



The street view of "Little Gaetz" in the City of Red Deer's downtown core on November 17th, 2022.

## About

We believe each voice deserves to be heard. While social media offers opportunities for opinion sharing, there are still voices in our community that are not represented.

Our goal with the Community Voice Project is to hear from individuals and share their unique perspectives on a wide range of topics in the hopes of provoking further insight, thought, and conversation.

## How it Works

Submission boxes were set up in Red Deer at the John Howard Society, Turning Point Society, and Red Deer Library's Downtown and Dawe branches from August - November 2022.

Five randomized questions were included on submission forms and community members were given the opportunity to answer one or all in any way they wanted. This newsletter contains some of the community responses to three of those questions.

## Goals & Aspirations

### We asked:

What goals and aspirations do you hope to accomplish in the next month, 6-months, and year?

"Keep growing! – Ayan

"Next month I hope to welcome my first grandson. In six months, I hope to pay off my mortgage. Next year, I hope to buy a big home for all my family and me to share in the summers – Mary

"Get off the streets and take care of my daughter – Greg

"I'd like to move into my own place – Deanna

"Stay healthy. Find a friend. Maybe get a laptop so I can connect better – Mary

"Have a safe pregnancy – Sam

"To begin a table reading club in RD -- Leslie

## Personal Reminders

### We asked:

What messages do you keep repeating to yourself?

"Never give up! Always move forward. Get greater forever – Mary

"Be brave. Keep going. Find something useful to do – Ayan

"Tomorrow is another day- forgive yourself and move on – Anonymous

"Get up and face the day because this could be the last chance you have to have an impact on the world and in the lives of those who matter – Deanna

"Learn something new every day – Hame

"There's always someone with a greater need than my own – Christina

"You are enough – Greg

## Want to Participate?

### Share your voice!

Look for new submission boxes next January set up at participating organizations and businesses in Red Deer's downtown core.

### Host a submission box!

Organizations or businesses wanting to accept submissions on behalf of the Community Voice Project next season are encouraged to reach out via email:

[collaborative.project2022@gmail.com](mailto:collaborative.project2022@gmail.com)

## Top Reads

### We asked:

What are the best books you've read this year?

"Power of Now (Tolle, 1997) – Deanna

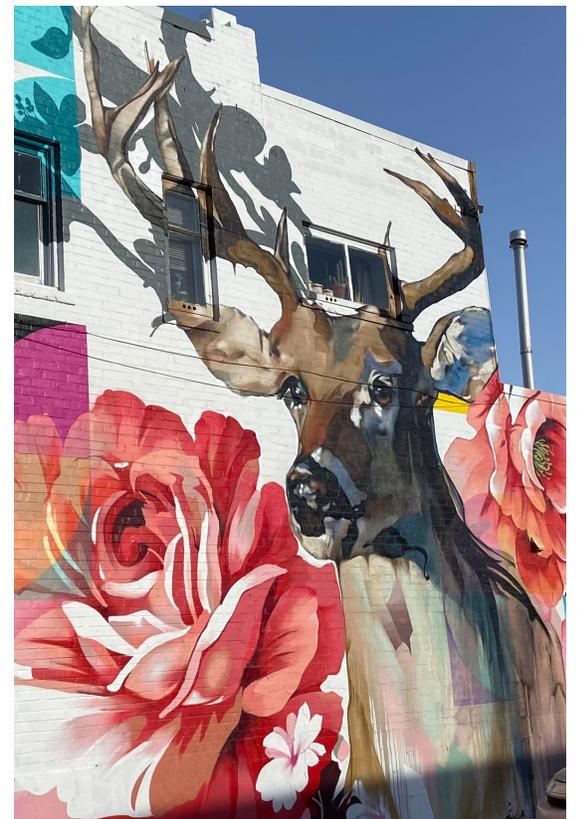
"American Psycho (Ellis, 1991) – Mary

"A House of Names (Tóibín, 2017) – Leslie

"Everything written by Elizabeth Strout, Amor Toles, and Louise Erdrich – Mary

"His Dark Materials (Pullman, 1995) – Ayan

"Twilight (Meyer, 2005) – Mercedes



A wall mural in Red Deer's downtown by Ukrainian-Canadian mural artist, Sergey Ryutin, better known as 'Toner'. Captured November 17th, 2022.