

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, November 17, 2020 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Rick McAdie, Brian Finley, Jeremy Fritsche, Mike Shiplack, Geof Lilge, Tim Starchuk, Fraser Hayes, Emma Ingen-Housz (Tool Library), Conrad Siegers, Kerry Heise, Ignazio Filice

Regrets: Ed Boraas, Sherry Heschuk

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Jeremy Fritsche

2. Approval of agenda

- M/S/C (Brian)/(Tim) 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).

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting: October 20, 2020
- Community stakeholder reports
 - i. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)
 - ii. ~~Abundant Community Edmonton (Cory Seibel)~~
 - iii. ~~Edmonton Tool Library (Emma Ingen-Housz)~~
 - iv. ~~Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)~~
 - v. ~~Edmonton Toy Library (Kyla Fisher)~~
- Directors & chairs' reports
 - i. ~~President (Rick McAdie)~~
 - ii. ~~Vice President (Jeremy Fritsche)~~
 - iii. ~~Treasurer (Conrad Siegers)~~
 - iv. Past President (Brian Finley)
 - v. ~~Social Director (Fraser Hayes)~~
 - vi. ~~Program Director (Geof Lilge)~~
 - vii. ~~Membership Director (Laura Finley)~~
 - viii. ~~Civics Director (Tim Starchuk)~~
 - ix. Communications Director (Mike Shiplack)
 - x. ~~Community Safety Director (Nazio Filice)~~
 - xi. ~~Sustainability Committee Chair (Sherry Heschuk)~~
 - xii. ~~Casino Committee Chair (Rick McAdie)~~
- Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
 - i. (none)

- M/S/C (Brian)/(Fraser) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package

4. Presentations and Discussion Points (refer to attached reports)

- Past president/Facilities report
 - i. Community League Finances for the foreseeable future:
 - Brian, Conrad and Kerry met November 16 to discuss the Board's finances.
 - We are in good shape until 2021. We'll be losing approx. \$1100/month until the pandemic allows a return to normal.
 - We are submitting an application for a CLIP grant (\$30,000) and expecting a GST refund of \$12,000. These funds will allow us to carry on status quo until end of 2022.
 - We are cancelling phone service until needed again and looking into a reduction of garbage disposal fees.
 - M/S/C (Brian) (Conrad): That funds be made available from the casino account for special purpose, specifically to allow for the repair/replacement of the various roof components of the facility in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.
 - M/S/C (Brian) (Conrad): That the above motion be predated and included in the February 18th 2020 meeting minutes of the Bellevue Community League.

- ii. Proposed changes to Tripartite agreement
 - There is a proposal to change the Tripartite agreement to allow leagues to rent space to for-profit entities.
 - At this time, the league will not provide a letter of support for the change.
 - iii. Exhibition Lands
 - The Bellevue Community League is identified in the City's plan as a facility slated to remain, and that the City will "collaborate with the Bellevue Community League in the Civil/Education Anchor."
 - iv. Friend of Highlands Alliance
 - Group of Highlands residents have created an alternative proposal for the development of Ada Boulevard (full report is attached in Brian's report).
 - **M/S/C (Brian) (Tim) That Bellevue Community League provide a Letter of Support to council as it relates to Friends of Highlands Alliance and An Alternative Design Concept for Highlands in preserving Ada Boulevard as a true shared space for all Edmontonians.**
- Communications Director (Mike Shiplack)
 - i. New photos (motion to be presented)
 - Discussion on how to get new photos for the hall. Brian will follow up with EFCL to see if there is a photographer available. Rick and Tim also have potential contacts.
 - We can source some photos from last year's Christmas potluck, and develop a shot list for what other photos we need.
 - ii. New web template
 - Several possibilities for platforms, depending on needs
 - iii. Content updates: facility page; web page
 - Start with content updates, getting feedback from Board members as needed
 - Mike will add a calendar of events to the website
 - When new content is ready, the Board needs an opportunity to see it before it's published.
 - Mike and Brian will work on updating COVID-related facilities information on the website.
 - Please contact Mike with ideas about new content.
 - iv. EFCL page updates
 - Mike to share list of EFCL amenities so we can update the EFCL listing for the hall
 - Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)
 - i. Funding proposal for music series
 - Grant proposal has been submitted for review
 - ii. Jockey lodge housing plans
 - Anna will forward to board for information
 - iii. Eastglen Leisure Centre
 - Eastglen Leisure Centre is once again being considered for closure along with Oliver Pool and Arena, and Scona Pool, in light of a proposed 0% tax increase for the upcoming year.
 - Fraser asked about the City's requirements to have a plan for disposing of the property before it is closed.
 - Rick has received an email from Joe Hewko asking for support for a presentation to City Council in support of keeping the pool open.
 - iv. Tripartite agreement
 - Changes to tripartite agreement (potential rentals to for-profit groups) are being discussed at upcoming City Council meetings.
 - v. Reduction of staffing to skateparks, learn to skate and non-summer green sheds
 - These programs will be reduced or eliminated due to staff reductions.
 - Tool Library (Emma Ingen-Housz)
 - i. Update
 - Tool Library has reopened, with steady use by members.
 - COVID safety guidelines are working well, and letting the library operate fairly normally.
 - The library has been reorganized while closed.
 - Outstanding rent has been paid.

5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
 - None
6. Other new business, if any
 - Mike and Tim will coordinate action on the Eastglen Leisure Centre; Mike will ask for residents who want to get involved on website/social media; potential Zoom meeting for participants on November 26.
7. Date and time of next meeting
 - The next meeting is Tuesday,, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment
 - M/S/C Brian/Conrad