

NEWSLETTER
Calgary Chapter



AUGUST 2021

Message from the Chair

Jocelyne Duerksen RN BSN CDE



Hello all!

On Behalf of our Executive team Calgary Chapter, I would like to invite you all to our AGM meeting.

SAVE the DATE

September 15th, 18:00 hour

- + 100 years of Insulin Presentation by Grant Maltman, Curator of Banting House who will be presenting live from the Banting House.
- + “The first 100 members that register will receive a Skip the Dishes certificate for \$20.00”

AGM to follow Grant’s presentation. Please plan to attend both

<https://www.vfairs.com/>

Hope to see you all!

Message from Seema Nagpal, Ph.D. Vice President Science and policy Diabetes Canada

As a valued member of Diabetes Canada, you are the foundation of our organization. Your continued dedication enables us to work towards our vision of a world free of the effects of diabetes.

As a member, you have the right to attend and vote and we encourage you to do so.

While you will receive a formal email package at the end of August with all the information about this meeting, I wanted to let you know that the organization is holding a Special Members Meeting virtually on Zoom on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 12 p.m. EST at which all DC members will be asked to vote on changes to the current Bylaw's. The package will have instructions on how to cast your vote but voting options will include proxy votes for those who are unable to attend the meeting in person.

The proposed changes to the ByLaws are being driven by several factors. Historically, Diabetes Canada has had a large group of members, organized geographically with clear roles and responsibilities that reflected the focus and work of the organization at that time. As Diabetes Canada has changed over the years, the membership structure no longer reflects the strategy and business model and, equally importantly, no longer appears to meet the needs of the community as reflected in the significantly reduced number of members as well as the very low turnout at member meetings.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws are similar to what have been adopted fairly consistently across not-for-profit organizations including having sitting Board Directors serve as members and a strong emphasis on community volunteerism as a prioritized skill on the Board. This approach has been shown to improve efficiencies by streamlining decision making and enabling the organization to focus on its core purpose of creating a better world for those affected by diabetes.

These changes are reinforced by several governance policy changes including a strong commitment to engage stakeholders. Developed over the past ten months with lots of volunteer involvement, it will enable a highly personalized and purposeful way to be involved with Diabetes Canada. Since volunteers are extremely important to our success in achieving our mission, accompanying the bylaw changes is a principle-based strategy designed to build a strong partnership with volunteers.

For volunteers, this will create a personalized experience rather than the current approach - we are proposing multiple opportunities to provide feedback into strategic decisions, policy making and mechanisms for stakeholders to provide input to the organization, instead of the current structure which is this highly formalized. We want to enable all volunteers and members to be able to be involved with us in a way that matches their own interests. There will be many opportunities, but we will leave it up to each individual to decide how and when they want to be involved.

Announcements

Elections: Chairperson, Secretary, IT support and Membership Director positions are open for nomination or volunteering. We have a very strong team on the executive, and we work together as such.

✚ **Outgoing Chair:** Jocelyne Duerksen

✚ **Outgoing Secretary:** Dana Filkow vacated this position last year (OH those wee ones, they are less than conducive to video conferences but sweet).

✚ **Outgoing IT:** Esmond Wong

✚ **Outgoing Membership Director:** Dr Fauzia Moyeen

Please reach out to the executives if you have any questions.

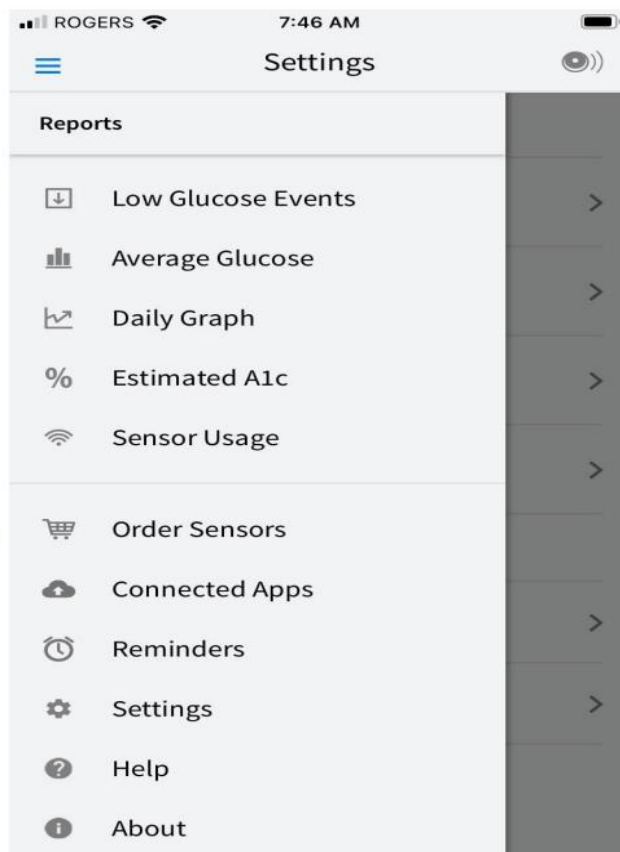
How To Setup Libre and Libre 2 phone apps!!

