



**Strathcona Centre Community League  
Annual General Meeting Minutes - In Person and on Zoom  
Monday, November 17, 2024**

**Chairperson:** Gord Lacey

**Attendees:** John de Haan, Katie Krause, Nathan Carroll, Scott Wright, Donna Fong, Jeanie McDonnell, Jacquie Devlin, Emily Graca, Roger Tassie, Lauren Muusse, Jason Unger, Sabine Roche, Connie Mar, Matthew Hethcoat, Janice Bogner, Farhana Nurani, Charlie Letourneau, Mike Greaney, Mary Moore, Nick Lohmeier, Patricia Egea Leal, Aren Ryan, Janice Williamson

**Absent:** Sally Hammell, Selena Matthews, Amy Gainer

1. **Call to order:** 7:29 pm

2. **Sign-in of in-person**

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** To adopt [SCCL AGM Agenda 2025](#) as amended.

**Moved by:** Jason Unger

**Seconded by:** Roger Tassie

**Carried**

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

**Motion:** [SCCL AGM 2024 Meeting Minutes 2024-11-4](#) were read and accepted

**Moved by:** Jacquie Devlin

**Seconded by:** Jeanie McDonnell

**Carried**

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. **President** - Gord Lacey

- 5.1.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.1.2. Highlights include the completion of the design for the the hall and grounds renewal, including construction of tennis and pickleball courts
- 5.1.3. Thanks to John for automating membership renewals, to Scott Wright (Hall Manager), the executive and to past-president Nathan Carroll

### 5.2. **Vice-President and HGRC** - Sally Hammell

- 5.2.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.2.2. A highlight includes being awarded the CFEP grant of \$848,000 from the provincial government for the renewal.
- 5.2.3. Thank you to the HGRC committee members

### 5.3. **Communications** - Sally Hammell

- 5.3.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.3.2. Highlight was adding the Bluesky platform to the communication plan.
- 5.3.3. As well, two new Communications members were added to the committee. Thank you to the Communication committee!

### 5.4. **Treasurer** - John de Haan

- 5.4.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
- 5.4.2. Highlights are that almost \$80,000 of fee collections and transactions are now processed online.
- 5.4.3. Thanks to Lionel Eshleman and Brendan Fitzgerald for reviewing the 2024-25 fiscal year financial statements.
- 5.4.4. We had a surplus of around \$10,000 in the budget.
- 5.4.5. Spent almost \$250,000 on hall and grounds renewal
- 5.4.6. The budget for 2025-2026 has been approved by the board and projects an operational surplus of \$7,781.
- 5.4.7. We have roughly \$1,420,000 currently designated as internally reserved funding for capital improvements.
  - 5.4.7.1. Question: what type of account is this amount being stored in? Answer: A high interest savings account.
- 5.4.8. Question about CLOG - the EFCL operating grant. What is this and how is it allocated? It depends on the number of events that the community runs. We are projected to get more than in previous years.
- 5.4.9. The financial statements are presented here below. The financial statements have been reviewed by Lionel Eshleman and Brendan Fitzgerald

**Motion:** to accept the [SCCL Financial Statements 2024-2025](#) as presented

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

### 5.4.10. Appointment of Reviewers of 2025-2026 Financial Records

**Motion:** to appoint Lionel Eshleman and Brendan Fitzgerald as reviewers for the 2025-2026 Financial Records

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Jacquie Devlin

**Carried**

- 5.5. **Memberships** - Matthew Hethcoat
  - 5.5.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.5.2. Highlights include the fact that membership for the 2024 year ended with 515 members.
  - 5.5.3. Some new membership benefits were brought in this year, including a Frank's Community Pub night and discounts from Totem Outfitters.
  - 5.5.4. Thank you to the whole board, and especially to John for his automation of memberships, as well as to Scott Wright , Emily Graca and Jeanie
  
- 5.6. **Programs** - Donna Fong
  - 5.6.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.6.2. Highlights include that the registered programs, including three new ones, were well-attended. There is also a new baby play group. There have also been movie events about once a month.
  - 5.6.3. Thank you to Emily (Social) and Amy (Diversity & Inclusion) who help to coordinate events at the hall!
  
- 5.7. **Diversity & Inclusion** - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
  - 5.7.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.7.2. Highlights include running many events for a second or third time - which meant that events ran smoothly - with large turnouts. Community is being built and people from different walks of life are building bridges and having dialogue.
  - 5.7.3. The successful events include a recent kids market that had 150+ people attend, teen movie night
  - 5.7.4. Special thank you to the sub-committee members
  
- 5.8. **Social** - Emily Graca
  - 5.8.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.8.2. There were some very successful events this year - Winterfest (indoor and outdoor activities), Mini Folk Fest (new this year was free popcorn and a volunteer lounge), Movie Nights (monthly kids movies), Pub Nights (3rd Friday of the month)
  - 5.8.3. Thank you to the huge number of volunteers that make the events possible!
  
