

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues



2008 Annual Report

Annual General Meeting
April 27, 2009

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.

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President's Message

David Gibbens
District E Representative



This year, the Board of Directors consciously directed that the focus of the EFCL must focus on providing more and better support directly to its member organizations. In responding to that general direction, the year 2008/09 has provided more EFCL activity than has been seen for decades. This was reinforced with a comment that I heard a while ago that stated, "This isn't your sleepy old EFCL anymore!"

Through the hard work of the Board of Directors, we have increased our funding which in turn has allowed us to expand our compliment of staff members, which in turn allows us to meet the increased load that comes with being a more relevant organization.

An important part of managing this extra effort is to make sure that we understand our internal governance as well as developing a doable work plan and resource that plan appropriately. This is a lot of hard work and will not be immediately visible to all our members. The results of this work will ultimately be seen in a list of services that our membership can see and expect to receive in a timely manner from the Federation.

I would like to thank the City of Edmonton for recognizing this work and the importance of the Community league movement within the City. Their support is looked as a partnership and an investment in our neighbourhoods and

communities. This support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the staff of the EFCL for their time, dedication, and creativity in meeting the needs of the Board, the members and the seemingly numberless other requests that come up on daily basis. This year's successes hinge greatly on this team. We all thank you for this.

Finally, the work of the many committees, projects and teams are documented in other places throughout this report, but recognizing the work of all these volunteers cannot be overstated. Whether it be community planning, Board of Directors, shared use agreements, tripartite negotiations or volunteer recognition, it is all important to our communities and I would like to thank everyone for their precious time and effort.

It is thorough all of us that we become a better organization with local reach that is the envy of many cities across the country.

Thanks again, for all your support!

David Gibbens
President - EFCL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2008 Team

Board of Directors

President	David Gibbens	District E
Vice President Internal	Bryan Kapitza	District J
Vice President External	Edo Nyland	District I
Treasurer	Donna Woodford	District A
Director	David Dodge	District B
Director	Alla Ternikova	District D
Director	Laura Thygesen	District F
Director	Christine Bremner	District G
Director	Harold Hornig	District H
Director	Tarek el-Bialy	District K
Director	Jim Sherstabetoff	District L
Vacant	-	-District C

City of Edmonton

Community Services Department	Kathy Barnhart	Social & Recreation Services Manager
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Committees

Planning and Development	Al Slemko	Chairperson
Performing Arts	Judith Richardson	Chairperson

Administration Staff and Volunteers

Allan Bolstad	Executive Director
Brian Kropf	Community Planning Advisor
Valerie Pachal	Communications/Events Coordinator
Linda Crosby	Financial Assistant
Gulshan Jiwaji	Office Manager
Megan Knall	Administrative Assistant



Allan Bolstad



Brian Kropf



Valerie Pachal



Linda Crosby



Gulshan Jiwaji



Megan Knall

DISTRICT REPORTS

District A - Donna Woodford - No Report

District B - David Dodge - No Report

District C - Vacant

District D - Alla Ternikova - No Report

District E - David Gibbens

District E had a successful year, meeting 5 times over that year. The meetings are held in conjunction with District D under the name West Edmonton Communities Council (WECC) as many of the issues and successes that are brought forward are common throughout the west end.

Besides representatives from the leagues, the meeting is also regularly attended by the Ward 1 City Councillors, West end CRCs, the Edmonton Police Service and the Edmonton Public School Board. Presentations have also been made to the group on special projects that will affect the west end. This year these included updates on the Quesnell bridge construction, Stony Plain Road revitalization and of course, the West LRT consultations.

Discussion between the leagues this year included, but were not limited to:

- Ice making and maintenance contractor availability and costs.
- Playground and Park developments.
- Insurance (accident mitigation and reporting)
- Hall rentals (costs, insurance, rental agreements)
- Accessing grants
- SOCAN fees
- Newsletter options
- Options for building new community halls
- Board development and volunteer recognition
- West End Skate and spray park
- Relationships with community schools (booking gyms, etc)
- Special events

An information package of EFCL and city related information is distributed at each meeting, this allows for a lot of information to be transferred, but still allows members to talk with each other. These packages are distributed in both paper copy as well as in electronic form so that leagues can use the information in their own newsletters.

Overall, it has been a very successful year due to the commitment of all the league members and especially those who step forward to help on the executive committee of the Council. We all know that these individuals are already volunteers in many other facets of the community. Their time and commitment is greatly appreciated!

