# QEXCA Your Community Association Queen Elizabeth · Exhibition · Haultain

# Your Community Newsletter Volume 10 Issue 1 Winter 2022

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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Where in Your Community? Answer on Facebook in the new year.

# 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 <u>Community Meeting</u> is scheduled for Tue. March 1, 20212, 7:00 p.m. Location TBD

# **Share Your Skills and Talents**

The QEXCA offers opportunities to join together to plan and provide programs and events and to get to know your neighbours. <u>Volunteer</u> for Your Community Association and help make Your Community an even better place to live! There are many ways you can volunteer:

help serve refreshments at an event

help clean a park or back lane

help put on a special event

help improve our communication methods

help maintain one of our rinks

help develop recreation programs for children or seniors

help connect with schools or churches

help develop partnerships with local businesses

Specifically, we are looking for:

- a **Treasurer** to ensure that our financial affairs are conducted correctly and efficiently. (View the <u>job description</u>) and
- a **Newsletter Coordinator** to compile, edit and distribute three newsletters each year, including one printed issue. (View the job description)

Contact Ashley at <u>volunteers@qexca.ca</u> to find out how you can help to improve life in Your Community

Your Community Association wishes you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!



# **Volunteer of the Month - January**



Congratulations to the **January** QEXCA Volunteer of the Month, **Sean Pion!** Sean has dedicated a significant amount of time and hard work to the community. He has worked on the QE Rink Crew for many years before QEXCA recently welcomed him to the Board this past October. The effort that he has put into the rinks has been a great help and allows community members to enjoy the ice during the winter months. He is currently helping organize the 2022 Winterfest and QEXCA is hoping we'll be able to provide the event this year. Their children, Sophia and Benny attend Queen Elizabeth School. So, for the last few years, Sean and Jen have served on the Queen Elizabeth School Community Council. Outside of volunteering, Sean runs his own company. The Recording Arts Institute of Saskatoon offers students hands-on technical training in audio engineering, filmmaking, 3D animation and video game design.

Thank you for your commitment to the QEXCA!

# Your Representatives on City Council



Cynthia Block, City Councillor Ward 6 (includes Haultain neighbourhood)
Visit her website cynthiablockward6.com



Mairin Loewen City Councillor Ward 7 (includes QE and Exhibition neighbourhoods) Visit her website mairinloewen.ca

# Civic Affairs: a new portfolio for QEXCA

Dustin Harrison has taken the role of Director, Civic Affairs for QEXCA. His job is to connect the residents of Your Community with City Councill and City Administration to keep you informed of their decisions and activities.

Both Mairin and Cynthia have regular meetings with representatives of the Community Associations in their respective Wards. Dustin is your representative to those meetings.

In November, the Ward 7 Civics Committee examined demographic trends in Ward 7 neighbourhoods and the results of the 2021 Civic Satisfaction & Performance Surveys, with presentations from City administrators who work in these areas. The next Ward 7 Civics Committee meeting will be held in early 2022 with public transit, the development of bus rapid transit and corridor growth plans as likely agenda topics.

To further his role as a conduit of information between the City, QEXCA and the wider community, Dustin will create a Twitter account, in the new year, to share related municipal information with anyone who is interested. The plan is to use this account primarily for sharing civics-related notices, such as PSAs, as well as local news stories and events.

Your Community is always looking for photos and stories for its website, newsletter and social media. If you have a story or pictures to share, please, send them to us by email <a href="mailto:info@qexca.ca">info@qexca.ca</a>, or from Facebook <a href="mailto:qexca.saskatoon">qexca.saskatoon</a> or Instagram <a href="mailto:qexca.yxe">@qexca.yxe</a>.

# **Your Community At Work**

#### **Indoor Programs:**

See "Winter Programs 2022", below, to see what new offerings your Program Team has planned for this session.

## **Outdoor Programs**

<u>Rinks</u>: New lights have been installed at QE Rink. Supervised Public Skating times are 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturdays at both rinks. Rink shacks will be open but distance and mask requirements will apply. Look for Rink Crew member in their new QEXCA togues.

<u>Cross Country Skiing</u>: The City will groom the 1 km. tail around Weaver Park again this year. Bring your family and friends to enjoy winter outdoors.

WinterFest: A team of volunteers is preparing a weekend of Family Fun in late February. This will be the first time we have been able to hold this event since 2019. Watch our social media for details.

#### **Schools:**

The Aden Bowman Collegiate staff is pleased with the effort the students have shown as restrictions remain in place. The return to participation in extracurricular activities, sports, drama etc., has brought a vitality back to the school.

Pavillon Monique Rouseau holds its large group gatherings in the rink rather than in doors in the gym. The rink is ready and the community is invited to use it. The teacher, Mr. Plouffe, works very hard to maintain the rink during the week. The lights will kept be on until 10:00 p.m.

Queen Elizabeth School has received many contributions to provide nutritious meals and snacks for its students. The school hopes to replace some of the playground equipment, which will involve some fundraising.

*Riverside Christian School* is expanding, converting spaces to new classrooms and exploring the addition of a portable classroom.

St. Frances Cree Bilingual School has been taking full advantage of the GSCS outdoor facilities for the land-based learning opportunities.

#### Churches:

The renewed restrictions and concerns have made communication difficult again this fall. We hope to make more and better connections as people and churches feel more comfortable with in-person gatherings.

#### **Community Gardens:**

Both gardens are hopeful to offer more opportunities to more gardeners in the coming year.



W W Ashley Park storm pond to open fall 2022 (Photo City of Saskatoon)

Winter 2022

# Winter Programs 2022

**A bold new venture!** This session we have formed a partnership with our neighbour, the <u>Avalon Community</u> Association, to bring you more program options. This will mean some changes for both organisations.

Registration will be <u>in person</u>, Thu., Jan. 6, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at John Lake School 2606 Broadway Ave. Payment will be cash or cheque *payable to Avalon Community Association*.

Please, check our website (qexca.ca/qexca-programs) for more details.

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, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:programs@qexca.ca">programs@qexca.ca</a>.

Program	Age	Location	Cost	Time	Day	Start	End
Adult							
Adele's Bolly Moves	18 yr.+	Zoom	\$50	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Mon.	Jan. 17	Mar. 28
Spanish	18 yr.+	JLS *	\$35 + \$34	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Tue.	Jan. 18	Mar. 29
STRONG by Zumba®	18 yr.+	Zoom	\$40	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Thu.	Jan. 13	Mar. 31
Yoga	16 yr.+	JLS	\$60	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Tue	Jan. 18	Mar. 29
Zumba®	18 yr.+	Zoom	\$40	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Wed.	Jan. 19	Mar. 30
Children and Youth							
Babysitting	11 yr. +	JLS	\$50	6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	Mon.	Mar. 14	Mar. 28
Arts and Crafts	8 – 10 yr.	JLS	\$50	6:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Wed.	Jan. 19	Mar. 30
Fortnite /HipHop	7 - 11 yr.	GVS *	\$40	6:15 to 7:00 p.m.	Thu.	Jan. 13	Mar. 31
Home Alone	9 yr. +	JLS	\$35	6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	Mon.	Jan. 24	only

<sup>\*</sup> Key: JLS John Lake School, 2606 Broadway Ave. / GVS Georges Vanier School, 820 Wilson Cr.









#### Connect with us:











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