



CEMA Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome back friends! Thank you for continuing to show up every single day.

I'd like to take a moment to express gratitude for the opportunities we've had to gather again, in particular during our recent online event. Your presence and generosity during this event raised \$540 which will be donated to the United Way.

The online presentation was intentionally designed to reconnect after being apart for some time and to provide our group with some takeaways to enhance the leadership skills we all currently possess.

These unprecedented times have been a period of uncertainty and transformational change in the way we live, which have led us to explore new ways of connecting with colleagues, friends and loved ones. Zoom calls, Hangout calls, FaceTime, SnapChat, Messenger Video, Tic Toc, Instagram reels - you name it, we've done it just to feel some sense of normalcy. To those that have reached out, thank you for inviting our CEMA board into your community.

The connections we've made together as a group of leaders at the City of Edmonton have been stronger and more important than ever so thank you for trusting our association with representing you through these difficult and uncertain times.

As I reflect back on this past year I can't help but to feel a sense of deep appreciation for the expression of vulnerability behind the stories we've shared together. Our vulnerability and desire to show up and be seen during this period of uncertainty is an indicator of our courage. I believe that our courage and hope for a vibrant, thriving city will move us forward in the direction we need to move in as a modern municipal organization.

That's what we are here to do for all of our fellow Edmontonians.

To imagine is to dream.

To dream is to hope.

To hope is to move forward.

We are proud of this organization. We're proud to say that we work for the City of Edmonton. And if we're smart and we're kind, and if we pay our dues - we're talking about putting in the 10,000 hours or 10,000 iterations, that preparation will eventually meet opportunity. And this alignment of preparation and opportunity presents us with a moment to dream and believe and imagine together.

Let's continue to show up with courage, and to cherish the moments in time where we have gotten together.

Let's help each other up.

Let's be kind and lend a hand.

Let's be curious and creative and dynamic.

And let's create a remarkable recovery together.

- *Derek Hanson*

CEMA Board Members

We have had some changes to our CEMA Board. Gail Hickmore has taken on the role as Vice President and Lee Deakin as Secretary-Treasurer.

President	Derek Hanson
Vice President	Gail Hickmore
Secretary-Treasurer	Lee Deakin
Directors	Gordon Buck Jason Halayko Kelly Moore Melissa Ziober Norman Hendry Satya Gadidasu Steve Goodwin
Executive Coordinator	Chrisy Burton

Visit our website [About Us|Board Members](#) for Board Member contact information and their bios.

CEMA Events

Thank you to everyone who attended our CEMA Online Event - Leading Through a Crisis - Writing a Remarkable Recovery with Michael Powell, c/o NexXT Chapter Solutions Groupon Thursday, October 29, 2020 and for your donation to United Way. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#) and on our [website](#) (slide deck presentation, Leadership in Times of Crisis document, Leadership Survey, and Webinar Recording).

Stay tuned for other CEMA Online events being offered to our members.

We welcome any suggestions for future online events. Please reach out to Chrisy at cemacoordinator@gmail.com and we would be happy to explore new ideas to connect.

Charitable Donations

On behalf of our members, CEMA will be making a donation to the following charitable organizations this Holiday Season:

- Edmonton's Food Bank - \$1,000.00
 - Meals on Wheels - \$500.00
 - Santa's Anonymous - \$500.00
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Member Services

Visit our website under [Member Services](#) to learn about all the services offered to CEMA members.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the CEMA Board Happy Holidays! Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday season!

