



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, January 13th 2025**

We acknowledge the traditional lands and territories of the Indigenous Peoples who have lived on these lands and taken care of them since time immemorial. We are on Treaty 6 territory, as well as, the historical regional homeland of the Métis, which includes the North Saskatchewan River Territory, the Lesser Slave Lake Territory, and the Lower Athabasca Territory. We acknowledge and respect the histories, languages, and diverse cultures of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit and are grateful for their contributions that continue to enrich our communities.

Chairperson: Gord Lacey

Attendees: Katie Krause , Scott Wright , John de Haan , Donna Fong , Emily Graca , Sally Hammell , Susan Kankkunen, Connie Mar, Selena Matthews, Sabine Roche , Roger Tassie , Amy Gainer , Janice Bogner, Jason Unger

Absent: Nathan Carroll , Lauren Muusse, Matthew Hethcoat , Jeanie McDonnell , Jacquie Devlin

1. **Call to order:** 7:02 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2025-01-13](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Gord Lacey

Seconded by: John de Haan

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2024-12-09](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Sally Hammell

Seconded by: Amy Gainer

Discussion:

- Change 7.5.2 to name Chris Hancock
- Treasurer's report : Change \$121034 to \$121033

Carried as changed

4. [January 2025 NRC Update](#) - Susan Kankkunen (NRC, City of Edmonton)

5. Reports

5.1. President update

- 5.1.1. Met with Michael Janz and other leads of community leagues on a walk down the ravine. Talked about Ritchie's new hall and how they got funding. They will get a 300 seat hall as part of their expansion.

5.2. [Treasurer](#)

- 5.2.1. We got \$400,000 from the city's CLIP grant.
5.2.2. We're behind budget by \$15000. We expect to get \$4000 in interest, but we will still be behind. There won't be a surplus.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's report as presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

5.3. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

- 5.3.1. Have been observing traffic flow in the skate changing area to make sure that everything is taken into account when this area is renovated. Sally has noticed that there is congestion inside when people are getting hot chocolate and when people are also going in/out for skating.
5.3.2. John: if we get the CFEP grant then the exit to the rink will change.
5.3.3. Amy: is it possible to get a ramp to the little rink? Sally: maybe - it's more of a grounds question now.
5.3.4. Amy: the rink setup is great. Thanks!

5.4. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell

- 5.4.1. Have opened a Blue Sky account.
5.4.2. Followers are up or stable

5.5. Memberships - Matthew Hethcoat

- 5.5.1. Count of memberships is 301

5.6. [Civics and Planning](#) - Sabine Roche

- 5.6.1. Topic for discussion: Bateman Site
- A resident in the community is upset that there is not commercial on the main floor, the parking is at level, and the esthetics are poor. This person wants to write a letter to the city and have asked if the community league will support the letter.
 - Sabine noted that the development permit has already been issued.
 - Pangman developments is the developer
 - Only one person on the Edmonton design committee voted against the design, but it should be noted that this was the first time that the developer said that they want to use this design since it is "cheap".
 - The resident is upset that the SCCL wasn't notified about the outcome of the development permit. They want the city to notify the EFCL about all development permit outcomes.
 - This will be a 6 story building - wood frame
 - The parking will be in the center of the building (like a courtyard)

- It's a disappointing outcome after so much discussion about the site over the years.
- Sally: if we had been advised of the development permit outcome, when would this have happened? Sabine: a long time ago. It's been quite awhile since the permit was approved. Sally: we knew that there wouldn't be commercial.
- John: was this a zoning change? Yes.
- Letters need to be brought to the board (i.e. the February meeting) before we decide on approving. Sally noted that historically the community league typically takes a neutral stance. John noted that we support commercial inclusion and esthetics. Sabine will get back to the resident and let them know that they can send the letter without our support right away or they can have us discuss it next meeting.
- The corner already has three commercial sites on the other corners.
- Amy noted that there is contamination at the site from the old dry cleaner.

5.6.2. There is one person interested in joining the committee

5.7. [Sport and Fitness](#) - Connie Mar Selena Matthews

5.7.1. Having first event this Friday - Winter bike info night 7-9pm, right before pub night.

- Looking for local winter biking expert to help out at the event. Gord noted that Sandra Gaherty has a winter biking instagram page. Connie and Selena will contact her.

5.7.2. Winter Walk Day is planned for Feb 5th. Late afternoon for an hour. This will be part of Shape Alberta. Send the poster to Sally. Will probably meet at Community League and will walk along the river valley.

5.7.3. Move for Mental Health will probably be mid-February.

5.8. [Diversity and Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

5.8.1. The podcast for the Housing Crisis and Drug Crisis event had to be re-recorded and Amy is aiming for March release.

5.8.2. Lauren and Amy discussing a multicultural event for a winter activity.

5.8.3. Starting to repeat events, so it's becoming easier.

5.8.4. After the Housing Crisis event, got a lot of community feedback on other ideas

- Online safety event is one possibility

5.9. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell

5.9.1. Have hired a rink/hall supervisor

- This new employee will have to do the vulnerable sectors check
- The new supervisor will check for and sell memberships (and send people online)

5.10. Green - Jason Unger

5.10.1. Met with a fellow who was interested in doing Green-focused information sessions. He is interested in promoting low carbon energy presentations (e.g. nuclear, heat pumps). This guy is a GIS specialist. He is in the community.

5.11. [Social](#) - Emily Graca

5.11.1. Winterfest:

- Sleigh rides are booked in at a cost of \$1732.50
- Call for volunteers coming. Is someone on the board interested in helping with Winterfest? If anyone is interested in a specific position let Emily know.
- Feedback from last year is welcome!
- Will be asking for food donations this month. Could end up going over budget if we need to pay for food. Last year we went through hundreds of burgers.

5.11.2. Pub night : Jan 17

5.11.3. Movie night : Feb 7

5.12. [Programs and Newsletter](#) - Donna Fong

5.12.1. Family film night on Feb 7th at 6:30pm - The Wild Robot

5.12.2. Movie night on Jan 3rd had a great turnout of 40!

5.12.3. When is the deadline for reporting stats to the EFCL for the annual (CLOG) operating grant from the city?

- Gord sent an email earlier today to people on the board who need to send in information.
- They want to know about the events that we do and the number of people that come.

5.12.4. Community Wellness Program is continuing at the city - to get discount if you have a community league membership. Talk to Matthew about doing a membership promotion.

5.13. Building and Grounds - Roger Tassie

5.13.1. Trying to keep up with Scott and the building. Helped with the hockey rink. Got new netting onto the goal nets.

5.13.2. Change table update : it's tough to hang a change table on the walls. A moving change table might be doable, but may not be sturdy enough. We will address this with the renovations. The focus now would be to have something upstairs.

5.13.3. Handrail to bottom rink - could put a post into the ground in the summer to attach a handrail to.

5.14. [Wellness and Safety](#) - Gord Lacey

5.14.1. The tagger responsible for many taggings in the community, including our building, has been arrested and charged with mischief.

5.14.2. Lots of decreases in crime in the area

5.15. Garden - Jacquie Devlin, Janice Bogner

5.15.1. Not much gardening happening

5.15.2. The garden plots are full and the waitlist is full at 25

5.15.3. People have started to pay for their plots

6. **Adjournment**

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- Monday January 13th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday February 10th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday March 10th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday April 14th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday May 12th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday June 9th 2025 6:45pm

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
- Passcode: 258980