

**Blackmud Creek Community League
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Ellerslie Rugby Club**

Board Members Present:

Garrick Ma, Jill Gurela, Rob Powell, Diana Powell, Jonathan Spence, Danita MacDonald, Tunde Obasan, Freya Fu

NOTE: Rob Powell and Diana Powell are of no relation to each other

Board Members Absent:

Thomas Varghese

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm by Board President, Rob Powell

Welcome Guests

- MLA Thomas Dang, Edmonton SW
- Representatives of Callaghan Park Development Committee
- Blackburne Creek Redevelopment Committee

Introduce Board

Rob Powell introduced the current Board of Directors.

Approval of Agenda

***Motion to approve the Agenda was made made by Diana Powell and seconded by Garrick Ma.
Unanimously Carried***

Guest Speaker - MLA THOMAS DANG

Thomas Dang, MLA – Thanked the community for inviting him to be here

MLA Thomas Dang brought up the noise study on Anthony Henday that the Gov't is working on; potentially getting noise walls put in. Not public yet so can't say too much. Community members can reach out to MLA Thomas Dang directly for further details. MLA Thomas Dang discussed that the

Provincial Government is aware of congestion on SW Anthony Henday and is currently looking at upgrading capacity of SW Anthony Henday, possibly adding more lanes.

MLA Thomas Dang spoke about the recently announced public high School that will be built in Heritage Valley and noted that it was approved outside of regular budget cycle. Construction on the new high school is hoped to start late 2019. MLA Thomas Dang also spoke about the recently announced new hospital site and addressed concerns about noise from ambulances. Alberta Health Services has assured that their policy around hospitals in residential areas is no sirens. The hospital design is not yet complete. This will be the first hospital built in Edmonton in over 30 years. MLA Thomas Dang discussed that he is pushing for entrance to be 135th street side. MLA Thomas Dang also mentioned that the Alberta Government is expanding the Energy Efficient programs, rebates on energy efficient products at local hardware.

Other points made by MLA Thomas Dang

- *The Alberta Government working on reducing post-secondary salaries. Trying to reduce these salaries by hundreds of thousands dollars.*
- *Pipeline Update: Premier Notley and BC Premier Horgan met with Prime Minister Trudeau. A Bill was introduced on Monday putting pressure on BC such as how much oil gets shipped to BC. Moving to seeing how much Alberta can push on BC. Making sure we are staying within the law. Alberta Government is working with Federal Government to possibly establish an interest in the pipeline if necessary to ensure the pipeline gets built. Alberta has won 12 lawsuits around the the pipeline.*
- *MLA Thomas Dang has magnets and pens with his name and contact information available.*

Questions from members for MLA Thomas Dang

QUESTION: Any talk of the Alberta Government funding the LRT south? Is the Province working with the city to fund the park and ride and the expansion of Ellerslie Rd?

RESPONSE: MLA Thomas Dang stated that those projects flow through the City of Edmonton but the province works closely with the city. He stated that the Alberta Government approved to fund the Park and Ride beside where the new hospital will be located. The Province funded 40 new electric buses to the city of Edmonton.

QUESTION: Is there a proposed rec centre to be built in conjunction with the new high school?

RESPONSE: MLA Thomas Dang replied there is some concept/creative solutions that are being discussed around recreation facilities with the new high school. Not a full recreation centre but some possible facilities.

QUESTION: When can we expect 135th street interchange to be started and has the province considered a bridge to go through to 119 Street?

RESPONSE: 135th street interchange wasn't a priority last year for the Government but this year MLA Thomas Dang is hoping that the interchange becomes more of a priority. This interchange is needed for when the hospital is built . 119th Street is a municipal road not provincial.

QUESTION: When will 127th street be closed? Will it be open until the 135th Street interchange is complete?

RESPONSE: MLA Thomas Dang stated that he understands that 127th Street should be closed until there is an alternate plan for traffic in that location.

QUESTION: Are the hospital plans done?

RESPONSE: MLA Thomas Dang stated that the hospital plans are not done. He said a concern was raised about the staff parking, as there are problems with this at the Royal Alex and Grey Nuns hospitals around staff parking. Alberta Health Services staff asked that they consider staff parking in the planning of this new hospital.

