



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, June 5th, 2023**

Chairperson: Sally Hammell

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

Absent: Nathan Carroll, Jacquie Devlin , Lauren Muusse, Farhana Nurani, Darcy Stevens

1. **Discussion & Treats**
2. **Call to order:** 7:07pm
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [Agenda 2023-06-05](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Sally Hammell

Seconded by: Gord Lacey

Carried

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

Motion: [Board Meeting Minutes - 2023-05-08](#) were read and accepted.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Maureen Duguay

Discussion : None

Carried

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

5.1. [NRC Update June - Strathcona Gameau](#)

5.1.1. Old Strathcona Area Community Coalition (OSACC) numbers are low. If we know of any other members or businesses who should attend, spread the word.

5.1.1.1. Gord attends these meetings on our behalf

5.1.1.2. Other communities do not generally attend

5.1.1.3. Amy suggests that the Fringe could attend

5.1.2. Neighbourhood Grants have been over-subscribed

5.1.2.1. This impacts our ability to get money for the mini folk fest (although Nathan already applied for a different grant)

5.1.3. Off leash dog park map has been added to the City of Edmonton website

5.1.4. City creating a strategy for problem properties

5.1.5. There is supposed to be more engagement for District Planning

6. Reports

6.1. Treasurer - John de Haan

6.1.1. Still in the blue - ahead of the budget. We're roughly \$21k ahead of budget. Expect to end the year at around this amount.

6.1.1.1. We have added this surplus to the building renewal project

6.1.1.2. Better than expected rental and income

6.1.1.3. Holding steady on expenses

Motion: To approve the Treasurer Report As Presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Donna Fong

Discussion: None

Carried

6.1.2. Had a request by the King Edward Parent Council

6.1.2.1. Wanted another \$250 for an event for their mural interpretation event on June 21st

6.1.2.2. The money is for honorariums

6.1.2.3. Event is open to the community

6.1.2.4. Need a motion

Motion: To approve the giving of \$250 to the King Edward Parent Council for an event on Indigenous People's Day to have a discussion about the mural.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Donna Fong

Discussion:

- What is the money for? Honorariums for the elders coming to interpret the mural.
- Is event open to community? Yes! Communication is forthcoming.

Carried

6.1.3. SCCL Proposed Budget 2023-2024

6.1.3.1. Projecting a surplus for 2023-2024 of \$19540

6.1.3.2. This helps us to break even over the past four years

6.1.3.3. Question: What about casino money? What can it be spent on? Answer: It can generally be spent on building maintenance. If there is money left over a special request can be made to AGLC to spend it.

6.1.3.4. Maureen noted that the reason that we have a surplus is because of John being an excellent treasurer and because we have Scott to run the hall. Other community league are closing because they are running on only volunteers.

6.1.3.5. John highlighted that there is >\$30k in program income. Thanks to Donna!

6.1.3.6. Donna brought up that the EFCL negotiated a group discount to be able to show movies in the hall.

- We used to have to pay \$350 per film for a license.
- We can pay \$350 for the year to show any number of films at multiple events through the year.
- The films must be selected through a distributor.
- Some of the movies are newly released to theatres!

Motion: To approve the Budget as presented with an additional \$600 added under Program Expenses for the film license.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Donna Fong

Discussion: Above

Carried

6.2. [Programs](#) - Donna Fong

- 6.2.1. Spring programs end this month and resume in September
- 6.2.2. Playgroup wants to continue over the summer, but unfortunately the hall is booked by Adaptabilities
- 6.2.3. Summertime art classes will be offered end of July
- 6.2.4. Green Shack
 - 6.2.4.1. Free drop in Monday-Fridays 2:30-5:30pm
 - 6.2.4.2. A kick-off party
 - o Sally asked that Donna contact her about the kickoff party so that she can put the info on social media
 - 6.2.4.3. Donations are not needed from the Community League
- 6.2.5. Community League swim doesn't happen outdoors - some people have been asking
- 6.2.6. August 4th is the deadline for the August 22nd newsletter

