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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**

## **February 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**February 14th: 7:00pm**

**Call to Order**

The February meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:02pm by Vicky Grace.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with agreement to move the guest speakers to the top. Motioned by Krista Goranson; seconded by Mona Hayes. Carried.

**2. Presentation of the Minutes**

Motion to accept the January 2017 minutes as presented. Motioned by Vicky Grace; seconded by Mona Hayes. Carried.

**3. Guest Presentation by Constable Pon, Community Resource Officer 1-3**

Officer Pon's area of responsibility includes Inglewood Ramsay, Mission, and Victoria Park as well as Erlton. He can be reached at [pol4609@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:pol4609@calgarypolice.ca). For the period of November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 there were no break & enters reported, no auto thefts, no robberies and seven vehicle thefts, mostly near the Repsol Centre. There were only five calls for service, which concerned unwanted guests near the Repsol Centre. City Parks wants feedback on areas which require more lighting, as this is shown to effectively reduce crime. Danielle Kraus suggested those who were interested to take a walk through Lindsay Park after the meeting to identify areas which would benefit from more lighting.

**4. Information Items**

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

The City is holding an Open House at the Repsol Centre about the 25 Avenue S.E. / LRT Grade Separation Study on February 28<sup>th</sup>; the notice will be sent to all ECA members. Vicky has recently met with our current City Councillor, Gian Carlo Carra, and the President of the Rideau-Roxboro Community Association. She is reaching out to other Community Association presidents to gather ideas for events, etc. Messages to all the ECA email addresses (e.g. [events@erltoncommunityassociation.com](mailto:events@erltoncommunityassociation.com), etc.) are currently being forwarded to Vicky, while she experiments with the spam filters.

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

Krista helped out with the Hot Cocoa evening (see below) on February 7<sup>th</sup> and thanked Danielle for her efforts.

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

Mona attended a Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) course on Internal Controls. Although it was oriented toward larger community association with facilities and rentals, one useful idea she acquired was the importance of having another individual check her work. An insurance claim was received in the association's mailbox, but later it was discovered that it had been addressed to us in error. The FCC may be offering online registration and payment capabilities for its member associations.

**d) Directors Reports**

**i. Membership: Danielle Kraus**

One new membership was obtained at the Hot Cocoa evening. There are currently 62 regular members, 14 senior complimentary members, and two senior paid members.

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

Dean was absent but Vicky reported that she attended a City flood assessment workshop in Inglewood. She will post the details on the website [www.erltoncommunity.com](http://www.erltoncommunity.com).

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

No report.

**iv. Traffic: Natalya Nicholson**

Vicky attended a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Macleod Trail intersection. The interchange is now "off the books" and a LRT grade separation will be pursued. The options will be explained at the Open House on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and feedback elicited from participants. No funding is in place for this project, so the earliest a design would be presented would be Winter 2018.

**5. Positions to fill:**

**a. Parks Committee**

- This non-mandatory position is still open.

**6. Ongoing business**

**a. Event Debrief – Winter Hot Cocoa, February 7**

Danielle, Vicky, Krista and Susan served hot cocoa to commuters at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Erlton Road in minus 20 C weather. Approximately 30 cups of cocoa were distributed. Membership information and a poster on our March 23<sup>rd</sup> Mill Street Brewery event were made available. The cost was \$62 in total, paid by Harmony Heating and AC, an Erlton business. The leftover cocoa was brought to the Calgary Dream Centre. Many of the passers-by lived in Mission; discussion was had whether an alternate location would catch more of the Erlton residents for the next time.

**b. Application for Funding for Neighbour Day Event – June 17**

Vicky is in the process for applying for funding, as we were late in doing this last year, and consequently did not receive any. The Repsol Centre has offered use of their space. The advantage of this location over Forrest Park, where the event was held last year, is that we might be able to get a liquor permit and have live entertainment.

## 7. New Business

### a. Social Events Coming Up:

- i. **Mill Street Brewery Tour** – March 23<sup>rd</sup> Susan Tyrrell distributed flyers and circulated a sign-up sheet for this event. The tour costs \$10 and will be paid by individuals at the door. We will give Mill Street a number to expected based on registration, factoring in a “no-show” rate. Afterwards participants can stay for dinner in the upper level and order off the menu.
- ii. **Jane’s Walk** – We need to decide whether to hold the walk on Saturday, May 6, or Sunday, May 7 immediately following the River Clean-up. The deadline for posting the walk on the Calgary Foundation’s Jane’s Walk website is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- iii. **Book Review Night** – Viccy will send out an email regarding the book and time, likely in early April. Possibly Mona Hayes’ “party room” could be the location.

## 8. Guests

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

Rosanne mentioned the February 28<sup>th</sup> Open House at the Repsol Centre and Jane’s Walks, May 5-7, both which had been addressed above. Alberta Parks & Recreation has launched an initiative “Communities Choose Well” which promotes and supports the development of programs, policies and partnerships that foster community wellness through active living and healthy eating. There are opportunities for community associations to receive funding for events such as a nature walk. For more information see: <http://arpaonline.ca/program/choosewell>. The Nonprofit Hub offers free online webinars to nonprofit organizations such as community associations on topics such as social media, fundraising, etc.

### b. Ward 9 Update – Katie Hope

(This item was addressed after Officer Pon’s presentation -#3 above). The deadline for the Calgary Awards is March 1<sup>st</sup> (see <http://www.calgary.ca/CA/City-Clerks/Pages/Administration-services/Calgary-Awards/Calgary-Awards.aspx?redirect=/calgaryawards>). The Federation of Calgary Communities is starting a campaign “How Will You Be Part of It” for Community Association Awareness Month in March, with a video on the importance of community associations. See <https://calgarycommunities.com/howwillyoubepartofit/> for more information.

Recreational fees will be going up after a freeze in 2016, but the increase will be nominal. At the end of January, the City implemented the Municipal Non-Residential Tax program to ensure that overall taxes (including federal and provincial) would rise by no more than 5%. Homeowners Tax Assessments will be issued March 6; there is a fee for individuals to challenge their assessments.

Preparation for spring cleaning is already underway. The Community Event Fund has extra monies available for Canada 150 celebrations.

Meeting  
Adjourned

The January meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Motioned by Natalya Nicholson seconded by Krista Goranson.

