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Next League Meeting:
WEDNESDAY February 5
7 pm at the hall

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Pub Night

Friday, February 21
7 to 11 p.m.

At the hall (11341-78 Ave.)

Craft beer, wine,
non-alcoholic drinks
Cash bar

Membership required
(available to residents at the
event)

More higher density proposed

Two sites in McKernan are proposed to be rezoned from RS (Small Scale Residential Zone) to RSM (Small-Medium Scale Transition Residential Zone) to allow taller and larger buildings with more units.

Two adjacent lots at 11267-73 Ave. and 7225-113 St. (at the corner of 113 St. and 73 Ave.) are proposed to be consolidated and rezoned to RSM h12.0. This is near but not directly part of the 114 St. corridor. A public hearing date for this application has not yet been set. Details are at sites.google.com/situateinc.ca/mckernan-73-ave.

Neighbours on 73 Ave. and nearby oppose this rezoning. They argue that it is unsuitable for the site, will adversely affect the immediate neighbours because of the size, will cause parking issues, and will have negative environmental impacts when trees are removed and the lot is more covered in buildings and hard surfaces.

A rezoning to RSM h14.0 is proposed for 11429 University Ave., on the same block as the University Heights apartment building plus another proposed 23-metre building. The public hearing for this application will be held Feb 24, 2025.

No development plans have been brought forward yet for either location, so the actual size and design of the building(s) proposed is not known.

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RINK HOURS

Lights on daily 4:30 - 9 pm. Ice closed when temp is below -20°C or above 5°C.

MON - THU: Mixed use, dawn to 7 pm.
Shinny hockey 7 - 9 pm.

FRI: Mixed use, dawn to 9 pm. Rink shack open 5 - 8 pm.

SAT & SUN: Mixed use, dawn to 9 pm.
Rink shack open 12 - 4pm.

When rink shack is open, enjoy free hot chocolate and snacks. Some skates & helmets are available for McKernan residents to borrow for free.

FIREPIT FRIDAY: SHACK OPEN

Friday, February 14, 5-9 pm

TOURNAMENT CLOSURE

The rink will be closed to the public the weekend of Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 for the annual Medicine Cup Charity Hockey Tournament. Spectators welcome!

Come check out the hall!

Open House at the McKernan Community Centre

Saturday February 1

2 to 4 p.m.

11341-78 Ave.

Have you wondered about renting the McKernan hall for a special event? Do you have an idea for a community activity in the space? Or maybe you've just wondered what goes on in the building.

Drop by the hall for our open house and check out the facilities! The hall manager, Michel, and league board members will be available to show you around and answer your questions.

League members get a discount on rentals!

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League Memberships

Memberships in your community league support programs, socials, hall activities, newsletters, and more; PLUS the League is looking out for your interests in housing, transportation, services and more. See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org.

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RENT THE MCKERNAN COMMUNITY CENTRE!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open again! Our facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a main hall complete with danceable wooden floor and air conditioning. More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at www.mckernancommunity.org. For bookings, contact the manager at hall@mckernancommunity.org.

	Main Hall	Meeting Room
Capacity	150	60
Hourly Rate (GST will be added)		
Weekend (Fri evening, Sat, Sun)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
Long-Term Rentals (multi-week, with contract)	\$40/hr	\$30/hr

Residents of McKernan who are members of the community league receive a 15% discount on one-time hall rentals. GST will also be charged on rentals. Damage deposit will also be required, and renters must obtain their own event insurance.

Community event calendar

Presented by the McKernan Community League and/or other community partners.

EVENT	Location	Date/Time
Free Swim	Confederation Pool (membership required)	Sundays 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Hall Open House	Hall (11341-78 Ave.)	Sat. Feb. 1 2 to 4 p.m.
Firepit Fridays	Skating rink (113 St. and 78 Ave.) FREE PUBLIC SKATE. Enjoy some hot chocolate with neighbours around our cozy firepit.	Fri: 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 14 Mar. 14
Pub Night	McKernan Hall	Fri. Feb. 21 7 to 11 p.m.

