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EFCL 2022 Winter General Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Virtual meeting via ZOOM, Edmonton, AB

Break out discussions 5:30-6:30pm, meeting 6:30pm-9pm

Voting Community League Members in attendance

District A

Calder, Tony Joseph
Wellington, Rod Hunter

District B

Delwood, Greg Sorenson
Evansdale, David Dodge
Kilkenny, Amanda Donald
Rosslyn, Greg Hilker

District C

Fraser, Liz Kalisvaart
Homesteader, Gunda Murray
Horse Hill, Kaelyn Kowalchuk
S. Clareview, Alana Forst

District D

Callingwood Lymburn, K. Kammermayer
Edgemont, Alex Williams
Lewis Estates, Kelly Cromwell
Rio Terrace, Giselle General
Willowby, Debbie Plant

District E

Britannia Youngstown, Jason Jessome
Canora, Tony Lovell
Glenwood, Jamie Post
Laurier Heights, Christine McCourt
Lynnwood, Dustin Sim
Meadowlark, Kim Dineen
North Glenora, Melissa Campbell
West Meadowlark, Stephen Poole

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District F

Dovercourt, Laura Shewchuk
Oliver, Robyn Paches
Queen Mary Park, Sean Douglas
Riverdale, Gino Akbari
Sherbrooke, Stuart Muir
Woodcroft, Arlene Huhn

District G

Alberta Avenue, Erick Estrada
Bellevue, Rick McAdie
Newton, Rak Prasad
Parkdale Cromdale, Kristina Palmer

District H

Greater Windermere, Heidi Haver
Oak Hills, Rob Agostinis
Riverbend, Miep Raedschelders
Terwillegar, Ryan Barber
The Ridge, Jim Bradshaw

District I

Argyll, Dave Trautman
Belgravia, Michael Cohen
Lendrum, Carolyn Fenrich
Malmo, Lesli Olsen
McKernan, Philip Kloc
Pleasantview, Linda Chow-Turner
Ritchie, Avnish Nanda
Strathcona, Nathan Carroll

District J

Avonmore, Anita Lunden
Cloverdale, Reg Kontz
Forest Terrace Heights, Kathleen Wolfe
Fulton Place, Miles Berry
Idylwyld, Yulia Volyanskaya



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District K

Ermineskin, Kent McMullin
Heritage Point, Steven Gaudet

Ellerslie, Jennifer Parsonage
Fulton Meadows, Janet Davies
Knottwood, Chantell Barone
Lakewood, Lovena Satdeo
North Millbourne, Karrie Baker

District L

Royal Gardens, Bill Werthmann

Non-Voting Community League Members in attendance

Melissa Hawkins, Calder, District A
Brenda Kennedy, Wellington Park, District A
Allison Grasso, Calder, District A
Andrew Olsen, Rio Terrace, District D
Imran Ahmad, Oliver, District F
Rocky Feroe, Riverdale, District F
Kelly-Dawn Clarahan, Oliver, District F
Stuart Muir, Sherbrooke, District F
Josefine Singh, Parkdale/Cromdale, District G
Joan Francioli, Pleasantview, District I
Christina McCormick, Forest Terrace Heights, District J
Kathleen Wolff, Forest Terrace Heights, District J
Allison Fowler, Forest Terrace Heights, District J
Connie McKenna, Forest Terrace Heights, District J
Meagan Gebers, Forest Terrace Heights, District J
Colleen Rowe, Ottewell, District J
Robin Kyler, The Meadows, District L

Guests:

Mayor Amarjeet Sohi
Councillor Andrew Knack, (**Nakota Isga**)
Councillor Keren Tang, (**Karhiio**)
Tracy Varaidzo, Mapako Family Centre
Shaminder Parmar, Planner, Edmonton Public Schools
Darlene Dudley, McKernan Hall Rental Director
Kelly Holland, REACH Edmonton
Shauna Richard, City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Services
Salem Alahmad, City of Edmonton
Simram Sandhu, City Of Edmonton
Laura, Realtime Stenovations



