



**Strathcona Centre Community League  
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person  
Monday, October 6th 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 , Lauren Muusse , Emily Graca , Janice Bogner , Matthew Hethcoat , Selena Matthews , Connie Mar , Donna Fong , Sabine Roche , Roger Tassie , Susan Kankkunen ,

**Absent:** Jeanie McDonnell , Jacquie Devlin , Amy Gainer , Jason Unger , Nathan Carroll ,

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

**Motion:** To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2025-10-06](#) agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Lauren Muusse

**Carried**

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

**Motion:** [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2025-09-08](#) were read and accepted

**Moved by:** Donna Fong

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

## 4. Reports

### 4.1. President Update - Gord Lacey

- 4.1.1. District meeting coming up for all league presidents. This is Gord's first meeting.
- 4.1.2. Continuing with HGRC activities
- 4.1.3. CLOG report is due October 31st 2025 (early this year). This is a report up to year end (July 31st 2025).
  - The good news is that because we run lots of events, we might see our allocation go up. We are currently getting \$23500, so this could increase. The base amount is \$12000 and goes up depending on the services that a league provides.
  - John also noted that if we have money left to spend then we wouldn't get new money, but we've recently spent a large amount.
- 4.1.4. Board template - how should we update it?
  - Most people only use Updates.
  - People mostly use the template as a prompt.
  - Would put Discussion topics last.
  - Combine Upcoming and Discussion.

### 4.2. Wellness & Safety - Gord Lacey

- 4.2.1. Recently there have been complaints about unhoused people using the league grounds and not moving on. EPS has been called and they nicely asked people to move on.
- 4.2.2. There is a newly hired BEATS sergeant for our area. There are two sergeants and a team each that walk the neighbourhood.
- 4.2.3. Crime is up slightly. Break and enter is down slightly.
- 4.2.4. OSACC is next Tuesday.

### 4.3. Treasurer - John de Haan

- 4.3.1. Mini folkfest - revenue was lower than expected, but costs were lower.
- 4.3.2. Ahead of budget by \$6000 at this point.
- 4.3.3. Gord asked whether we had budgeted for no income from the Weavers this year. Yes - there was no income planned.

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

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Roger Tassie

**Carried**

### 4.4. Social - Emily Graca

- 4.4.1. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and a big thanks to Matt for acquiring donations.
- 4.4.2. Were a bit short on volunteers at the end, but board members stepped in.
- 4.4.3. Have to rethink the volunteer lounge next year. Kids raided the lounge and emptied it!
- 4.4.4. First teen movie night - The Sixth Sense on October 24th 7pm-9pm \$2 admission.

### 4.5. Diversity & Inclusion - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

- 4.5.1. New subcommittee member, Macy. She is hosting a baby playgroup. She is also hosting a teen movie night on October 24th.
- 4.5.2. Next events - Halloween Family Dance party on October 25th 3pm-5pm - including a magician!
- 4.5.3. Kids Art Market - November 15th.

- 4.6. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat
  - 4.6.1. Most of the green toques are gone (4 left) and 20 yellow. Sally will look into our previous order.
  - 4.6.2. John is continuing to automate more aspects of the membership renewal process.
  - 4.6.3. Memberships are at 212 to-date and 88 membership renewals came from Mini Folk Fest. Plus \$1000 entries in cash.
  - 4.6.4. Volunteer appreciation will happen in January
  - 4.6.5. Membership page on the website needs to be updated.
  
- 4.7. [Programs & Newsletter](#) - Donna Fong
  - 4.7.1. Donna needs the programs pages for November-December programs to be set up.
  - 4.7.2. Donna will talk to Scott and Emily about future movie nights
  - 4.7.3. Community league news delivery might be delayed due to the postal strike
  - 4.7.4. Would like to acknowledge all prize donors for Mini Folk fest in the next newsletter
  
- 4.8. [Garden](#) - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin
  - 4.8.1. Gord sent in a letter of support for getting the garden a historical designation.
  - 4.8.2. Kyle from the Edmonton Historical Society would be a good speaker to have at a future community event.
  - 4.8.3. The garden committee
  - 4.8.4. There was an upsetting racist encounter between a member of the public (who may be linked to the garden, since he seemed knowledgeable about the garden procedures) and a gardener. The visitor was very rude to the gardener and indicated that they should not be stealing from the garden. Luckily another gardener was there to intervene. A letter of apology has been sent to the gardener. They are also updating the contract to prohibit discriminatory behaviour.
  - 4.8.5. Continuing to encourage our gardeners to report incidents of thefts. Gord and Janice will talk about the theft reporting form.
  - 4.8.6. Selena asked whether there could be a plot that is "free to take" from? The Idywyld garden has a free plot. Janice will talk to that community to see whether that works for them.
  
