



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Annual General Meeting Minutes - In Person and on Zoom
Monday, November 4, 2024**

Chairperson: Nathan Carroll

Attendees: John de Haan, Katie Krause, Sally Hammell, Gord Lacey, Scott Wright, Donna Fong, Jeanie McDonnell, Jacquie Devlin, Emily Graca, Bernie Roessler, Ann Matheson, Roger Tassie, Lauren Muusse, Jason Unger, Sabine Roche, Connie Mar, Selena Matthews, Stephanie Blitz, Don Stuike, Brandon Cathcart, Heidi Johnson, Matthew Hethcoat, Janice Bogner, Nathan Binnema

Absent: Amy Gainer, Maureen Duguay

1. **Call to order:** 7:30 pm

2. **Sign-in of in-person and virtual attendees**

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt [AGM 2024 - Agenda](#) as amended.

Moved by: Bernie Roessler

Seconded by: Jason Unger

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

Motion: [AGM 2023 Meeting Minutes](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Donna Fong

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Discussion:

- Correct double inclusion of Doug Meggison and Ann Matheson
- Karen Rowsell
- Treasurer Report: Should be a comma in dollar amount
- Reviewers of Financial Report - add surnames

Carried

5. Reports

5.1. **President** - Nathan Carroll

- 5.1.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.1.2. Thanks to the incredible people and volunteers who bring life and vitality to this community league
- 5.1.3. Thank you to the support from the city, including our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator
- 5.1.4. Thank you to the staff who have kept the hall running and have added the Hall and Grounds renewal to their list of tasks
- 5.1.5. Nathan is stepping down from his role of president of the SCCL board after three years

5.2. **Vice President / HGRC Chair** - Sally Hammell

- 5.2.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.2.2. HGRC Phase 1 is done - the rink is ready for ice. In the spring there will be further work to add tennis and pickle ball in the rink.
- 5.2.3. For additional phases of this project we are waiting on notice from the government about whether we get additional funding
- 5.2.4. Other parts of renewal include the south landscaping, creating an obvious entryway and gathering space outside. There will also be a main floor renovation to allow for space for the Strathcona Nursery School, Edmonton Weavers Guild, a rink changing area, and gathering space.
- 5.2.5. Question: How optimistic are we about getting (the provincial) grant money? Answer: We didn't get the grant last year, but they said to reapply this year.

5.3. **Communications** - Sally Hammell

- 5.3.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.3.2. Communications supported lots of activities in the community this year.
- 5.3.3. Social Media Followers are up!
- 5.3.4. Thank you to members of the Communications committee and members of the board who create content

5.4. **Treasurer** - John de Haan

- 5.4.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.4.2. We are a couple of years into automating the online payment processing (Shopify). It is working quite well and is taking a lot of manual work out of Scott Wright's hands.
- 5.4.3. The 2024-25 budget is a surplus budget.
- 5.4.4. Question: Do we have a capital budget? Answer: the capital budget for the next few years is tied closely to the HGRC project - for which there is a very detailed budget. Beyond that we don't have a capital budget.
- 5.4.5. Question: How do you manage the capital budget? Answer: We operate by spending the money in the reserve fund. The approach is that we ask do we want to do and can we afford it? We don't run deficits.
- 5.4.6. A big thank you to Scott Wright, the hall manager, for being so wonderful to work with.
- 5.4.7. The financial statements are presented here below. The statements show a deficit of \$12,969. The financial statements have been reviewed by Gordon Kent and Lyle Eshleman.

Motion: to accept the **2023 - 2024 SCCL Financial Statements** as presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Gord Lacey

Carried

5.4.8. Appointment of Reviewers of 2024-2025 Financial Records

Motion: to appoint Gordon Kent and Lyle Eshleman as reviewers for the 2024-2025 Financial Records

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Jason Unger

Carried

5.5. **Social** - Emily Graca

5.5.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented

5.5.2. Highlights were the Winter Fest and Mini Folk Fest

5.5.3. Have also had monthly pub nights and regular movie nights

5.6. **Civics and Planning** - Maureen Duguay

5.6.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting

5.6.2. Nathan shared that our condolences go out to Maureen and her family at the loss of her husband Gary. Maureen and Gary have both been board members and are very dear to the community.

5.7. **Garden** - Jacquie Devlin

5.7.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented

5.7.2. There has been a drastic increase in thefts of produce from the garden. Discouraging thefts will be a focus for the next year.

5.7.3. The garden offers plots to people who maintain a community league membership.

5.7.4. Even if you are not a member of the garden, there are other community events like the bedding plant/seed exchange in the spring.

5.7.5. Thanks to Gord Lacey who designed the survey about thefts.

5.7.6. Question: Where are the plots? Answer: the plots are by where the rail line goes by.

5.8. **Green Initiatives** - Jason Unger

5.8.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented

5.8.2. The Green directorship runs a few events each year, such as the Mill Creek ravine cleanup, bike tune-up events and the Big Bin event.

5.8.3. Would like to scale up the bike tune-up events, but the challenge is always getting skilled volunteers to help out.

