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Message from: CC Christine Lank

Dear Lions,

I'm pleased to share a message from our newly installed International President, Lion A.P. Singh, who became the 108th President of our association during the International Convention in Orlando on June 17th.

“As we begin our new Lion year, now is the time to think about your goals and how to achieve them. The key is leadership and service. That’s why our message this year is “Lead to serve, serve to lead” — because serving and leading are inseparable, and each drives the other.

When we act as servant leaders, we act with purpose. As the largest service organization in the world, Lions are already leaders in service, yet we have so much more to do. We need to grow our clubs so we can serve more people, have more impact and create a better world for us all.

So, let’s get this year started off right by working together to make this a year of strong leadership, compassionate service, exceptional growth and enormous success.”
International President A.P. Singh

As President Singh begins his term, we are embarking on a transformative year together—one where we’ll strengthen our leadership, grow our membership, and expand our ability to serve. With unity and purpose, we will increase our impact both in our local communities and across the globe.

Working closely with our Global Action Team (GAT)—comprised of the Global Leadership, Membership, Extension, and Service Chairs—our District Governors, GAT Teams, and Vice Governors are already laying the groundwork to help us:

- Retain and welcome new members
- Be trained as Guiding Lions
- Access orientation and mentorship
- Plan and report meaningful service projects on the Lions Portal

District Governors Leslie and Ted, Vice Governors Danielle, Thomas, Gerald, and Zella, and their committed GAT teams have set inspiring goals for this year. Each of us plays a vital role in supporting their vision and helping our Multiple District C thrive.

Everything we do as Lions begins and ends with service. Every new member strengthens our collective ability to uplift others. Every training we attend enriches our work as Lions and elevates us in our personal and professional lives.

So, I encourage you to reach out to your District Governor team or your Zone Chair. Ask how you can contribute, grow, and help make MD C the strongest and most vibrant Multiple District in Canada

Together, there's nothing we can't accomplish.

Lead to serve, Serve to Lead
CC Christine

District C-1 DG News

District C1 Governor's Report to MDC Council August 9, 2025

Submitted by District Governor Ted Mikkelsen July
30, 2025

Since our last Council meeting, it has been my pleasure to visit eight Lions clubs across District C1. Most recently, I had the honour of visiting the Edmonton Korean Lions Club on July 11th, accompanied by Zone Chair Lion Terri Robson. It was a beautiful summer day in the park, where we inducted five new members. The Lions Code of Ethics was meaningfully read aloud in Korean by Club President Lion Kathy Cho.

The very next day, I traveled to Orlando for an exciting and intense week at the International Convention, where I was officially sworn in as District Governor of C-1—a moment of pride and responsibility I will carry throughout this year.

Following my return, I participated in the 1.5 Summit in Winnipeg., which I found both informative and motivational. The sessions were rich in ideas for strengthening our clubs and inspiring leadership growth.

LCI initially set our district membership goals at 1 net new club and 1 net new member. I'm pleased to report that we currently have one new club in Edmonton in the pending stage—thanks to the dedicated efforts of 1st VDG Lion Thomas Varghese and PCC Lion Tom Hodgson. Our friends in C2 from the Filipino Community are also actively working toward establishing a new ethnic club in Red Deer, which shows great promise.

On a more sobering note, we have identified seven clubs in our district that are either aging out or have lost their core purpose. Two of these clubs have

already voted to disband. Our team has also identified five locations where it might be possible to establish new clubs.

We're pleased to report that Lion Val Clarke, the new LCI New Club Development Officer, has agreed to support our efforts. We are planning a district-wide Zoom meeting, tentatively scheduled for October, to educate, inspire, and mobilize Lions across District C1 to start new clubs and attract new members.

Regarding our membership goal, our team made the decision to raise the bar from the original 1 net new member to an ambitious 5% growth target. We believe this is achievable through a mix of new club formation, revitalization of existing clubs, and member retention strategies.

We definitely have our work cut out for us, and to support our leaders, we are planning to offer both Club Officer Training and Certified Guiding Lion Training at our District C1 Convention in November. This will provide valuable tools and motivation to our members as we work together to strengthen Lionism in our district.

