



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, December 19, 2022**

Chairperson: Nathan Carroll

Attendees: Katie Krause, Scott Wright, John de Haan, Bernie Roessler, Jeanie McDonnell, Gord Lacey, Landon Schedler, Jason Unger, Donna Fong, Lauren Muusse, Amy Gainer, Sally Hammell, Maureen Duguay, Emily Graca, Lindsay Vander Hoek

Absent: Farhana Nurani, Jacquie Devlin, Darcy Stevens, Samantha Molen

1. **Call to order:** 7:10pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [Agenda 2022-12-19](#) agenda as amended.

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: Donna Fong

Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes of the last board meeting**

Motion: [November 2022 SCCL Board Meeting Minutes](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: Sally Hammell

Carried

4. **President Update** - Nathan Carroll

- 4.1. Meetings

- 4.1.1. Hybrid meetings are new to our board.

- 4.1.2. Encourage in-person participation as much as possible

- 4.2. Exec/Motions

- 4.2.1. The exec (Nathan, John, Sally, Katie) meet every Thursday

- 4.2.2. Supports the board by dealing with little things that happen between board meetings

- 4.2.3. If you have questions about something that you'd like to do as a board member, then contact the exec to meet prior to board meetings at the Thursday exec meeting

- 4.2.4. Reach out to the exec with any questions

- 4.3. Emails

- 4.3.1. Please be diligent about checking emails!

- 4.3.2. There are often emails that require a timely response

- 4.4. Communication

- 4.4.1. Want to be clear about representing the board position
- 4.5. Wishlists
 - 4.5.1. Share a few items that you would like to do in the new year. You won't be held accountable
 - 4.5.2. Increase the number of people in the community that feel that the community league supports them and provides a service that they value
 - 4.5.3. Think about how of our different roles can contribute to supporting all members of the community

5. **Neighborhood Resource Coordinator** - Lindsay Vander Hoek (City of Edmonton)

- 5.1. [Strathcona Lindsay's NRC Update DEC.pdf](#)
- 5.2. Free programs at Whitemud park to get newcomers and low income families outside
- 5.3. EFCL online learning links are in the update!
- 5.4. Small stream grant is due Jan 15. The large stream grant application will be due in June.
- 5.5. Abundant community Edmonton workshops on Jan 12th and Jan 26th
- 5.6. Zoominescence is celebrating 10 years

6. **Community Social Work Update** - Samantha Molen (City of Edmonton)

- 6.1. Not present

7. **Reports**

7.1. **Monthly League Finances & Budget** – John de Haan

- 7.1.1. [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - 7.1.1.1. Income is up. Expenses are down.
 - 7.1.1.2. End of year \$13k ahead of budget
 - 7.1.1.3. In a good position, but have some extra expenses in December (insurance was higher than expected)
 - 7.1.1.4. Mini folkfest netted \$527
 - 7.1.1.5. Wish list:
 - More automation for Shopify sales
 - Donna asked whether John would automate this himself.
 - Donna noted that some Shopify sales don't go through
 - Upgrade office computer

Motion: To approve Treasurer Report As Presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Donna Fong

Carried

- 7.1.2. In Camera Motion regarding year-end bonuses and cost of living wage increase.

Motion: That the League pay year-end bonuses of \$250, \$700, and \$250 to David, Scott, and Jonathan, respectively, and that a cost of living wage increase of 6% be applied as of January 1, 2023.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Bernie Roessler

Discussion:

- Wanted to reward people with amounts budgeted
- Average cost of living increases by most companies seems to be 4% (internet search) and government of Canada is increasing pensions by 6%. John thought that we could go with this.
- Adds another \$600 to the budget
- Jeanie noted that revenues are not increasing, but not inline with the increasing salaries
- Donna already increased registration fees in September
- Jeanie wasn't sure that rental rates should go up since the rentals might go down.
- Jeanie asked whether we could go with 5%
- Lauren noted that we should prioritize staff retention
- Amy wanted to know if this is the appropriate time to discuss ways to increase venues. She noted that increasing the rental rate for business/personal rentals (vs non-profit)
- John noted that >6% is inflation so a 6% wage increase makes sense
- John noted that all prices are going up (utilities)
- Jeanie noted that our revenues are not just from sales, but also from grants and casino - and the city grant and casino values do not seem to be going up.

