

**EFCL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2021 Virtual Meeting Via ZOOM, 6 p.m MST**

**Attendance**

**EFCL Board Members:**

**Ryan Barber, District H (President / Chair)**  
**Jenn Parsonage, District L (VP Internal)**  
**Anita Lunden, District J (Treasurer)**  
**Ahmed Ali, District B**  
**Giselle General, District D**  
**Morgan Wolf, District G**  
**Jon Morgan, District K**

**Guests/EFCL Staff:**

**Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director**  
**Chantille Shannon, City of Edmonton**  
**Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes**

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions—new and returning board members: (6:15) (:41)**

With a quorum of board members present, the meeting was called to order by Ryan Barber. He welcomed new board member, Ahmed Ali, representing District B, and returning board members, Giselle General, and Jon Morgan, who had been on leave of absence. Ahmed introduced himself and shared some of his background, including interests and work history.

**2.0 Review of agenda and work in progress: (6:20) (1:38)**

J. Morgan requested the addition of an amendment to the Complaint Procedure Policy be added to the agenda.

**Motion 21-11-15-01 That an amendment to the Complaint Policy be added to the agenda under item 6.18**

**G. General / J. Morgan**

**Carried**

As there were no items in work in progress requiring attention, the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item.

### **3.0 Review of minutes: (6:24) (3:42)**

A modification of the wording in the motion under **5.2** was required. “President” was replaced by “district representative”

**Motion 2021-10-12-10–03** under **Item 5.2** was amended to read “ **The district representative of each league will present, in person, a basket of appreciation to their league**”.

### **4.0 News from the City, Chantille Shannon (6:25) (5:56)**

C. Shannon provided a link to her report from the City. She reported that 14 leagues have signed the Tripartite License Agreement: **Belgravia, Ottewell, Roslyn, Cumberland-Oxford, Dovercourt, Newron, Rossdale, Mayfield, Laurier Heights, North Glenora, Lakewood, Alberta Avenue, Woodvale, Hairsine**. There are 31 leagues in the queue awaiting completion.

She provided a link to the draft manual for community group led construction projects. The City is inviting groups, community and internal, for input, and planning to create an advisory group. Partnerships with community leagues would be welcomed. HOA's could be involved as well, but under an umbrella organization. It was noted that the roles and responsibilities of community leagues versus HOA's are not always clearly understood by communities.

C. Shannon left the meeting at the end of the discussion.

### **5.0 District updates: (6:44) (24:06)**

**District J:** The leagues are currently involved with getting rinks ready and opening rink shacks. There is a concern this may affect dog walking in the off-leash areas, which has increased during COVID 19. Erection of temporary fencing is being considered to separate the areas. There has been a marked increase in outdoor (e.g walking groups, skiing) versus indoor activities which can probably be attributed to COVID 19 as well. Emphasis will be on encouraging more use of halls and indoor programs. Accessibility to skating rinks is being considered.

**District L:** The push for signing of the Tripartite Agreement is continuing. Preparations for the skating season is a priority as well.

**District G:** New ideas are being considered including setting up a giant Christmas tree near Alberta Avenue. Work on housing continues. There is a possibility of a new healthcare building being built on the former site of Canadian Tire on the Fort Road, a project shared by Edmonton North Primary (PCN) and AHS. It would provide a range of services focused on addiction and mental health support.

**District B:** Being newly elected, A. Ali's main concern is connecting with the leagues: introducing himself, networking and building relationships.

**District D:** Having been away for some time, G. General is focusing on getting reacquainted with the leagues. Setting up winter programs is also a priority, along with the possibility of organizing volunteer rink attendants.

**District H:** The new hall at the Ridge has been a huge success. There is an upcoming Presidents' meeting. The Terwillegar Road infrastructure project is proceeding well.

**District K:** There was a shooting incident at the Duggan Hall and, just recently, a vehicle drove through the building. Concern has been expressed over rights to review and retain footage inside properties. Several AGM's are coming up, as well as a casino set for December 13 and 14, 2021.

**6.0 Decision items: (7:01) (41:16)**

**6.1 Ratify electronic motion for Complaint Procedure Policy for EFCL:**

Links were provided to the [Approved Complaint Procedure Policy](#) and [E-Motion](#)

**6.1A Complaint Policy Amendment:**

A need for clarification of procedure when a complainant is not comfortable with the resolution process was expressed. Discussion concluded that the Complaint Procedure Policy should specify that if the complainant has reached a roadblock with the league, the next recourse would be to go to the EFCL, who would act as mediator and/or advisor. However, the role of the EFCL is to support the league. Although the policy is an internal document, it could be made available if needed in a dispute. If the EFCL president or vice president is involved in the complaint process, decision making should go to the vice president external and treasurer.

