



EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING PACKAGE

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2015

DINNER: 5:30 PM / MEETING 6:00 PM

LOCATION: EFCL Office, 7103—105 Street

EFCL Board Planning Calendar September, October, November, 2015

September

2015

- 10 EFCL Board Meeting
- 15 Community League Day Media Launch
- 19 Community League Day
- 23 EFCL Planning & Development Committee Meeting

October

2015

- 08 EFCL Board Meeting
- 17 Record Keeping Workshop
- 20 Fall General Meeting
- 28 EFCL Planning & Development Committee Meeting

November

2015

- 12 EFCL Board Meeting
- 25 EFCL Planning & Development Committee Meeting
- 28 Record Keeping Workshop

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

Item 1.0

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

EFCL Office: 7103—105 Street

Thursday, September 10, 2015, Dinner 5:30 PM / Meeting 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1.0 Call To Order (6:00 PM)**
- 2.0 Agenda Review (pgs. 3-4)**
- 3.0 Urgent Matters / Presentations**
 - 3.1 Growth Strategy Presentation**
 - 3.2 Winter Programming (6:40 PM)**
 - David Dodge, EFCL Winter Cities Representative
 - 3.3 Infill Construction Issues (7:00 PM)**
 - Bev Zubot and EFCL Planning Committee
 - 3.4 Community League Day Event Schedule (7:25 PM)**
 - Allan Bolstad
- Coffee Break (7:30 PM) ————**
- 4.0 Approval of July 09, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes (Attached) (7:45 PM)**
- 5.0 Decision Items**
 - 5.1 Adoption of EFCL Vision And Mission Statements (pgs. 5-6)**
 - 5.2 Rink Opening Competition (pg. 7)**
 - 5.3 Rink Roof Fund Reallocation (pgs. 8-9)**
 - 5.4 Community Walk Program (pgs. 10-11)**
 - 5.5 40 KM/Hour Speed Limit (pgs. 12-13)**
 - 5.6 Fall General Meeting Agenda (pg. 14)**
- 6.0 Exemptions (8:45 PM)**
- 7.0 News From The City of Edmonton**
 - 7.1 Monthly Report (pgs. 15-17)**
 - “That the EFCL Board receive the written report for information.”
 - Stephane Labonne, Office of Great Neighbourhoods, City of Edmonton
- 8.0 Board Reports**
 - 8.1 City Civic Engagement Strategy—Verbal Report**
 - Masood Makarechian, EFCL Board President
 - 8.2 Canada 150 Celebration Committee**
 - Masood Makarechian, EFCL Board President
 - 8.3 Planning Committee Restructuring—Verbal Report**
 - Gavin Martinson, EFCL Director, South East District J
- 9.0 Project Updates (9:00 PM)**
 - 9.1 Executive Director Update—Verbal Report**
- 10.0 Correspondence**
 - 10.1 Letter From Elmwood Park Community League (pg. 18)**
 - 10.2 Letter From Riverdale Community League (pgs. 19-20)**

11.0 Work In Progress (pgs. 21-22)

12.0 District Updates/Feedback (9:10 PM)

- Verbal Presentations From Board Members

13.0 Private Matters (9:30 PM)

13.1 Londonderry

13.2 Changes At The City Of Edmonton

13.3 New Board Development Officer

14.0 Next Meeting/Announcements

14.1 Thursday, October 08, 2015, Dinner at 6:00 PM/Meeting at 7:00 PM, The EFCL Office

15.0 Adjournment

10:00 PM

5.0 Decision Items

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 5.1 – Adoption of EFCL Vision And Mission Statements
PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Item 5.1

Recommendation:

That the following Vision and Mission statements be recommended to the membership at the fall general meeting.

EFCL Vision:

Edmonton is a place where community is understood and valued and where Leagues are seen as the mechanism for citizens to build great neighbourhoods and advocate for the City they want.

EFCL Mission:

We connect, represent and enable Leagues to preserve and promote the Community League “way of life”.

Report:

Development of a Vision Statement, along with a complementary Mission Statement - has been seen as critical to the long term development of the EFCL. In fact, it appears at the first recommendation in our strategic plan that was recently completed by Western Management Consultants.

