



Edmonton Federation of
Community Leagues

Annual Report

2010

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is to enhance the quality of life in Edmonton by supporting the community league movement through:

1. Facilitating healthy and safe communities by promoting participation in affordable recreation, sports, and social activities at the community level;
2. Developing and enhancing the skills of community league volunteers by providing information, resources, and education;
3. Promoting, facilitating, and celebrating volunteerism at the community level;
4. Providing a multi-dimensional communication network to share pertinent information on relevant issues and emerging trends;
5. Advocating on behalf of the Membership on general citywide issues and assisting Members in their role as advocates;
6. Assisting in the creation and organization of new community leagues; and
7. Providing and maintaining a central administrative operation and meeting facility for consideration and discussion of questions affecting the interests of the community.

2010 TEAM

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Planning and Development	Bryan Kapitza	Chair
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Bev Zubot	Community Planning Advisor	
Shahriyar Khan	Community Development Officer	
Michael Janz	Marketing Director	
Linda Crosby	Financial Advisor	
Joanne Booth	Office Administrator	



Allan Bolstad



Valerie Pachal



Bev Zubot



Shahriyar Khan



Michael Janz



Linda Crosby



Joanne Booth



EFCL Board 2010

L - R: David Gibbens (President and District E Director), David Dodge (VP External and District B Director), Christine Bremner (VP Internal and District G Director), Rob Agostinis (District H Director), Ken Shapka (District L Director), Lindsay Smith (District I Director), Alla Ternikova (District D Director), Donna Woodford (District A Director), Alf White (District F Director)

Absent: Al Innes (District C Director)

DISTRICT REPORTS

District B

David Dodge



Steele Heights Rejuvenation

Some big news in District B is the resurgence of Steele Heights Community League! Heather Pilisko, a mother of three plus one more on the way, became president in May 2010. In the last year the 40+ year-old community league hosted a BBQ, held a carnival and movie night on Community League Day last fall and, just a few weeks ago, they had a winter carnival to highlight the fact that the community once again created an ice rink this year. At the winter carnival they had sleigh rides and an ice slide but the hit of day was making bannock at the fire pit.

The best news of all came this spring. After many years of having no soccer teams, Steele Heights is going to have not one, but two soccer teams this year! This is the first **time Steele Heights will field soccer teams in many years. It's an accomplishment for the single-neighbourhood community league in Edmonton's North End.**

Spray Deck at J.A. Fyfe

This year, the seven Community Leagues in Area 17 celebrated the opening of the J.A. Fife Water Park in Kilkenny. The park is a rebuild of one of the original spray decks in Edmonton. The grand opening was held this year for this very popular summer park feature. The seven community leagues of Area 17 combined forces to raise money for the very attractive new spray park.

Killarney's 50th Anniversary

Killarney Community League celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year! I had the pleasure of attending their anniversary celebration and banquet last year. The Mayor attended the **event and Killarney folks took the occasion to celebrate City Councillor Ron Hayter's many years representing our area. He had announced he was retiring from politics prior to the event. The event was hosted by Killarney's President, Ernie Pawluski.**

New Presidents Everywhere

In the last year or two there has been a huge turnover of Presidents of Community Leagues in District B. Colin Smart replaced Wayne Telcs as president of McLeod Community League, Ralph Guido replaced Mike White at Lago Lindo, Heather Pilisko replaced Cecil Gibbs in Steele Heights, Tony Naccarato replaced Eric Johnson in Kilkenny, Jeff Muiselaar replaced David Dodge at Evansdale, Carlos Vieira replaced Margaret Day at Londonderry, Sid Plamondon replaced James Crocker at Northmount, Ernie Pawluski became president at Killarney and Greg Sorenson became the new president at Delwood. Sorry if we missed any other changes. A big thank you to those who have become past presidents and welcome to all of the new presidents!

Looking ahead, **Balwin Community League** is redoing their tennis courts this year. They are in the process of securing bids to seal and refinish the courts. This year they have decided to go with two basketball courts and two tennis courts. As Balwin VP Les De Zwaan explains **Balwin also leaves the courts and their rink open in the summer. "If we lock it up the kids have nothing to do."** The community opted to leave their outdoor facilities unlocked and they have experienced high use and no major damage. Balwin is also working with the City to refurbish the Zoe Garden Spray Park at 69 Street and 127 Ave. They hope to finish the new spray park by 2012.

It has been an honour and pleasure serving as your District B representative this year.

David Dodge
VP External and
District B Director

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District C

Al Innes

2010 was again an exciting and busy year for the Clareview Community Leagues beginning with the finally planning for the new Clareview Community Recreation Centre and culminating in the addition of a re-energized and renewed Crime Council to the Area Council table.



Again, Clareview Rocks was held on the Saturday prior to Fathers Days allowing the seven Community Leagues--Bannerman, Evergreen, Fraser, Hairsine, Homesteader, Horse Hill and South Clareview an opportunity to showcase their communities and offer a unique experience to the residents of Clareview. Held at Hermitage Park this years event saw over 1500 people partake of the various activities from learning how to fish, growing your own plant, frisbee golf, and other exciting events. Each participant was given a "passport" to be stamped at each Leagues venue and then turned in for some exciting prizes. Our thanks to our MLA and City Councillors for their support and attendance.

Canada Day saw a variety of events from Street Dances and Block Parties to Flea Markets again very well attended by area residents with the weather co-operating nicely to make it a pleasant and fun day for all.

The inaugural kick off of Community League Day was a resounding success in Clareview despite the inclement weather in the morning with 5 out of 7 Leagues participating. Events ranged from Hay rides-- to kids jumpy things-- to barbeques, and Chili Cook offs. Most Leagues tied in Sports Registrations and South Clareview used the festivities as a lead in to their Annual General Meeting ensuring an excellent turn out. All in all a most successful day.

We are also pleased that the Clareview Crime Council has been rejuvenated and is refocused on meeting the needs of the Community and are vey pleased that they have joined the Area Council as a sitting member and are closely working with each Community League to identify their security and safety concerns and provide the expert guidance and educational tools to make our communities a safer place to live, work and play.