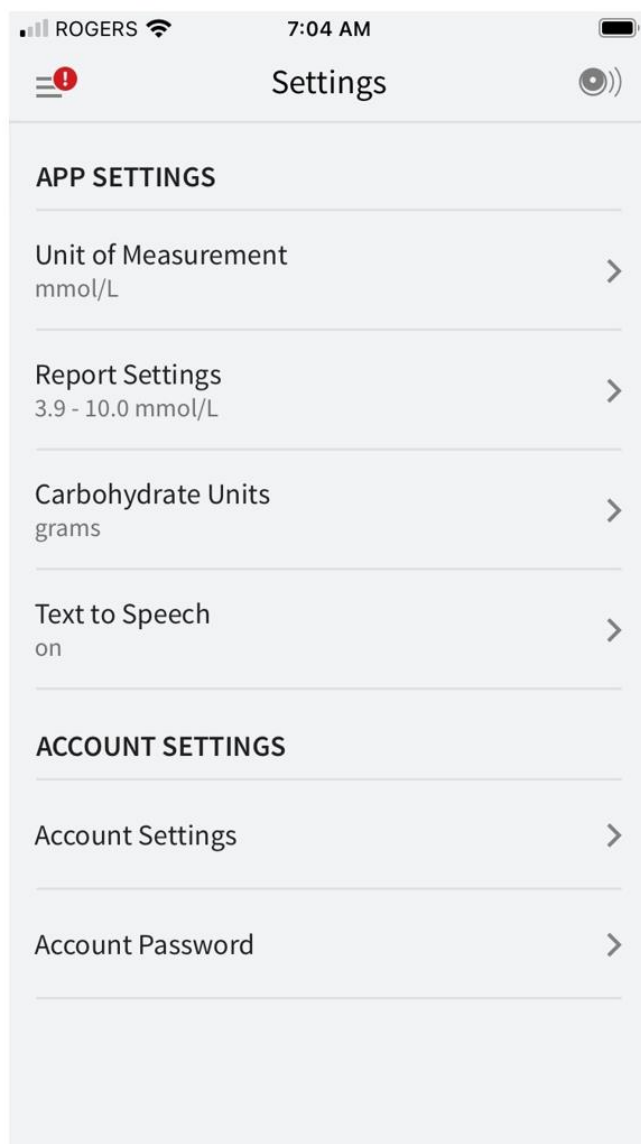
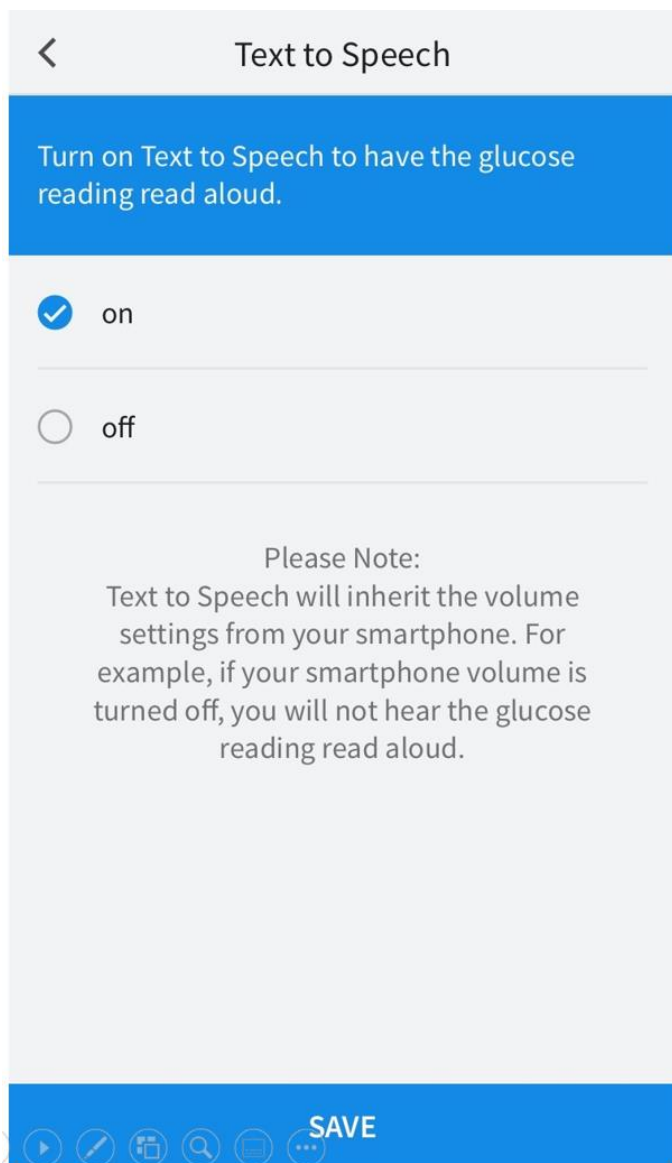
Here is how a person can set up there FreeStyle Libre or FreeStyle Libre 2 free phone app for the text to speech feature option. It is available for both FSLibre and FSL2. Its pretty easy and only takes a couple of steps.

This feature is not shown or indicated on the Abbott website. See phone screenshot attachments.

If this feature is enabled, it will literally make audible a person's readings when they swipe over the sensor.

To take this one step further, if a person has change their language on their phone to their own, the app does translate to whatever language the person has switched their phone to as well, so this should also voice the text in that particular language as well.





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