Working with the assistance of Jen Beyer, a community development officer with the Province of Alberta, the EFCL board and staff developed the Vision Statement at a meeting on May 2 and then followed up with the Mission Statement at a meeting on June 27.

The Vision statement is a summary of where we would like to be as an organization in the future. As such, the group felt it was important that Edmontonians recognize the importance and value of community leagues, and that the leagues are used as a key tool to help citizens build great neighborhoods and advocate on civic issues. It was felt that each of these points needed to be in the statement, even if it meant that the statement was relatively long.

It was also felt that it was important for our Vision Statement to include the words “community”, “leagues”, “neighborhoods” and “advocate”, as these are key concepts that will help describe the mandate of our organization.

The Mission statement was designed to describe how it is we will accomplish our Vision.

Here, the words connect, represent and enable were all seen to be important descriptors of the way we operate. The Community League “Way of Life” was another way of describing the community league movement.

On August 20, the draft Vision and Mission statements were presented for review to the Growth Strategy Team. This group consisted of board and staff members, as well as five members of our consulting team. We welcomed their input, as once these statements are approved they will be fundamental to the approach we take in developing our growth strategy.

While everyone was quite satisfied with the draft Vision Statement, there were two alternative wordings suggested for Mission Statement. They are as follows:

- a. We connect, represent and enable Edmonton Unique Community Leagues to preserve, promote and strengthen the community league movement.**
- b. We connect, represent and enable Edmonton's Unique Community League movement to preserve, promote and strengthen their community ambitions.**

It is the recommendation of the staff that the board consider these amendments prior to finalizing its preferred Mission Statement.

It is our hope that the board can quickly decide which Mission Statement it prefers. If this is not possible, then it is our recommendation that a committee be struck to review the alternatives and return with a recommendation for the board to consider.

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 5.2 – Rink Opening Competition
PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Item 5.2

Recommendation:

That the EFCL stage a rink opening contest this fall that recognizes the league that is first to open its rink for skaters.

Report:

A number of league ice makers take a good deal of pride in not only having the best ice around, but having it open early in the fall and well into the spring.

As such, it is felt that many would respond favorably to a friendly competition that would help draw attention to community league rinks in Edmonton.

In order to win the contest, the league would have to demonstrate that skaters are using their ice. While the details have still to be worked out, it would likely involve sending in a photo to the EFCL or calling the office, stating that the rink is now open for business. Another qualification could be that the league would need to have its hours of operation finalized and posted, so once the announcement is made skaters would know they could use the facility.

The EFCL would advertise the contest among the leagues and with local media. We would also provide a prize package of some sort – perhaps a trophy and a skating party pack, with items like EFCL toques and/or mitts, a tug of war rope and hot chocolate etc. (similar to our pool party pack this fall).

We feel this would be a fun and easy event that should garner a fair bit of attention among our leagues and the general public. If successful, it is something we might want to do every fall.

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015

Item 5.3

AGENDA ITEM # : 5.3 – Rink Roof Funds Reallocations Committee

PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Recommendation:

That the board recommend re-allocating the rink roof program funds to a park bench program, as described below.

Report:

EFCL directors will recall that at the June 11 board meeting a decision was made to re-allocate the federation's rink roof program money to another project. A two-person committee, consisting of Jesse Watson and Lindsay Smith, was created to prepare a recommendation, which ultimately needs to be taken to the general membership, as the funds involved (approximately \$75,000) are well in excess of the discretionary limit given to the board for budgetary changes.

Earlier this month, the committee was given two options for consideration. Both are capital projects, included in the unfunded portion of our business plan.

We are suggesting a capital project because the rink roof program was a capital project and the \$75,000 came from a capital project (hall assessments). Council also approved reallocating the rest of the hall assessment funds to two other capital projects, namely our 100th Anniversary Project and Solar Energy Project. Hence, it is felt that a capital project would be more appropriate and would have a better chance of success at city council, which ultimately needs to approve this change.

The committee was supportive of each of the following two projects, but slightly favored the Park Bench program as it was more tangible and permanent.

