

Cloverdale Community League

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Municipal Election Includes Many Items to Vote On

The 2021 Edmonton election will be held on **Monday, October 18, 2021**. Citizens will vote for the new Mayor, their ward Councillor, and School Trustee (either for the Catholic School Board or Public School Board). In conjunction with the municipal election, two Referendum items from Elections Alberta will also be up for vote, as well as an election for 3 Senate of Canada nominees to fill vacancies relating to Alberta.

VOTING OPTIONS

Voting stations will be open from **9am–8pm on Oct. 18**. To reduce crowds, take advantage of Advance Voting **from 1–7pm on Oct. 4–13**, (including Thanksgiving Monday).

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

The two yes-or-no questions are:

- *Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada’s commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?*

- *Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?*

SENATE CANDIDATES

Alberta is the only province to hold elections for nominees to the Senate. Senate candidates can be reviewed online at **elections.ab.ca**

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, & TRUSTEE

Cloverdale voters can choose between 10 Mayoral candidates, 10 Councillor candidates, 1 Edmonton Public School Board Trustee candidate and 1 Catholic School Board Trustee candidate.*

Candidates can be reviewed online on the City’s website. Cloverdale residents vote as part of Ward Métis when voting for Mayor and City Councillor, Ward D for Edmonton Public School Trustee, OR Ward 75 for Edmonton Catholic School Trustee.

Please visit the City’s website for more information, including Candidate Lookup tools, voting locations, and additional voting information:

edmonton.ca/city_government/edmonton-elections

*The number of candidates may have changed since the printing of this publication, as the nomination period does not close until September 20.

Cloverdale Will Vote as Part of Ward Métis

This year marks the first municipal election with the new ward names and redrawn boundaries. Cloverdale was previously within Ward 8, and is now part of Ward Métis.

The City notes that “because of their integral part in the formation of the city, this ward has been given the name Métis to honor a cornerstone in Edmonton’s history.”

MÉTIS PEOPLE & EDMONTON

The Métis nation are descendants of Indigenous women, such as the Cree and Ojibway, and French and Scottish fur traders from the early 1700s. The Métis people have developed a distinct culture and nationhood.

As the fur trade slowed, many Métis people set up farms on ‘river lots’ near Fort Edmonton. These sectioned-off parcels of land lined the river while also allowing access to the woods and cultivated areas. This system became an integral part of the formation and design of Edmonton.

“Métis” is pronounced “may-tea” and originates from the Indigenous language of Michif.

THE NAMING COMMITTEE

After City Council redrew the ward boundaries in May 2020, Indigenous Elders and community members asked Council to consider naming the 12 newly amended wards with Indigenous names. This was approved, and a committee was formed to explore possibilities.

The ward names were gifted to the City by *iyiniw iskwewak wihtwawin*, a committee of Indigenous Matriarchs. The all-female group was formed as an opportunity for reconciliation. Traditionally, women are upheld as community leaders in Indigenous cultures, and this opportunity allowed for matriarchs to reclaim their community roles.

The 17 committee members represent Anishinaabe, Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Inuit, Iroquois (Michel Band), Métis and Sioux nations. During naming discussions, committee members reached out to their Elders and communities for input and guidance.

OTHER WARD NAMES

The 11 other wards are named:

- Nakota lsga
- Anirniq ᐱᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢ
- tastawiyiniwak ᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢ
- Dene
- O-day/min
- sipiwiyiniwak
- papastew
- pihêsiwin ᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢᐢ
- Ipiihkoohkanipiahtsi
- Karhiio
- Sspomitapi

The City has provided information on each ward, including the history and meaning behind each of the names, pronunciation guides, languages of origin, videos, and further information about the naming process on their website:

edmonton.ca/IndigenousWardNames

Federal Election at Community League Hall

The Cloverdale Community League Hall will be used as a polling station on Monday, **September 20**, 2021 for the federal election. You can also take advantage of advance polls on September 10–13 at locations noted on your mailed voter information card.

New this year is the ability for all citizens to apply to vote by mail. Previously, this option was only available to Canadians living abroad or outside of their riding. You can apply online to vote by mail before September 14 at elections.ca.

Election Canada's Chief Electoral Officer notes that the election results may be delayed this year, depending on the volume of mail in ballots.

Cloverdale voters will vote for a candidate in the Edmonton-Strathcona riding. You can find the list of candidates and more information on their platforms by going to elections.ca.

Be a Block Connector

Cloverdale, your block or condo building needs you to be the point-person to connect neighbours and make our community a friendlier place to live.

If you live in SoHo, Cloverdale Manor, Cloverdale Hill Condos, The Landing, Waterside, 92St., 93 St., or 95 St. south of 97 Ave, contact Marilyn at 780-901-0323, or email: Neighbourhoodconnector@cloverdalecommunity.com

Hall Continues Good Sustainability Progress

Since 2017, major projects have been completed at the Cloverdale Community that focused on energy efficiency. At the most recent Annual General Meeting in June, the board was happy to report the following:

- Solar Panels (Aug 2018): We reduced CO₂ emissions by 23562kg; Micro-generation of \$1256 (FY 2020–21); total microgeneration of \$2386; total internal consumption savings of \$1584; estimated break even date of 8.9 years; Since April 2021, the solar panels are producing more energy than is consumed at our facilities. This green energy is supplied back to the electrical grid and the CCL is paid for that production.
- LED Rink Lights (Jan–Mar 2021): electricity charges only 39%; electrical consumption only 55% compared to average of previous 2 years.
- Rink Plumbing & metering: saves \$1227 annual waste water and drainage fees.
- HVAC: consumption 52% of 2 year average; high efficiency HVAC equipment and controls; tighter building envelope and better insulation; reduced use due to COVID-19.

