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Lions Pledge – New Version

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions' Code of Ethics and will embody these principles by serving my community and supporting our Global Foundation.

I am proud to be a Lion dedicated to the service of others.

District Governor C-1 Year-End Report

DISTRICT GOVERNOR C1 YEAR-END REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING June 20, 2026

Submitted by:

Lion Ted Mikkelsen

District Governor,

District C1 2025-2026

Lion Christine Lank Council Chair,

As we conclude the 2025-2026 Lions year, I am pleased to report that District C1 has made meaningful progress in several important areas, despite experiencing a net decline in membership. While membership numbers alone do not tell the entire story, the events of this year have positioned the District on a stronger foundation for future growth and sustainability.

One of the most significant initiatives undertaken this year was the enforcement of Lions Clubs International policies regarding the use of public funds. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, approximately 62% of District C1 clubs paid their District dues using cheques drawn on casino accounts or other public funds. Clubs were advised with the July 2025 invoices that, effective immediately, District C1 would no longer accept membership dues paid from public funds.

This decision was made for several reasons.

First, the use of public funds for membership dues is contrary to Lions Clubs International policy and does not align with the spirit of our Code of Ethics, which requires that public funds be used for public benefit.

Second, our understanding of Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) regulations is that membership dues are not an approved use of gaming proceeds. While interpretations may vary, there is a risk that clubs found to be using gaming funds for this purpose could be required to repay those funds and potentially face consequences affecting their gaming eligibility.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, the practice had unintentionally masked deeper issues within some clubs. District C1 currently has approximately 30 clubs with fewer than 12 members, including several with fewer than five members. While every club has its own unique circumstances and some are experiencing renewed growth, many have become increasingly dependent on casino revenues while conducting limited fundraising and service activities outside of those gaming events.

During my club visits, I observed that some clubs no longer hold regular meetings, collect little or no member dues, and have difficulty engaging new members and future leaders. In many cases, long-serving officers continue to carry the responsibilities of the club with little succession planning. While these dedicated Lions deserve our appreciation, the lack of leadership renewal can make it difficult for newer members to become fully engaged.

For this reason, I encouraged clubs to focus not only on fundraising but also on meaningful service projects and fellowship activities. Service creates visibility, fellowship creates retention, and both help attract new members. To support clubs in this effort, I prepared and distributed a resource outlining practical fundraising and service activities that can generate administrative revenue while strengthening club spirit and member engagement. A copy is attached to this report.

Membership remains our greatest challenge. At the time of writing, District C1 stands at a net loss of 49 members. However, a closer examination of the numbers reveals that much of this decline reflects long-overdue membership record corrections rather than the loss of active participating Lions.

Nine clubs accounted for the majority of these losses, removing a total of 64 members from their rosters. In one case, a club reduced its membership by over 33%. Conversations with club officers revealed that many of these members had been deceased, inactive, or no longer participating for an extended period. When dues were effectively subsidized through public funds, there was little incentive to maintain accurate membership records. Once clubs began funding dues through their own administrative accounts, many chose to reconcile their membership lists.

While this adjustment negatively impacted our short-term membership statistics, it provides a more accurate picture of the health of our clubs and allows us to focus future growth efforts on active and engaged members.

Despite these challenges, District C1 also experienced several positive developments during the year.

We successfully chartered the Edmonton Malayali Lions Club, our first new Lions Club in several years, demonstrating that opportunities for growth continue to exist when energetic leaders are willing to engage new communities.

We also celebrated the inauguration of the Edmonton Aurora School Leo Club, currently the only Leo Club in our District. This initiative represents an important investment in the future of Lions leadership and youth service.

Many clubs throughout the District continue to perform outstanding service in their communities. Lions are providing scholarships, supporting food banks, assisting seniors, funding playgrounds, promoting vision and diabetes awareness, supporting youth leadership programs, and responding to numerous local community needs. These activities continue to demonstrate the relevance and value of Lions service across District C1.

Although we did not achieve our membership targets this year, I believe the District has taken important steps toward long-term sustainability. Accurate membership records, compliance with Lions policies, stronger administrative practices, renewed emphasis on service, and the development of new clubs and Leo programs all contribute to a healthier future.

The work of rebuilding and strengthening clubs is never completed in a single year. However, I believe District C1 has begun the process of addressing some long-standing structural challenges while maintaining our commitment to service.

I wish to thank the Council Chair, Council Officers, District Officers, Zone Chairs, Club Officers, and all Lions throughout District C1 for their dedication, support, and service during the past year. Together we have laid important groundwork for the future, and I remain optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead for our District.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Ted Mikkelsen

District Governor

District C1

Lions Clubs International

District Governor C-2 Year End Report

District Governor's Report to Council

District C-2

Submitted by District Governor Leslie Cunningham

Since my last report, it has continued to be a very active, meaningful, and rewarding time serving as District Governor of District C-2. I had the privilege of attending the MDC Convention and Council Meeting in Grande Prairie, where we shared fellowship, learning, leadership, and service with Lions from across our Multiple District.

Club Visits and Engagement

I have continued my club visits throughout the District, and each visit has reminded me of the strength, dedication, and heart of our Lions. During these visits, I have had the honour of presenting chevrons, recognizing years of service, and distributing Naloxone kits as part of our continued focus on mental health and addictions awareness.

I was also pleased to present the final two Peace Poster prizes. It is always inspiring to see the creativity and thoughtful messages from young people as they express their hopes for peace.

I also had the pleasure of attending the charter celebrations of Calgary Connect, Calgary Filipino, and Calgary Chinatown Lions Clubs. Each of these events had more than 250 attendees, showing the tremendous support, energy, fellowship, and growth within our District. These celebrations were wonderful examples of Lionism, culture, community pride, and service.

Mental Health and Addictions

My commitment to mental health and addictions awareness continues to be an important focus of my year. I have continued training Lions in the use of Naloxone kits and have distributed many kits across our District.

This initiative has opened important conversations, helped reduce stigma, and given Lions a practical way to respond in a crisis. Every kit placed in the hands of a trained Lion represents the possibility of saving a life. I am very grateful for the willingness of our members to learn, to care, and to serve in this important area.

