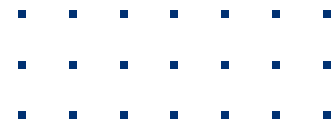


CCC Council Members



1 Alain Franck Intwali Rubayita

Alain Intwali is a Rwandese-Canadian Mixing Engineer, vocal producer, Artist, Performer, Building Bridges Podcast host, Event Manager, Stage Manager, Founder and CEO of the Pentrale Entertainment Inc. and former BOMYEG Entertainment Manager. He is the co-founder of The Commudio, which was an initiative that brought the arts community together in hopes to create a vibrant community. The Commudio also ran programs that mentored young upcoming artists.

Outside the entertainment industry, Alain Intwali is a passionate advocate for social justice. Since 2019, he has contributed in initiatives like Commitment to Action, Know Your Rights and many more that were started by the Edmonton Police Service hoping to address the bad history between communities of colour and the Police. Alain is also a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces.



2 Arpit Sandhu

I am Arpit Singh Sandhu, I'm currently in my second year of pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at MacEwan University, along with serving on the Chief's Community Council. I bring my commitment to community service to my role as a Community Assistant for Ward pihêsiwin at the City of Edmonton. My work is driven by a deep passion for contributing to the growth and improvement of our city. I am eager to continue my professional journey, leveraging my education and experience to make a meaningful impact in Edmonton's public sector!



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Hassan Ahmed

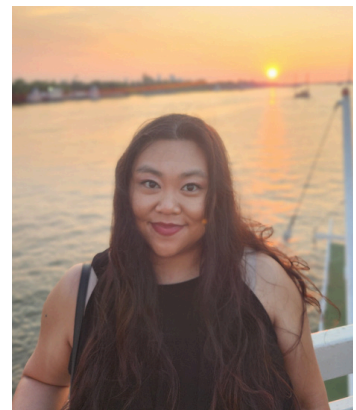
Hassan is a third-year law student at the University of Alberta and comes from a public policy and political science background. With a particular interest in the intersections of administrative and criminal law, he hopes to use his time with the CCC to better understand some of the challenges around policing faced by marginalized communities, contribute to the incremental regulatory administrative changes necessary to make the EPS more efficient and responsive to a wide array of community needs, and to help build a more inclusive and welcoming Edmonton. Outside of law, you can find him hiking the mountains, puzzling over obscure poetry, or running out of breath on the (often indoors) soccer field.



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Karlin Su

Hello! My name is Karlin Su and I am a Registered Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner student. I have experience working with the inner city and vulnerable populations. I am a first generation Chinese immigrant and I am passionate about advocating for fellow Edmontonians. I strongly believe that my work experience, education, and previous volunteer work can be an asset for the CCC. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you!



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Dr. Kashmir Gill

Born in India, raised in the UK, and a proud Albertan for more than forty years, Kashmir feels blessed to serve as a volunteer and community-builder. He has brought his extensive public and private sector professional business experience in innovation to support and strengthen many local and international non-profit organizations, and the communities they serve.



After “retiring” his full-time Regional Director role with the National Research of Council’s Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP), Kashmir has continued his passion for service by volunteering as a trusted mentor, advisor, and coach to organizations and entrepreneurs around the world.

Kashmir is excited to join the EPS Chief’s Community Council (CCC) because he believes in the purpose of this body. He is motivated to engage with other members to focus on the pressing social, health and justice issues identified through EPS Community Engagement Activities to make meaningful contributions to the work of the committee.