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EFCL Board Members (as at February 2022):

President, Ryan Barber, Director District H (Terwillegar/Riverbend/Windermere)

V.P. Internal, Jenn Parsonage, Director, District L (Millwoods/Meadows)

Treasurer, Anita Lunden, Director District J, (Southeast)

Ahmed Ali, Director, District B (Londonderry)

Giselle General, Director, District D (West Edmonton)

Raquel Feroe, Director District F (Downtown)

Morgan Wolf, Director District G (Alberta Avenue East)

Jon Morgan, Director District K (Whitemud East)

Vacant, Director District A (Castledowns/Calder)

Vacant, Director District I (Greater Strathcona)

Vacant, Director, District C (Clareview /Horse Hill)

Vacant, Director District E (Jasper Place)

EFCL Staff :

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director

Colin Johnson, Deputy Executive Director

Joanne Booth, Snr. Advisor, Operations and Membership Services

Kim Tanasichuk, Service Innovation Project Assistant

Jonathan Lawrence, Community Planning Advisor

Tim Querengesser, Communications Advisor

Michael Barnard, Energy Transition Advisor

Darine Moukhaiber-Krysko, Digital Storyteller

Jennie Gurnett, Community Activator

Juanita Gnanapragasam, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor

Sandra Johnston, Board Development Advisor

Emma Chen, EFCL Finance

Barb Stang, Administrative Assistant

Minutes prepared by S. Johnston

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting Chair, EFCL President, and District H Representative, Ryan Barber, called the virtual EFCL Winter General Meeting to order at 6:30pm. He introduced himself and thanked Community League voting and general members for attending the EFCL's 2022 Winter General Meeting. He thanked members on behalf of the EFCL Board and staff for their hard work and contributions, in spite of the challenges faced during the last two years.



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2. Land Acknowledgement

Giselle General, District D Representative provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Welcome and Presidents' Message

President Barber then delivered his President's Message:

Our Community League movement is stronger when all of our neighbours feel at home in our halls and gathering spaces, and see themselves as partners in building community and this city. I know you continue to reach out to under-served and under-represented populations to build our movement.

And let's reflect on this point for a moment. We are stronger when all of our neighbours feel at home in our halls and gathering spaces, and see themselves as partners in building community and this city. Since its founding more than a century ago, the EFCL has operated under guidelines that strive for inclusive Community Leagues, regardless of ethnicity, gender or political affiliation. For that same time, the EFCL has played a critical role in building a democratic and civil society through our community league system.

You know, as the Emergencies Act is implemented for the first time in this country's history and successive protests continue in our streets – you might ask the question: how did we arrive at this point? When did hubris become preferred over dialogue? When did we stop being curious about what our neighbours thought and move straight to what we want? At the EFCL and in our Leagues, we don't check your political affiliation at the door. No matter what work you do during the day, whether you're a seventh generation Canadian or newcomer, retired or in high school volunteering for the first time – as long as you are ready to contribute to a better tomorrow, we are the place for you.

In this hyper-partisan time, our Community Leagues stand as an enduring legacy of reason, logic, freedom of opinion and expression. In an age of entrenched positions, the EFCL and Community Leagues are a place where Edmontonians of all backgrounds can come together and discuss issues that matter to their community, to their city all within that spirit of neighbourliness, mindfulness and understanding. Not every conversation is an easy one, but we will dare to have it. We come together through recreational and social opportunities, and we create a sense of community and belonging that can last for generations.

And so we know that when community-based democracy thrives through our Community League system, when the interests of Edmontonians are protected and equality is respected, that this offers the best route to ensuring civil engagement with government and representation of our communities in Edmonton. Our Community League system and way of life is unique.



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When you think about this a bit more, you might come to the same conclusion I have: this Community League movement is a gift.

