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We welcome your questions,
suggestions and concerns!

Get in touch with us by email at qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com, by mail
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our AGM in October and I am pleased to welcome our new member, Chad Fischl, to the Board. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our former Board members, DeeAnn Mercier, Terry Wisse, Sean Ryan, Leah McKenzie, Andre Patenaude and Greg Hain for their years of volunteering with QEXCA.

Winter is now upon us which means that we will be getting the ice ready at Achs Park and Queen Elizabeth School. Over the last seven years, our community has been incredibly fortunate to have Dan Basaraba operate the rink at Achs Park. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the ice is in great condition every winter and we have been able to boast that we have the best outdoor rink in the City. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for the countless hours he has spent at the rink and for the incredible contribution he has made to our community.



We are currently looking for new volunteers to help with the flooding and general operation of the rinks at Achs Park and Queen Elizabeth School.

We are also busy planning our annual WinterFest at Achs and Queen Elizabeth rinks and I would encourage all residents to attend the festivities and meet other members of our community.

Happy holidays and best wishes in the New Year!

Adam Touet

WinterFest ❄️ ❄️
 Saturday and Sunday,
 February 24 and 25, 2018
 Shinny Tournament - Competition,
 Comradery and the Cup

Family Day - Fun, Friends and Food

Block Parties are a great way
 to build social connections,
 meet your neighbours, know
 and improve your community.
Ask us how QEXCA can help.

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RINKS

An enthusiastic team of volunteers has been working to have the rinks ready for you to lace up your skates by mid-December.

The grass has been mowed; the snow removed; lights repaired; and flooding begun!

The QE shack has a new steel door with a secure lock.

We're ready!!



Follow [Facebook](#) and check the [website](#) for the announcement!

Here's the schedule we have planned for our two outdoor rinks:

ACHS RINK

Achs Park - Elm St. at McPherson Avenue

Supervised Skating (heated shack open)

- Wed. 7 - 9 p.m.
- Sat. 3 - 5 p.m.

QUEEN ELIZABETH RINK

Queen Elizabeth school grounds - Taylor St. at Eastlake Avenue

Supervised Skating (heated shack open)

- Tue. 7 - 9 p.m.

Shinny (heated shack open)

- Fri. 7 - 10 p.m.

At other times, the rinks are available for unsupervised public skating. No sticks or pucks on the ice during Supervised Public Skating times. As always - WEATHER PERMITTING!

DATES TO REMEMBER

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Tue., Jan. 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m. - St. Frances School gym, 2141 McPherson Ave.

WINTERFEST

Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25, 2018

Achs Skating Rink - 102 Elm Street (corner of Elm and McPherson)

QE Skating Rink - 1905 Eastlake Ave (corner of Broadway and Taylor)

MARCH QEXCA DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tue., Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m. - Amigo's Cantina, 806 Dufferin Ave.

The meeting will be open to all residents of the Community.

ATTENTION QEXCA BABYSITTERS!

We're compiling a babysitter list for the next issue of our newsletter.

If you'd like to be included in the list, please email qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com and provide us with the following info:

- Your name
- Your age as of August 2018
- Your phone number
- Whether or not you've completed the babysitter's training course through the Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance or the Saskatchewan Safety Council.

COUNCILLORS, MLAS AND MP COMMUNITY UPDATES

This year we celebrated Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. It was a great year to celebrate all things Canadian. In January I launched the Saskatoon-Grasswood Canada 150 Awards. I asked our residents to submit nominations and presented an award every two weeks throughout the year. It was gratifying, but not surprising, to receive so many quality nominations but it did make it difficult for the selections. We had a diverse group ranging

from 5 year old Theo Anderson to 100 year old Harold Chapman. They have all put in tireless hours of volunteering to make our community a better place to live and I thank them and all volunteers for your efforts. If you would like to read more about them, they are all on my website at: www.kevinwaugh.ca.

