



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734**  
**District Office Board Room**  
 6 St. Vital Ave., St. Albert, AB T8N 1K2 \* Phone: 780-459-7711

## AGENDA

**Monday, March 7, 2016 – 7:30 P.M – Call to Order**

- 1. Call to Order:** Serena Shaw
- 2. Opening Prayer:** Rosaleen McEvoy
- 3. Submission of Written Committee/Trustee Event Reports**

✓ **Committee Reports**

Committee	Trustee	Report Attached
Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association	Shaw	
Alberta School Boards Association 2/3	Crockett	✓
Alberta School Boards Association Second Language Caucus	Crockett	
Alberta Teachers' Association Liaison	Proulx/Radford	
Business Liaison – St. Albert	Crockett	✓
Business Liaison – Morinville	Tremblay (Radford)	✓
Business Liaison – Legal	Proulx	
Capital Committee	Shaw/Proulx	
C2 Committee	McEvoy	
Education Foundation	McEvoy	
Grievance Committee	Committee of the Whole	
Negotiations – ATA	Crockett/McEvoy	
Negotiations – Support Staff	Shaw/Proulx	
Policy Advisory Committee	Radford/Proulx	

✓ **Other Reports**

Trustee	School Council Report	Event Report
Crockett		
McEvoy		
Proulx		
Radford		
Shaw		
Tremblay		APEGA President's Lunch

**4. Trustee Development | Board Advocacy Discussion**

- 4.1. Presentation: The Sacramental Education Initiative Implementation Plan: Kathleen Nguyen, Sacramental Education Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Edmonton and Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant, will speak about the Sacramental Education Initiative.
- 4.2. Governance Rules (Schlag)
- 4.3. Recommendation of Future Topics
- 4.4. Review of Advocacy Plan

**5. Closing Prayer:** Rosaleen McEvoy

**6. Adjournment**

## **Upcoming Advocacy Meeting Topics**

### **April 4– Board Advocacy Committee Meeting**

- ✓ Maker Spaces (BDP)
- ✓ Recommendation of Future Topics
- ✓ Review of Advocacy Plan
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### **May 9 – Board Advocacy Committee Meeting**

- ✓ Urban Agriculture Program (BDP) (confirmed for this date)
- ✓ Recommendation of Future Topics
- ✓ Review of Advocacy Plan
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### **June 20 – Board Advocacy Committee Meeting**

- ✓ Religious Education Programming in the District (BDP)
- ✓ Recommendation of Future Topics
- ✓ Review of Advocacy Plan



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# Committee Report Summary

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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** March 7, 2016

**Submitted by Trustee:** Joan Crockett

**Committee/Event Name:** ASBA Zone 2/3 Annual Meeting

**Committee Meeting Date:** February 26, 2016

## Highlights:

### Helen Clease – ASBA President

- Working on Strategic Plan (90% of Boards liked the Strategic Priority Plan in existence)
- Emphasis on Explaining Reserve Funds, Locally Elected School Boards
- ASBA considering having an Issues Forum with Minister Eggen Possible date - April 13
- Issues: Municipal Government Act, LGBTQ, Education Act, Table Discussions

### Doreen Lupaschuk – Alberta Education Director's Report

- Child, Youth, and Enhancement Act – every person must report suspected child abuse
- SLA's – Much more work to do
- Grade 6 & 9 PAT – 2016-2017 will be writing as scheduled.

### Glenys Edwards – U of A Experience

- ADU 100 for education students will be compulsory next year. Therefore, all education students will need volunteer hours working with youth in their first year of studies.
- All student teachers will be requested to take a Special Education course.

### Cheryl Dumont - Zone Chairs Report

- March 18 – Zone 2/3 Meeting – PD History of the Indigenous People through a Blanket Exercise – Edmonton Catholic – Pam Sparkling Eyes and students.
- April 22 – PD - ASEBP Presentation – Jennifer Carson
  - Learning Technology Framework – Phase 2 – Brian Callaghan

### ASBA Second Language Caucus – Cheryl Dumont, Laura Thibert, Patricia Pederson

- Second Language Caucus is no longer a task force.
- What do Boards need for ELL?

