

A Tamarack Institute Webinar

WHEN RESIDENTS LEAD: CREATING CHANGE BY COMING TOGETHER LOCALLY

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Gratitude & Acknowledgement

We begin this webinar by acknowledging that we are meeting on Indigenous land. As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities.

As part of our commitment to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Process, we recognize the importance of land recognitions as one small way of honouring and demonstrating respect for the diverse histories and cultures of all First Nations people.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **We've got you covered** - You will receive a full recording of the call, the slides as well as a collection of links & resources
- **Join the conversation** - Use the Q&A panel or chat box on your Zoom client to submit and up-vote for questions you'd like us to discuss
- **Technical Support** - You can use the chat panel to ask for technical support throughout the webinar



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Community Leagues of Edmonton

When Residents Lead by
Coming Together Locally

1. What are Community Leagues?

1. Case Studies

1. Q & A



What is a League?

- A group of neighbourhood people who join up to make their neighbourhood *better*
- Open to *all* residents
- A League is *not* a neighbourhood association, homeowner's association or other type of organization

Part of how Edmonton was built



FIRST COMMUNITY LEAGUE HALL
KING EDWARD PARK 1923



Democratic structure

- Membership based on geography (neighbours)
- Volunteer-run boards
- Registered as not for profit organization
- Accountable to bylaws, Societies Act of Alberta, Tripartite agreement, EFCL Code of Ethics and one of their funders – the City of Edmonton
- Accountable to membership

Role of the Municipality

City policy enables:

- Space (tax-free land in every neighbourhood) provided for Leagues (halls, amenities)
- Money (seed grant to form, yearly operational grant)
- Support (City staff plus funding EFCL)
- Codified structures (Tripartite, relationship, engagement)

What Do Leagues Do?



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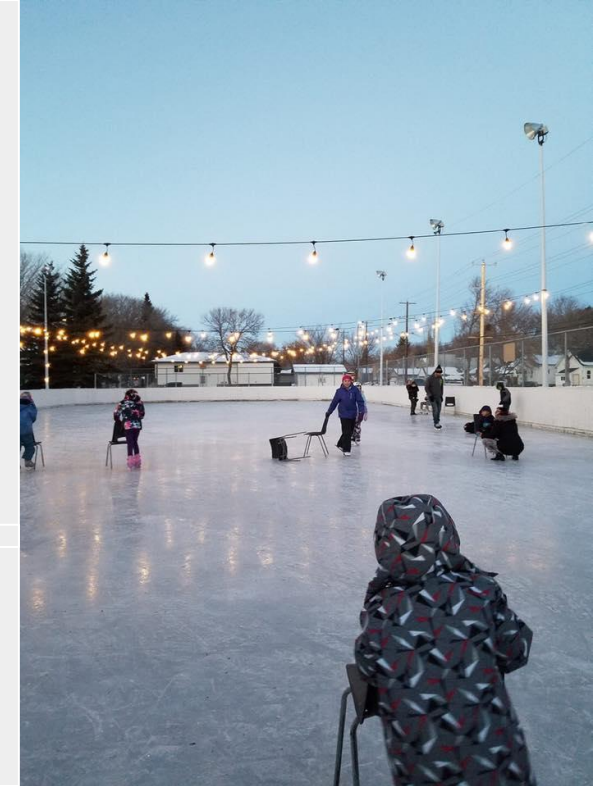
**Bring Neighbours
Together**



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Recreation and Programming



Oliver Park in #YEG is now home to the Oliver Community Pantry. The structure was anonymously donated for community members to leave or take non-perishable food items and other needs. @OCLYEG Vice President Luwam Kiflemariam showed me the pantry and shared the story behind it.



#3

Develop and Maintain Amenities



46

**BASKETBALL
COURTS**



250

PLAYGROUNDS



57

**COMMUNITY
GARDENS**



55

**WATER
SPRAY PARKS**



126

COMMUNITY
HALLS



24

OUTDOOR
TENNIS COURTS



119

OUTDOOR
SKATING RINKS



10 YEAR VENTURE

Completed under budget
with multiple partners



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Represent Community Interests

