



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, September 8th 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 , Katie Krause , Roger Tassie , Amy Gainer, Sabine Roche , Susan Kankkunen, Sally Hammell , Selena Matthews, Matthew Hethcoat , Donna Fong , John de Haan , Connie Mar, Jason Unger , Nathan Carroll , Janice Bogner

Absent: Jeanie McDonnell , Jacquie Devlin , Lauren Muusse, Emily Graca

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

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2025-09-08](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Sally Hammell

Seconded by: Selena Matthews

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2025-06-09](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Donna Fong

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

4. Reports

4.1. President Update - Gord Lacey

- 4.1.1. November is AGM - we likely have some changeover in positions. For those whose terms are up, Gord will reach out to see who will stay and leave from the board (roughly half of the board).
- 4.1.2. Are we interested in having a candidate forum for the upcoming Civic election? It's not something that we have to do. It's something that we would reach out to candidates for.
 - Note that the hall is pretty booked up.
 - There was some interest from the board.
 - Might be interesting to do a school board trustee forum.
 - Will discuss more at exec
 - What is the nature of the event? Invite everyone in the neighbourhood.
 - Ritchie is looking at doing an event with councillor candidates

4.2. Wellness & Safety - Gord Lacey

- 4.2.1. Sgt. Greg Kitura has retired. We have an acting Sgt, but his replacement hasn't been named yet.
- 4.2.2. Has been some discussion about dog parks and off-leash dogs in the community WhatsApp chat. Councillor Janz is looking into funding for running an off-leash dog park at the south end of end of Steel Park.
 - There have been more high priority dog parks. But we aren't in a high priority area since we're near the ravine.
 - This would be a temporary park
- 4.2.3. Crime stats -
 - June had a lot of theft under \$5000
 - There was an assault near to Light House Park. Gord will ask at OSACC.

4.3. Treasurer - John de Haan

- 4.3.1. We're at a net income of \$5000, which is where we should be at.
- 4.3.2. For 2024-25 had an overall operational surplus of \$10071, which is good considering that we are doing hall renewal.
- 4.3.3. We got a bit more money for the operating grant than expected. But we are being dinged more for storm-water/drainage costs.
- 4.3.4. Kids arts classes are from the summer (\$3108)
- 4.3.5. CLOG grant reporting goes until the end of July, with reports due in October. So Gord will be reaching out to people soon to fill out that report. John noted that this lines up well with our fiscal year.

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's report as presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Matthew Hethcoat

Carried

4.4. Programs & Newsletter - Donna Fong

- 4.4.1. Registered programs for the fall start tonight. Thanks to John for setting up the registration system and to Sally for promoting the programs.
- 4.4.2. Summer was busy - with Summer Literacy Club, Art Classes
- 4.4.3. Planning movie nights for the fall
- 4.4.4. Overtime Athletics contacted Donna about offering programs at the Hall. Might not be a good fit due to the hall being busy and not ideal for ball sports.
- 4.4.5. Community Swim times start on September 20th not the 12th, as was sent out in the print newsletter
- 4.4.6. Newsletter deadline September 20th

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

- 4.5.1. Drop-off in Sip and Stroll during the late spring/summer. Does anyone know of anyone who would want to take this leading this on?
 - Summer is a busy time, maybe the turnout will pick up in the fall.
 - August was cancelled. No one came on Sunday.
 - If someone in the community wants to take the lead then the event can continue, but Connie and Selena don't need to lead this if there isn't an interest. Nathan noted that we don't have to keep doing the event if there isn't interest.
- 4.5.2. Sip and Stroll has a leader and they seem to have a good turnout
- 4.5.3. Grass volleyball courts:
 - The grass is now level
 - Will send out a message about renting the volleyball net (and the pickleball nets) so that people know more about this.
- 4.5.4. Pickleball: there will be drop-ins throughout September (as long as the weather holds)
 - Thursday and Sunday drop-in times are well-attended
- 4.5.5. Tennis net update by Scott: the temporary solution to use straps attached to the rink boards to hold the net were pulling in the rinks boards. So, Scott may set up an I-beam on the posts and set up the net that way. If that doesn't work then we need a portable tennis net (~\$2500-\$4000 - without a net, but we have a net).
 - John said that the post solution sounds complicated. He'd like to get a quote for the portable tennis net.
 - Does the portable tennis net move? It's on wheels. There is a major metal piece in it and it is 40 feet long. The metal bar can come apart
 - Roger thinks that a cable running across the rink is a danger.
 - Scott will come back with a quote for the tennis net system.

4.6. Social - Emily Graca (given by Nathan)

- 4.6.1. Minifolk fest on September 21st
- 4.6.2. First festival with the new lawn
- 4.6.3. Beer tent, food trucks, live music, door prizes
- 4.6.4. Small admission fee is being asked of everyone
- 4.6.5. Everyone should remind people in the community that the event is happening.
- 4.6.6. Event is shorter than previously - so that families can get home.
- 4.6.7. Best opportunity to renew community membership - there are a ton of door prizes for community league members
- 4.6.8. Good for volunteers so far - Emily is keeping track
- 4.6.9. Did we apply for the Neighbourhood Connection grant (closes on the 12th)?
 - Nathan will talk to Tara
 - We didn't get the last (Festival) grant that we applied for.
- 4.6.10. Jeanie had asked if we want to have pickleball nets set up during the event.

