



Taskforce Members

Fred Rayner, Co-chair
Lindsay Kelly, Co-chair
Hassan Ali, Somali-Canadian Cultural Association
Kathy Barnhart, City of Edmonton
Allan Bolstad, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
Mike Bradshaw, Community Solution to Gang Violence
Sandra Bromley, Artist
Harry Buddle, retired
Judy Buddle, retired
Mark Cherrington, Youth Criminal Defence Office
Linda Cochrane, City of Edmonton
George Dawson, Colliers International
Marisa Etmanski, Norlien Foundation
Kathy Grieve, Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board
Jon Hall, Edmonton Real Estate Board
Ron Kuban, Pegasus Emergency Management Consortium
Gerald Lamoureux, Government of Alberta
Chris Leung/Chris Simonson, Catholic Social Services
Lloyd Lewis, CTV Edmonton
Dan MacLennan, Bantrel Constructors
Nancy McCalder, The Support Network
Mike Percy, University of Alberta
Amarjeet Sohi, City Councillor
Dave Ward, Wicahitowin
Bart West, retired

Biographies

Fred Rayner (co-chair), president of Rayner Consulting Services, had a 26-year career with the Edmonton Police Service, most recently as chief. He received the Order of Merit of the Police Forces from the Governor General of Canada in 2003. Rayner currently advises private companies and government agencies, and guest lectures at the Swiss-based International Institute for Management Development. He is a University of Alberta graduate in the liberal arts and computing science.

Lindsay Kelly (co-chair), retired from 30 years of private-sector and public-service experience, chairs the Capital Region Mental Health Foundation and co-chairs the Habitat for Humanity Women Build Board. She sits on the Global Edmonton Women of Vision board. Past volunteer work includes the ihuman Society board, 4H, and past chair of the Victoria School Foundation for the Arts.

Hassan Ali biography not available

Kathy Barnhart coordinates city services in Edmonton neighbourhoods and communities as a branch manager with the City of Edmonton. She has a master's degree in education administration, and undergraduate degrees in early childhood education and math. Barnhart brings 36 years of public service experience in Quebec and Alberta.

Allan Bolstad is executive director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. He was elected as city councillor in 1992-2004, and previously wrote and edited at the Edmonton Sun and Edmonton Examiner. Bolstad holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta, and has lectured at Grant MacEwan College's journalism program.

Mike Bradshaw biography not available

Sandra Bromley is a multidisciplinary artist whose works have been exhibited in Europe and North America. A fine arts graduate of the University of Alberta, Bromley received the 2000 City of Edmonton Salute to Excellence Arts Award and 2002-3 Canadian Consortium for Human Security Fellowship.

Harry Buddle biography not available

Judy Buddle biography not available

Mark Cherrington is a social justice advocate, having worked with over 10,000 at-risk youth through the Youth Criminal Defence Office. He has created initiatives aimed at engaging at-risk youth in pro-social activities, including the Youth Restorative Action Project, which works in youth court with young people who have caused harm as a result of hate crimes and significant social issues. Cherrington also created Youth Menace, a radio show involving young people with criminal justice and/or child welfare involvement.

Linda Cochrane oversees the City's community services department, which develops and delivers neighbourhood, recreation, social, and cultural programs, as well as emergency medical and fire services. Before she started her 26-year career with the City, she worked at the Royal Life Saving Society, Canadian Red Cross, and the Alberta and Spruce Grove governments. Cochrane has master's degrees in arts and business administration from the University of Alberta.

George Dawson has been vice president of Colliers International and its Edmonton manager since 1988, specializing in investment properties sales. He holds an undergraduate commerce degree from St. Mary's University and a law degree from the University of Cardiff.

Marisa Etmanski is executive director of the Norlien Foundation, a private foundation involved in projects to enhance Canadians' quality of life, partnering with organizations in childhood development and addictions. Etmanski is a senior communications professional with public relations, government relations, and policy management experience. She brings 20 years' experience advising the Alberta government, including the premier and chiefs of staff.

Kathy Grieve sits on the Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board and is past chair of the Edmonton Police Commission. Her past board experience includes the University of Alberta Hospital Foundation, Alberta Business Family Institute, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, and YMCA. A former teacher, Grieve has a master's degree in education and brings experience in public policy, governance and business.

Jon Hall manages marketing and communications for the Edmonton Real Estate Board, a cooperative of real estate agents. Experienced in association management, Hall has worked with groups ranging from the Volunteer Centre of Edmonton to Hostelling International. He has volunteered for Scouts Canada and Alberta Hostelling Association.

Ron Kuban, president of Pegasus Emergency Management Consortium, specializing in disaster/crisis management. Kuban's past leadership roles include the Canadian Red Cross, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Edmonton Regional Crime Prevention Network, Alberta Association of Police Governance, and Mill Woods Presidents' Council. Kuban is a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee and Alberta Centenary medals, and the 2008 Canadian Award for Emergency Management.

Chris Leung has been chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services, Catholic Charities and Sign of Hope Society since 2002. Originally from Hong Kong, Leung trained as a social worker but studied social policy, public administration and management. Alternate: Chris Simonson.

Lloyd Lewis, vice-president and general manager of CTV Edmonton, oversees all aspects of the station's operation, including news, community relations and sales. Lewis has been in private television for over 26 years, and has won industry awards from Promax International and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters. He is an executive member of the Red Deer College Foundation board and a member-at-large on the United Way of Greater Edmonton's general campaign cabinet.

Dan MacLennan joined Bantrel Constructors after a 26-year career as a provincial correctional officer. He was president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees for nine years. MacLennan is a member of the Grant MacEwan Business School Advisory Council, and a director of the Alberta Congress Board. He was a member of the Alberta government's crystal meth taskforce in 2005-06.

Nancy McC Calder is executive director of The Support Network, which provides crisis intervention and referral services. She was previously an organizational effectiveness specialist with the Alberta government and NAIT, and is currently a board member of the Human Resources Management Association.

Mike Percy has been dean of the University of Alberta's business school since 1997. He is a graduate of the University of Victoria and Queen's University. A former member of the Alberta legislature, Percy serves on corporate boards and has published on public policy, international trade and economic development.

Amarjeet Sohi was elected as Edmonton's first city councillor of Indian origin in 2007. He sits on city council's executive committee, in addition to overseeing drug, community safety, and multiculturalism initiatives on behalf of city council. Sohi is a member of the Edmonton Police Commission. Prior to his election, Sohi was a community volunteer and worked at Edmonton Transit.

Dave Ward is the urban community coordinator for Wicihitowin, a governing body that brings together Edmonton's Aboriginal community and agencies that serve the community, and that is based on indigenous traditions of governance and decision-making. Ward was formerly involved with the Oteenow Employment and Training Society, and the Metis Nation of Alberta's Labour Market Development Unit.

Bart West retired in 2005 as government affairs director at Atco. Currently a volunteer for organizations ranging from the Citadel Theatre to Northern Nakota Well Servicing, West is a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta.

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