It was indeed a pleasure to work with the City of Edmonton on the Clareview Community Recreation Centre project and look forward to the commencement of building early in 2011.

Al Innes
Treasurer and
District C Director

DISTRICT REPORTS

District G

Christine Bremner

Some of the leagues of District G are undergoing renewal, some are struggling, while others sustain their communities and their leagues by building their membership and maintaining their buildings.

Parkdale-Cromdale's new executive completed its first year, and Eastwood has a new slate of officers and directors. As long-term executive members plan to retire from Montrose, the league hopes to attract a number of new volunteers to fill their spots.

Alberta Avenue continues to host a variety of events that contribute to the increased vibrancy of the community, and the leagues along 118th Avenue west of Northlands and east of NAIT often work together on wider community issues -- such as developing a new use for the closed Parkdale School and other revitalization issues.

As Montrose looks to the completion of their new playground and spray deck, Spruce Avenue is in the midst of plans, and fund-raising and Highlands is beginning community consultation.

Of the 13 leagues in District G, seven held events on Community League Day: Beacon Heights, Bellevue, Highlands, Parkdale-Cromdale, Newton, Montrose, and Spruce Avenue. I hope that number will increase next year.

Christine Bremner
VP Internal and
District G Director



DISTRICT REPORTS

District H

Rob Agostinis

1. Opening of the **Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre** – TRAC (Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council) and Community League Ambassadors were involved in the design, planning and fundraising for this facility.



The amenities at the TCRC include:

- 53 metre pool (with a 3 metre movable bulkhead)
- Dive tank with 1 metre & 3 metre diving boards and 5 Metre diving platform
- 30 person whirlpool
- Lazy river and waterslide
- Toddlers pool
- 18 person steam room
- **Children's wing with indoor playground, child minding room and 3 - children program rooms**
- Fitness centre with state of the art exercise equipment, 2 program studios and 206 metre indoor walk/jog track
- 7 community rooms (various sizes)
- TRAC Community Office
- Flexi hall with 3 full sized gymnasiums with setups for many different sports
- Arena – 4 NHL sized sheets of ice (2 of the ice sheets can accommodate sledge hockey), 20 dressing rooms, 3 tournaments rooms

TRAC Community Office in the TCRC – An office serving the community leagues, sports groups and South West Edmonton Farmers Market.

2. South West Edmonton Farmers Market (sponsored program of TRAC) – Will take place on Wednesday nights at the Lillian Osborne High School parking lot. Will open in May 2011.
3. Planning for a 2nd Flexihall Centre and Auditorium for the Terwillegar/Riverbend Area.
4. Community Swim/Recreation Program – Leagues in our area and some from outside our district are participating in a weekly free swim/recreate/playground program.
5. Brookview Community League
 - They have a new Brookview Community Centre.
 - Established a Brookview Community Preschool Program
 - Participated in a Community Leagues Day – Food and Jumpy Thing for the kids.

6. Hodgson Community League
 - Annual Summer Block Party
 - New playground
7. Oak Hills Community League
 - Brand new community league, had their 1st official AGM.
 - Surveying members for what they wish to have in their community.
8. Ogilvie Ridge Community League
 - Newly renovated Whitemud Creek Community Centre
 - New Playground/tennis courts
9. Ridge Community League
 - New Years Eve Fireworks Extravaganza & Family Fun
 - Planning an outdoor rink
10. Riverbend Community League
 - Taste of Riverbend – Fundraiser in October-silent auction, live auction, music, wine tasting, food.
 - Family Winter Festival
 - Annual Plant sale
 - Community League Days – live bands, ART IN THE PARK – very successful!
 - Newly renovated outdoor rink.
 - Newly renovated Riverbend Community Centre
 - Planning Beach Volley Courts
11. Terwillegar Community League
 - **Annual 'I've Outgrown It Sale'**
 - Currently planning a school playground project
 - There are a number of new playgrounds in development
 - Terwillegar Community Garden
12. Windermere Community League
 - Relatively new community league
 - New home developments
 - Planning playgrounds
 - Surveying their members

13. Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council

- TCRC planning
- Fundraised for the 5 metre Dive Tower
- South West Edmonton Farmers Market
- Annual TRAC 5K, 10K Walk/RUN – fundraiser for community needs
- Bi-Annual Spring Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon
- Advocate for community and civic issues
- Currently working on new programming ventures
- Seniors Rep – New Programs
- TRAC Community Office in TCRC

14. **President's Committee**

- 3- 4 meetings per year between District H Rep, TRAC President and Community League Presidents.
- Discuss all issues

15. Terwillegar Riverbend Soccer Association

- Had their first Casino
- Planning to build a Storage Centre
- Running Community Soccer Programs and Club Soccer programs through SWEMSA

16. SWAT Hockey

- Expanding their hockey program
- Working with TRAC and Community Leagues to establish the implementation of community league memberships for each hockey player.
- Will be setting up office in the TRAC Community Office.

17. Other Sports& Cultural Programs

- Baseball is expanding and are planning major renovations to baseball sports fields
- Basketball is also expanding now that the TCRC is built.
- Several churches working with community leagues to establish programs

Dr. Rob Agostinis
District H Director
TRAC President

DISTRICT REPORTS

District I

Lindsay Smith

Since I only became the Director for District I at the October 25th **General Meeting, most of my time has been spent “learning the ropes” and becoming familiar with the community leagues and issues** in District I. At the time I started, the Expo 2017 bid was the major topic of interest and concern for the community leagues of District I since they are all adjacent to the University North and South Campuses. I am personally very disappointed that our Federal **Government chose not to support Edmonton’s desire to bid for the World’s Fair. Although it would have undoubtedly caused some short** term problems for some District I communities, I think the opportunities and long term benefits for Edmonton would have been worth it. Development on the South Campus is moving ahead and we will continue to try to maximize the positive **opportunities and minimize the negative impacts to our communities by the University’s** growth.



The Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL) is comprised of most of the Community Leagues that are included in District I and so I am able to maintain a good liaison with many of the leagues I represent through attendance at the CACCL meetings. My community, Grandview Heights, joined CACCL in 2010 and I expect that some of the other three District I leagues that are not yet members may join as well.

