facility.

CHURCHES

We have begun to make connections with two of the seven churches in the Community; Augustana and St. Paul's. Efforts continue to develop relationships with the others.

J. S. WOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

After some reorganisation, during the summer, the Library has a new Manager; Jennifer Baetz, and a Neighbourhood Librarian, Rod Brown. The Neighbourhood Librarian is a new position created by the reorganisation. The Library is reaching out to the Community seeking opportunities for cooperation.

BLOCK PARTIES

We offered support and encouragement for one group of residents this year. We are prepared to assist more groups to use a block party to build relationships in the Community. Just ask.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

We shared information with the Community to support the organisers of the gardens at both Queen Elizabeth and Aden Bowman schools.

BABYSITTER REGISTRY

We continue to gather names of babysitters to share with families. The first of the list is published in this newsletter.

Volunteers:

We're still looking for generous hearts, minds and bodies to increase the Association's ability to improve life in the Community. A list of opportunities can be seen in this newsletter.

THIS WINTER AT THE J. S. WOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

Storytimes especially for toddlers (10:30 a.m.) and babies (11:30 a.m.) on Saturday mornings starting January 12th. Drop in.

Also, we will be having **Sleepy Time Stories** on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting January 7th. Drop in.



Paint Night for adults will be held on January 16 and March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Please, register by calling 306 975-7558.

The Evil Genius Club will continue starting on Thursday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. Kids can drop in to enjoy some fun hands-on activities with robots, 3D pens and other technology.

Check our [Program Guide](#) and the [Events Calendar](#) for more listings.

MEMBERSHIP

WHY?

Memberships help power your Community Association.

By purchasing a membership ... you and your family give the QEXCA more opportunity to:

- raise funds to provide programs and events throughout the year,
- operate and maintain facilities, as well as plan and budget for new ones,
- create and distribute a newsletter, as well as maintain a website, to keep you informed,
- provide the Community a voice at the City level and
- protect the interests of the Community.

You and your family also are entitled to:

- register for Community Association programs and
- vote at the General Meetings to ensure your voice is heard.

HOW?

You can purchase or renew a membership by contacting us by email or in person at any event.

The cost to purchase or renew a membership is \$10.00 per family each year and is valid from September 1 to August 31.

Please, support the QEXCA to keep our Community healthy and attractive!

Contact us by [email](#).

#BusStopBlues4XE

Saskatoon Transit is improving bus stops and they want your input!

If your bus stop has the blues, nominate it for a refresh by posting a photo and its location on Twitter or Facebook with the hashtag **#BusStopBlues4XE**

Not on social media? No problem! Call Transit Customer Service at 306-975-3100 or visit the downtown terminal to nominate!

SaskatoonTransit.ca

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QEXCA WINTER PROGRAMS 2019

A non-refundable [membership fee](#) of \$10 per individual or family per year is required to participate in programs of registration and must be presented or purchased at the time of registration.

QEXCA honours memberships of other Saskatoon community associations. Please show your membership card.

QEXCA \$50.00 FlexPass! At registration you can purchase a FlexPass that will allow you to attend any 10 classes of your choosing. This is a great way to try the variety of programs being offered by your Community Association.

In an effort to ensure [everyone, who wants to participate in a program, can participate](#), QEXCA offers Cost-as-a-Barrier Assistance to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please [contact us by email](#). All enquiries are kept confidential.

A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations.

For more information, please, [contact the Program Coordinator](#).

Winter Registration: Tuesday January 8, 2019
St. Frances School Gym 7:00-8:30 p.m.

ADULT (18+)

Aerobics	Mon.	Jan. 14-Apr. 8	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$40.00	St. Frances gym
		** No classes Jan. 28, Feb. 18 or Mar. 11 **			
	Wed.	Jan. 16-Mar. 27	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No class Feb. 20 **			
Beginner Yoga	Tue.	Jan. 15-Mar. 26	7:45-8:45 p.m.	\$55.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No class Feb. 19 **			
Adele's Bolly Moves	Thu.	Jan. 17-Mar. 28	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
		** No class Feb. 21 **			
Zumba®	Wed.	Jan. 16-Mar. 27	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
		** No class Feb. 20 **			

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