



Date: June 16, 2022

**EFCL Board Meeting Approved Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom, 6 p.m. MST**

Attendance

Board Members:

Jenn Parsonage, District L (President / Chair)
Ryan Barber, District H (VP Internal /)
Jon Morgan, District K (VP External)
Anita Lunden, District J (Treasurer)
Giselle General, District E
Morgan Wolf, District G

Guests / EFCL Staff:

Kabele Galgalo (Administrative Assistant)
Priya Harinath Human Resources and Project Assistant)
Ron MacLean (Data Analyst)
Debbie Brown (Fund DevelopmentAdvisor)
Chris Hennig (President of Lauderdale Community League)
Sharon Simper (CityOf Edmonton)
Laura Cunningham-Shpeley (Executive Director)
Sandra Johnston (Board Development Advisor)
Marjorie Stefanyk (Recording Secretary)

1.0 Land Acknowledgement / Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was opened by Jenn Parsonage at 6:06 p.m with a land acknowledgement followed by a welcome to all in attendance. L. C-Shpeley presented the new staff members and invited them to introduce themselves and answer any questions about their roles. J. Parsonage introduced C. Hennig, President of Lauderdale Community League, who was observing the meeting. Following the introductions, K. Galgalo, P. Harinath, R. MacLean, and D. Brown left the meeting.

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:22 p.m.

2.0 Review of Agenda:

No changes or additions were made to the agenda.





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Motion 22-06-16-01: That the agenda be accepted as written.

A. Lunden / G. General

Carried

3.0 Work in Progress:

Following the approval of the Board at the May 2022 Board meeting, an application for tenancy in the Jerry Forbes Centre has been relayed to the Centre and L. C-Shpeley is waiting for a reply. Other options for relocation are also being considered.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting
- 4.2 Letter to Londonderry Community League May 18, 2022
- 4.3 Recreation Development Committee May Report

Motion 22-06-16-02: To approve all the items in the consent agenda

A. Lunden / R. Barber

Carried

5.0 News From the City:

- Results of the EFCL Community Workshops for the Community Park Framework held June 8 and 9, 2022 are being reviewed.
- Nominations for the Awesome Block Awards are open until August 21, 2022.
- Environmental workshops such as Raising Hens and Bees, gardening, Root for Trees are being held throughout the summer.
- Edmonton's Safe Passing Bylaw, now in effect, directs drivers passing anyone biking or scooting on the street to allow a distance of 1 metre in areas where the speed limit is 60 km/h or less. The City is inviting interested individuals to create and submit videos supporting the bylaw.
- R. Barber inquired about the possibility of accessing information on City infrastructure projects and their impact on communities. L.C-Shpeley suggested the website engaged.edmonton.ca Another site is building.edmonton.ca
- Community Recreation Facilities are running a variety of summer camps and programs.

6.0 CLOG Data for 2021:





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- Community League annual reporting 2021 has been submitted by 155 Community Leagues with the remaining 7 working with Corporate Registries to bring their status current.
- Programming statistics, in spite of COVID-19, was impressive with each League directly running, on average 12 programs and partnering with other organizations or groups to run on average 4 programs during the year.
- Information on volunteer hours revealed that 258,973 volunteer hours were contributed by 8, 158 Community League volunteers through the course of the year. At the lowest rate of \$17.98 per hour, the Community League system contributed more than \$4.5 million in volunteer labour last year.
- Information on membership including types of membership was provided.
- Data on League facilities and their program and event use and rental use demonstrated 126 Leagues operate such facilities in use.
- Financial analysis revealed data on income and expenses showing that Leagues need to continually look for ways of increasing income and applying for funding to keep up with expenses.
- League priorities and engagement methods will be required information in 2023 and were optional this year. Of the Leagues that responded, the most common priorities were: Improving and enhancing programs for the community (70% of Leagues), engaging with the neighbourhood (69.6% of Leagues) and building or enhancing community infrastructure (48.7% of Leagues.)Data derived from the reporting will provide key pieces in the request for grants and inform EFCL programming. Copies of the report will be sent to Leagues.

6.1 Draft Guidelines to Establish EFCL /COE Roles for Partnering Agreement—**In Camera Discussion,**

The Board went in camera at 7:48 p.m. until 8:20 p.m when the regular meeting resumed.

