

**MINUTES
ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday June 12 2018
Repsol Sports Centre
Riverview Room
7:00 pm**

ATTENDEES: 8 ECA Members attended; 2 new Erlton residents attended and purchased memberships at the meeting.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Any Additions?

Chris Carlisle Constituency Assistant to Councillor Jeromy Farkas Ward 11 reported.
See item 3(a).

Anita Dennis asked if we could add a status update with respect to what the plan is for the Erlton School site. See item 3 (e) for the report.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Suzanne Chebib
Second: Yvonne Peace

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 8 2018 MEETING

Approved: Karen McLeod
Second: Yvonne Peace

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA/NEW BUSINESS? FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING?

a) Chris Carlisle Constituency Assistant to Councillor Jeromy Farkas Ward 11 reported.

The next Town Hall meeting is set for Tuesday June 26th at Braeside Community Centre at 7 pm. The meeting for Community Presidents is set for 6 pm.

b) Bylaw proposed changes update report Mona /Peggy

Mona reported that the Board decided to defer the bylaw discussions. There are greater issues with the Bylaws in addition to the issue that Peggy has highlighted as it relates to the membership year and fiscal year lining up. A more comprehensive review of the bylaws should be undertaken. This would take more time. Beryl discussed that Alberta Culture (formerly titled Alberta Community Development) has free facilitators that have assisted other not for profit boards that Beryl has sat on and they are very professional and have good information on board governance, bylaws, etc. The Board might consider accessing a facilitator through Alberta Culture.

Anita Dennis has offered to help with the review of the bylaws. She has been sent the summary report that Amber Stewart prepared regarding potential revisions.

c) Neighbour Day update Mona reported

The board decided to cancel Neighbour Day due to a lack of volunteers.

Initially given the lack of volunteers, Mona and May Lee explored the option of having Neighbour Day at the James Joyce. Mona and May Lee went to the James Joyce and discussed the possibility of partnering with them and having Neighbour Day at that location. If this were to occur May Lee needed to amend the grant application to the City as the first application was for a different venue. May did not want to amend the application. Overall it was agreed that if we want Neighbour Day to go ahead next year, it should be planned well in advance. It takes time to get the necessary volunteers, sponsors and grant funding in place. If anyone is interested in being the lead organizer for Neighbour Day next year they should contact Mona.

d) Erlton Community Safety the Erlton Community Resources Officer from the Calgary City Police discussed safety issues in the community.

Constable Ryan Wood reported.

He advised they are wanting to educate the public regarding their role. Call the Police regarding crimes. If residents want to call about a homeless person issue, it is best to call Alpha House. He will forward an email providing phone numbers. It is not illegal to be homeless, Alpha House will find a shelter for them. Alpha House Downtown has an outreach called the DOAP team. They are volunteers that will address the homeless population.

Someone high on drugs is a medical issue not a criminal issue. There is also a City Bylaw encampment team.

A new Erlton resident who attended the meeting, asked why there is not one single patrol for Lindsay Park. She noted that if you walk down the paths around Eau Claire, you will see a police presence particularly with bicycle patrol. Ryan advised that – right now Erlton Community is not a priority for police presence and clean up. CRS priority is Olympic Plaza right now.

There was a discussion that perhaps ECA should co-ordinate CRS, City Bylaw encampment and the DOAP team to speak with Erlton Residents. There were various issues raised by members who attended the meeting. Some members at the meeting commented that there is an increase in discarded needles in the park since the safe injection site was introduced at the Sheldon Chumuir Centre.

e) Anita Dennis had advised she hadn't attended meetings lately and was wondering what the update was with respect to the plan for the Erlton School site. She asked if the committee that was formed pursuant to the motion at the December 2017 meeting, has done any work on planning for the site. The board updated her with respect to the status. Once the Inn From the Cold withdrew their proposal, work on the planning was put on hold. We need to see what the CBE does with the site in August 2018. (They have the option of turning the site over to the City for \$1.) A

suggestion was made that the committee that was motioned to be formed in December 2017 re-activate to address this matter, and be prepared to deal with any issues that may arise in August. In December 2017 Chris Dedeurwaerder had agreed to be part of the committee that would work with the Planning Committee (see minutes of December 2017). Karen McLeod advised she would follow up with Chris with respect to this matter, as Chris was unable to attend this meeting.