District F - Laura Thygesen

It was an active year for District F and we focused our four meetings on the priority goals set back in January of 2008. Topics that the community league representatives discussed ranged from walkability, sharing of knowledge, resources, problems and future goals of each community, common planning issues and lastly, how to engage, recruit and retain volunteers. Guest speakers joined us at three of our meetings and stimulated the round table conversations that provided insight about our communities at a District level.

We held a meeting on February 23, 2009 to determine the priorities we would continue to focus on and provide an opportunity to update each other on projects, activities and concerns each community is and/or will be facing. Dates of the next District F meetings will be **May 25** and **September 28, 2009** and **January 25, 2010**. The District F meeting on **May 25** will be held at **Oliver Community League at 7pm** with a focus on community hall issues (development, maintenance, rental, etc.). We would also like to provide the opportunity for the Boyle Street Community League to inform the District about the development project going on in their community. We also hope to have a guest speaker to summarize the experience and success of the Walkable Edmonton project, as many of the communities leagues from District F had applied for this specific project and would like to know what we could do to increase this in our communities.

We do realize that at this time of year, many of the communities are in the process of holding their AGM's and would like to encourage a past and a new executive contact member to join us at the next meeting. **Please R.S.V.P. with Laura** at districtf@efcl.org or call her at 780-455-3327 by May 19 if you wish to attend the next District F meeting. We look forward to another great year of communication between the community leagues in District F.

Laura Thygesen
District F Rep & PRCL President

District G - Christine Bremner

League representatives who attended the recent District G meeting had a number of encouraging things to say about their ability to attract new members to their boards and the retention of members and the increase in the sales of community league memberships.

District G comprises 14 communities north and south of 118th Avenue east of the City Centre Airport, and a number of leagues in proximity to the airport are concerned about the airport's future and actively participating in the community consultation process -- though there is by no means consensus about the issue.

Several leagues expressed their concern about the security of funding for the operation, maintenance and repair of their older facilities, and expressed their hope that the EFCL would provide information and leadership about this crucial community league function.

District H - Harold Hornig

Board Member and District Representative for the Terwillegar Riverbend area. Over the past year, I as well as other board members, met after our last RGM with our colleagues from Calgary to discuss similarities and possible joint ventures together. I also sit on the EPCOR Community Advisory Panel as the EFCL representative. This panel is made up of various water consuming sectors of the City such as landscaping and irrigation and plumbing representatives and we meet quarterly to discuss and give input to EPCOR's water and sewage divisions. As part of my responsibilities, I also bring back and forth the views of the EFCL to my area council, the Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council (TRAC). District H is proud of the work that the EFCL does for the community and for Edmonton and are honoured to be able to provide a representative to the board. As I complete my two year term on the board, I am now stepping down to allow fresh blood to take my place. I leave behind an excellent board that is ready to take on any challenges that the EFCL may encounter over the next year.

District I - Edo Nyland No Report

District J - Bryan Kapitza

The EFCL has made great strides in the last year. We now have a functioning board that is undertaking value added projects for its member leagues. Our executive director is focused and the EFCL staff has grown in size and is able to provide new services and market our organization.

My activities for the last year include:

Budget Preparation

Advocated for a significant increase in funding from the City (our primary source of funding) to create two new EFCL staff positions – a cultural liaison officer (to contact groups that have not traditionally been involved in the EFCL) and a marketing officer (responsible for raising our profile and increasing revenue from non-government sources).

Chair of the Web Development Committee

Working with the District B and I representatives we provided a description of deliverables and functional assistance to our web programmer. The website is far better than it ever has been, functionality continues to increase and will provide us with an additional revenue stream.

Chair of the Governance Committee

The board consists of myself and the representatives from Districts G and K. Together we reviewed the EFCL bylaws and prepared recommendations for membership approval at our upcoming AGM, updated terms of reference for our planning and development committee (increasing accountability to the board and broadening representation to all districts), developed a board and committee attendance policy, renewed our conflict of interest policy, and met with the Mature Neighbourhoods Action Group to discuss representation issues.

Issues raised at our November 2008 District meeting were brought to the attention of the board:

- League concerns regarding secondary suites became moot when city council passed the secondary suite zoning bylaw changes in early February of 2009.
- Gym usage issues continue to be pursued by the EFCL.
- The tripartite agreement is currently being examined by the EFCL, ACEs and the CoE administration.