District C-2 DG News

District Governor's Report to Multiple District C

Lions Year 2025–2026

It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility that I begin my term as your District Governor for the 2025–2026 Lions year. My journey officially began on July 1, 2025, and since then, I have embraced every opportunity to prepare myself for this important role.

International Training and Convention

From July 12–18, I had the privilege of attending the Lions International Convention in Orlando, where I completed my official training as District Governor. The experience was both inspiring and energizing. A special highlight was the celebration evening with International President A.P. Singh, where all incoming District Governors gathered in unity, wearing our celebration shirts—a vibrant and symbolic start to our leadership year.

This training, along with module training through Learn, webinars with IP Singh and Sangeeta, zoom, webinars with our seminar leader Potter, MD training, and St. Charles has equipped me not only with the knowledge and tools to lead effectively but also with a renewed passion for the mission of Lions Clubs

International. I feel ready and committed to lead our district with dedication, vision, collaboration and confidence. (which I was lacking)

Our Team

I am proud to be supported by a talented and dedicated Cabinet team. Each member has committed to their role and brings unique strengths that will help make this year productive, meaningful, and enjoyable. Their willingness to work hard, support one another, and stay focused on our goals gives me great confidence in our collective success.

That said, we still have a few Cabinet positions open, and I warmly invite any Lion interested in contributing at the district level to reach out to me or 1st Vice District Governor Danielle Richir. If you know of someone whose leadership and service would benefit our Cabinet, we would be grateful for your recommendations. Building a strong, well-rounded team is essential to achieving our goals.

Cabinet Meetings and Policy Updates

As part of our operational updates this year, we will be introducing changes to our Cabinet meeting format to increase efficiency and reduce travel risks:

- We will hold four Cabinet meetings:
 - Two in-person meetings: One at the beginning and one at the end of the year.
 - Two virtual meetings via Zoom during the winter months to avoid hazardous travel conditions.
- Meeting time will return to 1:00 PM, with light refreshments (snacks and beverages) provided instead of full lunches.

I will be seeking Cabinet support to review and update a few policies to reflect these operational changes. I believe these adjustments will help us work smarter while still maintaining the spirit of camaraderie and connection.

Events and Engagement

I also had the privilege of attending the Mission 1.5 Summit in Winnipeg from July 25–27, a powerful gathering of Lions from across Canada focused on membership growth, innovation, and club strengthening. I left inspired by the ideas and energy shared by fellow leaders.

On the horizon, we are busy planning our District Convention, which will be held on November 14–15 in Strathmore, Alberta. The event will

feature a Western theme and promises to be a fun, engaging, and inspiring experience for all attendees. I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

In addition, our District Directory will be available at our First Cabinet Meeting on August 16 in Vulcan, Alberta. I encourage everyone to attend, connect, and begin the year united in purpose.

Council Report

It is my honour to present this report outlining the goals and progress for our district for the 2025–2026 Lions year. As District Governor, I have set clear and measurable objectives aimed at strengthening our clubs, expanding our service capacity, and ensuring the long-term vitality of our district.

Membership Goals

Our overarching focus this year is on membership growth and club development. I have outlined the following specific targets:

- Net Gain of 2 Members Per Club: Each club is encouraged to grow by at least two net members, emphasizing both recruitment and retention.
- 115 New Members Across the District: Our target is to welcome at least 115 new members, which reflects both ambition and community potential.
- District Net Growth of 2 Members: In addition to the total new members, we aim for a positive net growth district-wide, emphasizing member engagement and retention.

Club Development Goals

- Chartering of 2 New Clubs: We set a goal to form two new clubs in underserved or high-potential areas to increase service outreach.

Progress to Date

I'm pleased to report that we are on track toward meeting our goals:

1. Enchant Lions Club: Successfully reinstated and actively engaging in service.
2. Brooks Lions Club: A new club in Brooks is nearing official chartering, with strong community interest and momentum.
3. Third Club in Development: Early discussions are underway to establish a third club. Community outreach and member recruitment efforts are ongoing.