By way of background and for ECA members reference see attached 2 emails from the Planning Committee dated December 5, 2017; and January 14, 2018. A review of these emails will provide ECA members with the status of communications that went out to Ward Councillors. Also see attached an email dated December 7 2017 from the Calgary Board of Education to the Planning Committee advising of the status of the Erlton School site.

4. REPORTS:

4(1) President's Report (Mona)

Neighbourday: On May 21st, Mona met with May Lee regarding Neighbourday as mentioned above.

She attended Elbow Park Ward 11 President's meeting.

On May 24th Mona attended a meeting that was put on by the Alberta Government—engineering information on the SR1 Project -flood meeting. 5 years away from having SR 1. Mona received Dean's letter he is going to submit that.

On May 29th Mona attended a meeting on backyard suites. Laneway housing- engagement and feedback to the city in terms of what the community wants to see in terms of lane way housing.

The Stampede Planning and Development Planning Committee deferred their meeting with Mona to June 18th.

There is a Policemen's ball on June 19th and the ECA President and a guest is invited- she needs to RSVP by Monday.

Mona and Bill met with our Ward 11 Alderman Jeromy Farkas, Eric Larson (Lindsay Park Association) and Jeff Booke (Repsol). They did a walking tour around the Repsol area to review potential beautification issues that can be addressed.

Email issue: Bill indicated that the planning@erltoncommunity.com email address doesn't work reliably. He will use the erlton@shaw.ca address for ECA planning correspondence until the other address is fixed.

4(2) Treasurer's report: Peggy Kim reported

Account balance \$15,561.38 checking; and \$14,841.60 in the savings account.

Peggy noticed that there was a significant increase in the interest noted in May, The monthly interest is usually .40 and the May monthly interest was \$2.74. Peggy asked the bank about this and the bank said there was an increase in the interest rate at the beginning of the year and they just now retroactively adjusted and credited the amount to the ECA savings account in May.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented: Yvonne Peace

Second: Suzanne Chebib

4(3) Secretary report: Beryl

Some members reported they did not receive the Agenda and May minutes mail out. Beryl advises some members received it and some members did not. Beryl advises that it may be that some members did not have the capacity in their email to accept the large email, as it contained attachments that were large and dense. Beryl sent secondary emails out without the attachments which included the Flood Mitigation Options Assessment Summary; and ECA Bylaws. Beryl is following up with technical support to determine what can be done to address our email issues.

4(4) Membership Committee: Suzanne Chebib/Amanda Perizzolo

Suzanne Chebib reported

Amanda and Suzanne were canvassing door to door, however they found that no one opens their door. They have made up flyers that they will be circulating. They have updated their membership list. Three new memberships were purchased at the meeting.

4(5) Erlton Planning Committee (Bill Fischer)

See written report Bill has submitted. Bill attended a community representation district forum information session which was on the same evening as this meeting.

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5. The Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 7 pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. June 12 2018 ECA meeting attendance sign in sheet.
2. Emails dated December 5th, 2017; December 7th, 2017; and January 14 2018 as referenced in Minutes item 3(e).

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.

December 5th email to Councillor Farkas.

I'm advised that you recently held a private meeting with Inn from the Cold representatives.

I believe you received the results of our community's discussion at our November 14th AGM, and the unanimous vote to reject the Inn's written proposal for an emergency shelter in our community.

I also believe you're familiar with the Erlton Area Redevelopment Plan - a statutory policy document - and the Section 2.2.2.2 expectations for the Erlton School property once it is no longer used for educational purposes. The Inn's proposed use clearly does not comply.

{The existing designation of the Erlton Public School site should remain as PE Public Park, School and Recreation District (refer to Land Use Recommendations). It is recommended that the school grounds be redesigned in accordance with the community needs. In consultation with the community, consideration should be given to allocation of a tot- lot, tennis court, seating areas and soft landscaping features. In the situation where the Calgary Board of Education identifies the Erlton School site as surplus to their needs, it is recommended that consideration be given by the City to acquire the school property for community facilities and local open space purposes in accordance with the established Calgary General Municipal Plan policy.}

I'm sure your research into other City policies, specifically Planning Principles for the Location of Care Facilities and Shelters (2011), will have shown you that a 50,000 square foot building cannot comply with Section B.21 - both in size and appearance (the majority of surrounding homes are single-family two-story), and the fact that the proposed use does not align with our ARP.

