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The Erlton Community Association hosts monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Repsol 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**

## **January 2017 Meeting Minutes**

### **January 10th: 7:00pm**

#### **Call to Order**

The January meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:10 pm by Vicky Grace.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with no changes. Motioned by Mona Hayes; seconded by Danielle Kraus. Carried.

#### **2. Presentation of the Minutes**

Motion to accept the December 2016 minutes as presented. Motioned by Danielle Kraus; seconded by Bill Fischer. Carried.

#### **3. Guest Presentation by Jeff Booke, CEO, Repsol Sports Centre.**

Jeff provided an overview and a brochure on the Legacy Project, a two-phased expansion of the Repsol Centre. The 34-year-old Centre needs to expand so it can continue to fulfill its mandate to provide a world-class facility for elite athletes as well as members of the public of all abilities was identified. After two years of extensive consultation with the surrounding communities, it was determined that expansion westward would minimize encroachment of green space and improve public access to and from Lindsay Park. Phase I, which involves building a new pool, and increasing locker rooms, meeting rooms, and public space would cost \$40-50M and is targeted to begin late 2018. The Centre hopes to have 75% of the costs covered by funding from the three levels of government. Phase II would entail relocating the existing pools under the tent and building dry land athletic facilities on the expanded west side of the building.

After Jeff left, Bill Fischer, Chair of the Planning & Development Committee, requested a discussion and decision regarding the Community Association's stance on the Repsol Centre's recent Application for Land Use Amendment. Concern was raised over the appropriation of 60,500 square feet of green space. This was countered by the assertion that this space was on the fringes of the existing building and not well-used; in fact, it has raises some safety concerns. Vicky Grace proposed a motion to support the Application (LOC2016-0345); Babette Bindert seconded it. The motion was carried by a vote of 6 for, 3 against.

#### **4. Information Items**

##### **a) President's Report: Vicky Grace**

Vicky is still in "learning mode" as the new President, attending courses offered by the Federation of Calgary Communities. She highly recommended a free workshop she attended sponsored by the Calgary Drop-in Centre on engaging with vulnerable people.

##### **b) Vice-President's Report: Krista Goranson**

No report.

c) **Treasurer's Report: Mona Hayes**

Mona is trying to track down a stamped copy of our by-laws as it has been requested by the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC). She has contacted the Elbow Scene to place notices of our upcoming meetings, and has signed up for four courses offered by the Federation of Calgary Communities, including one on the Treasurer's role for non-accountants.

d) **Directors Reports**

i. **Membership: Danielle Kraus**

There are currently 65 regularly paid members and 12 complimentary, totalling 77.

ii. **Post-flood Action Committee: Dean Campbell**

No report.

iii. **Planning and Development: Bill Fischer**

See Item 3 above.

iv. **Traffic: Natalya Nicholson**

Two years ago, Mark Logan of the City of Calgary did a walk-through of Erlton and had discussions with our community over citizen concerns about short-cutting and speeding. The City has now prepared a plan for addressing these issues which includes installing speed bumps on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The plan also includes the installation of a sidewalk by St. Mary's Cemetery. Natalya strongly recommended that we should accept the plan "as is" so that work can proceed this summer; otherwise there would be considerable delays.

**5. Positions to fill:**

a. **Parks Committee**

- This non-mandatory position is still open.

**6. Ongoing business**

a. **Event Debrief – Wine and Cheese, December 10**

Despite the last-minute venue change and cold weather, the event was attended by approximately 20 people. Thanks to Danielle for procuring food from Safeway at a substantial discount and to Mona for hosting!

**7. New Business**

a. **Social Events Coming Up:**

- Winter Hot Cocoa** - Danielle Kraus is planning this for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, likely at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Erlton Street to catch commuters getting off the C-train. She is investigating whether a permit is required. As we have a large supply of cups and she is hoping to be able to borrow the necessary equipment, the costs should be minimal.
- Mill Street Brewery Tour** – Susan Tyrrell reported that brewery tours, which includes a tasting flight, cost \$10 a person. There is semi-private room which could accommodate 12 people for those who wish to stay for dinner and order off the menu; also, the upstairs area could hold 40 to 60 people. It was decided that the best evening for this event would be Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that pre-registration and pre-payment for the tour should be required. Susan will investigate further and final details will be determined by February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Jane's Walk** – Susan Tyrrell reported that she has discussed the event with Julie Johnston, Fund Development Officer at the Repsol Centre, who was very supportive of the event last year, speaking about the history of the Centre and offering bottled water and free day passes to participants. This year Jane's Walk will be held around the world on the weekend of May 5-7. As

the annual River Clean-up is to be held the morning of Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we may try holding the walk immediately following the lunch. The Repsol Centre will support the walk on either Saturday or Sunday, whichever works best for us. We will need to decide on a date and time by mid-March.

- iv. **Events Calendar** – A preliminary calendar is on our website. It will be updated as details on events are determined.

**b. How to Start a Community Garden – January 25**

Vicky drew attention to this upcoming workshop offered by the Calgary Horticultural Society which was included in the meeting mail-out,

**c. River Access Strategy**

Concern was expressed that a recent article by the S2G+ group in the December Elbow Scene indicated that several access points had been added to the Elbow River. Laura Smith of Parks & Recreations gave a presentation on this initiative to our Community Association at our October Meeting. Natalya Nicholson will speak to Laura Smith about this matter. Note: The Elbow Scene article does invite readers to comment on the proposed locations and suggestions on alternate sites. (See [http://www.great-news.ca/Newsletters/Calgary/SW/Elbow\\_Scene/2016/December.pdf](http://www.great-news.ca/Newsletters/Calgary/SW/Elbow_Scene/2016/December.pdf), page 11.)

**8. Guests**

**a. Rosanne Pinchin – City of Calgary –NPC (Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators) Report**

Tree planting grants are available from the city. Each Ward has \$10,000 available to grant out for community events and already two applications have been received since January 1st. A winter mobile playground is available from Parks & Recreation for events. The community could partner with the Rodborough Dog Park to put on a workshop on environmentally responsible pet ownership.

**b. Ward 9 Update – Katie Hope**

Review of Tax Assessments are ongoing from now until March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Erlton Traffic Plan (see 3.d.iv above) will be reviewed at a Ward 9 weekly meeting. Please send any concerns by January 27<sup>th</sup> for the agenda. Gian-Carlo Carra does a yearly ride-through of all Ward 9 neighbourhoods to identify traffic issues.

**9. Good and Welfare – Community Appreciation and Engagement**

Vicky spoke of our efforts to increase community engagement through organizing a variety of social events throughout the year. Also, she will arrange a guest speaker for all our month meetings. The next two monthly meetings will also be in the Repsol Centre’s Learning Room (lower level) as meetings can only be booked for three months at a time, and our usual room was already reserved.

**Meeting  
Adjourned**

The January meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Motioned by Susan Tyrrell; seconded by Mona Hayes.

**Erlton Community Association MEETING ATTENDANCE**  
**DATE: 10 January 2017**

NAME	MEMBER	AFFILIATION

**TOTAL: 14**      **Members: 9**