Strategy and Support

To ensure we meet our goals, several strategic initiatives have been launched:

Club Support Visits: Our district team is visiting clubs to provide guidance and training.

- Orientation and Retention Tools: Resources are being distributed to improve new member integration and long-term engagement.
- New Club Development Team: A dedicated team is focused on identifying viable communities and guiding club formation.

Service and Donation Platform

This year, my designated service and donation platform will be focused on Mental Health and Addiction. This is a deeply important issue impacting many of our communities. As a symbolic and practical First step, every attendee at our upcoming District Convention will receive a Narcan (naloxone) kit, along with instruction on its proper use. By doing this, we aim to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and potentially save lives in times of crisis.

This initiative reflects our commitment to meaningful, hands-on service that responds to real and urgent community needs.

Closing

As your District Governor, I look forward to working together, building strong clubs, growing our membership, and most importantly, serving our communities with heart and dedication. Let's aim for a successful year Filled with meaningful service, personal growth, and shared joy. Let's work hard, have fun, and make this Lions year one to remember.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to working with each of you to achieve our shared goals.

Yours in Lionism,
Leslie Cunningham
District Governor, 2025–2026
District C-2 – Multiple District C
Lions Clubs International



A CHALLENGE FROM

**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
A.P. SINGH**

**Two challenges for Lions
in all parts of the world:**

**Can we induct at least one
member in every club of every
district by 31st August 2025?**

**Can we charter at least one
new club in every district
in the first quarter?**

**The love and passion for our
organisation needs to be
reflected in our actions to grow
to serve**

MD C Committee Reports

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes

**MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes
August 9, 2025 , Council Meeting
Dennis Stevenson , PCC , Chairperson**

MD C Council,

The MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes, 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 send us.

The MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Annual event was hosted by the Blindman Valley Lions Club and was held at Forshee Hall on June 6-8, 2025, see report below.

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes 2025 Event Report at Forshee Hall

June 6, 2025, 7:00 PM

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes held their AGM at Forshee Hall, Alberta.

Present were Chairperson Dennis Stevenson (C-2), Secretary Vi Gibb (C-1), VC/Treasurer Frances Sawiak (C-1), 2 Lions from Bieseker in C-2 and 6 Lions from the Blindman Valley club in C-1.

Note: As Lion Dennis and Lion Vi had to return to Camrose on Saturday for personal reasons they were not present for the Saturday and Sunday portion of the weekend

June 7-8, 2025

The following report was provide by Lion Lindell Ryan of the host club, thanks Lindell.

MD C Lions Cavalcade Report

Dates: June 7-8, 2025

Location: Forshee Community Hall

Attendance: 43 registered participants | 11 campers set up on-site

Overview:

The MD C Lions Cavalcade held on June 7th and 8th was an unforgettable weekend full of pride, joy, and deep satisfaction. With 43 registered participants and 11 campers settled in for the event, the atmosphere was one of unity, enthusiasm, and a shared purpose.

Event Highlights:

Teamwork & Spirit:

The dedication and collaboration of all involved were evident in every aspect of the weekend. From setup to wrap-up, Lions members gave their all, creating a successful and inspiring event that reflected the true spirit of Lionism.

Games & Cornhole Tournament:

Saturday was packed with fun and fellowship. A variety of games kept the energy high, culminating in an exciting Corn-hole Tournament. Special thanks to Lion Pat Ryan for crafting the custom corn-hole boards. Congratulations to Lions Ciaran and Denise Ormond, who emerged as the tournament champions and took home the handcrafted boards as their prize.

Educational Speakers:

Two impactful presentations added great value to the weekend:

- Patrick Rurka (Rimbey Pharmacist, PHASCO) spoke on holistic wellness, touching on weight management, blood sugar control, sleep quality, and building healthier relationships. His insights led many to a deeper sense of self-awareness and motivation.
- Tyler Weibe (Diabetes Canada) presented compelling data and personal stories, providing an informative look into diabetes in Canada. He also introduced the D-Camps program and took time to thoughtfully answer participant questions.

