



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, January 12th 2026**

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 , Emily Graca , Sally Hammell , Roger Tassie , Janice Bogner , Matthew Hethcoat , Jeanie McDonnell , Donna Fong , Farhana Nurani,

Absent: Susan Kankkunen, Connie Mar, Jason Unger , Lauren Muusse, Selena Matthews, Sabine Roche , Amy Gainer, Jacquie Devlin ,

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 pm

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2026-01-12](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2025-12-08](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Donna Fong

Seconded by: Emily Graca

Carried

4. **Reports**

4.1. [Community League Planning Schedule 2025-26](#) - Katie Krause

4.1.1. Everyone should take a look at the planning schedule and update it

4.2. President Update - Gord Lacey

4.2.1. Excited about 2026 and the hall renovations!

4.2.2. Excited the Susan is still our NRC

4.2.3. Hoping to connect with Councillor Janz

4.2.4. Can people park in our parking lot while snow is being removed, especially the teachers?

- If we give permission, then we accept liability. Just say that “Scott isn’t going to call the tow truck”.
- We will give permission to the school for teachers to park there, just for the snow clearing

4.3. [Wellness & Safety](#) - Gord Lacey

4.3.1. Met with Mary Moore - who is interested in becoming a Director (or Co-Director) of the Community Wellness & Safety Committee. But she is in class on Monday nights, so can’t come to the next few meetings. She will reach out to some board members for their thoughts on the position.

4.3.2. Theft under \$5000 is trending high over the past few months. Gord will reach out to EPS to see if they have any insight.

4.4. [Treasurer](#) - John de Haan

4.4.1. Highlights from the report:

- Selling a lot of memberships,
- Expecting the operating grant to be higher this year,
- We got the Connections grant for mini folk fest
- Rink operations are higher than budgeted - bought tennis nets
- Budget needs to increase for equipment inspections
- We are ahead of budget

Motion: To approve the Treasurer’s Report

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Jeanie McDonnell

Carried

4.4.2. [Casino Signup](#)

- Friday May 29th, Saturday May 30th
- At the downtown casino
- Will reimburse for parking and travel, if needed
- Casinos are now every 18 months
- This is an important fundraiser
- Board members are encouraged to participate or find someone to sign up for the casino
- This year the AGLC will be ensuring that the key positions are filled by community members

4.4.3. Wages discussion

Motion: In Camera Motion to increase the hourly wages of all three employees by 2%

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Janice Bogner

Discussion: Follows the cost of living adjustment (2%), set by the Federal Government.

- Matt - Surprised that this doesn't follow the provincial or regional
- Sally - Living wage is \$22/hr in Alberta. Should we look into being a living wage employer?
- John - All employees have worked here for over 6 years. They get the equivalent of 3 weeks of vacation. We also give all employees an annual bonus. Scott got \$1400, David got \$300, Jonathan got \$300
- Farhana - We may need to revisit the contract and the flexibility of the arrangements with the employees.
- Farhana - Having a set guideline for employment within the community league would help with succession planning - especially if the board changes. Things are working now, but to protect employees it is good to have an understanding that is formalized.
- Farhana - would like to table this motion and review a more formal description next month.
- John and Jeanie - would prefer to pass the motion as-is with 2% increase and then will review the employment terms for next month.

Carried

4.5. [Programs & Newsletter](#) - Donna Fong

4.5.1. There are new Zumba and Yoga classes this winter.

4.5.2. Will coordinate with Emily about future movie nights

4.5.3. The publisher of the print newsletter is retiring and won't be continuing to print the newsletter. This business just printed community newsletters. It was Donna's pleasure to work as the volunteer newsletter.