Here is a description of each:

1. Park Bench Program

The idea here is to strategically place a series of park benches along walking routes in two or three neighborhoods. In some cases, the bench would be accompanied by mounted displays containing information about the immediate location or neighborhood in general. Other options, such as landscaping (shade trees, flower beds) and a mini book library, would also be considered, as part of a parklet development.

The objective is to encourage walking and provide rest stops where people can meet, learn a little bit about the area and relax. We would use some of the funds to hire a project manager and identify some suppliers (to get a good deal on benches, information pedestals, etc.). The rest of the funds would be used to subsidize the cost of developing the program with two or three interested leagues. Once we develop some prototypes we would encourage other leagues to take part.

City council should like this one as it promotes walking (for seniors in particular), healthy living, neighborhood beautification and the recognition of local heritage.

2. Portable Warming Huts

The idea here was to come up with one or more prototypes for leagues to use. The hut would need to be made of materials that you could put up, take down and store. Electric heaters and a portable power generator would be key features.

Leagues that don't have a hall would be prime candidates, along with leagues that don't have skate change facilities and leagues that are planning winter festivals or winter events of one sort or another.

Once again, we would propose that we hire a project coordinator to research the various options and work with two or three interested leagues to develop some prototypes. We would use some of the funds to subsidize the huts and associated equipment. Once we had established some prototypes, we would encourage other leagues to give it a shot.

City Council might like this one as it promotes winter events, which they want to see happen, and it is switching funds from one winter project (rink roofs) to another.

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015

Item 5.4

AGENDA ITEM # : 5.4 – Community Walk Program

PREPARED BY: Habib Fatmi, Community Development Advisor

Recommendation:

EFCL Board approve submission of a “Community Walk Program” for the Recreation and Physical Activity Project Grant Program sponsored by Alberta Culture and Tourism.

Report:

The Recreation and Physical Activity Project Grant program supports projects that promote active lifestyles and align to provincial and national initiatives such as Active Alberta and the Active Canada 20/20 National Recreation Framework.

To encourage more active and connected communities across Edmonton, we propose developing, delivering and measuring an **Community Walk Program** through the large, established network of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. The community walk program would also feature, although not be limited to, a successful Nordic walking program that a couple of community leagues have already piloted.

Our proposal is to offer 20 community leagues an opportunity to

- Buy equipment (walking poles)
- Build capacity in their organization
- The leagues would be required to do the following:
- Help deliver two training sessions in community
- start a **Community Walk Program**
- assign a champion and assistant to manage the program (preferably an adult and a youth).

If successful in getting grant money, the EFCL will:

- advertise the program and process the interest among leagues.
- organize one central training session by a certified urban poling instructor for all identified champions and assistants as well as providing contact information
- establish a schedule of two sessions for each of the 20 community leagues to deliver urban poling classes by the certified instructor at a neighbourhood location
- offer a central refresher course at the completion of the in community sessions to encourage momentum as well as monitor and obtain feedback

Proposed project duration will be one year.

Leagues will be encouraged to advertise the program and the availability of equipment to their members.

Objectives and Impact

- Help neighbors get to know each other
- Build community
- Encourage people to get active
- Use the resources and amenities of the league and neighborhood
- Encourage awareness of the natural world around us

It should be noted that Community Walk Programs are growing in popularity across Canada

We will be submitting a grant request for \$47,000, which will cover the cost of a part-time project coordinator. The EFCL and Community leagues in-kind contributions and administrative costs will total about \$25,000. The EFCL and Community Leagues cash contribution will not exceed \$250.

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 5.5 – 40 KM/Hour Speed Limit
PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Item 5.5

Recommendation:

That the board recommend to the membership that the EFCL ask the City of Edmonton to set a speed limit of 40 km/hr. on all residential roads.

Report:

A number of our leagues continue to raise concerns about the number of motorists that “speed” through their neighborhood. Not only is this a dangerous activity, which leads to many accidents and injuries, but it takes away from the quality of life in a neighborhood when residents are constantly worried about vehicles speeding in the area and are sometimes hesitant to walk or bike because of this danger.

The current speed limit on all residential roads is 50 km. hour (apart from three neighborhoods where the speed limit was reduced to 40 km/hour as part of a pilot project four years ago). However, many people believe that motorists travelling at 50 km/hour in front of residential homes - while not technically “speeding” - are moving at an unsafe speed, given the design of these streets and danger of people exiting parked cars or crossing between cars, both of which commonly occur.