District K - Tarek el-Bialy - No Report

District L - Jim Sherstabetoff - No Report



EFCL Board

L - R: Allan Bolstad (ED), David Gibbens, Laura Thygesen, Edo Nyland, Tarek el-Bialy, David Dodge, Harold Hornig, Jim Sherstabetoff, Christine Bremner, Donna Woodford, Bryan Kapitza

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to submit my second annual report as executive director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

Looking back, 2008 was a very busy year which saw the federation make significant headway on a number of fronts.

Major Increase In Funding

Through the support of Edmonton City Council, the EFCL saw its base funding **increased by \$95,000 last year**, which was earmarked for two more staff positions - a community development officer and a marketing director. This will allow the federation to expand its operations significantly, broadening its range of services to community leagues and helping it raise the profile of both the federation and all of its members.

Altogether, base funding for the EFCL has **increased by 60% over the past two years**, which doesn't include one-time allocations of \$40,000 for our business plan, \$15,000 for our web site and \$10,000 for our organizational restructuring. Our improved financial position has also allowed the EFCL to start a financial stabilization fund in 2008, something the EFCL has not had for many years.

Community League operating grants were also increased by \$70,000 last fall, which brings the **increase to leagues to \$420,000 or about 25% over the past three years**. The annual community league operating grant program now sits at \$1.62 million, which works out to \$10,870 per league.

In addition, the EFCL launched a last-minute appeal to the provincial government last spring when it became apparent a number of community leagues did not receive the STEP funding they needed to run the "Green Shack" summer playground program. After listening to our concerns, Community Development Minister Hector Goudreau provided a **one-time grant of \$10,000** to the EFCL. These funds helped rescue 11 summer playground programs at community league sites last summer.

Strengthened Board Membership

The EFCL also managed to fill 11 of its 12 board positions last year, mostly through the election held at the Annual General Meeting. This is the largest number of directors the EFCL has had since the re-organization was complete in 1999. It has led to the development of new board committees, notably the strategic policy and governance committees, and has helped the board communicate directly with the leagues in each of the districts.

New Promotional Events

The EFCL ventured into new territory last fall when it partnered with the Edmonton Eskimos to sponsor **Community League Day at Commonwealth Stadium** on Oct. 4. Designed to raise the profile of the community league movement and give citizens one more reason to join their league, the promotion featured discounted tickets for all community league members to the Oct. 4 Eskimo game, a table for six at the Green and Gold Club (won by Calder Community League), game day advertising (on the jumbotron and in the program), a ceremonial coin toss to start the game by EFCL president David Gibbens and 50,000 Eskimos decal backs with EFCL information. EFCL volunteers also manned two concourse booths and handed out brochures and mini-footballs with the EFCL logo.



With the help of the Eskimos, the EFCL formally launched membership month with a ceremonial kick through the uprights at Commonwealth Stadium by Councillor Ben Henderson. The Edmonton Real Estate Board donated \$1,000 following the kick to the sports program at Inglewood Community League, which was drawn by Councillor Henderson.

Still on the sports theme, the EFCL hooked up with the Edmonton Oil Kings to provide **discounted tickets to three Oil Kings games**. Oil Kings staff also attended our fall RGM and handed out a number of promotional items as door prizes.

Another first in 2008 was the **Everyone for Edmonton trade show**, where the EFCL joined 175 other non-profit groups to showcase its operation at the Shaw Conference Centre Aug. 23.

The EFCL also decided to bring back its **Volunteer Recognition Night**, where approximately 60 league volunteers were recognized by Culture and Community Spirit Minister Lindsay Blackett and nine members of Edmonton City Council at a gala event at Calder Community League hall. Each award recipient received an engraved photograph to commemorate their accomplishment.

New Programs and Initiatives

Responding to the needs of the electronic age, the EFCL launched a **new website** in the summer of '08. Along with a library of information for community leagues, the website has the ability for leagues to list their own programs and events, register for EFCL meetings and respond to EFCL surveys. It also features a wide array of news articles from the EFCL, member leagues, the City of Edmonton and partner agencies, as well as hotlinks to other organizations.

The EFCL also developed a prototype web page for those leagues that don't have a web presence and helped league volunteers learn how to use it.

