

# Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, October 16, 2018 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Brian Finley, Ed Boraas, Fraser Hayes, Jeremy Fritsche, Conrad Siegers, Larry Fundytus (Hall manager), Brian Gibbon (MLA's office), Joe Hewko (Bellevue Street Lights), Shannon Leblanc (Tool Library)

Regrets: Rick McAdie

1. Call to order
  - Meeting called to order by Brian Finley at 19:05
2. Approval of agenda
  - M/S/C Jeremy/Conrad that the agenda be approved
3. Consent Agenda

*Board members are expected to have reviewed the previous meeting's minutes and all attached reports prior to the meeting. The Consent Agenda portion of the agenda will consist of a single motion: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package, and to approve of all motions included in the Consent Agenda package (outlined below).*

- a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: September 18
  - b. Community stakeholder reports
    - i. ~~Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)~~
    - ii. ~~Abundant Community Edmonton (Cory Seibel)~~
    - iii. Edmonton Tool Library (Shannon Leblanc)
    - iv. ~~Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)~~
  - c. Director & staff reports
    - i. ~~President (Rick McAdie)~~
    - ii. Past President (Brian Finley)
    - iii. Treasurer (Conrad Siegers)
    - iv. Social Director (Fraser Hayes)
    - v. ~~Program Director (Geoff Lilge)~~
    - vi. ~~Membership Director (Sally Scott)~~
    - vii. ~~Civics Director (Brett Finnie)~~
    - viii. ~~Communications Director (Jeremy Fritsche)~~
    - ix. ~~Hall manager (Larry Fundytus)~~
  - d. Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
    - i. (Conrad Siegers) that the outstanding balance from Rise Up and Walk be considered a write-off.
      - Jeremy asked what the value of the balance is; Conrad responded that the amount is \$5000
      - M/S/C Ed/Jeremy to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package, and to approve of all motions included in the Consent Agenda package (outlined above)
4. Presentations and Discussion Points (refer to attached reports)
    - a. Edmonton Tool Library (Shannon Leblanc)
      - i. Final answer regarding ETL becoming an additional insured?
        - Unfortunately, ETL cannot be added to BCL's policy
        - BCL's insurer did provide an estimate for the ETL, should they be interested in pursuing insurance through Foster Park
      - ii. Other
        - Now open Wednesdays 6pm-8pm
        - Saturdays extended: 11am-3pm
    - b. Past President (Brian Finley)
      - i. Discussion around an active or Pre-Paid Credit Card to be available for expenses under a set limit or for cases where the vendor requires partial payment prior to delivery
        - Right now, there's no avenue for making small purchases as required
        - Thus, such purchases are currently made personally and reimbursed
        - Brian asked if BCL could apply for a credit card with a small limit for such use
        - M/S/C Brian/Conrad that the BCL obtain an ATB credit card with a limit not to exceed \$5000 in the league's name
          - Conrad suggested establishing a Google Form to track such expenses

- ii. We plan to change the Garbage Bin to a smaller model – which is picked up more often and want to have a discussion around the removal of the Blue Bin – currently costs the BCL over \$1200 annually
  - We are switching from the large bin to a smaller size bin, which will be picked up weekly instead of every two weeks
  - The blue bin costs \$1200-1500/year and is underutilized
  - M/S/C Brian/Fraser that the blue bin service be terminated
    - Larry mentioned that the bin is typically less than 30% full
    - Ed asked if small recycling bags (household size) will be picked up if the blue bin is removed; Larry responded that the City will not pick up small blue bags
    - Fraser asked if we could donate the bottles to someone who could help us by removing our recycling
    - Larry volunteered to remove the occasional blue bag as needed
    - Jeremy mentioned that bags are often hard to find
    - Larry responded that he'll make sure we have sufficient bags
- iii. Meeting with Concordia
  - Brian and Jim Gendron met with Concordia yesterday
  - BCL is still trying to figure out what to do with regard to student parking
  - Tim Loreman mentioned that one complaint that Concordia receives from neighbours is related to CUE's smoke-free status leading to to students smoking on neighbouring properties
  - The BCL hasn't heard any such complaints directly, but this clearly indicates a potential issue, particularly with the impending legalization of cannabis
  - In two of the designs presented by the City, Concordia had room for expansion incorporated. In one of these, CUE's expansion displaced the existing BCL hall.
  - Concordia indicated they don't have an interest in using the land on which the hall currently sits, but is instead focused on the southeast parking lot
  - Concordia has asked for a letter from the league providing support for CUE's expansion in the southeast parking lot area
  - Northlands Neighbours is meeting next week. Rick will be attending
  - Brian Gibbon indicated that Northlands may be interested in redeveloping a presence in the city, possibly around 92 St & 118 Ave
  - M/S/C Brian/Conrad that Brian provide a letter to the president of Concordia University of Edmonton indicating that the league's support of Concordia's expansion into the present Expo grounds' southeast parking lot area
    - Ed abstained from voting on this motion
- iv. Cannabis policy
  - We presently have no smoking policy of our own (regardless of substance)
  - With Concordia being smoke-free and cannabis being legalized, it's become important that we develop a smoking policy
  - City bylaws restrict smoking within a 10m of doors, windows, sports fields, and bus shelters; these restrictions largely remove smokers from the majority of BCL property
  - Shannon suggested that the City may have stickers or signs suitable for posting on our doors, etc
- v. Other
  - Brian would like to see Larry added to the standing reports in future agendas
- c. Social Director (Fraser Hayes)
  - i. Kids' movie night
    - Per Fraser's report, Fraser is suggesting establishing a monthly kids' movie night through the winter
    - Fraser will contact Long & McQuade to see if they'd be willing to donate audio/projector equipment
    - We could make popcorn with our popcorn maker
    - First movie would be Nov 16
    - Licenses are available annually or per event
    - Fraser asked what time of day may be best
    - Jeremy suggested 7pm on Fridays would work well
    - Fraser will investigate license pricing, scheduling for Fridays at 7pm

