

Main Venue:	Virtual Platform Convention
Other Venues:	Lord Shaughnessy 2336 - 53 Avenue SW
When:	Thursday, February 11 & Friday, February 12, 2021

Message from Sue, our Convention Coordinator...

Happy New Year! Planning is well underway for our 2021 Virtual Support Staff Convention. Westside Recreation has put together an array of virtual sessions that may be enjoyed in the comfort of your living room. We will be offering additional on-site sessions through Chinook Learning Services at Lord Shaughnessy who, as part of CBE, is adhering to all COVID related protocols as set out by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Please join Chief Superintendent, Christopher Usih, and myself virtually at 9:00am each day of Convention for opening greetings. Following our greetings, we are delighted to announce, that Dr. Jody Carrington, a well renowned child psychologist, speaker, author and game changer will provide a keynote address each day.

Thanks so much to those of you who took the time to complete our 2020 Convention evaluations. Convention evaluations play an integral role in assisting the Convention Committee in selecting sessions. The Committee values your input and works very hard in meeting your requests. We have added some great new selections thanks to members input!

2021 Virtual Convention On-Line Session Viewing / Registration

- ❖ **Convention Sessions will be published on-line for "VIEWING" only on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00pm.** Please log-in through our red 'Member log-in' button on the righthand side of our Website's homepage (www.staffassociation.ca) then select the *My Convention* tab to view all convention session information.
- ❖ **On-line Convention registration will begin on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00pm through our 'Member log-in'.**

Create Your Profile

New and existing employees, please remember to create your profile on-line through our 'Member Log-In' on our Website (www.staffassociation.ca) to gain access to the Convention brochure and register for sessions.

If you require assistance setting-up your profile, please contact Sue (403.242.7555 ext. 3 - sue@staffassociation.ca) or Dawn (403.242.7555 ext. 0 - dawn@staffassociation.ca).

Exhibitors

With the popularity of our exhibitors, during the week of Convention (February 8th – 12th), to show our appreciation, we will have a tab created called "Exhibitors" under the 'Member Login' where members can access the websites and contact information of many of our past exhibitors to browse and shop.

Parking at Lord Shaughnessy

On-site parking will be available for those members that register for sessions at Lord Shaughnessy.

Article 10 - Attending SA's Convention

Article 10 - Staff Association Convention

10.1 Continuous and term-specific employees will be allowed at least two (2) days, with pay, to attend the annual Staff Association Convention unless operational/work requirements prevent the absence from work of an employee for both days, in which case the employee will be allowed at least one (1) day, with pay, to attend. Employees not required to work either of the days of the Staff Association Convention shall not be entitled to receive additional compensation for time spent at the Staff Association Convention.

Please note: Continuous employees - if you are not at work you are expected to attend Convention. If you are not at Convention, you need to have made alternate arrangements with your immediate supervisor as you are paid for the two days during Convention. This means taking personal days, vacation days, utilizing lieu time or taking the days without pay.