Recognizing the aging nature of many community league halls, the EFCL in conjunction with the City of Edmonton launched an **Infrastructure Assessment Project** on April 4. Within six months all 16 spots were taken in Phase One of the program, prompting the EFCL to launch Phase Two in October. Audits for roughly half of these leagues were completed in 2008, providing each league with information about the condition of their hall, the costs they face to conduct needed repairs and energy conservation tips.

Faced with a revolt from hockey registrars tired of selling community league memberships, the EFCL jumped into the fray last spring offered to help distribute information and funds collecting by the registrars to the appropriate leagues. This resulted in an **estimated increase of 3,000 - 4,000 community league memberships** (1,500 through Knights of Columbus alone).

The EFCL also launched its **Green Challenge** at the spring AGM, where leagues were invited to retrofit their halls and grounds in an effort to reduce energy consumption. Spearheaded by Aspen Gardens, Strathcona and Riverdale community leagues, the challenge soon attracted the interest of the city's CO2RE (Carbon Dioxide Reduction Team), which provided a wealth of tips and prizes for the participants, including a \$5,000 grand prize for the league that was the most ambitious with its upgrades.

Speaking of new partners, the EFCL signed an agreement with the Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre of Edmonton in 2008 to provide **free mediation services** to community leagues.

The federation also linked arms with a host of other organizations to put on a highly successful **board leadership conference** at Grant MacEwan College in March and shortly thereafter entered into discussions with the Edmonton Multicultural Coalition to develop the **"building bridges"** program. This program is designed to encourage recent immigrants to take part in community league activities and the leagues, in turn, will be given an opportunity to learn more about the needs of different ethnic communities.

Last summer the EFCL inked a deal with **SHAW television** to start doing once a month news spots on community league activities on Shaw TV. Nancy Rempel, the president of Bonnie Doon community league, has been hired to research and conduct the television interviews.

The EFCL also worked very closely with many of the city's community recreation coordinators, beginning with a half-day information exchange for all of them at the EFCL's offices. This was followed by a host of meetings and communications designed to address a wide array of issues brought forward by the leagues.

Late in the year the EFCL joined the city's **Task Force on Community Safety**, which is focusing on the development of new crime-prevention initiatives in Edmonton.

The EFCL also worked with the city to complete a major **survey of community league executive members**. Entitled the community league involvement program (CLIP), the survey revealed that many of our members support the direction the federation is going, however a significant number weren't too sure what the EFCL was up to or what it could do to help them. Clearly this is an area we need to work on and will be addressing in our new business plan.

The EFCL also joined with the city to start work on a new **Community League Resource Guide**, to give the leagues a broadly-based array of basic information they need to operate effectively. It is due to be released at the EFCL's 2008 Annual General Meeting.

Some Important People To Thank

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the hard work and dedication of the EFCL staff, one of whom, **Brian Kropf**, retired in November.

A special congratulation is also in order for **Judith Richardson** and her crew of volunteers who overcame all sorts of last-minute problems to host another successful talent show.

I can't overemphasize the importance of our solid working relationship with city staff, beginning with **Kathy Barnhart** and her many able assistants, including **Kate Gunn**, **Marleen Kankkunen**, **Wendy Kinsman** and **Stephane Labonne**.

Last but certainly not least, I need to congratulate the work of the EFCL board who do a great deal of work behind the scenes on stuff that few people ever see. The federation has been particularly fortunate to have landed another very capable and extremely hardworking president in **David Gibbens**, who replaced the tireless and totally committed **Shayne Bergdahl** at the April AGM.

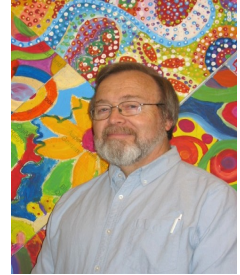
A big thank you, to you all.

Allan Bolstad
Executive Director

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Brian Kropf, Community Planning Advisor

Annual Report – April 27, 2009



The Planning and Development Committee is a standing committee created by the general membership to advise and report to the EFCL Board of Directors and to the general membership. It consists of volunteers appointed from 7 of the 12 districts representing 150 community leagues and includes a number of individual community league representatives. The Committee meets on a regular basis to review land use and transportation issues that have city-wide implications and procedural issues that affect the way communities can meaningfully participate in decisions that shape or change their neighbourhoods.

In 2008 community leagues continued to face the challenges of rapid change precipitated by private development proposals in the absence of clear rules for neighbourhood change and transportation systems. Issues included ambiguous and seemingly arbitrary development standards and community planning principles, intrusion of incompatible development into stable neighbourhoods, transit plans that improve mobility but detract from valued community character, and increasing pressure for community leagues to participate in public processes without resources and information.

