



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, June 8th 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 , Emily Graca , Connie Mar, Sabine Roche , Mary Moore, John de Haan , Jacquie Devlin , Janice Bogner, Matthew Hethcoat , Jeanie McDonnell , Susan Kankkunen, Donna Fong

Absent: Jason Unger , Amy Gainer, Farhana Nurani, Lauren Muusse

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

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [SCCL Board Meeting Agenda 2026-06-08](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: Janice Bogner

Seconded by: Jacquie Devlin

Carried

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

Motion: [SCCL Board Meeting Minutes 2026-05-11](#) were read and accepted

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: Roger Tassie

Carried

4. **Reports**

4.1. President Update - Gord Lacey

4.1.1. Signs are up for skatepark and we have insurance

- What are plans for announcing this park? Gord is trying to get ahold of the skate park people.
- We should at least give out freebies for an hour!
- Will it be ready for Sport Day? International Skate Board Day is June 21st.
- Hoping that the person making the ramps will drop them off this week.
- Matthew will chat with the owner of Rumour Skateshop to see if they want to participate

4.2. Treasurer - John de Haan

4.2.1. Because we gave \$5000 to Garneau playground, we are about \$5000 ahead of budget - still looking like we will have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year (end of July)

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Sally Hammell

Carried

4.2.2. SCCL Motion - Use of Casino Proceeds for Renewal

Motion: To approve the use of \$30,000 of casino proceeds for the hall and grounds renewal project.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Matthew Hethcoat

Discussion:

- What can we spend this casino money on? We should be able to spend this on the building, but need special permission.

Carried

4.2.3. SCCL Budget 2026-27

- New budget - starting August 2026
- Assuming that the city operating grant will go up to \$30,000 - based on last year's data and the information so far from the city
- Communication expenses went up to \$6580

Motion: To approve the 2026-2027 SCCL Budget

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Mary Moore

Carried

4.3. Communication - Sally Hammell

4.3.1. Bluesky followers went up by 9!

4.3.2. Everyone else is moving up steadily

4.3.3. Question - did any think of doing a board of announcements? Yes, it is a "future" project and would cost \$20,000. Also requires community consultation.

- The HGRC has talked about having a tv monitor downstairs (outside) that constantly refreshes with announcements
- Might do a bulletin board behind plexiglass

- 4.4. [HGRC](#) - Sally Hammell
 - 4.4.1. HVAC permit has been approved
 - 4.4.2. Concrete work scheduled for next week
 - 4.4.3. Engaged a third party for FOBs
 - 4.4.4. Similarly, will engage a third party for AC installation
 - 4.4.5. Selected the muralist for the inside mural - an artist from the neighbourhood (Emily Chu)
- 4.5. [Garden](#) - Janice Bogner Jacquie Devlin
 - 4.5.1. Start up steering committee on May 29th
 - 4.5.2. 65 gardeners - a little less than usual, since one plot was over-run with raspberries and weeds (remediating with potatoes).
 - 4.5.3. 3 garden plots for YESS (potatoes)
 - 4.5.4. Compost has been really needed
 - 4.5.5. Garden tour on July 18-19 with Edmonton Horticultural Society - travel around city to visit all kinds of gardens. The community garden is part of this tour.
 - 4.5.6. Free concert series next to our garden, Saturday at 5-6pm from June 13th to September 5th.
 - 4.5.7. Janice is still trying to follow up with Yards in Bloom
- 4.6. [Memberships](#) - Matthew Hethcoat
 - 4.6.1. Memberships are up
 - 4.6.2. Nice plot of membership types by year (families declining, seniors rising)
 - 4.6.3. Are we considering EFCL numbers (people who buy through the EFCL)? Matthew doesn't know how to get those numbers!
- 4.7. [Building & Grounds](#) - Roger Tassie
 - 4.7.1. Continuing with work on HGRC
 - 4.7.2. Lots of day-to-day work, getting through construction
 - 4.7.3. Scott runs the building management really well!
 - 4.7.4. Repaired the picnic table and long bench
- 4.8. [Hall](#) - Jeanie McDonnell
 - 4.8.1. Continuing with work on HGRC
 - 4.8.2. Community Pickleball sessions are underway - Tues/Thurs/Sunday sessions have a good turnout
 - 4.8.3. Working with membership director and a few others to figure out how to manage out-of-community participants
- 4.9. [Sport & Fitness](#) - Connie Mar Selena Matthews
 - 4.9.1. Slow to get volunteers for Sport Day
 - Pickleball tournament
 - Drop in games
 - BBQ
 - 4.9.2. Sip and Stroll has had low turnout - 1 person this month
 - Not sure if there is momentum to continue. Might pause it until fall.
 - 4.9.3. June bike month is underway! 1st week total 311 km
 - Unfortunately the posters that were put up had QR codes that expired within days.
- 4.10. [Civics & Planning](#) - Sabine Roche
 - 4.10.1. There is a rezoning in Ritchie for a 10 story high-rise on Whyte Ave
 - 4.10.2. Bus rapid transit meeting here at the Community League tomorrow (June 9th)
 - Results will be sent to Sabine