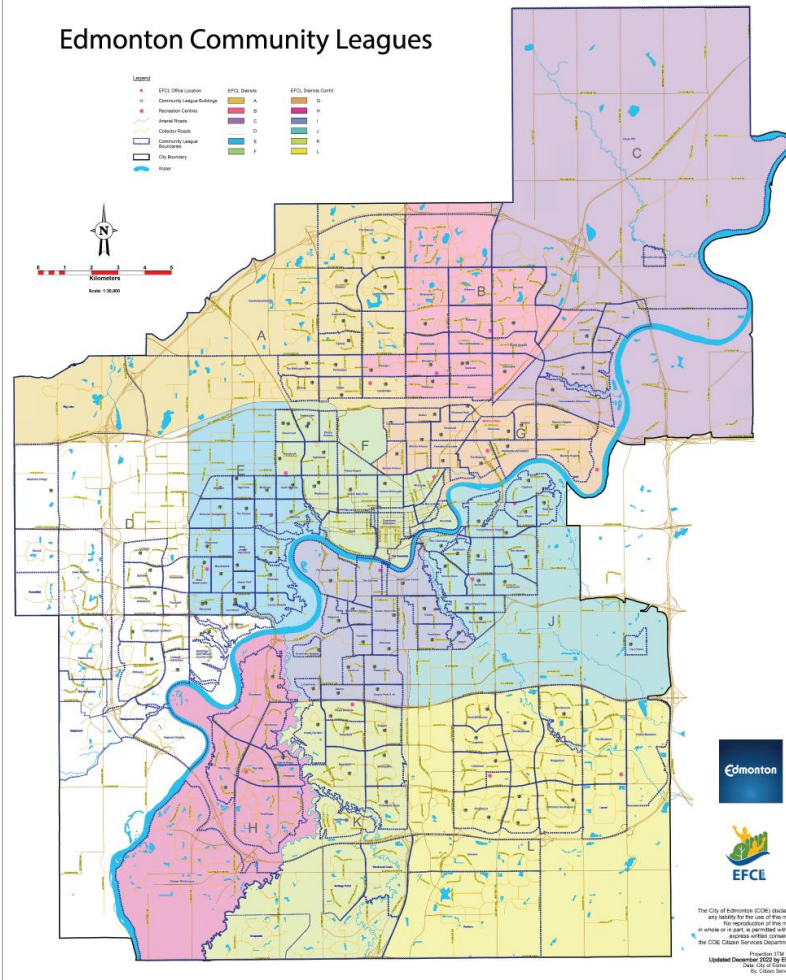
- Grassroots democracy
- Citizen engagement
- Local solutions



5 Ingredients of the Movement

- 1. Use of parkland by citizen groups
- 1. Ownership of community assets
- 1. Accountability structures
- 1. City grants
- 1. Citizen led

Edmonton Community Leagues



Role of the EFCL

102 Years of
Connecting
Edmonton's
Leagues
Est. 1921

162 Community Leagues

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12 Districts

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12 District Directors

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1 EFCL Board



**EFCL
Staff**

Support

CASE STUDY:

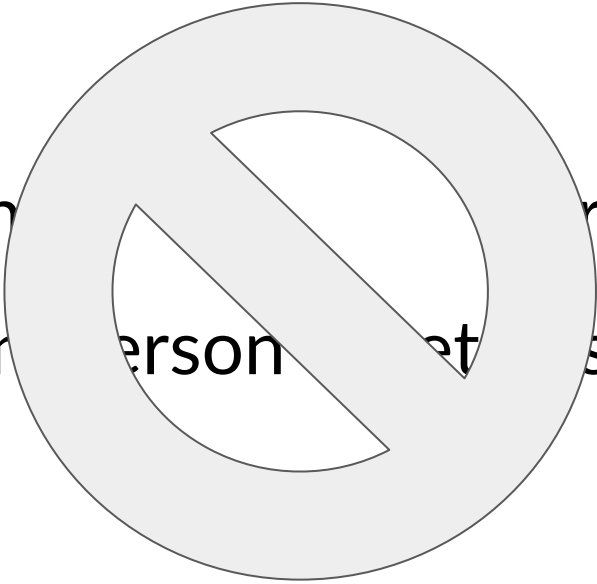
Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community



CASE STUDY # 1: Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community

March 2020

Even programming
In person meetings



CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs
of a Community

How can we help?

CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community

Three things of note:

1. A need to maintain connection
2. Tangible, immediate needs
3. A path back to recovery when COVID was behind us

CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community

Connection Through Isolation



CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community

Meeting the needs of Community



CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community



CASE STUDY:

Responding to the Changing Needs of a Community

Post COVID: Return to New Normal









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QUESTIONS?

ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEN COMMUNITY & MUNICIPALITIES MEET IN THE MIDDLE

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