I will be hosting my 2nd annual Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 20th, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

This year it will be at the Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue in Saskatchewan Hall. I hope all of you will be able to join us to celebrate the season and some refreshments.

If you need assistance with federal issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are there to help.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday season.

KEVIN WAUGH, MP SASKATOON-GRASSWOOD

It's been a busy time in our city. Here are a few highlights affecting your neighbourhoods.

- Thanks for your patience as the City continued an ambitious roadway/sidewalk replacement program. The City was able to receive matching money from the federal government to **improve basic infrastructure**.
- The City has developed a comprehensive analysis of **flood** issues in Saskatoon. We are working toward a long-term strategy to alleviate pressure on the old storm system as well as a more immediate opportunity for residents to be proactive.

- An All Ages and Abilities transportation plan is underway, and this includes a **Bus Rapid Transit** system. BRT engagement is taking place **December 6th, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at La Troupe Du Jour (914 20th Street West)**. An [on-line survey](#) will be available from December 1st-15th.
- The **downtown bike lanes** are staying for now. The lanes can't be removed until spring. Plus, the All Ages and Abilities transportation plan is expected around the same time and will include recommendations for a cycling network. At that time, Council will have the opportunity to make a decision

about the current bike lanes, and I hope the 4th Avenue lanes will be removed in favour of a better location.

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteers with the community association. I am so grateful to the folks who are stepping up to ensure your ideas and concerns are brought forward.

It has truly been an honour to serve you this past year. Please note the next Ward 6 **'Coffee with Your Councillor'** will take place on **Saturday, January 13th from 10am – Noon at the Broadway Roastery** on Broadway. Happy Holidays and all the best in 2018!

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA
[CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 6](#)

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Councillors, MLAs and MP Community updates continued

From the start of a new school year to community events, celebrations and preparations for a Saskatchewan winter, Autumn always seems to pass us by in the blink of an eye. These past few months have been no exception for the Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth and Haultain area.

In the legislature, the Government of Saskatchewan's Speech from the Throne highlighted commitments to:

- Provide individualized funding to children under six with Autism

Spectrum Disorder;

- Introduce legislation that will protect the right to school choice by invoking the notwithstanding clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- Work with municipalities to allow ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft to operate in Saskatchewan; and
- Introduce a new Seniors Education Property Tax Deferral Program that will give seniors with household incomes under

\$70,000 the option to defer the education portion of property tax on their homes.

If you have any questions or concerns about government programs or services, please call or visit the Saskatoon Eastview constituency office at 306-384-2011.

On behalf of my wife Danielle and our two sons, Jacob and James, Merry Christmas and best wishes for good health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Thanks for reading!

HON. COREY TOCHOR
MLA SASKATOON EASTVIEW

Hello Queen Elizabeth and Exhibition residents,

Today I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the work that's been happening in my strategic priority area.

I've been working with Councillor Sarina Gersher (Ward 8) in Environment and Sustainability – an area where Saskatoon has some significant opportunities to improve. We are specifically focusing on two themes: waste diversion and greenhouse gas emissions.

City Council is prioritizing transforming our position as one of the highest emitters of greenhouse gasses into a model city of

innovation in energy conservation, renewables and waste diversion. Saskatoon currently keeps only 21.8% of divertible waste out of the landfill – the second lowest rate amongst large Canadian cities. Council has set a target of 70% waste diversion by 2023.

Waste diversion has been identified as a priority for many reasons: avoiding the massive costs of building a new landfill; lots of recyclable, compostable, repairable and reusable materials end up in the landfill. We know we can do better in these areas and we are acting to meet our goals.

What does this mean for you? Well, in the months ahead Council

will be discussing the development and design of a comprehensive organics program to ensure that compostable food waste stays out of the landfill. This will help with our diversion goals and reduce GHGs released when food waste is not properly composted. Finally, Council will continue to work on ways to reduce our corporate and community-wide GHG emissions. In these areas residents will have many opportunities to provide feedback and guidance to Council. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to weigh in.