Community & Connection:

Beyond the numbers and sessions, the Cavalcade fostered stronger bonds among Lions. It was a weekend of learning, laughter, and growing friendships—strengthening our Lions community.

Sunday Farewell:

The event concluded with a warm and hearty pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, a perfect send-off for all attendees as they packed up and made their way home.

Closing Thoughts:

The MD C Lions Cavalcade was more than just a weekend gathering—it was a celebration of service, learning, and fellowship. The success of the event reflects the passion and dedication of everyone involved in raising more awareness and funding towards diabetes support. Thank you to all who contributed their time, talents, and hearts.

The MD C Lions Cavalcade Exec committee had a meeting to determine recipients and amounts of our donations to Diabetes Canada or other Diabetes organization projects. The results follow.

Exciting News: Generous Donation to Diabetes Canada Camp Jean Nelson In MD C.

Dear Lions, Friends and Supporters,

We are thrilled to announce a \$20,000.00 donation from MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes to Diabetes Canada Camp Jean Nelson. This generous contribution supports our ongoing commitment to providing invaluable experiences for children living with diabetes.

About Camp Jean Nelson

Camp Jean Nelson is a unique program designed for children aged 7 to 15 who are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. The camp provides a safe and fun environment where children can learn about diabetes management while building lasting friendships. Activities include outdoor adventures, educational workshops, and social events, all tailored to promote healthy living and emotional well-being.

The Impact of the Donation

The funds contributed by the MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes will directly enhance the camp experience. This support will be used to:

- Provide scholarships for children in need
- Upgrade camp facilities and equipment
- Expand educational programming and resources

Thank You Lions of MD C for all your donations to support this worthwhile project.

A Thank You From Diabetes Canada for our Donation

MDC Lions and Diabetes Canada – Together for a Healthier Future

Thank you, MDC Lions! Your incredible generosity raised **\$20,000.00** — fueling life-changing diabetes support programs for D-Camps Jean Nelson in MD C (Alberta) for children living with type 1 diabetes.

Lions have long been champions in the fight against diabetes, and your commitment continues to make a powerful difference in the lives of 1 in 3 Canadians affected by this disease.

We need your continued support to keep the momentum going. Whether it's hosting a Tag Day this November, sharing resources in your community, or supporting D-Camps, every action helps save sight, limbs, and lives.

Let's keep building a healthier future—together.

MD C Information & Technology

MD C Website and Newsletter Report August 9, 2025 Council Meeting Dennis Stevenson , PCC , Chairperson

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.

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 August 9 , 2025 if anyone knows of anything that could go in the Newsletter please forward it to the editor by August 9 , 2025 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 Quest

MDC Lions Quest Report to Council August 9th, 2025

Lions Quest Canada and Lions Clubs International Foundation are again this year sponsoring a Lions Quest Canada Team Meeting in Toronto on September 26th to 28th. Invited are the Multiple District & District Lions Quest Chairs (or DG if no Chair has been appointed), Lions International Board Members/Appointees from Canada, the Canadian (CA2) Global Action Team leaders, and our Board of Directors. The sessions will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel.

As part of this event, Lions Quest Canada is once again kicking off their special fundraiser and they would like 100% of the attendees to participate in “Step Up for Kids”! We will be getting our steps in over the course of the weekend and will kick off the fundraiser publicly with a Facebook Live event on Saturday. The goal for this event is \$50,000 and it will be sharing it with the wider Lions network in the next newsletter. You don't have to be at the meeting to participate – anyone and everyone is welcome to join. Better yet - put together a team from your Club or District, then it will be easy to attribute donation's to your District!

Lions Quest is doing another 50/50 draw. The next draw is on September 30th 2025. The tickets for the draw must be purchased in Ontario. If you are interested in participating check out the information at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/lionsquest>. To pay you can send an e-transfer to accounting@lionsquest.ca for the amount of tickets you wish to purchase and an email to either joanne@lionsquest.ca or kay@lionsquest.ca advising of the number of tickets you wish to purchase.

District Chairs continue to promote the Lions Quest program to Lions clubs, community leaders and educational institutions throughout the MD C.