6**Kulshan Gill**

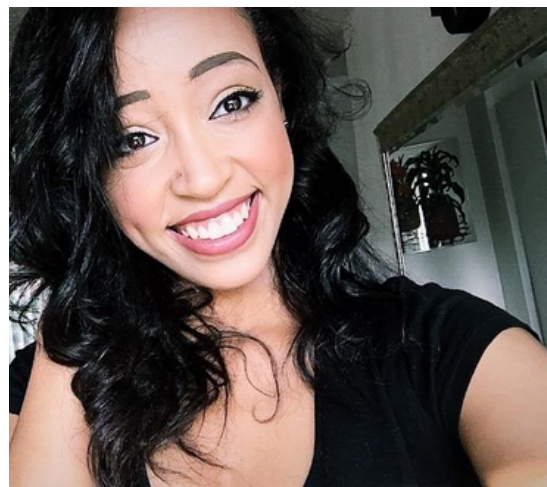
Kulshan Gill is an International Medical Graduate with training in Family Medicine from India. In addition, she holds a Bachelor in Naturopathic Medicine from Toronto and is certified in Mind-Body medicine from Harvard Medical School. She currently serves as Director, Executive Operations in the Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism with Government of Alberta.

Previously she served with Government of Alberta as Chief of Staff to Minister of Community and Social services and then to Associate Minister of Immigration & Multiculturalism. More recently she was Project Manager for the South Asian Mental Health Network with Canadian Mental Health Association Edmonton Region.

Kulshan is an avid volunteer in the community and well versed within the diverse ethno-cultural communities in Edmonton. Her experience in community outreach, media communications and developing stakeholder relations brings value to her role.

**7****Megan Asefaw**

Hello! My name is Megan. But some people call me Msgana. Which means to give continual thanks to God in Tigrinya. I am an elementary school teacher and published author in the area of mental health. In my spare time, I love to volunteer and give back. Some of the initiatives I support include, the Alberta Teachers Association, Africa Centre, Eritrean Community Association of Edmonton, Kickstand, and many more. My hobbies include bike riding, dancing, cooking and spending time with my family. I love life and desire to influence positive change. I am both honoured and excited to be a part of CCC to fulfil its mandate."



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Mikey Lanteigne

Mike Lanteigne is an engaging, results-driven community leader, construction materials expert, businessman, and educational advocate. Mike has a long track record of building strong communities through inspired personal connection, shared vision, and progressive achievement through working in collaborative teams. A disciplined civic leader and martial artist, he is well known in Edmonton's corporate, educational, and non-profit communities. Skilled in Public Speaking, Business Development, Corporate Leadership, and Community Growth, he is one of Edmonton's most authentic ambassadors actively promoting our remarkable, vibrant city."

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Pearl Masa

Pearl thrives in relationship building and community engagement. Although her formal training and majority of her career have been in Accounting and Business Administration, her passion of helping others has led her to shift her career focus in community service. Pearl's roles as an Edmonton Newcomer Zonal Outreach (ENZO) Coordinator and Financial Empowerment Coordinator show her ability to engage the community and build relationship with internal and external stakeholders. In very short time periods, she was able to expand these programs to address the service gaps in the community, such as gaps in tax filing for those who are incarcerated or hospitalized, and financial literacy for immigrant women.



She has also been able to build bridges among service providers in the community to enable collaboration to efficiently utilize the organizations' resources to maximize the impact and value that their programs bring to immigrant communities. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and a Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis, both from the University of Saskatchewan. Pearl is an immigrant from the Philippines and is an active member of the Filipino community here in Edmonton. Her lived experience of being a part of a marginalized group and being exposed to the barriers that vulnerable groups face fuel her passion to advocate for social change and social justice.

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Randa Alhijawi

Randa Alhijawi has been living in Edmonton since April 2007 and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a minor in Political Science. Randa is a Privacy Senior Advisor at the Government of Alberta and the Director of Operations at Alhijawi Driver Education. She has been an active member of the community for more than 14 years as a human rights activist who is deeply passionate about creating leadership opportunities for women by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Randa assists immigrant women with access to community resources by coordinating with community agencies and advocacy groups.

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Samuel S. Afolayan

Sam Afolayan is a retired professional municipal planner who has worked in many jurisdictions of Alberta and the Northwest Territories for over 25 years. He has successfully piloted and managed several community engagements amongst minority groups and have worked to address the needs of minorities and the larger population in Alberta. He currently serves as a member of the City of Edmonton's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. It is my intention to bring the same passion and devotion to the Chief's Community Council.

