

# A message from the Executive Director

Federation President, Past President, Vice President and Executive Director sit down with the Governor General to discuss the value of community associations and volunteer engagement.

20,000 Volunteers Strong! In recognition of the community association movement and the work each of you do, the Governor General of Canada visited the Federation of Calgary Communities.

On Tuesday November 30th, His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston met with a few members of our board and myself (Leslie Evans) to discuss the community association movement in Calgary; specifically how community associations (CAs) engage members and volunteers.

As I reflect on the stories we shared, I realize how honoured and proud I am to be the Executive Director of the Federation of Calgary Communities; a support organization to you!

I truly believe in the work each of you do. Each community association in our network is unique in the way it runs but are all important community assets. When we work collectively and in cooperation, our movement can be incredibly strong.

I am a native Calgarian who participated in community recreation through my local CA while growing up. Motivated by the need to meet my neighbours when I moved to a new neighbourhood, I became the president of my own CA. Community associations can be a hub for community life. Our work together improves the quality of life for residents.

On Tuesday, we told your stories. The stories about how CA volunteers excel while exciting and engaging others to lend a hand. Our movement is so rich and we did our best to give the valuable work you do justice.

I want to thank each of you, as community association volunteers, for doing your part... for stepping up when your community needed you, for giving so much of your time, for participating in and growing the community association movement... ultimately, for improving neighbourhood life in Calgary!



Leslie Evans  
Executive Director



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