



**Strathcona Centre Community League  
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person  
Monday, April 13th 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 , Katie Krause , Sally Hammell , Roger Tassie , Donna Fong , Emily Graca , Matthew Hethcoat , Selena Matthews , Jason Unger , John de Haan , Sabine Roche , Susan Kankkunen, Mary Moore

**Absent:** Jacquie Devlin , Jeanie McDonnell , Amy Gainer, Farhana Nurani, Janice Bogner, Connie Mar, Lauren Muusse

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

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2026-04-13](#) agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Jason Unger

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

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

**Motion:** [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2026-03-09](#) were read and accepted

**Moved by:** Roger Tassie

**Seconded by:** Sally Hammell

**Carried**

#### 4. **Reports**

##### 4.1. President Update - Gord Lacey

- 4.1.1. Meeting with John Stobbe (community member, very active in different groups)
- 99 Street bollards - upset that they are not getting looked after. He is contacting the city to ask that they be maintained.
  - John is also responsible for the Anne Frank statue. Someone tried to steal it; it has been repaired and will be reinstalled soon.
  - He would like to form a "Friends of the Rosedale Power Plant redesign" group, with a Strathcona community member on it. The power plant site may be getting an upgrade. The idea would be that it would be like Granville Island. This is a long-term project.
  - Worried about the elimination of the parking lot connected to the Strathcona Farmers Market. Gord put him in touch with John.

##### 4.2. Wellness & Safety - Gord Lacey

- 4.2.1. Have been in touch with animal control about the community member who has his dogs off-leash in the schoolyard.
- 4.2.2. Mary Moore would like to be a co-director of the Community Wellness and Safety
- Mary introduced herself
- 4.2.3. Looked at crime data - thefts under \$5000 are down, while assaults are up
- Matt asked whether we have older data so that we can see trends
  - Yes, the city provides data parsed by month, for all years. They also provide annual totals

**Motion:** Motion to Appoint CW&S Directors

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Donna Fong

**Carried**

**Discussion :** This is an appointment until next November

##### 4.3. Treasurer - John de Haan

- 4.3.1. Leases are down from budget, especially since the Weavers have a suspended lease for now.
- 4.3.2. Overall we are about \$10k ahead of budget. Coming to the end of the fiscal year, we are in a good position.
- 4.3.3. Even though our main floor is under construction, the board is still functioning well and the finances are in good shape.
- 4.3.4. It came up in some of our emails and chats that there are some community leagues and groups that have had troubles with the treasurers covering up fraudulent withdrawals. A good financial process to follow would be to have a third party to review the bank account online and compare to the treasurer's report. Katie Krause will be auditing the account online periodically as she doesn't have cheque signing authority.

**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer's Report

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Sally Hammell

**Carried**

#### 4.4. Civics and Planning - Sabine Roche

- 4.4.1. Committee meeting about the Clarity development on 99 Street. A community member (not on the committee) had wanted the SCCL board to run its own community engagement. But the committee decided that the SCCL board didn't have the knowledge to run an un-biased engagement. Sabine and the committee gave this feedback to the community member.
- 4.4.2. Had a meeting with the Strathcona Business Association, Paths for People, Edmonton Transit Riders to discuss their launch of "Prioritize Whyte Ave". They have asked that community members fill out their survey. <https://www.prioritizewhyteave.ca/>
  - John asked why they are organizing this.
  - The city had been running a public realms initiative that is on hold right now due to budget constraints. But this public realms strategy hadn't included a transit plan. This group would like to do engagement about transit to bring this to council.
- 4.4.3. Also, fill out the survey about the city's engagement pre-budget.
- 4.4.4. The scramble cross-walks on Whyte Ave are getting removed.

#### 4.5. Sport & Fitness - Connie Mar Selena Matthews

- 4.5.1. Sports Day will be Saturday June 20th 11am-2pm. We will use the south lawn and the west lawn of King Edward school field.
  - The community connections grant has been applied for. Waiting to hear about this funding. We had already budgeted for this event, so a grant would be a bonus.
  - Will be doing soccer, kickball, pickleball, grass volleyball
  - There was a community member who was interested in sports activities, so they might be interested in helping. Sally will connect her to Selena.
- 4.5.2. Funball will be run by Kirsten Goa.
- 4.5.3. Jason reminded Selena about the bike event in June.

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

- 4.6.1. Pride Yoga will be June 6th at 10am
- 4.6.2. Two spirit bingo June 14th

#### 4.7. Social - Emily Graca & Farhana Nurani

- 4.7.1. We are looking for photos to put together for volunteer appreciation - please send photos from events to Farhana.
  - Donna always puts her photos in the Communications folder
  - Sally suggests to put the photos in the Communication folder so that everyone puts them there
  - Volunteer appreciation will be Saturday May 9th
  - Casino volunteers from the last casino should be invited
- 4.7.2. Run club to be determined

#### 4.8. Programs - Donna Fong

- 4.8.1. Newsletter update: Donna is attending a meeting tomorrow about a potential publisher for a new newsletter. Other local community leagues have been invited.
- 4.8.2. Confirming with program instructors about May-June programs
- 4.8.3. Had 20 for the movie night on March 27th. Had lots of volunteers to help. The next family movie night is Friday April 24th, 6:30pm.
- 4.8.4. Are refreshing the Audio Cine Films license for movie nights for the 2026-27 year.

4.9. [Communication](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.9.1. Instagram followers broke 1000!
- 4.9.2. Working on putting together some stats on email newsletter openings
- 4.9.3. Gord knows someone who would like to join the committee to help with Instagram. He will connect them with Sally.

