



Your Community Newsletter

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QEXCA

is an active community association dedicated to promoting community spirit and enriching the quality of life in our neighbourhoods; Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth and West Haultain.

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... and more!

Your Community Association meets quarterly, at 7:00 p.m., usually on the first Tuesday of September, December, March and June.

Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings will be open to all residents of Your Community.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2 7:00 p.m. Location TBA.

If this meeting is to be held online and you wish to attend, please, send an email to

info@gexca.ca indicating your interest and the email address to which you want the invitation sent.

We're looking for people to help make Your Community an even better place to live!

Volunteers...

help maintain our outdoor rinks,

supervise public skating,

keep us informed about civic affairs,

help maintain our website,

help connect with local organisations,

help organise a special event or serve refreshments or

help clean a park or back lane.

If you have a skill or interest to offer or just a commitment to your neighbours, let us know

volunteers@gexca.ca. We have a place for you.

Volunteer of the Month

Lynn Adamson



Congratulations to QEXCA's December Volunteer of the Month: Lynn Adamson!

Lynn's first involvement with the community started years ago when she enrolled in the QEXCA's Zumba and Aerobics classes. They appealed to her because they were close by in the neighbourhood and the price was right. When she retired from her career in Administration Management, she was looking for volunteer opportunities and the Secretary position with QEXCA was open and so she decided to join the Board in September 2018. Belonging to the Community Association has given her the opportunity to be more engaged through QEXCA's events and projects, as well as the city by participating in the Exhibition LAP, Ashley Park Redesign and the Neighbourhood Bikeways Project. She has been impressed with all the people she's met. Lynn was born and raised in the Queen Elizabeth neighbourhood and still lives in her family home with her sister. She enjoys working on her green thumb in the garden, and golfing. Thank you, Lynn, for your dedication to supporting and improving our community!



Where in Your Community is this?

YOUR CITY COUNCILLORS

Ward 6

Ward 7



Mairin Loewen



Cynthia Block

Learn what's happening at City Hall and how it affects your neighbourhood at cynthiablockward6.com and mairinloewen.ca/

Exhibition Local Area Plan

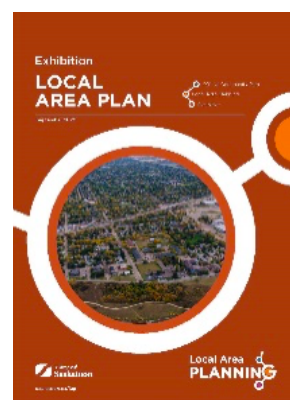
The City of Saskatoon is excited to share the good news that City Council officially adopted the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) on September 28, 2020! The study area for the LAP included the Exhibition neighbourhood and the western half of the Queen Elizabeth neighbourhood.

The report has been posted at saskatoon.ca/LAP, which is also where implementation updates on the 36 recommendations of the Exhibition LAP will be posted periodically in the future.

Thank you to the more than 190 Exhibition and Queen Elizabeth community members for your contributions in creating the plan! LAPs are not possible without the involvement and commitment of local stakeholders.

If you have any questions about the Exhibition LAP, please contact:

Keith Folkersen, Senior Planner, by email: keith.folkersen@saskatoon.ca or by phone: 306-986-1690.



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To subscribe to the mailing list or to comment about the newsletter, email newsletter@qexca.ca.

Report to the Community

General:

Your Board of Directors continues to work almost exclusively electronically – with email and Zoom – whether for quick consultations, planning sessions or the Quarterly Community Meetings. The health and safety of each other and the residents of our neighbourhoods is our primary concern. Although we miss the personal contact, we do get the work done. At the AGM, in October, we elected a new Board of Directors and welcomed Bonnie Blakley to the Board. As well, we adopted guidelines for conducting electronic meetings and for processing e-transfer payments. The December meeting put WinterFest plans on hold for 2021, because of COVID-19 restrictions – the second year. This news was balanced by the idea of a ski trail at Weaver Park, which led to our newest program. Administratively, we approved a few policies that we had been developing during the summer. Here is some of what else has been accomplished over the past months.

Programs:

Our first virtual program, Zumba, was successful. So, we will be offering more online programs this session. See the Winter Program Schedule in this newsletter.

At the suggestion of a group of residents, and with the help of a grant from the City of Saskatoon WintercityYXE, we are able to provide a groomed cross-country ski trail around Weaver Park.

Rinks:

Both rinks are ready for skaters. Unfortunately, the pandemic restrictions mean that the warm-up shacks will not be available this season. Don't let this keep you from enjoying some outdoor activity.

