

A Message from The Federation



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While this newsletter was being produced The Federation's board of directors was in the process of electing a new executive. This means I will be filling in and providing an update on some of the things going on at The Federation, as no president was available.

2010 Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive

The Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive is off to a great start! At this point it is too late to sign up as a community but I would like to thank the many communities throughout Calgary that are taking part and taking on hunger this holiday season. A noted increase in participation has been seen by community association over the past three years.

This year 22 communities are taking part. If you didn't get a chance to sign up this year make sure to register next year. In 2009 community associations raised approximately \$12,000 in cash and food donations.

On their own community associations have the ability to make a significant improvement on the quality of neighbourhood life in their community. Collectively community associations have the ability to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

New Faces on The Federation's Board

This year's AGM saw three board members end their terms with The Federation. We said goodbye to Bob Lang, John Wakoluk and Neil Hughes. Each of these board members have been extremely involved in the shaping of The Federation over the past decade. Their hard work and dedication will be missed and they leave very big shoes to fill. However, time rolls on and so must we. The Federation is excited to announce its new board moving forward for 2010-2011.

The 2010-2011 Board members include (in no particular order): Melanie McDonald, Kendrick Charles, Andrew

Walcot, John DeRinzy, Bill Scott, Peter Rishaug, Bruce Klippenstein, Maxine Morrison, Michael Wilhelm.

The Executive includes: Robin Elford (president), Christopher Harper (vice president), Chris Cole (secretary), Ned Shillington (Treasurer).

50th Anniversary on Deck.

The Federation turns 50 years old in 2011! To celebrate this momentous occasion we will be hosting and taking part in many exciting events. Stay tuned for news and updates throughout the year for this very exciting time.

Take advantage of our free workshops.

The Federation has upcoming workshops in Financial Management for not-for-profits and charities, Urban Planning, not-for-profit management and more. Check the event page on our website or get your hands on a workshop guide for more details on how you can benefit!

The Federation's Facebook Page

The Federation has created a Facebook page to help you promote your events and facilitate online discussion around the positives of community associations. We will also be posting Federation events, photos, discussion topics, etc. Some of the communities have already posted notices of a community pub night, Christmas Craft Sales, AGMs, and more...

Breaking for the Holidays

The Federation's office will be closed for two weeks over the holidays. When we open again we will be counting on you to help us continue to raise awareness of the value and importance community associations in Calgary. We have a very exciting upcoming year in store. Stay tuned for all the great events, workshops and initiatives!

I wish you all the best and hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Best Regards,
Brendan Murray