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**PRESS RELEASE – September 8, 2017**

## **Anti-choice Extremists Connected to School Trustee Candidate Tyler Duce (Edmonton Public – Ward G)**

Two pro-choice groups want voters to be aware that anti-choice extremist groups are training and supporting Tyler Duce as school trustee candidate for the Edmonton Public School Board election October 16, 2017.

“Tyler Duce and his extremist supporters have an agenda to attack and undermine the human rights of rights of women, trans men and non-binary people. We must ensure Duce’s defeat,” said Melanie Anderson of the Alberta Pro-Choice Coalition.

“We urge Ward G voters to look at their candidates closely, and vote to protect Edmonton students from Tyler Duce in October’s trustee election,” said Joyce Arthur, Executive Director of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, a national pro-choice advocacy group.

When screen shots from Tyler Duce’s personal Facebook account recently became public, it raised concerns that GSAs (Gay Straight Alliances) and comprehensive sexual health education in public schools were under attack. Now, an investigation of anti-choice events and candidate events on Facebook by the Alberta Pro-Choice Coalition indicate a close connection between Duce’s campaign and radical anti-choice extremists who seek to undermine the rights of women, trans men and non-binary people.

Many Ward G residents received graphic anti-abortion flyers in their mailboxes in June 2017. These flyers directed people to an extremist anti-choice website operated by the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR – the fetal gore gang). Residents in Ward G should be concerned that some volunteers in Tyler Duce’s election campaign are directly connected to CCBR, the same group that produces and distributes the flyers (similar flyers by the CCBR were found in 2015 to violate Clause 14 of the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards for displaying “obvious indifference to conduct or attitudes that offended the standards of public decency...”)

Tyler Duce has been trained and supported by the Wilberforce Project (formerly Alberta Pro-Life) and is using CCBR volunteers. Tyler Duce has attended anti-choice indoctrinations by the Wilberforce Project since March 11, 2017. Many people attending these events are directly connected to the CCBR and are now connected to Tyler as Facebook friends and campaign volunteers.

For detailed information, see the following Background data, pages 2-9.

(also posted at: <http://arcc-cdac.ca/press/Release-Tyler-Duce-connected-to-antichoice-extremists.pdf>)

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## What residents of Ward G should know

- In 2014, Edmonton Public School District removed an anti-choice group from teaching sexual health education in Edmonton public schools. The board recognized that students must have evidence-based, medically accurate, comprehensive sexual health education that is inclusive to LGBT students. Anti-choice groups oppose abortion, contraception and are not safe for LGBT students.
- School trustee candidates must place the public health needs of ALL students ahead of objections by special interest groups. Tyler Duce has already shown that sexual health education may be placed at risk.
- A number of Tyler Duce's volunteers are connected to the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, the organization that distributed fetal gore flyers in Ward G in June 2017.
- Tyler Duce considers the womb to be a hostile place and claimed Canadian soldiers are safer than fetuses. His comments indicate that he does not value the human rights of women, trans men and non-binary people:



**Tyler J Duce**

14 December 2010 at 13:54 · 🌐

Of all the Canadian soldiers to fight in Afghanistan since the war started, .01% have been killed. On average, 21% of Canadian pregnancies are terminated. You're safer in Afghanistan than in the womb.

- Many Edmonton Public School students are LGBT and require safe spaces in school. Tyler Duce has admitted to being homophobic and appears to be willing to out LGBT students. His focus on parents' rights may violate SOGI policies (Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity), undermine Gay Straight Alliances and endanger LGBT youth



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 Tyler Duce, do you agree with informing parents if their child is in a GSA club? Yes or no. Just wondering.  
Like · Reply · 3 · August 22 at 10:32pm

 Tyler?  
Like · Reply · August 24 at 8:36pm

 **Tyler Duce for Ward G Trustee** I'm a firm believer that parents need to be involved in the education of their children. In fact, it is their legal right. The school only acts in place of the parents, it does not replace them. As such, parents have a right to know all the relevant information regarding their child.  
Like · Reply · August 25 at 11:46am

 Tyler Duce for Ward G Trustee And if a student joins a GSA, hasn't "come out" to parents, but feels they need the support of those who are in similar circumstances, what you are saying is that the parent(s) will need to be notified. How is this a good thing for the student?  
Like · Reply · 3 · August 25 at 12:38pm