5.8.4. Also evaluating PV rates and potential changes to a provider (thanks to Sally)

5.8.5. Thanks to all of the volunteers who help out!

- 5.9. **Buildings and Grounds** - Roger Tassie
- 5.9.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.9.2. This building is very actively used.
 - 5.9.3. The building is 40 years old and it is probably time to start cycling through assessing the building systems.
 - 5.9.4. The rink move has been a big project.
 - 5.9.5. Safety and security should remain a priority - whether we do the main floor renovation or not.
 - 5.9.6. Roger has noticed that the grade is not very even on the south lawn and may need to get levelled. There is also a large drop-off near the retaining wall that needs to get looked at.
 - 5.9.7. Appreciative of Scott and Jeanie.
- 5.10. **Hall Use** - Jeanie McDonnell
- 5.10.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.10.2. Hall revenue was \$51,090 in the past year
 - 5.10.3. We're in the second year of an agreement to provide the Strathcona Nursery School with space. They are looking forward to having their own space on the main floor when the hall renovations are done.
 - 5.10.4. Have been busy working with the HGRC committee.
- 5.11. **Membership** - Bernie Roessler
- 5.11.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.11.2. Updated the lifetime membership plaque
 - 5.11.3. Made league branded toques
 - 5.11.4. Took on Bike Month challenge
 - 5.11.5. After four years on the board, Bernie is stepping down. Thank you to everyone on the board.
 - 5.11.6. Question: Is 489 typical for membership? Answer: Have been moving to a digital membership system over the past few years, which has pushed memberships upwards. Also, bringing people together through other means (e.g. Mini Folk Fest) has increased memberships.
 - 5.11.7. Question: How does 489 memberships stack up against number of households? Answer: Believe that there are about 2200 households. The number of households that renew every year fluctuates with events that they attend.
- 5.12. **Programs** - Donna Fong
- 5.12.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.12.2. Works closely with community membership, independent instructors, hall manager, board members, and volunteers to coordinate and manage programs for the community.
 - 5.12.3. Monitors registrations for programs closely to see if it is efficient to run a program. The automated system that John set up has been fantastic for keeping track of the details and attendees of programs.
 - 5.12.4. Besides registered programs, another benefit to community memberships is that there are Saturday and Sunday Community Swim/Fitness Center usage (for free) at Commonwealth pool.
 - 5.12.5. Unsure if the Thursday drop-in playgroup will continue.
 - 5.12.6. Donna also oversees the SCCL participation in the Community League South newspaper.

- 5.13. **Diversity and Inclusion** - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
 - 5.13.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.13.2. Aim to challenge unconscious bias through different events in the community that bring people from all backgrounds together.
 - 5.13.3. Fun events that D&I ran were the October Halloween Family Dance Party, June Pride Yoga and a June NIPD event. Also, there were Bent Arrow and Sisters Dialogue Anti-Racism events.
 - 5.13.4. Thank you to the organizations and individuals who contribute to this endeavor.
 - 5.13.5. Question: Are there any upcoming events? Answer: There is a December 2nd community education event to talk about the housing crisis and drug crisis in our neighbourhood.

- 5.14. **Community Wellness and Safety** - Gord Lacey
 - 5.14.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
 - 5.14.2. Sits on the OSACC committee, compiles crime stats for the neighbourhood, represents the Boyle Street Overdose Prevention Site.
 - 5.14.3. Question: How granular is the crime data? Answer: EPS publishes 42 occurrence types. Gord typically focuses on theft over and under \$5k. EPS resolves crime to the intersection.
 - 5.14.4. Question: Do you have an update on the overdose prevention site? Answer: Have been trying to get an answer. Understand that there have been some changes requested.

6. Elections (2 year term unless otherwise noted)

Nominations may be self-nomination, made by the nominating committee, made by members of the community

- 6.1. President
 - 6.1.1. Job Description: **President**
 - 6.1.2. Gord Lacey was nominated by Lauren Muusse. Acclaimed.
- 6.2. Past President
 - 6.2.1. Nathan Carroll will step into the role of Past-President for the next year.
- 6.3. Civics and Planning
 - 6.3.1. Job Description: **Civics and Planning**
 - 6.3.2. Sabine Roche nominated herself. Acclaimed.
- 6.4. Community Garden
 - 6.4.1. Job Description: **Garden**
 - 6.4.2. Jacquie Devlin nominated Janice Bogner and Erin O'Neill for co-directors. Acclaimed.
- 6.5. Diversity and Inclusion
 - 6.5.1. Job Description: **Diversity and Inclusion**
 - 6.5.2. Lauren Muusse nominated herself and Amy Gainer for co-directorship. Acclaimed.
- 6.6. Memberships
 - 6.6.1. Job Description: **Membership**
 - 6.6.2. Lauren Muusse nominated Matt Hethcoat. Acclaimed.
- 6.7. Programs
 - 6.7.1. Job Description: **Programs**
 - 6.7.2. Donna Fong lets her name stand. Acclaimed.

- 6.8. Communications
 - 6.8.1. Job Description: **Communications**
 - 6.8.2. The role continues to be vacant. No one put their name forward.
 - 6.8.3. Sally Hammell will continue to act as the Communications director.
- 6.9. Sport and Fitness
 - 6.9.1. Job Description: **Sport and Fitness**
 - 6.9.2. Lauren Muusse nominates Selena Matthews and Connie Mar as co-directors for this position. Acclaimed.
- 6.10. Community Wellness and Safety
 - 6.10.1. This position is now vacant.
 - 6.10.2. Gord Lacey will continue to act as the Community Wellness and Safety director until such time that the role is filled.

7. New Business

- 7.1. **EFCL New Board Member Online Learning**
- 7.2. Next SCCL Board Meeting is Monday December 9th at 6:45pm

8. Adjournment at 8:48pm

- Moved by:** Bernie Roessler
- Seconded by:** Jacquie Devlin
- Carried**

- **Next AGM Meeting** : November 2025

Signed

Katie Krause, SCCL Secretary
November 17th 2025