6.3. [Civics & Planning](#) - Maureen Duguay Emily Graca

- 6.3.1. 104th street development program has been paused
 - 6.3.1.1. The city needs to wait to see how this work fits into other projects
- 6.3.2. Reached out to Boyle Street
 - 6.3.2.1. They have received a development permit, but this has been appealed.
 - 6.3.2.2. The appeal hearing is taking place June 27th and 28th
 - 6.3.2.3. After the appeals, the SDAB will make a decision if they can move forward with the Class A Development Permit.
- 6.3.3. 8305 - 99 St (formely DV8 pub)
 - 6.3.3.1. Change to RA8 zoning (from DC2 with commercial space) has been accepted.
 - 6.3.3.2. Michael Janz did not support the league wanting to more commercial space because there is a glut of commercial space in the city right now
 - 6.3.3.3. Question: is commercial space optional? Yes, it's optional, but no commercial is needed.
 - 6.3.3.4. Farhana did a nice job of presenting on her behalf.
- 6.3.4. Got some renderings for the old Catholic Social Services site
 - 6.3.4.1. Beljan has asked for the community league to support their new development permit
 - 6.3.4.2. They want to put in restaurant space - Gord noted that a community member would own the restaurant
 - 6.3.4.3. Maureen asked for the plans
- 6.3.5. Scona District Council has gone through the 800 page document about new zoning bylaws - Maureen and the council have gone through the RS and RM zone
 - 6.3.5.1. [Update on Proposed New Zoning Bylaw.docx - Google Docs](#)
 - 6.3.5.2. Green space will be reduced because of less setbacks
 - 6.3.5.3. Communications will send out information to the

- 6.3.5.4. community to highlight that there are changes coming
 - 6.3.5.4. The hope was that zoning would change so that there wouldn't need to be so many variances
 - 6.3.6. Would like the SCCL to provide feedback on the Guiding Principles for the Old Strathcona Public Realm
 - 6.3.6.1. We will revisit this in the fall.
 - 6.3.6.2. Would like the Guiding Principles to focus on how we interact with our community (e.g. the market, the festivals)
 - 6.3.7. Jason looked into the environmental assessments for the Bateman property and Todd Cleaners.
 - 6.3.7.1. There are lots of contaminants in the soil in that area.
 - 6.3.7.2. [Environment and Protected Areas - Environmental Site Assessment Repository \(alberta.ca\)](#)
 - 6.3.7.3. Development is not likely in the short term.
 - 6.3.7.4. Maureen will ask about the Catholic Social Services development and whether this contamination impacts this.
- 6.4. [Garden](#) - **Jacque Devlin**
 - 6.4.1. There has been some conversation about adding a second garden site. This is an early stage.
 - 6.4.2. We could potentially add a garden against the fence where there is an "alley" (it's supposed to be a dead-end)
 - 6.4.3. Lindsay: This a lengthy proposal - kind of like the hall & grounds renewal
- 6.5. [Memberships](#) - **Bernie Roessler**
 - 6.5.1. No process in place for lifetime memberships
 - 6.5.1.1. For now will send out lifetime members a membership card at the beginning of the season
 - 6.5.2. EFCL is going to use "Communal" software
 - 6.5.2.1. Each league will have access to the base s/w
 - 6.5.2.2. We can add modules
 - 6.5.2.3. Presumably there will be an overview of this by the EFCL
 - 6.5.3. Having been thinking about a history and lifetime member wall
 - 6.5.3.1. There used to be history panel up
 - 6.5.3.2. John would prefer the focus not to be on lifetime members
 - 6.5.4. Big bin
 - 6.5.4.1. June 24th 9am-3pm
 - 6.5.4.2. Last year: ~40 people
 - 6.5.4.3. Would like to have some volunteers to sell membership
- 6.6. Diversity & Inclusion - **Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse**
 - 6.6.1. Two events!
 - 6.6.2. Pride yoga in the park
 - 6.6.2.1. May 28th
 - 6.6.2.2. Turnout was 20 people
 - 6.6.2.3. Really fun event!
 - 6.6.2.4. Brook's No Frills donated fruit - requested that the request be done on official letterhead
 - o Mustard Seed took extra food to shelter
 - 6.6.3. Bystander De-escalation training
 - 6.6.3.1. Scott helped quite a bit!
 - 6.6.3.2. Well attended - 17 people, with 10 people on zoom
 - 6.6.3.3. Very interactive
 - 6.6.3.4. Zoom didn't work well because of the Wifi

