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McKenzie Towne Community Association (MTCA)

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You can also email us at feedback@mymtca.ca.

The McKenzie Towne Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the McKenzie Towne Hall (40 McKenzie Towne Blvd SE). Feel free to drop in or shoot us an email if you'd like to get involved!

Please Note: We are the MTCA, not the MTC. The McKenzie Towne Council (MTC) is our community's Homeowners' Association that oversees HOA fees and maintains amenities and features across McKenzie Towne.



November Flowers

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

Poet of the Blackmud Creek

November flowers will never grow
Upon a field of fallen snow
O thoughtful heart, your garden best
Remembrance fertile fills the chest

In silence, sacred waters flow
Our hearts, like sunshine, warmly glow
For rain and sun make flowers thrive
Keep freedom, valor's hope, alive

In honour, gratitude, and pride
Deep poppy roots take hold inside
Lest we forget their row on row
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What Does a Community Association Do?

- Create opportunities for residents to participate in social events, recreational programs, and educational activities in their communities.
- Promote the protection of their community's natural resources and beauty.
- Foster a sense of community and civic pride, and promote inclusiveness, diversity, and respect for all their residents.
- Inform community residents with a website and newsletter.
- Voices community concerns on issues affecting their community.
- Provides an association that brings residents together to work collaboratively to create a strong, vibrant, and resilient community.

Community Association VS. Residents or Homeowners Association

This table shows the key differences between the Community Association (MTCA) and the McKenzie Towne Council (MTC):

McKenzie Towne Community Association	McKenzie Towne Council
Formed by the residents of an area.	Created by the developer.
Run by a volunteer board of directors.	Run by paid staff; oversight by volunteer board of directors.
Access to public land for public amenities.	Built on private land by developer.
Host broad community and accessible events.	Primarily host events paid for by the membership.
Voluntary annual memberships available.	Collect mandatory annual fees.
Reliant on grants, rentals of community facilities (if applicable), programs, sponsorships, and casinos for funding.	Guaranteed source of revenue through encumbered fees. RAs/HOAs can generate facility rental income. Some developers provide financial support.
CA amenities are built through fundraising on public land and are operated by the CA.	HOA/RA amenities are in place when residents buy so can be enjoyed immediately.
Registered as a Not for Profit under the Societies Act.	Registered as a Not for Profit under the Companies Act.
Accountable to their membership.	Accountable to their Board of Directors, who in turn answer to the membership of homeowners.
Representative role to the City of Calgary of the needs and issues in their community and often regionally.	Private organizations with primary focus on the management and high-level maintenance of their assets.

