



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, February 10th 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 , Sally Hammell , Nathan Carroll , Susan Kankkunen , Connie Mar , Selena Matthews , Sabine Roche , Jeanie McDonnell , Roger Tassie , Lauren Muusse , Matthew Hethcoat

Absent: Jacquie Devlin , John de Haan , Donna Fong , Emily Graca , Amy Gainer , Janice Bogner , Jason Unger

1. **Call to order:** 6:58 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2025-02-10](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Roger Tassie

Seconded by: Sally Hammell

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2025-01-13](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Sally Hammell

Seconded by: Selena Matthews

Discussion:

- 5.6.1 “not” commercial

Carried

4. Reports

4.1. President update

- 4.1.1. The city sent around the notice about trees that they will be planting in lieu of what was cut down. There is a map in the link that shows where trees will be planted. [Tree replacement planting specifications_2024 - Google Docs](#)
- 4.1.2. The Clog report is almost done - Gord will contact people who he needs information from.

4.2. [Treasurer](#)

- 4.2.1. Report presented by Gord
- 4.2.2. Tracking \$19890 behind budget, mostly due to unbudgeted expenses. It will consume the surplus.
- 4.2.3. Question: how is the rink staff paid? Billed by the hour. They are casual. Scott tends to work a lot at certain times of the year and less at other times.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's report as presented

Moved by: Nathan Carroll

Seconded by: Jeanie McDonnell

Carried

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

- 4.3.1. Reported shared by Gord
- 4.3.2. Anyone with ideas for family-friendly movies, please let Donna know
- 4.3.3. Reminder to Matthew to share information about the Community League Wellness Program
- 4.3.4. Next Community League Newsletter deadline is March 29th

4.4. Building and Grounds - Roger Tassie

- 4.4.1. Put in a baby changing station in a bathroom upstairs. There is a sign as well.
- 4.4.2. Working to fix the bathroom
- 4.4.3. Has been helping with the ice. This has been going well. Skating is going really well.
- 4.4.4. Put a new scraper blade on the snowblower.

4.5. [Social](#) - Emily Graca

- 4.5.1. Volunteers needed for Winterfest: Cook-off coordinator, Grill masters, Cleanup
- 4.5.2. Movie night on February 7th had around 40 attendees

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

- 4.6.1. Discussion topic: What do we want to say as a league on the topic of density. There are a lot of projects coming that will increase density in the neighbourhood. Maureen had said in the past the Civics committee would say that the SCCL board is supportive of the increase in density in the neighborhood, and supports the public realms strategy.
- 4.6.2. People are upset about two developments in the area - at 10425A & 10425 84 Ave and at 10039 87 Ave.
 - Concerns include noise, parking, additional foot traffic
 - 10039 87 Ave is a rezoning application to increase lot coverage

from 45% to 60%. There is no plan yet. The concern is that the same developer put in a 18 micro-suite on a similar site. But for the league to oppose this at this point wouldn't be effective, since there isn't a design yet.

- 10425A 84 Ave is also a rezoning application for the old Catholic school. It will be ~8 stories. Design is coming up. This rezoning passed at council. People were upset that there is a similar building in the neighbourhood that people don't like. What will be interesting about this build is that they will keep the school as part of the build. There will also be private and public parking. Maureen had pushed for public parking and got this from Beljan. There will also be some 3 bedroom units, which is good for families.
- Sabine has directed people with concerns to talk to Andrew at the city.

4.6.3. Block 99 - they want more freedom to build what they want (i.e. have asked for a "standard zone" which offers fewer building shape and design regulations. Sabine reached out to Andrew at the city to say that the committee doesn't want a very plain, less aesthetically pleasing building. Keri Heiss is meeting with Andrew to share the committee's concerns.

4.6.4. OSPRS is planning to close 83 Avenue on weekends in the summer. Want to see whether this avenue gets used more during the summer. The farmer's market will be open on Sundays so this avenue closing will compliment this.

- Sally - this is the only avenue that connects our neighbourhood across Gateway Blvd
- What about the bike path?

4.6.5. What is the policy of the board on density?

- Gord: density is something supported by the city and if we fight it we will fight every project
- Nathan: density that is done in a way that enhances the community should be supported
- Jeanie: we shouldn't blanket approve an increase in density - it needs to be properly done densification
- Matthew: the school here is already pretty full - an increase in density of the neighbourhood will add even more kids to the area
- We are in a neighbourhood where people gather, not just live.
- Roger: noted that John had said that we want nice facades, parking, and walkability
- Sally: Maureen had been working on guiding principles for the civics committee
- Synopsis - the board is ok with density as long as it is well thought out and reasonable. Once a design is provided for a new build then the committee can consider their approach.

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

4.7.1. Will be leading Crockicurl at Winterfest

4.7.2. Soccer kick-off party - what is the connection with EMSA? Should we do an EMSA soccer party or just a community soccer day instead?