This situation is aggravated by the fact that the police rarely issue tickets until motorists are travelling at a speed that is at least 10% above the speed limit, as they want to ensure that the ticket stands up in court. This means that very few people will be issued a ticket until they are travelling at least 55 km/hr in residential areas.

Note: A simple way to check how appropriateness of the current speed limit is to drive a vehicle at 50-55 km per hour directly in front of your own house and other houses in your neighborhood. Most people can tell right away whether or not this is a safe speed.

Approximately four years ago the EFCL recommended that the City change the speed limit to 40 km/hr on all residential roads. This was in response to a number of requests we had from leagues wanting this change and in recognition of the increased safety associated with the lower speed limit.

The idea was to make 40 km/hour the new city wide standard, so that residential roads would not require speed signs. All other roads, including collectors, arterials and freeways would be marked with signs showing the appropriate speed limit.

Instead, the city opted to undertake pilot project with six neighborhoods, where all of the residential streets would get 40 km/hour speed signs. Naturally, this move was quite costly, which prompted some people to oppose the program.

The city kept the 40 km/hr speed limit in force for six months, then surveyed the residents in each neighborhood to see what they thought of the change.

Many residents responded favorably to the change, noting that the new speed limit prompted the vast majority of motorists to reduce their speed, even if few tickets were issued.

In fact, in all but one neighborhood, a majority of residents voted in favor of keeping the 40 km/hour speed limit. However, the city decided it would only retain the 40 km/hr speed limit in areas where at least two thirds of the citizens voted in favor. This resulted in a return to the 50 km/hr speed limit in three of the six neighborhoods.

In addition to a general concern about the cost of signage, some residents opposed the new speed limit because it applied to all streets in the area, including collector or arterial roadways. The EFCL has always maintained that these roadways be excluded.

Given that a good deal of time has passed since this experiment, it is felt that we should check to see if our membership continues to support this change.

The easiest way to measure that is to bring it up for discussion and resolution at a general meeting.

In the past, we have found that leagues want some time to consider a matter before voting on it. Consequently, it is recommended that we give notice at the fall general meeting that this matter will be up for deliberation and resolution at the winter general meeting.

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 5.6 – Fall General Meeting Agenda
PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Item 5.6

Recommendation:

That the board direct the executive committee to review the draft agendas for general meetings before they are sent to the membership.

Report:

EFCL bylaws stipulate that the general membership needs to be given at least 21 days notice before each general meeting is held.

It has been the practice of the federation to provide a draft meeting agenda with this notice, along with a detailed explanation of any decision items that might be on that agenda so the leagues have some time to consider them.

In the past, the executive director prepared the draft agenda and ran it past the president prior to sending it to the membership.

This practice was adjusted last spring, when the board created a small committee to provide this oversight. This gave additional board members an opportunity for input and ensured the document had been scrutinized by more people before it was completed.

While this process worked well, it is suggested that this role be adopted by the EFCL's four-member executive committee, as opposed to creating a new committee for every general meeting (three times each year). This appears to be an appropriate role for the committee and would be simpler and more efficient than starting from scratch each time out.

7.0 NEWS FROM THE CITY

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 7.1 – Monthly Report
PREPARED BY: Marlene Kankkunen, Office of Great Neighbourhoods

Item 7.1

News From The City Of Edmonton EFCL Board Meeting, September 10, 2015



THE WAY WE LIVE: Supports the 10-year Goal - *Improve Edmonton's Livability*

Edmonton Wants Your Insight

Do you have ideas to improve your City? The Edmonton Insight Community needs you.

You have valuable knowledge about your community and a unique perspective that can help make your City better. By joining the Edmonton Insight Community, you can complete online surveys and share this knowledge quickly and easily from your phone, tablet or computer directly with the people who can make your ideas happen. It's open to all Edmontonians, over the age of 15. Visit edmonton.ca/insightcommunity for more information.

