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

## **June 2017 Meeting Minutes**

### **June 13th: 7:00pm**

The June meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:06 pm by Vicky Grace.

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

Agenda approved amended to include under Ongoing Business: b) Report by Constable Pon; c) Bunnies; and d) 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Macleod Trail Intersection. Motioned by Vicky Grace seconded by Danielle Kraus.

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

Minutes approved. Motioned by Vicky Grace; seconded by Cathy McAvoy.

#### **3. Information Items**

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

Vicky continues to work on improving our association's "brand recognition", with articles published in the recent *Elbow Scene*.

She welcomed our new Board Member: Steve McAvoy, Parks Director, who was represented at this meeting by Cathy McAvoy.

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

As Krista is on a break from her duties due to personal reasons, there was no report.

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

Mona attended the annual Police Commission Community Dinner on behalf of the Association. Awards were presented to volunteers, and the Mayor spoke. She was seated with representatives of two other community associations as well as a police officer who encouraged the attendees in raising concerns.

Two members, not on the Board, are required to review the books.

The Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) has launched the Activate YYC mini-grant program and will be promoting it on Neighbour Day.

##### **d) Directors Reports**

###### **i. Membership: Danielle Kraus**

Danielle has called all members about the upcoming Neighbour Day celebration and recruited volunteers to help with the event. There will be a membership table and members will receive an additional drink ticket as well as their names in the draws for door prizes.

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

Dean reported that the current rainfall level is normal, so flooding should not be a concern this year. The municipal and provincial governments are pushing to have the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir project completed by 2020. Public comments will be invited during the federal environmental assessment stage. Dean stressed that personal stories have significant impact in these reviews and so our members should be encouraged to submit these stories.

*Note: Since this meeting we learned that a group of landowners opposed to program has convinced the Federal Court of Canada to consider a public review panel. If the Minister of the Environment & Climate Change decides to call the review panel, it will delay the completion of the project by at least a year. See our [website](#) for more information and future updates.*

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

The Association's appeal against the development permit for a four-plex at 33 31st Avenue S.W., heard on June 8<sup>th</sup>, was successful. The [written decision](#) can be found on our website.

iv. **Parks Committee – Cathy McAvoy for Steve McAvoy**

Nothing to report.

**4. Positions to fill:**

**a) Traffic Committee**

Natalya Nicholson has resigned from the position of Traffic Director. We will send a description to members seeking a volunteer.

**5. Ongoing business**

**a. Neighbour Day – June 17**

Most of the plans have been finalized and there are only a few volunteer spots to fill. As the event is free to all Erlton residents, donations to the Red Cross will be encouraged.

**b. Report by Constable Pon**

In April, no break and enters were reported and one vehicle theft, and 10 calls regarding social disorder, mostly around the Repsol Sport Centre. In May, there were three break and enters in the Waterford and River Grande condominiums, one vehicle theft, and eight calls regarding social disorder.

Increased security measures will be implemented at the Stampede gates, as well as increased Transit security, during the Stampede. Inglewood and Ramsay communities have organized "Stampede Walks" in which residents patrol their neighbourhoods between 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Rideau-Roxboro has published a Crime Prevention Resource Guide; we may wish to consider posting it on our website if they give us permission.

You can receive emails or texts from the Calgary Police Hub regarding crimes in your neighbourhood. See <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/The-Hub.aspx> for more information.

**c. Bunnies**

Concern was expressed about bringing the bunny problem to the attention of non-members. Rosanne Pinchin offered information to be posted on our website, social media, and to be distributed at Neighbour Day. Some have found Bobbex repellent effective, others have not. Some residents have had success in talking to their neighbours about the consequences of feeding bunnies.

**d. 25th Avenue & Macleod Trail Intersection**

A member questioned why the May 24<sup>th</sup> Open House on the 25 Avenue S.E./LRT Grade Separation Study Project was not posted on our website. The response was that our small board was busy preparing for Neighbour Day, and it was believed that this open house, the second in a series, was well enough advertised to stakeholders by other means. We will consider creating and recruiting for a Communications position so that events such of these impacting our community are better publicized.

**6. New Business**

**a. Ward 11 Candidates**

With the municipal election coming up on October 17th, Vicky has been bombarded with emails from candidate for City Council, and asked whether we should consider holding an all-candidates forum. It was suggested that we collaborate with other Ward 11 Community Associations in holding such an event.

**7. Guests**

**a. Rosanne Pinchin – City of Calgary – NPC (Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators) Report**  
Activate YYC is a new program providing grants from \$50 to \$1,500 to promote physical activity in neighbourhoods. The deadline for applications is August 15th.

The deadline for the [Community Initiatives Program Alberta Canada 150](#) Grants is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The #GetMovingYYC was launched in 2015 to get more Calgarians more active more often. Visit [Calgary.ca/getmoving](http://Calgary.ca/getmoving) for tips and ideas to stay active.

Rosanne will enquire about health of trees on Erlton Road; tree planting is usually done in the fall.

**a. Ward 9 Update – Eric Peters**

June is a busy month, with riverside communities particularly concerned about flooding. The City is monitoring rainfall and working with stakeholders to ensure preparedness. It is also investing in flood mitigation, with flood damage risk being reduced by the 30%; however, significant risk remains until upstream mitigation is built.

Ward 11 residents submit the second largest volume of calls to the 311 service, after Ward 7, which includes the downtown commercial core. However, Erlton is not among the top ten communities submitting calls. Rosanne encouraged Erlton resident to call 311 (or contact the service [online](#)) as “the squeaky wheel gets the grease.”

Meeting  
Adjourned

The June meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Motioned by Susan Tyrrell; seconded by Layla Fredrickson.

