

Ed Gibbons - Biography

Profile

Dedicated and highly respected community leader, elected to the Municipal Government Edmonton City Councillor and elected Alberta Government Member MLA, skilled in:

- Management
- Business Ownership
- Volunteer Management
- Financial Control
- Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Lobbying and Negotiating
- Marketing and Promotions
- Public Relations

Summary of Qualifications

- Valuable knowledge of the City of Edmonton Municipal Government
- Valuable knowledge of the municipalities of the Province of Alberta.
- Natural talent for developing excellent client relationships, focusing on clients' needs and values.
- Confident and experienced in networking with centers of influence and in delivering presentations to key decision-makers.
- Proven initiative, resourcefulness, professionalism, enthusiasm and competence under pressure.
- Effective leadership and team building capabilities in a goal-oriented environment.
- Highly organized, self-motivated and productive while working independently.

Career History

Oct/2001 – present **CITY COUNCILLOR**
Councillor Ward 3, City of Edmonton

Councillor Initiatives

- Capital Region Board
- Edmonton Northlands Board
- Industrial Land Strategy
- Edmonton Salutes Committee
- Provincial MLA Relationships
- Northern Issues

Mar/97 – Mar/01

MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA
MLA for the Edmonton Constituency of Manning
Government of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Shadow Critic, Municipal Affairs (1997- 2001)

Chair, Edmonton Caucus (1997 – 2001)

Member, Caucus Finance and Health Internal Committees (1997-2001)

Party Representative, Standing Committee on Members Services (1998-2001)

- Analyzed the content and implications of the Government policies, direction, bills and agendas and prepared questions to present in the Legislature. E.g. Condominium Act, Cemetery Bill
- Discussed issues and concerns of the Municipalities with Government Members presenting bills on matters pertaining to annexation, funding, amalgamations, market-value assessment, health care and education taxation.
- Provided input and negotiated with the Minister of Municipal Affairs on Bill 34, the Municipal Government Amendment Act 1998.
- Developed Bill 207 named the Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act to present in the Legislature.
- Met with municipal officials throughout the Province to learn of their concerns such as Federal and Provincial funding cutbacks to develop ways of asking and lobbying the Government on these issues.
- Instrumental in the Government decision to take back responsibility for maintaining all secondary highways.
- Chaired public meetings across the province on issues such as Education Taxes and Senior Housing.
- Critiqued the \$73 million Municipal Affairs budget and presented concerns and issues in the House Question Period.
- Planned strategies for critiquing Government bills with Department officials.
- Selected members of caucus to attend important business, community and social events and functions to ensure Party representation.
- Attended numerous official and invited functions as the Government Liberal Representative.

Volunteer Work

- 1994 – 1997 Executive, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (142 Communities)
President – 1995 – 1997
Vice-President of Sports – 1994 – 1995
- 1992 – 1995 Secretary Edmonton Minor Hockey League
Controlled \$100,000 budget; managed accounts payable and receivables
- 1989 – 1993 Chairman, The City of Edmonton Joint Use Agreement
- Led the successful revision of the Joint Use Agreement between the City Parks and Recreation and the Edmonton School Boards. Delivered presentations and lobbied City Council Members and School Board Trustees.
- 1985 – 1995 Chairman, Arena Studies and Development, Parks and Recreation Department
- Delivered presentations and lobbied Edmonton City Council to gain support and funding for the construction of the new Castledowns, Clareview, and Kinsmen facilities and the re-structuring of the Santa Rosa arena.
- 1986 – 1992 Executive, The Federation of Community Leagues Hockey Program
Chairman 1988-1991
- Worked with Parks and Recreation to develop and conduct largest hockey survey in Canada.
 - Developed tiering for players' developmental skills on 650 teams, fair plan and girls; hockey.
 - Instrumental in throat protectors becoming mandatory in Canada in 1992.
- 1983 – 1986 Hockey Chairman, Northeast Zone of Edmonton Hockey Program
- Chaired bi-monthly meeting of 25 people representing various interest groups of over 300 teams (i.e. referees, directors, area presidents)
 - Chaired general monthly meetings of up to 70 people representing Zone club and community groups
- 1977-1983 Hockey Director of South Clareview Community League
- Both coached and managed hockey teams while team numbers were small. League expanded from 3 teams in 1977 to 22 teams in 1979.
 - Managed the 22 hockey teams including appointing and training coaches.

Personal Community Recognition

In appreciation of work developing and managing the hockey program in South Clareview, the annual hockey tournament was re-named the ED GIBBONS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT in 1984.

Memberships

Northeast Rotary Club

Education and Professional Development

DRAFTING (STEEL DETAILING) CERTIFICATE, NAIT, Edmonton, AB
Additional Related Courses: Building Construction, Estimating and Accounting, Metallurgy
Industry Related Conferences: Lennox Heating & Air Conditioning Conferences

Miscellaneous:

Committees:

- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association - Vice President / Executive Committee
- Alberta Capital Finance Authority
- MLA Committee on Secondary Suites
- Co-Chair, Edmonton Salutes Committee (Military Events)
- Chair, AUMA Community Infrastructure
- Secretary/Treasurer, Past MLA Committee
- Rotary Club member of Northeast Edmonton
- Member of Norwood Legion

Boards of Directors:

- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association - Vice President / Executive Committee
- Former Executive of Edmonton Minor Hockey (23 years involvement)
- Former Chair, Northeast Zone Hockey - 3 yrs
- Former Chair, Federation of Hockey - 2 yrs
- Former Chair of the Arena Studies and Development Committee
- Former Vice-President & Hockey Director of South Clareview Community League
- President, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, 1995-1997
- Advisor, Social Housing Advisory Committee

Honours and Awards:

- Lifetime Member, Northeast Zone Sports Council
- Award Recipient, Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal
- Lifetime Member, Federation of Hockey
- Volunteer of the Year, City of Edmonton 1988
- South Clareview Ed Gibbons Hockey Tournament, established 1984