### Professional Development Presentation

- Proposed Policy Development Workshop – Heather Tkachuk -
- Robert's Rules of Order – Becky Kallal

**Next meeting** – March 18, 2016 – St Anthony Centre, 10425 – 84 Ave Edmonton



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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** March 7, 2016

**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee Crockett

**Committee/Event Name:** Business Liaison - St Albert

**Committee Meeting Date:** February 10, 2016

**Chamber Luncheon Relevancy to GSACRD:** networking with St. Albert mayor and councillors, St Albert Public trustees, Mayors and councillors of surrounding towns and regions, St. Albert business owners, table discussion, introduced as an elected officials of GSACRD, and guest speaker enrichment.

**Speaker: Mayor Nolan Crouse – State of the City Address**

*Mayor Crouse shared that Gallop suggests 3 drivers as Fundamental to Canadian Urban Life: Community Safety, Social Comfort and Environmentally Friendliness.*

**Community Safety - Committed to a safe, comfortable, welcoming City**

- Lowest crime rates in Alberta
- \$836 000 earmarked for 30 schools . . . recommendations made by Safe Journeys to Schools
- 60 RCMP officers.

**Social Pillar – Communities where people can meet, socialize and call home**

- Committed to social gatherings: Farmers Market, Rock ‘n August, Block Parties ( 102 in 2015), Youth Festival, Outdoor Music Festival, Family Comic Festival
- Two more gathering places in the future: New Arena and Branch Library
- 30 churches in St Albert and these will take care of refugee families – 2 Syrian and 1 Iraqi family at present
- 10 hospice beds just created in Foyer Lacombe
- Healing Garden (Truth and Reconciliation Project) to be located north of St Albert Place along Sturgeon River.

**Environment**

- Committed to make community attractive, with parks, green spaces, public art, tree lined boulevards, and safe trails
- 3 electric busses ordered
- Upgrade for one of the 35 storm pipes
- Funding for Black Knot Tree Disease on public property
- \$250 000 to replace trees along boulevards.

## **Economic Development**

- Population increase has been consistent for the last 50 years at 1000 per annum - true for 2015 as well
- Single family dwellings have declined whereas multi-family homes have increased
- Building permits were up 9% from 2014
- \$40 million needed to build sewer pipe to help spur development in west and southwest St Albert. Proposal will go before Council in the spring.
- City receives \$16 million in provincial grants and \$3 million in federal grants.
- \$143 million in operating revenue, \$137 million in operating expenses, \$5 million estimated surplus.
- *No metrics to suggest concerns in 2016 – Solid Growth – no boom or bust.*



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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** March 7, 2016

**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee Radford

**Committee/Event Name:** Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce

**Committee Meeting Date & Time:** February 3, 2016

## **Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:**

### **Relevance to the Board:**

- President Simon Boersma indicated that the chamber members should be aware of any refugees that might be in their area. If there is anything as a business that they could do to make their transition easier, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Morinville Chamber Trip for an adventure to CHINA

Attached:

1. 15 reasons to join Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce
2. China Trip

# 15 REASONS TO JOIN MORINVILLE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 1) NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK

2) Attend monthly networking lunches where special guest speakers will talk about our economy, business ideas, growth and marketing.

3) Group Insurance Plan - whether you're a one person business or have many employees, the Chamber Plan can help you (more information page 17).

4) Special discounts on advertising in this directory, participating in our annual Trade show and competing in our Annual Golf Tournament.

5) Attend special events such as our Annual Gala where you could be nominated for our Business Awards. These awards recognize business who offer service beyond what is expected.

6) Join us in our Annual Trade Show - Explore the Wonders... April 22/23. An opportunity to display your business or service, participate in a career fair or simply enjoy family entertainment.

