

NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Edmonton

Date: September 9, 2021

Dear Community League Boards of Directors,

Re. Tripartite License Agreement 2022-2031

The City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues are pleased to provide your League with the final [Tripartite License Agreement for 2022-2031](#), as approved by the EFCL Community League membership on August 11, 2021, as well we have included detailed information on the next steps that Leagues need to take to adopt this new Agreement.

This new license agreement takes effect January 1, 2022. The City and the EFCL worked for close to two years to renew this agreement. In the end we have an agreement that provides greater clarity and allows Leagues greater use of City-owned parkland licensed to them..

The initial draft agreement was sent to Leagues at the end of May followed by two joint sessions hosted by the EFCL on June 15 and June 19 that were well attended. Many Leagues had concerns around turf maintenance and additional reporting requirements. Both the City and the EFCL heard these concerns and were able to address this in a way that ensures Leagues won't have to purchase more equipment and be responsible for large areas of turf maintenance beyond edging and weeding.

In response to feedback from Leagues, we removed the requirement for a business plan and instead ensured this is incorporated into annual reporting requirements asking Leagues to share their budget and plans for the upcoming year,, and a description of how they engaged with their community to develop these.

The final draft was sent to Leagues on July 21 with the notification of a Special General Meeting on August 11 to approve the renewed Tripartite. Two additional information sessions were held on July 27 and 29. The EFCL and the City are satisfied with the level of engagement of Leagues prior to the Special General Meeting, and the attendance at the Meeting exceeded quorum requirements for the EFCL. The motion passed at this meeting.

Now that the Tripartite Agreement 2022-2031 has been approved by the EFCL membership, a memo has been sent to Edmonton City Council to inform them that it's proceeding. As a member of the EFCL, Leagues enjoy tax-exempt status and supportive funding through the Community League Operating Grant (CLOG) and the Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP)

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provided through the City of Edmonton. In order to secure these benefits and those identified in the new Tripartite Agreement, it's the responsibility of each Community League to pass a board motion to sign the new agreement.

The next steps for all Leagues with a current Tripartite License to do so are as follows:

- 1) Each Community League with licensed land will need to pass a Board motion to sign the new Agreement;
 - a) Example motion: "The _____ Community League board approves the signing of the new Tripartite License agreement 2022-2031, which will be signed on our behalf by ____ and ____" date _____, moved by: _____ seconded by: _____;
- 2) Fill out this [electronic form](#) to indicate to the City of Edmonton who will be signing the agreement on behalf of the League. An electronic Docusign agreement will be sent by email to those identified in the form;
- 3) League signatories identified through the form will sign the agreement sent by email through Docusign.

This agreement will also be signed by the EFCL and the City. All parties will receive signed copies of the final agreement and it will be enacted by the City to come into effect on January 1, 2022.

In the spirit of our partnership, the Tripartite Renewal Team agreed it would be helpful to share the joint commitments that provide a historic foundation for this agreement. The Joint Commitment Statements found at this [LINK](#), the interconnections that are woven into our relationships. These are not only in relation to the Tripartite License Agreement, but in all of the work we do, have done together since 1917, and will do together in the future to support Community Leagues across Edmonton. Collectively, these commitments help to set the context for our work over the next 10 years.

Yours in community,

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