THE WAY WE MOVE: Supports the 10-year Goal - *Shift Edmonton's Transportation Mode*

Plan an ETS Trip in Real Time with Google Transit

Edmonton Transit System (ETS) users can now plan trips instantly on more than 300 Smart Buses using Google Transit, a real-time transit feed developed by Google. Google Transit is the latest trip planning tool offered through ETS.

Transit users simply visit the Google Transit webpage (google.com/transit), enter the location they are traveling from and their destination. The site enables users to plan and refine their Smart Bus route based on real-time results. Users can also plan future trips.

By accessing data provided by the City, Google Transit shares reliable, up-to-the-minute data with citizens faster than ever before. This type of collaboration is part of the City's commitment of becoming an Open City. The Open City Initiative is focused on innovation, collaboration, transparency and inclusiveness.

By March 2016, another 500 buses - totalling nearly 90 per cent of the ETS bus fleet - will be equipped with the Smart Bus technology. Smart Bus technology offers a variety of benefits, including locating where a bus is in real-time; automated stop announcements; and enhanced safety features, such as live look-in for buses equipped with onboard camera systems. For more information, visit takeETS.com

Building Great Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood Renewal is ongoing in neighbourhoods across Edmonton until November.

Several neighbourhoods are expected to be completed in 2015, including Hazeldean, Cromdale and Laurier Heights.

Neighbourhoods ongoing in 2015 include Glenora, Avonmore, Bonnie Doon, Queen Alexandra, Rosslyn, Westmount and Westwood, will have construction through the end of October 2015. Work on these neighbourhoods will pick up again in spring 2016.

Planning continues for future locations, including neighbourhoods that have been selected for reconstruction in 2017. From September through November 2015, representatives from the City will meet with the community leagues in Belgravia, Kilkenny, McKernan, Montrose and Strathearn to discuss reconstruction.

The Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative involves the City investing in neighbourhoods to:

- Renew and replace sanitary and storm sewers
- Work with utility companies such as ATCO Gas and EPCOR Water to address any utility repairs or replacements in the neighbourhood prior to rebuilding the roads
- Reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned property
- Replace street lights
- Improve neighbourhood pedestrian and cycling accessibility
- Enhance the neighbourhood's livability

For more information, visit edmonton.ca/BuildingGreatNeighbourhoods

THE WAY WE GROW: Supports the 10-year Goal - <i>Transform Edmonton's Urban Form</i>
--

City Council Approves Vision for Future of Jasper Place

City Council has approved the Jasper Place Area Redevelopment Plan, which will help guide future growth and change in the neighbourhoods of Britannia Youngstown, Canora, Glenwood, and West Jasper Place, as well as a large portion of the Stony Plain Road commercial corridor.

The plan is an important step in ensuring these neighbourhoods' ability to sustain themselves through the growth and development trends being experienced across the city.

"Creating the plan was a two-and-a-half-year endeavour that involved carefully balancing community feedback with technical studies and existing City policies," says Anne Stevenson, Principal Planner for the project. "The final product is a vision that helps give Council and Administration clear direction when making decisions on future land use and City investment in the Jasper Place area."

Strategies in the plan focus on:

- Enhancing the Stony Plain Road commercial corridor into a vibrant, mixed use pedestrian shopping area
- Improving the sense of safety by increasing activity and oversight in public spaces
- Increasing choice by introducing more housing options
- Providing additional opportunities for housing near existing bus transit and future LRT
- Promoting quality development that enhances local character
- Ensuring parks and open spaces meet neighbourhood needs
- Providing adequate infrastructure for today and the future

Civic investment in key community amenities like parks, transportation and utilities will take place according to available funding and Council priorities. Funding requests for these future amenities will be incorporated into existing City programs, such as the Valley Line LRT, Neighbourhood Renewal, the Open Space Master Plan and ongoing utility upgrades.

The plan's land use components, which let residents know what types of buildings are supported in different areas of Jasper Place, will be implemented as property owners come forward with rezoning and development applications. For more information visit edmonton.ca/jasperplacearp

Edmonton Plans a Bright and Exciting Future

The City of Edmonton's newest annual report puts the spotlight on how a growing, vibrant city builds for today and decades into the future.

Readers of the first-ever [City Planning Annual Report](#) will gain a thorough understanding of some of the principles behind good city planning as well as dozens of examples and quick facts from projects completed or underway in 2014.

