

Message from His Worship Mayor Don Iveson



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I welcome everyone to Nellie McClung's Pink Tea.

October 18th commemorates a landmark in Canadian history: the day women were declared as "persons" under the law, thanks to a group of tenacious women, including this school's namesake – Nellie McClung. The Pink Tea tradition honours the legacy of creating a forum to enlighten, empower and support each other in the pursuit of gender equality.

As a city we need to ensure women's rights, issues and opinions are represented fairly and equally. Women provide a unique voice, and without that we cannot continue to evolve as a forward-thinking and global city.

I invite you to become more involved in civic decision-making by providing your ideas, inspiration and leadership as accomplished, influential and inspired women. All of you here today serve to inspire future generations of women and promote gender equality across the globe.

I thank Nellie McClung staff and students for putting this event together. Your passion and enthusiasm helps create an engaged, progressive and vibrant city for all of us.

Yours truly,

Don Iveson Mayor