The budget for the hospital is currently just for the design phase. It is reflected in the Capital plan moving forward into 2021. Funding can't be approved until the fiscal year that construction starts. About \$400 million will be spent in the design phase.

Callaghan Playground Update - Erin Harsch and Shannon Neighbour

- Phase I – the playground is now fully funded and will be open later this year
- Phase II – Spray Park is in the planning process

Callaghan Playground Committee has had great support from the Community League and through fundraising. The Callaghan Playground Committee sat down with the City last week and choose a Vendor for the installation of the playground. The vendor has not been disclosed yet. Callaghan Playground Committee wanted a playground that was different than other playgrounds in our neighbourhoods, with unique features.

Callaghan Playground Committee is starting to do fundraising for Phase II, which will be a Spray Park; it estimated cost will be about \$250,000. Along with fundraising they have some grants they can access from the City of Edmonton. Erin Harsch asked for support from the community for Phase II. The Callaghan Playground Committee is a very dedicated group who managed to get Phase I funded within 2 years.

Callaghan Playground Committee will once again be holding their, annual Golf Tournament on July 27th, 2018; the golf tournament is a major fundraiser for them.. Each year many golfers come back. A great opportunity for the community to get together. Details on their website. www.callagahangolf.ca or www.callaghanpark.ca.

Shannon Neighbour stated that Callaghan Playground Committee raised \$720,000 and collected about \$315,000 in donations. They are hoping to roll the contingency fund over to Phase II Spray park, with a goal to have that built in 2 years. Phase I is hoped to be complete in August or September of this year and installation should take place over the summer.

Blackburne Creek Playground Redevelopment Update - Christine Maslanko

Christine stated that the current playground is over 25 years old and the City stated that repairs can no longer happen and the equipment needs to be replaced. The city has approved the Blackburne Playground Redevelopment Project.

The Blackburne Playground Redevelopment Committee is applying for grants; they need to fundraise \$125,000 and will receive matching grants. The proposed cost for the playground redevelopment is \$500,000. They have \$10,000 from Casino funds from Blackmud Creek Community League. If anyone would like to be involved with the Blackburne Playground Redevelopment Committee please let them know. They have set up a Facebook page and website. Blackburne Playground Redevelopment Committee will be hosting a Pub Night fundraiser in September.

President's Year in Review - Rob Powell (Slideshow)

Highlights from this year included:

- The new K-9 school, Dr. Lila Fahlman, opened in Allard. Blackmud Creek Community League contributed \$19,000 to upgrade the kitchen at the school for a possible future community hall addition to the school.
- A new High School is now a top priority for this area.
- A new Daycare is now open in Blackburne.
- We hosted several community special events.
 - ❑ Canada 150 in partnership with Heritage Valley Community League and Southpointe Community Centre.
 - ❑ Community League Day/Outdoor Movie Night in September.
 - ❑ Winter fun day in January.

- New EPL branch opened up by Superstore just off James Mowatt Trail.
- Our Facebook page traffic increased 31%.
- We currently have 2 playground committees; Callaghan and Blackburne. It is great that Blackburne was able to form a committee and start to move forward on their project as there has not been successful in the past.
- It is confirmed that Dr. Lila Fahlman school in Allard is eligible for a \$250,000 grant for a playground from the province. Rob Powell Powell and our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator from the City, Linda Bombardieri, have met with the Parent Association Council at Dr, Lila Fahlman school. The Parent Association Council will form a sub committee to apply for that grant. When the Playground Committee at Dr. Lila Fahlman school is formed we will have 3 playgrounds going at the same time.
- Rob Powell expressed concern that the Cavanagh might be having a school built in the next few years with no playground there yet.
- Green Shack programs – the Green Shack programs in our neighbourhoods have high attendance.
- The Flying Eagle program in Allard was well attended.
- Pop up Play in Richford and Blackburne is well received.
- The Community League donates \$1000 to the city for the Green Shack each year.

