



Prince Rupert

COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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PRCL Neighbour Night

Join us at Royal Pizza, 12225 118 Avenue, on February 25, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Families are always welcome, and there will be a draw for a gift certificate donated by Royal Pizza.

Please RSVP to attend this event. You can contact Marilyn by email at @socialdirector@princerupertcommunity.ca or leave a message at 780-455-5278.



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Oil Kings are top of the league this season with huge attendance at their last game! Be part of this family oriented fun at a family price. Book directly through the group sales and stay out of the nose bleeds you usually get through ticket master. \$15 per good location seats if you call 780-409-2475 and ask for Erik Hapke (tip: don't call after 4 pm on game day)

The schedule is online <http://www.oilkings.ca/schedule/year/2012/32>

Remaining giveaway games:

Sunday, Feb. 26 - Keegan Lowe Jersey Tee-Shirt – first 500 fans

Saturday, March. 10 – Ryan Smyth World Jr Bobble head – first 500 fans



Doug Eniski, MLA
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MLA Doug Eniski announces he is not seeking re-election.

The greatest honour of my life was to be elected by my neighbours to serve as the MLA for the Edmonton-Calder constituency. Since March 2008, I have attempted to honestly and diligently represent the issues of my constituents and to work to improve their quality of life. In doing so, I was enriched by the wonderful relationships that developed for which I will always be grateful.

I am also proud to have helped my friend and colleague, the Honourable Alison Redford become Alberta's first woman Premier. Her pragmatic approach to governance is exactly what we need in a province as prosperous as Alberta. Her stewardship will ensure that equity exists between service to Albertans and fiscal responsibility.

After considerable internal debate, I have decided I will not be seeking re-election in 2012 to allow me to pursue other opportunities.

Thank you to all my friends, supporters and constituents. I wish you all success in whatever endeavours you pursue and never forget...

"It's all in Calder"

God bless, Doug Eniski

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The Community of Prince Rupert, located within the old Hudson's Bay Reserve in Edmonton, and adjacent to the historical Edmonton City Centre (Blatchford Field) Airport has a proud heritage. It is currently experiencing an exciting transition, with many young families moving in, as they realize the advantages of our central location and proximity to shopping (such as Kingsway Garden Mall, Super Store and Canadian Tire), as well as the north-west LRT coming nearby in 2014. The last few years are proof of the future to come as Prince Rupert Community League (PRCL) has experienced an increase in its membership, as well as participation in activities and projects. Its Executive and Community volunteers developed an outstanding website and newsletter, and received recognition of their accomplishments by our Community Recreation Coordinators (CRCs) and by our MLA.

Most of you know by now about the destruction of our hall by fire, late in the evening of January 4. Our Executive and many others were shocked to find out our highly successful rink season was cut short, not to mention the loss of our meeting facility, which was also home to so many different activities over the years; ping pong and a wine tasting (more recently), winter festivals, barbecues, Moms and tots (a long time ago), and of course lots of skating and shinny hockey, were among the many events we enjoyed over the years.

The first few weeks after the fire were very busy, as your Executive had conversations with fire and police investigators, insurance people, EPCOR, local businesses and many others. Although the loss of our Hall will sadly leave us without a Community "home" for a year or two, we are convinced a beautiful new hall will replace "phoenix-like" the old Prince Rupert rink shack. The fire has also brought our Community together more than ever, as so many people have stepped up to the plate to help out. In addition to the usual volunteers, we have received encouragement and assistance from so many, including the Lions Seniors Recreational Centre, our CRC Heather O'Hearn, MLA Doug Elniski, Councillor Kim Krushell, The Kingsway Business Association, David Lazaruk (a former Prince Rupert resident), the Korean Veteran's Association, the Alberta Aviation Museum, the Alberta Thai Association and Servus Credit Union, just to mention a few. Incidentally, for those wishing to contribute, we have opened a new Account at Servus, the New Building Fund.

Meanwhile, your Executive has been busy making plans for the immediate future, as well as the long-term. Several local young people, including Andrew, John and Brendan, have volunteered to keep up the ice on our rink, weather permitting of course. The Lions Centre have kindly allowed us access to their water, for topping up the ice; keep your eyes open for shinny activity on our rink during daylight hours, when temperatures are below freezing. We will not be able to use the rink at night, given it would be extremely expensive to get the lights working again.

Your Hall Project Committee has already committed innumerable hours planning the construction process, fundraising and building collaborations, with the conviction that a new hall is vital for our Community. It has been working on plans for a new hall for well over two years, given the old one was too small for our needs, and had an inferior layout. Given recent events, namely the loss of our old community building, building a new hall has become imperative. Continued on Page 4

The PRCL has saved \$200,000, specifically for the hall project, and had extensive discussions with the Alberta Thai Association (ATA), to plan out the details of collaboration on building and maintaining a joint community building. The two organizations created a working document for their partnership, and after presenting the report to our respective memberships, expect to enter into a legal agreement together in the near future. We hope to build at the old Prince Rupert School Site, pending its sale to the City of Edmonton.

The ATA is a highly active, vibrant community group, which holds up to 8 major events every year. The ATA, like PRCL, has been saving for years so they could someday have their own center. With strong support from the Edmonton Federation of the Community Leagues, the two groups, the ATA and the PRCL, are excited about this unique and ground-breaking initiative. The joint hall will not only meet the needs of both parties for decades to come, but also serve surrounding communities.

The planned facility will be modest in scope and cost, and yet will be built to as high an environmental standard as possible, which will of course reduce heating costs and energy use. Furthermore, the use of materials of sufficient quality and endurance will ensure the building will serve the needs of Prince Rupert residents and the ATA for decades to come. The future expansion plans in our area, including the NW LRT, NAIT, and the redevelopment of the City Centre Airport lands will attract even more people to our neighbourhood, and help maximize the use of a new community hall.

