



Community Relations Report to the AGM, Oct. 3, 2023

1. We are happy to welcome four new School Liaisons, as well as a Church Liaison, this year, to maintain our relationship with the schools and faith groups in Your Community.
2. **Schools:**
 - Aden Bowman Students successfully mounted two drama presentations. Extracurricular teams were, once again, allowed to travel to compete with other cities. The International Baccalaureate students mounted an art show at the Gordon Snelgrove Gallery.
 - Monique Rousseau Students who graduated, in 1986 from Haultain School, as the school was then, visited Pavillon Monique Rousseau to reproduce their graduation photo. The recycling club collected recycling in the school every and raised over \$600.00 for various activities in the school. An apiarist visited the school, with a hive, to demonstrate his hobby to the young students.
 - Queen Elizabeth They had a celebration of the life of the school's namesake, the late Queen Elizabeth II, with an assembly and tea and cookies in classrooms. Staff and students arranged a gently used winter clothing drive to ensure everyone had warm clothes for the colder weather. Pizza Lunches were quite successful., raising funds to replenish outside recess supplies, some things for the gym. We are happy to have two volunteers, Lauren Wakelam and Lisa Kozmyk, as Liaisons to maintain our relationship with the school.
 - Riverside The school population had grown and it needed to expand. The stage had been converted to classroom space. Two portables were approved and installed in the spring. They should be ready for students this fall. A Mother's Day Tea & Art Fair was held in May.
 - St. Frances We are pleased to welcome Mike Pearce as our Liaison with St. Frances Cree Bilingual School. The big news, for this year, was breaking ground for the new facility. The new school is anticipated to open in the fall of 2025. The pandemic had prevented some groups from offering assistance in the school but nursing students will be returning to monitor the students' health. Teacher candidates will be interning in the school. Enrolment has increased from last year.
3. **Churches:** Sherry Gore joined us in the fall as Church Liaison. She has contacted each of the eleven faith groups in our neighbourhoods. This will open the lines of communication and she will develop mutually beneficial relationships with them.
4. **Community Gardens:** The gardens in Your Community are both school-based gardens; Queen Elizabeth and Aden Bowman, but both are open to residents as plots are available. All plots were well used and produced a fine harvest.
5. **Library:** The J.S. Wood Branch provided a full schedule of events and programs including the TD Summer Reading Club, Storytime for Baby and for family and One-on-One Tech Help for seniors. Through the summer Library staff was reading to children in Thornton Park
6. **City of Saskatoon:** The City kept us up to date with developments regarding projects such as the Weaver Park Sorm Pond and the Water Main Replacement at 6th Street East and Broadway Avenue. As always, we have maintained a good relationship with our two City Councillors: Cynthia Block, Ward 6 and Mairin Loewen, Ward 7.

Respectfully Submitted

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