Civics

- SWAC Civic Elections Forum for Ward 9 and 10 in October.
- Rob Powell confirmed that there a pedestrian was killed on south James Mowatt Trail and the City is reviewing a crosswalk at that location.
- 111th street pedestrian bridge – Rob Powell Powell is pushing for it to be put back . The developers in Cavanagh will also be pushing for this. Having this bridge would make easier access for the residents in Cavanagh.
- Sidewalks built all along Ellerslie Rd. now, on the North side section were there was just grass.
- Rob Powell is sitting in on monthly community advisory meetings regarding the SW LRT extension. Potential maintenance facilities, park n ride, a stop in Twin Brooks are topics being discussed
- Allard Rink Family Skate times; next year we will try to get better with controlling the family skate time.
- Rob Powell put a FAQ on the Blackmud Creek Community League website regarding the Allard Rink. The Allard School used the rink for field trips.
- Our bylaws were updated and registered after the AGM last year. (updates are in the minutes of 2017 AGM)

- Blackmud Creek Community League signed a temporary License Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Allard Rink; just for the rink to allow us to use Casino funds for rink expenses.
- We made Crowd Notice Signs for our events about photography.
- We learned that it is our responsibility to replace the netting on the Basketball court at the Blackmud Creek Park, so that was replaced.

The Year Ahead:

1. Developing a Sustainable Development Community Plan. Rob Powell will do up a draft so that we can plan for future budgeting and spending of funds raised through casinos. Surveys don't really work well for guiding the league. We want to create a plan and a guide for future boards.
2. Need to create new standards – eg. How much playground committees get in funding from the Community League. Need to update old policies too.
3. In the budget this year is \$250 membership to the Tool Library – this membership is for the whole community to access the Tool Library at no charge.
4. Installing Basketball nets and potentially a tennis set up at the rink in Allard.
5. Firepit at the Rink is not legal. May just remove it.
6. We will start brainstorm ideas about the design for the rink shack, hopefully with meeting space for the board.
7. The City will be paving the parking lot at the rink.
8. Daycare opening in Allard.
9. Outreach to the businesses in Cashman for sponsorships.
10. The Developer in Cavanagh is building a small playground on the west side by the creek.
11. Rob Powell wants to reach out to more developers.
12. Our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator stated that the small playground in Richford might get replaced soon.
13. Oktoberfest event this year.
14. Rob Powell wants to reach out to condominium boards as many of their resident's may not know they are part of Blackmud Creek Community League.
15. Road Sign on James Mowatt needs to be replaced.
16. L.R.T. Park N Ride supposed to start this year.
17. Ellerslie Rd. utility work to start for the future 135th Street interchange.
18. James Mowatt widening up to 30th Ave SW this year.

Approval of AGM 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve by the Minutes of the Blackmud Creek Community League 2017 Annual General Meeting was made by Carolyn Gillespie seconded by Garrick Ma. Motion was Unanimously carried.

Presentation of Reviewed Financial Statements

Presented by: Veronica Dutchak, Treasurer of the Community League in 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue comes from Operating Grants, Rink Rental, and Memberships.
- Soccer revenue \$45000, went up 30%.
- Stopped submitting articles to Community Views early last year.

Expenses

- Insurance Policy for Community League is a big expense.
- Membership fees to Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.
- \$500 membership to SWAC (Southwest Area Council); with this membership we can apply to for \$2000 event funds each year.
- \$1000 for Green Shack programming.
- Sports – Porta Potty at Blackmud Creek park \$980.
- Free Community Swim at YMCA expense of \$2700.
- Allard Rink \$26000, this year much of that can go through the Casino account.
- \$2700 for Storage space.
- Roberta MacAdams nature books.

Casino Funds Usage

- Shed at Allard Rink.
- We have received \$231,000 from Casinos since 2011.
- Bank fees.
- \$19,000 towards kitchen equipment at Allard school.
- \$105,000 to the City for Callaghan Playground.

Presentation of Reviewed Budgets - Veronica Dutchak

Operating and casino accounts budgets presented (attached).

QUESTION: Timeline for spending casino funds?

RESPONSE: We have to use the funds before our next casino; typically every 2 years.

QUESTION: Who reviews the financials?

