



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, May 11th 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 , Selena Matthews, Roger Tassie , Amy Gainer, Connie Mar, Sabine Roche , Mary Moore, John de Haan , Farhana Nurani, Jason Unger , Matthew Hethcoat , Donna Fong , Mike Greaney, Jeanie McDonnell , Susan Kankkunen

Absent: Jackie Devlin , Janice Bogner , Lauren Muusse , Emily Graca

1. **Call to order:** 7:02 pm

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2026-05-11](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Sabine Roche

Seconded by: Katie Krause

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2026-04-13](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Katie Krause

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

4. **Reports**

4.1. President Update - Gord Lacey

4.1.1. Skate Park

- Have insurance
- Need signs. Have passed wording by Susan (NRC) and she wanted some updates. Insurance company doesn't have any preferred wording.

4.1.2. Michael Janz is unable to meet until after the budget - in November. However, if we have requests for funding for the next 4 years, we should email him. Gord will email him about getting a dog park at the end of Steel Park.

4.1.3. Garneau school has requested money for their playground renovation project. They have already raised \$100,000 and need an additional \$25,000. We would like to give \$5,000.

Motion: [Garneau Playground Motion](#)

Moved by: Gord Lacey

Seconded by: Sally Hammell

Carried

Discussion : None

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

4.2.1. Tracking really well to our budget. Tracking lower than projected for expenses.

4.2.2. Matt asked when casino monies get disbursed? Answer: The casino funds get deposited into the casino account a couple of months after the casino. Then we draw on the casino account with spending that matches the AGLC requirements.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Katie Krause

Carried

4.3. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat

4.3.1. We've added a Lifetime membership tab to the database. Makes it easier to manage lifetime memberships. Matt and John need to work out a process to give lifetime members a yearly membership.

4.3.2. Memberships looking strong - we have 520 to date this year

4.3.3. This year, memberships change over a month earlier (August 1st), but both last year's and this year's will be accepted in August. Matt is going to send an email (will have to be through MailChimp, otherwise it'll get flagged as spam).

4.3.4. Our bylaws need to be updated with the new date range. Will need to get approved at AGM.

4.3.5. Our membership software is now checking addresses against our neighbourhood boundaries.

4.3.6. The volunteer appreciation night was a big success! Thanks to Farhana, Emily and Jeanie for organizing the event.

4.4. [Building & Grounds](#) - Roger Tassie

4.4.1. Have been participating in the HGRC and keeping up with meetings

4.4.2. Took tarp off the rink.

4.5. [Hall](#) - Jeanie McDonnell

4.5.1. Programs are happening out of the upstairs

4.5.2. The Fringe is going to use the grounds for some indigenous programming

4.5.3. Community Pickleball session will start next week and be on Sunday and Wednesday

- mornings; Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- 4.5.4. The SNS rental agreement is up for renewal. Typically, long-term renters have a longer term rental, but with the hall renovations happening it would be better to just extend the rental agreement for the next year, keeping the rate the same as with the previous agreement (\$825/month).
- For next year, we will have to see what the enrollment is.
 - Farhana asked whether there has been a commercial evaluation of the newly renovated space? Gord noted that when we first decided to have SNS rent from the community league building, we committed to keeping the nursery school running in the community - even if they don't pay the market rate.
 - Jeanie noted that we may wish to get a commercial evaluation done next year, just so that we know what the space is worth.
 - Amy noted that there are quite a few new daycares opening up in the area. There could be some competition. But this nursery school is different from a daycare. They offer two sets of ~2.5 hr session (morning and afternoon).
 - What percentage of the footprint downstairs will the SNS take up? Roughly a third.

Motion: [SNS Motion](#)

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: John de Haan

Carried

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

- 4.6.1. Sport Day will be June 20th. A volunteer ask is going out tomorrow. The scope of the event depends on how many volunteers.
- 4.6.2. Fun ball - only about 12 kids registered
- 4.6.3. Thank you to Jeanie for organizing the community pickleball
- 4.6.4. Strathcona Community League will be participating in the June bike challenge.

4.7. [Civics & Planning](#) - Sabine Roche

- 4.7.1. The Scona District is asking the city to involve community leagues in neighbourhood planning. Steph Neufeld (Chair of Scona District Committee) raised a motion with the EFCL where they would like Civics chairs of each community league to have more say with the EFCL and city in terms of neighbourhood planning.
- 4.7.2. Concerns raised:
- Some of the content of Steph's resolution seems to be more a part of the role of an elected councilor.
 - Community leagues are not necessarily representatives of their community - they may or may not advocate for things like infills, supportive housing, increased density.
 - Amy noted that there is nothing concrete to support in the motion. It is very vague. But John noted that it might be good that it doesn't specify exactly what could be covered by the advocacy.
- 4.7.3. Should the SCCL offer their generic support for Steph Neufeld's motion? Sabine has written a letter of support for Steph's initiative and agreed that there are issues that the community leagues would like to have more say
- 4.7.4. Would like to send back an email to Steph saying that the vote was close and that we have some concerns

Motion: That the SCCL supports Sabine sending [her letter](#) in support of Steph Neufeld's [2026 04 14 EFCL Motions by District | Rep Steph Neufeld](#) Advocacy for Enhanced Community Involvement in Neighbourhood Planning

Moved by: Sabine Roche

Seconded by: Gord Lacey

Vote: 7 votes for. 2 votes against. 4 votes abstained.