{In areas designated as multi-residential, commercial districts, and in the Centre City districts, the building should have the external appearance of nearby multi-residential uses, shall be of a size that is similar to nearby dwellings, shall contribute to the visual attractiveness of the area and be aligned with any local plans and policies.}

Nevertheless, the Inn could enlist you and City planning administration in an attempt to force this on our community against our expressed wishes.

We sincerely hope this does not occur.

In the end, I'm left with only one question: What part of no doesn't the Inn understand?

Best regards,

Bill Fischer
Chairman, Erlton Community Association,
Planning and Development Committee
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Bcc: ECA BOD

December 7th email from the Calgary Board of Education:

Bill Fischer,

Thank you for your email. It has been referred to me for response.

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is the owner of the Erlton Centre situated at 24 – 28 Avenue SW and it has not been declared surplus. As such, there are no board minutes regarding disposal options for this site nor any correspondence between the CBE and the Minister of Education on this matter.

The Erlton Centre is used by Chinook Learning Services to provide continuing education opportunities to the public. The CBE is currently working to relocate these activities to another site during the course of 2018. Once timelines for relocation of the Chinook Learning Services out of the Erlton Centre are known, disposition options will be brought to the CBE Board of Trustees for their consideration. You may be interested to know that amongst the conditions attached to the property is one that stipulates that if the CBE seeks to dispose of the Erlton Centre, then the City of Calgary must be afforded the right of first offer for purchase of the property.

In July 2017, Mr. John Mar approached the CBE to indicate that the organization “Inn From The Cold” may be interested in this property. There have not been any negotiations between the CBE and Inn From The Cold, nor has the CBE received any unsolicited proposals from Inn From The Cold or any other interested parties regarding the Erlton Centre.

I hope this information fully answers your questions.

Sincerely,

Dany Breton
Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services

Beryl McNeill

From: Bill Fischer, Erlton CA Planning & Development <erlton@shaw.ca>
Sent: January-14-18 3:00 PM
To: Diane.Colley-Urquhart@calgary.ca
Cc: Jeromy Farkas - Ward 11; druh.farrell@calgary.ca; Hrdlicka, Julie R; Kurt.Hanson@calgary.ca
Subject: Suggested accessible playground site.
Attachments: City looks to increase accessible playgrounds Calgary Herald.pdf; erlton.vcf

An interesting article in today's Herald is attached.

We would like to suggest the Erlton Centre location at 28th Avenue and Macleod Trail SW as a site for an accessible playground. The Calgary Board of Education advises us:

'The Erlton Centre is used by Chinook Learning Services to provide continuing education opportunities to the public. The CBE is currently working to relocate these activities to another site during the course of 2018. Once timelines for relocation of the Chinook Learning Services out of the Erlton Centre are known, disposition options will be brought to the CBE Board of Trustees for their consideration. You may be interested to know that amongst the conditions attached to the property is one that stipulates that if the CBE seeks to dispose of the Erlton Centre, then the City of Calgary must be afforded the right of first offer for purchase of the property.'

It is our understanding that the purchase price is \$1.

The site is currently zoned PE and the Erlton ARP specifies the following Development and Implementation Guidelines:

'PE designation to be maintained. Parks/Recreation Department to initiate negotiations with the Calgary Board of Education with a view to redesigning the recreational facilities provided on this site.'

'2.2.2.2 The existing designation of the Erlton Public School site should remain as PE Public Park, School and Recreation District (refer to Land Use Recommendations). It is recommended that the school grounds be redesigned in accordance with the community needs. In consultation with the community, consideration should be given to allocation of a tot-lot, tennis court, seating areas and soft landscaping features. In the situation where the Calgary Board of Education identifies the Erlton School site as surplus to their needs, it is recommended that consideration be given by the City to acquire the school property for community facilities and local open space purposes in accordance with the established Calgary General Municipal Plan policy.'

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