7) Bon Jour Bags- as a member of Chamber of Commerce you can help fill our specially designed bags with promotional items to welcome every new resident into Morinville and District.

8) Join us for a Chamber Sponsored trip to the Far East, Iceland and other places where we can mix business with pleasure.

9) Shop Local - Our Chamber has special events to promote shopping local.

10) Market your business in our Christmas booklet - colouring pages, recipes and special Christmas projects. A fun and economical way to advertise while helping families. Get your name in the public eye!

11) Membership Referrals - Have your business cards on our business Showcase wall and when people are looking for business we can give them your card.

12) Members are welcome to attend special seminars and workshops

13) Internet Listings - all members and their information will be listed on our website

14) Bi-weekly fan-outs - What is happening in our Chamber world? An email will be sent out regularly to all our members bringing you up-to-date. We will also include any special announcements you may wish to pass along to all of our members. One free announcement per month.

15) An exclusive membership to Alberta Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce is included when you join Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce. With this membership you have access to Value Added Benefits such as:



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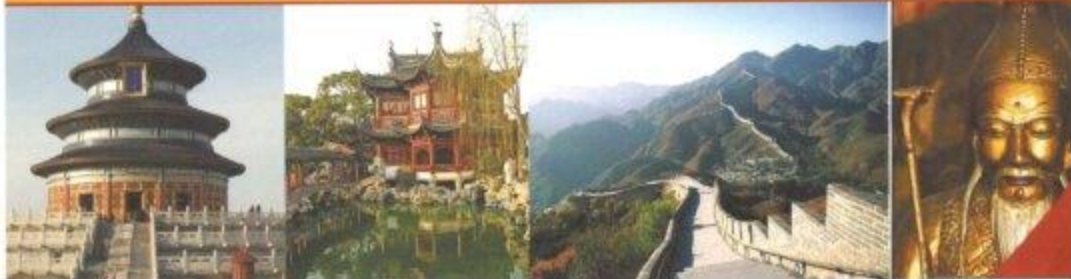
# CHINA

Oct 5 – 15, 2016

11-day Xi'an Trip For Only

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## Your Trip

- Roundtrip international airfare & Chinese domestic airfare & Tax
- 4-and 5-star hotel accommodations • 3 meals each day • Deluxe bus tours
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides • Entrance fees for attractions

### Day 1 - YVR/Beijing

Check in at Vancouver International Airport for an afternoon flight. Cross the international dateline.

### Day 2 – 6 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China by midnight. You will be met at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel. Visit the **Tian An Men Square**, and the **Temple of Heaven**, built in 1420 A.D., for emperors to pray for a good harvest. Sightseeing today will continue with a tour of the **Palace Museum**, also known as the **Forbidden City**, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms, and the **Summer Palace**. Tour bus excursion to the **Great Wall**, the 4,000 mile long and 2,000 years old. Visit the **Ming Tombs**. One of the 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Sightseings also include **Lama Temple**.

### Day 6 – 7 Beijing/Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an, the Chinese ancient capital with 14 dynasties, followed by a bus trip to the ancient **City Wall** and the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Evening will include a show featuring traditional Chinese music. Morning

tour bus excursion to **Terra-Cotta Warriors**, considered as the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World. Visit **Huaqing Spa Garden** and the **Banpo Museum**, featuring a pre-historical cave-man site.

### Day 8 – Xi'an/Shanghai/Suzhou

Fly to Shanghai, followed by a bus trip to Suzhou for the **Lingering Garden**, **Tiger Hill**, **Hanshan Temple** and the **National Embroidery Institute** to see silk embroidery, a local craft with thousands of years of history.

### Day 9 - 10 Suzhou/Shanghai

Afternoon tour bus trip to Shanghai. Visit the **Yu Garden**, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and overarching trees. Also visit the **Bund**, Shanghai's famous waterfront park. Tour the **Pudong Economic Development Zone**, seeing the fast speed of Chinese developing economy.