Carried

7.2. Vice President - Sally Hammell

7.2.1. HGRC update

- 7.2.1.1. Met recently and got some good strategies in place for the next steps of the rink development project
- 7.2.1.2. The city has approved the first stage of the rink development process
- 7.2.1.3. Lindsay, Cheryl, Scott met with other community leagues and got some ideas about grounds improvements - these new ideas will be discussed at the next meeting
 - E.g. some people put down a concrete rim + sill plate + new board system
- 7.2.1.4. Got an email from someone from the city who has been assigned to oversee the hall development (even though this won't happen until 2024)
- 7.2.1.5. Plan to have a booth at Winterfest so that the community can ask questions (a table, drawing, some questions to ask the community)
- 7.2.1.6. Where are meeting minutes?
 - In Buildings and Grounds/ Hall renewal folder

7.3. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell

- 7.3.1. Numbers are up for followers, but membership numbers are down
- 7.3.2. Recipe week on Facebook had 12 people participate - pretty good

- 7.3.3. Spotlight on Solar Panels
- 7.3.4. Participating in Epcor contest where we could win \$5k
- 7.3.5. Note: **Communications Directorship is open and under active recruitment**
- 7.3.6. Wishlist:
 - 7.3.6.1. More draft posts that are in print form
 - 7.3.6.2. More notice on posts
 - 7.3.6.3. More content from each Director

7.3.7. For January meeting: refresher on Communication process

7.4. [Community Wellness](#) - Gord Lacey

- 7.4.1. Asked Epcor to fix lights at King Edward. The lights are apparently not in their inventory.
- 7.4.2. **Boyle street project update**
 - 7.4.2.1. Spoke to community members
 - 7.4.2.2. Went to Boyle street meeting with Maureen and Emily
 - 7.4.2.3. New building going in to 81 Ave
 - 7.4.2.4. Meant to serve clients already in the area
 - 76.4% won't go more than 1km to access these kinds of services
 - 7.4.2.5. Medical services, support workers, access to opioid care
 - Not a shelter or drop-in day use area
 - 7.4.2.6. Major pushback about this being an Overdose Prevention Site
 - Needles will be used and left onsite
 - Ten people in the building at a time
 - Three booths for consuming drugs that people bring in to site
 - 30 min access time
 - 7.4.2.7. Concerns from community members:
 - Increased needles in the area → but should decrease the needles in the neighbourhood and these needles will be tracked
 - Drugged people in the area
 - Communication Plan from Boyle Street was terrible - so community members were concerned about the unknowns
 - There was a lack of engagement with community and businesses → people would like to have more engagement
 - People are already not happy with Mustard Seed homeless encampments.
 - Communications are coming out from organizations in the neighbourhood that are coming out.
 - 7.4.2.8. Next Boyle Street meeting is in January - Gord will be attending
 - 7.4.2.9. It's going to be difficult to have an board opinion
 - 7.4.2.10. Motion regarding board's position on Boyle Street

Motion: [SCCL Motion Boyle Street Health Hub](#) With regards to the proposal by Boyle Street for the Community Health Hub, the SCCL has no position.

Moved by: Maureen Duguay

Seconded: Gord Lacey

Discussion:

- Would like to have a neutral board voice on the topic
- Amy would like to have more positive views on harm reduction
- John noted that as individuals we can have our own opinions that are separate from the board
- Can facilitate getting information out to the public - point them to Boyle Street
- How can the community league work with Boyle Street to make residents feel safer.
- How to speak on behalf of the board: [SCCL Board Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy](#)

Carried

7.4.3. Wishlist

- 7.4.3.1. Work on language bank
- 7.4.3.2. Working lights at King Edward

7.5. [Programs](#) - Donna Fong

- 7.5.1. Registrations opening up for January programs
- 7.5.2. All of the fall programs ran successfully (except for one cancelled program)
- 7.5.3. Wish list:
 - 7.5.3.1. Coordinate drop-in games night
 - 7.5.3.2. Invite guests to read to playgroup
 - 7.5.3.3. Explore the possibility of after-school program
 - 7.5.3.4. Educational awareness
- 7.5.4. Katie Krause : Add print newsletter deadline to the Community League Planning document