Membership Growth

Membership growth continues to be one of the most encouraging parts of this year. I have had the great privilege of inducting many new Lions into service.

One especially memorable occasion was at the Calgary Connect Lions Club, where I inducted 15 new members. At that same event, we also welcomed two new Leo Clubs— one Alpha Leo Club and one Omega Leo Club. Seeing both new Lions and new Leos step forward to serve gives me great hope for the future of our District. Another very special and meaningful induction was the induction of Justice Brian Stevenson's grandson into his club, Calgary North Eye Opener Lions Club. This was a touching reminder of the legacy of Lionism and how service can continue through generations.

Cabinet Meeting and Awards Dinner

Our Cabinet Meeting and Awards Dinner on June 20 is expected to be very well attended, and we are looking forward to gathering together in fellowship and celebration. It will be an opportunity to recognize the service, dedication, and achievements of Lions across District C-2.

District Alert Trailer

I am pleased to report that we have successfully brought our Alert Trailer back to the Calgary area. We are now beginning the work of equipping it and preparing it so that it will be ready to assist in times of disaster or emergency. This is an important step in strengthening our District's ability to respond when our communities need us most.

Policy Manual Update

As part of the review of our Policy Manual, one important suggestion was brought forward: that the positions of Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer should not be held by the same Lion who is also holding those same positions at the Council level at the same time. This recommendation supports good governance, clear accountability, and a healthy sharing of leadership responsibilities within our District and Multiple District.

Closing Reflection

As this Lions year moves forward, I continue to be grateful for the time I have shared with all of you — learning, training, leading, and serving together. It has been a privilege to visit clubs, recognize service, welcome new members, support meaningful initiatives, and witness the dedication of Lions throughout District C-2.

Thank you for your continued commitment to service, to leadership, and to each other. Together, we continue to strengthen our District and live the true spirit of Lionism.

Respectfully submitted,

District Governor Leslie Cunningham
District C-2

District C-1 1st VDG Year End Report

First Vice District Governor Report (District C1)

To June 20, 2026 Council Meeting

Over the past month, I have been preparing for the upcoming Lions year and supporting our clubs and District.

I attended the Mission 1.5 Summit in Toronto, where Lions leaders from across Canada shared ideas on membership growth, leadership development, and strengthening clubs. The summit provided valuable ideas that will help us in the coming year. I had the opportunity to work closely with incoming GET Coordinator PCC Lynne Coulter, incoming GMT Coordinator Lion Walter

Calahaisn, and DG-E Danielle Richir-Hamelin and her team from District C2. It was a great opportunity for leaders from Districts C1 and C2 to share ideas and plan for the future. We look forward to continuing to work closely with District C2 and the Multiple District team as we strengthen our clubs, grow membership, develop leaders, and expand service to our communities.

I have also visited and supported several clubs and their activities. These visits have allowed me to connect with members, learn about their projects, and discuss ways the District can support their efforts.

In preparation for the new Lions year, I have been working on putting together the 2026–2027 District Team, confirming appointments, gathering biographies and vision statements, and helping leaders prepare for their roles. I have also been working with the Media Team to improve communication and highlight the great work being done by our clubs.

As District Governor-Elect, my focus is on strengthening clubs, growing membership, developing future leaders, and expanding service to our communities.

My theme for the year is:

Lead with courage and vision.

Include with kindness and respect.

Serve with compassion and commitment.

I look forward to working with all Lions as we continue to serve our communities and make a positive difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Varghese

District Governor Elect – District C1

District C-2 1st VDG Year End Report

Danielle Hamelin

First Vice District Governor,
District C2

June 12, 2026

Serving as First Vice District Governor of District C-2 has been one of the greatest privileges of my Lions journey thus far — a year marked by learning, meaningful connection, and an unwavering commitment to the members who give their time in service across this district. This role called me to listen before I led, to prepare with intention, and to show up whenever possible for every club, zone, and leader who needed support. I am grateful to the dedicated volunteers and club officers of District C-2 whose passion for service makes everything we do possible.

Leadership Priorities

My focus throughout 2025-2026 was rooted in relationship-building, district unity, and purposeful preparation for the Governor year ahead.

- . Fostered unity across clubs and zones through consistent, open engagement
- . Built strong organizational foundations in preparation for the 2026–2027 District Governor year
- . Advanced a district culture grounded in inclusion, purpose, and heart
- . Played a key role in the Strathmore district convention planning and execution
- . Initiated an anti-bullying and anti-harassment policy development strategy for District C-2
- . Contributed to district communications and marketing initiatives throughout the year

Club Support & Visits

- . Conducted visits to clubs across the district to listen, to encourage, and to connect
- . Provided support to clubs navigating transition or growth
- . Championed the value of every club — regardless of size or location

Training & Development

- . Completed Lions International FVDG-level as well as regional training requirements in Red Deer, AB
- . Attended the inaugural MDC leadership retreat in Calgary, AB
- . Promoted a district-wide culture of continuous learning and leadership growth
- . Attended the Mission 1.5 Summit in Toronto, ON

LCIF Engagement

- . Promoted Lions Clubs International Foundation giving and awareness across clubs & the district

- . Promoted and will attend the Multiple District level LCIF gala
- . Encouraged clubs to connect local service projects to the LCIF global mission

Membership Growth

- . Actively supported membership recruitment and retention across the district
- . Performed numerous induction ceremonies
- . Encouraged clubs to strengthen onboarding practices for new members
- . Highlighted diverse membership and meaningful service as core district strengths

Unity & Collaboration

- . Built bridges across clubs, zones, and district leadership by strengthening relationships, improving communication, and created collaboration between the various groups
- . Modelled a collaborative, empathetic approach to leadership at every level
- . Carried the message that district strength is born from shared purpose, unity, and meaningful service

Closing Statement

It has been an honor to serve this district as your First Vice District Governor, and I carry the lessons of this year with me into the Governor role with immense gratitude. District C-2 is made extraordinary by the Lions within it — those who give freely, serve selflessly, and lead with heart. As we step into 2026–2027 together, I do so with energy, intention, and a sense of humility for the trust you have placed in me. I invite every Lion across this district to join me — united, purposeful, and ready — under the banner of Service Through Unity.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Hamelin

First Vice District Governor, Lions District C-2 | 2025–2026

District Governor | 2026–2027

District C-2 2nd VDG Year-End Report

Year-End Report for Second Vice District Governor, C2

To June 20, 2026 Council Meeting

The past year sure has flown by fast. The year has been very educational, filled with challenges and many rewards.

