
The Erlton Community Association hosts monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Talisman Centre except for July and August. Meetings provide an opportunity for community members to receive updates on the status of projects from the ECA and bring any new issues to the attention of the community and executive.

Erlton Community Association

March 2015 Meeting Minutes (March 10, 2015)

Call to Order

The MARCH meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:11 pm by Natalya Nicholson.

1) Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as presented (Bill F/Michelle S). Carried .

2) Presentation of the Minutes

Motion to accept the February 2015 minutes as presented (Bill F/Danielle K). Carried.

3) Information Items:

a) President's Report

Natalya prepared a card for Mac Logan, Manager of Transportation at the City of Calgary, to thank him for sharing his time and expertise at the February ECA meeting. The card will be circulated for comments and then sent to Mr. Logan.

b) Secretary's Report – no report

c) Treasurer's Report

Bonnie F – no report. Natalya N – looked into alternative insurance companies, but hasn't found one that can beat Toole Peet rates, therefore, we will continue with current insurance. Michelle S - No word on Talisman Energy funding for river clean-up (\$1000), believes a portion of this funding has been used for insurance in the past. Current Director's and liability insurance (\$1535) is more than what we take in through membership fees. Danielle K/Michelle S will follow-up with Denise, Shirine and Julier regarding the status of Talisman Energy funding/event insurance.

Natlaya N – Website domain due for renewal, plan to sync renewals so deadlines are on the same schedule.

d) Director's Reports

i) Membership

Membership awareness month

Danielle K – March is membership awareness month, attended a FCC membership recruitment workshop, very informative, has a few new ideas regarding membership recruitment. Feels that ECA has done membership well, doesn't feel we need to do more, communities that can do door-to-door canvassing works well for small communities. Main reasons people buy memberships (From FCC workshop): 1. Participate in community clubs, utilize facilities etc 2. Give back to community/influence community. Feels we should grasp onto 'give back to community'. Danielle would like to send an email to residents who attended the Neighbour Day BBQ in June 2014 (emails from attendance sheets) and ask if they would like to be included on our mailing list. General consensus

that this is a good idea. Michelle S – we should include the condo board members. Danielle K will draft an email and circulate to the Board for approval prior to sending out.

Neighbour cards

The “My Neighbour Card” was created by the FCC, in partnership with the Calgary Police, as a community engagement tool to encourage neighbours to get to know each other and build a safe community. The card provides you with spaces to fill in your Neighbor’s contact information:



Danielle would like to drop these off in mailboxes in April, potentially with a community newsletter. Danielle would like to potentially create a quarterly newsletter to further engage residents. Natalya N – previously, the ECA has decided not to distribute hard-copy newsletters because of printing cost and distribution barriers. Bill F – a neighbor postcard for new residents and non-members is a good idea. The membership committee currently has a representative for each avenue in South Erlton, perhaps they could assist with distribution. Babatte B – it is important for residents to realize that, by being a member, you have an opportunity to provide real input, for example, the meeting we had with Mac Logan. Danielle K will explore these ideas further and bring newsletter ideas to the April ECA meeting. It would also be a good idea to make memberships available for purchase at general meetings, ECA events etc. We should also look into incentives for memberships, e.g. discounts at local businesses.

i. Planning & Development Committee

Development permit application: 23 -31 Ave SW, single family home with secondary suite in the main building and triple rear garage. Bill F – developer of this property presented to the community at the January ECA meeting. At that time, the developer indicated there wouldn’t be any relaxations, looks like this continues to be the case. Michelle S – reviewed the DP and has no concerns about the development. Overall, the proposed development is very compatible with the character of the street. All parking is accessed from the lane, including a dedicated garage stall and separate amenity space for the secondary suite. There do not appear to be any bylaw relaxations. Michelle S will circulate the community comment to the planning committee and post on the ECA website.

See <http://erltoncommunity.com/development-planning/> for all active and past planning & development reports and communications.

Community Feedback: City of Calgary Secondary Suites presentations

The City hosted several secondary suites presentations ahead of the potential re-zoning of several inner-city wards to allow suites throughout. No one present at the ECA meeting attended any of these presentations. Natalya N – we hope to organize a presentation from the City, the ECA would benefit from an overview on types of suites, lot requirements etc.

ii. Traffic Committee

Gord L – was unable to make Mac Logan’s presentation. The City is willing to take a progressive approach to managing traffic; we should use their research and knowledge to our benefit. If we continue a collaborative approach, they will continue to come out/show up. It is significant to have a City General Manager present at a community meeting.