The Board discussed the Draft Guidelines establishing EFCL/COE roles to be included in the Partnership Agreement currently being negotiated and were generally in agreement with roles defined for EFCL and COE. They did see the opportunity and necessity of working together in some circumstances and therefore will propose the inclusion of a third, collaborative approach.

Motion 22-06-16-03: Proposed #3 - Have a collective approach to working with Leagues with highly complex needs or critical issues as determined collectively as determined joined between the City, EFCL and League.

M. Wolfe / A. Lunden

Carried





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7.0 Elections of Executive:

(J. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.)

As required by EFCL bylaws, S. Simper from the COE presided over the election process, beginning by thanking the present and outgoing executive members.

- J. Parsonage was elected as President.
- J. Morgan was elected Vice President External
- R. Barber was elected Vice President Internal.
- A. Lunden was re-elected Treasurer.
- S. Simper congratulated all the new executive members.

(S. Simper and J. Morgan left the meeting following completion of elections.)

8.0 AGM Debrief, Plan for FGM:

The Board provided their feedback on the hybrid Zoom/in-person structure of the AGM. Overall the experience was positive and worked well. It was very organized and well run and set a high standard for future hybrid meetings. The option of choice of method of participation was greatly appreciated. A survey (both in person and online) taken during the meeting resulted in an overwhelming vote for hybrid meetings. The Board discussed avenues to increase attendance while being mindful of the cost of technology for hybrid meetings.

(R. Barber took over as Chair from 7:05 p.m - 7:16 p.m)

9.0 District Updates:

- District E: The 3 Community Leagues of Meadowlark, West Meadowlark, and Glenwood are looking into collaborating to create a tri-partnership for programming. A low-cost Sunday drop-in program is being planned for the summer. A big bin event is set to take place mid-June. G. General authored an article (Moving Targets: Every Change of Address is a Sign of My Changing Goals) that appeared on the CBC website.
- District H: The annual TRAC Community Run/Walk was very successful with a good turnout, including many volunteers. It was held May 29th in partnership with the Running Room. The flag football pilot program planned for the fall has been very well received, with the formation of 16 teams. The farmers' market has been experiencing some challenges and R. Barber expressed the need for more member in person involvement post pandemic and encouraging new membership. The construction on Terwillegar hall is progressing well.
- District J: All the AGMs will be completed by the end of June. There is still a problem with board vacancies, but the majority have been filled. Big Bin events have been





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very popular most likely due to the fact they are held outdoors and people want to socialize again. Councillor Salvador will be meeting with district Leagues on July 6, 2022.

- District G: M. Wolf has been approached by Edmonton Forza Football Club regarding soccer programs. She will look further into their offer. The Elmwood basketball lessons program was very successful with full attendance at both sessions. Problems with the community gardens have occurred regarding setup and placement. District G will be piggy-backing with District J in a meeting with Councillor Salvadore. The recent murders in Chinatown have raised safety concerns in the area. The new sidewalks have been completed.
- District L: The Knottwood hall opening is planned for July. Low cost events such as Popsicles in the Park and Yoga in the Park have been well-attended and proving to be successful in engaging people and getting them to connect with one another. A wide variety of activities are planned for Canada Day. J. Parsonage provided a link as a source of program information.
- C. Hennig added that Lauderdale Community League is holding their Block Party on June 25th. NOW Radio will be appearing with their Trucksicle.

10.0 Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings:

J. Parsonage invited feedback on the possibility of incorporating a land acknowledgement at the beginning of each Board meeting. This would apply only to EFCL Board meetings at this time although individual Leagues are free to adopt the practice if they wish.

Board members were supportive of the practice though more discussion is required in order to ensure that practice does not become robotic, disingenuous or lose significance.

11.0 HR Time Off Policy Amendment:

L. C-Shpeley provided information on two amendments enacted in the Employment Standard Code of Alberta with regard to Bereavement Leave and Reservist Leave. In order to remain compliant and operating under Human Resources best practices, it was proposed to make these amendments to the EFCL policy manual.

