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Message from: CC Christine Lank

A huge Thank You to the Grand Prairie Lions for hosting a Great! MD C Convention. The weekend was full and busy. We enjoyed the company of 1st Vice President Mark and Lion Lynn Lyon from Connecticut. VP Mark was very impressed with the tour of the Lions Learning Centre and Lions Park. He commented that the park was defiantly in the right place as there were children were out playing in the snow.

The Convention committee brought in inspirational local speakers and informational speakers to lead the breakout sessions .

The registered delegates passed the updated and revised Constitution and Bylaws. Past District Governor Lyle Gustafson was the successful candidate for Vice Council Chair position. VCC Elect Lyle has a steep learning curve ahead. As we currently don't have a Vice Council Chair to step into the Council Chair position, VCC Elect Lyle will be stepping up to Council Chair position immediately at the beginning of the new Lionistic year.

Have you got your tickets yet for the 2nd annual LCIF Gala? This promises to be as exciting as the first one. Contact Lion Jonathan Whaley to get tickets for June 20th at Spruce View. Check the newsletter for the poster.

Watch here for the posting for the Council Secretary and the Council Treasurer positions. We will be publishing the job descriptions and accepting resumes.
CC Christine

Important Message For All MD C Lions Clubs


Lions Clubs Use of AGLC Proceeds

Across our MD, Lions Clubs often engage in fundraising activities such as raffles, bingo's, and casinos. All this activity in Alberta is governed by AGLC, while clubs in British Columbia or Northwest Territories are governed by their local provincial or territorial regulations.



However, it seems that there continues to be a misunderstanding about the policies that govern the use of funds raised by casinos, bingo's or raffles.

LCI POLICY: *The official policy of LCI is that all funds raised from the public must be used to benefit the public.*


The logic of the LCI policy is clearly understandable - if the public hears that the funds raised by Lions are being spent to benefit the Lions, then our reputation as a charitable group suffers. Finally, the eighth purpose of our "Lions International Purposes" is binding on all Lions:





"To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors."





AGLC POLICY: The policy of AGLC is that a percentage of some funds raised by casinos (or other fundraising charitable projects) may be used to defray the costs of the fundraising effort (buying bingo cards, printing raffle tickets, etc.)





The AGLC policy is designed to cover the actual costs of staging the fundraising.




AGLC funds **may not** be used by Lions to pay dues, attend conferences or conventions (local or International). Our MD C Council has taken extensive efforts to review this with AGLC, and we confirm that member dues are not eligible for payment or subsidy from any AGLC funds.



Council is anxious that all Clubs be aware of and adhere to the policy of LCI, and the guidelines of AGLC. We would be very hampered in meeting service needs in our communities should we lose our status with AGLC.




Yours in service and friendship,





PIP Dr Patti Hill





Message from Nanaimo Lions Club to MD C Lions





Judge Brain Stevenson





Pam and I send our condolences to Brian's family, members of the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club, the Lions of Alberta, and the Lions of the World. His legacy is everywhere – The Lions Foundation of Canada as evidenced by the many recipients of the Brian Stevenson Fellowship winners, the Lions Foundation of Alberta,.....




I had the honour to serve on the MD37 Council of Governors for 4 years in the early 2000's and during our many meetings we could always rely on the Judge for his wisdom, insight, leadership, and humour.



The last time we saw Brian was at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston. He was on the stage to install Lion Patti Hill as our International President. In her acceptance speech, President Patti acknowledged that his leadership and mentorship played a major role in her success.



Ten years ago when my club, the Nanaimo Lions Club, was celebrating its 70th Charter, I approached Brian to be our guest speaker knowing full well that he did not always speak at 70th charter nights but he accepted without hesitation. Of course, he was his usual self - entertaining us with his wisdom and humour. As an expression of my personal appreciation, I presented Brian with one of my watercolour paintings - a painting of a cluster of abandoned small wood frame granaries in various stages of disrepair in a field near Camrose. Because of the image I titled the painting **Forgotten but Not Gone**. When I picked Brian up the next morning at the hotel, he was in the lobby and he had the painting under his arm. He was explaining to those in the lobby he really liked this painting which had been on the wall in his room but he couldn't fit it in his suitcase. **Well Brian you may be gone but you will never be forgotten.**





Lions Pam and Larrie Taylor
Nanaimo Lions Club



District C-1 DG Report



District C1 Governor's Report to MDC Council Meeting April 10, 2026



This being my final report to Council as District Governor, I would first like to acknowledge the many clubs within District C1 that are doing outstanding work in serving their communities and beyond. It has been both an honour and an uplifting experience to visit these clubs and witness firsthand the dedication and compassion that define Lionism at its best.



However, I must also share some serious concerns as we look toward the future. At present, approximately half of our clubs are more than 90 days in arrears with both LCI and District dues. As a result, these clubs will be ineligible to vote at our District Convention on April 11th, which is concerning from both a governance and engagement perspective.



Over the past several months, a significant portion of my time has been spent addressing these arrears. Unfortunately, this has often placed me in the position of acting as a bill collector, at times receiving considerable frustration from club members.



In discussions with clubs, it is clear that each situation is unique:



- Some clubs are experiencing difficulty collecting dues from members.
- In certain cases, members are on fixed or limited incomes.
- Others express the belief that they should not have to pay dues in order to volunteer.



While these challenges are understandable, my primary concern lies with clubs that are refusing to pay dues from their Administration Accounts and are instead attempting to use Public (Gaming) Funds.



This practice is strictly prohibited under Lions Clubs International Constitution and Policies, as well as the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) Policies Handbook (April 1, 2025).



Clubs found using Gaming Funds for dues or other ineligible expenses may be required, upon audit, to repay improperly used funds, lose their gaming licence, and potentially place all Alberta Lions Clubs at risk of losing the ability to conduct casinos, bingo's, and raffles. This is not simply a compliance issue—it is a matter of protecting the integrity and future sustainability of Lionism in our province.



Of additional concern is that some clubs appear to believe that these rules may change in the coming year. At this time, there is no indication that such changes are forthcoming, and it is critical that all clubs operate within current policies.





While I remain proud of the service and commitment demonstrated by many of our clubs, we must address these financial and governance challenges with urgency and clarity.



It is my hope that through continued communication, education, and leadership, we can bring all clubs into compliance and ensure a strong and sustainable future for District C1.



Respectfully submitted, Lion Ted Mikkelsen, District Governor C1



District C-2 DG Report



DISTRICT C-2 GOVERNOR REPORT to Multiple District C Council Meeting April 10, 2026



Club Visits & Engagement



Since the last Council meeting, I have experienced some of the most gratifying and enjoyable moments of my term as District Governor. Visiting clubs across the district, engaging with



fellow Lions, and learning about their communities, projects, and dedication to service has been both inspiring and energizing.



Mental Health & Addictions Initiative



We now have over 200 Lions trained in the administration of Naloxone, with a significant number of kits distributed across our communities. Alberta Health Services continues to supply all required kits.



Lions have shown remarkable openness, sharing personal stories and demonstrating pride in being part of the solution to this critical issue.



Membership Growth



I have had the privilege of inducting many new Lions. Their enthusiasm and innovative ideas reflect strong growth and a vibrant future for District C-2.



Special Events

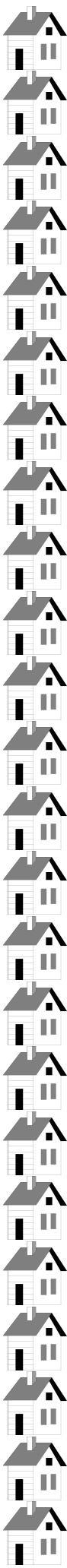


A tri-club meeting with Morrin, Carbon, and Drumheller honored PDG Les Storch, with a cheque presented in his memory to Lion Jessie Irion. The evening concluded with the induction of four new members.



I also attended a Health and Wellness Fair hosted by Mosaic Primary Care and the Calgary Filipino Lions Club. The strong turnout and leadership of both Lions and Leos — particularly a Leo emcee ___ highlighted the strength of our future leaders.





Administration

Lion Otto Silzer has assumed the role of District Treasurer, bringing welcome stability following the difficult loss of PDG Darry Rawleigh. The transition has alleviated significant administrative challenges.

Looking Ahead

This Lionistic year has passed quickly, and I remain committed to ensuring District C-2 Finishes strong in service, growth, and leadership.

CARE Theme & Closing

Guided by CARE—Compassion, Action, Respect, and Engagement—we are reminded that caring starts at home.

Aligned with International President A.P. Singh’s message, “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead,” we continue advancing Mission 1.5.

Together, we can and will make a difference.

District C-1 1VDG

DG(E) (C-1) Report to the Multiple District Council C April 10, 2026

The District Governor Training has been successfully completed and has helped prepare me for the role ahead.

I have started visiting clubs and attending meetings. I remain active in my home club by attending meetings regularly. I am also supporting the Edmonton Malayali Club along with Guiding Lion Barb Riley. In addition, I am working on engaging community organizations to support eyeglass recycling.

Work is in progress to finalize the C1 District Cabinet and the Global Action Team (GAT). I have met with next year’s DG Team, participated in discussions with Zone Chairs and the VDG-Elect, and held an initial Zoom meeting with District C1 GAT members. I will be meeting individually with GAT members in the coming weeks and have started collecting their goals, with some already received.

District goals are currently being developed based on these discussions and inputs.

My focus moving forward will be on membership growth and retention, leadership development, service impact, and strengthening collaboration.

Thank you for your continued support.

In Service, Thomas Varghese, DG-E C1

District C-2 1VDG

First Vice District Governor Report

Danielle Hamelin

District C2



April 6, 2026

Special Events & Meetings

On March 8th, I tuned in virtually to the “She Leads” symposium. This session was a global Lions symposium held in celebration of International Women’s Day. The event focused on empowering women in Lionism, elevating their voices, and strengthening inclusive leadership across the organization. Participants from around the world joined to explore themes such as leadership visibility, global storytelling, allyship, and strategies for growth and innovation. It served as an inspiring platform for female Lions and Leos to connect, learn, and champion women’s leadership in service. A global call to unite – a message which I hope will be repeated again and again.

On March 21st, I attended the Judge Brian Stevenson Gala, a beautiful evening dedicated to honouring Justice Brian’s remarkable legacy of humanitarian service. The event served as both a fundraising and recognition celebration, supporting Lions of Canada Foundation for Dog Guides - while presenting Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships to deserving Lions members. It was a heartfelt gathering that brought Lions together in the spirit of fellowship, gratitude, and shared commitment to continuing the impactful work that Justice Brian championed throughout his life. Fun activities included a both silent and live auction accompanied with a most delicious roast beef dinner.

On March 30th, I attended the Cross Canada Report Day meeting with PID Alan Hunt, GAT CA2/Canada, and PIP Dr. Patti Hill, where we focused on three key areas essential to strengthening our future leadership & district. Together, we discussed strategies for training incoming officers, opportunities for new club development, and identified areas where additional assistance would be most impactful. It was a productive, encouraging, and forward-looking discussion that will help guide our collective efforts in the months ahead.

On March 31st, I joined a Zoom session focused on what to expect when attending the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong. PIP Dr. Patti Hill and PID Deb Dawson brought great energy to the meeting as they shared valuable insights, practical tips, and their enthusiasm for the upcoming event. Their guidance helped paint a clear picture of the convention experience and what attendees can look forward to. Unfortunately, it was announced that the favoured Parade of Nations, will not be held due to local challenges in Hong Kong.

Vice Council Chair Vacancy


Recent efforts to backfill the Vice Council Chair vacancy have been extensive, and at times, quite convoluted. Despite the considerable time and discussion invested, the process ultimately concluded without action to appoint someone to the role. However, this experience has brought several important insights to the forefront—most notably, the need for clearer, more precise language within our policies to guide future decisions. With these lessons in hand, the position will now be filled via election at the upcoming MDC Convention in Grande Prairie, ensuring a transparent and well-defined path forward.

C2 Fall Convention Planning

The Convention Planning Committee held its second planning meeting on March 25th, continuing to work through the many details involved in organizing a successful convention, including theme, sessions, and entertainment. The team reviewed and discussed the results of the recent survey, noting that attendee feedback plays an important role in shaping the program and ensuring it reflects the interests and needs of convention attendees. International Director, Liz Crooke from Salinas California will be our most distinguished guest.

DG Visits



I have had the recent opportunity to visit the Bowness, Calgary Southridge, and Airdrie Lions Clubs, and I was grateful for the warm hospitality and openness to meaningful conversations at each stop. While every club brings its own strengths and spirit to the table, they also share similar challenges, particularly around low membership and sustaining effective service projects. Club morale was consistently bright and encouraging, with members showing real optimism and camaraderie. We are fortunate to have such dedicated, long serving Lions serving across our communities.



On the horizon I have visits planned for Carseland, Hussar, Calgary Eastport, Calgary Heart, Calgary Filipino, Vulcan, Calgary Hongkongers, and Calgary Chinatown Lions Clubs during the months of April and May.





Club Communications Regarding Outstanding Dues



I have contacted the 9 clubs that were assigned to me regarding outstanding dues. I have emailed each club their latest statement indicating the amount due, as well as payment instructions for Canadian clubs and also the Pre Authorized Debit Agreement form should the clubs wish to make those arrangements. Upon checking, one club had already cleared up their account; another had a small amount owing which was likely due to a discrepancy with the exchange. I was *not* assigned to contact the Bears paw Lions Club, home of VCC candidate, Kevin Gibbons.





Anti Bullying/Harassment Ad Hoc Committee





The Anti-Bullying Ad Hoc Committee held its inaugural meeting on March 24th via Zoom, bringing together a group of Lions committed to fostering safer, more respectful environments across our district. The team engaged in a thoughtful and energetic initial discussion, laying the groundwork to write a policy around Anti Bullying for the district. I am encouraged by the insight and dedication already shown, and I look forward to seeing the recommendations that this committee will bring forward.



2026-2027 District Governor Team & Planning





Building a cohesive DG team is well underway, even if our busy schedules have made it challenging to meet this month. Despite that, we've stayed in close contact and continue to collaborate behind the scenes to shape the District's goals for 2026–2027 and the years that follow. The commitment and shared vision within this group are already setting a strong foundation for the work ahead.



The VDGs have undertaken the significant task of compiling the district directory, with the goal of delivering it to our members in a timely manner. I have full confidence that their dedication and attention to detail will result in a directory that reflects their very best work.





Monthly District Communications





I have begun regular monthly communications to district members through our C2 newsletter. These updates are intentionally designed to promote a positive outlook, reinforce strong and collaborative leadership, and encourage Lions to consider and pursue leadership opportunities within the district. Early feedback has been highly positive, with members expressing appreciation for the clarity, tone, and motivational focus of the messages. The aim of this ongoing communication strategy is contributing to stronger engagement and a more unified and collaborative district culture.



Shaping Our Future Together Training Series




The “Shaping Our Future Together” training series is an initiative developed with GLT Michelle Harris to strengthen leadership capacity across Lions of District C2. The series provides structured learning opportunities focused on Club Officer training (President, Secretary, and Treasurer), Membership Chair, New Member Orientation, as well as Zone Chair training and a new session on LCIF. Each session is designed to enhance members' understanding of key processes, build confidence in assuming leadership roles, and to promote consistent, informed engagement at all levels of the organization. By fostering shared knowledge and encouraging active participation, the series contributes to a more cohesive leadership culture and supports the long-term stability and growth of the district.



In response to recent district-wide survey results indicating a strong preference for *virtual learning*, the Shaping Our Future Together training series will be offered multiple times via Zoom to ensure broad accessibility and convenience for members across the district. In addition to the online sessions, an in-person training opportunity will be provided specifically for Zone Chairs to support deeper engagement and role-specific development. This blended approach reflects the district's commitment to meeting members where they are, accommodating diverse learning needs, and ensuring that all leaders have the tools and support necessary to succeed.



Final Comments



It is clear that the pace has been brisk, with many commitments underway and several important initiatives taking shape. With the journey to Grande Prairie for the MDC Convention fast approaching, followed immediately by Justice Brian Stevenson's memorial, another full and meaningful weekend lies ahead. Even as the attention has been pulled across a wide range of priorities, the steady current

of unity and collaboration has remained unmistakable. This shared commitment to working together—despite the demands of a busy season—continues to strengthen our momentum and set the stage for meaningful progress in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Hamelin
VDG C-2

MD C Committee Reports

MD C Website and Newsletter Report
April 10, 2026 Council Meeting
PCC Dennis Stevenson, Website/Editor

MDC Website

The website is up to date. An ARCHIVE page has been added where all Newsletters from the 2021-2022 , 2022-2023 , 2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 periods can be accessed.

I am part of a pilot group developing e-clubhouse 2.0 on LCI website. I was given the MD C website to do my work on during the pilot. On the home page of mdclions.org you will find a link to my pilot version, please take a moment view it and feel free to send me your comments at pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

Gratitude is extended to those who have identified areas for improvement and advised of corrections, changes, and additions that could be implemented.

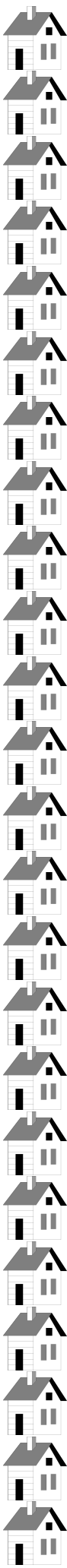
Club members in your Districts are encouraged to utilize the mdclions.org website.

MD C Newsletter

There will be an Issue of the MD C Newsletter coming out following the Council meeting on April 10 , 2026 if anyone knows of anything that could go in the Newsletter please forward it to the editor by April 15, 2026 at pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

Once the Newsletter is published it will be available on the MD C Website at www.mdclions.org

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes,
Report to Council Meeting April 10, 2026
PCC Dennis Stevenson, Chairperson



The MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes committee, in collaboration with Diabetes Canada, is encouraging all clubs to support Diabetes with donations to Awareness, Research or Diabetic Camp Jean Nelson, we thank you for any donations you will

make. Also Thanks to all those who have already donated to this worth while cause.

Remember by donating to MD C Lions Cavalcade you are supporting the Lions Clubs International global cause of Diabetes awareness.

We are sorry to report that the annual MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes will not be held this year, further details about this will be forthcoming.

Thank you

MD C GET Report To Council

Apr. 10 2026

My report is pretty disappointing, after talking to Lynne and Murray and hearing nothing positive.

Talked a little bit about approaching the Chamber of Commerce as opposed to municipal offices to discuss community service needs.

Also talked a little bit about the possibility of Club Branches in both C1 and C2.

G. Barry

MD C Diabetes Chair Report to Council

April 10, 2026

I spent a lot of the last month trying to raise enthusiasm about the MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness.

Collaborating with 1st Vice Lion Danielle Richir-Hamelin, we had an enthusiastic plan.

We booked a hall with a campground for dry camping at Sunnyslope, organized a club to do catering and then I went on a mission to visit clubs in the general area, on their meeting nights to see what actual interest there was. There are about 10 clubs in the area that could have done a day trip for the presentation and beef dinner..