Cheers

Lion Bill S.

Multiple District C Lions Quest Chair

MD C Vision

MD C VISION COMMITTEE REPORT

August 9, 2025 Council Meeting

Lion James Lee

I am about to put together a composite report on just what C-1 & 2 Clubs are doing to fulfill vision initiatives. I will reach out with a questionnaire to all clubs in both districts. I feel that this is important to have a broader picture of what is happening vision wise in Alberta. It will create a benchmark so that as we move forward, we have the ability to expand existing programs and kick start new vision programs. Presently Lions Clubs support CLERC, the Eyebank and Vision Screening.

CLERC has benefitted greatly with good representation from District C-2 clubs at our Eyeglass Work Parties. Coupled with the weekly Wednesday Work Party Warriors, we continue to process colossal amounts of eyeglasses that originate from right across Canada.

CLERC has over the years fostered a great working relationship with Imperial Oil and BP Annuits. Shell Canada retirees are interested in participating. I met with 3 Shell representatives last week and toured the facility and explained the process. They are interested in volunteering. We are discussing a potential date.

Our 5 ton truck which is vital to our operation, has had a new motor installed and is ready to roll. It gives us flexibility in keeping the warehouse operational and

organized for the groups that come in to volunteer to process eyeglasses. The truck also allows us to pick up several pallets of eyeglasses that arrive frequently from across the country at Day and Ross Transport and Versa Cold (off of Victoria Island) who both haul glasses for us at no cost.

1. From June 16,2024 we have sent out to Canadians that take our glasses 126,035 pairs. Our 27year average is 247,345.

Over 7 million pairs of eyeglasses that originated and were processed in Canada are worn on faces in 104 countries. We started in 1997. CLERC is the only Canadian LIONS Eyeglass Recycler.

2. There have been 29 requests for glasses that went to: Japan, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Philippines, Ghana, Guatemala, Zambia, Mexico, Malawi, Ecuador, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

3. We operate with about \$150,000 a year. Thanks to Lions Clubs donations, casino and sale of unusable glasses for their metal we make do. This year we got: \$200 from MB, \$500 SK, \$3250 private (ave. \$650); \$4150 BC (ave.\$461), ON \$9700 (Ave.\$613) ; \$8,150 C1 (ave.\$679) and \$36,500 from C 2 (ave.\$3,318) . 10 clubs from Ontario this is their first set of donations, 7 clubs from C 1 are new donors.

Once again, gratitude to all the Lions Clubs in Districts C-1 & C-2 and across Canada for your efforts to make this Lions of Canada initiative successful. Those faces on the other end who receive the eyeglasses that you send KNOW that your volunteerism and drive TO SERVE are game changing events in many of their lives.

MDC LOAF REPORT



Lions of Alberta Foundation Report August 9, 2025 Council Meeting

The foundation has been busy working on their policy manual and updating the application forms for the bursaries and sight fund.

There is a new fund that has been initiated, Disaster Relief Fund, information about it will be rolled out at the October meeting.

The foundation has been submitting articles to the MDC, district newsletters and the District Governors to put into their newsletters. We hope this information on the fellowships, bursaries/scholarships and funds available to club. The Foundation has a very healthy bank account to help out with financial aid. Please contact Foundation Chairperson for more information.

We are very sorry about losing the Legacy Scholarship administrator, PID Bill Webber. He has managed this scholarship since the very beginning. He will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his new home in Calgary.

Our next meeting will be October 4th at 10:00 am at the Seniors Manor in Spruce View, AB. There will be a regular special meeting first and then the Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in a Director's position please contact Carey Hamelin Vice Chair, nominating committee chair.

You must attend the meetings in person to run for a position. Each club is allowed one vote at the AGM, that person must be a member in good standing, of a club in good standing.

Submitted by, PCC Betty Ann Robson LOAF Chairperson



<http://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/>

Lions of Alberta Foundation

Empowering Service. Enriching Lives. Building Resilience.

Mission Statement

The Lions of Alberta Foundation supports and strengthens communities across Alberta by funding fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, and disaster preparedness initiatives.