- 5.9. **Civics & Planning** - Sabine Roche
  - 5.9.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting
  - 5.9.2. Thanks to Maureen Duguay for her mentorship during the first year of the term
  - 5.9.3. Tomorrow the team will be touching base with Michael Janz - the first meeting since the civic election
  - 5.9.4. The committee has been keeping tabs on a few developments - Junction 99 (going slower than anticipated), multi-unit developments
  - 5.9.5. Thanks to the Committee Members
  
- 5.10. **Garden** - Jacquie Devlin and Janice Bogner
  - 5.10.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.10.2. Highlights include new signage, a dedicated garden space for YESS, four social events
  - 5.10.3. Looking to get a Historical Designation for the garden - would be the first for Edmonton
  - 5.10.4. Thanks to all garden volunteers (who must all volunteer for 5+ hrs on garden upkeep)

- 5.11. **Green Initiatives** - Jason Unger
  - 5.11.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.11.2. Highlights include bike tune-up events, Big Bin
  - 5.11.3. Thanks to Scott for his help with operations, as well as to the bike repair people
  
- 5.12. **Building & Grounds** - Roger Tassie
  - 5.12.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.12.2. The building systems have been operating as needed with only a few minor maintenance issues.
  - 5.12.3. Thanks to Scott for keeping up with maintenance, security
  - 5.12.4. Other highlights include getting the rink and courts work done, plus a lockbox for equipment
  
- 5.13. **Hall Use** - Jeanie McDonnell
  - 5.13.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.13.2. Highlights include that the hall rental revenue for the year ending July 31, 2025 was \$56, 776 (up from previous year) - with the upstairs hall being the most heavily rented out.
  - 5.13.3. The two ice rinks are well used and the courts have been enjoyed. There was a kick-off event for the sports courts.
  - 5.13.4. Staffing has been consistent over the past year
  - 5.13.5. Thanks to the staff, the exec, Donna
  
- 5.14. **Sport & Fitness** - Connie Mar Selena Matthews
  - 5.14.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.14.2. This was Connie and Selena's first year in this position - lots of learning and great to see community enthusiasm for the different sporting events
  - 5.14.3. There were lots of initiatives - intro to Winter biking, Sip and Stroll, Fun ball, Pickleball kickoff event
  - 5.14.4. Thanks to the community member who donated money for the sports court surfacing, as well as to the community volunteers and board
  
- 5.15. **Community Wellness & Safety** - Gord Lacey
  - 5.15.1. Report circulated prior to the meeting & presented
  - 5.15.2. Highlights include attending OSACC meetings, graduating from the Edmonton Police Citizens Police Academy, discussions with EPS Whyte Ave BEATS teams regarding crime in the neighbourhood

## 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. Vice President
  - 6.1.1. Job Description: **Vice President**
  - 6.1.2. Sally Hammell would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.2. Treasurer
  - 6.2.1. Job Description: **Treasurer**
  - 6.2.2. John de Haan would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.3. Secretary
  - 6.3.1. Job Description: **Secretary**
  - 6.3.2. Katie Krause would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.4. Building and Grounds
  - 6.4.1. Job Description: **Building & Grounds**
  - 6.4.2. Roger Tassie would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.5. Community Wellness and Safety
  - 6.5.1. Job Description: **Community Wellness & Safety**
  - 6.5.2. This role continues to be vacant.
  - 6.5.3. Gord Lacey would like to continue to act as the Community Wellness & Safety director. Acclaimed.
- 6.6. Green Initiatives
  - 6.6.1. Job Description: **Green Initiatives**
  - 6.6.2. Jason Unger would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.7. Hall Use
  - 6.7.1. Job Description: **Hall Use**
  - 6.7.2. Jeanie McDonnell would like to stand for the position. Acclaimed.
- 6.8. Social
  - 6.8.1. Job Description: **Social**
  - 6.8.2. Emily Graca would like to continue to act as the Social Director, but is interested in having a co-director.
  - 6.8.3. Jeanie McDonnell nominated Farhana Nurani to be co-Social director.
  - 6.8.4. Both Emily and Jeanie were acclaimed as co-directors.
- 6.9. Communications
  - 6.9.1. Job Description: **Communications**
  - 6.9.2. The role continues to be vacant.
  - 6.9.3. Sally Hammell would like to continue to act as the Communications director. Acclaimed.

## 7. New Business

- 7.1. Donna would like to thank and congratulate Scott Wright and Gordon Kent for running such a great trivia pub night. Would also like to thank Matthew and Jeanie for helping out at the event.
- 7.2. Donna would also like to thank Lauren and Amy for running the kids handmade market. There was a great turnout - well over 150 people!
- 7.3. Janice Williamson wanted to thank the community and board for such a nice place to run yoga programs. Janice would be interested in contributing to the Wellness part of the Community Safety & Wellness group. Janice would also like to collaborate with other community members on the Front Yards in Bloom.
- 7.4. Nick would like to get more involved in the community
- 7.5. Question - during the renovations will skaters have to get their skates on outside? Answer - yes, the whole main floor will be getting gutted so the

- skates will have to go on outdoors. This will happen this skating season.
- 7.6. Question - are volunteers needed to lay plastic on the sports court?  
Answer - yes, the tarp needed to go down on Saturday.
- 7.7. Question - with respect to the RFP that went out for Construction - will the contract be reviewed by a lawyer? The suggestion by Farhana is that an external council be hired to review the contract. (Farhana doesn't review this type of contract, but can suggest a reputable council). Answer - the architectural firm will be examining each of the proposals. Question - but what about from a legal standpoint? Will the contract be reviewed?  
Answer - the committee will discuss this topic. This is good advice.

**8. Adjournment at 8:34pm**

**Moved by:** Jacquie Devlin

**Seconded by:** Nathan Carroll

**Carried**

- **Next AGM Meeting** : November 2026