The Cloverdale Community League is one of the leaders among Edmonton's leagues in taking a proactive, positive and ambitious approach to tackling climate change at the local level. Follow our progress at: tinyurl.com/svyft7ec



Community Programs and Classes Return

Programs and classes were canceled in 2020 and early 2021 as a result of the pandemic. This autumn, we are bringing back some programming and classes.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga returns to Cloverdale Hall! Join Colleen Dibden for this one-hour mixed level class where everyone is welcome. In this class, postures are practiced, strengthened, aligned, and flexibility in the body is promoted. Breathing techniques and meditation are also integrated. You can expect a balance of ease of movement along with challenges to build confidence, balance, strength and stability. A variety of modifications will be offered throughout the class to accommodate a range of abilities. You will leave feeling refreshed, relaxed and more connected.

The cost for a 5 week session is \$75 (\$60 for Cloverdale Community League

Members). Choose either Wednesday morning classes (11am–noon) starting Sept 22, or Monday Evenings (6pm–7pm) tentatively starting Sept 27. Classes are inside the community hall.

Pre-registration is required by contacting Colleen at **780-236-0063** or **cl.dibden@gmail.com**

BOOK CLUB

Join your neighbours for friendly chats around a good book! Book Club will be on Mondays at 7:30. Are you intrigued? Excellent. Visit the Programs & Activities page on the cloverdale community website for more details!

AND MORE!

We look forward to bringing sportball, soccer, barre, and other fun programs to you as we phase in new opportunities. Make sure you check the website for announcements!

Memberships Renew in September!

Join one of Edmonton's longest-running community leagues! For over 100 years, the Cloverdale Community League has been a central part of our neighbourhood's community. Becoming a member of the Cloverdale Community League gives you discounts on community activities, rentals, and gives you access to neighbourhood events (such as the Community Garden, programs, and more). The membership also allows you to take part in shaping the community at AGMs, voicing your opinions, and staying up to date on what's happening in our neighbourhood. Your membership also helps support the community hall and initiatives.

Memberships run September 1st to August 31st and need to be renewed



annually. The family rate is \$25, individual and senior memberships are \$12. You can get your membership online at **cloverdalecommunity.com/membership**, or contact the community league membership chair, Marilyn, at **membership@cloverdalecommunity.com**.

Changes to the Community League Board

At the Cloverdale Community League Annual General Meeting in June, we bid farewell to long-time board, committee members and contractor, Bob, Bev, Paul and Janet who contributed hours of time and energy to the Social, Casino, LRT & Gallagher Park Citizen Committee portfolios and Hall Rental & Program Administration duties, respectively, over the years. We also said goodbye to President Darryl after he completed his term and, sadly, moved from the neighbourhood. Not only the Cloverdale

Community League, but also the entire neighbourhood owes these folks a debt of gratitude for their contributions.

We welcomed several new members to the board: Graham (LRT), Leigh (Social), Carly (Civics) and AI (Treasurer). We welcome them and look forward to their contribution to the neighbourhood.

If you would like to contribute to the community league, please consider volunteering for events, or joining a committee! Please Email:

info@cloverdalecommunity.com

Board Member Contact Sheet

CLOVERDALE COMMUNITY LEAGUE 2021

BOARD MEMBERS

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Communications Director: Alexa.....communications@cloverdalecommunity.com

Social Director: Leighsocialdirector@cloverdalecommunity.com

Program Director: Michelle K. programmedirector@cloverdalecommunity.com

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Edmonton Ski Club Liaison: Lisa & Clay..... skiclub_chair@cloverdalecommunity.com

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Community Garden: Vacant! communitygarden_chair@cloverdalecommunity.com

LRT Citizens: Graham lrtcommittee_cochair@cloverdalecommunity.com

Abundant Community, Neighbourhood Connector:

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Gallagher Park Concept Plan: Kirsten parkplan@cloverdalecommunity.com

Seniors: Vacant!

Rink: Vacant!

Visit our community website
CLOVERDALECOMMUNITY.COM

Community Garden Winds Down Season & Seeks New Leadership

In 2015, 26 volunteer gardeners converted a portion of the Bennett Centre school yard into a community garden. Since then, the Cloverdale Community League has partnered with the Bennett Centre (EPSB), Sustainable Food Edmonton (SFE) and the Edmonton Food Bank (EFB) to increase biodiversity, improve air and soil quality, harvest rainwater, compost and contribute to environmental sustainability and food security in a positive manner at the Cloverdale Community Garden (CCG).

This year, the CCG has delivered over 80kg of zucchini to the EFB with more on the way! We also have two bee hotels that accommodate some of Edmonton's solitary bee population. These insects are great pollinators and vital to the ongoing health and biodiversity of the river valley. The garden has converted a patch of school yard that's over a century old into a thriving urban vegetable and fruit farm. We harvest rainwater from the roof of the Bennett Centre, and compost vegetable material and food scraps. One neighbour even adds his mash from his home beer brewing to the CCG compost bin.

This year we bid farewell to two long term gardeners—Margaret and Peter—who have moved from Cloverdale to greener pastures. We miss them both and wish them well in their future adventures. Their departures have created opportunities for new volunteers to step into their leadership roles as chairperson of the garden club and garden coordinator. If you're willing and interested in getting involved please contact us at:

**communitygarden_chair@
cloverdalecommunity.com**

Each spring we welcome new and continuing gardeners to our ranks. Let us know if you're interested in participating in the garden. We could use your help later in September to clean up the garden and put it to rest for the season. The CCG fosters friendships, teaches adults and children about how food is grown and harvested, encourages conservation of water, composting and low impact growing methods (the garden is 100% organic!) and contributes to the food security of the greater Edmonton community. We look forward to gardening with you soon!