We empower local Lions clubs to lead impactful service projects that foster education, resilience, and compassion, reflecting the enduring values of Lions Clubs International.

The Foundation offers many different scholarships, bursaries, and fellowships that clubs can participate in to help their communities grow and help the less fortunate.

The Foundation will be highlighting several of these each month in the district and multiple district newsletters.

This month, we will be focusing on the Lions of Alberta Foundation Sight Fund.

Lions clubs are always being called upon to assist needy individuals within their communities.

Some items are costly and may strain the club finances. This is where the "Sight Fund" the Foundation comes into play. Clubs applications describe the need, who is needing the help, the cost of equipment, treatment or whatever is required. We assess the need and

will indicate what we can do. This will always be in a way of contribution to a maximum of Twenty-five (25%) percent as an outright contribution.

The recipient must be an Alberta resident.

Additional information and application forms are available to download from the website

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/806/file/sight%20fund.pdf>

Charitable Organization No. 88688 5193 RR0001

Submitted by: PCC Betty Ann Robson, LOAF Chairperson



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BILL WEBBER FELLOWSHIP FOR SIGHT

Our Lions Clubs have a strong history of supporting the blind, sight services, and preservation of vision for decades. We have also embodied the spirit of the centennial motto: WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION, and no better example exists than the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight.

Now, the needs that our Lions identify do not include providing direct eye services; these are covered by government funding. The New need is for continuing support

of research, expertise, and the provision of cutting-edge technologies and equipment throughout the province, an integral part of eye health.

Lions Clubs can continue to support these services through donations to the existing Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight under the operation of the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

The fellowship application can be obtained on the Lions of Alberta Foundation website,

<http://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/>

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Submitted by: PCC Betty Ann Robson, LOAF Chairperson



Chesteremer Lions Club doing Lions Project Maple Leaf

MD C GMT**Multiple District C
Global Membership Team Report**

August 2025

MD C GMT Coordinators:

MD C Anne Kennedy & Walter Calahaisn

DC 1 Walter Calahaisn

DC 2

- July
- Attended Mission 1.5 Summit in Winnipeg, July 26th & 27th
 - Anne & Walter met via Zoom to begin developing the MD C Action Plan for the Lionistic Year
- August
- 4th August met via Zoom to complete development of the MD C Action Plan and developing strategies
 - Provide budget request to Council for approval

MD C GET REPORT**2025 MDC GET Coordinator Report**

PDG Glen Barry

August 9, 2025 Council Meeting

I attended the Summit 1.5 seminar in Winnipeg on the 25-27th of July.

During the seminar we're able to agree on at least 5 or 6 target areas for either rebuilding or starting a new club or branch clubs in C1.

In C2 we agreed that a very weak club in Calgary and I believe a couple of target areas were seen as good choices to work with, as soon as a GET Director is selected.

Glen Barry

MD C GLT**MDC GLT Report****August 9, 2025****Red Deer, AB**

MDC GLT training with the Council of Governors was held on August 8th. We went over the rules of audit, expense forms and obligations. We went over resources and the virtual learning that they will be doing.

I worked with the C1 GLT Coordinator in setting up the ZC workshop.

There is one lion from C1 applied to attend Faculty Development Institute in Denver CO October 24-26.

The Cowboy Trail Lions Club will be hosting a Leo Leadership Conference this weekend August 8–10, 2025 at Cowley Lions Castle River Campground. There were 7 Leos and 1 Lion registered and 2 facilitators.

I'm hoping to arrange a MD wide Mentoring workshop, and a Guiding Lion Workshop. There will also be a Regional Lions Leadership Institute in 2026.

Submitted by, PCC Betty Ann Robson MDC GLT Coordinator

USA/CANADA FORUM EXECUTIVE REPORT

Forum Executive Committee Report

PCC Tyler Bray

August 9, 2025

I am sending you an update from the Forum Executive Committee.

They have gone from a four year cycle for bids down to three years. They were finding that the Chamber of Commerce and Hotels did not like committing to four years out.