Over the few months that I have been a Director on the EFCL Board, I have learned a lot about the history of the EFCL and the Community League model that was adopted by **Edmonton very early in our City’s development. I have really come to appreciate how well** our Community Leagues have worked to enhance the opportunities and well being of the citizens that they serve.

I am personally very aligned with the EFCL’s “Live Local” ideology and feel it is important that we do what we can to make our communities “Urban Villages” where we can live, work , play, grow some of our own food, generate some of our own energy, and minimize the energy we need to use. I look forward to my first full year serving on the EFCL Board and working with the Community Leagues in District I.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Smith
District I Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Allan Bolstad Annual Report – 2010



EFCL Enjoys a Banner Year

Put simply, the EFCL had a banner year in 2010. It's my pleasure to use this space to summarize a number of the highlights.

The year got off to a great start with our first-ever **EFCL Trade Show**, where 300 community league representatives had an opportunity to meet with a hall full of suppliers at the Blatchford Hangar at Fort Edmonton Park. Food, music and a good exchange of information were the orders of the day and the EFCL managed to show a nice profit to boot.

Later that month the federation was pleased to **Parkdale/Cromdale community league get back on its feet**. After running the league's hall for four months, the federation was most pleased to turn the keys over to a new group of people that quickly gave the league a fresh start and a new burst of energy.

In February the federation was excited to ink a **new deal with Servus** as a preferred supplier of financial services. The five-year agreement included a significant sponsorship arrangement, which will help the federation provide special events to its members for years to come.

The month of March saw us launch the **Neighborhood Speed Reduction pilot project**, which saw the speed limit reduced to 40 km/hour in six neighborhoods. The EFCL worked closely with the city in planning and implementing this exercise, which is attracting attention from cities across Canada.

The word "challenge" took on a new meaning later last spring, first with the hosting of a successful **Green Challenge** – where over 40 community leagues undertook a number of environmental initiatives in pursuit of a \$5,000 cash prize – followed by our **Community Challenge**, where we worked with the city's Next Gen committee to develop a series of activities to help leagues reach out to young people. A total of \$17,000 in sponsor-provided prize money was given away at the conclusion of this fun-filled event.

Last May also marked the first time the EFCL has hosted a meeting of the provincial cabinet, when we landed a date on their provincial tour. Approximately 150 community league representatives had an opportunity to meet and discuss issues of concern with eleven cabinet ministers and six backbench MLAs at Balwin Hall.

Last summer featured EFCL promotions at **Canada Day events and the city's Park(ed) Day**, where residents were encouraged to leave their vehicle in their garage for a day. And once again we spent the August long weekend welcoming visitors at the EFCL rest centre at **Heritage Days**, which is part of our effort to reach out to new Canadians.



EFCL staff, including planner Bev Zubot, talked to visitors about community leagues, entered names in a prize draw and ran a football toss program for kids at the Mill Woods Canada Day event.

Last summer also saw the drafting of a **Memorandum of Understanding between the federation and the city's 11 area councils** – an exercise that is helping bring all of our organization's together.

September saw the federation launch its first-ever **Community League Day**, where 90 community leagues strutted their stuff in neighborhood-based events all over town. To help draw attention to the event, the EFCL displayed a **120' by 70' quilt** at Churchill Square, featuring hand-made **5' by 5' sections from 43 community leagues**. With the name of every league on an individual square, the quilt was designed to show the location of all of the leagues in the city (split by some blue sheets snaking through the middle, depicting the North Saskatchewan River). Flushed by the success of this promotion, leagues quickly decided to make the third Saturday of each September a Community League Day tradition in Edmonton.

September also saw us host a highly successful planning workshop, where close to 40 people spent their Saturday working on designs for family-friendly, high density housing. This is a very big issue for many of our leagues, who are faced by redevelopment pressures that all too often results in the loss of young families.

In November, the federation hosted 80 community league presidents and 10 area council presidents in our first-ever **Presidents' Dinner**. The event was all about saying thank you to the presidents, for their role in running their leagues and area councils and acting as liaison between the EFCL and their organizations.

Servus Credit Union's Vern Albus, Director Corporate Social Responsibility, and event organizer April Kiely hand out awards to Alf White and other EFCL Directors, at November's Presidents' Dinner.



Late last fall also saw us **Reach Out To Local Artists** with a workshop at Alberta Avenue Community League. This exercise, combined with our work with new Canadians and young adults, has helped us develop a three-pronged approach to finding new members for community leagues.

Saving the best to the last, the EFCL hit one out of the park in December, when the City of Edmonton agreed to launch a **new capital infrastructure grant program** for community leagues and **boosted the annual operating grant to leagues by 40%**. This was the culmination of months of negotiations with city staff and a recognition that the leagues need a new financial deal going forward.

All told, a banner year for our group. No other way to describe it.

Many People to Thank

I'd like to take a moment to thank the key people who helped make 2010 so successful.

First the EFCL staff: **Valerie Pachal**, who is doing such a great job with our website and helping leagues build their own websites; **Linda Crosby**, who keeps our books in great shape and helps leagues do the same with theirs; **Michael Janz**, for his ingenuity and enthusiasm on our key events and sponsorship development initiatives; **Shahriyar Khan** for his leadership on our Cultural Integration initiative, the traffic speed program and many dealings with the city; **Bev Zubot** for helping the federation and many of its leagues deal with a host of thorny planning issues; summer student **Ian Clarke** for his help with our policy manual and data base; **Nancy Rempel** for the wonderful reports she has provided on community leagues in the Edmonton Examiner, on Shaw TV and CBC radio; **April Kiely** for the great job she did producing the President's Dinner event and finally **Ursula Wolsoncroft, Stephanie Hawrylak, Nancy Rempel** and in November **Joanne Booth**, for their help in welcoming the public and working with our members as front desk receptionists.