And so, while I know you're all used to my pontifications by now – I do promise I have a point to make. On December 7, 2020, City Council approved Edmonton's City Plan. Community Leagues were named directly in this plan as a partner to provide direction for plans, guidelines and other policy decisions, inform changes to City regulations, inform prioritisation and measure progress towards targets. But our role within the plan is poorly defined, and it's upon us, our new council, and the City of Edmonton to define how we will move toward building more inclusive, resilient communities.

We believe that we can fulfil our place within the City Plan as community hubs by virtue of our ability to bring people of all backgrounds together to inform the type of community and city they'd like to live in. By the city's definition, community hubs are public spaces that strengthen citizens' sense of place and connectedness. We already exist in 162 communities across this city, with more than 120 community halls and countless other infrastructure north, south, east and west across the city. But we know that in order to connect citizens and communities, and to support the recreational and social endeavours that are so critical to building complete communities, we will need to work with the city on how Leagues and infrastructure are supported in the future.

We know many of you do not have a community hall. I know from my own community in Terwillegar how difficult it is to bring a community together when you don't have a gathering space to call your own. We know some of your halls need major repairs, and others for their courts or rinks.

With our city partners, we must move forward to chart a new sustainable path to ensuring our Community Leagues, their infrastructure, and our volunteers are adequately supported now and in the future. We believe we can assist the City to realise their vision for creating inclusive, healthy and vibrant community spaces that make sense economically from a taxpayer perspective and for the city. And so, we stand ready to assist the city realise their new vision for our shared future.

And so it's important to know this board will not move forward with the status quo – our movement is growing in influence, our board is growing, and as we continue to realize our place in the City as 162 community hubs, so too will our membership continue to grow. There is much to be optimistic about. We may not be able to change the world, but we are quite adept at changing our little corner of it for the better.



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So folks, we DO look forward with optimism. We continue to build this movement together, believing in our neighbours and the good that we bring to our communities. Where there are vibrant community leagues, there is a vibrant city.

With that, I'd like to welcome you all to the 101st year of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues; our next 100 years together begins now.

R. Barber welcomed and thanked city councillors Andrew Knack, and Keren Tang for attending and then introduced the EFCL's District Representatives elected by the Leagues in each Districts who make up the EFCL's Board of Directors. He encouraged board and community league members to reach out to their District Representatives.

On behalf of the EFCL Board, R. Barber thanked the EFCL staff, led by Executive Director Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, for their work organising the online Winter General Meeting, and their ongoing dedication supporting community leagues boards and members across the city.

4.0 Greetings from the City Of Edmonton

J. Parsonage invited Mayor Amarjeet Sohi to bring greetings on behalf of The City of Edmonton.

Mayor Sohi began his remarks with an acknowledgement that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory. He went on to describe how, as an immigrant to Canada and a newcomer to Edmonton, Community Leagues lifted him up and provided the connection that helped him integrate into Edmonton. He described how, as he became involved in community leagues, he became familiar with the work that community leagues do and the role that EFCL plays in making all the community leagues function properly by providing training for board members and the coordination of activity that has to happen at a city-wide level. He described the EFCL as a true partner when it comes to city building. He then commented that the city has very ambitious goals related to climate change, anti-racism, the building of 15-minute communities, and the utilisation of the existing infrastructure and noted that all those things are absolutely connected to the role that the community leagues play.

Mayor Sohi answered questions for the audience.

Alex Williams-Edgemont Community League: We have had issues with infrastructure, the big one is a school where we have a non-participatory landowner that doesn't want to sell land that was destined for a school. What plans does the City have in place to ensure amenities and infrastructure are in place before homes are put in there to develop a well-rounded community?