At the beginning of the year, a list of twenty-four clubs was identified as my responsibility to visit. When completed, 13,000 kms would be added to the odometer of my vehicle. Not all of them were visited in person. Eighteen were. The others were contacted via telephone.

I attended our district convention in Strathmore and district C1's convention in Red Deer, both in November, and attended the MD Convention in Grande Prairie in April.

Education – Completed six 1.5 hour 2VDG on-line courses via Zoom, including assignments and viewed several videos from LCI throughout the year.

- Attended the USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, N.J. This event offered numerous seminars covering topics that one can use every day, not just pertaining to Lions business.
- Completed the Guiding Lion Course in Red Deer.
- PIP Dr. Patti Hill led several of us in a retreat in Calgary that helped us navigate through a rough patch at the MD level.
- Participated in the Conversations Across Canada via Zoom and also GAT meetings via Zoom.
- Three planning sessions to help guide the DG team into the coming year conducted by DGE Danielle Hamelin were held.
- Coffee with PID Marvin Chambers, almost on a weekly basis. His insight and support kept me going.
- Looking forward to attending the International Convention in Hong Kong next month.

Challenges – To say this new adventure included a steep learning curve is an understatement. One which I thoroughly embraced.

- Membership growth is a common theme we hear from clubs.
- Retention – Membership is aging out in many clubs. As a result, we lost four clubs this past year and may lose more next year.
- Lacking meaningful service projects. Some clubs have turned into cheque-writing clubs.

Some have said I am too negative; therefore, I will omit the negative and focus on the positive. As Forest Gump would say, “That’s all I am going to say about that.”

Rewards – Many!!! The best thing about this position has been meeting with clubs and their members. “We SERVE IN SO MANY WAYS.”

- Two clubs provide electric scooters for the handicap
- One club turned its indoor arena into a pickleball court in the summer.
- The Canmore Club assembles solar-powered lights for countries without electricity.
- Many built and maintain parks and playgrounds, baseball diamonds, and community centres, and even fully serviced campgrounds.

- Support of Food Banks is common.
- The opportunity to install close to a dozen new members into the Lions family.

Of course, meeting fellow Lions is the biggest reward. I have to say thank you to my wingman and president of my club, Lion Richard Buck, for accompanying me on several club visitations. My partner in service and wife, Susan, travelled with me on several other occasions. All three of us have enjoyed these visits immensely.

Thank you to Council Chair, Lion Christine. You faced many challenges yourself and guided the Council of Governors through some turbulent times. Thank you for your wisdom and unwavering patience. You are a trouper.

Thank you to DGE Danielle Hamelin. We shared many phone calls and emails, supporting each other. I look forward to working with you and 2VDE Bill Stecewicz next year and the year after.

Lastly, thank you to my wife and partner in service, Susan, for your support. You are my guiding Lion and largest supporter. Thank you for joining me in this new adventure.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Gerald (Gerry) Gaede VDG-E, C2

MD C Global Action Team Reports

MDC GMT Co-Coordinator Year-End Report

Handoff and Mentoring Plan for the Incoming MDC GMT

Prepared for MDC GMT Transition and Weekend Reporting

Focus: Year-End Lessons, Member and Club Drops, and Support for the New MDC GMT

Prepared by Walter Calahaisn

District C1 GMT Coordinator / MDC GMT Co-Coordinator

Lions Year 2025-2026 / Planning for 2026-2027

We do not need to water down the message. We need to adjust the delivery method so clubs will use the resources already available.

Purpose of This Report

This report summarizes my work and observations as MDC GMT Co-Coordinator for Districts C1 and C2 during the 2025-2026 Lions year. It is also intended as a handoff report for the incoming MDC GMT, who is new to the role and will benefit from mentoring as the season moves along.

I will be leaving Council but will remain willing to mentor the incoming MDC GMT, share resources, explain what was learned this year, and help provide continuity where needed.

Central Theme for the Handoff

We do not need to water down the message. We need to adjust the delivery method so clubs will use the resources already available.

The LCI resources are strong. The challenge is getting clubs to use them. The new MDC GMT should not feel the need to reinvent everything. The better opportunity is to package existing LCI resources in a way that clubs and Zone Chairs will welcome.

Year-End Observations

The 2025-2026 Lions year was slower than hoped for membership growth and retention. Member drops and club drops remain serious concerns. This shows that MDC membership work must focus on both

recruitment and retention. Bringing in members is important, but keeping members engaged is just as important.

- Zone Just Ask! workshops and Membership Growth Events did not develop as strongly as hoped.
- Some clubs may have been reluctant to attend anything described as a long workshop.
- Aging membership, volunteer fatigue, and leadership succession continue to affect some clubs.
- Some clubs know membership growth is important but need help turning concern into action.
- Retention must be treated as a club health and leadership issue, not just a membership statistic.

Recommendation: Start by Asking Clubs What They Need

A GAT leadership suggestion that should be carried forward is to begin with a listening-first question instead of starting with a formal presentation.

Starting Line: A Listening-First Question for Clubs

A recommendation from GAT leadership was to try a different approach with clubs. Instead of starting with a presentation, start by asking what the club needs from the District.

What can the District do to help your club in the areas of service, leadership, membership, and extension?

This question lets the club begin the conversation. It also helps the GAT team identify whether the club needs help with service, leadership, membership, extension, retention, communication, or a combination of areas.

The first priority should be clubs under 20 members, with urgent attention to clubs under 12 members. These clubs may need support before their challenges become harder to reverse.

