



## The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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### January 2025 CCE Newsletter

Register now for our **February 5th** luncheon & AGM!

Email [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) NOW to reserve a seat

**Our featured Speaker:**

**Nizar Somji,**

**Chancellor of the University of Alberta**



**11:45 Feb 5th at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel**

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## **The CCE AGM will follow the luncheon after a short break**

### **Speaker details:**

Nizar Somji was elected the 23rd Chancellor of the University of Alberta in March 2024, and installed on June 21, 2024 at the Convocation Ceremony. Chancellor Somji will serve a four-year, non-renewable term, ending June 2028.

During more than 30 years of leadership developing new initiatives, forging strategic partnerships and driving innovation, Somji founded multiple successful businesses, including the Jaffer Group of Companies, which has invested more than \$130 million in Alberta through ventures in construction, staffing, information technology, realty, hospitality, petroleum and property management.

A U of A graduate, Somji holds a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering. Dedicated to supporting advances in industrial innovation, Somji has funded two engineering research chairs at the U of A, leading to many developments in process control and automation that were adopted by several multinational corporations. His expertise as a seasoned corporate executive also extends to the community. He is a current member of EPCOR's board of directors and chair of KV Capital, a Western Canadian equity fund enterprise. Somji has also served on the boards of Redline Communications and Critical Control Energy Services Corp. As well, he has served with the U of A Board of Governors and as global director of campus development and operations with Aga Khan University and Hospital.

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**Note that new Guests are always welcome (and encouraged)! You do not need a CCE membership, but Lunch Confirmations by Email are required.**

Please confirm by Feb 2nd (preferably by Jan 31st) by emailing [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) or texting 780-245-4042. Please indicate the full names of all attendees and guests, confirm you're having the hot meal vs the sandwich platter, and add any dietary issues. Luncheon costs are \$35 for a 3-course served meal, or \$30 for the sandwich platter, payable at the door. Dietary issues will be accommodated if we are advised when you register.

Parking is only \$5 - just bypass the hotel meters and pay at the door. Cash, Cheque, Debit and Credit card payment options are all available at the registration desk.

Visit [www.canadianclubofedmonton.com](https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/) for updates

## **The Small Print:**

### **Parking - Chateau Lacombe Parkade**

If using the Hotel Parkade, do NOT take a ticket from the vending machine, but proceed instead to the luncheon registration table where you can register your license plate number and pay a discounted \$5 fee. This fee covers your downtown parking for 3 hours, subsidized by CCE.

### **Meal Cancellations**

If you have confirmed your attendance and have to cancel, please text 780-245-4042 as soon as possible. At the Club's discretion, no-shows may be asked to pay for the cost of their meal.

### **Memberships & Renewals (paused until further notice)**

While the Club's future and membership policies are under review, our policies have always encouraged memberships and renewals as a measure of your support for the Club. In the past, supporting members have paid annual memberships of \$60 per person, \$75 per couple and \$150 corporate. Memberships purchased in the Fall of 2024 extend to Dec 2025. Thank you to those who have joined recently or already renewed.

### **Luncheon Speakers**

Canadian Club of Edmonton members are encouraged to suggest speakers or topics for future luncheon meetings. Please send your ideas to [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) or text 780-245-4042.

### **CCE Website**

The CCE website has been updated, and more improvements are envisioned. We invite you to visit the website regularly for updates at <https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/>

### **Mailing List**

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, or if you wish to update or add your email address, please advise the Club by email at [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com)

**Did you know?** The Association of Canadian Clubs was chartered by an Act of Parliament in 1939. The first Club was founded in 1893 in Hamilton, by leading Canadian citizens who were worried about the lack of patriotism in the country at that time. The Canadian Club of Edmonton held its inaugural meeting in 1906.