4.10. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

- 4.10.1. Demolition is just about complete.
- 4.10.2. Keller sends weekly reports: [HERE](#)
- 4.10.3. We are about a week behind because of some unexpected things that have come up, but the project is on budget.
- 4.10.4. Shared a rendering of the outside of the building - looks great!
- 4.10.5. Weekly construction touchpoints with Scott have been scheduled on Fridays at noon
- 4.10.6. Mary asked when the project will be and when open house will be
  - Planned to be done mid July
  - May have the grand opening in the fall with the folk fest

**Motion:** [Motion for Address Change](#) to 10140 - 86 Avenue

**Moved by:** Sally Hammell

**Seconded by:** John de Haan

**Carried**

**Discussion:** Should we go with 10140 - 86 Avenue NW or 10138 - 86 Avenue NW? Right now we are 10139 - 87 Avenue NW. Sally thinks that it might be better to make the “bigger” change to 10140 so that the addresses aren’t confused. Board voted unanimously to change the address to 10140 - 86 Avenue.

- Banking, CRA, Registry will need to change

4.11. [Building and Grounds](#) - Roger Tassie

- 4.11.1. Main floor is a full construction zone until the occupancy permit is provided.
- 4.11.2. Ice on the rink is mostly gone. Pickle ball will be getting going as soon as the snow and rain is gone.
  - Will probably not reuse the tarp from the rink for next winter. Might use it for the small rink next year.
  - Had trouble with this liner since it was hydrophobic. Would get a different plastic that water adheres to.
  - A farmer could use this tarp as a silage tarp. Could use it for a weed protector.
  - Members of the garden could maybe use. Roger will email Garden.

4.12. [Green](#) - Jason Unger

- 4.12.1. Bike tune up will be May 8th 6-8pm
- 4.12.2. Big Bin June 13th 10am-3pm
  - Scott to confirm bin arrival. Last year the bin came late.
- 4.12.3. Mill Creek Cleanup - May 9th? Also volunteer appreciation date.
- 4.12.4. A community member was wondering about hosting a Native plant workshop & fire flies event in May or June
  - Make it a Strathcona sponsored event and then there is no charge and there is no insurance needed. This could be a nice Green & Garden sponsored event.
- 4.12.5. Hall Energy usage graph shared.
  - We generate more energy than we use - especially in the summer time. There are solar co-ops in Alberta that pay providers high amounts in the summer (but you also have to buy at that rate in the summer, except that you are generating more so that you don’t buy) and low amounts in the winter. We are not currently part of one of these.
  - EPCOR is paying us what they charge us - which is a low rate. We currently pay and receive \$0.35/kWh, all months. We get an offset to our water bill.

- Should we change providers?
  - John was wondering about the business model for these energy retailers. The retailers are accessing a pool of energy and it involves offsets. This is the system in Alberta.
  - Jason would like to confirm whether it would be beneficial to switch providers from Epcor.
- 4.12.6. A youth community member would like to organize a Tubby Bateman cleanup event - maybe for Saturday May 2nd.
- How to arrange city pickup of garbage and leaf bags? Call 311
  - When to get graphic and details in to communications? Soon!
  - Could there be a budget for supplies and snacks? Yes, just expense it
  - Can pick up cleanup supplies from the city, but Jason has some supplies
- 4.13. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat
- 4.13.1. Memberships change over at the end of July this year
- 4.13.2. Cumulative members are in line with last few years.
- 4.13.3. Ordered membership supplies - will be available in June.
- 4.13.4. Are out of toques. Will order more this summer.
- 4.13.5. May 9th is volunteer appreciation evening.
- 4.14. Hall - Jeanie McDonnell
- 4.14.1. Gord shared a graphic about the hall usage. The hall is very booked up in the evenings and weekends, but there is lots of availability during the day.

**Motion:** [Motion - Lifetime Memberships](#) : To confer a Lifetime Membership to the following members: Carla Costuros, Maureen Duguay, Nathan Carroll, Gloria Letwin, Mary Tweedie, Mildred Thill

**Moved by:** Jeanie McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

**Noted:** John de Haan abstained.

- 4.15. Garden - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. Skate Park Trial

- 5.1.1. A former community member has offered to donate and set up a small skate park beside the rink. In the south part of the asphalt. The approximate value would be under \$1000.
- 5.1.2. This is a temporary set up and will be re-evaluated in October. The equipment is all stuff that can be moved.
- 5.1.3. How to prevent this from being taken? Apparently this doesn't get taken.
- 5.1.4. Gord has reached out to insurance. It took a while to get an answer on whether we could get insurance since we were changing insurance providers. There would be an additional cost of \$500/year to our insurance.
- 5.1.5. When we would it start?
- As soon as we get an insurance certificate and the city approves (they already approved it with conditions - which was to get insurance)
- 5.1.6. Matthew and Mary supported the idea.
- 5.1.7. Donna asked about signs?
- We will get professional signs made.
  - We will adapt similar signs that McKernan has. Matt will look at the skate park across the river to check for signage.

**Motion:** [Motion - Temporary Skate Park](#)

**Moved by:** Gord Lacey

**Seconded by:** Matthew Hethcoat

**Carried**

**6. April NRC Report - Susan Kankkunen**

6.1. Mural grant is closing on May 1st

6.2. Litter kicks are available at rec centers

6.3. Council is looking for feedback for 4 year budget

**7. [CL planning schedule](#)**

**8. Adjournment of Official Meeting**

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Roger Tassie

**Carried**

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

- Monday May 11th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday June 8th 2026 6:45pm

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
- Passcode: 258980

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Minutes reviewed and signed :

Katie Krause, SCCL Secretary