Mayor Sohi: I think we're doing better than we were, say, 10 years ago. Now we ask developers to put in some of those amenities and also there is a little bit more coordination of



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some of the landscaping work that needs to be done. As for schools of concern, the role that the City plays is assembling the land. I'm not familiar with specific challenges here, but if you send us a note, we can definitely find out and get you more details on where things are on the assembly of that parcel.

Erick Estrada Alberta Avenue: My question is about problem properties. In the core neighbourhoods, we have a long-standing issue with problem properties that just haven't been addressed. I just started volunteering in our community league here in Alberta Avenue and I'm learning that there are houses that have been a problem for over 15 years. What is the plan?

Mayor Sohi: This is a huge, huge concern that the city has been grappling with. There are very limited tools that are available to the City in order to either shut them down or go in and do inspections. A lot of cases there is criminal activity involved and drug dealing involved. So police have to be part of the solution. In some cases, the people who are operating these problem properties are part of organised crime and organised drug dealing so they are very sophisticated in how they use these properties. It is something that is absolutely on top-of-mind.

Miles Barry Fulton Place Community League: Do you have any suggestions as to how to leverage community leagues as partners to developers instead of, you know, opponents when it comes to urban renewal?

Mayor Sohi: As far as designing local infrastructure, I think we are pretty much done building all the big infrastructure projects that we needed, other than the LRT. Now we have to focus back on localised community-based infrastructure. And I think that offers even greater opportunities for collaboration with the community leagues, as partners in city-building.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

EFCL Board Governance Advisor Sandra Johnston briefly reviewed the Zoom technical functions for the meeting participants. She advised participants that the “raise hand” and “chat” functions were to be used for moving and seconding motions as well asking questions and speaking to motions. A test poll was completed for those acting as their community league voting member. Voting members were advised they must use their “procedural voting code” at “menti.com” to vote. S. Johnston advised that only voting members can ask questions and only one question per voting member is allowed in the interest of time. The public chat screen would remain open during the meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda.



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MOVED by Liz Kalisvaat - Fraser Community League, SECONDED by Greg Hilker Rosslyn Community League

**Motion 2022 01 15 01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda was approved as written.
CARRIED**

6. Approval of the Minutes of Fall General Meeting,
There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes

MOVED BY Jason Jessome, Britannia Youngstown Community League and SECONDED BY Heidi Haver, Greater Windermere Community League

**Motion 2022 01 15 02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Fall General Meeting held November 4, 2021 are approved as written.
CARRIED**

7.0 Board Elections Districts A, F, I

Shauna Richard, Neighbourhood Services asked S. Johnston to confirm quorum. S. Johnston reported that quorum had been reached in Districts F and I. S. Richard noted that the election in District A will be required at an upcoming District meeting or at the next EFCL general meeting.

S. Richard asked if the Nominations Committee had a nomination from District F. R Barber reported none. S Richard asked for nominations or volunteers. R. Feroe nominated Gino Akbari from Riverdale Community League. G. Akbari accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and no volunteers. S Richards proclaimed G. Akbari as the District Representative for District F. G. Akbari introduced themselves to the assembly.

S. Richard asked if the Nominations Committee had a nomination from District I. R Barber nominated Lesli Olsen from Malmo Community League. L. Olsen accepted the nomination. S Richard asked for volunteers or further nominations. There were none. S Richards proclaimed L. Olsen as the District Representative for District I. L. Olsen introduced themselves to the assembly.

8.0 Presentation: *How Ritchie Community League has begun to explore commercial use of their land and other opportunities to raise funds – Avnish Nanda, president, Ritchie Community League. *Break out rooms to discuss opportunities with other Leagues*



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A. Nanda described Ritchie Community League's goal to engage people in their community but also to create a sense of community, to create a sense of shared purpose towards our neighbourhood, and to bring the community together towards some sort of common understanding or common set of goals. He described how the pandemic affected the League's main source of income, causing a 60 per cent to 80 per cent reduction in hall rentals.