This means there will be no forum bid packages available in Atlantic City (2025) but they will be available in Memphis (2026) for bids for 2030.

Halifax tried to put a bid package in but again the four year commitment was a deal breaker. Hopefully the change to three years will encourage future bids.

Cheers,

Tyler Bray PCC

LOCCC REPORT

LIONS OF CANADA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE/LIONS DU CANADA COMITÉ CONSUTATIF

The Lions of Canada Consultative Commi4ee/Lions du Canada Comité Consultatif (LOCCC) was formed in 2022 with the following objec1ves in mind:

- To further the purposes and objectives of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs Interna1onal Fund within Canada;
- To promote the image of the Association within Canada;
- To facilitate cohesive partnerships among Lions Clubs in Canada, and between Lions Clubs in Canada and external bodies and societies of common interest;
- To support advocacy for and by Lions Clubs within Canada;
- To facilitate communication between and among the Lions Multiple Districts and Districts with all Lions Clubs in Canada; and
- To promote Lions Clubs marketing within the Canadian context.

Toward these ends, LOCCC has become involved in the following activities:

Lions of Canada Reception at the International Convention in Boston in 2023 and Melbourne, Australia in 2024, and Orlando in 2025

Lions of Canada Mee1ngs on the occasion of Conventions and Forums – Boston and Reno in 2023, Melbourne and Louisville in 2024, and Orlando and Atlantic City in 2025.

Lions of Canada website

Lions of Canada mee1ng on Parliament Hill with Members of Parliament, Senators, and staff members of these individual in 2022 and 2023.

These two activities were funded almost completely by a grant from Lions Clubs International, but any future activities will be the responsibility of the Lions of Canada, perhaps with some assistance from Lions Clubs International.

Zoom meetings on occasion to discuss Lions activities in Canada, meetings open to all members of the LOCCC (current and past Officers, current and past Directors, current District Governors and current Council Chairs). O1en issues of a Canadian nature are discussed informally during the monthly Canadian Conversa1ons hosted by PID Allan Hunt.

To assist in the funding of these activities, the Lions of Canada were requested, in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 to make a \$1/member contribution. Most of the members “participated” through contributions made by their Multiple Districts, Districts or Clubs. A Financial Statement is presented as an attachment to indicate the disbursement of these funds.

At a recent meeting of the LOCCC, a motion was passed requesting, again, a \$1/member contribution for the year 2025-26, based on the membership as of July 31, 2025.

LIONS OF CANADA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE/LIONS DU CANADA COMITÉ CONSULTATIF

| SUMMARY - As of July 31, 2025 | | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | Assessment | \$ 28,834.59 | \$ 24,234.05 | \$ 22,230.00 | |
| | Donations-Club/District | \$ 15,045.50 | | | |
| | Donations - Personal | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 400.00 | |
| | Donations - Hill Campaign | \$ 20,475.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | | |
| | Transfer from MD A Account | \$ 4,342.98 | | | |
| | **Advance from LCI | \$ 82,454.19 | | | |
| | | \$ 156,752.26 | \$ 29,734.05 | \$ 22,630.00 | \$209,116.31 |
| EXPENSES | Reception | \$ 51,039.72 | \$ 24,594.09 | \$ 5,752.92 | |
| | Less Rebate from Omni | -\$ 6,715.35 | | | |
| | Other Expenses (Reception) | \$ 1,001.38 | | | |
| | Bank Charges | \$ 60.00 | \$ 55.00 | | |
| | Meeting - Reno/Louisville | \$ 2,273.34 | | \$ 4,384.38 | |
| | **Parliament Hill | \$ 57,948.56 | \$ 1,604.60 | \$ 16,269.75 | |
| | Website | | \$ 307.53 | \$ 390.60 | |
| | **Return to LCI | \$ 24,505.63 | | | |
| | \$ 130,113.28 | \$ 26,561.22 | \$ 26,797.65 | -\$183,472.15 | |
| | BALANCE | | | \$ 25,644.16 | |
| Reconciliation | | | | | |
| | Bank Balance | \$ 26,182.85 | | | |
| | O/S Cheques | -\$ 538.69 | | | |
| | BALANCE | \$ 25,644.16 | | | |

NOTES: To date, the “Lions on Parliament Hill” event has been almost fully funded through grants from Lions Clubs International, but future plans depend upon contributions from the Lions of Canada.

MD C MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

MD C Mental Health & Wellbeing Report to Council August 9, 2025

Hello Council,

Over the next few weeks, I will be reaching out directly to each of the District Chairs responsible for mental health and well being. My goal is to touch base, learn about what's already happening in their areas, and find out how I can support them moving forward. I'll be offering help with their projects, making sure they feel connected and equipped in their roles, and checking in to ensure that our districts are staying active and accountable in this important portfolio.

This weekend, the Cowboy Trail Lions Club is hosting a Leo Conference in Cowley. I'm excited to share that we've included a session on mental wellness as part of the program, led by an FDI trained Lions member. This session is open to both the Leos and Lions attending and is focused on practical, approachable strategies to support mental health, especially for youth and emerging leaders.

I apologize for not being at this Council meeting in person, I'm currently in Cowley with our Leos, helping support this great initiative. Thank you for your understanding.

What's Next:

- Connecting with District Chairs to strengthen communication and offer support
- Identifying projects already in place and looking for ways to amplify or share them
- Encouraging more mental wellness opportunities at the club and district level
- Promoting collaboration between Lions and Leos on wellness -focused programming

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to service. I'm really looking forward to what we can accomplish together!

Yours in service,

Leo-Lion Alicia (Kiri) Beer

MD C Mental Health & Wellbeing Chairperson



District C-1 Deceased June-July

Blackfoot & District Lions Club

- Lion Eric Ragsdale

District C-2 Deceased June-July

Southridge Lions Club

- Lion Patricia Busst
- Lion John "Jack" Busst



MDistrict C-1 New Members

Rocky Mountain House Lions Club

- Katherine Helmer
- Brianna Kantor

Lake & District Lions Club

- Yvonne E Ross

Whitecourt Lions Club

- Corrine Marriot
- Gary Marriott
- Dwayne Mindus
- Lisa Mindus
- Karen St. Martin
- Ron St. Martin

Tumbler Ridge Lions Club

- David Cameron

District C-2 New Members

Calgary Connect Lions Club

- Jane Tan Butron
- Josepina Dela Cruz Walsh

Calgary Filipino Lions Club

- Josephine Alvarado
- Beverly Barber
- Aida Barri
- Felisa Padilla

- Onel Padilla
- Belle Ronquillo

Calgary North Lions Club

- Mark Allen
- Una Allen
- Esther Elder
- Edward Oteng Mensah

Cowley Lions Club

- Keith A Johnson
- Stuart G Schramm

Lomond Lions Club

- Jim Fox
 - Clarence Luvin

Medicine Hat Lions Club

- Lindsay Pay
- Vicki Pay
- Gary Sletvold

Okotoks Lions Club

- Blair Davies
- Maureen Lafont
- Eddie Marshall

- Sharath Thonse
- Dane Whalen

Pincher Creek Lions Club

- Liane Mass
- Roland Mass
- Tracy Hoffman
- Glen Hoffman
- Kevin Yaworsky

Standard Lions Club

- Richard Bach
- Matt Gregory
- Tyler Nagle

Welcome New Lions Clubs to District C-2

- Calgary Heart Lions Club
- Calgary Hongkongers Lions Club



PDG Dan and Dorothy Claypool's 65 years of Lionism

Open House

Sept. 13, 2025

At the Town of Devon Community Centre
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With snacks, drinks, and conversation



REDCLIFF LIONS CLUB



Good Morning Lions

Saturday Sept 13, 2025 the Redcliff Lions will be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

The doors will be open to anyone member or not. There will be a complete roast beef dinner with dessert, there will be a band.

The doors will be open at 5pm, refreshments will be served 5pm to 6pm, Dinner will be 6pm-7:30pm.

The tickets for this are \$40.00 per person, and pre-purchase can be made to us via e-transfer

Contact me anytime at my email, or calling 403-952-8613