### Day 11 - Shanghai/Beijing/YVR

Morning flight to Beijing to connect to the afternoon flight depart for Vancouver where you will arrive at 10:30am on the same day.

**Price reflects Double occupancy**  
**Add \$500 for single room supplement**  
**Also come to see Terra-Cotta Warriors at Xi'an**  
**Additional Tours are available**  
**Valid passport and visa required**  
**No vaccinations necessary**  
**Post Departure Travel insurance**  
**Including everything on itinerary, and the tax**

An orientation meeting will be held

Time to be advised  
At Morinville Chamber  
10113 100 Ave.  
Morinville, AB T8R 1P8  
Or check up with Diane  
Phone: 780-939-9462

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# REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each person traveling.

## Contact Information

Full name exactly as it appears on your passport

Please check all that apply:

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

What you'd like your luggage tags to say: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Who you are sharing a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

Who you would like to travel with: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Room (please check one):  1 King Bed  2 Queen Beds  Triple Beds

\*\* When making your reservation, **IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** you will be paired with another passenger of same gender who is also traveling alone, that has the same itinerary.

## Deposit Information

A non-refundable registration fee of \$400 per person is due with your registration and is included in your total tour fare. The balance is due on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

- Check Enclosed (Payable to Citisinc International, Inc.) Check # \_\_\_\_\_
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A valid passport and Chinese Visa application is on passengers' responsibility. Please call Citisinc to learn the procedure of visa application.

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A non-refundable registration fee of \$400 per person is required and due at the time you register. This will be deducted from your total tour fare, the balance of which will be due by July 15, 2016. If you need to cancel the trip for any reason after July 15, 2016 you will be at a loss of \$500 on top of the \$400 registration fee, otherwise you will receive a full refund (minus the \$400 non-refundable registration fee). Securing or updating a passport is your responsibility. Passports must be valid 6 months past travel date. Travelers will need to provide their passport, signed visa application form, one passport photos and the visa application fee to Chinese Consulate visa application center. You might ask Citisinc help for your visa application.

There will be a valuable pre-tour briefing for all participants; date, time and location will be announced. We will answer all of your questions and familiarize you with details you will need to know. Citisinc International Inc. has 33 years of experience in the China tour business and we are confident we can respond to your inquiries to your satisfaction.

China is a modern country, so you need not feel as though you are preparing to travel back in time, to a less sophisticated society. In many instances, the country is not "behind" so much as "different." For example, you will find very few ATM machines, but travelers' checks and credit cards are accepted everywhere, so leave your checkbooks and check cards behind. The electricity in China is 220 volts and an adapter is required to operate even an American hair dryer. Both the adapter and the hair dryer are available at the hotels in which we will be staying, but it is recommended that you bring your own adapter if you will need to plug anything in. Though you will be treated to sumptuous regional foods, you will also find many American fast-food chains including McDonalds, KFC and Starbucks.



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## Committee Report Summary

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**Board Advocacy Committee Meeting Date:** March 7, 2016

**Submitted by Trustee:** Trustee Tremblay

**Committee/Event Name:** Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) President's Luncheon

**Committee Meeting Date & Time:** February 16, 2016

**Summary of Agenda Items:** APEGA Edmonton branch luncheon and President's visit

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<b>APEGA President</b>	Discussed issues affecting Alberta due to the economic downturn and how we can work together to keep business moving forward
<b>Mayor Don Iveson</b>	spoke about his role in advocating with the Federal gov't for development and design, rather than just shovels in the ground
<b>APEGA Foundation</b>	I spoke with the CEO regarding APEGA's role in working with schools to grow the awareness and importance of Engineers in today's' Alberta

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### Highlights of Items Relevant to GSACRD:

The APEGA luncheon was a very useful forum to network with the diverse groups involved in building Alberta during difficult economic times. I was able to exchange ideas and thoughts about how school boards fit into the picture while opening the eyes of many business minded individuals.