RESPONSE: Two independent auditors from the community league (not board members) audit the year end financials.

MOTION: To approve the 2018 budgets for the Operating and Casino Accounts. Motion made by Jonathan Spence and seconded by Danita MacDonald. Motion to approve the budgets was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MOTION: To approve the 2017 Audited Financial Statements. Motion made by Veronica Dutchak and seconded by Chad Willsey. Motion to approved the 2017 audited financial statements was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Election of Officers

Rob Powell explained the Election rules from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and also our own Blackmud Creek Community League policy and bylaws. Our Election Policy is now on our website. We have not received any notifications of nominations of candidates outside the existing board.

Rob Powell explained the roles of each position of the board. The vacant positions can be filled anytime of the year. Rob Powell (Board President) does a pre-screening meeting with them and a background criminal record check is done.

President – leads the board, meetings, main point of contact. Levels of Government

VP – Responsible for Policies and Procedures, bylaws, leads when President is away

Secretary – meeting minutes, signing authority,

Treasurer- financials budget, signing authority

Programs Director- community events

Sports Director – primary focus on Soccer but maybe other sports programs

Membership directors – keeps track of memberships sold, sells memberships at community events

Fundraising Director – Asks for business sponsorship and other funding

Facilities – Responsible for the Ice Rink, and Signs

Civics – Review development permits that we receive in the mail to ensure nothing unsightly is built

Communications – Social Media, emails,

Director at Large – *helps the board where needed.*

Rob Powell Declared that Nominations for the Board are Now Open

Nominations for the Blackmud Creek Community League 2018 Board of Directors were:

President – Rob Powell; *nominated by Jill Gurela.*

Unanimously carried. Acclaimed

Vice President – Jill Gurela; *nominated by Rob Powell.*

Unanimously carried.

Secretary – vacant

Treasurer – Diana Powell; *Rob Powell nominated Diana Powell to continue in this role.*

Unanimously carried.

Membership – vacant

Communications – Freya Fru; *nominated by Rob Powell*

Unanimously carried

Sports – Danita MacDonald; *Rob Powell nominated Danita MacDonald to continue this role;*

Unanimously carried | Acclaimed

Civics – Vacant

Programs – Tunde Obasan; *Rob Powell nominated Tunde Obasan to continue in this role.*

Unanimously carried. | Acclaimed

Fundraising – Garrick Ma; *nominated by Rob Powell to continue in this role.*

Unanimous Carried | Acclaimed.

Facilities – Jonathan Spence; *nominated by Rob Powell to continue in this role. Unanimously carried |*

Acclaimed.

Director at Large – Vacant

Rob Powell stated anyone who is interested in one of the vacant board positions can speak to any of the board members after the meeting.

Thanking Retiring Board Members.

Veronica Dutchak was treasurer for 3 years then left and came back to help for a short term. .

Kim Lucid outgoing Vice President. Kim Lucid was also the representative on the Callaghan Playground Development Committee.

Gil Rueck – left the board in the fall.

Alana Clark – Programs for a short time but helped a lot with Community League Day

Thomas V – Membership Director. Great for volunteering for events

Corice Dux – Communications Director

City of Edmonton CRC – MJ Chapelsky. The City changed the roles and positions.

Appointment of Auditors for 2018

**Motion to appoint Veronica Dutchak and Dax Dalal.
Veronica Dutchak and Dax Dalal accepted this appointment.**

Question: Do we need an accounting firm to audit the financials?

RESPONSE: Our Bylaws state either a Chartered Accountant or 2 independent community members can audit our year end financials.

Conclusion

Rob Powell discussed the Great Neighbour Walk by the EFCL Saturday, April 28th. They are using proceeds from the event to build in Hawrelak Park a space to commemorate 100 Years of Community Leagues.

Adjournment at 8:48pm . Next Board Meeting – May 15, 2018 7:30pm Johnny Bright School. Rob Powell stated that the meetings are open to everyone but only board members can vote at board meetings.

The AGM was followed by a social at Ellerslie Rugby Club; Blackmud Creek Community League provided all member attendees with one drink ticket for the bar. Snacks were provided.

