



**Strathcona Centre Community League  
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person  
Monday, March 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:** Scott Wright , John de Haan , Katie Krause , Sally Hammell , Connie Mar , Sabine Roche , Jeanie McDonnell , Matthew Hethcoat , Donna Fong , Jacquie Devlin , Janice Bogner , Jason Unger , Susan Kankkunen , Roger Tassie

**Absent:** Nathan Carroll , Selena Matthews,Lauren Muusse, Emily Graca , Amy Gainer

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2025-03-10](#) agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Jacquie Devlin

**Seconded by:** Jeanie McDonnell

**Carried**

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

**Motion:** [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2025-02-10](#) were read and accepted

**Moved by:** Sally Hammell

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

#### 4. Reports

##### 4.1. President update

- 4.1.1. The CLOG updated was submitted to the EFCL
- 4.1.2. Will be having bi-monthly meetings with Michael Janz and other neighbouring community league leaders - initiated by Michael
- 4.1.3. Meeting with someone running in the ward, for city council, to talk about things going on in the neighbourhood

##### 4.2. [Treasurer](#)

- 4.2.1. We are tracking \$16,006 behind budget, mostly due to unbudgeted expenses. This is an improvement over last month, when we were tracking \$19,890 behind budget.
- 4.2.2. Making money off the interest from the CLIP grant
- 4.2.3. Spent a bit more on the Winter Festival than in the past - because of spending on food. Will probably want to budget for food costs for the next Winterfest event.

**Motion:** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Donna Fong

**Carried**

**Motion:** [Motion to open new bank account for CFEP grant](#)

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Gord Lacey

**Discussion:**

- This is the easiest account to manage and report on. Same signing authority as other accounts.
- Should Nathan be a signing authority? Answer: He already is on the other ATB accounts. All accounts will be changed when his term ends.
- The interest needs to be applied to the project. It can't be spent on other projects.

**Carried**

##### 4.3. [Sport & Fitness](#) - Connie Mar Selena Matthews

- 4.3.1. Trying to plan funball. Can't get ahold of the coordinator, Claire, from last year. Donna thinks that she might not be in the community. If they can't get ahold of Claire then they will send out a request for a coordinator to the community.
- 4.3.2. Ran Sip and Stroll for Sunday March 2nd in morning. Positive feedback on the event.

- 4.4. [Garden](#) - Jacquie Devlin, Janice Bogner
- 4.4.1. Had the first steering committee meeting in February. Planning to do a lot this year!
  - 4.4.2. Had a lot of theft in the garden last year. Planning to redo signage to deter theft. Gardeners will be putting up chicken wire fencing around plots - if they want to.
  - 4.4.3. Garden fee will be \$25 this year (up from \$20). Would like this to increase in fees to go towards garden projects.
  - 4.4.4. AGM may be April 27th
  - 4.4.5. YESS deliveries will run 6 weeks in the summer
  - 4.4.6. Will do a seed/plant/vegetable exchange
  - 4.4.7. Concerned about tripping hazards from piping for watering the garden. The piping can work its way up and be hazardous. Stakes are going to be used to keep the piping down.
  - 4.4.8. MacCauley is planting a bunch of trees (Dustin Bajer is speaking at Seedy Sunday next month). Does the community league want to take this on?
    - Roots for Trees is also planting new trees in our community
  - 4.4.9. Susan also noted: As part of the 2024 supplemental budget from City Council, the pop-up community garden program has been cancelled. This doesn't impact our community.
  - 4.4.10. John: right now the garden fee is \$21. So, the fee will actually be \$26. The budget for a program is generally set based on the income from that program. John did an analysis from the last few years - the money that came in from the garden basically paid for garden activities.
  - 4.4.11. There should be a memorandum of understanding generated between the garden and the SCCL board, so that it is transparent and clear what the relationship between the two groups is. It was so long ago that the garden joined as a sub-committee of the board. A conversation could be helpful before generating a MOU - between the gardeners and the board.

4.5. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.5.1. Successful in getting the full CFEP grant from the Province: \$848449.
- 4.5.2. Have a budget of approx \$1.7M for the Hall and Grounds project.
- 4.5.3. We have already spent approximately \$250,000 on the rink, architects etc...
- 4.5.4. Meeting with the minister representing CFEP on Friday March 14th at 10:30am at the hall.
- 4.5.5. Architects on working on finalizing the drawings for the hall - will be presented at the April board meeting
- 4.5.6. Expecting project completion Fall 2026
- 4.5.7. Short presentation on the project (and potential layout) to refresh people's memories
  - There will likely be an outdoor door into one washroom. Note: the one in Belgravia is timed. There might be a code on the website.
  - Canteen orientation will change. Meant to be a communal space for all users and community members. Still some conversations happening about the canteen.
  - Question from Jason: what does a commercial kitchen cost? Answer: very expensive - \$50-\$60k since you need good venting. This would open up a host of opportunities. However, we don't use the stove in the current downstairs kitchen much. The upstairs kitchen can be used for a party - where you invite guests - or for an educational event where the people making it will consume their own food.
  - Will potentially have garage door type closures for the canteen - so that we can have meetings, art classes etc...
  - New main door is moving a bit. There will be an outdoor storage where the old door was.
  - There will be cubbies for the nursery school in the change area.
  - The nursery school will have a teeny toilet and a half wall.
  - Keeping the hose spigot where it was.
  - Changing the configuration of the office and storage. Making the office smaller.
  - Changing the weaver's area and making the doors glass to let light in.
  - Are there south facing windows? Mural will stay. There will be some large windows on the south side. May need an extra door for the nursery school - or egressable windows.
  - Were thinking of putting a canopy in in front the main door, but then there would be posts that could get in people's way. So might hang something off the building instead.
  - Exit on west wall will be direct access to the rink
  - May add future outdoor storage in north-west corner of building.
  - Weavers aren't totally happy with the space. They want more space and they want two spaces. But there is only so much space in the building.
- 4.5.8. Got agreement from the city for the CFEP grant. Need to sign.
  - Will do an online motion after the HGRC has gone through the agreement to get approval for signing it.

