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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.

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# Erlton Community Association

## April 2015 Meeting Minutes (April 14, 2015)

Call to  
Order

The APRIL meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:08 pm by Natalya Nicholson.

### 1) Approval of Agenda

**Motion** to accept agenda as presented (Natalya N). Carried.

### 2) Presentation of the Minutes

**Motion** to accept the March 2015 minutes as presented. Bill F – request to add text to sentence under item 3-d-iii (Post-flood Action Committee) to clarify that the owners, not Geoff Granville, commented on the river bank rehabilitation on their property: add “*The owners of the property indicate* the plan is likely a combination of rocks and living plants (not a retaining wall) and will not likely extend above ground level”

**Motion** to accept the March 2015 minutes as amended (Natalya N/Geoff G). Carried.

### 3) Information Items:

#### a) President’s Report

**Website:** The website is currently down, due to web hosting change to another registrar. The new service is far cheaper (\$3.95 per month) and offers additional features that will allow us to streamline communications. The website should be back up soon. We are covered for three years.

**Anthem:** No new news on Anthem. Rocky S doesn’t expect anything to come back from the planning commission until June 2015. He noted that there is a problem involving the pedestrian overpass, which is taking some time. Also requested feedback from the File Manager, via Councillor Carra’s office, but they indicated they do not have anything to add at this time. We did receive confirmation that the bus stop has been moved to the slip road. Bill F – how does the bus turn onto Macleod Trail S via the slip road? If the bus is able to utilize this exit, then perhaps cars could also? Natalya N – will ask Anthem.

**Erlton Identity:** would like to review Erlton’s community vision, need to have a clearer vision for the community, ie do we want to focus on walking, transit etc. Our ARP is 20+ years old, perhaps time to review this document. A clear vision assists with big questions relating to significant developments. The Beltline Community Association is currently involved in a number of engagement activities; there are likely some bigger issues we can address with neighbouring community associations.

**Stampede:** Plan to meet with the Stampede Communications Representative in early May to discuss a presentation for the ECA. Would like to focus on what is going on the southern and western areas of the park. We hope to have them present at the June ECA meeting. Bill F – the south side of the Elbow River, where the Indian Village used to be located, is part of Erlton. This is on the Erlton community boundary map in the ARP; the land south of the elbow river to Spiller Road is Erlton.

**Secondary Suites:** Will be attending a Councillor's session for community association Presidents on April 21. Bill F has provided some feedback to Natlaya ahead of the session. Kasper L has a few additional comments he plans to send to Natalya, for example, concerns about relaxation of lot size requirements. Norma B - what about illegal suites? Natalya N – will seek feedback on this at the upcoming meeting. Michelle S – we need a “snapshot” of the changes coming to areas already zoned for suites (ie. Are there changes to lot size requirements etc. There is still a lot of confusion about what will change and how it may/may not impact Erlton residents.

**Lindsay Park Sport Society (LPSS):** The LPSS AGM is on Thursday, Natalya plans to attend. Will thank them for their on-going support, Talisman expansion presentation etc.

**Talisman Engagement Survey:** Natalya will seek feedback from the LPSS and ECA Board after the LPSS AGM.

**Neighbor Day:** Neighbour Day hasn't been officially announced by the City yet, might not be formally announced, therefore, there may not additional funds/grants for us to access for an event. Perhaps we could host an informal event, picnic in the park or something, and potentially show plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> ave park. We will discuss this further at the May ECA meeting.

**b) Secretary's Report** – Michelle S – would like to consider opening a twitter account for the ECA. Many community associations and all of the Councillors use twitter extensively, would be a great way to connect with Erlton residents and the wider community, another avenue for engagement. Gord L – currently work with the City communication department; feel we have a high degree of social media civic engagement. Cost/benefit, twitter is relevant, would be a good thing for Erlton. Natalya N – we can add this to the May agenda, would like to discuss this at the next Director's meeting.

**c) Treasurer's Report** - No report, regrets from Bonnie F.

**d) Director's Reports**

**i) Membership-** No report, regrets from Danielle K.

**ii) Planning & Development Committee**

Bill F- the development at 23 31 ave SW, a single family home with secondary suite, has been approved. The development has no relaxations.

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

**iii) Traffic Committee**

Gord L– looking to restart the Traffic Committee, has engaged previous members and followed up with residents who have made traffic related enquiries. Plan to discuss/understand current issues, collect ideas about future traffic issues and plan ahead. Natlaya N– walkability is also something to highlight, as well as cycling and transit access. We should integrate other means of transportation within the traffic committee. Also, parking during stampede – North Erlton has an agreement for community only parking during Stampede, but South Erlton also experiences congestion, is this something we need to look at again? Car2go might also become an issue because they can park in restricted residential areas.

Community traffic questions, concerns, ideas etc can be sent to [traffic@erltoncommunity.com](mailto:traffic@erltoncommunity.com)

**iv) Post-Flood Action Committee**

Geoff G – No new news to report on. The 2m high gates/doors for Glenmore dam will likely be installed ~2018 (to increase dam capacity). This, plus the Springbank dry-storage reservoir, should significantly reduce the probability of a 2013 event from occurring again.

Michelle S – the City announced a CEMA ‘train-the-trainer’ course available to one individual per community association, perhaps a member of the post-flood action committee would like to attend. Natalya N – we can send an announcement.

**v) Parks Committee (Parks Director - position open)**

**(1) River Clean Up, Sunday, May 3, 2015**

Michelle S – planning is underway for the annual river clean-up on May 3rd. Event details: May 3, 2015; 10am-1pm (BBQ starts at 11am). An alternate rain-out day is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>. Shirine Lund has kindly volunteered to organize the BBQ, a number of residents have stepped up to volunteer. The ECA will set up a table to provide information about the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave Park enhancement initiative and potentially sell ECA memberships. We will also have paper surveys available to fill out. We hope to see a lot of people out, helping to clean-up our green spaces and enjoy a great BBQ!

**(2) Parks Survey Update – last 3 weeks**

Michelle S – we have received ~40 responses to the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave park enhancement survey. So far the top requests for the green space include benches/seating, paved pathways, boulders/natural enhancements, flower beds and public art. We plan to make the survey available at the river clean-up and will close the survey shortly thereafter. Plan to request quotes for conceptual drawings from three landscapers so we can apply for a Conceptual Drawing Grant.

Survey access online: <http://erltoncommunity.com/2015/02/08/erltonparkssurvey2015/>

**e) Committee Reports**

**i) Governance Committee**

No report- work continues on two current priorities: 1. “Job” descriptions for Board positions and 2. Creation of a policy manual. We are utilizing well-established templates from the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC).

**4) New Business**

**5) Guest Presentations & Speakers:**

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

b) **Ward 9 Update – Katie Hope and Eric Peters** - regrets

**6) Good and Welfare: Community Appreciation & Engagement**

Bill F – thanks to Natalya for taking initiative on the website hosting, saving ECA funds.

**Meeting  
Adjourned**

The APRIL meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:12 pm by Natlaya Nicholson

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Erlton Community Association</b>  <b>MEETING ATTENDANCE</b>  <b>April 14, 2015</b></p>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Kasper Lund	Y	ECA Vice President
Bill Fischer	Y	ECA Planning
Gordon Laird	Y	ECA Traffic
Geoff Granville	Y	ECA Post-Flood Committee
Vicky Grace	Y	
Norma Brown	Y	
Natalya Nicholson	Y	ECA President
Michelle Smekal	Y	ECA Secretary
<b>TOTAL: 8</b>	<b>Members: 8</b>	