4.5.4. Do we want to explore a print newsletter for the community? This is a big loss for members of the community.

- It could be a paid position to put together the newsletter. Would need to get in touch with Canada Post to distribute it. Would need ads to supplement the cost.
- Gord will reach out to the other presidents of communities in our area to see if they have any ideas about continuing with a print newsletter

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

4.6.1. Sip & Stroll continues

4.6.2. Youth hockey was to start tomorrow - postponed due to weather

4.7. [Civics](#) - Sabine Roche

4.7.1. The money from the Old Strathcona Farmer's Market parking lot is no longer going to our neighbourhood. This had been part of a motion by Councillor Michael Janz that was approved in the past. Another councillor has had a motion passed to shift that money to general city funds.

- 4.8. [Social](#) - Emily Graca & Farhana Nurani
- 4.8.1. Winterfest coming up on Feb 1st from 1-4pm and volunteers are needed
- **Cook-off coordinator** - Cakes - this will be inside. Needs to handle prizes. (Jeanie can do this if no one else does this)
 - **Sports & activity coordinator** - last year the two sports directors did this. Need someone familiar with the hall.
 - **Scrimmage coordinator** - planning to have hockey scrimmage
 - **Set up and take down** - someone who can grab stuff from the hall, kitchen etc... (Roger)
 - A volunteer post will go out - with survey
 - If we don't have ice, what should we do?
 - Berna will do carnival games
 - Should we hire a company to do the maple syrup in the snow?
- 4.8.2. December 12th Movie night - only 4 kids, but it was a very cold night
- 4.9. Building and Grounds - Roger Tassie
- 4.9.1. Overcame a few issues with the ice, but now it is in good shape
- 4.9.2. Rink will be closed until Friday afternoon
- 4.9.3. Farhana started on a FAQ for the rink usage
- 4.9.4. Gord is trying to get a live cam
- 4.10. Memberships - Matthew Hethcoat
- 4.10.1. Just over 400 members for the year
- 4.10.2. Generally a flurry of memberships in January - maybe for skating
- 4.10.3. Had tabled a volunteer event for April - this is coming up
- 4.10.4. Sally will do a post about toques
- 4.10.5. Will look into getting more toques - maybe we could get more colours!
- 4.10.6. Could sell memberships and toques
- 4.10.7. EFCL has changed the membership renewal date to July 31st
- 4.11. Garden - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin
- 4.11.1. Jacquie has joined the board of the sustainable Edmonton gardening
- 4.11.2. Taproot interviewed Kyle (the person who was interested in getting a historical designation for our garden) about historical garden designation
- The timeline of trying to get historical designation for the garden is uncertain
- 4.12. [Hall Use](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
- 4.12.1. It was a busy time because of the holiday season
- 4.12.2. Had the rink kickoff party in December and a New Years Party
- 4.12.3. No small rink this year to save the south lawn for a staging area for renos
- 4.12.4. Have been struggling to get volunteers for pub night - will give it one more shot to get a committee going. If this doesn't work then will cancel pub night. The trouble is that they need regular volunteers and volunteers that can stay late (past midnight).
- Will do a stand-alone post about pub night volunteers and the dire need for help
 - Maybe just have special events - e.g. Trivia, Christmas
 - Have the rest at Franks
 - Could make it a paid position
- 4.13. [Communication](#) - Sally Hammell
- 4.13.1. 1 more Bluesky follower this month

4.14. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.14.1. Keller Construction has been selected as the contractor for the hall renos
- 4.14.2. Building permit was applied for at the beginning of January - expected to take 8 weeks
 - Farhana says to budget an extra 4 weeks just for permitting issues
- 4.14.3. Draft schedule has the renos done by beginning of July, but need to review
- 4.14.4. Fringe is scheduled to use the south lawn for August
- 4.14.5. First meeting with Keller is scheduled for Thursday

4.15. Green - Jason Unger

4.16. Diversity & Inclusion - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

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

- 5.1. Report reviewed
- 5.2. Could we apply for a small CLIP grant?

6. **Adjournment of Official Meeting**

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: Matthew Hethcoat

Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- Monday February 9th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday March 9th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday April 13th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday May 11th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday June 8th 2026 6:45pm

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
- Passcode: 258980

Minutes reviewed and signed :

Katie Krause

SCCL Secretary