### People from known anti-choice groups

Activists and staff of known anti-choice groups are highlighted in yellow and specifically identified as CCBR if they have been interns or staff, or participated in Choice Chains:

<b>Wilberforce Project Training Events</b>			
<b>March 11, 2017 - Political Campaign Training Workshop</b>			
Tyler J Duce	Katie Campbell (WFP)	Eila Leia	Cameron Wilson (CCBR)
<b>April 28, 2017 Pro-life Apologetics &amp; Politics 101</b>			
Tyler J Duce Cameron Côté (CCBR)	Katie Campbell Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Deirdre Gabriella Sprenger (CCBR)	Cameron Wilson (CCBR) Erin Woodcox
<b>July 20 Facebook Live "how to" guide for PC Unity Vote</b>			
Tyler J Duce Amanda Lutes Sara Francis Stephanie Fenly (FB) (or Fennelly) (WFP) Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Attended with: Adrian-Jacqueline Barendregt-Hamoen (CCBR) Shunfu Sha	Kristopher Barker Kimberlee Vroom Yvonne Boon (CCBR) Jordan Walker	Cameron Davies Anne Jordan Stephanie Sunshine Schulte
<b>August 24 Youth and Young Adult Training: Building Pro-Life Leaders</b>			
Tyler J Duce	Katie Campbell (WFP)	Stephanie Fenly (Fennelly - sp?) (WFP)	

<b>Participants in Tyler Duce's first two canvassing campaigns</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 5 at 12 PM - 3 PM</b>	
Andrew Langemann (Work to Abolish Abortion in Canada)	Tyler J Duce
Ernie Walter (supports CCBR)	Sam Lilly
Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Danna Schumann
Ray Donnelly (CCBR)	Jordan Walker
Cameron Wilson (CCBR)	
<b>Saturday, July 8 at 12 PM - 4 PM</b>	
Peter Bissonnette (Tour Coordinator Kenney campaign – anti-choice)	Ray Donnelly (CCBR)
Kristopher Barker	Cameron Wilson (CCBR)
Ernie Walter (supports CCBR)	Tyler J Duce
Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Sam Lilly
Shunfu Sha	



### **Anti-choice organizations with active volunteers in the trustee elections**

- Back Porch/ALIES
  - a. Crisis pregnancy centre located directly across the street from the Edmonton Women's Health Options abortion clinic.
  - b. ALIES gathers, develops and distributes information on a broad range of life issues. These include abortion, euthanasia, reproduction technologies, pregnancy, birth control, and human sexuality. ALIES is a member of Life Canada, a national educational anti-choice group.
- Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) Students for Life
  - a. Anti-choice student group at Brandon University.
- Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform
  - a. This organization displays graphic fetal gore on campuses, near schools and on highways (sometimes called Choice Chain). They distribute fetal gore postcards and flyers to mailboxes across Canada.
  - b. Fetal gore flyers were distributed in Ward G in June 2017.
- Edmonton Against Abortion (Facebook Page)
  - a. Activists have been involved with the CCBR Choice Chain and fetal gore displays near schools and campuses.
- Evangelical Office of the Public Square
  - a. Consortium of Biblically-focused, Holy Spirit driven, evangelical Christians.
- Go Life: U of A Campus Pro-life
  - a. Anti-choice student group at the University of Alberta; hosted fetal gore display.
- National Campus Life Network
  - a. NCLN mentors and trains students to be anti-choice leaders, supporting them with resources to effectively reach their peers and thereby "change the culture".
  - b. Through personalized mentorship, campus visits, effective resources, and ongoing support, NCLN's team connects students to the wider anti-choice student movement.
- Right Now
  - a. Campaign to get anti-choice candidates elected.
- Wilberforce Project (formerly Alberta Pro-Life)
  - a. Umbrella Alberta anti-choice group involved in activism and training anti-choice politicians.
  - b. Defines the IUD, pill, and emergency contraception as abortifacients even though abortion is not possible unless there is a pregnancy. All these methods prevent pregnancy.
- Work to Abolish Abortion in Canada Action Team
  - a. Facebook Group



