

U of A celebrates excellence in technology

Fifteen leading U of A researchers, who have been issued patents for their work, and two university spin-off companies were recognized Thursday at an 'Innovation Makes Sense' TEC Edmonton event.

Helping with commercialization of U of A technologies, TEC Edmonton points to hundreds of beneficial technologies that have emerged from research at the U of A. "We are recognizing the people behind the inventions and their com-



The team from Forge Hydrocarbons. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

mercialization," said TEC Edmonton CEO Chris Lumb.

Spin-off companies Forge Hydrocarbons (which con-

verts waste oil to diesel and gasoline), and Metabolomic Technologies, Inc. (MTI) were featured for bringing their

products closer to market.

"This is a great Alberta story, having partners like TEC Edmonton to take the research and help get it to the marketplace," said MTI CEO Reg Joseph. Creating a simple urine test to detect polyps in the colon — a precursor of colon cancer, MTI now moves forward with business development. "It's a local story with global appeal — we already have interest from China and Europe," said Joseph. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO



Edmonton mayoral candidate Karen Leibovici during her campaign launch earlier this summer. METRO FILE

Leibovici is questioned by mayoral contenders

In her own words. Candidate for mayor Karen Leibovici on the arena deal, rapid transit and LRT

Metro asked the top three mayoral contenders to ask and answer a question from each of their opponents. Each candidate had time to draft their question and then time to formulate an answer. The Q and A was done exclusively for Metro Edmonton. We end the series with questions for Karen Leibovici from Kerry Diotte and Don Iveson.

Question from Kerry Diotte for Karen Leibovici:

Q: What do you say to some critics who feel you should have recused yourself from voting on the arena deal because your husband was a vice-president of a Katz Group company at the time you voted?

A: I have no issue defending my integrity on this matter. I have answered this question and it has been put to rest for more than three years. I sought independent legal opinion on this and was advised that no conflict would exist if I took part in the arena discussions and votes. I determined that it was my elected duty to

maintain a voting position to best represent the interests of my constituents. In March of 2012, the Medicine Shoppe pharmacy chain was sold to McKesson Corporation where my husband currently maintains a senior management position. I have made my full response available at karenformayor.ca/open-letter-to-edmontonians.

Question from Don Iveson for Karen Leibovici:

Q: Please describe your LRT voting track record on route planning and funding decisions?

A: I have long been supportive of developing rapid transit and LRT for Edmontonians. I have questioned and challenged when I felt routes or funding needed to be reviewed. In 2004, I was part of a council that supported looking at Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as a solution to helping people move about our city.

I, as mayor, will work closely with the community and administration as well as work with our provincial and federal partners to secure all the needed funding to get this done. It is imperative that as our city grows we continue to support our citizens providing service they deserve. I am the only one with the track record to get this project finished for Edmontonians. METRO

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