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Dr. Sogand Zakerhaghighi

Sogand Zakerhaghighi is an Iranian-Canadian mental-health professional, intersectional content-creator and trauma-informed influencer. She holds a Masters Degree in Counselling (MC), and, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology (BA) with special training in Health and Wellness Lifestyle Coaching and Cyber-Counselling. Sogand has recently completed her Religious Doctorate Degrees in Pastoral Counselling (PhD) and Religious Studies (ThD) and has frequented as a Mental-Wellness Columnist for mainstream Canadian news agencies such as CBC Edmonton and CTV News. As the founder and director of SZ Wellness INC.©, Sogand uses her professional expertise and extensive academic background to conduct Wellness Sessions and facilitate workshops centred on psychosocial healing and growth. Further than this, with over a million followers across social media platforms, Sogand provides unorthodox psycho-educational content to local, national and international audiences.



13 Stacey Leavitt

Stacey Leavitt-Wright is the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton since January 2021. She received her Master of Arts in Applied Social Science from Concordia University in Montreal. She has been an active community volunteer, having served in leadership positions and boards across the Jewish community. Stacey and her family have made Edmonton home since 2007.



14 Sunpreet (Sunny) Singh Johal

Sunpreet (Sunny) Singh Johal, a passionate advocate for social justice, fights hate crimes and promotes anti-racism. Holding a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from MacEwan University, Sunny Johal demonstrates exceptional leadership in spearheading efforts for equity, diversity, and inclusion. Sunny's research as a Research Assistant at MacEwan University focuses on hate crimes and their impact on communities. Recognized as a Champions of Diversity and Equity volunteer, Sunny received the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Leaders Award for his outstanding efforts at MacEwan University. Further adding to his accolades, Sunny is the proud recipient of the Human Rights Champion Award from the esteemed John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights.



His commendable efforts in advancing human rights and fostering peace within the local community and province have garnered well-deserved recognition. With a strong dedication to social equality, Sunny Johal continues to make meaningful contributions against hate and discrimination.

15

Yehia Assaf

Born in The Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, I came to Edmonton in 1996. Had the privilege to continue my high school and post secondary education in Edmonton. From a young age, I had a passion for volunteering and participating in roles that would have meaningful impacts on my small and broader community. below are some of the roles I'm actively honored to participate in:

I'm an active member of the Lala Heritage Foundation board; a board that caters to the larger Lebanese community in Edmonton

and surrounding areas through events and functions, maintaining traditions, customs and a strong bond between families of all ages groups.

Active member of the EIA's SDC. Edmonton Islamic academy's Strategic Development Committee. In this role, I play a pivotal role in shaping the organization's long-term goals and growth. I participate in strategic planning sessions, contribute ideas and insights, conduct analyzes to identify opportunities and risks, and help devise plans that align with the organization's mission and vision.

Active director of EIRC (Edmonton Islamic Resource center). I play a crucial role in overseeing the organization's direction, governance, and impact of the organization. I participate in planning fostering relationships involving settlements of new families and providing resources.

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Zaki Hirabe

Zaki attended the University of Alberta, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently working towards a master's degree in psychology counseling. Zaki has undertaken philanthropic endeavors with a desire to advance human wellbeing. While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Zaki is an avid volunteer both in the community and on the hardwood basketball courts at the Pro Basketball Skills Academy, which is a youth sports program committed to enhancing athletic ability while simultaneously aiding academic success. Previously, Zaki worked at the Centre for Resilience Social Development (The RAJO Project), a Somali Youth Empowerment project that integrates high-risk youth into schools, meaningful recreation, cultural activities, and employment programs, while promoting a healthy environment both at home and school.

Currently, Zaki works at Edmonton Public School (EPSB) at M.E LaZerte as a student success liaison. As a student success liaison, Zaki builds strong relationships with students by helping them become more resilient and develop healthy ways to deal with challenges. Working together with teachers, Zaki supports students in becoming more involved in learning, gaining life skills, and improving their ability to set goals. Zaki is an advocate, mentor, and youth supporter, encouraging social inclusion and reducing unhealthy behavior.