Shorter Learning Opportunities for MDC Use

Some GMTs may not be aware that clubs often resist long Just Ask! workshops or membership training sessions. That resistance should not be dismissed as a lack of interest. It may simply mean that clubs need shorter, more practical learning opportunities.

Shorter Learning Opportunities: LCI Resource Names and Practical Delivery Names

The LCI programs and resources are strong. The suggested change is not the message. The suggested change is the entry point, the length, and the language used when inviting clubs to participate.

LCI Name / Resource	Shorter Name to Use with Clubs	Suggested Format	Purpose
Just Ask!	Just Ask! Refresher or 10-Minute Invite Conversation	10-20 minutes at a club or Zone meeting	Help clubs identify prospects and become comfortable inviting people to serve.
Membership Growth Event	Membership Growth Event Starter Session	15-20 minute planning discussion	Help a club plan one simple information night, open house, or community invitation.
Global Membership Approach	Club Health and Growth Conversation	Short guided conversation	Ask what the club needs in membership, leadership, service, and extension.
Mission 1.5	Mission 1.5 Minute or Growth Reminder	5-10 minute update	Keep the urgency and purpose of growth in front of clubs without overwhelming them.
New Club Development / Extension	Extension Discovery Conversation	10-15 minute discussion	Identify communities, groups, or interests that may support a new club, branch club, or specialty club.
Retention and New Member Orientation	30-60-90 New Member Follow-Up	Three short check-ins	Reduce drops by making sure new members feel welcomed, useful, and connected.
Club Health Assessment	Healthy Club Snapshot	10-minute presentation with one-page handout	Help clubs see the connection between recruitment, retention, service, leadership, and fellowship.

Field Example: Healthy Club Presentation in Morinville

A useful field example occurred in May 2026 when Barb Riley, Zone 7 Chair, asked me to present "What Does a Healthy Club Look Like?" in Morinville at an evening Zone meeting. Approximately six clubs were represented.

The time available was only 10 minutes. I prepared a poster, a short script, and a concise handout. The session was completed within the time allowed, and there were many questions afterward.

The important lesson was that the shorter format held the attention of the room. The handout answered practical questions about recruitment, retention, and club health without creating the feeling of a long training session. This is an important example showing that shorter learning opportunities can work when the message is clear, practical, and connected to real club needs.

Mentoring Notes for the Incoming MDC GMT

The incoming MDC GMT should be encouraged to begin with relationship-building, not paperwork. The role will be easier if the first step is to listen to District GMTs, Zone Chairs, and clubs before launching major plans.

1. Review current membership numbers, including member drops, club drops, net growth or loss, clubs under 20, and clubs under 12.
2. Meet with District GMTs from C1 and C2 to identify priority clubs and realistic support needs.
3. Ask Zone Chairs where clubs are struggling with service, leadership, membership, and extension.
4. Promote shorter learning opportunities using LCI tools rather than long workshop-only formats.
5. Use Zoom meetings where possible to reduce travel and increase participation.
6. Share simple handouts and ready-to-use talking points with District GMTs and Zone Chairs.
7. Follow up regularly with District GMTs instead of waiting until the end of the year.

Suggested First 90 Days for the Incoming MDC GMT

Timeline	Recommended Action
First 30 days	Review membership results, dropped members, dropped clubs, clubs under 20, clubs under 12, and existing LCI resources.
Days 31-60	Meet with District GMTs and Zone Chairs to identify priority clubs and agree on short learning opportunities.
Days 61-90	Begin club contacts using the listening-first question and schedule short Zoom or Zone meeting sessions where possible.

Membership Results to Add

Final membership figures should be inserted when the latest numbers are available. The report should include:

- Opening membership number for the reporting period.
- New members added.
- Members dropped.
- Net gain or net loss.
- Clubs dropped or cancelled, if applicable.
- Clubs under 20 members and clubs under 12 members.
- Any clubs showing strong growth or improved retention that can be used as positive examples.

Closing Handoff Comment

The new MDC GMT does not need to start from zero. The path forward is to use the LCI resources already available, listen to clubs first, support District GMTs and Zone Chairs, and keep the message practical. I am willing to mentor and support the incoming MDC GMT as the year moves along so the transition is not a cold start.

MD C GET Report To June 20, 2026 Council Meeting

I have little to report; nothing has happened in C1 and C2 as far as the GET Program is concerned. However I would like to applaud the individuals that got a club started in Edmonton, and also congratulate the individuals for forming a Leo's club in Edmonton.

Glen Barry
MDC Co-ordinator

MDC GLT Report to Council of Governors June 20, 2026 meeting.

Since our last Council meeting, I have completed three Certified Guiding Lion training sessions with Lions from both districts participating.

A total of 15 Lions have successfully completed the program and received their Certified Guiding Lion certification. These Lions are now available to be assigned to clubs where they can provide guidance, support, and mentorship to help strengthen club operations, membership growth, and leadership development.

I worked closely with the C1 GLT Coordinator to help her become established on the Lions Learning Center and leadership development portals. In addition, I provided assistance with Zone Chairperson training and leadership resources to support their success in this important role.

I also had the opportunity to participate as a faculty member at the Summit 1.5 leadership event held in Toronto. Lions from across CA2 attended, along with several participants from CA1. The event provided an excellent opportunity for collaboration, learning, and sharing best practices among Lions leaders from across Canada.

During the Summit, the GMT and GET teams worked diligently to develop and refine their action plans for the 2026–2027 Lions year. It was encouraging to see the level of engagement, commitment, and innovative thinking that was brought forward as these teams prepared strategies to strengthen membership growth, club extension, and member engagement.

Leadership development remains a key component of our success as an organization. Through programs such as Certified Guiding Lion, Zone Chairperson training, and leadership summits, we continue to build a strong foundation of leaders who are prepared to guide our clubs and districts into the future.

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for their continued support of leadership development initiatives and for their commitment to strengthening Lions across our Multiple District.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Ann Robson
MDC Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Multiple District C Committee Reports

Multiple District C Centennial Committee Report To:
Multiple District C Council of Governors
From: Multiple District C Centennial Committee
Date: June 20 2027.

