

**Blackmud Creek Community League
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Ellerslie Rugby Club**

Board Members Present:

Garrick Ma, Jill Gurela, Veronica Dutchak, Rob Powell, Kim Lucid, Thomas Varghese, Gil Rueck

Others Present:

Nathan Ip (Edmonton Public School Board Trustee), Brian Anderson (City Councillor),
Mary Jean Chapelsky (CRC)

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:09pm by Garrick Ma.

2. Welcome Guests

3. Introduce Board

Garrick Ma introduced the current Board of Directors.

4. Approval of Agenda

Add Allard School site to agenda. Moved by Rob Powell, Seconded by Drew Scofield and Unanimously Carried.

5. President's Year in Review

Garrick Ma provided background on the Blackmud Creek Community League (BCCL) and highlights from the past year including:

- Allard skating rink. Due to the weather it has been difficult to flood and maintain the ice at the Allard rink. We had to shut down at the beginning of March. Attendance was excellent.
- In the summer we will have a bike program, skateboard park equipment, rentals
- Swimming, YMCA (Sundays)
- Playground, summer and spring green shack program at various parks (Blackmud Creek & Allard). Pop up park program in Blackburne and Richford.
- Playground development in Callaghan. Subcommittee members are in attendance and will give an update.
- Soccer is an expanding program and this year we have added U14 with plans to add more age groups every year. The biggest program available in our community league. We have discussed joining with Heritage Point which will be discussed for the 2018 season
- Callaghan's playground fundraising has been a great success
- Community walking map has been completed
- Roberta MacAdams opened in 2016. A new option for our community residents. A teacher has developed a program at the school to capture the nature we have in our neighbourhood. Ms. Megan Clifford took her class for a walk in the ravine and saw our signs along the ravine and has

used this for education in her class. We will have a book published about the ravine. There will be a presentation on April 26 for the book release

- At community league day we had an outdoor movie showing of Finding Nemo and we hope that we can continue offering these types of events
- Community hall integration. A hall is a huge expense and we didn't have land to put towards this. We have been discussing with the school board to utilize the new schools auxiliary hall
- Hoping to finalize a tri-partied agreement at the Allard rink site. When this is finalized we will be installing basketball nets
- 135 St interchange and a possible new hospital site, Thomas Dang was supposed to attend but had to cancel. Safety about traffic lights, speeding and traffic around schools
- Canada 150 this year. We hope to get some more funding for our Canada Day Celebration
- Events: May-Aug-Green Shack
 - July-Canada Day
 - Sept-Community League Day
 - Oct-Partner with HPCL for Halloween Party
 - Winter-Family fun day (due to weather we could not hold this event)
- Commitment of \$19,000 towards the school kitchen at Lila Fahlman, upgrading of electrical and purchasing of higher end kitchen equipment. Funds can be used from our last casino if we write an amendment to the AGLC.

Motion to have the facility upgrades as per the Allard School site upon approval from the AGLC, Motion made by Thomas Varghese, seconded by Drew Scofield.

6. Capital Projects Survey and Priorities

- Schools: Lila Fahlman will be opening in Sept 2017. A playground has been constructed there by MLC. Hopefully we can have a partnership with the new school.
- Fundraising: Casino in March 2017
- Community Growth: Traffic & Safety-41st Ave. opening, which lead to the closing of 127 St. The committee did not agree and Brian Anderson spoke out about keeping this open and it remaining open for now
- Recreation:
 - Callaghan Playground Presentation (Shannon Neighbour & Erin Harsch): Fundraising for almost two years now. There have been a lot of fundraising events happening that have been a success. Total construction cost is \$634,000 with a 10% contingency, raised \$188,000, \$40,000 remaining to raise. \$30,000 tire grant, NPDP grant was awarded for \$250,000
 - Heritage Valley Canada Day: Huge success this year, great attendance

7. **Guest Speakers –**

Nathan Ip (Edmonton Public School Board Trustee):

Two weeks ago the board just adopted a program to develop parks with all new school sites. 6 schools will open by Sept 2017, the challenge remains with population especially in the K-3 grades.

Projected by 2021 if we do not receive a new high school in our area we will run out of high school space. We would need two high schools in our area alone. We need the community to advocate along side the board.

Every year a capital plan is created with modernization and requests for new projects. The main priorities will be in the South West. The latest announcement for a new high school will need to be approved by the end of this year to meet the three-year build time.

Acknowledge the input of Garrick Ma and Gil Rueck for the integration of a community hall with a school build.

