



## Nick brings positive family values to Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council

Nicholas (Nick) Polturak grew up in a family that strongly believes in giving back to the community - and that's exactly what he's doing today as a member of the Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council (GEHAC).

"I decided to apply for membership on the Council as a way to contribute to the community, and to the healthcare system specifically, in a constructive manner," he says. "I'm excited for this opportunity to have a positive impact as a community liaison, and to provide value to both AHS and Albertans."

He hopes to build upon the accomplishments of previous HAC members, such as increased community engagement and their efforts in supporting "the right care, in the right place at the right time."

"During my term I hope to be able to promote the services Alberta Health Services (AHS) provides to the greater Edmonton region, while raising the needs of the community with AHS."

Nick says he's seen for himself just how much AHS values – and acts upon – community feedback.

"The fact that we have a Council at all shows that we live in an open and transparent democracy where fairness and accountability matter. My fellow Council members also give me hope, as they bring a diverse set of viewpoints and a wealth of knowledge and experience to the benefit of all Albertans."

There's little doubt Nick intends to be an ambassador for his Council as he reaches out to his neighbours for their thoughts.

"I want more people to know about HACs in general, to know there is a mechanism for Albertans to communicate with their health service provider, and that there is accountability in the system.

"I also welcome the opportunity to help and learn from those who have experienced life-changing health-related circumstances."

Balance in life is also important for Nick, who's visited 17 countries to date and enjoys the outdoors by hiking, camping and fishing. He loves to play soccer and also keeps fit through the combat sport of Muay Thai.

For more information on the Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council, visit [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](https://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils), or email [greateredmonton@ahs.ca](mailto:greateredmonton@ahs.ca).



*Nick Polturak, 2019.*