The EFCL was also blessed this year to have a great group of board members, who pour through 40-page board reports on the second Thursday of each month and provide a wealth of experience in directing our organization. A particularly big pat on the back needs to be given to **President David Gibbens**, who helps the federation work through issues on a daily basis by e-mail and at least three or four times a week in person. David has done an incredible job during his three years as president and quite frankly deserves a great big thank you by everyone in this organization at the close of his presidential tenure on April 4, 2011.

In closing I'd be remiss to not take a moment to thank the key city staff people that we have had the pleasure of working with. In case anyone hasn't noticed, everything the federation does is closely connected to city operations and our success is due in large part to the excellent working relationship we enjoy with city representatives. Heading this group is **Kathy Barnhart**, who has given up more evenings than she'd ever want to remember at EFCL meetings and her right-hand lady **Judy Smith**, who has been the point person through all of our funding and tripartite license negotiations. A special thank you so needs to go to **Linda Cochrane**, who was instrumental in connecting the federation with City Council and guiding our funding initiative.

While I hate to single out any Community Recreation Coordinators – for fear of forgetting others – I do want to point out their invaluable support in helping five new leagues get up and running in 2010 (Cameron Heights, Secord, Ellerslie, Oak Hills and Summerside). This now brings our membership to 154.

Once again, evidence of a banner year at the EFCL – in fact, one that might be a little tough to match.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Bev Zubot, Community Planning Advisor

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This report summarizes the key initiatives undertaken by the EFCL planning committee in 2010, followed by a quick rundown of the assistance we provided to individual community leagues.

Planning Committee Initiatives

1. Efforts to attract and retain families with children in mature neighbourhoods.

EFCL recognized that the number of children in mature neighbourhoods is declining. Under-utilized schools, recreation facilities and shops are at risk of being lost. Higher density infill housing has not brought more families to mature neighbourhoods, partly because the housing has not been child friendly.

To address these concerns, a special group was formed and a successful Family Friendly Multi-Unit Housing Workshop was held. As a result, EFCL drafted Child/Family Friendly multi-unit Housing Guidelines which were used to advocate for zoning changes. In addition, EFCL developed a number of other strategies to retain and attract families with children to mature neighbourhoods; strategies which will be pursued in the coming year.

2. Input that helped shape a number of city housing and land development policies in 2010. The following list represents some of the more significant ones:

a) Zoning Bylaw changes to create a more compact city

EFCL dedicated significant time evaluating city proposals to amend the Zoning Bylaw in order to create higher density housing. EFCL advocated for regulations which would create quality dwellings and neighbourhoods.

- i) **Row Housing:** Thanks to the persistence of the EFCL Planning Committee and the Board, the City took the recommendations of EFCL seriously and moderated the requests of the development industry when approving a new row housing zone and new regulations for the existing zone. As requested by EFCL, the new regulations require treed boulevards when front yards are small, and 30 m² rear yards are still required within the old RF5 row housing zone. However, we were not able to make backyard space a requirement for the new row housing zone. EFCL had also insisted that all row housing zones be family-oriented. The family-oriented requirement was retained for the RF5 zone but it was not made a requirement for the new Urban Character Row Housing Zone. On the positive side, as a result of our intervention, **Council did pass a motion that Administration review the issue of "family friendly" design in the Zoning Bylaw and report back to Executive Committee by June 2011.**

ii) **Medium Scale Residential Infill Overlay** regulations are being drafted by the City to ensure quality medium scale (primarily low-rise apartment) infill housing in mature neighbourhoods. EFCL has given much attention to the proposed Overlay because it could be an important tool for mature neighbourhoods. EFCL has been encouraging the drafting of recommendations which ensure the creation of family-oriented units, ground level outdoor recreation space, enhanced landscaping, and increased side yards for the protection of the use and enjoyment of the existing small scale housing next to the medium scale infill.

iii) **Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines** are being developed by the city to encourage higher density, mixed use, pedestrian oriented developments around LRT stations and major Transit Stations. EFCL participated in the stakeholder workshops organized by the city, and encouraged league representatives to attend the TOD Information and Feedback Session in December.

b) Healthy integration of social housing and affordable housing: EFCL drafted housing policy positions which support the distribution of social and affordable housing throughout the city rather than over concentrating them in any given neighborhood.

Notably, for the first time, EFCL and Community Leagues were invited by the Homeward Trust Community Plan Committee to participate in developing a housing and supportive service plan for Edmonton.

c) Light Efficient Community Policy: The EFCL, along with a group of artificial lighting experts, developed a draft light efficient community policy which would reduce energy consumption, light pollution and light trespassing, while maintaining the appropriate lighting for safety. After presenting our draft policy to Council, City Administration was directed to work with EFCL and other partners to develop a city Light Efficient Community Policy. The EFCL President is co-chairing the group working on the artificial lighting policy for city lands.

3. Promotion of improved community consultation. This included the following:

a) Early release of city reports: EFCL supported a city procedural change which now allows community leagues and all citizens to request an early release of a city report prior to it being considered by City Council. This gives leagues and citizens more time to be better prepared to present their position to Council.

b) Consultation Forms: Upon the initiation of EFCL, a pre-application consultation form has been created for developers to use when consulting neighbours and community leagues in mature neighbourhoods. We will be evaluating its implementation in the coming year.

c) Community league voice in city-wide planning matters: Nearly every District was represented on the EFCL Planning and Development Committee in 2010. The broad city representation was important in developing city-wide policy positions. Thanks to the broad participation and diligent work of the Planning Committee members and the EFCL Board, EFCL had a noticeable impact on land development policy in 2010, and we hope to do even better next year.

In the coming year, the Planning Committee representatives aim to strengthen communication with the District/Area Councils as a means of engaging more Leagues in the many exciting conversations about urban development policies which impact our neighbourhoods.

4. Planning and Development Committee Membership - 2010

District A – Shelley Tupper
District B – Bernie Zolner
District C –
District D –
District E – Jamie Post
District F – Bryan Kapitza, Chair
District G - Cora Shaw
District H – Barry Davis
District I – Elaine Solez
District J – Lori Jeffery-Heaney
District K – Deepali Medhekar
District L – Shaffeeq Ali

Non Voting Resource Person: Fred Mitchell



Planning Committee
Meets on the 4th Wednesday
of each month.