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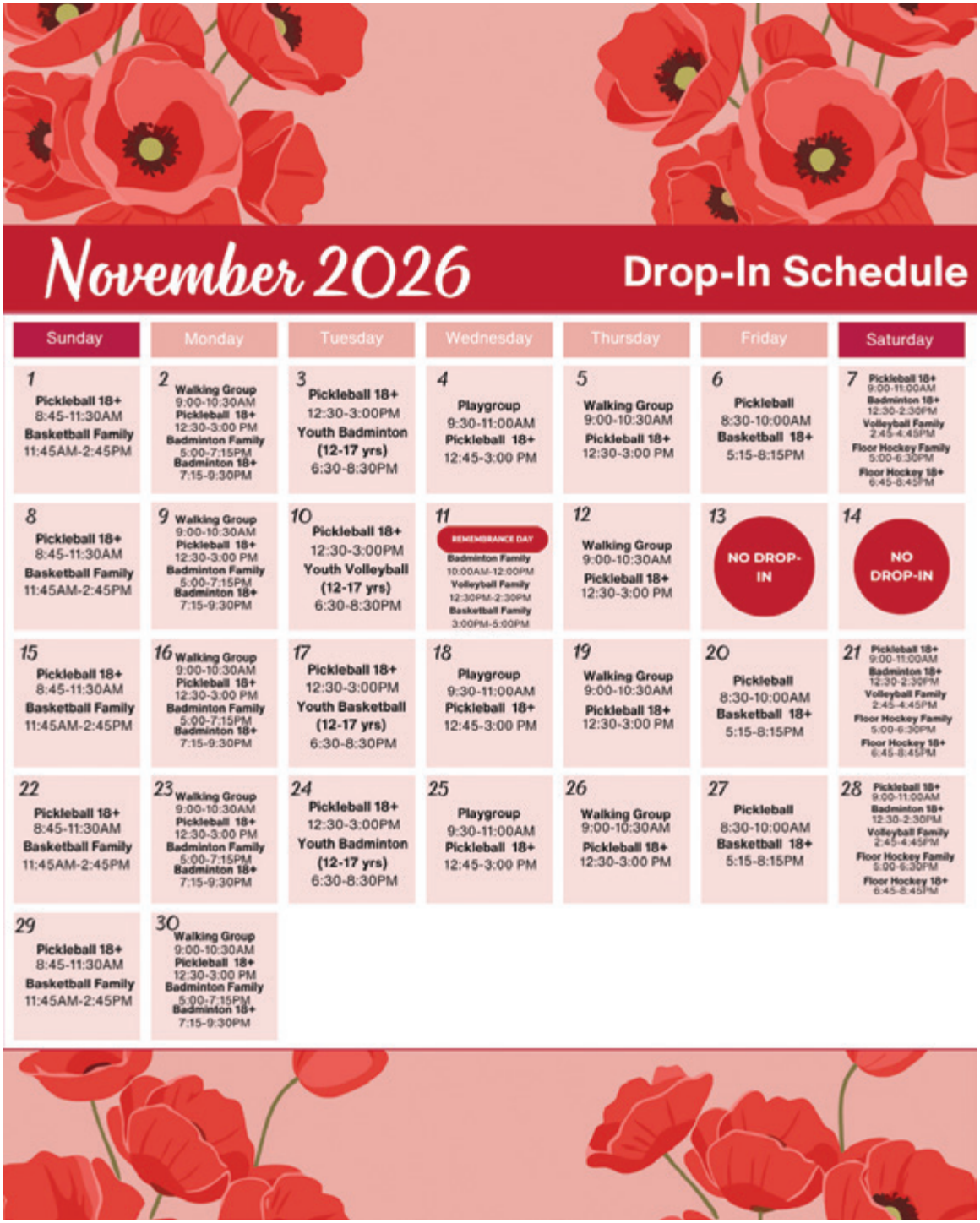


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Drop-In Schedule
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
1
Pickleball 18+
8:45-11:30AM
Basketball Family
11:45AM-2:45PM
2
Walking Group
9:00-10:30AM
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00 PM
Badminton Family
5:00-7:15PM
Badminton 18+
7:15-9:30PM
3
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00PM
Youth Badminton
(12-17 yrs)
6:30-8:30PM
4
Playgroup
9:30-11:00AM
Pickleball 18+
12:45-3:00 PM
5
Walking Group
9:00-10:30AM
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00 PM
6
Pickleball
8:30-10:00AM
Basketball 18+
5:15-8:15PM
7
Pickleball 18+
9:00-11:00AM
Badminton 18+
12:30-2:30PM
Volleyball Family
2:45-4:45PM
Floor Hockey Family
5:00-6:30PM
Floor Hockey 18+
6:45-8:45PM
8
Pickleball 18+
8:45-11:30AM
Basketball Family
11:45AM-2:45PM
9
Walking Group
9:00-10:30AM
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00 PM
Badminton Family
5:00-7:15PM
Badminton 18+
7:15-9:30PM
10
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00PM
Youth Volleyball
(12-17 yrs)
6:30-8:30PM
11
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Badminton Family
10:00AM-12:00PM
Volleyball Family
12:30PM-2:30PM
Basketball Family
3:00PM-5:00PM
12
Walking Group
9:00-10:30AM
Pickleball 18+
12:30-3:00 PM
13
NO DROP-IN
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NO DROP-IN
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Pickleball 18+
8:45-11:30AM
Basketball Family
11:45AM-2:45PM
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Walking Group
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Walking Group
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After Divorce: Who Pays for University

by Christopher Bungay, Divorce Lawyer



In Alberta, someone who is 18 years old is normally considered to be an adult. An 18-year-old can vote, buy real estate in their own personal name, and make their own personal medical choices. However, if an 18-year-old is pursuing post high-school education, he or she may also qualify as an "adult dependent child." What does this mean?