The EFCL office's planning advisory service helps community leaders by interpreting technical rules and procedures and by helping them represent their residents' interests on issue affecting their neighbourhoods. Last year 16 community leagues utilized this service on 26 occasions.

The Planning and Development Committee held eight regular meetings during 2008 and three special meetings for community league leaders on specific issues. Some of the more significant city-wide subjects that the Committee addressed include:

Public Involvement in Edmonton's Planning and Development Processes

- EFCL's general membership along with the development industry initiated this project in 2005 to improve the way public planning decisions are made. It did not start until the City Administration agreed to participate in 2007. Small but significant advances were made in that year.
- Progress in 2008 was less impressive. City Council endorsed several improvement ideas but few were implemented. Intended as a balance of civic, private sector and community interests, the working group was dominated by civic staff and fewer working meetings were called.
- EFCL continued to press for:- civic resources to help community leagues participate on a level playing field; - better neighbourhood planning; - effective communication of City policies that drive neighbourhood change; and - less adversarial redevelopment processes.
- EFCL supported a City proposal to assign 2 managers as full time facilitators to ensure planning applications are processed expeditiously. The City later downgraded that to 1 part time person.

Communicating With Community Leagues (C.L.I.P.)

- A project began in 2008 to find a reliable and consistent way to inform community leagues about planning and development issues and involve them in deciding how to respond. The aim is to ensure EFCL effectively communicates with its own members, and then accurately and confidently represents their interests to governments on city-wide and community-wide issues. The City's Office of Public Involvement and the Community Services Department assisted.
- The findings from an extensive survey of community leaders completed in December will be used to work with community leagues in 2009 to design a "*community league involvement process*".
- Community Leagues will also be able to use "*CLIP*" to similarly communicate with, engage and represent their own residents on local community issues.

New Plans for Edmonton's Future – Land Use and Transportation

- Attended information sessions for *Focus Edmonton* (city-wide land use) and the *Transportation Master Plan* (city/regional transportation systems) and presented a position paper to City Council supporting many of the objectives and identifying needed improvements.
- Contributed to numerous planning studies such as bus & LRT routes; long term strategies for integrated public transportation, sidewalk standards and bike trails; new suburban neighbourhood design; a program of redevelopment plans for mature neighbourhoods.

Smart Choices – Infill, Public Involvement, Walkability & Transit Oriented Development

- Concerned that the City Administration had excluded community leagues from consultation, EFCL held its own special information meeting in June. Over 40 community league leaders learned how the City was planning to allow redevelopment in established neighbourhoods and how the City will change the rezoning process for major redevelopment projects.
- In 2008 EFCL unsuccessfully asked the City to remove statements from the website and public reports that a small group of randomly chosen citizens represented all community leagues.
- EFCL continued to press the City to consult with all the affected community leagues.

Community League Boundaries

- Developed a program and resources in collaboration with Community Serviced Department to help community leagues establish, review and (if needed) correct their legal boundaries.

Zoning Bylaw, Planning & Traffic Issues That Can Affect or Alter Neighbourhoods

- Informed all community leagues and compiled feedback about a City proposal for secondary and garage suites, to double the density in all single family areas and to remove community leagues' right to be informed and involved; presented community league concerns to City Council;
- Helped design and support a proposal for the City to better handle public complaints and to more forcefully monitor and enforce zoning bylaw and development permit infractions.

- Ensured communities affected by oil and gas facilities are represented on an advisory panel;
- Advised City staff of EFCL’s position on development along the river valley “Top-of-Bank”.

The volunteer members of the EFCL Planning and Development Committee are committed individuals with a passion for well designed neighbourhoods, strong communities and fair and transparent citizen involvement in public decisions. The Committee’s role is to develop EFCL positions that are thorough, well reasoned, responsible and representative of community leagues as a whole. Therefore in 2009 the Committee intends to focus on improving communications and developing more effective working relationships with member community leagues, and on reviewing its mandate, structure and operations to improve its ability to fulfill those duties in a way that best reflects the interests of community leagues across the city.