Carried

4.8. [Diversity & Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

4.8.1. Pride Yoga will be June 6 at 1 pm

4.8.2. Drag Bingo will be June 14 at 2-4pm, in hall. Could use some volunteers

4.8.3. 4B Harm Reduction event - would have to be by donation and not open to the public.

- Fundraiser for their harm reduction services
- There would be bands and a dance

4.9. Social - Emily Graca Farhana Nurani

4.9.1. Organized a great Volunteer Appreciation event. It would have been nice to have sparkling juice or non-alcoholic wine for next time. There were lots of leftovers.

4.10. [Programs](#) - Donna Fong

4.10.1. Thanks to Scott and John and Sally for quick turnaround on registrations, promotions and cheques for instructors

4.10.2. Commonwealth pool will be closed over the summer

4.10.3. Have requested Green Shack for afternoons 2:30-5pm in the summer

4.10.4. Newsletter meeting - there were only two people in the meeting (Donna, Carli from Ritchie) with the potential publisher. The potential new publisher wants to know what the previous advertising rates were.

- The cost was \$350 for a quarter page in the old Community League newsletter, but it's \$700 for four lines in the Edmonton Journal.

4.11. [Communication](#) - Sally Hammell

4.11.1. Followers are increasing!

4.12. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell

4.12.1. Had a meeting today between Keller (Construction), the architect and us. They have officially sent us an email saying that this project is delayed because they haven't been able to get enough information (from the architects). The new PM from the construction company told the intern to bring the actual architect on board and get more resources put onto the project.

- The intern did say that the key sticking points should get resolved within the next few days.

4.12.2. There is a meeting tomorrow between the HGRC and Dialog.

4.12.3. It will cost us more money because of the delay and the extra time of workers in the building.

4.12.4. Farhana's recommendation is that all communications are tracked.

4.12.5. The sign design was confirmed.

4.12.6. The partition door was decided upon. It will probably be open most of the time, but it could be used to close off the downstairs kitchen.

- Will be able to fit tables and chairs into the kitchen space (e.g. for art classes)

4.12.7. Were reviewing FOBs and air conditioning with Keller, but the FOBs were going to cost \$100,000 so we're not doing this. We may explore getting other companies in to price out setting up a simpler FOB system.

4.12.8. Fencing will go in soon for the patio that they will pour.

- 4.12.9. Have engaged some recent graduates from the UofA for getting wayfinding done.
- 4.12.10. The mural is taking submissions now. We have 7 as of today.

4.13. [Green](#) - Jason Unger

- 4.13.1. Big Bin is June 13th 10am-3pm
- 4.13.2. Bike tuneup happened on Friday. Had a constant line up and some people that came early.
 - Might look to buy another bike stand, since this is a limiting factor.
- 4.13.3. Not sure about Mill Creek clean up. Will take a look and see if other groups have been down there for cleanup.

4.14. [Wellness & Safety](#) - Mary Moore Gord Lacey

- 4.14.1. Update on dog "situation", where a community member continues to let his two dogs off leash in the school yard and community grounds. The bylaw officer was surprised that he said that he would continue to do it, despite getting tickets.
- 4.14.2. Nothing stands out in the crime report.

4.15. [Garden](#) - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin

- 4.15.1. Spring AGM was on April 26th
- 4.15.2. Garden agreement amended

Motion: Request \$1200 to purchase enough compost for all garden plots : [20260511 SCCL Garden Motion](#)

Moved by: Jacquie Devlin

Seconded by: Farhana Nurani

Carried

Discussion: What else will have to be paid for? Answer : the garden has a budget (mostly to pay for water) and the community is supportive of the garden and pays for things like signs, rakes etc...

5. New Business

5.1. Mary Moore - [SCL Practicum Proposal](#)

- 5.1.1. Is doing a practicum towards a masters program at the UofA. This practicum would help the Strathcona Community League (the League) build on the work already completed from the 2021 Needs Assessment Survey. Would provide an assessment of what has been done since the survey was completed and would revise the survey.
- 5.1.2. Benefits to launching a new survey would be to get more data. This kind of data from the last needs assessment was valuable in the HGRC project.
- 5.1.3. Is the SCCL board interested in Mary doing this project?
 - Donna could help with the survey design, since this was her background before she retired.
 - Could design something that is not just a survey, but also a way to engage with the community.
 - General positive feedback from the board.

5.2. Next meeting : Budget review meeting

- 5.2.1. John will be sending everyone an email to get their items for budget

5.3. Casino coming up in 2.5 weeks.

- 5.3.1. We need 10 more people to volunteer!

6. [May 2026 CRA Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen

- 6.1. Grand Opening of Hawrelak park on May 30th 11am-1pm
- 6.2. Summer camps are open for registration
- 6.3. Susan's contract ends at the end of June. We will have a new NRC coming soon!

7. [CL planning schedule](#)

8. **Adjournment of Official Meeting**

Moved by: Katie Krause

Seconded by: Selena Matthews

Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- 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