"We wanted this report to show Edmontonians the incredible depth and variety of plans and projects happening right now to turn our shared vision into reality," says Peter Ohm, Branch Manager, Urban Planning and Environment. "Equally important, the document throws open an invitation to citizens to share their ideas and preferences about what our city-builders right across the organization are accomplishing. I know that Edmontonians are full of innovative and exciting ideas to make our city even better!"

Residents are invited to check out the report and then tweet @PlanEdmonton or email citylab@edmonton.ca with ideas and photos about creating a city that continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 10.1 – Letter From Elmwood Park Community League
PREPARED BY: John Rhebergen, Elmwood Community League

Item 10.1

From: JHRconsulting [<mailto:info@jhrconsulting.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Allan Bolstad <Allan.Bolstad@efcl.org>
Cc: 'Melanie' <mellybug82@yahoo.com>; 'Rocky Pilisko' <rocky.pilisko@edmonton.ca>; Linda Crosby <Linda.Crosby@efcl.org>
Subject: Re: outstanding balance

Good day Allan - May I ask you to present the following communication from the Elmwood Park Community League to the EFCL board for its consideration please.
Thank you and regards.

Dear AFCL Board -

I write this letter on behalf of the Elmwood Park Community League. The League have recently received a current EFCL statement itemizing all outstanding charges from 2012 to present, in the amount of \$2,710.75.

In a nutshell, this letter is to plead hard times and financial distress. During the past several years the League has experienced significant upheaval and, dare we say it, mismanagement on many fronts:

- Unauthorized disbursements of Casino funds
- Failure to register under the Societies Act, Alberta
- Failure to collect membership fees
- Failure to qualify for City operating grants
- Failure to offer programs in our beautiful facilities and grounds.

With the indispensable and extensive help of **CRK Rocky Pilisko**, the League, rather than opting for disbanding, has chosen the harder task of rebuilding. It is grateful for dedicated volunteers to a new, invigorated board which is committed to coming out on top of the troubles. The Board has initiated discussions with AGCL, the Alberta Registrar, and the various creditors, of which EFCL is but one, and has begun offering welcome programs to the community.

The heart of this letter is to request that EFCL help the League financially. Quite frankly, the League does not have, and will not have in at least the next 12 months, the wherewithal to meet its overdue financial obligations. For that reason it requests EFCL to forgive all prior year invoices listed herein

Date	Invoice #	Amount
April 17, 2012	3842	48.75
September 9, 2012	4002	820.00
May 8, 2012	4205	44.50
September 1, 2013	4340	820.00
May 6, 2014	4516	25.50
Amount		\$ 1,758.75

Any consideration the EFCL can give to this request will be much appreciated. The League would be pleased to submit additional information or substantiating documents if requested. Be assured that similar requests are being submitted to the City of Edmonton and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

Thank you and regards

John Rhebergen CPA, CGA o/a
JHRconsulting
t: 780-504-6884
e: info@jhrconsulting.ca
w: jhrconsulting.ca
....*without a vision the people perish. (Scripture, adapted)*

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015

Item 10.2

AGENDA ITEM # : 10.2 – Letter From Riverdale Community League

PREPARED BY: Raquel Feroe, Riverdale Community League

Dear Councillor Scott Mckeen,

Riverdale Community League voted to lend our voice to the call to have the right to a healthy environment enshrined in Canada's constitution as a way to protect Canadian residents' access to clean air, water and soil. (The motion included writing to our councillor and to The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) to see if we could garner broader support for a Municipal Declaration of Environmental Rights.)

We feel much can be learned along the way if municipalities and provinces join in supporting the Right to a Healthy Environment. Canada is one of the few wealthy nations that has not enshrined the right to a healthy environment in our constitution. As Edmonton transitions to reduce the impacts of Climate Change and as Edmonton works to honour Treaty 6 we feel it is timely for our city to join the nationwide call to the Right to a Healthy Environment.