Planning & Development Committee Membership – 2008	
Al Slemko - Pleasantview	Chair
Active members: Elaine Solez - Windsor Park, Bill Eadie - Glenora, Michael Pucylo – Parkallen (Jan - Apr), Allan Tchida - Strathearn, Shelley Tupper – Kensington, Peter Brandon – Holyrood (Sept – Dec); Other appointees: Cassandra Haraba - Grovenor, Julian Martin - Ritchie, Raquel Feroe - Riverdale, Derrick Forsythe - Queen Mary Park, John Doyle - Greater Windermere, Erik Sodorstrom - Greenfield	
Edo Nyland - Windsor Park	Vice President External, Board of Directors (ex-officio)

**PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE
Annual Report – April 27, 2009**

The EFCL Talent Show

The 57th EFCL Talent show was a success.
We had over 70 entries with seventeen newcomers performing.

Rosslyn community League received a plaque for the League with the most entries. This was a new award that has been added this year.

Something different, was a Cello trio with a violinist.

We did endure some bad luck with the Library having to close the basement on Thursday; therefore we had to move all the performers to Friday. Everyone was very understanding and realized that it was something we could not do anything about.

We were lucky to have such a good theatre complete with grand piano and a great technician.

Sunday's finale went smoothly and we had fifteen performers and handed out 30 prizes amounting to over \$1100.00.

We look forward to next year's show.

Sincerely your 2009 Chair, Judith Richardson

Thank you,

**Judith Richardson
Chairperson**



Audited Financial Statements

**EDMONTON FEDERATION
OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

**EDMONTON FEDERATION
OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES**

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

December 31, 2008

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the
Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Federation's management. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federation as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Edmonton, Alberta
February 3, 2009

Peterson Walker LLP
Chartered Accountants

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

December 31
2008 2007

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash--Note 3	\$379,757	\$201,272
Accounts receivable	23,279	13,883
Prepaid expenses	625	1,623
	<u>403,661</u>	<u>216,778</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT--Note 4

102,276 46,433

\$505,937 \$263,211

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 48,063	\$ 26,777
Funds held in trust--Note 3	3,858	4,885
Deferred contributions--Note 5	<u>257,709</u>	<u>144,992</u>
	<u>309,630</u>	<u>176,654</u>

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

RELATED TO PROPERTY--Note 6

38,938 4,029

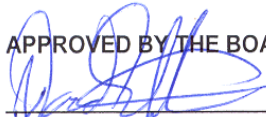
NET ASSETS

Invested in property and equipment	63,338	42,404
Unrestricted	83,140	35,232
Internally restricted--Note 7	<u>10,892</u>	<u>4,892</u>
	<u>157,369</u>	<u>82,528</u>

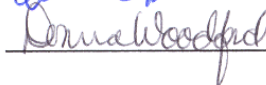
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COMMITMENTS--Note 8

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



President



Treasurer

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES**

Year Ended December 31

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2007 Actual
REVENUE			
City of Edmonton grants	\$470,534	\$434,567	\$275,405
Membership dues	65,360	64,227	63,360
Casino	46,000	41,591	37,155
Community League membership supplies	24,750	23,826	20,694
Interest	8,000	12,192	7,042
Sponsorships	8,000	7,000	11,500
Talent Show	10,000	4,845	9,552
Postage, photocopy and room rental recoveries	600	2,439	6,501
	<u>633,244</u>	<u>590,687</u>	<u>431,209</u>
EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	288,280	279,291	241,105
One-time expenditures	179,534	94,590	0
Office and building operations	57,780	54,321	53,548
Community League services	78,200	46,060	54,731
Amortization	8,000	21,052	9,027
Professional fees	7,200	6,495	7,853
Governance	4,250	3,646	5,620
Talent Show	10,000	2,891	8,286
Volunteer recognition	0	7,500	17,000
Showcase	0	0	9,724
	<u>633,244</u>	<u>515,846</u>	<u>406,894</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 74,841</u>	<u>\$ 24,315</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

	Invested in Property and Equipment	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Year Ended December 31	
				2008	2007
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 42,404	\$ 35,232	\$ 4,892	\$ 82,528	\$ 58,213
Revenue over (under) expenses	(18,426)	93,267	0	74,841	24,315
Investment in property and equipment	39,359	(39,359)	0	0	0
Transfer	0	(6,000)	6,000	0	0
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 63,338	\$ 83,140	\$ 10,892	\$157,369	\$82,528

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

	Year Ended December 31	
	2008	2007
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
Operating activities:		
Revenue over expenses	\$ 74,841	\$ 24,315
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization	21,052	9,027
Amortization of deferred contributions related to property	(2,626)	(405)
Net changes in non-cash working capital items--Note 9	<u>124,578</u>	<u>42,297</u>
	<u>217,845</u>	<u>75,234</u>
Investing activity:		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(76,895)</u>	<u>(15,941)</u>
Financing activity:		
Deferred contributions related to property	<u>37,535</u>	<u>4,434</u>
CASH INCREASE	178,485	63,727
Cash at beginning of year	<u>201,272</u>	<u>137,545</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$379,757</u>	<u>\$201,272</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

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NOTE 1--NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues 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.