It was booked for June 5-7, with a speaker and Diabetes Canada were yet to be contacted.

So how did the club visits go? Abysmal, a total surprise.

Absolutely zero, not one person showed interest at one club...I'm afraid to say it was my club.... Shocked I phoned some clubs with the same response and visited another club and had an offer of 1 person who may show up.

I asked for questions and one of the questions was "Why would a non diabetic want to go to one of these events?"





I asked more questions myself and found out two things, the first was most club members are in their mid 70s to mid 80s and camping is not high on the list of this



age group and the second was the price of gas at the pumps is going up at this time.



I had a call with Lion Dennis Stevenson and explained my lack for finding enthusiasm.



We discussed it for a while and decided that we have to find some other method. The Cavalcade in the past had roaring success in C2 at Taber and other locations, but last year there were very few C2 attendees, and it hasn't been held in C2 for a number of years. Lion Dennis did mention that it appears that most clubs would like to send a cheque for the Cavalcade, rather than attend,



So this is where we are for this year.



It was a huge disappointment for me to reach this conclusion, but when you have a room full of Lions looking at you after you have asked them to raise a hand if they are interested.....and it is my club, who are usually gung ho for everything,.....that is when you realize it would be a tough go for success....and so the story went. I believe we will accomplish our goal and possibly more if we ask for donations from clubs.



Alan Balson

Diabetes



**LCIF – Report to the
Multiple District C Council of Governors
April 10, 2026**



The Board wishes to inform Council of a significant regulatory development affecting the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.



Following a review of the 2025–2026 regulations, the Canada Revenue Agency has determined that the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF no longer meets the requirements for charitable status in Canada.



Key factors contributing to this decision include:

- A portion of disbursed funds not being spent within Canada
- Insufficient grant disbursement activity, largely due to limited applications from Canadian Lions
- Certain grant recipients, including some LCI districts, being deemed unqualified donees



As a result, members are encouraged to direct donations appropriately. GiOs made by cheque should be clearly designated to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and mailed to: P.O. Box 2425, Station “A”, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 2K6



Fundraising Update



LCIF continues to demonstrate strong global support:

- Cash Donations Raised: \$43,752,395 (73% of the US\$60M goal)



- Total Fundraising: \$47,869,166 (60% of the US\$80M stretch goal)
- Legacy and Partner Commitments: \$11,707,983

Multiple District C Update

- Total Donations to Date: \$61,652
- Total at Same Time Last Year: \$78,235
- Current Position: Slightly ahead on a comparable basis, but continued, consistent effort is required

Breakdown of donation in MDC

- Individual Donations: \$17,361
- Club Donations: \$44,290

Conclusion

While regulatory changes present challenges within Canada, support for LCIF remains strong. Continued emphasis on awareness, consistent giving, and proper donation direction will be essential to maintaining and growing our contribution levels.

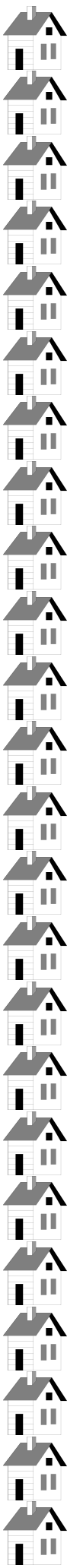
MDC Lions Quest Report to Council April 10th, 2026

The Lions Quest **Youth Justice Webinar** took place on March 12th. It featured an inspiring conversation with Jerome Thompson, Attorney and Past International Director, recognized for his leadership in juvenile rehabilitation through Lions Quest. The webinar was recorded and is available to be viewed on the lionsquest.ca website on the HOME page under “Live/On Demand Webinars”. It points out how Social Emotional Learning supports rehabilitation and resilience, and how Lions can lead in meaningful community impact.

Lions Quest executive director Joanne McQuiggan and Lion Lucy Johnson will be attending the “Mental Health Summit” at the Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity from April 16 to 18th, 2026. In addition to displaying materials for Lions Quest they will be participating in a discussion panel on Social & Emotional Learning. Funding for their participation has been provided through LCIF grants.

There is a Social & Emotional Learning Workshop for Communiques scheduled over 2 separate 2-hour sessions. The sessions are on June 10th and June 17th from 1 pm to 3 pm MT. There is pre-work to be done so register early. Hope to see you there.

Lion Bill S., Multiple District C Lions Quest Chair



Lions Of Alberta Foundation

Report to MDC Council Meeting April 10, 2026



The Lions of Alberta Foundation continues to hold monthly meetings with the Board members to ensure transparency and accountability of the programs of the Foundation.

The Secretary position on the board has been filled by appointment at the February 1, 2026 meeting due to a vacancy left by a resignation.

The Board has completed both a SWOT and TOWS analysis. Next steps will be developing key strategies with short and long term goals. Programs of the Foundation are being reviewed as are the responsibilities of the program coordinators.

Development of policies, procedure and program guides continues.