The push for Canada to adopt a Bill of Rights for a Healthy Environment is far from new. Many have been working towards stronger environmental legislation at all levels of government. Currently there is a strategy to encourage municipalities to create Declarations for the Right to a Healthy Environment. 77 municipalities have already passed these declarations, declarations that show that citizens and council want safe and healthy communities. The idea is then for cities to encourage provinces and once 7 provinces state they want the right to healthy environment recognized in our constitution, we can then proceed with amending the constitution.

David R Boyd is an environmental lawyer who has written much on the topic and he will be visiting Edmonton in September. Perhaps you would be interested in attending? "Should the right to a healthy environment be added to the Canadian Constitution? Leading environmental lawyer Dr. David Boyd argues that it should

Starts: Wed., Sep. 16, 7:00 PM Ends: Wed., Sep. 16, 9:00 PM

Location: TELUS Centre, Room 150 (Corner of 111 Street & 87 Avenue, U of A Campus, Edmonton)

With Edmonton's **The Way We Green** document we feel a declaration would help guide Edmonton's direction towards a more sustainable and healthy city and it could clarify Edmonton's role in lobbying the province. Our hope is that we could work with you as a champion on council to pass a declaration that would recognize Edmonton's achievements while continuing Edmonton's environmental leadership. There are a growing number of templates from other municipalities that could help in fashioning a declaration for Edmonton. As well Riverdale offers to help council meet with those experienced writing these declarations.

Have you heard about the movement of the Right to a Healthy Environment? Could our sustainability committee meet with you to further discuss the issue?

We are also going to be encouraging other leagues to pass motions for supporting The Right to a Healthy Environment and we will be writing to Alan Bolstad and the board of the EFCL about ways to introduce this concept to other leagues.

Here is one of many useful links regarding the concept of the Right to a Healthy Environment. <http://www.ubcpres.ca/books/pdf/chapters/2012/TheRightToAHealthyEnvironment.pdf>

I am hopeful you might have time to meet to discuss this further.

Yours truly,
Raquel Feroe, Sustainability Committee Chair for Riverdale.

cc Robert Palsler, President of Riverdale Community League
cc Alan Bolstad, Executive director of EFCL
cc Josephine Victoria Yam, ED of the Edmonton Environmental Law Center.

11.0 WORK IN PROGRESS

MEETING DATE : September 10, 2015
AGENDA ITEM # : 11.1 – EFCL Work in Progress
PREPARED BY: Allan Bolstad, Executive Director

Item 11.1

MEETING DATE	REF.	ITEM	STATUS
2012/04/12	5.3	Reporting Form For EFCL Representatives "A reporting form is to be created to be provided to anyone representing the EFCL in any capacity on external Committees or Sub-Committees, to report back to the EFCL a minimum of at least once annually."	Ongoing
2013/02/14	5.3	Leagues Without Halls "1. That the EFCL survey all of the leagues without halls to determine what they are doing to meet their space needs and whether or not the EFCL can be of assistance. 2. That the EFCL hold a meeting with the leagues without halls to discuss this situation and determine what role the EFCL might play."	Ongoing
2013/10/10	5.6	Meeting with Edmonton MPs That the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues host a meeting with the Edmonton Members of Parliament to discuss key items of interest.	Ongoing
2015/02/12	5.3	Elimination of Grant Waiting Period For New Leagues "That the EFCL ask the City of Edmonton to drop its requirement that new community leagues be in business one full year after incorporation before becoming eligible for an operating grant. " "That the EFCL explore with City Administration the possibility of making exceptions for new community leagues, where financially feasible, to receive their full operating grant prior to the one year waiting period after incorporation."	Ongoing
2015/04/09	5.3	Hall Construction Cost Assessment Report "That the EFCL Board table further discussion of this Item until the report from Community Services is available for review."	
2015/04/09	8.2	Meeting With Edmonton Minor Soccer Association A. Bolstad to survey community league soccer directors about community league soccer operations, which we will bring to the attention of EMSA.	

MEETING DATE	REF.	ITEM	STATUS
2015/06/18	5.2	Meeting With Minister David Eggen "That the EFCL request a meeting with the Honourable David Eggen, Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism."	September 10, 2015
2015/07/09	5.3	Community League Winter Workshop "That the EFCL incorporate a Winter Programing component in the EFCL's Leagues Alive 2015 Conference."	