5. Assistance to Individual Community Leagues

The vast majority of new housing in 2010 was in new neighbourhoods, rather than infill; however, some central neighbourhoods felt redevelopment pressures and requested the assistance of the EFCL. For example, a couple of leagues sought assistance in opposing high rise apartments, and in interpreting the new Top of Bank Policy. One league was successful in resisting an unwanted high-rise, which in their opinion, was in an inappropriate location.

Other leagues asked for help in shaping social housing projects, home business developments, duplexes and garage suites. The vast majority of the developments were approved at the SDAB Hearings; however, in several cases, conditions requested by the community league were added to the development permit or agreed upon by the developer prior to the Hearing.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Shahriyar Khan, Community Development Officer
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1. Cultural Integration Project

The project was initiated in 2009, as a way of welcoming people from ethno- cultures and Aboriginal community, into the community league movement.

A) The following were some key activities of the EFCL in 2010:

- Sharing of community league information with Immigrant Serving Agencies, Immigrant Groups and Associations, and through them helped promote community leagues to newcomers.
- Made a number of presentations about community leagues to immigrant groups, associations, and community.
- Initiated consultation between Immigrant Serving Agencies and immigrant associations, and Community Leagues
- Formed partnership between the EFCL and Aboriginal Liaison Office of the City of Edmonton
- Formed partnership between the EFCL and Multicultural Coalition
- **Engaged in consultations with resources interested in the EFCL's WE ALL CAN PLAY Program** (A free soccer program for refugee children).
- Presented WE ALL CAN PLAY at Youth Development through Recreation and Sports Symposium at Banff.
- Negotiated with a number of potential funders for WE ALL CAN PLAY PROGRAM
- Worked closely with Diversity and Inclusion, department of the City of Edmonton
- Worked closely with Northerners: A group of agencies providing support for newcomers in northeast Edmonton.

B). Some key achievements are as follows:

- Increased awareness among new Canadian about community leagues and their programs
- Some leagues have now providing free memberships to newcomer families, and free soccer registration for immigrant children
- Immigrant Serving Agencies are becoming places of advocacy for community leagues
- Immigrant associations and groups are promoting leagues to their communities
- Immigrant serving agencies and leagues are beginning to form partnerships

- Immigrant Serving Agencies are hiring community facilitators to help new immigrant community involve in their respective community.
- A number of agencies are willing to partner in WE ALL CAN PLAY program
- **We're starting to see some representation from ethnic communities on league boards**

2. 40 K. M/hr Speed Limit Pilot Project

Traffic Safety on residential areas is a key priority of the EFCL. During 2010 we partnered with the Office of Traffic Safety on a number of traffic safety initiatives, including the 40 K.M/hr pilot project in six neighborhoods. The six participating communities are Beverly Heights, King Edward Park, Ottewell, West Ridge, Woodcroft, and Twin Brooks. Neighborhoods were selected on the basis of speeding and accident statistics and complaints from area residents.



Some other programs that the EFCL worked on were:

- Pace Car Program
- Speed Watch Program
- Community Safe Speed Van
- Edmonton Annual International Conference on Urban Safety

40 KM speed limits give King Edward rPark residents added sense of safety.

3. Community Swim

The City is in the process of reviewing its pool rental procedures in an attempt to ensure that all times are well used and reduce administrative costs. In this respect the City wants to streamline the community league swim process. The EFCL facilitated a number of community consultations sessions on the issue. As a result of these consultations, South West community leagues have now a new pool rental agreement with Confederation and Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre. Consultations with the City will continue until a final agreement is reached.

4. Community Ice

In March 2010, the newly formed Community Ice Allocation Committee allocated ice slots for 2010-2011 to various community leagues. Also the EFCL remained an active member of the Arena User Committee, and took part in important decisions relevant to ice use in the City facilities.

5. Gym Allocation

During 2010 the EFCL continuously raised community leagues concerns with respect to Gym allocation to leagues. We are still negotiating with the Gym User Committee. provided not for profit sector an opportunity to learn leadership skills and connect with different City wide resources.

6. Board Leadership

The EFCL extended its full help and support to the Planning Committee for Board Leadership 2010. Held at the Grant MacEwan University, the conference was a great success that provided not for profit sector an opportunity to learn leadership skills and connect with different City wide resources.

7. Partnership with Capital City Clean Up

The EFCL continued to support and promote Capital City Clean Up Programs during 2010. This included the following:

- 15 to Clean Challenge
- Big Bin Events
- Cigarette Litter Reduction
- Community Bin Grants
- Community Mural Matching Grants
- Graffiti Wipe Outs



First community consultation meeting for the reduction of speed limits in residential neighbourhoods, at the offices of the EFCL.

MARKETING REPORT

Michael Janz, Marketing Director

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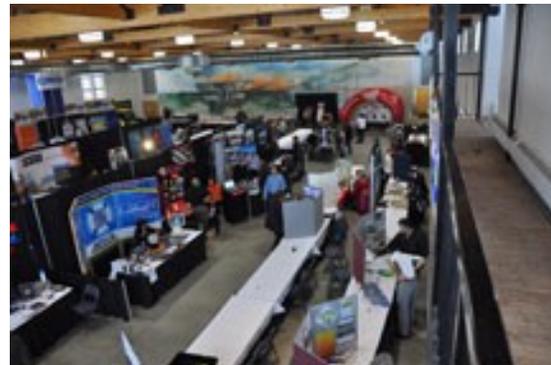


What a whirlwind year it has been for the EFCL. From our first tradeshow in January 2010 to our Fantastic fall kickoff with the Community league Quilt and Sept 18th Community League Day, the EFCL has been working hard to raise awareness in the community and the media about the opportunities available in every neighbourhood for Edmontonians to get involved and feel good about where they live.

On October 18th, 2010 I was elected to serve as a Trustee for the Edmonton Public School Board and thus have reduced my hours at the EFCL to Monday, Wednesday, Fridays on an ongoing basis. I look forward to serving the EFCL on this adjusted timetable in 2011.

