



City offers summer programs for more than 50 years

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The City of Edmonton has launched its free summer neighbourhood drop-in programs for 2016, including Green Shacks, Flying Eagle, Pop Up Play and YEGyouth.

"The City is proud to support our children and youth in connecting with others, learning new skills and setting them up for lifelong success," said Councillor Scott McKeen. "Community recreation programs are vital to helping individuals improve social, physical and emotional health and making Edmonton a great place to live."

On July 5, 2016, Councillor McKeen picked up a paint brush and added his artistic flair to painting the Green Shack wall with program participants at McDougall Park.

Neighbourhood Green Shacks have been a longstanding summer feature of parks in Edmonton. The first program started in Jasper Place in the the 1950s. With such a long-running program, there are generations of Edmontonians who have participated - playing games and learning new skills in an outdoor park setting.

The City's drop-in programs hosted in neighbourhoods across the City offer a variety of free experiences for children and youth ages 6 to 17 in a safe and caring environment. Programs are located at parks often only a short walk or bike ride away.

These free drop-in programs run weekdays until August 25, 2016. In summer 2015, all drop-in programs received 565,000 visits.

For more information:

edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms

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