THESE MINUTES WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED ON April 9, 2019 by:



Rob Powell, President



**Jill Gurela, Vice President
(recorder of the minutes)**

Blackmud Creek Community League
2018 Budget - Operating Account
For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash - Operating Account	37,088.60
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Callaghan Playground Fund	0.00
Capital Assets	841.58
Total Assets	<u>37,930.18</u>
Liabilities	
Accrued Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	25,875.08
Net Income (loss)	12,055.10
Total Equity	37,930.18
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>37,930.18</u>

Income Statement

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Grants	20,669.00	22,000.00	1,331.00
Playground Grants	0.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
Rink Rental Revenue	200.00	200.00	0.00
Memberships	2017 Actual: 371 Budgeted: 400	14,000.00	664.95
Soccer Revenue	45,378.00	42,874.00	(2,504.00)
Total Revenue	<u>79,582.05</u>	<u>209,074.00</u>	129,491.95
Expenses			
Advertising	3,181.00	3,500.00	319.00
Annual General Meeting	0.00	637.50	637.50
Bank Service Charges	201.41	200.00	(1.41)
Insurance	1,175.00	1,250.00	75.00
Legal/Professional Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00
Membership	1,055.98	1,650.00	594.02
Postage and Delivery	201.08	300.00	98.92
Other	500.00	500.00	0.00
Spring/Summer Shack	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Program Expense			
Community League Day	1,766.25	6,000.00	4,233.75
October Fest	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Canada Day	6,000.00	5,000.00	(1,000.00)
Winterfun Day	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Callaghan Playground Kickoff	0.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	17.50	0.00	(17.50)
Total Programs	7,783.75	14,400.00	6,616.25
Callaghan Playground Project	500.00	130,000.00	129,500.00
Blackburne Playground Project	0.00	500.00	500.00
Signage	525.00	1,000.00	475.00
Sports			
Playground	980.00	1,000.00	20.00
Community Swim	2,652.00	2,500.00	(152.00)
Snow Bank Rink			0.00
Allard Rink	26,469.21	5,000.00	(21,469.21)
Soccer	38,045.41	30,900.00	(7,145.41)
Total Sports	68,146.62	39,400.00	(28,746.62)
Storage	2,735.65	2,381.40	(354.25)
Volunteer Appreciation	1,225.00	0.00	(1,225.00)
Website	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	<u>88,230.49</u>	<u>197,018.90</u>	108,788.41
Net Income (loss)	<u>(8,648.44)</u>	<u>12,055.10</u>	20,703.54

**Blackmud Creek Community League
2018 Budget - Casino Account
For the Year Ending December 31, 2018**

Balance Sheet

Assets			
Cash		102,132.56	
Accounts Receivable			
Prepays			
Fixed Assets			
Shed	7,003.50		
Ice Equipment	<u>6,517.81</u>	13,521.31	
Total Assets			<u><u>115,653.87</u></u>
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
Equity			
Retained Earnings		175,859.37	
Net Income (Loss)		(60,205.50)	
Total Equity		115,653.87	
Total Liabilities and Equity			<u><u>115,653.87</u></u>
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Income Statement

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
Casino Revenue	72,648.71	0.00	(72,648.71)
Total Revenue	<u>72,648.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(72,648.71)</u>
Expenses			
Casino Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	131.41	131.00	(0.41)
Community League Building	19,376.14	0.00	(19,376.14)
Playground Development			
Callaghan Playground	105,000.00	0.00	(105,000.00)
Blackburne Playground	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Allard Playground	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Playground Development	<u>105,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>(90,000.00)</u>
Signage	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Soccer Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Ice Rink			
Wages	0.00	4,041.00	4,041.00
Ice Maintenance	3,380.13	15,856.50	12,476.37
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	0.00	1,677.00	1,677.00
Total Rink Expense	<u>3,380.13</u>	<u>21,574.50</u>	<u>18,194.37</u>
Basketball Nets & Tennis Set Up	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>127,887.68</u>	<u>60,205.50</u>	<u>(67,682.18)</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(55,238.97)</u></u>	<u><u>(60,205.50)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,966.53)</u></u>