The Lions Legacy Scholarship program has began providing scholarships to students for the 2026 post-secondary school year. This program granted roughly \$20,000 in the 2025 school year. Donations to STARS and the Diabetes programs were completed for this year. Project Maple Leaf is well underway with a new order of flags to be arriving shortly.

The Multiple District C Council of Governors took all financials and property from the Foundation after the AGM in the fall of 2025. They hired a third-party accountant to review the books. In early March 2026, the current Board of Directors of the Foundation finally received a compilation engagement (not reviewed) Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2025 which was outstanding from the October 2025 AGM. In addition, various annuals filings were due/overdue but couldn't be completed due to lack of financials in the Foundations possession.

The Foundations Charitable Status was on the verge of being revoked with reports from June 30, 2025 overdue. The Foundations annual report to CRA was filed by the third-party accountant, however we have yet to receive a status update from CRA. In addition, the Foundations Alberta Societies annual reports for the prior two years have now been completed by the Board.

Having recently received the revenue and disbursement files from 2024-2025, the treasurer is recreating the accounts. Some information from July 1, 2025 is still unaccounted for, but we continue to move forward with the details that have been provided to the treasurer.


The Foundation continues to have a lawyer on retainer who will be available to deal with any irregularities and lack of fiduciary duty that may have occurred.

The Lions of Alberta Foundation Board of Directors continues to work at safeguarding the finances of the Foundation, its programs, and its mission to unite Alberta Lions Clubs to better serve their communities.

Respectfully submitted by, PDG Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn, Chairperson, Lions of Alberta Foundation April 2, 2026



MD C Long Range Planning Report to Council April 10, 2026



I regret to report that there has been no response from the DGs in SKS & SKN regarding amalgamation.




Lion Lynne Coulter, PCC



MD C GMT Report to Council April 10, 2026




1. Convention Update



Due to scheduled bilateral eyelid surgery, I will be unable to attend the upcoming convention.



However:


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- GAT display materials focused on Membership Growth will be provided
 - Appreciation to Lion Betty Ann and Lion Anne Kennedy for assisting with setup and oversight of the display table




This ensures continued visibility of GMT priorities at the convention level.




2. New Club Development



Discussions continue regarding a potential new club in District C1. Timeline likely extends into the next calendar year.




At this stage:

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- New Club Development Grant may not be utilized within the current window
 - Monitoring and support remain ongoing



3. Executive Membership Snapshot (As of March 25, 2026)



Before outlining further activities and initiatives, it is important to highlight our current membership position across Multiple District C:



Net Member Gain: Target 66 | Current 21



New Members: Target 419 | Current 21



New Clubs: Target 3 | Current 1




Club Reporting Service: Current 52%




Executive Insight:





Current results indicate we are tracking well below target across all key membership

 indicators. In addition, reporting compliance at 52% limits our ability to accurately assess and respond to club- level needs.


 This reinforces the need to accelerate efforts in Membership Growth, Retention, and Service (GRS) across both Districts.

4. Strategic Overview






 Over the past four months, the primary focus has been to initiate and build momentum around Membership Growth, Retention, and Service (GRS) across Multiple District C.

 Efforts have centered on promoting “Just Ask!” workshops and Membership Growth sessions at both the Club and Zone levels. While outreach has been consistent, engagement levels remain below expectations, indicating a need to reassess our delivery approach and value proposition to clubs.


Strategic Adjustments Under Consideration

 To break through the noise and create traction, the following initiatives are being explored:


A. Virtual Engagement Model

-  • Development of **Zoom-based Membership Growth sessions**
-  • Option for:
 -  ◦ Individual District sessions (C1 / C2)
 -  ◦ Combined MDC session to maximize attendance
-  • Early-stage agenda development underway


Objective:

 Increase accessibility, especially for rural and remote clubs, while reducing travel barriers.