- 4.11. [Diversity & Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse
- 4.11.1. Pride Yoga on June 6th had 15 attendees
 - 4.11.2. Two Spirit Bingo will be this weekend
 - 4.11.3. Planning October Halloween family dance party
- 4.12. [Social](#) - Emily Graca Farhana Nurani
- 4.12.1. Sports Day - Need Volunteers on June 20th from 10am-3pm (event from 11am-2pm)
 - Looking for volunteers to help with kickball, soccer
 - There is a sports community soccer tournament at Goldbar that same day, so might be less people attending
 - 4.12.2. Mini Folk Fest - Sunday September 20th
 - Planning meeting ASAP
 - Volunteers needed - especially for the planning committee to be part of it from the beginning
 - 4.12.3. Running Club - Summer (August?) to fall - Emily organizing
- 4.13. [Programs](#) - Donna Fong
- 4.13.1. Green Shack will be Monday-Friday 2-5pm June 29-August 21. Kick-off part June 29th.
 - 4.13.2. New: World Sounds music program will run on Friday afternoons in the upper hall
 - 4.13.3. Summertime Art with Berna Ponich from July 20-24 and July 27-31 registration is still open.
 - 4.13.4. Community Swim from September 13th to end of August 2027, Saturdays 3-5pm and Sunday 1-3pm
 - 4.13.5. Donna could host a movie night in July at the hall
 - 4.13.6. Donna met with potential publisher for newsletter
 - 4.13.7. Need to remove Community Playgroup information from website, since this is no longer running
- 4.14. [Wellness & Safety](#) - Mary Moore Gord Lacey
- 4.14.1. Have talked to several people about their off-leash dogs on our grounds
 - 4.14.2. Did a heat map of crime statistics - shows that are a lot incidents on Whyte Ave - looking at re-jigging the stats just showing the non-Whyte Ave regions of our neighbourhood
 - 4.14.3. Pretty much all crime stats are up, as compared to previous 3 months
 - 4.14.4. Two new beat sergeants - have not met either of the people - but they have been responsive about incidents around our building
 - 4.14.5. Lots of early morning homelessness activity around our building, which is worrying the nursery school
 - Could we get the beat officers to sweep the building every morning?
 - The more we call and the more these incidents get logged, the more attention we'll get
 - Citizens can and should call Dispatch
 - Entrances are sheltered on three sides
- 4.15. Green - Jason Unger

5. New Business

- 5.1. [EFCL AGM Summary](#) - Katie Krause
- 5.2. Mary Moore - [Practicum Project Update](#)
 - 5.2.1. Looking to reach a wide and diverse audience by connecting with people from different groups (churches, mosque, garden groups, businesses, groups)
 - 5.2.2. A one-pager would be mailed out to people. Main point is to report on what's been accomplished since the last survey, but also want to collect new data.
 - 5.2.3. Want the board to move along with the community and hopefully extend the usership of the community resources
 - 5.2.4. Canada Post could deliver to most of the neighbourhood - but would need to drop one-pager by hand along 83rd Ave
 - 5.2.5. Survey 18+, neighbourhood demographics represented
 - 5.2.6. Hope to launch survey in September (and at Mini Folk-Fest)
 - 5.2.7. Survey topics: programming, indoor facilities, outdoor facilities, dog park, engagement & membership
 - 5.2.8. Question about previous survey: Did we do everything on the previous survey?
Answer: the engagement survey results were needed in order to get grants for our hall & grounds renewal
- 5.3. Associate Memberships for Pickleball/Tennis - Jeanie & Matthew
 - 5.3.1. Had decided that if people wanted to play pickleball here, from outside our community, would need Community League memberships in their own neighbourhood and an Associate membership with our community (at an extra cost)
 - 5.3.2. However, we have had some feedback that no other community leagues require an associate membership
 - 5.3.3. Question: what was the reason for having the associate members? Are we being over-run by non-community members? Answer: Not really
 - 5.3.4. So, on re-thinking the topic, it might be better to just let people play who have a membership at any other community and wait to see if this is a problem.
 - 5.3.5. The other issue is what to do about visitors? Should we charge \$5 per person? But, we are always able to bring a guest to community league events - so let's just keep it this way (and make it free to bring a guest)
 - 5.3.6. What about the skate board park? The signs say that skate boarders must have a Strathcona community league membership. Let's just leave the signs as-is. We can put a clarification on the website that other community league memberships are welcome.
6. [June NRC Report](#) - Susan Kankkunen
 - 6.1. Many thanks to Susan for working with our community and good luck on your retirement!
 - 6.2. June is Block Party month!
7. [CL planning schedule](#)
8. **Adjournment of Official Meeting**
Moved by: Jacquie Devlin
Seconded by: Jeanie McDonnell
Carried

Next Meetings (in person and zoom option available)

- Monday September 14th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday October 5th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday November 9th 2026 6:30pm Board Meeting, 7:30pm AGM
- Monday December 14th 2026 6:45pm
- Monday January 11th 2027 6:45pm

- Monday February 8th 2027 6:45pm
- Monday March 8th 2027 6:45pm
- Monday April 12th 2027 6:45pm
- Monday May 10th 2027 6:45pm
- Monday June 14th 2027 6:45pm

Zoom Info:

- Meeting ID: 831 5202 8291
- Passcode: 258980

Minutes reviewed and signed :

Katie Krause, SCCL Secretary