

President / Chairman Report - June 2017

Firstly I would to introduce Heather Marie Inouye as our new arena manager. Heather comes to us with a wealth of facility management experience. She is familiar with reporting, scheduling, maintenance, and safety procedures, and she is eager to learn the arena setting. Heather will be a great addition to our team and she will complement our other arena support staff who make the best ice in the city. No kidding ---- many of our arena users who attend a variety of arenas throughout the city have told us the Jack Setters Arena has the best ice of all other arenas. That is something that our staff should be proud of.

June is shaping up to be a very busy month here in Millican Ogden Lynnwood – Sunday June 11 will be the Annual Community Clean Up and we encourage all residents to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of the stuff that might be gathering in your yard or home, and avoid the inconvenience of having to haul that material that won't fit into your black bin to the landfill, and especially to avoid that pesky landfill disposal fee. This is a great opportunity to improve the appearance of your yard and help with that community pride that we talk so much about. Please refer to the special ad in this newsletter about the Clean Up Day as there is a lot more detail there.

Also in June is our Annual Summer Carnival which once again is being held in conjunction with Calgary's Neighbour Day. The date is Saturday June 17 and once again this is expected to be a fun day for all. Again, more information is available elsewhere in this newsletter, or on the MOCA website and social media.

I was given information that a local resident, Mr. Jim A. Blake, was recently honoured by our country by being invited to the anniversary celebration at VIMY France. On behalf of the entire community sir, we thank you for your service.

I notice from time to time, particularly on the People of Ogden facebook page, that there are inquiries on the page about events that are upcoming in the community. Please understand that this is a great facebook page in my opinion, and there is a lot of very interesting comments and photos that are posted including details of the history of the community. But I just want to remind folks that events like the Community Clean Up, and others, are co-ordinated by your Millican Ogden Community Association, and our staff in the administration office do their best to advertise and promote these vents through, this newsletter, through the website, through facebook and twitter, and the large temporary signs on the street. They are also very happy to answer your inquiries on the telephone or in the office. Of course the staff are also the ones who organize these events together with volunteers of course, and this is just one more thing that your community association does to support the quality of life that we all enjoy here.

You will recall that last year the City did a major upgrade of the baseball diamond and the large field along 18th Street west of jack Setters Arena. The large field is actually the practice field for

the Stampeders Bantam Football Club which is why you will now see football uprights in that field. Anyway, this year similar improvement will be made to the baseball diamond on 20A Street between the community hall and Sherwood School. I am not sure when those improvements will start but it could be fairly soon.

The planned community hall expansion project is progressing nicely. Our Development Permit Application is working its way through the system at City Hall, but the good news is that we were approved for a substantial grant from the Province of Alberta. We are not quite at the end of our funding goal yet but we are getting closer. We have applied under other grant programs as well and we are hopeful that more good news will follow.

As mentioned last month, the Board is recommending a few changes to the MOCA Bylaws and these were outlined at the General Meeting of April 4. These are also now available for viewing on the MOCA website. Any questions or concerns are welcome and will be considered with final presentation and approval of the Bylaw revisions at the AGM in October.

I hate to appear to harp on memberships but we really do need your help in this area. There are very few tangible benefits to having a MOCA membership, but there are some. In my opinion, the primary one, from the Board's perspective, is that it shows a level of support for the work done by the Board, the staff, and the volunteers on behalf the local residents. We continue to work on quality of life issues and programs that together make Millican Ogden Lynnwood a great place to live and to raise a family. Of course the membership does also allow you to participate in the voting process at AGM time, and maybe even become a member of the Board. There is lots going on this community and it is a very exciting time to be involved. Memberships are annual and expire on May 31 – if you have one please renew it, if you don't, please buy one. Note – they are not expensive, and seniors are free !!

And of course, if you are planning a social event for your family, or business, or organization, please give some thought to renting the MOCA Hall, or Lounge. We would appreciate your business.

And remember that Sunday June 18 is Father's Day. Another real good reason to celebrate family, and to remind ourselves how important our parents are.

The next MOCA General Meeting is Tuesday June 6-- 7 pm at the Community hall. We hope to see you there.

As always, if you have questions or concerns that you would like to direct to me, please either call into the MOCA office, or send me an e-mail at chairpersonmoca@shaw.ca.

Best Wishes

Rick Smith , MOCA President/Chairman