Community Feedback: Anthem Properties Development Presentation

Natalya N – The Anthem presentation was well-attended. One major concern expressed was traffic, when the DP comes through, is this something the community would want to appeal? The community has always supported the Anthem development, traffic management is the only issue.

A few major traffic issues were discussed and are a reiteration of the issues discussed at previous meetings, including: access/egress from Anthem to MacLeod southbound (problem with “hairpin” turns from the Anthem development), the potential of allowing an exit to MacLeod Tr southbound at 22nd Ave (Mac Logan indicated this is possible), and general concerns about short-cutting through South Erlton as a result of the proposed traffic light at Erlton Rd and increased traffic associated with the development. Natalya N – Mac Logan needs a couple months to get back to us regarding potential traffic solutions – Erlton is not in the queue yet, need to get into queue and review issues. The ECA is working with the City and Ward 9 team to develop a detailed list of feasible traffic calming/optimization measures, with particular attention to:

- a. Shortcutting along 27th, 28th and 31st Ave
- b. Review necessity for traffic light at Erlton Rd and 25th ave
- c. Speed issues throughout South Erlton (traffic calming measures – humps/buttons)
- d. Optimization of 25th Ave/MacLeod Trail intersection
- e. Potential turning restrictions or closure of Erlton Street @ 25th Ave

Community traffic questions, concerns, ideas etc can be sent to traffic@erltoncommunity.com

iii. Post-Flood Action Committee

Geoff G - Four neighbours bordering the river, close to 25th ave are working together to develop a flood remediation/construction plan to prevent further damage to their properties. They are working with a consultant; the plan is likely a combination of rocks and living plants (not a retaining wall) and will not likely extend above ground level. Natalya N – let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

iv. Parks Committee (Parks Director - position open)

River Clean Up, Sunday, May 3, 2015

Michelle S – planning is underway for the annual river clean-up on May 3rd. An alternate rain-out day is scheduled for May 24th. We should have more information about the clean-up at the April ECA meeting.

Stanley Park to Glenmore Dam Preservation Society (S2G) - Stewardship Initiative

Michelle S – attended the S2G AGM and purchased a membership for the ECA, will remit receipt to Bonnie F for reimbursement. S2G is a non-profit society that formed in response to growing pressures

on inner city neighbourhoods and green spaces. Focuses on preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands. The society is just re-forming after several years of inactivity.

Parks Survey Update

Michelle S – we have received ~25 responses to the 25th Ave park enhancement survey. So far the top requests for the green space include benches/seating, paved pathways, boulders/natural enhancements, public art, and light fixtures. The survey is posted in the upcoming “Elbow Scene” and ECA website. Once we have a few more responses, we plan to apply for a “Conceptual Drawing Grant” from the City of Calgary to work with a Landscape Architect to produce a detailed landscaping plan. Survey access online: <http://erltoncommunity.com/2015/02/08/erltonparkssurvey2015/>

b. Committee Reports

i. Governance Committee

Michelle S – currently utilizing the FCC’s resources to direct governance committee work. A quick review of the FCC’s “Good Board Practices” checklist reveals a few areas of need for the ECA. Two areas of focus for the next couple months will be 1. Generating detailed “job” descriptions for Board positions and 2. Creation of a policy manual

2. New Business

a. Talisman Centre Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Natalya N - Jeff Booke was present at our December 2014 meeting to discuss future expansion plans at Talisman Centre. Natalya is about 75% through constructing an engagement survey for Erlton residents to share input in what the future Talisman Centre expansion will look like. Natalya will send the survey to the Board soon for feedback and, once approved, it will be sent out to the community.

3. Guest Presentations & Speakers:

a. City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator - we hope to meet our new Recreation Coordinator soon

b. Ward 9 Update – regrets, the Ward 9 team is at a workshop for the Greenline LRT

4. Good and Welfare: Community Appreciation & Engagement

Thank you card for Mac Logan circulated to be signed

**Meeting
Adjourned**

The MARCH meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:45pm. (Natalya N/Bill F.). Carried.

**Erlton Community Association
MEETING ATTENDANCE
March 10, 2015**

NAME	MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Babette Blindert	Y	
Bonnie Fischer	Y	ECA Treasurer
Bill Fischer	Y	ECA Planning
Gordon Laird	Y	ECA Traffic
Brian Kiers	Y	
Geoff Granville	Y	ECA Post-Flood Committee
Tony Suche	Y	
Danielle Kraus	Y	ECA Membership
Darcy Kraus	Y	
Norma Brown	Y	
Dean Campbell	Y	
Nadeem Bhanji	Y	
Rob Murray	N	
Natalya Nicholson	Y	ECA President
Michelle Smekal	Y	ECA Secretary
TOTAL: 15	Members: 14	