Victor Dorian

Secretary-Treasurer, PRCL Executive

Stay In the Know About Snow

Posts regarding parking bans and residential snow maintenance will now appear regularly on the City of Edmonton's Facebook page . [www.facebook.com/City of Edmonton](http://www.facebook.com/CityofEdmonton) and through its Twitter account @CityofEdmonton. In addition, the city has created a new email notification system. By signing up to this free and confidential service, Edmontonians can subscribe and receive alerts to an email address of their choice about one or all of the following:

- Winter Parking Ban
- Residential Snow Maintenance
- Spring Street Cleaning

The best way to prepare for the coming winter is to stay informed about what is taking place. The City encourages everyone to visit the Winter Roads page for general information, check out Facebook and Twitter, sign up for the email notifications and make use of the interactive residential schedule to make sure that you are in the know about snow this season!

EFCL Now Recruiting

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) is seeking members to volunteer for the landmark 100th Anniversary project. We are working with the City on a plan to upgrade a portion of Hawrelak Park, which will include elements to recognize the contributions community leagues have made in Edmonton. To join, contact EFCL at 780.437.2913 or Info@efcl.org

Help SATS Help Seniors

Seniors are looking for help to find Canadians with an unneeded vehicle - running or not. If you know of someone like this please immediately forward our brochure to them... They will receive a valuable donation receipt from Seniors Assisted Transportation Society of Greater Edmonton for the value of the vehicle! Please complete and submit our on-line donation form at www.donatecar.com to Donate a Car Canada, or call toll-free at 1-877-250-4904.

Citizens Police Academy Now Recruiting

The Edmonton Police Service is accepting applications for the upcoming class of Citizens Police Academy. Citizens Police Academy is an exclusive opportunity offered to community stakeholders within the city of Edmonton that provides an overview of the Edmonton Police Service, an understanding of the current priorities and initiatives taking place at the Divisional level and an opportunity work alongside the EPS on developing and implementing crime prevention strategies. Class 19 will target West Division communities and will be held at the Quality Inn West Harvest on Tuesdays, starting March 20, through June 12 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Community league members who are tasked with addressing crime prevention would greatly benefit from the course. For more information contact: citizenspoliceacademy@edmontonpolice.ca or viewing the informational link at <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/JoinEPS/CitizensPoliceAcademy.aspx>.



CELL TOWERS: The New Landmark for Every Neighbourhood?

In response to numerous complaints about cell tower developments, several city councillors made an inquiry about potential changes to the community consultation process and the criteria used to decide whether or not to support a tower proposal. An information report is now available for the public to review. See the January 25, 2012 Executive Committee Agenda report at http://edmonton.ca/city_government/council_committee_meetings/executive-committee-agenda.aspx.

With a little nudging, Council may direct Administration to work on new policies for Edmonton. Are you or your neighbourhood concerned about cell phone towers? Contact Bev.Zubot@efcl.org to get involved with a group working on the issue.

WinterCity!

Are you passionate about winter and have ideas on how to make Edmonton a great Winter City? Attend a WinterCity Symposium or visit the city's website to share your ideas about what makes our city great in winter! (http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/initiatives_innovation/wintercity-strategy.aspx)

Lost Memberships

Anyone who purchased a PRCL membership from Lance, the rink attendant: please contact Brandy Harris membership@princerupertcommunity.ca or 780-455-3327 with your membership number. Due to the fire at the hall a few memberships may not have been registered.

Thank You

A very big thank you to Spruce Avenue Community League for hosting our Learn to Skate program. As we are unable to use our rink due to the fire, Spruce Avenue has generously made arrangements for us to use their rink. Several local families are learning to skate Thursday evenings in February and March.



The Master Composter Recycler Program – Learn to make fun things like compost tea, worm bins and lasagna gardens – and how to build better communities too!

About this time last year I noticed an ad for the Master Composter Recycler Program (MCRP), offered by the City of Edmonton. I confess my interest was purely selfish. Compost, I knew, was great for gardens, but my home compost bins were sorry piles of semi-rotten vegetables, liberally laced with coffee grounds, and topped with fall leaves. Somehow the rich dark “black gold” that was supposed to magically appear - hadn’t. Here was my chance to find out how to compost – and for free! Learning about recycling was appealing too – though I was already a, some would say, fervent recycler and pretty sure I’d ace that part of the course. I checked the MCRP web site, and without thinking too much about it, submitted my application form.

After the first class I realized that the program is much more than learning how to compost, and not just a crash course in waste management. It is all about how we can each make Edmonton a greener and better city. The classes included terrific presentations by local experts and MCRP graduates. We learned a lot about garbage –how we can save energy and the environment (as well as money) by reducing the amount of garbage we produce. We learned about what makes a “livable” city. Some of the sessions were workshops (my favourite - the day we made worm bins and watched demonstrations of different composting system); others were field trips (the Edmonton Waste Management Centre is truly impressive). Most importantly, we learned about the many City of Edmonton resources for waste management and sustainable living, and how to help promote these resources in our own communities.

This year’s Master Composter Recycler Program runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and all day Saturday, from April 10 through 28.

If you are interested in becoming a fellow Master Composter Recycler:

1. Check the MCRP web site at: www.edmonton.ca/mcrp or call (780) 496-5991 for more information and the online application form.
2. Apply before March 7, 2012.
3. Learn lots and enjoy the program!





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Community Recreation Coordinators
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Edmonton Transit
780.496.1611

Edmonton Police Service (non-emergency)
780.423.4567

Graffiti Management Program
780.442.5302

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