

# BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: Dec 3, 2014

LOCATION: Michelle Lapierre's Home

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Garrick Ma

PRESENT: Michelle Lapierre, Veronica Dutchak (by phone), Rob Powell, Andrea Hesse, Chad Willsey, Gil Rueck, Kim Lucid, Donna Johnson, Jill Gurela, Greg Wong

ABSENT:

GUESTS : Erin Flaherty (CRC)

MINUTES: Kim Lucid

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Garrick Ma, President, called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. A quorum was established.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Upon a motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Chad Willsey and unanimously carried the agenda is approved.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Upon a motion duly made by Jill Guerla, seconded by Michelle Lapierre and unanimously carried, meeting minutes from Sept 16, 2014 are approved.*

## REPORTS OF MEMBERS

### **President (G. Ma)**

-G. Ma started a "You've been Elfed" (instructions are online) in his neighbourhood. Garrick will send out the link. Thought it would be a good idea for other to try starting this on their street

### **Civics (G. Rueck)**

-G. Rueck and G. Ma are meeting this Thursday with Larry (land), Matt (government and architecture), Nathan (school board), Roland (planning/construction) and Brian Anderson. Schools are going to tender soon so a decision needs to be made. Won't know for sure until at least a month.

-Need to decide Thursday if we are putting a request for proposals out. YMCA could be involved as well as others and that will depend on where we end up

-Looking for an extra percent that we can rezone to build a community centre. Can't come up with any proposed amounts until we know if we have any land

-Expression of interest not an RFP yet. Hesitated to go back to community survey but we may need to send out a survey before a decision has been made to make sure we know what the community wants before we even send out an expression of interest. Need to work on a targeted survey, E. Flaherty is going to look at some templates that have already been created

-Plan A: get a survey ready to send out, Plan B: If the meeting on Thursday happens and it needs to move quickly, we should have a conference call or a special meeting

### **Facilities (R. Powell)**

-Posted a pedestrian sidewalk sign at the rink

-Nov 17, R. Powell met Questec and gave them all of the info for the rink this year and then the weather warmed up, supposed to come tomorrow and do snow removal and flood but the weather is supposed to warm up next week

-Josh, Bill, Ethan and Blake are working on the rink. R. Powell needs to fill out the new tax forms, V. Dutchak will email new versions and they need to be filled out before starting shifts

-The initial snow removal is included but every time they have to come back to clear again before flooding is an extra charge

-R. Powell will send the time sheets every other Friday

-R. Powell changed the thermostat to a programmable one because it was getting left on and burning the propane up

-Trying to find the MLC contract, sent it back for renewal. MLC said they sent it out to the city this summer. Erin is trying to get an update but it will have to go through the city now probably for Jan 2015. We needed a walk through before it was finalized but we weren't involved in the communication. If this was turned over to the city they must have agreed to the contract.

-If we don't have a contract from the city until January we can't claim anything through the casino. E. Flaherty involved her director in the situation this week so she hopes to have an answer by the end of the week

-2 or 3 posts have 40 watt LED lights, not worth rewiring

-R. Powell's wife is due Dec 27 so he may not be able to be at the rink as much this year

### **Neighbourhood Watch (D. Johnson)**

-Debbie Sellers is the new vice-president and crime watch has moved to a new location.

-Had a silent auction a few weeks ago

- You can sign up for walk your block, which the police will track to see if people walking in their neighbourhood will help decrease crime
- J. Guerla will put the walk your block info on the community website
- D. Johnson has receipts for some police checks that have to be submitted
- D. Johnson has a couple more police checks to do for the rink attendants

### **Memberships (A. Hesse)**

- Memberships are slow right now
- The general mail is now forwarded to A. Hesse and then she checks the membership email and it is only 50/50 that they will come through
- Requests that we put on our website to buy memberships through federation website. We can leave instructions if they can't pay online. Heritage point is also doing this
- G. Ma asked if we go that route how can we reconcile. V. Dutchak said she doesn't think we ever get paid from the federation
- G. Ma asked A. Hesse to see if she can get some sort of report. We need to find out how to log into the federation and look at the sales report
- A. Hesse will be gone from Jan 21-Feb 1. J. Guerla offered to cover memberships while she is gone
- A. Hesse gave R. Powell skate tags for the rink shack

### **Communications (J. Gurela)**

- J. Guerla will try to get a newsletter out before the end of the year with neighbourhood watch and soccer info
- Ad for casino volunteers needs to be posted as well

### **Sports Programs (C. Willsey/G. Wong)**

- Need the contact for the YMCA from V. Dutchak so that Greg can follow up on the swim program
- S. Lee was working on having access to the whole YMCA. They said they wouldn't advertise that but they wouldn't make a big deal of it either. G. Ma thought it would be great for our membership if we could say that they could use the other facilities. G. Wong will bring this up with the YMCA

### **Financials (V. Dutchak)**

- Veronica needs to collect the \$5000 Heritage Point agreed to pay us in 2014. Should be the same for this year.
- Swim numbers at YMCA for August -56, Sept-2, Oct -35. We only pay per use which is different from how TRC charged us
- Need to submit a letter to Alberta gaming this past spring to allow us to defer spending for 2011 \$49,000 proceeds and \$80,000 from 2013. We had originally said we were going to spend it on a sign. Want to write another letter to defer spending it, but need to decide what to write in the letter...are we going to continue with the sign? With the Callaghan playground we need to consider if that should over ride the sign or a community centre? We need to have proof of a plan
- Need to get the application for March casino completed
- We have put forward \$100,000 for the Callaghan playground, which will use most of the casino funds. The remaining \$30,000 could be allocated to a community centre. Can also put that if the playground comes short of funds we could allocate more
- What should she put on the deferral letter and on the new application? Basketball nets are approx. \$11,000

-If we earmark the 2015 funds for a community hall/centre and show that it will take a few years. V. Dutchak would like to know some numbers of what we would be committing to this.