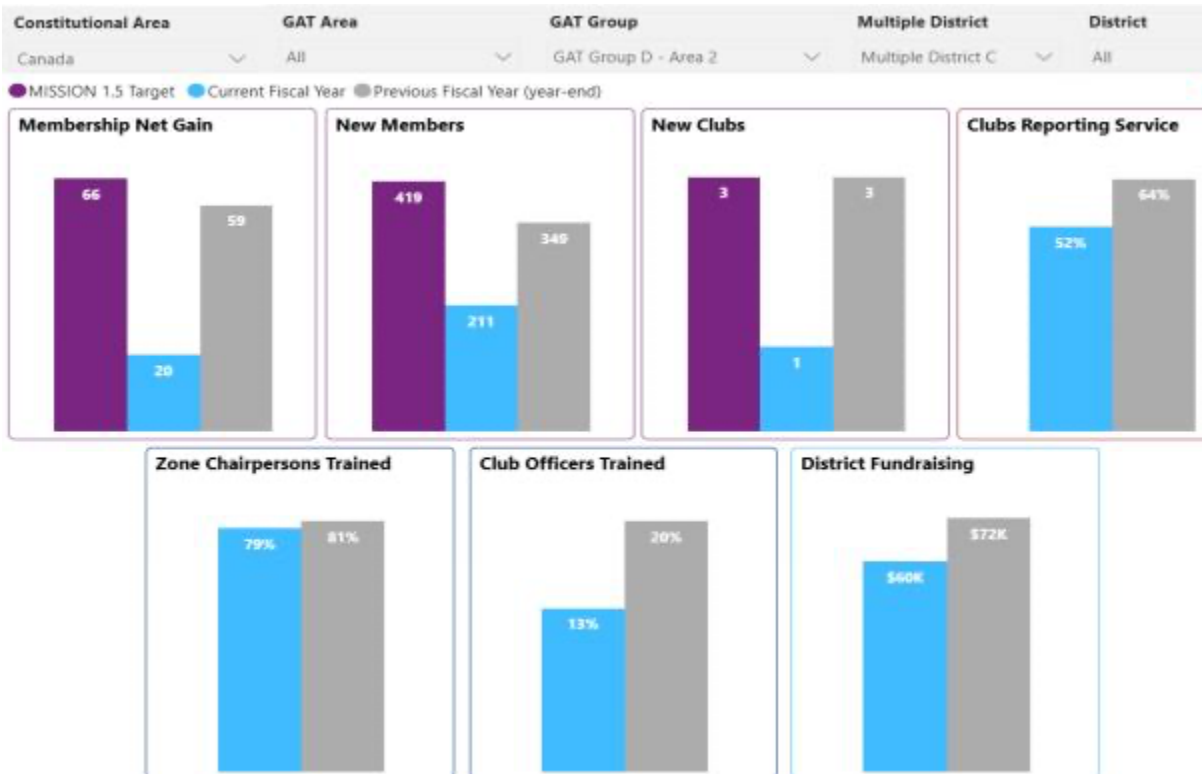
 Any suggestions or insights would be very welcome.

 **Mission 1.5 Report to MD C Council April 10, 2026**

Mission 1.5 Update for CAII – MDC

 I have provided some data below as to where the MD and Districts are at for goals. I was hoping that there would be more activity for new clubs. If the Net membership for the District could be at “Net 2 for CA2” that would be a great achievement. Even if it was Net 1, that would s@ll be a great achievement. Whenever the Council has a chance to determine what it would to hear from the GAT Area Leader, let me know and I will adjust my report accordingly.

Below is an Insight snapshot as of today March 30th regarding MDC results for 2025-2026. The colors signify Mission 1.5 (purple) Actual (light blue), and Last Years' final results (grey). All the reports below are available on the Portal



New Clubs: On record there is only one new club and no applications have been submitted for another new club even though comments have been made that activity has been occurring.

Membership: New, Drops and Net: as of March 30th MD C is at net 20 with District C -2 at 32 and C-1 at -12. (Diagram is on next page)

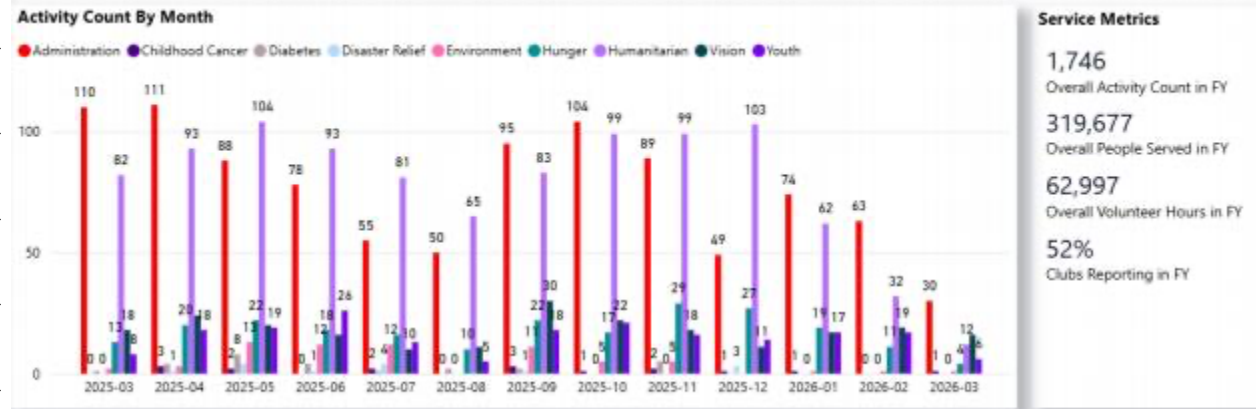


Current Club Outstanding Balance: As of March 30th, 1 club is listed under Financial Suspension, C-1 has 36 clubs listed with balances over \$25 USD which includes one

canceled club and 5 clubs who paid the 1 January dues but have incurred charges after 1 January. District C-2 has 41 clubs with balances over \$25 which includes 2 canceled clubs and 17 clubs who have paid the initial January 1 dues but have incurred charges since 1 Jan. The MD outstanding total that is over \$25 USD is \$23,207 for 1,391 members.