NOTE 2--SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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

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. Contributions, including operating grants, are included in revenue in the year they are received or receivable, with the exception that contributions to fund a specific future period's expenses are included in revenue of that later period.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results could differ.

NOTE 3--RESTRICTED CASH

Cash balances generated through casinos totalling \$62,540 (2007--\$27,890) are available for use only in accordance with the terms of the gaming licenses issued by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

Cash balances being held in trust for the Little Miracles Trust Fund total \$3,858 (2007--\$4,885).

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NOTE 4--PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	2008		2007	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Office equipment	\$ 96,088	\$ 84,594	\$ 11,494	\$ 13,993
Computer equipment	43,298	34,450	8,848	8,465
Computer software	10,531	8,376	2,155	0
Leasehold improvements	120,547	79,844	40,703	7,581
Website	43,960	4,884	39,076	16,394
	<u>\$314,424</u>	<u>\$212,148</u>	<u>\$102,276</u>	<u>\$ 46,433</u>

NOTE 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 or transferred to deferred contributions related to property	Balance at end of year
Membership dues	\$ 42,570	\$ 64,404	\$ 64,227	\$ 42,747
Casino	25,188	78,943	41,591	62,540
Talent Show	668	452	1,059	61
Infrastructure Program	60,000	130,253	81,455	108,798
City of Edmonton Renovations Grant	16,566	20,969	37,535	0
City of Edmonton Financial Review Grant	0	40,000	0	40,000
City of Edmonton Restructuring Grant	0	10,000	6,437	3,563
	<u>\$144,992</u>	<u>\$345,021</u>	<u>\$232,304</u>	<u>\$257,709</u>

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NOTE 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.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 4,029	\$ 0
Contributions transferred from deferred contributions	37,535	4,434
Amounts amortized	<u>(2,626)</u>	<u>(405)</u>
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$38,938</u>	<u>\$ 4,029</u>

NOTE 7--INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Performing arts prize fund	\$ 4,892	\$4,892
Reserve fund	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$10,892</u>	<u>\$ 4,892</u>

The performing arts prize fund was established to provide prizes to performers in the annual talent show.

The reserve fund was established to provide for emergent, unforeseen expenses such as lawsuits, delays in grant funding, computer systems breakdowns or forced office relocation. The Federation will set aside approximately \$6,000 in each of the next ten years until the reserve fund is equal to two months of operating expenses.

NOTE 8--COMMITMENTS

(a) Project Commitments

At year-year end, the Federation had commitments for the following projects:

Computer upgrades and printer	\$ 12,718
Community League Resource Handbook	11,000
Consultation Handbook	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>\$ 26,218</u>

The Community League Resource Handbook is a joint project with the City of Edmonton, to overhaul the current Resource Handbook. The Handbook is designed to provide community league board members with information about running a community league such as: financial advice, legal advice, communications and board operations, including templates for bylaws, staff contracts, renovation contracts and hall rental agreements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 8--COMMITMENTS (continued)

(b) Lease Commitment

The Federation leases office space under an operating lease agreement that expires on December 31, 2009. The minimum lease payments to expiry, including rent and operating expenses, total \$17,055.

NOTE 9--CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL

Changes in non-cash working capital items and their effect of increasing (decreasing) cash are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accounts receivable	\$ (9,396)	\$ 1,717
Prepaid expenses	998	(177)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,286	320
Funds held in trust	(1,027)	(1,637)
Deferred contributions	<u>112,717</u>	<u>42,074</u>
	<u>\$124,578</u>	<u>\$ 42,297</u>

NOTE 10--FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

For cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and funds held in trust, the carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their short-term maturity or capacity for prompt liquidation.

The Federation does not believe it is subject to any significant concentration of credit risk. Cash is in place with major financial institutions. Accounts receivable are generally the result of services to members and the Goods and Services Tax refund.