



Monday, October 18, 2010
CATHOLIC WARD 3

CHECK CHAHAL

for your **CATHOLIC** School Board Trustee

Jennifer Chahal currently resides in Ward 3, in the Casselman neighbourhood. She is happily married to husband, Perry Chahal and is the proud mother of their two sons, Xavier and Isaiah. Jennifer has been actively involved with her Catholic faith for 30 years, attending Catholic schools from primary school through to University, and continuing on to teach within the Catholic School Board. Jennifer's awareness of the importance of education comes not only from her own experience as a teacher, but from growing up in a family with a long history of educators with Edmonton Catholic Schools starting with her grandfather, Tony Wacowich, as well as numerous other family members who worked for the Catholic Board. Her grandfather worked for the Catholic School Board for 32 years and in his retirement, started up Western Educational Activities Ltd., providing support to the Board, teachers, parents and many students.



Jennifer worked for the family business, and then carried the Wacowich name for another generation in teaching. Jennifer has been employed by the Edmonton Catholic School Board as a kindergarten teacher, and after having her children, as a substitute teacher. She previously taught kindergarten with the Calgary Board and also taught grade four within the inner city of Memphis, TN. While undertaking these positions Chahal has also worked as a certified personal trainer and she also coached and instructed various children in the sport of soccer.

Graduating magna cum laude ("with great honour") from Christian Brothers University, while at the same time accomplishing the feat of becoming a NCAA Soccer Gold Medal Champion, Jennifer has proven herself to be hard working and very driven. She will carry this same disciplined approach to represent what is best for the schools within Ward 3!

Jennifer believes that the education of our youth needs to be one of the prime focuses of society. She is engaged with and can relate to the youth of today. She also relates with the concerns of the parents and guardians of school aged children. She has experienced and knows what is needed in the school environment. She can listen, support, and present the concerns and ideas that will contribute to your child's successful and enjoyable education within the Edmonton Catholic School System.

The Chahal family is active in our community and strives to better our neighborhood; I am happy to say we are friends and neighbours.

-Ed Gibbons, City of Edmonton Councillor for Ward 3

Jennifer is an:

- ADVOCATE for Catholic education and enabling The School Board to focus on its primary responsibility - "The achievement of students."
- ADVOCATE for the reduction in classroom sizes with a strong focus on small class sizes for elementary school children.
- ADVOCATE for increased hiring of young, local graduates in the Education Field.
- ADVOCATE for healthy lifestyles by promoting a more active and well-balanced atmosphere in the schools for students and staff.
- ADVOCATE for sufficient funding for special needs education and assistance.
- ADVOCATE for a district wide youth committee to provide direct feedback to the board. This would encourage students to be proactive in their community.
- ADVOCATE for academy schools focusing on the arts, sport, and trades.
- ADVOCATE to create a strong and viable working relationship between the School Boards and the Alberta Government, focusing on such issues as school closures.

What a TRUSTEE DOES: In accordance with law, Alberta Education directives, community expectations, and in support of the District's mission statement, the Board's mandate includes:

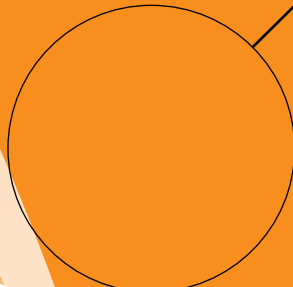
- Represent the interests of the community and reflecting the values of the community in its decision making;
- Serve as an advocate of publicly funded education.
- Set priorities and policies to provide leadership and overall direction for the District;
- Allocate resources to the District to fulfill its responsibilities;
- Monitor the implementation of policies;
- Evaluate the results achieved in the District;
- Report the results achieved to its public;
- Serve as a communication bridge between the community and the District.

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PUBLIC WARD B

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for your **PUBLIC** School Board Trustee

Perry Chahal is an educated, well-rounded and approachable individual. He was born and raised in Edmonton and has lived in the Ward for more than 32 years within the communities of Steele Heights, McLeod, Clareview. Presently, he and his wife, Jennifer, are raising their two sons, Xavier and Isaiah, in Casselman.

Perry has had the honour of serving on community league associations within Area 17. He is active on the Brintnell Park Society as a "Director at large" and is a contributor to the Hollick-Kenyon Parks Society. Perry has also had the honour of being bestowed the title of Honourary Mayor for the City of Edmonton in recognition of his charitable contributions. Perry continues to provide support to numerous charitable organizations within the Ward.

Perry understands politics and bureaucracy. He can handle negotiations with the Government for positive results. Perry has worked as a formal advisor and assistant to many political figures within the highest offices in all three levels of government.

In 2001, Perry was an active member of a board that stopped the sale of EPCOR and was appointed to the oldest City of Edmonton Commission (EBWC). Perry made recommendations to City of Edmonton Council for a complete overhaul to make the Commission more open and transparent; all recommendations were approved. He is not a rookie in the political realm. He knows how to listen and act to get results!



Perry received his Bachelors of Science and Masters in Business Administration. He is currently a Government Relations Advisor for an Alberta Defence Contract company. He is also a published author, and in his spare time Perry enjoys spending time with his family, friends and neighbours.

Education in its entirety is facing many challenges and Perry has the needed expertise to act for the best interest of this Ward.

Perry's priorities will be to:

- ADVOCATE for public education and enable The School Board to focus on its primary responsibility - "The achievement of students."
- ADVOCATE for a district wide youth committee to provide direct feedback to the board. This would encourage students to be proactive in their community.
- ADVOCATE for healthy lifestyles by promoting a more active and well-balanced atmosphere in the schools for students and staff. I will personally partake in fitness regimes at the local schools.
- ADVOCATE that schools are a safe, clean and healthy environment for students, staff and parents.
- ADVOCATE for a continued School Resource Officer program, to assure their needed expertise is still available to our schools, staff and students are safe.
- ADVOCATE for a reduction in classroom sizes and increase hiring of young, local graduates in the education field. - Too many graduates from education are leaving our Board to other regions because they are unable to find work - this must STOP!
- ADVOCATE for sufficient funding for special needs education and assistance.
- WORK with newcomers to assure an easier learning transition.
- WORK with First Nations to assure their concerns are heard.
- ADVOCATE for both:
 1. Skills based education, such as trades and vocational education.
 2. Liberal arts education, music, drama and art, as being crucial to public education.
- ADVOCATE for increased attendance and graduation rates of our students.
- ADVOCATE for new technologies to enhance learning.
- ADVOCATE for an absolute zero tolerance policy for any incident in relation to acts of violence towards students and staff.
- CREATE A STRONG and OPEN relationship between the communities and the schools.
- CREATE A STRONG and viable working relationship between the Public School Board and the Alberta Government.

I believe that Perry and Jennifer Chahal will make a difference in the education system. They have experience, they are approachable and have a willingness to listen to the concerns of our residents.

- Tony Caterina,
City of Edmonton
Councillor for Ward 3

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