An "adult dependent child" is an adult who, based on their personal life circumstances, must continue to rely upon their parents for financial support. This does not include a child who can function well and just chooses to stay home and do nothing. However, it does include the following:

- A young adult who attends post-secondary education immediately after high school, and
- Who cannot pay for their own education without the financial support of their parents.

Many parents believe (mistakenly) that if they are separated or divorced before a child is 18, they are no longer required to pay for the child's future education. This belief is often incorrect. Even after a divorce, many parents will have ongoing obligation to support adult dependent children who attend university (or some other post-high school training program). Whether a parent must pay, and how much, often depends upon a) how much a parent earns, and b) how much the adult child can reasonably be expected to fund on their own.

For example, if one of the parents earns a substantial income, it is very likely this high-earning parent will be required to assist their child financially with post-secondary education. While there are kids who can go to university on a full scholarship, most adult children cannot attend university or college without some help from their parents. In cases where an adult child/student clearly needs financial help, parents will often have a legal obligation to assist with paying for education. In many cases, this will apply even if the parents were divorced or separated prior to the time the adult child started university/college.

This does not mean that adult children have no responsibility to pay their own way. The law recognizes that adult children must make some effort to fund their own education and training. For example, if an adult child has a summer job during university break, they would be expected to try and use their earnings to help cover some of their tuition costs. Further, if Mom and Dad have very low earnings, it would be reasonable to expect their child to apply for student loans to help fund post-secondary costs.

In some cases, a parent will be required to help fund education even if their child did not live with them prior to university. Let's say a couple separated in July 2025, shortly before their child entered grade 12 in September 2025. For the grade 12 year, the child decided to live with Mom, while Dad lived in his own residence alone. In this case, Dad earned a high-income and Mom's earnings were very low. If this adult child went to university in September 2026 (after high school graduation) it is very likely Dad would still be required to help pay university costs, even though the child did not live with Dad in the prior year.







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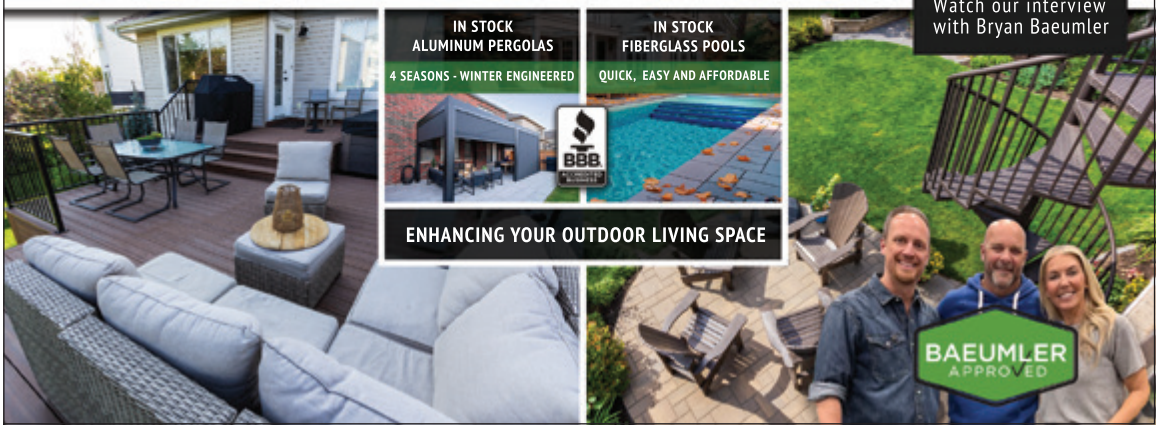
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