Motion 22-06-16-04: That the EFCL policy manual update Clause 5.7.7 and Clause 5.7.11 as required by the Employment Standard Code of Alberta

R. Barber / G. General

Carried

12.0 City Budget:

L. C-Shpeley presented for consideration an EFCL Budget Ask for 2023 - 2026 which included 3 options, with the recommendation of approving the second option. This option asks for a 3% increase in costs per year to keep pace with the average rate of inflation.





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Motion 22-06-16-05: That the Service Innovation Program be moved into regular funding and that the EFCL Board move forward with Option 2 that includes inflation for operational costs, to be presented to the City of Edmonton in the 4 year budget this fall13.0

M. Wolf / R. Barber

Carried

Community League Operations Grant (CLOG) /Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP) Requests to be Considered by the City of Edmonton:

In response to Councillor Rutherford's expression of interest in the COE working with the EFCL to review the CLOG and CLIP funding to ensure there was an equity lens on the funding and if these funds were adequate for COVID recovery, the Board was asked for input on a report back to the City requested for August. The Board raised the differences in funding requirements between Leagues with Infrastructure versus no infrastructure. Definitions of equity and vulnerability were a concern.

L. C-Shpeley suggested she would report back to the COE that the EFCL was in conversation over the matter and this item will return to the September agenda.

13.0 Finance Committee:

L. C-Shpeley presented the 2nd quarter financials to May 31, 2022. This was earlier than usual due to E. Chen's leaving EFCL in July. . EFCL was able to apply for a \$66,000 COVID-19 recovery grant from the province because of the new hires. L. C-Shpeley is advocating strongly for the COE to pay for the infrastructure database. Casino money was used to cover some costs.

Motion 22-06-16-06: That the financial report be approved as presented
G. General / A. Lunden **Carried**

14.0 Board Development and Nominating Committee:

S. Johnston offered some options for the Board to consider regarding appointment of board members to vacant positions. Currently there are four district vacancies. S. Johnston pointed out the Bylaw 10.1 c provision that allows the Board the ability to appoint representatives through the Nominations Committee provided that such nomination is ratified by the Community League in which the nominee holds membership. It was suggested, if there is interest, that over the summer the Nominations Committee seek out candidates, interview and vet them. At the September Board meeting, the Committee would propose candidates on an interim basis effective September 8, 2022 until March 9, 2023 (the Board meeting following the February 2023 Winter General Meeting). During that time, there would be opportunities to elect the appointed district representatives to their roles. The Board was supportive of this approach and directed the committee to proceed.

15.0 Planning and Development Committee:

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

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The report was not ready but will be sent separately to the Board. . It will include information on the City's district planning and funding decisions.

16.0 Recreation Development Committee:

A document was released with a list of preferred vendors which will be shared with Leagues through informal sources such as Facebook and newsletters. A. Lunden was invited to participate in a round table on soccer. She was given a list of questions which will be discussed and which she has shared with the Board for input.

17.0 Reports:

17.1 President's Report – Verbal

J. Parsonage attended a discussion at City Hall, along with representatives of various organizations supporting the homeless, downtown and transit safety.. The purpose was to share ideas on working together on the Edmonton Downtown Core and Transit System Safety Plan. EFCL's role would be more of a supportive nature, such as helping people connect through the Community Leagues.

17.2 Executive Director's Report

L. C-Shpeley and J. Morgan attended the Tamarack Conference June 6 - 9, 2022, along with EFCL staff member J. Gurnett. L. C-Shpeley spoke on the "Leaders of Tomorrow" panel to panel attendees from across the country.

On May 17, 2022, L. C-Shpeley presented to the Community and Public Service Committee to show support for the Rollie Miles Recreation Centre, and advocated for the City to invest in local, smaller amenities that are on League land and, more importantly, to be included in the Recreation Centre Planning.

On May 16, 2022, L. C-Shpeley presented to the Community and Public Services Committee regarding the role that EFCL can have in the Community Safety and Well Being Strategy conversation.

L. C-Shpeley added her signature to the letter of requests from the City to Justice Minister Tyler Shandro. She will share a copy of the letter with the Board.

18.0 Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 8 at 6:00 p.m. MST.

19.0 Termination:

The meeting terminated at 9:42 p.m.