Thanks for reading! If you have any questions or suggestions for me, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

All the best,

MAIRIN LOEWEN
CITY COUNCILLOR, WARD 7

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COMMUNITY GARDENS



Think ahead - spring will come! Consider participating in one of the Community Gardens:

Queen Elizabeth School or Aden Bowman School.

Community gardens play a vital role in building communities, developing sustainable local food systems, providing access to fresh, healthy and nutritious food and creating resilient community spaces.

Learn more about your community at qexca.ca
or facebook.com/qexca.saskatoon.

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Councillors, MLAs and MP Community updates continued

Greetings! It was a pleasure to return to Regina in October to mark the beginning of the fall session. Returning to the Legislature each year to represent my constituents is an honour, and I take my duties seriously. As your MLA, I remain committed to fighting for government accountability and transparency.

Of course, this time of year is also meant for companionship and reflection. Like many of you, I look forward to spending time with family and friends during

the holiday season. One activity I always happily anticipate is my yearly evening of door-to-door carolling with friends. Perhaps you will find me on your doorstep on December 16th.

Whether you intend to travel this holiday season or remain at home in our beautiful city, it is my sincere hope that your time is filled with love, laughter, good food, and opportunities to make happy memories.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

CATHY SPROULE
MLA SASKATOON NUTANA

EXHIBITION NEIGHBOURHOOD LOCAL AREA PLAN

Local Area Planning gives residents an active role in determining the future of their neighbourhood.

LAPs are a public, participation-based approach to developing comprehensive neighbourhood plans designed to provide residents with direct input to determining the future of their community. LAPs set out objectives and policies that guide the growth and development of Saskatoon neighbourhoods.

Watch for information, from the City and QEXCA, about opportunities, in the new year, to participate!

GOT TIME?

We can use your help to ...

- > flood one of our outdoor rinks
- > take meeting minutes
- > help organize a special event
- > network with other community groups

Can you help? Do you know someone who could? Please, let us know!

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WINTER PROGRAMS

QEXCA offers [registered programs](#) for a variety of ages, skill levels and interests. See our [program descriptions](#) today!

Registered programs provide the members with the opportunity to participate in a pre-defined set of activities, most of which are instructor-led.

A non-refundable [membership fee](#) of \$10 per individual or family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented or purchased at the time of registration.

QEXCA honours memberships of other Saskatoon community associations.

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](#). All enquiries are kept confidential.

NEW! \$50.00 QEXCA FlexPass! At the registration you can purchase a FlexPass that will allow you to attend any 10 classes of your choosing. This is a great way to try the variety of programs being offered by your Community Association.

Winter Registration: Tuesday, January 9, 2018
St. Frances School Gym 7:00-8:30 p.m.

ADULT (18+)

Aerobics	Mon.	Jan. 15-Apr. 16	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$40.00	St. Frances gym
		** No classes Jan. 29, Feb. 19, Mar. 12 and Apr. 2 **			
	Wed.	Jan. 17 - Mar. 21	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No class Feb. 21 **			
Beginner Yoga	Tue.	Jan. 16-Mar. 27	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No class Feb. 20 **			
BollyFit®	Wed.	Jan. 17-Mar. 28	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
		** No class Feb. 21 **			
Zumba®	Thu.	Jan. 18-Apr. 12	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
		** No classes Feb. 22, Mar. 29 and Apr. 5 **			

YOUTH (8-12)

Drop-in Youth Night	Thu.	Jan. 18-Apr. 12	7:00-8:00 p.m.	No charge	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No classes Feb. 22, Mar. 22 or Apr. 5 **			

CHILDREN (4 & 5)

Tiny Tots Soccer	Tue.	Jan. 16-Mar. 27	6:00-7:00 p.m.	No charge	Queen Elizabeth gym
		** No class Feb. 20 **			

NOTE: watch our website and Facebook for updates or changes.

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