



# CEMA Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear friends - The overwhelming response to the Annual General Meeting was an indicator of our desire to connect as a professional community and reconnect as colleagues. As we continue to explore the evolving rules of engaging at work, may we continue to find ways to unite with intentional presence and meaning. Wishing you all a restful summer with opportunities to safely create memorable occasions with friends and loved ones.

"Connection doesn't happen on it's own. You have to design your gatherings for the kinds of connections you want to create."

- Priya Parker. The Art of Gathering

## CEMA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021, it was a sold out event. A special thank you to our City Manager, Andre Corbould, for his presentation on the "2021 City Priorities." A copy of the presentation is available [here](#).

We were very fortunate to fill all vacant positions on the Board - congratulations to the 2021/22 CEMA Board and welcome to our newest Board members Robert Kuziw, Doug Sernecky, and Shawn Wall.

Also, congratulations to all the winners of the draw prizes!

## CEMA Board Members

<b>President</b>	Derek Hanson
<b>Vice President</b>	Gail Hickmore
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	Lee Deakin
<b>Directors</b>	Doug Sernecky Gordon Buck Jason Halayko Kelly Moore Melissa Ziober Norman Hendry Robert Kuziw Satya Gadidasu Steve Goodwin Shawn Wall
<b>Executive Coordinator</b>	Chrisy Burton

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

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## CEMA Events

While we are optimistic about the opportunities to reconnect, unfortunately there will not be a CEMA golf tournament this year. We are hopeful for a golf tournament in 2022.

As we evaluate reintegration plans and updates from AHS and the City, the CEMA Board will be exploring ideas for additional CEMA events in 2021.

We welcome any suggestions for future events. Please reach out to Chrisy at [cemacoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cemacoordinator@gmail.com) and we would be happy to explore new ideas to benefit and connect with our members.

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## Member Services

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

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## Reconciliation at the City

The recent tragic news from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Band in Kamloops, BC has served to underline the importance of working toward reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. The City of Edmonton has created resources for both citizens and employees which are addressed to the goal of promoting reconciliation and answering the question "How can the City of Edmonton best support and build strong relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Edmonton?". In February 2021, the City issued its final report on the [City of Edmonton Indigenous Framework](#). The City has also created an [Indigenous Peoples Awareness and Education](#) program for employees, which includes information on reconciliation and links to other resources. More information about these resources can be found on the City's website and on OneCity.

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## Message from the CEMA Board

Thank you to all our members for your continued support. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer!