



Multiple District C News

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Council Chairperson Report to Multiple District C

As I write this report, a portion of the evacuees from Fort McMurray are being allowed back into their city. I would like to express my gratitude to the Lions families for billeting families that were displaced by the fire and who helped by supplying the evacuees with their daily needs. I would especially like to thank the Lions of Lac la Biche and Athabasca who were especially stretched to their capacity by the many evacuees that stayed in their towns. Finally, I would also like to thank the Lions from Alberta, Canada and the around the world for all their donations to help rebuild Fort McMurray. Lions Clubs International Foundation has given \$US 100,000 and the Lions of Alberta and the rest of Canada have donated to the Lions of Alberta Foundation over \$200,0000, with more cheques coming. A planning committee, in consultation with the City of Fort McMurray administration, is being held to help set priorities for how the Lions funds will be used.

On other matters, the MD C convention took place on May 13 and 14 in Saint Albert. By all reports it was a first class convention, where we used close captioning for the first time. I would like to thank the St Albert Host and Breakfast Clubs for hosting the convention and PDG's Claude Carignan and Leo Bruseker for organizing the convention.

At the convention our Constitution and by-laws were approved along with dues of \$19.40 Canadian paid twice yearly at \$9.70. The dues will be sent out on the same billing cycle as LCI. Also at the Convention Lion Mel Foat from the Chestermere Lions Club was voted in as the Alberta Director to the Lions of Canada Foundation. Immediate Past International Director and speaker was IPID Yves Léveillé.

Prior to the Convention a Council of Governors meeting was held. The following are the high lights of that meeting.

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PDG Tim Haight, Council Secretary/Treasurer has been replaced by PDG Hazel Hiebert for secretary and Lion Sandra Goodrich for Treasurer.

Reports are being generated to satisfy District 37's concern on the split of funds from MD 37.

District Governor updates

District C-1: DG Hank Hoekstra

- Hinton is showing signs of life.
- Zone Meetings taking on a training format
- we need to support the RLLI

District C-2: DG Hazel Hiebert

- One club in financial suspension, closing down now, DG Hazel Hiebert trying to collect their paraphernalia. DGE Gail Haight will inherit this issue.
- Trying to get the U of C Campus Club chartered this year.
- Only 7 clubs have not had an official visit.

This will be my last report and I will be replaced next year by PDG Tim Haight as Council Chairperson and PDG Sharron West as Vice Council Chairperson.

Bill Baux

Council Chairperson MD C

Note from Editor: The following is a letter from the Council Chair(Elect) and Council Members for the 2016-2017 Lions Year to all Lions in MD C and beyond who have generously donated.

Greetings Lions,

As your District Governors Elect and I get ready to head for Fukuoka, Japan, I wanted to briefly bring you up to date on the MCat Grant (Major Catastrophe Grant) and the Lions of Alberta Foundation donations. The MCat Committee first met on Sunday the 5th of June, 2016. Committee members include DG Ron Wackenhut, 1st VDG Kris Kozoriz, 2nd VDG Frances Sawiak, DG Gail Haight and myself as voting members and advisor PID Jack Isaman. Also on the committee will be 1st VDG Cathy Anderson, 2nd VDG Tyler Bray and others yet to be identified.

It was determined it was too early to start looking at projects and contacting people in Fort McMurray as they are just getting home. We will be asking Annette Hall, Treasurer of the Fort McMurray Tarsands Lions Club to join the committee once she is established herself again. I also spoke to PDG Margaret Young's daughter who is a resident of Fort

McMurray and have asked her to consider being on the committee. The Committee's work will begin in earnest in July and I expect it will last for at least 3 years. The MCat Grant is a commitment from LCI for at least \$100,000 USD. We do not receive a cheque and run amok with the funds. A project plan has to be submitted to LCIF for their final approval and then we receive the funds for that project. We are not capped at \$100,000 USD, if LCIF thinks a \$250,000 proposal is worthy of funding then we will receive the additional funding for the proposed project.

The Lions of Alberta Foundation has agreed the committee will also oversee the distribution of the funds donated to LOAF. This is to ensure there is no double dipping and the recipients will only have to deal with one point of contact. Donations have reached to date \$291,258.58, with more coming in each day. We will give you a breakdown of donations in future editions.

Today, I received the following emails: The Mahone Bay Area Lions Club in District N 2, Nova Scotia passed a motion to donate a profit of \$2,100 from our spring lasagna sale to the Fort McMurray relief efforts. Yours in Lionism, Lion Charles Uhlman, PDG.; The Bonnyville Lakeland 2000 Lions Club had a fundraiser last weekend and raised \$2363.37 toward the Ft. McMurray wildfire disaster relief. Following directions of our meeting on Monday night, we decided to donate these funds to LOAF. Lion Corita Vachon, Club Secretary

Fellow Lions this is LIONISM!

Many hands from across Canada and locally in our Multiple District helping us rebuild Fort McMurray.