The League responded to this loss by creating a subscription crew in which, for a \$7 monthly donation to the League, subscribers receive different perks. The League had more than 125 monthly subscribers who provided the sole revenue source at least during the pandemic which allowed us to break even and even make money. A. Nanda then related that once the League started doing this kind of engaging community in creative ways, they were approached by an individual who puts on farmers' markets. The new tripartite agreement created an opportunity for the League to rent out our parking lot every Tuesday. A. Nanda then played a video of the farmers' market.

He described the effect of hosting the market as twofold raising revenues but also ensuring our community is better served. The League realised many of the mobility impaired folks in the neighbourhood had problems accessing the parking lot which, in turn, forced the League to address the issues, making the community more accessible and more inclusive. A. Nanda reported that the League partnered up with an organisation that provides farm-to-table vegetables and other produce with the League providing the pick up and drop off in exchange for \$5 per box that is ordered by a community resident. Lastly A. Nanda forecasted that the League is also looking at setting up a concession stand at their ice rink and has identified an opportunity to hold outdoor concerts.

Delegates then went into breakout rooms to brainstorm on ways their leagues could use the commercial use provision of the Tripartite Agreement.

9.0 Plans and Priorities of the EFCL for 2022

L. Cunningham-Shpeley gave the annual plans and priorities report:

As the EFCL looks to 2022, we've spent time over the last month identifying what the priorities are for the organization. We know we will need to continue to support Leagues as we recover from the effects of COVID-19. Having staff available to provide expertise, knowledge, inspiration and connection with the right resources and people will be more important than ever. Though mentorship cafes, workshops, online courses for board members and the new Supporting Inclusive communities courses. Now is the time for us to lean in and work hard as a team alongside Leagues. We will work this year to ensure that Leagues have easy access to



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resources and information that meets their needs. We will support them to continue to do their work with their League.

We will move forward this year with the Grant Advance Database using the Rink Roof funds that were discussed last year. This past year we focused on moving forward with the Community League Infrastructure Database that we will present to you at our Annual General meeting in June.

We are thrilled to have almost all Leagues signed on to the new Tripartite Licence agreement. The new agreement provides a wider definition of recreation, commercial use opportunities, new site assessments for League facilities over the course of the next 10 years, along with greater clarification and consistency across the city on turf maintenance. We are working in close collaboration with the City to ensure processes are easy to understand for Leagues.

Community League Day is always a highlight of the year; we will announce the theme later on this evening. The EFCL will provide resources and tools for Leagues so that we can raise the profile of the work that Leagues do everyday across the city together.

In 2022, EFCL will work with Integral Org (an organization that supports non-profits with resources, education with setting up social enterprises and charitable organizations). Integral Org will work alongside EFCL to put the pieces in place to create a new charitable organization called the Community League Project Centre that would be incorporated and would support Leagues with building their projects. We are excited to explore this new opportunity.

The EFCL is working in partnership with the Sisters' Dialogue, to set up a Community Safe Walk program to support racialized women who don't feel safe to walk alone in their neighbourhood. The project is intended to provide a walking service in the community. We believe this program will provide long-term positive social effects and create a community that connects people, builds relationships and is vibrant and safe for all.

10.0 Decision Items

10.1 Approval of EFCL Budget 2022

Anita Lunden, District Representative from District J, and EFCL Treasurer and provided the Treasurer's Report. She noted that delegates received the budget documents. She reviewed the major differences between this 2022 budget and the 2021 budget beginning with the projected deficit of \$120,885.63. A. Lunden described this as not a major concern as the EFCL ended 2021 with a surplus of \$177,830.39, which was carried over and she noted that at this time last



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year we were anticipating a deficit and ended up with a surplus. She reminded delegates that the EFCL has an emergency fund of \$200,000.

She reported that the major changes from last year in our income include:

- grants, down from \$385,022 to \$51,500 due to the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation funds no longer going through our books,
- no 100th anniversary funds, and
- no COVID job grants.

