

**Keren Tang**

**1. As a member of City Council, what would be your vision of the City of Edmonton's role to advance the goals of the Live Active Strategy to achieve "A healthy, vibrant Edmonton in which people embrace active lifestyles that improve their individual well-being as well as that of their families, neighbourhoods and communities"?**

A pillar of my campaign is community, and the power of local. I would like to see smaller, widely-distributed, neighbourhood-level infrastructure that leverages potential renewal opportunities to "support the development of intentional, flexible places for community members to gather, grow, and prosper." These community hubs encourage residents to get outside, be active, and create connections with each other, contributing to collective wellbeing. The spaces we live in have a direct impact on our lifestyles. My vision to achieve the goals of the Live Active Strategy is to make active lifestyles accessible to all Edmontonians regardless of where they live.

**2. What does an inclusive and accessible Edmonton look like to you? How will you make sure that inclusion and accessibility are part of all sport, physical activity, and active recreation opportunities (including events and programs) in Edmonton?**

To me, an inclusive and accessible Edmonton provides equitable access to support and services for all members of our diverse communities, and ensures that everyone feels welcome, safe, and represented. As a city councillor I will advocate for equitable and welcoming spaces where Edmontonians can engage in their favourite activities and where they have the opportunity to build community through sharing in group sport. Sport is a central pillar in building community and acts as a unifying force, which I value greatly. The heart of community activity is in our city's green spaces. I commit to ensuring these important resources are preserved for the benefit of all Edmontonians.

Our City owned and operated Leisure Centres are also instrumental to facilitating an active municipality. Through the City Council I will continue to advocate for the City's Leisure Access Program so that lower income families can continue to access programs and services offered at these facilities. I will also ensure transit remains affordable for families to get to recreation centres around the city, and will support the improvement of visual cues, signage, and accessibility design in our facilities to include safer spaces, ramps, and 2SLGBTQ+ and trans flags so everyone feels included.

**3. Many Edmontonians qualify for the City of Edmonton's Leisure Access Program, but many do not and can not afford the City of Edmonton's active recreation programs and services. What should the City of Edmonton do to ensure no one is left out of these opportunities?**

I have spent a lot of time talking to community members in Ward Karhiio and across the city during this campaign, and I have been hearing growing concerns about the lack of access to social services and programming in Southeast Edmonton. As a councillor, I want to bring Edmontonians' voices forward. I would continue to listen, learn, and advocate for programs and services that meet constituent needs, and that are accessible for all. This could potentially be achieved through a targeted and distributed approach, and in partnership with local organizations like Family Futures or Kidsport.

It's one thing to create programming opportunities, but ensuring the community knows about them is just as important. To spread the word about programming I would leverage city resources, but would also tap into community media like ethnocultural newspapers and the Mill Woods Mosaic to reach a broad spectrum of residents.

**4. As you think about the economic recovery of Edmonton and the health of Edmontonians, how do you see sport and active recreation contributing, and how do you believe the City of Edmonton should support this important work?**

Sports and active recreation, especially in terms of large events, has the potential to draw people into the city from all over the province and country. These events are major economic opportunities for the city, and allow us to showcase our diversity and inclusivity. A notable example is the City's support for the World Triathlon and BMX race, both of which stimulated our economy, specifically in the retail and hospitality industries. Furthermore, these high profile events enable the participation of youth, amateur athletes, and Edmontonians at large in activity and sport, contributing to the long-term well being of our communities.

**5. If Edmonton is a FIFA 2026 host city, what should the social legacies be from this event?**

The social legacies from hosting FIFA 2026 would be invaluable in engaging the current and next generation Edmontonians in sports and recreation. Events like FIFA inspire people to become involved with sports facilities and institutions, and to contribute a sense of community through active living. Through hosting this event we would build city pride and identity through sport, and would be able to upgrade our facilities to be world class for Edmontonians to use in decades to come. The decisions the city makes regarding the accessibility of our infrastructure and promotion of active living will leave a lasting legacy on Edmonton.

**6. Please share with us anything else you would like us to know about your thoughts, experiences, or plans for sport, physical activity, and active recreation for the City of Edmonton.**

Physical activity and active recreation in relation to community engagement have been recurring themes throughout my life. As a teacher living and working on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico in my early 20s, I participated in the annual Just Move It campaign, a 4-mile run/walk event throughout the reservation. I directly experienced an entire Nation coming together, young and old, to promote physical activity and healthy eating, to support one another, to self determine community wellbeing, and to heal. This experience inspired my Master's thesis work at the University of Alberta School of Public Health where I worked on participatory action research with Yellowknife's Dene First Nations community to explore physical activity through a traditional activity on the land lens and its significance to the community's well being. I learned invaluable lessons about the importance of culture, tradition, and land informed local programming, which I still carry with me today. I hope to continue this people-centred approach, working with communities in partnership to empower and activate their ideas about living actively in the City