



Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board

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Biography of Dr. Jodi L. Abbott, ICD.D Chair, EMRB

Dr. Jodi L. Abbott is the Chair of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board, effective October 31, 2017. She will lead a Board of 13 regional Mayors in its role as a growth management board implementing the recently approved 30-year regional Growth Plan and creating a regional metro servicing plan.

She is also President and CEO of NorQuest College. Since joining the college in 2010, Dr. Abbott has grown NorQuest's credit and non-credit programming; unveiled innovative partnerships like the Landmark Group Centre for Value Improvement, the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation Hospitality Institute, and the Alberta Aboriginal Construction Career Centre; and enhanced NorQuest's brand recognition. Under Dr. Abbott's leadership, the college began construction for the new Singhmar Centre for Learning, which opened for fall term classes in 2017. The centre is part of a larger expansion project which includes a retrofit of the existing downtown main building and the development of green space.

Dr. Abbott is the Chair of Edmonton's Health City. The Health City Initiative aims to increase access to capital for local health sector companies and accelerate the commercialization of new technologies and products. Dr. Abbott serves as a trustee of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and is also a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (Gold). In addition, she has a longstanding involvement with figure skating, including as an Olympic judge in 2010 and 2014. In 2011, Dr. Abbott was included in the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport and Physical Activity's list of Canada's top-20 most influential women in sport. In 2013, she received the University of Alberta Alumni Honour Award in recognition of her international work with figure skating and for championing improved health-care services.

Dr. Abbott is also a two-time recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her significant local, provincial, and national contributions in sport and post-secondary education. In 2015, she was named as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network (WXN), receiving the Trailblazers and Trendsetters Award for women who are either the first in their field or have made a major impact on it.

In 2016, Dr. Abbott was named among the Top 50 Most Influential People in Alberta by Alberta Venture magazine. Most recently, she received the first-ever District 99 Toastmaster Award in Leadership and Communication.

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