Queen Elizabeth rink has had a major facelift – new boards all around. It's a bit smaller, too, so it will be easier to maintain.

Pavillon Monique Rousseau is working on the possibility of lighting its rink in the evenings, so members of the neighbourhood can enjoy the beautiful ice rink that Mr. Plouffe prepares every year.

Volunteers:

A big "Thank You" to the more than thirty volunteers who helped to "Rebuild QE Rink"! We always welcome folks who want to make Your Community an even better place to live.

Schools:

We have stayed in touch with our schools, which have been coping amazingly well with combinations of in-class and online learning, including a two-week closure at Queen Elizabeth and St. Frances Schools.

Churches:

Our relationship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church is developing well, with increased communication and cooperation. We continue to keep the other 8 churches in the community informed of our activities.

Library:

Cooperative programming with the J. S. Wood Branch will be on hold during the pandemic, as all of its programs are being done virtually, via Facebook or YouTube.

Winter Programs 2021

Because of the increased safety measures required to protect against the spread of COVID-19, the School Boards have extended the cancellation of all rentals in their facilities until Apr 30, 2021. So, our Winter Programs will be online again this session.

Adult

Adele's Bolly Moves 18 yr.+	Online via Zoom	\$40	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Mon.	Jan. 18 - Mar. 29 (No Class Feb. 15.)
Zumba 18 yr.+	Online via Zoom	\$40	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Wed.	Jan. 20 - Mar. 29
STRONG by Zumba 18 yr.+	Online via Zoom	\$40.	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Thu.	Jan. 21 - Mar. 25

Youth

Fortnite Dance 10-14 yr.	Online via Zoom	FREE	6:00 to 6:45 p.m.	Tue.	Jan. 19 - Mar. 23
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Registration will take place online from January 4 to January 8, 2021.

Participants can complete a fillable registration form and email it to programs@gexca.ca.

Payment can be accepted by e-transfer or credit card.

Detailed information is available on our website: gexca.ca/programs.

If you still have questions, ask the Indoor Programs Team at programs@gexca.ca.

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 at info@gexca.ca. All enquiries are kept confidential.



We welcome Dawn, our new Newsletter Coordinator, and Matt, our new Ski Trail Coordinator. Thank you for stepping up!

Good Neighbour Guide



The City of Saskatoon's Good Neighbour Guide provides a handy overview of Saskatoon's bylaws, standards and regulations to help us all do our part to keep our neighbourhoods and city safe, clean and beautiful.

The guide includes information about:

Boulevard and Back Lane Maintenance,
Fire Pits,
Garage and Yard Sales,
Garbage, Recycling and Composting,
Home-based Businesses,
Landscaping,
Noise,
Parking,
Snow and Ice on Sidewalks
and more,

To view or download a copy, visit: saskatoon.ca/good-neighbour-guide

For more information, please contact bylaw.compliance@saskatoon.ca, by email or by phone: 306-657-8766.

What's on the Web?

Our Website Coordinator keeps qexca.ca up to date and relevant:

Learn about Your Community Association under the [Welcome](#) menu heading.

Details about our [programs](#) - and information about many others - are listed on the Programs page.

The [Resources](#) section has lists of school, churches and childcare, with contact info, as well as links to City, Provincial and Federal services.

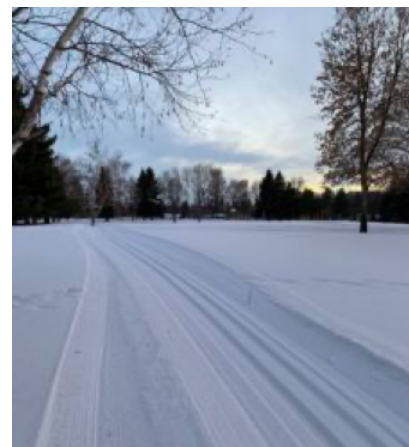
The [Heritage](#) page has interesting and information stories about the people and places in Your Community.

Please, take time to click these links, scroll down the pages and check out the rest. Then, let us know what you think.

New Program!

The QEXCA provides a groomed cross-country ski trail around the perimeter of Weaver Park (Eastlake Ave. at Ruth St.) QEXCA contracts with the City's Parks Department to set and maintain the trail. We are pleased to be able to provide this program with the help of a grant from the City of Saskatoon [WintercityYXE](#).

The trail is available daily for all to enjoy from mid-December to mid-March-weather permitting - no membership, no fee.



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We welcome your questions, suggestions and concerns.

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