Centennial Committee Progress Report

The Multiple District C Centennial Committee is pleased to provide the Council of Governors with an update on the work completed to date as we begin preparations for the celebration of Lions Clubs International's Centennial in 2029.

Over the past several months, committee members have met to discuss opportunities to celebrate this important milestone while also increasing public awareness of Lions and the impact our clubs have throughout Alberta and the Northwest Territories. The committee has focused its efforts on developing tools that will help us better understand both public awareness and member engagement as we move forward with Centennial planning.

Lions Member Survey

The committee has developed a survey intended to be distributed to Lions members throughout Multiple District C. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from our members regarding:

- Centennial celebration ideas and priorities
- Awareness of current Lions projects and programs
- Opportunities for public engagement
- Preferred types of Centennial activities and events
- Suggestions for increasing the visibility of Lions throughout our communities

The committee respectfully requests Council approval to distribute this survey to all Lions within Multiple District C. We would also appreciate guidance from Council regarding the preferred date and method for distribution.

The feedback received will help shape our Centennial planning and ensure that activities reflect the interests and aspirations of Lions across Multiple District C.

Public Awareness Survey

The committee is also preparing a second survey that will be directed toward the general public throughout Alberta. This survey will focus on:

- Public awareness of Lions Clubs and Lions projects
- Recognition of Lions service activities within local communities
- Community interests and priorities
- Potential opportunities for public participation in Centennial activities
- Understanding how Lions can better communicate their impact and service

The information gathered will provide valuable insight into how Lions are perceived by the public and will assist the committee in developing meaningful Centennial projects and celebrations that engage both Lions and non-Lions.

Next Steps

Following Council feedback and approval, the committee plans to:

1. Distribute the Lions member survey throughout Multiple District C.
2. Analyze survey results and identify common themes.
3. Finalize and launch the public awareness survey.
4. Develop recommendations and potential Centennial initiatives based on survey findings.
5. Present future progress reports and recommendations to Council as planning continues toward 2029.

The Centennial Committee appreciates the support and guidance of the Council of Governors and looks forward to working together to ensure that Multiple District C's Centennial celebrations are meaningful, impactful, and reflective of our proud history of service.

Respectfully submitted, **Brent Johnson**, Past Council Chair,
Multiple District C, Member, Multiple District C Centennial Committee

**AB/NWT LFCDG Director Report to
MD C Council, June 20, 2026**

As of June 14 we are still in financial limbo. Although we are close to having enough funds to resume construction, close isn't enough. We have to have all funding in place before construction can resume. Although our CEO is in constant contact with a potential international philanthropic lender, until the money is in our bank, we wait.

LFCDG is growing, and that makes governing more complex. The full Board met from June 10 to 13 and spent long hours looking at how to make our Board and general operations more efficient. More information will be forthcoming once the details are finalized.

Meanwhile, we still have a training facility to operate, albeit at a reduced capacity right now, and contingency plans are in place to make sure that our dogs and clients are still being managed professionally. We trust that Lions will continue to financially support our general operations as we have in the past.

The bottom line is that although the completion of our new state-of-the-art training facility remains in limbo, the future of LFCDG and the work we do to support Canadians in need of canine support is not in jeopardy. As such, we trust that Lions will continue to financially support our general operations as we have over the past 40 years.

Daryl Reinke
AB/NT Director

Multiple District C LCIF Coordinator Report
June 2026 Council of Governors Meeting
Submitted by Lion Brent Johnson, MDC LCIF Coordinator

Council Chair and Members of Council,

As we approach the end of the 2025-2026 Lions year, I would like to provide a brief update on Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) activities within Multiple District C.

While our Lions and Clubs have continued to support LCIF throughout the year, it appears that we may fall short of achieving our annual fundraising goals. Several factors have contributed to this situation, including the unexpected passing of Past District Governor Lion Leslie Storch, whose dedication and leadership were greatly valued throughout our Multiple District. The loss of Lion Leslie impacted several ongoing initiatives and reminded us that our Lions family is about much more than fundraising alone.

We did have some highlights, and the main one was at the Multiple District C convention in Grand Prairie, we held a virtual duck race that raised \$1700 and had over 50 Lions making donations to LCIF.

With the upcoming gala to be held June 20 in Spruceview, we are going to add to the totals both in individual donations and total donations to the foundation.

I am also very pleased by the number of grants and grant applications received from the Lions of Multiple District C.

Despite the challenges, I am encouraged by the continued commitment of our Lions to support LCIF and the many humanitarian programs it funds around the world.

I pleased to report that planning for the coming Lions year is well underway. The following District LCIF Coordinators have been identified and approved:

- **District C-1:** Lion Selwyne Kanengoni
- **District C-2:** Lion Sherrisa Celis

In addition, approval has been received from LCIF for **Lion Anne Kennedy** to serve as the **Multiple District C LCIF Coordinator** beginning in the 2026-2027 Lions year. This appointment is for a **three-year term**, providing continuity and leadership for LCIF initiatives throughout Multiple District C.

I would like to thank the Council of Governors, District Coordinators, Club Coordinators, and all Lions who have supported LCIF during the past year. Their dedication continues to make a meaningful difference in communities locally and around the world.

Training for the District Coordinators will take place August 21 through 23 either in Montreal or Toronto, and I am looking forward to great things from this LCIF team next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Brent Johnson

Multiple District C LCIF Coordinator
LCIF Constitutional Area II Co-Leader.

MD C LRP Report to C-1 Council, June 20, 2026

There has been no response from either SK DG on the two occasions I approached them regarding a proposed merger of SK Lions Districts and MD C.

During the recent Mission 1.5 Summit in Toronto, I discussed the concept with two prominent Lions from SK. They were split on their response.

I suggest that further action be suspended while we attempt to sell the idea.

Lion Lynne Coulter, PCC, MD C LRP

MD C Centennial Steering Committee Report to MD C Council on June 20, 2026

The MD-C Centennial steering committee continues to meet via Zoom. We are pleased to report that the survey to be released to Leos and Lions is ready. Timing will be critical to obtaining the responses and input desired.

