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Historical Re-enactment of the 1914 Suffrage Rally at the Alberta Legislature

EDMONTON – In October 1914, hundreds of women and men including members of both the Edmonton and Calgary Equal Franchise Leagues, rallied at the Alberta Legislature to petition Premier Arthur Sifton for the vote for women. Efforts of suffrage activists culminated in the passage of *The Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment Act*, which gave many Alberta women the right to vote in provincial elections. On April 19, 2016, Albertans celebrated the 100th anniversary of the enactment of this historic law.

Join us for a historical re-enactment of the 1914 suffrage rally on the Legislature Grounds on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Costumed heritage interpreters from partner museums, including Rutherford House, Fort Edmonton Park and John Walter Museum, will perform the roles of Premier Sifton and the delegation that petitioned the province of Alberta for women’s right to vote.

- 5:15 p.m. Meet on the Capital Plaza in front of the Edmonton Federal Building (9820 – 107 Street, Edmonton)
- 5:30 p.m. March to the Alberta Legislature front steps
- 6 p.m. Rally concludes. Visitors are encouraged to visit the *Voices for the Vote* exhibition at the Borealis Gallery (located in the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, Edmonton Federal Building), open until 8 p.m.

Voices for the Vote examines historical and contemporary issues of feminism, activism, equality and place through a combination of archival photographs, cartography, oral histories and contemporary artwork. The insightful exhibition is at the Borealis Gallery from June 6 to August 14.

For information on the re-enactment rally, exhibit and hours of operation please visit:

<http://www.assembly.ab.ca/visitorcentre/borealis/VoicesForVote.html>.