**Motion 21-11-15-02: The amendment reads: "Where a member of the EFCL is named in a complaint, they shall recuse themselves from involvement in the adjudication of the complaint process. An alternate member of the board will serve in his place."**

**J. Morgan / A. Ali**

**Carried**

**6.2 Fund Development Policy and Procedure Manual: (7:39)**

Links were provided to the manual, background, and motion.

The manual outlines what are acceptable/ethical donations and sponsorships for EFCL. For example, money from tobacco or cannabis products would be unacceptable. Any donation over \$10,000 would be handled only by the executive director.

**Motion 21-11-15-03: It is recommended that the EFCL Board adopt the Fund Development Policy Procedure Manual as presented, with the plan to review the manual every 24 months.**

**A. Lunden / A. Ali**

**Carried**

**6.3 Strategic Planning/Operational Planning- confirm dates for Board: (7:48) (1:27:47)**

The date selected is the morning of January 22, 2022. L. Cunningham-Shpeley will attach a copy of the strategic plan when she sends out reminders to the Board.

**6.4 Motion to move \$100k from 100th Anniversary Plaza Fund to EFCL reserve: (7:54) (1:33:51)**

**Motion 21-11-15-04: It is agreed to move \$100,000 from the 100th Anniversary Plaza contingency fund to the EFCL Reserve.**

**A. Lunden / M. Wolf**

**Carried**

**6.5 Plaza Time Capsule - Items to be placed in the capsule by the end of the year: (7:56) (1:35:31)**

Each district representative will provide items that represent their district and/or is symbolic of that area. G. General will be the contact person. She suggested creating a document listing each district's planned contributions to avoid duplication. The EFCL will contribute a copy of the coffee table book, district history videos, video of the 100th anniversary, the volunteer video, and the ribbon cutting at the opening of the Plaza video.

**Motion 21-11-15-05: Each member of the Board will choose items for the Time Capsule that represents community life to them.**

**M. Wolf / G. General**

**Carried**

**6.6 Secretary / Board minute taking: (8:02) (1:42:05)**

A link was provided with information on this agenda item. R. Barber provided some background information stating the reason for the change to recording and bookmarking meetings would be to align with how the City handles their meetings. Discussion resulted in both pros and cons.

**Pros:** Transparency, efficiency, cost-saving, ease of pinpointing items of interest, accountability, alignment with the City.

**Cons:** Language and intent being misconstrued, lack of comfort, spirit of conversation being changed, accessibility.

No decision was made and the item was deferred to a future meeting.

**7.0 In camera discussion: (8:15) (158:28)**

**(Break) (8:57 - 9:06)**

**8.0 Discussion: (9:06) (2:08:06)**

**8.1 Debrief of Fall General Meeting, next steps for Winter General Meeting February 15, 2022:**

- Breakout rooms were problematic due mostly to technical problems possibly due to how Zoom was accessed. Otherwise, the meeting was successful.
- There were a few requests for closed captioning for future meetings.
- A. Ali will look into setting up polling through Zoom for future meetings.

**8.2 Creation of Recreation Standing Committee TOR: (2:24:01)**

Terms of reference were provided for discussion purposes. The Board was encouraged to study the document for discussion at the next board meeting and to consider joining the committee.

**8.3 Recommendation from Planning and Development Committee - new board boundaries:**

**(2:30:55)**

L. Cunningham-Shpeley provided a link to a map of the proposed new district boundaries. Some concerns expressed were inequitable distribution of leagues, need for a larger board, how to involve City Council representation in a non-partisan manner.

**8.4 Meeting the new Council, what does EFCL want from this mayor and Council:**

**(2:47:43)**

A strategic plan was shared with the Board for discussion. A need for more money, inclusion in decision making with Council, development of neighbourhood hubs aligning with 15 minute City, were some of the ideas brought forward. The conclusion was to arrange meetings with the mayor and councilors, which could be set up through a shared drive.

**8.5 Review of Proposal from Integral Org to support the creation of a Charitable Organization - the Community League Project Centre:**

A link was provided via email to the Board. This item was moved forward to a future meeting.

**9.0 Reports: (3:08:20)**

**9.1 President's report - verbal update:**

An opinion column in the Edmonton Journal entitled "Party politics at municipal level could weaken the community" and written by R. Ryan, was published in the October 14, 2021 edition.

**9.2 Executive Director's report: (3:08:44)**

L. Cunningham-Shpeley reported that a proposal had been submitted to the Edmonton Oilers Foundation in conjunction with Free Play and was accepted. The next Edmonton Oilers' 50-50 proceeds will go to EFCL to be distributed among leagues for the hockey programs. An email was sent to the Board with information on the proposal.

**10.0 Letters:**

**10.1 Op Ed Party Politics - sent to Post Media October 7th:**

See 9.1 President's report

**11.0 Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
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