- Discussion:
- We run fun-ball in the community for small kids
- Two years ago we ran a soccer clinic and had a party
- EMSA runs all of the soccer and it's pretty separate from the communities, despite needing a community league membership to play
- It would be fun to do a summer sports day - not necessarily a

- soccer kick-off party
 - Was there a grant for supporting this kind of thing? Susan: There is a neighbourhood connections grant. Intake starts on Feb 15th. It is for events run from January to June. This could be used for a neighbourhood-wide event.
 - 4.7.3. Learn-to-play pickleball/drop-in pickleball
 - Are the courts going to be ready? Sally - no, we don't know when the courts will be ready. We're waiting for funding updates. Once we know whether we got the funding, we can decide how we finish the outside part of the renos. It won't be spring, since there will need to be time for painting.
 - Do we have supplies? Not yet
 - How many courts will be there? Sally - we need to decide how to set up the nets. We're thinking of having four courts. Jeanie and Scott also play the sport so are advising.
 - There is a fellow in the community who is willing to do some training. Jeanie will talk to him in a month or so to get his advice.
 - We need to figure out how we'll book courts now.
 - 4.7.4. Same questions for tennis - when will the courts be ready?
 - Will the nets be set up for tennis? And the pickleball people bring their own nets?
 - 4.7.5. Funball coordinator - Connie has contacted last year's coordinator
 - 4.7.6. Will bring beach volleyball court discussion to Exec
 - 4.7.7. Did winterbike night, which was successful
 - 4.7.8. Did winter walk on a cold day - with 6 people.
 - 4.7.9. Planning another Sip and Stroll on Sunday March 2nd 10am - community coffee and walk
 - 4.7.10. Bike days/tune-up in mid-April - coordinating with Jason from Green
 - The issue is getting enough volunteers and equipment
 - 4.7.11. Scott - has there been any thought on ball hockey in the rink, in the summer? This used to happen in the old tennis court area. There may be people who want to book the rink for ball hockey.
 - We'll need a good booking app for the space!
 - 4.7.12. Community bike ride early June for bike month
 - Suggestion is to talk to Michael Janz since he likes doing bike activities
- 4.8. [Diversity and Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
- 4.8.1. A few community members have asked about doing additional topic for a community learning series
 - To have another discussion night would keep the momentum going for community discussions
 - Have to be careful about framing of events - for the past event we didn't have a Q&A part of the night intentionally
 - E.g. inclusive neighbourhoods, decolonization, blanket exercise with Bent Arrow Healing Society
 - Focus on learning events should be about the and focussing on the community
 - Our proximity to the university means that there are a lot of people from all over the world in our community. Can we have a night with a focus on immigration?
 - 4.8.2. Looking for feedback on a potential multicultural pot-luck event
 - Food builds community
 - Will probably do this in May
 - 4.8.3. Two Indigenous beading workshops are planned for January 18th and February 22nd

- 4.8.4. Confirmed 2 spring events: Pride yoga and National Indigenous People's day
 - Bent Arrow is showing a movie at the Metro this weekend. Maybe this movie could be shown on National Indigenous People's day.

- 4.9. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
 - 4.9.1. Rink has been busy. The new location is working well for foot traffic flow.

- 4.10. Green - Jason Unger
 - 4.10.1.

- 4.11. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat
 - 4.11.1. Volunteer appreciation - should it be May or October?
 - May is busy
 - October - people tend to have colds
 - It's usually a wine and cheese
 - 4.11.2. Jeanie is working on a spreadsheet of volunteers - people should add their volunteers from various events to the list, when Jeanie sends out the email
 - 4.11.3. Currently have ~385 members

- 4.12. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell
 - 4.12.1. Still waiting on updates from funding

- 4.13. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell
 - 4.13.1. Have been posting on Bluesky - we have 24 followers on Bluesky
 - 4.13.2. Digital newsletter - are emails from new memberships getting added to the digital newsletter mailing list?
 - 4.13.3. Working on an online short story contest - has to involve the community
 - Matthew has a friend who runs a short story contest who could be a judge
 - Or just draw a couple of names from the authors who would get gift cards

- 4.14. [Wellness and Safety](#) - Gord Lacey
 - 4.14.1. Crime is down, crime is up
 - 4.14.2. Check out the graphs - there is a new colour for a new year

- 4.15. Garden - Jacquie Devlin, Janice Bogner
 - 4.15.1. No report

- 5. [NRC Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen (NRC, City of Edmonton)
 - 5.1. There is support for pop-up dog parks
 - 5.2. There will Family Day at the Reuse Center
 - 5.3. [Neighbourhood Funding | City of Edmonton](#)

6. **Adjournment**

Moved by: Nathan Carroll

Seconded by: Matthew Hethcoat

Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- 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
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