These numbers are always changing as clubs pay their outstanding charges. At the end of April, the outstanding balances will be moving over 120 days and that is when Financial Suspension will occur.

Service Statistics – Goal is to have 73% of clubs reporting, C-1 at 40% and C-2 at 63%



Constitutional Area	Club-ID	Club Status	Clubs Reporting in FY	Overall Activity Count in FY	Overall Activity Count in Previous FY	Overall People Served in FY	Overall People Served in Previous FY	Overall Volunteer Hours in FY
Canada			52%	1,746	2,732	319,677	653,194	62,997
Multiple District C			52%	1,746	2,732	319,677	653,194	62,997
MD Level Activities			0%	0	3	0	1,000	0
District C 1			40%	770	1,307	124,021	289,544	18,992
District C 2			63%	976	1,422	195,656	358,650	44,005
Total			52%	1,746	2,732	319,677	653,194	62,997

LCIF Donations – Goal is \$98,283 USD. MD C is at \$61,652.34 USD



Learn: Goal for Zone Chairs is 17 and current is 19. Goal for Club Officers is 162 Actual is 66



If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Gail Haight, PDG
 CAI Global Action Team Area Leader – Group D

In the coming year let us all remember -
When we have food, remember the hungry;
When we have health, remember the sick;
When we have friends, remember the friendless;
When we have homes, remember the homeless;
When we have freedom, remember those who have none.

Brighten our eyes with greater understanding;
Enrich our hearts with compassion and courage;
Let us do our part to change the world for the better
- for everyone.

- Brian Stevenson

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Justice Brian Stevenson
December 12, 1939 - February 16, 2026

We are saddened to inform you that Justice Brian Stevenson, 86, of Calgary, Alberta, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2026 after a brief illness.

Born in Wakefield, Quebec in 1939, he was the beloved son of the late Harold and Jean Stevenson. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers, Graham and David; and his devoted wife of over 30 years, Patricia, whose love and partnership were central to his life.

Brian was a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and is survived by his daughter, Melanie (Trevor); his stepdaughters, Tina (Corry), Kim (Derek), and Brandi (Chris); as well as his treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of love, kindness, and community.

Brian was a man of extraordinary service who devoted his life to making the world a better place. His commitment to humanitarian work through Lions Clubs International spanned decades, and included his service as International President in 1987. His leadership touched communities around the globe and reflected his deep belief in compassion, fellowship, and service above self.

In his local community, Brian served with distinction as a Provincial Court Judge for over 50 years. From the bench, he was known for his fairness, integrity, and unwavering dedication to justice. He understood the profound responsibility of the role and carried it with humility and respect for all who came before him.

Brian's life was defined not only by the positions he held, but by the countless lives he uplifted. His passing leaves a deep void, but his example endures in the institutions he strengthened, the community he served, and the family he loved so dearly.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Drumheller Health Centre whose compassionate care and unwavering dedication supported Brian through his final days. Their kindness, empathy, and respect for his dignity brought comfort to our family during an immensely difficult time.

Brian will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In Loving Memory

Justice Brian C. Stevenson

Celebration of Life

Red and White Club
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

Processional "Going Home"
Led by the Lions Honour Guard

Emcee Justice Sean Dunnigan

Speakers

Mayor Farkas

Dr. Patti Hill, *Past International President of Lions Clubs*

Justice Sean Dunnigan

Jade Aris, *granddaughter*

Shai Reef, *grandson*

Tina Tchir, Kim Clozza, and

Brandi Carlson, *step-daughters*

Melanie Reef, *daughter*

Recessional "My Way"

Led by the Lions Honour Guard

Following the service, the family wishes to invite you to join them for a time of fellowship in the Red and White Club.

For those of you who may not have been able to get to Calgary for Justice Brian Stevenson's celebration of Life here is a link to it on utube for you to view at your convenience

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Zkyb2BGIYoQ?si=5GROBLErQ93uGO4E>

MULTIPLE DISTRICT C LCIF GALA REGISTRATION



JUNE 20, 2026
Spruceview Community Hall
Spruceview, AB



1. Name (First, Last)

2. Name (First, Last)

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Registration # ____ x \$50.00/person = \$ _____

Total = \$

Registration cut-off date: June 13, 2026

Method of payment:

Credit Card

Cheque – make payable to: Sylvan Lake Lions Club

E-Transfer: Payee: SLLTreasurer54@gmail.com

Email: jwhaley@shaw.ca

Note: FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ATTENDEE.

Note: receipts will be sent by email ONLY. No receipts will be available at registration.

Credit Card #:

EXP Date:

CVC:

Send Completed registration form with payment to: Sylvan Lake Lions Club, 5119 - 50A Ave, Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1E1
or email to: jwhaley@shaw.ca