She then identified new income sources:

- Associate memberships, projected at \$10,000,
- Grant Advance totalling \$20,085 in revenue to offset cost of grant database as Leagues will pay EFCL for access/use of the database, and
- sponsorships at \$30,000.

Meanwhile, changes in expenses include:

- a reduction in general expenses by almost \$68,000 from actual last year,
- no anniversary celebration promotion - \$42,972,
- technical support and website savings of about \$16,000,
- governance reduced by \$1,000,
- an increase in professional fees of about \$5,000 due to advice on some new initiatives included the charity mentioned earlier.

She went on to report that Grant Advance is a new expense at \$35,000 and will be offset by \$20,000 in income. Lastly she reported an increase in the salaries line, EFCL largest expense area, an increase of about \$100,000.

Explaining the wording of the approval motion, A Lunden explained that as EFCL doesn't present its budget until two months into the new year, at this time every year we have to approve spending money in January and February of the following year with the stipulation that spending will be consistent with precedents.

Kent McMullin Ermineskin Community League: The increase to salaries is a 20 per cent increase, from \$844,000 last year to \$1.12 million. That is a \$240,000 increase budget from last year to this year. How many FTEs is that and do we have business plans and job descriptions to warrant a pretty significant increase in salaries?

L. Cunningham- Shpeley: Salaries encompasses all sorts of line items, not just salaries, but the benefits, the start-up costs, the setup costs of the staff. Right now we're looking at about



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two FTtes that that covers plus all the remittances and training and all of that and vacation pay.

Kent McMullin Ermineskin Community League: In times of everyone cutting budget, is this the time to increase by such a significant amount?

L. Cunningham- Shpeley: I think it is prudent because of the state that we find the leagues in today. I think there are a lot of leagues struggling right now. Our emphasis is putting in resources and ensuring the right resources are there for leagues and making sure we have the right staff in place with the right expertise to do the work that we need to get done.

Miles Barry Fulton Place Community League: If we're increasing the salary line by 20 per cent what other kind of performance measures are we using, for instance, what is the percentage increase in community league members that we've had over the past couple years, just something to kind of relate to the decision-making.

L. Cunningham- Shepley: We've seen that our number of engagements with Leagues has been incredibly higher. We have been able to see a lot better outcomes with the Leagues themselves. I think we'll put in some more measures throughout the year to be able to report back to you next year about how that impacts the leagues throughout this year.

Miles Barry Fulton Place Community League: Do we know how much membership has increased over the past two years, three years? How successful the EFCL is a direct relation to the number of active members leagues have. It would be helpful to have those numbers. You know, we've had this many members in 2010 and we've got this many members in 2020 to have some kind of frame of reference.

L. Cunningham- Shpeley: I don't have all of that data at my fingertips, Miles but we support the League members. You are our members. There's been about six new Leagues that have come on board since 2017. So we do have additional members in our organisation than we did before. We also have some additional work we're doing with the community safe walk program with the service innovation, with the online courses, with all of that. But in terms of our membership numbers, again, you are our members. We're moving ahead with associate memberships.

David Dodge- Evansdale Community League: It is always hard when we look at these budgets, one year we'll have a surplus and next year we're in the hole. What is the operational part of the budget and what is special projects and stuff? Are we actually slipping a little bit right now and need to take special action?

Anita Lunden: I have to say I think in the end we're on par. We have a reserve of money which



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through COVID is not a bad thing. I think we're looking at a very reasonable budget with maintaining and slightly increasing services directly to Leagues. Leagues will see increased services which is critical at this time. To not spend money on those services at this time I think would really harm us as an organisation. I think we keep all expenses to a minimum. I applaud Laura and all her staff. We do not pay well. Sometimes we lose really good people because there are much better opportunities out there. So I think if we want good people, we have to be competitive in our payment as well.