- d. Bellevue Street Lights Committee (Joe Hewko)
  - i. Update on the Highlands/Bellevue Decorative Street Lights
    - Highlands has opted to vote for the same pole/arm/lights that Bellevue selected
    - Highlands had inquired about the lamp-post style, but the poles were too tall and did not meet established lighting standards
    - The lamp-post option was many times more expensive than the fluted poles
    - Bellevue Street Lights hasn't heard back about the Renaissance light fixture, but Highlands indicated it was expensive; thus, Highlands has opted for fluted with heritage arm, matching Bellevue
    - Brian mentioned that the VP and Bellevue street lights domain names will be expiring soon
    - Highlands is currently 207 signatures short of approval
  - ii. Update on Highlands/Ada renewal meeting held at Highlands School
    - Joe asked if anyone attended the Highlands School open house; Jeremy did
    - Despite the city's indication that Ada would be a separate project, it seems to be being folded into the neighbourhood projects: Virginia Park's section has already been decided upon, and Bellevue's section appears to be being managed along with the Highlands neighbourhood
    - Bellevue is invited to the Highlands/Ada discussions, but this hasn't always been very clear
    - Highlands had requested an emphasis on local history (signage, etc). This has not been incorporated into the plan.
    - The plan includes some revitalization for neighbourhood parks
    - The city has indicated willingness to have a separate discussion with the two leagues representing the three communities (Highlands/Bellevue/Virginia Park) to discuss park revitalization and other historical recognition
    - Joe circulated an example of the Bellevue street blades
    - Jeremy asked when the blades are scheduled for installation
    - Joe responded that the area work will be finished first (walks, roads, bases/poles)
    - Joe reiterated that he feels the league should take an active stance in advocating for Bellevue in the Ada Boulevard discussions
  - iii. Exhibition Lands and the future of the Bellevue Community League Hall
    - Joe recalled that at the last board meeting, Jeremy had noticed that some of the presented plans involved the removal of the BCL hall
    - Joe wondered if waiting for the city or taking active steps would prove to be more productive
    - Joe asked about the planning process for BCL
    - Brian responded that we will be shortly finishing with the historical status issue, and then proceeding from there
    - The historical status would open additional opportunities for grants
    - Brian mentioned that strategic planning generally takes place around February
    - The last BCL strategic plan was the 2016-19 strategic plan
    - Joe asked if there exists a vision statement for Bellevue to serve as a guide to the initiatives that BCL is undertaking
    - If not, Joe feels that we have an ideal opportunity to develop one
- e. Hall Manager (Larry Fundytus)
  - Tables should be arriving next week
  - Larry suggested circular tables may be more appropriate to the some use expected in the hall
  - We will be getting 20 round tables and 10 rectangular tables, with some six-foot tables
  - The old tables will be removed swiftly when the new tables arrived; if any organizations need tables, Brian would like to know
  - Scaffolding is being assembled so that electricians, etc., can come and look at our building
  - Larry will be meeting with Neil soon, in order to address some of the concerns Larry has with the current state of caretaking
  - Conrad asked if there is a budget for these expenditures
  - Brian replied that the CLIP grant is specific regarding the amounts for each expense
  - Brian asked Shannon to check if the lighting is sufficient for the Tool Library's evening operation

- Larry said that he's hopeful that patching the pavement will be possible this year, but that we filed our request only recently so we are not at the top of the priority list
  - Conrad asked if we've received any rental inquiries recently
  - Larry said that there have been inquiries: Womonspace has a rental scheduled, and a few others
  - Jeremy asked if scaffolding will interfere with renters
  - Larry explained that the scaffolding will be stored away in a corner
- ii. Communications (Jeremy Fritsche)
- Jeremy discussed a communication forwarded by Dave Courmoyer regarding Eastglen
  - The Eastglen plan is being proposed for the 2019-22 budget, but has been identified as a low priority
  - Joe mentioned that there hasn't been a meeting on Eastglen since spring
  - Jeremy will forward the communication to Brett
5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
6. Other new business, if any
7. Date and time of next meeting
- a. The next scheduled meeting is November 20 at 7pm
8. Adjournment
- a. M/S/C Fraser/Ed that the meeting be adjourned
- b. Meeting adjourned at 20:34