Motion at the meeting this week with the province for planning funding for two high schools in the South West. The second motion will be to ask the province to approve all school builds with wrap around funds (e.g. community hall, EPL Go)

Brian Anderson (Ward 9 Councillor)-

Brian has announced his retirement. We will be moving to Ward 10 in October. #5 project for provincial and federal grants was 135 St. Interchange. We had to be specific in how they requested the money, the city 1/3, province 1/3 and federal 1/3. The first priority was SE LRT, #2 Yellowhead, #3 Overpasses, received money for one overpass, #4, #5 135 St interchange, were able to delay the closing of 127 St, we had to agree to fix and maintain it until closed. Received funding to create new on and off ramps to the Henday and once that is complete 127th will be closed. The park and ride has to be completed within two years and the on and off ramps will be operational by 2019.

The province also wants to close 119 St into Twin Brooks, not interested in closing it immediately.

75% of the lots in the next couple of years will be full, to avoid too much traffic on 111 St., Gateway, Ellerslie Road and council has to give care in these matters.

The mayor has also been discussing the SE LRT also moving to the west of the city. There will also be a lot of high density develop around Rutherford town centre after the LRT is built which will cause more traffic.

Ellerslie Road will be expanded from two lanes to four in the near future.

A hospital has been mentioned in the plans off of 127 St south of the Henday. The priority right now is the renovation and expansion of Royal Alexandria and Misercordia.

8. Approval of AGM 2016 Minutes

Second page-Community walking map under Fundraising heading move to Recreation. Financial statements correction, revenue \$ (ask Carlos Bautista), Community views cost is \$5,500. Moved by Veronica Dutchak upon amendment, Seconded by Jill Gurela and unanimously Carried.

9. Presentation of Reviewed Financial Statements

Carlos Bautista, Treasurer could not attend, Veronica Dutchak provided an overview. The audit hasn't been completed yet. Operating Account: There was \$89,303 cash in the balance at year-end, however \$51,000 is for the Callaghan playground overall net assets \$31,000.

Casino Account: These funds need to be kept separate. \$100,000 is earmarked for the Callaghan playground. We are waiting to spend the rest of the funds until we receive a tripartite agreement with the city. Held a casino in 2017, no amounts available yet.

Next casino awarded is Q1 2019.

Budget Calculations: Fairly consistent with the 2015 account. Foresee an increase in operating grant from the city due to increased size of neighbourhoods.

Motion to accept the Draft Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2016 moved by Thomas Varghese. Seconded by Gil Rueck. Unanimously Carried.

10. Presentation of Reviewed Budget

Will review the budget post meeting.

11. Update of Bylaws- *(Bylaws being updated are attached to these minutes)*

First Change: Motion by Jill Gurela seconded by Thomas Varghese.

Second change-motion by Thomas Varghese , second by Kim Lucid

Third change-motion by Kim Lucid, second Drew Scofield

Fourth change-Neighbourhood Watch to Director at Large, motion by Thomas Varghese, seconded by Jill Gurela

Fifth change-Facilities change, motion by Erin Harsch, second by Drew Scofield

All Bylaw changes were unanimously carried.

12. Election of Officers

The Membership Director, Fundraising Director, Civics Director and Neighbourhood Watch positions are open. The Board can nominate an individual to these positions until the next AGM. We will screen each person nominated after the AGM.

President – Rob Powell (Moved by Jill Gurela, seconded by Thomas Varghese)

Acclaimed

Vice President – Kim Lucid (Moved by Erin Harsch and seconded by Rob Powell)

Acclaimed

Secretary – Jill Gurela (Moved by Garrick Ma, seconded by Thomas Varghese)
Acclaimed

Treasurer – Vacant

Membership – Thomas Varghese (Moved by Veronica Dutchak, and seconded by Jill Gurela)
Acclaimed

Communications – Vacant

Sports – Vacant

Civics – Gil Rueck (Moved by Jill Gurela and seconded by Drew Scofield)
Acclaimed

Programs – Vacant

Fundraising – Garrick Ma
Acclaimed

Facilities – Vacant

13. Appointment of Auditors

Motion to appoint Veronica Dutchak, Motion made by Rob Powell and seconded by Thomas Varghese.

14. Thank you to Retiring Board Members, Veronica Dutchak (Fundraising), Carlos Bautista (Treasurer) and Don Gabuna (Facilities)

15. Adjournment at 8:49pm. Next Board Meeting - April 19th, 2016 7:30pm Johnny Bright School