Jan 2010 Tradeshow

The EFCL hosted our first-ever tradeshow on January 23rd 2010. We were thrilled to have over 300 community league executives come and take part in a “one-stop-shop” for all of your community league needs. Exhibitors and non-profit partners set up shop together in Fort Edmonton Park and helped inspire and educate community league volunteers from around the city. This event could not have succeeded with out the featured presenters: Habitat Playground systems, United Cycle, Canadian Arena Products, Flex Court



Over 50 businesses and services supported
Tradeshow 2010

Canada, Special Event Rentals, Foster Park Baskett, Play Works, and our friends at the City of Edmonton. The success of this show inspired the 2011 Tradeshow.

Next Gen and EFCL present the Edmonton Community Challenge 2010



Volunteers from the Next Gen committee were key supporters of the Edmonton Community Challenge

June turned into a Month long challenge pitting neighbourhoods from around the city together in contests and challenges to benefit the whole community. The winner, Sherbrooke Community league took home a cool \$15,000 in cash from our sponsor Boardwalk Rental Community. This challenge was part of a joint initiative between the City of Edmonton Next Gen Committee and the EFCL. **It was an exciting year and we couldn't have done it without the support of all of our sponsors.**

Community League Day 2010

On September 18th 2010 90 leagues joined together with the EFCL to host a festival in every neighborhood. The third Saturday of September was selected as that was the **date most leagues held a "welcome back" activity after the summer break.**

Holding events on the same day helped coordinate advertising and raise public awareness of community league activities. This led to increased attendance at subsequent events and helped shine the light on community league movement in Edmonton. We thank the Realtors, Service Credit Union, and United Cycle for their support. With the help of volunteers around the city, we hope to make Community League Day an annual celebration that everyone looks forward to!



Balwin kids lead the Community League Day celebrations!



The EFCL football toss—a touchdown for kids of all ages

See you at Heritage Festival

For the second time, the EFCL team returned to Heritage Festival to promote community league involvement to the citizens of Edmonton. We received a fantastic turnout and got to debut our new EFCL Football toss! The EFCL is always looking for promotional opportunities to get more citizens involved in their community leagues.

Living Local

In 2010 the EFCL embarked on our Living Local promotion, a joint initiative between the EFCL and the City of Edmonton aimed to help **more people do more things closer to home and "live where they live."** This initiative was launched in response to feedback we have been receiving from Edmontonians feeling more and more alienated from their neighbourhoods and that as the city has expanded, it has been harder and harder to do things closer to home. Living local can lead to healthier, happier, more affordable lifestyles and is a key factor in vibrant community leagues. We have been working with partners to help people do more things in their neighbourhoods, build stronger local communities. This initiative continues to grow and a conference is scheduled for October 2011.



Examples of design concepts for the airport lands, recently on display at City Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS REPORT - Year in Review

Valerie Pachal
Assistant Director/Communications and Events
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TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights for EFCL Technology and Communications included:

The resource guide going online in December 2010: [check under resources](#). This new interface is searchable and menu driven. It helps you find what you need for templates, job descriptions, facility and rink management, and so much more.

Three years ago only 70 leagues reported website addresses to EFCL. Currently we have **132 out of 154 reporting websites**. Don't forget to keep them updated! It is very important to be current and not turn off potential members. If you want an easy to maintain site, EFCL has helped several leagues get online with a easy template website and free training and hosting. Contact Valerie.Pachal@efcl.org for information.

Resource Guide	
Introduction	
History	
EFCL	
Community Leagues	
Tools For Boards	
Human Resources	
Community League Operations	
Facility Management	
Financial Management	
Legal & Insurance Information	
League Communication	
Templates	
Area Councils	
Partner Organizations	
City of Edmonton	
Resource Library	
2009 Resource Guide	

Many Leagues are now forwarding their new board lists immediately following elections and we have an 75% update rate (three years ago it was closer to 20%). Last year **I had hoped for an improvement, however, we hover around the same rate. Let's work together for 100%! Remember us after your election and forward us the updated board list!**

Online membership sales at efcl.org has helped various sports and program registrars ensure that families have paid for a league membership. This is particularly useful when a league registrar is difficult to reach. Please watch for notifications of sales that happen in our online store. Login with your Vendor Admin Access to get complete contact information for the new members. After logging in, you can make sure that the email for notification is the membership director. It is the responsibility of every membership director to issue the cards and skate tags.

We publish a newsletter four times per year and have increased the frequency of electronic news – our **EFCL E News** – to get important announcements out in a timely fashion. Currently over 2200 people subscribe. Read the headlines to be **sure you don't miss anything**. Subscribe to E News by sending a request to communications@efcl.org

MEDIA COVERAGE

Our most **successful media event** included "The Great Community League Quilt". As a promotion for Community League Day events, we had a news conference on Churchill Square where we unrolled a 120' by 70' foot quilt, comprised of 5 foot squares created by 43 leagues, along with hand-painted names of the balance of leagues, and a river flowing through our great city.



From the roof of the Stanley A. Milner library, media members covered this unusual promotion. Photo courtesy of Rob Agostinis, EFCL: Board Member

There are many great **media worthy stories** thanks to volunteers at the community level. Please have a look through our newsletters in the league showcase to read some stories by Nancy Rempel, our roving reporter. We also endeavor to post the links to radio clip interviews and are working on our video uploads of SHAW news stories. Forward your events and great stories to Nancy.Rempel@efcl.org



Dunluce Play Rangers take ownership of forest. Right, Oliver's Peace Garden provides oasis.

FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM

It is interesting to note that neighbourhoods in Edmonton that had Community League involvement had double the amount of entries over those that were privately nominated. Our Community League people are keeners and know a good thing when they see it! The Front Yards in Bloom program is easy to join and recognizes people who care about how their community looks. These are exactly the kind of people we want to get involved with our league. Check out the details on how to run this program under [efcl.org / news / activities](http://efcl.org/news/activities)

THE WAY WE GREEN

EFCL was invited to participate in the consultation process for the creation of the City of Edmonton Environmental plan. Over five months, 5 league representatives, Robert Kirchner from Parkallen, Marlon Davies from Grovenor, Peter Adamski from The Ridge, Donald Darnell from Aspen Gardens, and Valerie Pachal from EFCL / Parkdale – Cromdale, attended workshops, the speaker series and read a lot of documents. The resulting plan is a good first achievable step for positive growth in the city. Read all the documentation online at Edmonton.ca / Way We Green

GREEN CHALLENGE

At our April 29, 2010 AGM Parkallen won the \$5,000 prize based largely on their huge community involvement with the Local Motion project which reduced car miles significantly. Many leagues have taken on the task of raising awareness at a local level and have run very successful educational programs, started community gardens, and retrofitted their hall to be more energy efficient. There is a huge demographic of environmentally aware folks who have energy and are willing to get involved with leagues that want to make a difference.

59th ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show was about to expire when a champion, Indra Mathew, stepped up to manage the show and pulled off a wonderful event. We had over 80 entries from 55 children and the acts ranged from song and dance to classical piano. Cash prizes were awarded to the top scores in each category, and all children took home a certificate and medal.

Thanks to the Examiner for running free ads for the event and to Inglewood, Jasper Park, and Leefield Community Leagues for their generous donation. EFCL subsidizes this program and greatly appreciates any contributions. For the Talent Show to succeed in the future we need volunteer involvement. Ask your young musical and dramatic talent to participate and to get involved. This is a great opportunity to perform.



David Gibbens, EFCL President gives thanks to Indra Mathews and the volunteers that did a great job of the show.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES

We continue to bulk order membership supplies for our leagues that include membership cards, brochures, skate tags, volunteer badges. Please watch for the notices beginning every December, order on time and confirm method of delivery or pickup. It helps the process. If you have any suggestions for supplies you would like to see or changes to the existing supplies, please contact communications@efcl.org.

THE EDMONTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CORPORATE FEE

EFCL has diligently attempted to assist the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association with the management of Community League Membership Sales over a number of years. Five years ago we implemented generic cards provided and funded by EFCL. However, the hockey registrars still experienced difficulties with the distribution of cards and funds to leagues. Three years ago the EFCL stepped in to help with the distribution process and still the system was fraught with late payments, stale dated cheques, and families who did not get their cards for other league activities. This year a last ditch effort was made to salvage our special relationship with the hockey association and we took on the Corporate Rate Fee.

EFCL spent over \$50,000 in staff time on this process in 2010, in addition to covering off some of the financial discrepancies between cards sold and dollars received from hockey. Unfortunately, some hockey families did not receive their cards in a timely fashion and communications to the leagues, the hockey registrars, and the families were inconsistent and few people knew how to expedite the membership process.

In addition, Edmonton Minor Hockey does not have accounting systems in place to adequately manage any fees collected outside of their own fees.

In summary, the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association volunteers have more than enough on their plate with taking care of their own registrations. There simply are no resources left to put toward the sale of Community League Membership sales and leagues will have to manage their own sales into the future.

My activities were significantly constrained this year because of the huge time commitment involved with this project. I thank the leagues who were kind, patient, and accommodating of their hockey families. They made my job easier.

EFCL TALENT SHOW REPORT

Indra Mathews

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The EFCL 59th Annual City Wide Talent Show was held on April 17, 2010 at the Stanley A. Milner Library from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm

There were twenty six entries for Vocals, twenty six entries for Piano and Guitar and fifteen entries for Dance. We had two Adjudicators, one for both vocal and piano and the other for dance. We had a total of sixty contestants.

Special thanks to the following volunteers on the day of the show: **Vijay Singh, Alvin Mathew, Sonia Lemke, Terri Hunt, Elva Calvert, Alf White and Daintre Christensen.**

The Talent show was covered by The Examiner, Global T.V and CTV. Their presence was greatly appreciated.

Each contestant was awarded a Medal or Trophy and a Certificate of Participation. Cash prizes were also given out to the Top Seven contestants.

Unfortunately, the day did not go by with out a hitch. There was a water leak at the Library and as a result we had to cancel the Finale.

Meeting to setup volunteers for the 60th Talent Show started in September 2010.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Linda Crosby, Financial Officer

Annual Report – 2010



This past year I have experienced a huge increase in administrative and accounting tasks due to the demands of the corporate membership purchases through the EMHA hockey. As a result, we made some changes in how we provide volunteer training to the leagues.

Overall treasurer training – all treasurers were asked to read/study the online tutorial in the Financial section of the Community League Resource Guide. Those requesting one on one training were given so on a first come, first serve basis.

1. Individual assistance was given to thirty three (33) community leagues in 2010.

These numbers were slightly down from 2009, as some leagues found what they needed in the online tutorial and the shortage of appointment time made it difficult to fit in all of the requests for training.

2. Requests for assistance generally came forward in the following areas:

- a) Accounting software training in both Simply accounting and Quick Books. The majority of community leagues request training in these areas and much has been given through phone inquiries.
- b) Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission license applications and financial reporting assistance to complete Bingo and Casino applications and reports. The completion of gaming reports is an ongoing challenge to community leagues, as it must be done annually.
- c) Annual budget preparations for presentation and approval by community league members at Annual General Meetings. Assistance to leagues in this area was often done by e-mailing basic budget templates.
- d) Cash flow projection templates for community league executives, to help them set goals for the upcoming year.
- e) Bookkeeper training for the community leagues that have contracted bookkeeper services.
- f) Help with preparing year end financial statements, to reduce costs of annual Audit, Financial Review and Notice To Reader costs.
- g) Helped leagues work with Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission auditors.
- h) Assistance was given to member community leagues filing one time GST Rebate applications to Canada Customs and Excise Tax.
- i) Assistance was provided to several community leagues in filing outstanding Annual Returns to Corporate Registry.