- 4.6. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell
  - 4.6.1. Followers are up. Bluesky - up by 2 people.
  
- 4.7. [Programs and Newsletter](#) - Donna Fong
  - 4.7.1. The March-April yoga and Mindful Movements programs started last week.
  - 4.7.2. Successful turnout for Shrek - 46 people!
  - 4.7.3. Community Swim program attendance : January-February 2025 (16 2-hour time slots, Saturdays and Sundays): 73
  - 4.7.4. Beading Workshops with Be Silly By Silly (March & April 2025), Saturdays, 12-5 pm
  - 4.7.5. Full Moon Circles with Kaliegh Boyce, next workshop, Friday, March 14, 10 am-Noon
  - 4.7.6. Next movie night is April 4th - movie TBD
  - 4.7.7. Next newsletter submission deadline is March 29
  
- 4.8. Green - Jason Unger
  - 4.8.1. Tara helped put an application for a grant to do a weed pull in the ravine for Spring. It was a \$2000 parks activity grant with the city.
  - 4.8.2. For Bike event - Connie and Selena offered to get the bike event organized for end of April. The earlier the better for having bikes tuned up for spring/summer. Will be talking to Bike Edmonton.
  - 4.8.3. Nothing on Mill Creek cleanup or Big Bin yet.
  
- 4.9. [Membership](#) - Matthew Hethcoat
  - 4.9.1. John and Matthew looking into automating adding names to the email list for the newsletter
  - 4.9.2. Signed up 10 memberships at Winterfest
  - 4.9.3. Thinking of fall volunteer event
  
- 4.10. [Civics and Planning](#) - Sabine Roche
  - 4.10.1. Block 99 (9009 & 9013 - 99 Street NW and 9854 & 9860 - 90 Avenue NW) : developer wants to build "affordably". Won't do maximum density on the site. Will talk to community members directly. This will be a rental building. Hasn't been much noise in the community until today when a member (who is upset about the Bateman site) talked to Sabine about this.
  - 4.10.2. OSPRS will be closing 83rd Ave by the market during the summer for weekends - but will leave the bike lane open
  - 4.10.3. Asked the city about Bateman site being contaminated. The city said that it may be.
    - Jason [Environment and Protected Areas - Environmental Site Assessment Repository](#)
  - 4.10.4. Sabine reviewed Maureen's guiding principles (which have been reviewed by the SCCL Board in the past)
  
- 4.11. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
  - 4.11.1. Work on the hall reno is ramping up again now that we have more grant money

- 4.12. [Wellness and Safety](#) - Gord Lacey
- 4.12.1. Applied for the Edmonton Police Service “Citizen Police Academy” - waiting on news
- 4.12.2. Theft under \$5000 is down and continuing to go down.
- 4.13. Social - Emily Graca
- 4.14. Diversity and Inclusion - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
- 4.15. Building and Grounds - Roger Tassie
- 4.15.1. We had online motion regarding urinals (see [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VToiRJ5ksirdG0Dzru6drmMkJHI5FU6BQgssW\\_OGCeU/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VToiRJ5ksirdG0Dzru6drmMkJHI5FU6BQgssW_OGCeU/edit?usp=drive_link) ) which passed
- Signage on the upstairs bathrooms is confusing
  - The urinals in the old men’s bathrooms are wide open
  - There have been surprises in both bathrooms
  - Do we want to revert to the old model?
  - The bathrooms aren’t properly designed for mixed gender.
  - Technically there should be floor to ceiling separations per stall.
  - If we put signs up that denote genders then some renters will cover up the signs.
  - Some people who rent put up signs indicating gender.
  - We don’t really have room to put an enclosure around the urinals (like the Garneau did)
  - Scott will work on a plan for changing the signage
  - We could do small partitions between the urinals - the wall can only take so much weight. Roger will look into this for the next meeting.
- 4.15.2. Have been participating in the HGRC and focus is getting good impact for money
5. [NRC Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen
- 5.1. Community Clean Up Grant is open now
- 5.2. Climate workshop April 3rd
- 5.3. Budget cut-backs - not doing pop-up gardens
- 5.4. Plant swap at Reuse center
- 5.5. Jason asked if the City has an expert on plant/weed identification - maybe through Front Yards in Bloom

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Jeanie McDonnell  
**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat  
**Carried**

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

- 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

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Minutes reviewed and signed March 16, 2025:

Gordon Lacey, President Strathcona Centre Community League

Johannes de Haan, Treasurer Strathcona Centre Community League