The committee has also begun to develop a parallel survey for distribution among non-Lions for community input.

We are pleased to report that the steering committee Chairperson role, beginning on July 1, will be assumed by Kevin Gibbons. We will also be welcoming a representative to the committee from the Lions Club of Calgary and the Edmonton Host Lions Club in order to help coordinate their 2029 Centennial activities with our MD-C Centennial activities.

We thank you for this opportunity to make a difference in our multiple district. Yours in service,

PID Marvin Chambers,
PID Bill Webber,
PCC Brent Johnson,
PDG Kevin Gibbons,
PIP Patti Hill

MD C Diabetes Chairperson Report To MD C Council on June 20, 2026

Here is my Diabetes report for Council.

This year, I advocated with the Minister of Health and with my local MLA to try to get CGMs covered for Type 2 diabetics.

There have been improvements, but T2 diabetics are not covered unless insulin is prescribed.

I paid for a CGM for 2 months, and the continuous readings really made me understand how important it is to watch the amount of carbs and sugar that are consumed at one time.

I also managed to prove that eating food in a certain order can help.

Fats, veggies, and protein should be eaten first to reduce the glycemic load.

Exercise I have always harped about it.

A brisk 10 min walk after a meal can help.

Finally, I have found that a lot of T2 diabetics do not really understand A1c, and they get that number confused with the normal blood sugar testing number.

Now I know most diabetics understand what A1c is, but here is a one-page handout to explain it, attached.

Regards, Alan Balson, Diabetes Chair.

1 UNDERSTANDING A1C AND YOUR DAILY BLOOD GLUCOSE

Lions Clubs International - District C2 Diabetes Awareness

What is A1C?

A1C (HbA1c) is a blood test that shows your average blood sugar level over the past 2–3 months. It measures how much sugar has stuck to hemoglobin in your red blood cells.

What are daily blood glucose readings?

These are the numbers you check with your meter or CGM at different times (fasting, before/after meals, bedtime). They are snapshots that help with daily decisions on food, activity, and medication.

How do they compare?

Your A1C converts to an Estimated Average Glucose (eAG) in the same units as your daily readings. This helps see if your day-to-day numbers match your longer-term control.

A1C (%)	Estimated Average Glucose (eAG) mmol/L
6.0	7.0
6.5	7.8
7.0	8.6
7.5	9.4
8.0	10.2
8.5	10.9
9.0	11.8

Key Takeaways

- If your daily average readings are close to the eAG for your target A1C, your control is good.
- A1C shows the big picture over months; daily readings help with immediate adjustments.
- Common target: A1C <7.0% (~8.6 mmol/L average), but talk to your doctor for your personal goal, especially at age 70.

Tip for Better Control

Eat vegetables and protein first, stay active, take meds as prescribed, and manage stress. Track patterns and review them with your healthcare team.

Prepared by Alan E.W. Balson, Diabetes Chairperson, District C2 Lions International

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes, Report to Council Meeting June 20, 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 by making 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 worthwhile cause.

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

Thank you

**MD C Information and Technology Chairperson
Report to June 20, 2026 Council Meeting**

**MD C Website and Newsletter Report
PCC Dennis Stevenson, Website/Editor**

MDC Website

The website is up to date, with the exception of the new Secretary, Treasurer and VCC.

As some may be aware, I was involved in a pilot program with LCI with regards to an e-Clubhouse 2.0 tool on LCI website. The pilot is done, and I received an email that indicated that LCI will be implementing the new e-Clubhouse 2.0 tool in August 2026.

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 a Final Issue of the MD C Newsletter coming out following the Council meeting on June 20, 2026. If anyone knows of anything that could go in the Newsletter, please forward it to the editor by June 20, 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 Special Olympics Opening Eyes Coordinator Report
To June 20, 2026 Council Meeting**



Special Olympics Canada
Summer Games
Medicine Hat 2026
Jeux d'été d'Olympiques
spéciaux Canada



Special Olympics Lion Clubs Foundation Opening Eyes

MD C Special Olympics Opening Eyes Coordinator Report

- I'm working with Marvin Chambers, Gerald Gaede, and Bob Booth to spread the information and get volunteers.
 - Information has been sent by Bob Booth to the Clubs in his Zone.
 - I've reached out to the For MacLeod Lions and the Lethbridge Clubs, Redcliff, Stirling, and Vauxhall Clubs.
 - Attended the Medicine Hat LC Board Meeting on Monday to provide further information. They may also be volunteering for Golf, which is being held Wednesday through Friday mornings.
 - Provided more information to Bob to take to the Community View Club for their meeting Wednesday.
 - Victoria at Special Olympics asked if we would go to local optometrists/ophthalmologists/opticians/optical dispensers, as she is having difficulty obtaining volunteers. I've included this request in all my information to the Clubs, Marvin, and Bob.
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- I spoke with Dr. Stephanie Dotchin and Michelle Lowey (Manager) at the Rockyview Eye Clinic about clinical volunteers and forwarded the information through the Calgary Health Foundation contact. Dr. Dotchin has had some interest, and I asked her to have them contact Victoria directly.
 - I have reached out to Marvin and Gerald to see if any close SK Clubs would be interested. Gerald has been in contact with the Richmond Club, and I have been in contact with the Club.
 - I've submitted an article to the District Newsletters editor for inclusion in the next one.
 - I will be setting up some Zoom meetings for June 22, 25, 29 and July 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 (various mornings, afternoons, and evenings) for any Lion to join. I will send the information out through the District Secretaries and MD C. The Zoom Meeting Link has been received, and all meetings have been scheduled. Each meeting is scheduled for one hour.

- Working on information for a special MD C Newsletter as suggested by CC Christine.
- Developed Talking Points sheets for clinicians and Lions.
- Bob Booth has signed up for 2 shifts, and I have signed up for all shifts.
- Any questions, please contact me at <mailto:lionannek@gmail.com> or 403.998.5082

Mission 1.5 Update for CAII – MDC

This will be my last report to MDC as on July 1st, there will be a new GAT Area Leader assigned to your Multiple District. The new leader is DG September Stokes who currently is a District Governor in MD19. I wish MDC all the best in the future and I know that September will provide great support to your MulCple District in 2025-2026.