- 4.9. [Sport & Fitness](#) - Connie Mar Selena Matthews
  - 4.9.1. A new community member, Cailey, will begin running the Sip-and-stroll walks in November. She will continue meeting on the first Sunday of the month.
  - 4.9.2. New storage box for the pickleball equipment! Email Scott at rentals to get the code.
  - 4.9.3. Sports day planned for Spring 2026. If anyone has ideas, please contact Connie and Selena.
  
- 4.10. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
  - 4.10.1. Hall rentals are very busy from now until Christmas
  
- 4.11. [Civics](#) - Sabine Roche
  - 4.11.1. One community member reached out about the rezoning of 10039 87 Ave. Explained how rezoning works and that there isn't a development permit yet.
  - 4.11.2. Next civics committee meeting on October 27th or 28th.
  
- 4.12. [Building and Grounds](#) - Roger Tassie
  - 4.12.1. Got the strong box for the sports equipment storage
  - 4.12.2. Have been trying to get a large "sock" for help flooding the rink.
  - 4.12.3. Continuing meetings with the architect for the HGRC renovations
  - 4.12.4. Continuing with helping Scott with maintenance issues
  - 4.12.5. Jason: Do we have plastic ready for the rink? Roger: It's on order.

- 4.13. Green - Jason Unger
- 4.13.1. Would like to start a monthly speaker series
- 4.14. [Communication](#) - Sally Hammell
- 4.14.1. Subscribers are up
- 4.14.2. Upcoming events for communications: Teen movie night, Halloween dance party, pub night
- 4.15. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell
- 4.15.1. Got draft construction drawings from Dialog. Met in person to review them. Lots of things to fix and questions to answer. There are emails going back and forth. Meeting next week.
- 4.15.2. Will be sending drawings to contractors soon.
- 4.15.3. Considering a mural for inside - on curved wall as you enter the south door.
- This will be a floor to ceiling mural.
  - There will be hooks and cubbies along this wall as well.
  - Thinking about printing a vinyl mural or getting someone in to paint it.
  - Lauren recommends her neighbour Amanda Schultz., who might be able to suggest how to go about this.
  - Sally says that we need to think about whether we put out a call for artists. Haven't thought about the criteria yet or what we can afford.
  - Gord also mentioned that there is a fellow at the UofA who does the murals there and knows the local artists.
  - May do a call for artists and have community vote on the ideas.
  - Not sure if we do the mural before or after the grand opening. Might do it later and just have a fun colour for now.
  - Could have some pictures for community members to vote on at the open house.
- 4.16. AGM - Katie Krause
- 4.16.1. Will start the November meeting at 6:30pm. Abbreviated. No reports needed, just high priority discussions.
- 4.16.2. Exceptions:
- Gord's reminders about the AGM protocol,
  - John's Treasurer Report, and
  - Susan's NRC report.
- 4.16.3. AGM starts at 7:30pm.
- 4.16.4. Annual Reports due November 3rd since I need to compile these into one report before leaving for November break - and they need to be circulated and posted on our website.
- 4.16.5. Sample report is in the AGM folder. This report is somewhat flexible.
- 4.16.6. Reports will be presented within 3 min.
- 4.16.7. Major part of AGM is the voting in of new board members. Open positions are:
- [Vice President](#)
  - [Treasurer](#)
  - [Secretary](#)
  - [Communications](#)
  - [Hall Use](#)
  - [Community Wellness & Safety](#)
  - [Green Initiatives](#)
  - [Social](#)
- 4.16.8. Need to strike a Nominating committee to find possible candidates for the open positions : Gord and other people
- 4.16.9. Communications will go out on October 16th about the AGM and positions.

5. [October NRC Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen
  - 5.1. Community ice rink volunteer workshop - October 29th - for anyone new to making rink ice
  - 5.2. Snow removal program for seniors - grant of \$1000 for community leagues to apply for. Can be used for thanking volunteers.
  - 5.3. Can sign up for City notifications about winter parking bans

6. **Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Selena Matthews

**Seconded by:** Roger Tassie

**Carried**

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

- Monday November 17th 2025 6:30pm, AGM at 7:30pm
- Monday December 8th 2025 6:45pm
- Remaining meetings January - June - likely the second Monday of each month

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
- Passcode: 258980

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Minutes reviewed and signed :

Katie Krause

SCCL Secretary

November 17th 2025