- 6.6.3.5. Mustard Seed had some good ideas for de-escalation: Redirection packages are often used for de-escalation
- 6.6.3.6. Sexual assault center: started presentation with Calls to Action
- 6.6.4. Future events:
 - 6.6.4.1. Partnership with King Edward School on June 21st
 - 6.6.4.2. Our community event is on Sunday June 25th - focusing on two spirit events - with potluck
 - 6.6.4.3. Family dance party in the fall
- 6.7. [Social](#) - Farhana Nurani
 - 6.7.1. Fall BBQ tentatively on September 17th
- 6.8. [Building & Grounds](#) - Landon Schedler
 - 6.8.1. Getting a quote about air conditioning tomorrow
 - 6.8.2. Recirculate air from main floor
 - 6.8.3. Solar panels are acting up
 - 6.8.3.1. 10 panels got fixed
 - 6.8.3.2. 10 are now offline
 - 6.8.3.3. Installer is not getting back to the league
- 6.9. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell , Scott Wright
 - 6.9.1. Rented parking stalls to Urban Green
 - 6.9.2. Waiting for approval from City for Strathcona Nursery School summer and following school year
- 6.10. [Green](#) - Darcy Stevens Jason Unger
 - 6.10.1. Big Bin
 - 6.10.1.1. Grant for Big Bin was approved
 - 6.10.1.2. Grant was bumped up because there is a Freecycling event.
 - 6.10.1.3. Volunteers are needed to report number of items recycled
 - 6.10.1.4. Bernie will help Jason to send out email to potential volunteers
 - 6.10.2. Bike tuneups
 - 6.10.2.1. Jason would like to recruit some people to help with tuneups and would like to learn more about how to do tuneups himself
 - 6.10.2.2. Maureen has a contact that could help with tuneup training
- 6.11. Vice President - Sally Hammell
 - 6.11.1. Summer break details
 - 6.11.1.1. Online motions are still possible
 - 6.11.1.2. Exec still meets semi-regularly
 - 6.11.2. [HGRC Update](#)
 - 6.11.2.1. CFEP Grant
 - Almost ready for submission
 - 6.11.2.2. Rink/Shed quotes
 - Geotech analysis was received late (last Friday)
 - Recommended not using concrete - clay isn't conducive to concrete
 - Booking site visit with asphalt companies - to get quotes/schedules/budgets
 - Could get pre-fab shed that would fit in the

- northwest corner (Rona), or could get a contractor
- AC units would go on wall above the shed
- John noted that the residential sheds don't last too long, but Scott said that the Rona shed is a steel shed that is \$4k

- 6.11.2.3. Have we heard from Canada Summer Jobs Program?
- They have been late before - normally the contact us.
 - Should be contacting us soon

6.12. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell

- 6.12.1. Followers are up
- 6.12.2. Have implemented a monthly calendar post, to give the community a sense of upcoming events - event if the details haven't been posted yet.
- 6.12.3. Police have a campaign about being staying safe against break-ins - will be posting about this.

6.13. [Wellness & Safety](#) - Gord Lacey

- 6.13.1. Got a quote from Canopy Tree Care to remove the tree in the NW corner of the building - don't need a permit because it's on our property
- 6.13.2. Animal Control will be doing some patrolling of Mill Creek and the meadow - but this will be during the day (and most people let their dogs run during the evenings and weekends)
- 6.13.3. Seemed to be a need for an online safety kids training (brought up a de-escalation training)
- 6.13.4. Community member is concerned with a smell in the area near Tubby Bateman
- 6.13.4.1. There are a few locations in the neighbourhood which smell occasionally
- 6.13.4.2. Epcor is really good at dodging these complaints
- 6.13.4.3. Maureen advises that the community league hasn't had any luck with dealing with Epcor
- 6.13.5. Looking at a safety plan for the events held at the hall
- 6.13.5.1. Exec thought that a safety plan template should be available
- 6.13.5.2. Should we get a defibrillator and a choking device? Gord will put together a list of items that we should have in the hall
- 6.13.6. OSACC meeting June 13th at 8:30am in the hall

7. **Adjournment:**

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Bernie Roessler

Carried

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

- September Board Meeting: Monday September 11th 2023, 6:45pm
- October Board Meeting: Monday October 16th, 6:45pm
- November AGM: Monday November 20th, 6:30pm
- December Board Meeting: Monday December 11th, 6:45pm

Date: September 11th 2023

**Katie Krause
Secretary**