Audited Financial Statements

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Edmonton, Alberta

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2010, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues as at December 31, 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Edmonton, Alberta
March 10, 2011

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EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Statement of Financial Position
As At December 31, 2010

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 646,139	\$ 260,296
Accounts receivable	17,120	35,490
Prepaid expenses	1,784	1,380
	<u>665,043</u>	<u>297,166</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 4)	<u>103,928</u>	<u>128,464</u>
	<u>\$ 768,971</u>	<u>\$ 425,630</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 52,702	\$ 39,767
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	375,048	128,840
	<u>427,750</u>	<u>168,607</u>
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO PROPERTY (Note 6)	<u>57,173</u>	<u>64,360</u>
	<u>484,923</u>	<u>232,967</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in property and equipment	46,755	64,104
Unrestricted	214,401	111,667
Internally restricted (Note 7)	22,892	16,892
	<u>284,048</u>	<u>192,663</u>
	<u>\$ 768,971</u>	<u>\$ 425,630</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

_____ Director

_____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Statement of Operations
For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Budget 2010	2010	2009
REVENUE			
Grants	\$ 586,106	\$ 486,581	\$ 558,762
Membership dues	67,300	66,390	66,183
Casino	44,000	44,398	45,974
Sponsorships	28,000	35,900	8,800
Recoveries	28,250	25,800	29,169
Interest	6,000	2,493	5,570
Talent show	3,000	2,128	2,037
Other revenue	7,500	1,385	5,154
	<u>770,156</u>	<u>665,075</u>	<u>721,649</u>
EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	358,934	355,129	353,790
Community League services	169,535	110,597	103,337
Office and building operations	70,505	55,130	61,227
Amortization	10,800	28,590	28,472
Governance	5,800	9,644	4,706
Professional fees	11,500	6,466	7,549
One-time expenditures	129,082	6,370	125,021
Talent show	6,000	1,764	2,254
	<u>762,156</u>	<u>573,690</u>	<u>686,356</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 91,385</u>	<u>\$ 35,293</u>

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EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Invested in Property and Equipment	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	2010	2009
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 64,104	\$ 111,667	\$ 16,892	\$ 192,663	\$ 157,370
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(21,403)	112,788	-	91,385	35,293
Investment in property and equipment	4,054	(4,054)	-	-	-
Transfer	-	(6,000)	6,000	-	-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 46,755	\$ 214,401	\$ 22,892	\$ 284,048	\$ 192,663

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EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	2010	2009
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 91,385	\$ 35,293
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	28,590	28,472
Amortization of deferred contributions related to property	<u>(7,187)</u>	<u>(5,745)</u>
	<u>112,788</u>	<u>58,020</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	18,370	(12,211)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12,935	(8,295)
Deferred contributions	246,208	(128,869)
Prepaid expenses	(404)	(755)
Funds held in trust	-	(3,858)
	<u>277,109</u>	<u>(153,988)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(4,054)</u>	<u>(54,660)</u>
	<u>(4,054)</u>	<u>(54,660)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Deferred contributions related to property	<u>-</u>	<u>31,167</u>
Cash flow from financing activity	<u>-</u>	<u>31,167</u>
INCREASE IN CASH FLOWS	385,843	(119,461)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>260,296</u>	<u>379,757</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 646,139</u>	<u>\$ 260,296</u>

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EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2010

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (the "Federation") was established in 1921 and, as a non-profit organization, is exempt from income taxes. The Federation exists to continually improve the efficiency and effectiveness of member organizations in their effort to deliver community programs, by providing leadership as well as operational and administrative support.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent on future events. As a result, the preparation of financial statements for a period involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgement. Actual results could differ from those estimates and approximations. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies below:

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets at the following methods and rates:

Office equipment	20%	declining balance method
Computer equipment	30%	declining balance method
Computer software	100%	declining balance method
Leasehold improvements	10 years	straight-line method
Website	10 years	straight-line method

Donated Goods and Services

Volunteers donate time to assist the Federation in carrying out its services. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, donated goods and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

The Federation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue during the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when the amount to be received or receivable can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership dues are recognized as revenue in the year to which they relate.

Investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

3. RESTRICTED CASH

Cash balances received from casinos and government grant funding totalling \$330,236 (2009 - \$82,207) are available for use only in accordance with the terms of the related agreements.

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2010

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2010 Net book value	2009 Net book value
Office equipment	\$ 112,618	\$ 93,360	\$ 19,258	\$ 24,072
Computer equipment	45,658	39,918	5,740	8,199
Computer software	13,219	13,117	102	1,241
Leasehold improvements	126,385	104,762	21,623	33,552
Website	75,258	18,053	57,205	61,400
	<u>\$ 373,138</u>	<u>\$ 269,210</u>	<u>\$ 103,928</u>	<u>\$ 128,464</u>

5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

A portion of receipts received in the year are deferred to be recognized as revenue in future years as the related expenses are incurred.

	Balance at beginning of year	Contributions received during year	Amounts recognized as revenue	Balance at end of year
Infrastructure Program	\$ 55,214	\$ 128,945	\$ 4,357	\$ 179,802
Community Initiative Program				
Marketing Grant	-	75,000	25,125	49,875
Membership dues	44,033	67,069	66,390	44,712
Casino	16,572	72,504	44,398	44,678
Community Initiative Program				
Cultural Grant	-	32,500	-	32,500
Community Facility Enhancement				
Program Grant	-	14,973	-	14,973
City of Edmonton Business Review				
Grant	7,245	-	-	7,245
City of Edmonton Restructuring				
Grant	3,176	-	2,013	1,163
Talent show	100	-	-	100
Trade Show	2,500	-	2,500	-
	<u>\$ 128,840</u>	<u>\$ 390,991</u>	<u>\$ 144,783</u>	<u>\$ 375,048</u>

6. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO PROPERTY

Deferred contributions related to property represent contributions received from the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta to fund renovations to the Federation's premises.

	2010	2009
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 64,360	\$ 38,938
Add: Contributions received	-	31,167
Less: Amounts amortized	(7,187)	(5,745)
	<u>\$ 57,173</u>	<u>\$ 64,360</u>

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2010

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Federation's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Federation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

10. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Federation's goal in managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide services to the members. To accomplish this goal, policies have been established to preserve the financial condition of the Federation and protect its assets by setting limitations on the expenditure funds, incurrence of debt, use of any long-term reserves and investment of funds. Over the year, the Board meets with the Executive Director to review the Federation's financial position.

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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