Lion Tim Haight, MD C Council Chair, 2016-2017

Note from the Editor, the following article has been provided for the website by Lion Annette Hall, Treasurer of Fort McMurray Tarsands Lions Club and is being published with her permission. It has been reviewed by CC(E) PDG Tim Haight and submitted for inclusion here. You will also find this article in the MD C Website.

Hello everyone,

Here is a little update for everyone that has contacted the Fort McMurray Tarsands Lions Club. I do not want to show the devastation, but will pass on information to anyone that asks about specific locations. The news has done enough of showing pictures that were more than 2 weeks old as being current. Our community has had some more destruction that was unrelated to the wildfire but, I feel, more related to not having our citizens not being around to be preventative. One house did have an explosion. This damaged many other homes and others have had shockwave wave damages. In another subdivision, a 4 plex unit caught on fire and damaged other units as well. These happened while the community was evacuated and no one was injured. The causes of these incidences are not expected to be released for a couple of weeks.

Our Province and Municipal governments have been doing a great job at keeping everyone informed. We have had access to 'drone' images of our properties as well as maps of power and gas statuses for each home before we returned. Online meetings have been happening regularly and they accept phone and emailed questions and were able to connect with people that needed individual assistance. Slave Lake is a community that also had a devastating fire destroy their community in 2011. The lessons learned from the Slave Lake fire have helped our Responders to battle this wildfire as well as assist our municipal government plan for re-habitation. The citizens of Slave Lake have been providing answers to many people through a Facebook page they started.

The generosity and considerations that have been happening, have been sometimes overwhelming. Schools have taken in students so that they can finish their school year including the donations of prom clothing for this year's graduates. Pet rescues (even fish), fuel haulers, pop-up campgrounds and assorted accommodations have happened. There were discounts at restaurants – clothing stores – free admittance to science centers and other public venues. Service companies (cell, Internet, gas, electricity etc.) have eliminated or altered fees. The communities of Grassland, Lac La Biche, and numerous other tiny hamlets went above and beyond. These small 'towns' were and are amazing. Our provincial town hall meetings were even able to assist an evacuated family retrieve their passports, so that they could continue with their travel plans.

The stories of our heroes are starting to emerge. The staff at the water treatment plant, that without them there would not have been water pressure at the fire hydrants. The staff of the SMART bus (specialized transportation) system, who checked on every user to ensure they were evacuated, continuing to do so while the staff themselves were no longer in their offices. The fire fighters, police and responders that fed evacuees fish, took care of our local nursery by watering the plants and tending to the pets, used a fire hall as a stable, and wrote thank you notes to property owners when they took or used supplies to supplement their needs. Our transit bus drivers that suddenly became evacuation transportation, while not knowing about their own families and homes. The principal and bus driver that kept students with them throughout their ordeal North and South until everyone was reunited with their families. The radio announcers that stayed on air for hours and hours until the evacuation forced them to leave – I have the 5 'Ps' memorized and can pack for an emergency anytime. The wonderful Lions and people that have called and emailed to offer support from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These amazing people kept normal things normal, as much as possible.

Starting on June 1, there was a staggered re-entry plan in place. Essential services staff were actually allowed in the week earlier to not only prepare for the return of 90,000 people but to also test out the assistance plans being implemented and spread the word of the good things they were experiencing. Many did feel pretty lonely in the evenings as they would be the only one around for countless houses, listening to the sounds of occasional helicopters monitoring areas.

It was uncomfortable traveling down the 250 kilometers (about 150 miles) highway knowing what we had been through and just needing to see things with our own eyes. There were RCMP cruisers located at pretty much every intersection on highway 63 as well as the community. Helicopters flew overhead, not carrying fire suppressant, but

carrying more eyes to ensure our safety. There were check points for the devastated communities, so no one could enter.

The best sight was the welcoming committee of Fire Fighters, RCMP and Responders blaring their sirens and waving welcome home.

Last week was the beginning of our community restarting. Each day another store opens or another area gets their boil water advisory lifted. You hear about our real sense of community when at a public location someone asks for help with their family accommodations and another answers with a solution. Or when Facebook pictures of the mysterious community lawnmower man finally gets revealed (when do you get a chance to go nuts with a lawn tractor!). It's the children and our friends / neighbours with any health issues that are really missed. It will several more weeks until the air quality improves and they can return.

With the opportunity to speak to so many of you, I realized how this wildfire had affected not only our region. So many empathic people were ready to help when I all could give was confirmation that there is hope and that there would be a recovery. I learned that my kids, who had moved away a number of years ago, needed to come back with us to see the changes for themselves. We really appreciated their help and know that we could not have accomplished so much to make our home livable again.

We did stay in Fort McMurray for three nights to minimize any damage to our home and close it down properly for a week. We did visit our Lions Club House and it has some damage to the deck roof and one of the built in refrigerators keeps blowing a breaker but otherwise is in good shape. We left to finish some things out of town before permanently moving back home. While in McMurray we heard the birds singing, had pancakes at a friend's home, found fresh deer tracks by the river, did a bunch of cleaning, and cut a lot of grass.