7.6. [Civics and Planning](#) - Maureen Duguay Emily Graca

- 7.6.1. Would like to post major project communication to a special spot on the website
- 7.6.2. Followed up on space taken from Tubby Bateman park during the Millcreek drainage project
- 7.6.3. Maureen sits on Public Realms Strategy group. They will be asking for feedback on public spaces in the neighbourhood.
- 7.6.4. There will be a designated bus lane on Whyte Avenue. We're going to be asked to participate in engagement about this. There will probably be a request by the city to come and speak to the board.
- 7.6.5. Attended zoning bylaw workshop
- 7.6.6. Wrote a letter of support for the Rollie Miles Rec Center. They would like to have representatives from the SCCL help support the rec center.
- 7.6.7. Wishlist:
 - 7.6.7.1. Separate place to post on the website about large ongoing projects
 - 7.6.7.2. Discussion time at board meetings for controversial projects
 - 7.6.7.3. Contact exec ahead of time about major developments

7.7. [Building and Grounds](#) - Landon Schedler

- 7.7.1. Rink is open! Crokicurl is open!
- 7.7.2. Epcor grant of \$800 covers cost of flooding

- 7.7.3. Backflow valve check
 - 7.7.3.1. Will look into sensors for checking for flooding
- 7.7.4. Fire safety inspection passed
- 7.7.5. Wishlist:
 - 7.7.5.1. Hoping for smooth process to move rink
 - 7.7.5.2. Monthly catch up with Scott
 - 7.7.5.3. Report completed on time
- 7.8. [Memberships](#) - Bernie Roessler
 - 7.8.1. Numbers for this year are similar to last year
 - 7.8.2. Update on Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - 7.8.2.1. At about 70 people
 - 7.8.2.2. Budget is \$2000
 - 7.8.2.3. Will put out a call for volunteer names
 - 7.8.3. Wishlist:
 - 7.8.3.1. Volunteer party
 - 7.8.3.2. Volunteer email list
 - 7.8.3.3. Continue bike repair days
- 7.9. Hall - Rentals - Scott Wright
 - 7.9.1. Seems busy
- 7.10. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
 - 7.10.1. Event to honour Helen Gelespie on January 15th
- 7.11. Social - Farhana Nurani
 - 7.11.1. Winterfest is Feb 5th 2023
- 7.12. [Green Initiatives](#) - Darcy Stevens Jason Unger
 - 7.12.1. Wishlist:
 - 7.12.1.1. Longer term plan needed
- 7.13. [Diversity and Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
 - 7.13.1. Research into grants available
 - 7.13.2. Did some SCCL training
 - 7.13.3. Bookclub
 - 7.13.3.1. Met with Cheryl
 - 7.13.3.2. Cheryl and Jessie will continue with bookclub
 - 7.13.4. Figured out who to maintain relationships with
 - 7.13.5. Wishlist:
 - 7.13.5.1. Community awareness and education events
 - 7.13.5.2. Joint discussions with other board members
 - 7.13.5.3. Pride event - Indigenous event
 - 7.13.5.4. Indigenous communication
 - 7.13.5.5. Creation of sub-committees for each of these areas
 - 7.13.5.6. Thinking about how to include non home owners in the community
- 7.14. [Garden](#) - Jacquie Devlin
 - 7.14.1. Wishlist:
 - 7.14.1.1. Local food workshop
 - 7.14.1.2. Seed saving
 - 7.14.1.3. Tour for community members
- 7.15. Sport and Fitness

8. Adjournment:

Moved by: Maureen Duguay

Seconded by: Bernie Roessler

Carried

● **Next Meetings** (in person and zoom option available)

- January Board Meeting: Monday January 16th 2023, 7pm
- February Board Meeting: Monday February 13th 2023, 7pm
- March Board Meeting; Monday March 13th 2023, 7pm
- April Board Meeting: Monday April 17th 2023, 7pm
- May Board Meeting: Monday May 8th 2023, 7pm
- June Board Meeting: Monday June 5th, 2023, 7pm

Date: January 16th 2023

Katie Krause
Secretary