Tony Joseph- Calder Community League: EFCL's initiatives help all Community Leagues when we need their leadership and a voice. Demographically the present state of persons and households have increased throughout Edmonton so I think it is valid to have that two persons or whatever resources you need in your budget to facilitate that expense.

The next thing I would like to say is that we cannot always count on membership income. I would like to see that property tax included a percentage to compensate for the Community Leagues. That would have been the best way of getting the resources to serve the Community Leagues. I would like EFCL to follow up with that one because the membership drive is not always going to work.

Ryan Barber: That is certainly some of the things we're talking about with League infrastructure right now. There has been a committee formed to talk about sort of non-traditional ways that we can support Community Leagues. We certainly know that this is a new council, and there may be new opportunities to support Community Leagues in the city and this Board is going to be really engaged in those conversations. We have already started those conversations with councillors and administration and when we look to renew our partnership agreement with the City these will be some of the things that we will be discussing.

MOVED by Anita Lunden- Avonmore CL, SECONDED by David Dodge- Evansdale

Motion 2022 01 1503 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EFCL Membership approve the 2022 EFCL budget as presented. This shall also include spending approvals in principle, at levels consistent with the 2022 budget, for early 2023 at such a time until the 2023 budget is passed. Spending of unanticipated grants received during 2022, at levels consistent with the 2022 budget, shall also be approved in principle.

CARRIED

10.2 Approval of Curtis Friesen, Metrix Group, as the EFCL auditor for 2021 audit

Anita Lunden introduced the motion as the one EFCL is required to pass each year.



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Sean Douglas Queen Mary Park: What is the cost of the auditor?

Anita Lunden: \$10,000

Sean Douglas Queen Mary Park: Have we canvassed other auditing services?

L. Cunningham- Shpeley: We haven't looked too, too far, as you know taking on a new auditor is not something you want to do often but I know regularly that might be wise. As we finish up the plaza and all the expenses through the plaza, we're committed to staying with this auditor. Maybe we'll look elsewhere in the future, but my understanding is that is a reasonable price for an auditor.

MOVED by Anita Lunden-Avonmore CL, SECONDED by Liz Kalisvaat - Fraser Community League

Motion 2022 01 15 04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EFCL membership approve the appointment of Curtis Friesen of Metrix Group as the EFCL auditor for the 2021 audit.

CARRIED

10.2 Presentation: *How energy benchmarking and monitoring have impacted Cloverdale Community League by Reg Kontz.*

Reg Kontz began his presentation by defining benchmarking as a way of comparing ourselves to ourselves to determine where we are in a process and where we are going. He reported that in 2016 Cloverdale Community League wanted to make their hall less draughty and more comfortable while reducing utility costs. The first step in this process was to hire a consultant to do an energy assessment. The results of the audit led in 2018 to a \$370,000 plan for energy efficiency upgrades including an energy efficient furnace, solar panels and better insulation. We also switched to LED lighting for the rink and rink shack. We then switched energy retailers so we could sell our excess solar into the energy grid. Thanks to our benchmarking we are able to measure our results. Our energy consumption has gone down by 75 per cent and our natural gas consumption went down by 63 per cent. Thanks to the selling of energy from the solar panels and the receipt of various grants, the payback period, originally at eight years, is now considerably less. Most recently over a nine month period ending January 2022, the League had credit of \$350 on their electric bill.

R. Kontz went on to describe how the League then turned its attention to the water usage, particularly for flooding the rink. By changing the metering system and plumbing those costs for the rink have been eliminated.



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He then explained that Cloverdale can only compare its energy usage to previous years but not to other community leagues, which could be done if all leagues were involved in benchmarking utility usage. As well, he went on, leagues could use the data to apply for grants, demonstrate support for the City's climate change initiatives, and even influence behaviours of residents in their neighbourhoods.