Our small club is still disjointed and I feel that by the end of this month we will be able to organize ourselves and start the 'new normal'. Right from the beginning of this evacuation, we were able to contact our C1 Alberta District and they were provided support for us to be able to help our families and ourselves. Thank you for all of the conversations and support.

Take care and I will keep in touch.

Annette Hall, Treasurer 2016-2017

Ft. McMurray (Tarsands) Lions Club



Thank you to our outgoing MD C Council for 2015-2016

On behalf of the Lions in MD C we thank the following Lions for their Leadership during the 2015-2016 Lions year, CC Bill Baux, CST PDG Tim Haight, DG Hank Hoekstra, 1VDG Ron Wackenhut, 2VDG Kristine Kozoriz, DG Hazel Hiebert, 1VDG Gail Haight, 2VDG Cathy Anderson.

Welcome to the Incoming MD C Council for 2016-2017

On behalf of the Lions in MD C we welcome the following Lions into their Leadership roles during the 2016-2017 Lions year, CC PDG Tim Haight, VCC Sharron West, Council Secretary IPDG Hazel Hiebert, Council Treasurer Lion Sandra Goodrich, DG Ron Wackenhut, 1VDG Kristine Kozoriz, 2VDG Francis Sawiak, DG Gail Haight, 1VDG Cathy Anderson, 2VDG Tyler Bray.

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Campout, Parade and BBQ

The event this year was held in Pigeon Lake Alberta hosted by the Pigeon Lake Lions Club. We had a total attendance of approximately 50 Lions and guests. There were 6 Clubs from District C-1 and 2 Clubs from District C-2 represented. Scott McRae the new Provincial Director for Canadian Diabetes Association for Alberta/NWT was in attendance.

Scott McRae from Canadian Diabetes Association did a presentation on Lions and CDA partnership.

Due to technical issues we were not able to hold a parade this year, this will be rectified for next year.

The MD Chairperson thanked all those in attendance as well as the host club for the great job they did. A host club spokesman made a short speech. The parade of green was held and the total of the donations received in Parade of Green and the mail in donations was \$32,000.00 plus, a final total will be reported after year end.

The MD C Lions Cavalcade held their AGM on Friday evening.

There was a Silent auction all day, as well host club had a garage sale that attendees participated in, the host club provide breakfast, lunch and BBQ on Saturday, as well as Breakfast on Sunday morning, a host club member and a friend of his provided music and singing after BBQ.

Lastly on behalf of the MD C Lions Cavalcade committee and those who were in attendance we thank the Pigeon Lake Lions for an excellent job of hosting and for the superb meals that they provided for all in attendance.

For forward planning mark the date of June 2 - 4, 2017 on your calendar for next years MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness event in Pigeon Lake, Alberta. They will be celebrating LCI 100th anniversary.

Report Submitted by,

PCC Dennis Stevenson
MD C Lions Cavalcade Chairperson

Worldwide Week of Service for Youth (August 8-14)

Join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to mentoring, empowering and engaging youth through community service. This international event is designed to inspire the next generation of volunteers and help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100+ million people.

Host a project that engages youth in your community. From sponsoring a Peace Poster contest, to organizing a new Leo Club or inviting youth to serve alongside you in a hands-on project, there are countless ways to impact youth in your community and around the globe.

No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

Join Us for the Worldwide Week of Service for Youth

Here's how your club can take part in this special event:

Plan your project - Host a service project that benefits youth in your community during the week of August 8-14.

1. **Promote your project** - Publicize your project to showcase your club and the power of service. Consider inviting members of your community or another local service club to serve with you.
2. **Report your project** - Report your service on the [MyLCI](#) Service Activity Report to help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal. Be sure to include the project date.

Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag **#Lions100**, and we'll share your images on the [LCI Facebook page](#)!

Worldwide Week of Service Resources

- Youth Project Ideas
 - Club Flyer
 - Club Press Release
 - Event Poster
 - [Club Centennial Planning Guide](#)
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Lions Foundation of Canada DG(E) Orientation Weekend June 10 – 11, 2016

On this weekend annually the DG(E) from across Canada as well as other Lions Dignitaries and guests come together to view the breeding and training facilities of all the dogs they provide. As well they visit the memorial forest for the annual rededication.

Attending from MD C were DG(E) Ron Wackenhut and spouse Lion Linda, DG(E) Gail Haight and spouse PDG Tim Haight, PID Dr. Patti Hill and spouse Lion Greg Holmes and LFC Alberta Director PCC Andre Nimchuk and spouse Lion Sharon from MD C.


Upcoming Convention Dates

District C-1 convention will be held on November 4 – 5, 2016
in Vegreville, Alberta

District C-2 convention will be held on October 21 – 22, 2016
in Calgary Alberta

Multiple District Convention will be somewhere in District C-2
on a date TBD

The above dates are for your information for forward planning further
information can be found on the MD C website www.mdclions.org as it
becomes available.

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