**Anti-choice people and their connections to Tyler Duce**

<b>Anti-choice activist/staff</b>	<b>Anti-choice organization and connection to Tyler</b>
<b>Adrian-Jacqueline Barendregt-Hamoen</b>	<b>CCBR Calgary</b> – activism; member of the Facebook Group <b>ARPA Barrhead/Neerlandia</b> – anti-choice Facebook group creator and admin
<b>Yvonne Boon</b>	<b>Canadian Centre for Bio-ethical Reform (CCBR)</b> - staff Attended Wilberforce event (Tyler Duce attended): July 20 Facebook Live "how to" guide for PC Unity Vote
<b>Katie Campbell</b>	<b>Go Life: U of A Campus Pro-Life</b> – Executive <b>Wilberforce Project</b> – publishing on website Invited to July 8, August 5 canvass Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Cameron Cote</b>	<b>CCBR</b> - Former intern with postcard history <b>Youth Protecting Youth (YPY) UVic</b> Participated in CCBR Choice Chain/Genocide Awareness Project Attended Wilberforce Project event (Tyler Duce also attended) April 28, 2017: Pro-life Apologetics & Politics 101
<b>Ray Donnelly</b>	<b>Edmonton Against Abortion</b> - CCBR gore display May 28, 2016 Canvassed July 8, August 5 for Tyler Duce
<b>Marc Duteau</b>	<b>Edmonton Against Abortion</b> - CCBR gore display April 22, 2017 Invited to July 8, August 5 canvass Tyler Duce
<b>Alissa Golob</b>	<b>Right Now</b> - co-founder <b>Campaign Life Youth Coalition</b> Participated in CCBR Choice Chain gore display Invited to July 8 canvass for Tyler Duce
<b>Scott Hayward</b>	<b>Right Now</b> - co-founder Edmonton Against Abortion – likes page Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Joshua Irwin</b>	Edmonton Against Abortion – likes page Invited to August 5 canvass for Tyler Duce
<b>Scott Janzen</b>	Edmonton Against Abortion – likes page Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Andrew Langemann</b>	<b>Work to Abolish Abortion in Canada Action Team Facebook Group</b> Canvassed August 5, 12-3pm for Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook



**Anti-choice people and their connections to Tyler Duce (*continued*)**

<b>Anti-choice activist/staff</b>	<b>Anti-choice organization and connection to Tyler</b>
<b>David MacKenzie</b>	<b>Evangelical Office of the Public Square Founder</b> - opposes comprehensive sex education Invited to August 5 canvass for Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Andrew Madill</b>	<b>Brandon University Students for Life</b> - Communications Director Interested in August 5 canvass for Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Amberlee Nicol</b>	<b>CCBR</b> - Staff/former intern <b>Go Life: U of A Campus Pro-Life</b> - President <b>Edmonton Against Abortion</b> - Co-founder <b>National Campus Life Network</b> - Volunteer Invited to July 8, August 5 canvass for Tyler Duce
<b>Kianna Owen</b>	<b>CCBR</b> - Former staff/intern <b>Edmonton Against Abortion</b> <b>Go Life: U of A Campus Pro-Life</b> - Executive <b>Back Porch/ALIES</b> - Coordinator Canvassed July 8, August 5 for Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Deirdre Gabriella Sprenger</b>	<b>CCBR</b> - Former intern Attended Wilberforce Project event (Tyler Duce also attended) April 28, 2017 Pro-life Apologetics & Politics 101
<b>Cameron Wilson</b>	<b>CCBR</b> - Former intern with postcard history <b>Wilberforce Project</b> - Political organizer <b>ALIES/Back Porch</b> - Vice President <b>Go Life: U of A Campus Pro-Life</b> - Treasurer/Spokesperson Canvassed July 8, August 5 for Tyler Duce Friends with Tyler Duce on Facebook
<b>Stephanie Fennelly (WFP)</b> (or Stephanie Fenly on Facebook – appears to be the same person)	<b>Wilberforce Project (WFP)</b> - Executive Director Invited to July 8, August 5 canvass for Tyler Duce (Facebook - FB)



## Tyler Duce for Trustee Posted Facebook Canvassing Events

(Note: CCBR includes staff, interns and Choice Chains)