Below is an Insight snapshot as of today, June 17th regarding MDC results for 2025-2026. The colours signify Mission 1.5 (purple) Actual (light blue), and Last Years' final results (grey). All the reports below are available on the Portal. There is still 13 days left in June, so the numbers for Net membership could change quite a bit as clubs clean up their records prior to June 30th.

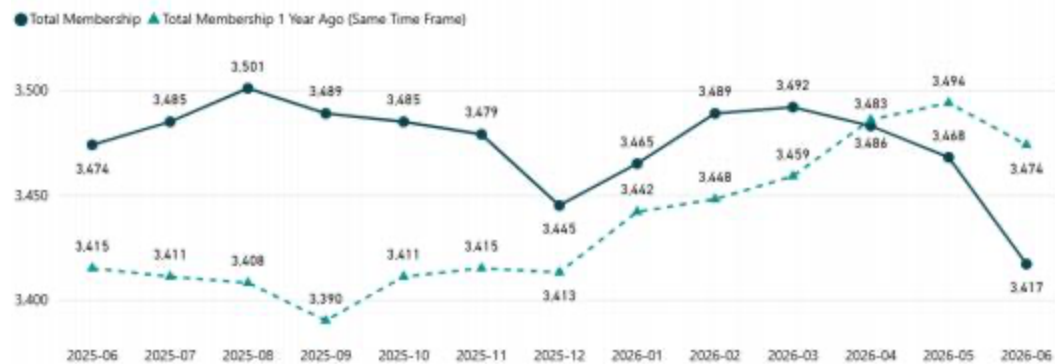


New Clubs: On record, there is only one new club in District C-1 and no applications have been submitted for another new club. Goal was for 3 new clubs.

Current Club Outstanding Balance: As of June 17th, 2 clubs are listed under Status Quo in C-1. I have been advised that one club is folding while the other club is making to pay its balance. Records as of today do not show payment, but it could be processed within the next week.

Membership: New, Drops and Net: as of June 17th MD C is at net -57 with District C-2 at -3 and C-1 at --54. (Diagram is on next page). Goals was for 66 new members. Changes to Net membership will still be happening as clubs drop members prior to June 30th.

Total Membership by Month



Membership Metrics

3,417
Total Membership

393
Drop Members in FY

336
Members Added in FY

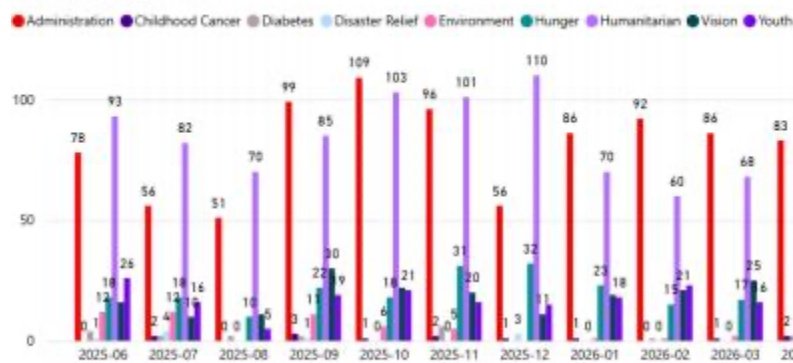
-57
Net Growth in FY

-1.67%
Net Growth in FY%

GAT Area	Club ID	Club Status	Membership in Fiscal Year	Membership in Previous Fiscal Year	Members Added in Fiscal Year	Drops in Fiscal Year	Gain or Loss in Fiscal Year	Three Year New Member Retention Rate
GAT Constitutional Area 2			3,417	3,474	336	393	-57	56%
GAT Group D - Area 2			3,417	3,474	336	393	-57	56%
Multiple District C			3,417	3,474	336	393	-57	56%
District C 1			1,559	1,613	126	180	-54	39%
District C 2			1,858	1,861	210	213	-3	79%
Total			3,417	3,474	336	393	-57	56%

Service StaFsFcS – Goal is to have 73% of clubs reporFng, C-1 at 42% and C-2 at 69%

Activity Count By Month



Service Metrics

2,484
Overall Activity Count in FY

447,355
Overall People Served in FY

88,722
Overall Volunteer Hours in FY

56%
Clubs Reporting in FY

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	Overall Volunteer Hours in Previous FY
Canada			56%	2,484	2,732	447,355	653,194	88,722	99,545
Multiple District C			56%	2,484	2,732	447,355	653,194	88,722	99,545
MD Level Activities			0%	0	3	0	1,000	0	611
District C 1			42%	1,062	1,307	192,326	293,544	29,021	34,375
District C 2			69%	1,422	1,423	255,029	358,650	59,700	64,559
Total			56%	2,484	2,732	447,355	653,194	88,722	99,545

LCIF DonaFons – Goal is \$98,283 USD. MD C is at \$84,893.36 USD

Constitutional Area	Club ID	Club Status	Total Donations in Fiscal Year	Total Donations in Previous Fiscal Year	Individual Donations in Fiscal Year	Non-Individual Donations in Fiscal Year
☐ Canada			\$84,893.36	\$78,235.95	\$19,840.48	\$65,052.88
☐ Multiple District C			\$84,893.36	\$78,235.95	\$19,840.48	\$65,052.88
☐ District C 1			\$29,269.28	\$31,564.96	\$10,265.46	\$19,003.82
☐ District C 2			\$53,784.33	\$45,629.57	\$9,575.02	\$44,209.31
☐ Undistricted			\$1,839.75	\$1,041.42	\$0.00	\$1,839.75
Total			\$84,893.36	\$78,235.95	\$19,840.48	\$65,052.88

Learn: Goal for Zone Chairs is 17 and current is 19. Goal for Club Officers is 162 Actual is 67

There is very liYle change from my prior report.