4.7. [Diversity & Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

- 4.7.1. For Mini Folk Fest there will be some community tables and "wellness table" (first aid, sunscreen...)
- 4.7.2. There is a new subcommittee : "Family Engagement" - new volunteer Macy will lead this. She is already leading the Sip and Stroll.
 - Amy or Lauren need to go if there are sub-committee meetings and be the chair of this subcommittee
 - Macy may organize a teen dance for after the family Halloween dance party
- 4.7.3. Need to book drag performers for the Halloween party.
- 4.7.4. Had budgeted for a November/December community learning events. May do a reading of the calls for Truth and Reconciliation reading coming up in September.

4.8. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat

- 4.8.1. Volunteer appreciation probably won't happen in October because of work commitments.
 - Scott says that a better time would be January/February - better hall availability.
- 4.8.2. Is there a planned use for the paved area south of the new courts?
 - We're exploring putting a mini skate park - we are exploring the insurance rates. Once the insurance rates are firmed up we'll talk about this with the board. October 31st we are changing insurance companies. So, after October we'll talk to the new insurance company.
 - Before the tennis courts were resurfaced, lots of people were skating in the rink.
 - John has some objections to the skate park. He wants more community engagement. We'll do this after the insurance info comes back.
- 4.8.3. Membership card automation! Email list gets updated automatically.
- 4.8.4. Door prizes for Mini Folk Fest - we currently have 25
- 4.8.5. Memberships are at 140 to-date (we average 500+ annually) and got > 100 at 2024 Folk Fest.
 - Can we automate figuring out what the membership take-up rate is.
- 4.8.6. How much do we pay for memberships?
 - The software suite (a Google product) is free because we are a non-profit.
 - We pay ~\$100 for the stack of membership cards.
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4.9. Hall Use - Jeanie McDonnell

- 4.9.1. Scott says that the hall is (too) busy

4.10. [Civics](#) - Sabine Roche

- 4.10.1. There is a new website where you can find out about nearby developments.
my.edmonton.ca
 - Will put this on the website and put it on the WhatsApp site.
- 4.10.2. There is a development permit update for the bike park in Queen Elizabeth park - they have already started construction.
- 4.10.3. Committee will have a meeting in October.
- 4.10.4. With election coming up, council is telling people to wait until January.

4.11. Building and Grounds - Roger Tassie

- 4.11.1. Busy building
- 4.11.2. Lots going around the hall - sport court lines painted, beach volleyball grass leveled
- 4.11.3. Will be going through the EFCL build report to see what we need to enact, besides what we'll be doing for the renovation.
- 4.11.4. Have asked for contractors for the building renovations.
- 4.11.5. Looking forward to overseeing the renovations.
- 4.11.6. The gathering space between the building and rink is a great addition.

4.12. [Green](#) - Jason Unger

- 4.12.1. Have submitted the invoice for the Big Bin event. Will hopefully get the money back for that.
- 4.12.2. Considering a fall Mill Creek cleanup event.
- 4.12.3. Thinking about a fall Green speaker series. Will talk to Scott about the hall availability.
 - Wednesdays are best
- 4.12.4. Have we looked into installing an EV charging station?
 - Jason has been looking into this. The federal government had some grants, but these have closed.
 - There are some challenges with this, since people might leave their car there.

4.13. [Communication](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.13.1. New members are getting added to the mailing list automatically!
- 4.13.2. Facebook has removed their likes option
- 4.13.3. Twitter followers are up
- 4.13.4. Frank's had their first community discount night (last Thursday of every month) and only Sally and Gord attended

4.14. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.14.1. Got the development permit
- 4.14.2. Have posted an RFQ for contractors and got four responses. Are now vetting these. The architects are advising and helping with the rubric. They suggested some contractors.
- 4.14.3. RPK is now part of Dialogue. Waiting for construction drawings from them so that we can apply for the Building permit.
 - All seem like really good contractors.
- 4.14.4. We are three weeks behind schedule (i.e. pretty on schedule)
- 4.14.5. Will have a table at the Mini folkfest.

4.15. [Garden](#) - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin

- 4.15.1. Had troubles with the community league Zoom account. John needs to put Jacquie on the Zoom code distribution list.
- 4.15.2. Still working on the signs. Got them printed for free from the printer.
- 4.15.3. There were 14 complaints of theft since mid-August.
- 4.15.4. Will need to see whether the little fences around some gardens helped with thefts.
- 4.15.5. Could a big fence be put around the whole community garden?
 - This would be expensive and confusing since some of the fruit trees are out of the official garden area
- 4.15.6. Will have to assess where the small fences are around people's gardens.
- 4.15.7. Had a discussion with Kyle from the Historical Society. He was very passionate about the history of the garden (originally there was a duck pond!). He wants the garden designated as a historic site.
 - This would protect the garden from development. It would be a permanent fixture.
 - The process is quite a lengthy one. Kyle has drafted a letter for the community to write to get it designated.
 - Could you put a fence around the site?
- 4.15.8. Community member contacted Donna about the Front Yards in Bloom. Are we participating in the new program?
 - Our community garden didn't pursue in it.
 - Gord reached out to the Edmonton Horticultural Society, but never heard anything back from them.

5. [September NRC Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen

- 5.1. There is an Edmonton Migrant Survey
- 5.2. There are some workshops being run by the city about being fire smart
- 5.3. Susan is helping Emily with the permits for Mini Folk Fest
- 5.4. If doing a Winter Event - there is a Winter Together Grant for \$1000
- 5.5. Neighborhood Connections grant is due on September 12th

6. **Adjournment**

Moved by: Nathan Carroll

Seconded by: Selena Matthews

Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- Monday October 6th 2025 6:45pm
- Monday November 17th 2025 6:30pm, AGM at 7:30pm
- Monday December 8th 2025 6:45pm

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
 - Passcode: 258980
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Minutes reviewed and signed :

Katie Krause

SCCL Secretary