<b>Tyler Duce Canvassing Blitz! Saturday, August 5 at 12pm - 3pm</b>			
<b>Went:</b>		<b>Interested:</b>	
Andrew Langemann	Tyler J Duce	Peter Bissonnette	Karamarie Barker
Ernie Walter	Sam Lilly	Andrew Madill	Ben Brodhead
Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Danna Schumann	Adrian-Jacqueline Barendregt-Hamoen (CCBR)	Anne Jordan
Ray Donnelly (CCBR)	Jordan Walker	Laurie Pedersen	Megan Neitz
Cameron Wilson(CCBR)		Jake Turner	Sheldon Vivier
<b>Invited:</b>			
Khalid Hamir	Blair Dickie	Jace Gurr	Joshua Irwin
Austin Molinski	Jonny Beaudoin	Lindsey Woodcox	Lonnie Hunter
Katie Campbell (WFP)	Elizabeth Donnelly	Victoria Oakman	Ericka Drewes
Benedict West	Shunfu Sha	Nate Glubish	Luke Dion
Austin Vanderkooi	Melissa Lutz	Jenny Audrey	Jerica-Eve Mangaya
Nevin Janzen	Jason Eisbrenner	Stephanie Fenly (WFP)	Jordan Rijken
Salloum Elossais	Coco Lee	Amberlee Nicol (CCBR)	Hannah Astle
Paul Bakhmut	Jerran Garnet Madill	Darcy Heinrich	Arland Hudkins
Kristopher Barker	Sunny Phool	Garnett Genuis	David MacKenzie
Drew Owen	Andre Atesix	Dalin Duce	David C Dorward
Constance L'Ecuyer	Nathan Hudson	Theresa Ng	Ashley Young
Marc Duteau (CCBR)	Matt Letourneau	Becca Hunter	Nathan Chan
IanandRachel Tops	Brandon Steenson	Jared Nelson	David Jackson
Ali Elaine			
<b>Tyler Duce JUL 8 Door-Knocking Blitz &amp; BBQ! Saturday, July 8 at 12pm - 4pm</b>			
<b>Went:</b>		<b>Interested:</b>	
Peter Bissonnette	Ray Donnelly (CCBR)	Salloum Elossais	Trent Ascher
Kristopher Barker	Cameron Wilson( CCBR)	Esther Hofstede	Carson Keeler
Ernie Walter	Tyler J Duce	Эля Шашкова	Sar Rah
Kianna Owen (CCBR)	Sam Lilly	Danna Schumann	Anne Jordan
Shunfu Sha			
<b>Invited JUL 8 Door-Knocking Blitz &amp; BBQ! Saturday, July 8 at 1pm – 4pm</b>			
Katie Campbell - WFP	Marc Duteau - CCBR	Kendall Duce	Abeeku Kilson
Nevin Janzen	Andy Kennett	Tevin Reid	Kevin P. Lane
Jesse Presakarchuk	Jaxon Kitt	Trevin Ascher	Marissa Humphreys
Danielle Ashley	Sean Oliver	Brenden Bullock	Brett Joel Immanuel Murdock



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<b>Tyler Duce JUL 8 Door-Knocking Blitz &amp; BBQ! Saturday, July 8 at 12pm - 4pm</b>			
Brad Hill	Dusty Dee Litchfield	Zachary Aubert	John Strathdee
Constance L'Ecuyer	Tara Jean	Dan Bateman	Evan Sveinson
Adam Keeler	Ben Mitten	Clarence Snickers	Kerri Lynne Duce
Mardy Litchfield	Michael Olsen	Bradley Pierson	Jerran Garnet Madill
Arland Hudkins	Wendy Lea Grant	Jake Turner	Joel Beukema
Leah Hardy	Stephanie Fenly -WFP	Zach Hudson	Taylor Pierson
David C Dorward	Tyler Yamiolkowski	Christopher Hudkins	Courtney Jade Proctor
Jesse William Prince	Kimberley Van Der Pijl	Garrett Stubbs	Hannah Astle
Daniel Beukema	Candace Bullock	Jace Gurr	Dave Olsen
Derek Lonsdale	Naomi Hudkins	Deanna Richelle Behr	Amberlee Nicol (CCBR)
Ali Elaine	Heather Hunter	Scott Christie	Garnett Genuis
Jeff Pratt	Alyssa Michelle	Janet Harding	Tyler Jay Schumann
Cory Duce	Jenna Taylor	Jenny Audrey	Dalin Duce
Dan Nelson	James Spencer	Jaryd Orchard	Caitlyn Madlener
Jared Nelson	Daniel Schow	Robbie Lepp	Alissa Golob (CCBR)
Hayley Roach	Russell Boehme		