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

Gail Haight, PDG

CAII Global AcCon Team Area Leader – Group D

Lions Quest Annual Summary Council Meeting June 20th, 2026

From September 26th to 28th, 2025, the Lions Quest Conference took place in Toronto. Invited were the Multiple District & District Lions Quest Chairs from across Canada, Lions International Board Members/Appointees from Canada, the Canadian (CA2) Global Action Team leaders, and our Board of Directors. The sessions took place at the Four Points by Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel. As part of this event, Lions Quest Canada kicked off their 2nd annual special fundraiser, “Step Up for Kids.”

On October 1st the Chairs for C1 and C2 and the MDC and other interested individuals in the MDC held a Zoom focus session to discuss efforts to get into the schools. Lion Savi from the Pincher Creek Lions was able to provide information and contacts at the A.T.A.

In October and November 2025, Lions Quest was present at both the C1 and C2 Conventions. A breakout presentation was given at the C2 convention and breakout round table discussions took place at the C1 convention. Buttons were available and given to Clubs and individuals who had contributed to LionsQuest during their fundraising campaign, “Step Up for Kids.” The goal of this fundraising campaign was to raise \$50,000. We were able to raise \$59,854, of which \$12,250 was contributed by Clubs and individuals in MD C.

So far this year, clubs in the Multiple District have ordered and received 320 “Child ID Kits” to be distributed to communities within the MD.

The Lions Quest Youth Justice Webinar took place on March 12th, 2026. It featured an inspiring conversation with Jerome Thompson, Attorney and Past International Director, recognized for his leadership in juvenile rehabilitation through LionsQuest. 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.

The “Mental Health Summit” took place in Banff from April 16 to 18th. Through the assistance of a Community Promotional Grants from LCIF, representatives from Lions Quest were able to attend and promote the LionsQuest Program. Lions Quest Executive Director Joanne McGuiggan together with Lion Lucy Johnson attended and participated in the presentation and information panel.

Thanks to the efforts of C1 Lions Quest Chair **Carole Henson**, 2 schools in District C1 received in-person training on Lions Quest.

On May 27, 2026: John A. McDougall School (500+ K-6 students) – Principal Chris Simpson, two Assistant Principals, 21 educators, and 7 EAs were present at the in-person workshop. Cost \$10,100.

On May 28, 2026: St. Benedict Catholic School (approx. 370 K-6 students, 1/3 by bus from Enoch First Nations, 1/3 ESL) – Principal Nadine Guenther, 18 educators, and 11 EAs were present at the in-person workshop. Cost \$6800.

District C1 received a US\$15,000. Grant from LCIF to help defer the costs of these in-person Workshops.

The “Community Workshop” training session took place on June 10th and 17th. This 4-hour workshop which was on the 2 days, focused on how the SEL program can be utilized in the community. I was able to participate in this workshop.

Submitted by, Lion Bill Stecewicz, MDC Lions Quest Chair 2025-2026

Multiple District C Convention Final Report To June 20, 2026 Council Meeting

On behalf of the Convention Host Committee, we are pleased to submit this Final Report on the Multiple District C Convention.

The convention provided an opportunity for Lions from across Multiple District C to gather in fellowship, conduct the organization's business, celebrate achievements, and engage in meaningful service. Throughout the planning and execution of the event, our committee remained committed to delivering a welcoming, professional, and memorable experience for all attendees. The presence of 1st Vice President Mark Lyon and Lyn was the highlight of the weekend. Their presence, humour, and vision for the upcoming year were inspiring.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Council of Governors for the confidence and trust placed in our committee to organize and host this event.

The objectives of the convention were to:

- Provide an effective venue for district and multiple district business.
- Promote fellowship and networking among Lions.
- Offer educational development opportunities.
- Showcase the impact of Lions' service throughout Multiple District C.
- Support meaningful community service projects.
- Celebrate accomplishments and recognize outstanding service.

We are pleased to report that these objectives were successfully achieved.

The convention welcomed Lions, Leos, guests, speakers, and dignitaries from across Multiple District C.

Attendance included:

- Lions Members: 119
- Leo Members: 2
- Guests: 10
- Exhibitors: 9
- Total Attendance: 139

The strong participation demonstrated the commitment of our members to the continued success of Lionism throughout Multiple District C.

Program Highlights

The convention featured a variety of activities and events, including:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Council of Governors Meeting
- Educational Seminars
- Service Project Activities
- Memorial Service
- Awards and Recognition Programs
- Fellowship Events and Networking Opportunities
- Closing Ceremonies

Feedback received from attendees indicated a high level of satisfaction with the quality of the programming, the organization, and the hospitality provided throughout the weekend.

Service Projects

One of the highlights of the convention was the participation of Lions Clubs in our service initiatives.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many clubs and individual Lions who generously donated items and supplies in support of the convention's service projects. The response from members reflected the true spirit of Lionism and demonstrated our collective commitment to serving those in need.

Items collected included:

- Books, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, school supplies, and personal supplies for females.
- Items for moms and babies: diapers, blankets, wipes, etc.

Total items collected: 52 backpacks were filled and distributed throughout the area.

The generosity shown by convention attendees will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those served by these projects.

The success of the convention was made possible through the dedication and hard work of many volunteers.

We acknowledge and thank:

- Convention Committee Members
- 50/50 Team
- Host Couple, Brent and Lucy Johnson
- Technology and Audio-Visual Support- Mike Hennig
- Event Coordinator – Lynne Coulter
- District Leadership – Christine Lank – Marvin Chambers
- Club Volunteers – Peggy Hauck
- Holiday Inn and Suites Convention Staff

Their commitment, flexibility, and willingness to assist wherever needed contributed significantly to the smooth operation of the convention.

The Multiple District C Convention was successful because of the collective efforts of many dedicated Lions and volunteers. The spirit of service, fellowship, leadership, and community was evident throughout the weekend.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all Lions Clubs that attended, supported the service projects, donated supplies, volunteered their time, and contributed to the success of the convention. Your participation exemplifies the values of our association and strengthens our ability to serve.

Most importantly, we thank the Council of Governors for the trust and confidence placed in our committee. We were honoured to host this convention on behalf of Multiple District C and are proud of what was accomplished together.

Respectfully submitted, Convention Chair, Lion Betty Ann Robson, PCC