*Upon a motion duly made by Gill Rueck, seconded by Rob Powell and unanimously carried the board supports a motion for 2011/2013 casino funds to be allocated up to maximum of \$100,000 on Callaghan playground the remaining funds will be allocated to a community centre, sports equipment (soccer equipment for new age category) and signage.*

*Upon a motion duly made by Veronica Dutchak, seconded by Donna Johnson and unanimously carried the board supports a motion for 2015 casino application use of funds to be outlined for a community facility.*

### **CRC (E. Flaherty)**

-Front yards in bloom, second year for doing winter scapes. Community groups can borrow a winter scape set for their events, can book through E. Flaherty

-We would like to book this kit for the winter fun day in February

-Canada summer jobs grant deadline is end of January

-One proposal in addition to the green shack, we couldn't use the funding for an additional green shack

-Learn to skate programs, the city is changing the program, offering it as a free drop in at all of the outdoor rinks. Allard will have a program at the rink Wed evenings starting in January (6 week program). If it's colder than -20 with the wind chill it will be canceled

-City has been reviewing the recreations programs, no leaders out to special events but they will continue doing the volunteer support. Overview of programs they are still offering, if we are interested in offering these programs we can request through E. Flaherty. The programs are cost recovery, usually \$20/person/hour

-E. Flaherty also reminded us of other programs the city offers to communities:

-Jan-June Snow shack and spring shack (ages 6-12) min 4 sessions. Any interest in the snow shack this year? Probably not this year due to cost

-Flying eagle program to learn more about aboriginal culture and heritage

-After school drop in (4-8 sessions minimum)

-Have to be held same day, same time, same location

-G. Ma was interested in mobile skate park equipment for the rink this summer, E. Flaherty is going to look into it

-Other services being offered: recreation equipment purchase, program development and curriculum resources, training sessions for community volunteers, event planning support

-Recreation networks pilot project, each district is piloting this project. Twin brooks, Yellowbird, Blue quill, Ermineskin are in E. Flaherty's pilot group. Held 2 gatherings with recreation providers in the network. Heritage valley has been identified as one network area. E. Flaherty will be working with her colleagues of getting a list of recreation providers in the area: schools, libraries, churches, businesses etc. First gathering will be mid Jan-Feb so we will get an email about this soon

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Soccer Updates**

- Indoor season sponsored 3 teams this year. In the past there has been no extra money for year end party, gifts etc., due to not collecting any fees from indoor soccer. C. Willsey is requesting \$50 for year-end party to be expensed back to us. V. Dutchak said we do have some room in the budget but we don't receive any revenue from this. Heritage point doesn't give any gifts for indoor either. C. Willsey will follow up with Matt (Heritage Point) to see what their plan is. Indoor ends in March so we have time to make a decision soon
- Outdoor season is starting to get busier. Registration dates for 2015 are Feb 11, 19 and 21 at Johnny Bright School. Two outdoor signs have been ordered and approved, V. Dutchak followed up as it was our turn to pay for it this year. C. Willsey is to email V. Dutchak the invoice when it is received
- For registration SWEMSA has added U12, this year we will need to buy equipment for these teams. Most likely at least one team of girls and boys
- C. Willsey is meeting this Friday to set the registration fees for the coming year. There will be a 10% increase
- We have had an agreement with the photographer for the past 3 years and the contract is up for renewal. C. Willsey proposes renewing the agreement for another 3 years and setting the dates for May 30 this year
- There is discussion of using referees for U8 games for all the communities, which would be a cost to us.
- We are supposed to get a registration refund from SWEMSA from last year for a total of \$170/per team (18). Veronica asked if we could get it before Dec 31 but C. Willsey is going to follow up to find out. C. Willsey will give V. Dutchak a copy of the email proof from SWEMSA.
- In January SWEMSA will have the outdoor registration links for our website which will need to be added no later than Jan 18
- Heritage point approached us to use Marisa as well. Garrick approved it as long as it was ok with her

### **Callaghan playground committee**

- Callaghan playground committee has been set up, their first meeting is this Thursday. They need to send a proposal to the city
- First proposal was \$600,000, \$250,000 NPDP matching grant, CFEP \$125,000 matching grant. If the committee raised \$125,000. \$50,000 from developers in the area that would leave \$75,000 left to raise. \$100,000 from our funds and \$75,000 from the Callaghan community league.
- If we commit the casino funds, and the committee sends in a project request, then we are committing the funds
- There is a restriction on casino funds for playgrounds, V. Dutchak will look into it

*Upon a motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Chad Willsey and unanimously carried the board motions that we move forward with the Callaghan playground project to submit a project request form to the city and that the board will commit financial support of \$100,000*

- The board has to approve the committee's terms of reference
- M. Lapierre will attend the first meeting and then it will be handed over to the committee
- The financial chair admin will have to do a police check but no one else should have to, they will be co-chaired with V. Dutchak. All donations will be written out to the city of Edmonton

-An Executive board member should be present at their meeting every couple of months

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, Jan 20, 2014 at 7:30pm** at Johnny Bright.

ADJOURNMENT

*Upon a motion duly made by Gil Rueck, seconded by Chad Willsey, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.*