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New community cultural initiative connects neighbourhood with its history

Edmonton... On Thursday, May 19th, the Bulyea Heights community presents the inaugural event in its heritage and culture series featuring a lecture by Dr. Kenneth Munro on the Alberta legacy of the neighbourhood's namesake, George H.V. Bulyea, Alberta's first Lieutenant Governor.

"We're pleased to launch this series with Dr. Munro, whose lectures are known for being insightful, informative and entertaining," says Lillian Beltaos, convener of the Historical and Cultural President's Advisory group for the community. "This initiative is important for a neighbourhood such as ours which is not typically regarded as one of Edmonton's 'historic' neighbourhoods, but one that has historical connections through the naming of its streets and parks."

The event is a collaboration between the Brookview Community Association, the Office of City Councillor Bryan Anderson, the Alberta Aviation Museum and the Edmonton Heritage Council. The initiative builds on the naming of a Bulyea Heights green space for early Alberta aviator Frank Victor Burton. Through these initiatives, citizens and residents are making local connections with the stories that make up Edmonton's history and identity.

"All of Edmonton's neighbourhoods and citizens stories are 'historical' and are part of a broad and inclusive approach to Edmonton's history," says Edmonton Heritage Council Executive Director David Ridley. "Too often, we've drawn a line between what's typically regarded as 'historic' and missed the connections that exist in every neighbourhood—its community experience, its names and the prior uses and history of the land. All neighbourhoods have these connections."

The lecture will begin at 7:30pm at the Brookview Community Centre (280 Bulyea Road). Attendees are asked to RSVP by emailing BCAL@brookview.ca. For more information, visit www.brookview.ca.

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The Edmonton Heritage Council is a not-for-profit organization that envisions Edmonton as a place where heritage is understood and valued by all members of the community as an integral way of life.

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