Development planned for the University Farm

Major development will be coming to part of the University Farm, and a Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan that will guide this has recently been submitted for approval by the City.

West 240 is the part of the University of Alberta farms west of 122 St. and between Landsdowne to the south and Grandview Heights to the north. Under the University of Alberta Properties Trust, it will be developed into “an urban neighbourhood with convenient transit connections, a range of housing types, accessible design, enhanced open spaces, and a vibrant public realm to promote connectivity, inclusion, and community character.”

The property trust has been engaging with the public and other stakeholders to develop the structure plan that reflects City of Edmonton policy. More information and the draft of the plan is available at <https://west240.site>.

Feedback to the plan will be collected by the city as part of its review and approval process.



Archival photo of McKernan's Lake with toboggan slide

2025 in our McKernan Community

Good energy to everyone as we begin 2025 in our McKernan community. Let's imagine being dressed in long dresses, tall hats, boots, jodhpurs, etc. go for a ride back in time. Sometimes to go forward we can go backward to reflect on the way life was and appreciate the way life is now. To have a toboggan ride now is different, isn't it?

Circa 1912, Edmonton Archives, a picture of the McKernan Lake toboggan slide. Would this now be somewhat intimidating to consider climbing aboard? Wood constructed ladder and wooden slide. Surrounding this would be lake shore homes, the rink shack, and many skaters.

But this is the season to enjoy outdoor sports, and this slide was a huge attraction. People came from everywhere to McKernan which at this time period was the south end of the city. From there we would end up at the University Farm but that was it. It would be so much fun to enjoy being outdoors skating, socializing. This would have created a community cohesiveness unique from this community. Could we in 2025 enhance our lifestyles with a bit of the good stuff from the past?

Nancy Corrigan, McKernan Community Historian

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Development Applications

Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, 2024

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan. Permits are under review unless otherwise noted. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton mapping website maps.edmonton.ca > Development Applications; or in more detail at the Open Data Portal (data.edmonton.ca and search for Development Permits Map view).

Requested and approved planning applications (i.e. for rezoning, not development) are listed at https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/planning-applications. If you have any questions about a project, contact development@mckernancommunity.org.

10936 - 74 Ave.	To construct interior alterations to a residential use building (partial basement development to construct a sauna in the basement, not to be used as an additional dwelling).
11239 - 79 Ave.	To install a renewable energy device on a house (25 solar photovoltaic panel(s) on the roof) (Issued)
11259 - 79 Ave.	To demolish a residential use building (single detached house).
11531 - 80 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (mutual detached garage, 9.35m x 5.69m).

CHEAP



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RSM intended as transition form

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RSM zoning differs from the standard RS zoning in several ways. The most important for the community is that the total area of all buildings may cover up to 60% of the total site (up from 45%), and the allowed height is either 12 metres or 14 m (up from 10.5 m) depending on the classification (RSM h12.0 or RSM h14.0).

The Scona District Plan, which was passed with other district plans in October 2024, identifies certain types of sites where higher density rezonings might be allowed.

The 114 Street, the 76 Avenue and parts of the University Ave. corridors could be rezoned for multiunit up to 8 storeys in height (usually an RM zoning).

The RSM zone, in contrast, will "allow for a range of small to medium scale residential development up to 3 or 4 storeys in height, in the form of Row Housing and Multi-unit Housing ... The scale of development in this Zone may act as a transition between small scale Residential development and larger scale Residential development," according to the Zoning Bylaw.

RSM rezoning may be allowed on certain corner sites, sites close to arterial or collector roadways, or those within 400 m of a mass transit station. There are a number of criteria that they would need to meet as outlined in the District Plan.

More RSM zonings will no doubt be proposed in the community as developers acquire appropriate sites.

See www.mckernancommunity.org/about-development for more information about development, plus links to plans, rezoning applications, and development permits.

For more information about the 73 Ave. rezoning proposal and any questions please contact Jan at jsoltice@gmail.com.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The holidays are a time to connect with loved ones and community to celebrate what is most important.

I wish all Edmontonians a joyous and safe winter season and a happy New Year.

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