10.3 Approval of Energy Benchmarking and Monitoring for Leagues

R. Barber introduced the energy benchmarking motion.

Kristina Palmer Parkdale/Cromdale Community League: I assume in this platform there is a place to quantify the types of energy-related things you already have. Like, for example, Parkdale/Cromdale already has solar panels, so that would be identified so we don't get compared to somebody who doesn't and vice versa?

L. Cunningham- Shpeley: Absolutely, we would only be comparing Leagues with similar infrastructure with each other. It is not a comparison really, it is for us to look through and see where expenses are and to help leagues make changes to their building envelope and systems.

Micheal Barnard, EFCL Energy Transition Advisor: There is a space for comments in collection form. I will add a note as well just saying do you have solar so we can kind of parse as best we can.

Janet Henderson Delton Community League: Noting the benchmarking, are you noting the different energy providers? Also are we calculating the square footage of each hall as a comparison and also are you averaging the daily temperature in each hall because the variant can round up numbers big time each month of your utilities.

Micheal Barnard: Absolutely, there is no point in just collecting flat data. Luckily we do now have quite a bit of information on square footage of hall space based on a student project last summer. That will allow us to do energy use intensity figures for a fair amount of halls. With respect to temperature inside the building, that is a metric that typically would be considered after the fact if we saw high energy intensity numbers where a building was consulting a lot of energy per square foot and we found it was a lot of energy in natural gas. To your last point, it is important to note on your actual matrix which energy providers are providing each hall and the age of each hall. We're going to be looking at both consumption and cost. If certain providers are overcharging typically, we can support leagues by then renegotiating contracts or suggesting switching providers.



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MOVED by Tony Lovell Canora Community League SECONDED by Kristina Palmer Cromdale Community League

MOTION 2022 01 15 05: BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Leagues be required to submit to the EFCL on a yearly basis their electricity, natural gas and water utility usage and costs

Various delegates voiced concern that there was no end date on the activity. Advice was sought from M. Barnard, who opined that data gathering should continue for three-five years.

David Dodge Evensdale Community League: My understanding of benchmarking is the longer you do it the better. So once we start doing it and get into the habit of it, it is not going to be a big deal. We already do it at Evensdale Community League and it has been actually really useful. I am hoping that if EFCL has good information on energy use on Community Leagues they can use it to do advocacy for us with the City and whatnot. If it is three years renewable so we check in in three years, I would be content with that. I wouldn't be content with a motion personally that ends it abruptly without evaluating the reason for doing that.

AMENDED by Kent McMullin SECONDED by Tony Joseph
To add “for a period of three years” to the motion.
CARRIED

Several delegates sought clarification as to what use would be made of the data and with whom would it be shared.

AMENDED by Erick Estrada SECONDED by Tony Joseph

To add “ and that this information is share exclusively with the members of the Tripartite Licence Agreement”
LOST

AMENDED MOTION 2022 01 15 05: That all Leagues be required to submit to the EFCL on a yearly basis their electricity, natural gas and water utility usage and costs for a period of three years.
CARRIED

10.4 Notice of Motion – To amend article 16.6 of the EFCL ByLaws



Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MOTION: : To amend article 16.6 of the EFCL ByLaws to change approval of increased expenditures from 'Members' to 'Board':

Article 16.6

The annual budget of the EFCL will be submitted by the Board of Directors for approval at the Regular General Meeting and will be circulated to the Members with the notice of such Regular General Meeting in January or February. No total expenditure exceeding three percent (3 per cent) of the budget, and not authorized in the budget, will be made without approval of the ~~Members~~ [Board].

11.0 Theme for Community League Day September 17, 2022

The theme will be "Build Edmonton – With Us"

Become a member of your Community League to add your voice to decisions that help build your city – and also for countless ways to engage and meet neighbours, and savings for you and your family at local businesses and city services.

The call to action is to become a member, which drives League membership and; the why is that membership gives you a voice to influence city-building decisions and creating the neighbourhood you want to live in.

12.0 Termination (9:30)