

Attended: Earl Clements, Brian Los, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward, Stuart York, Shauna Richard

Total: 5 & 2 City reps.

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Vince Bowen, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Denise McNeill, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Cam Worthing, Barrett Kyle

1.0 Approval of agenda

July 05, 2016 Agenda

Brian MOVES Earl SECONDS approval of agenda. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

June 07, 2016 minutes

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7:00 to 8:00 – Town Hall Meeting with Sarah Hoffman MLA Edmonton-Glenora, also Minister of Health and Deputy Premier

Gerry introduced Sarah Hoffman and cited an extensive bio for her.

Sarah asks the audience for seating preferences then invites everyone to sit in a circle:

- It has been just over a year since she has been elected.
- We are stable on health & education with no cuts.
- Her government is taking meaningful action on climate change. They went to a conference in Paris, France last year on the topic with a plan.
- Obama praised Alberta on their climate plan in a recent speech.
- The plan puts a price on carbon use, rebates are available.
- It is estimated a third will pay more.
- Their budget is a good news budget.
- Health is increasing investment in mental health, homecare, and long-term care.
- Health is doing audits of primary care networks and physicians, as asked for by the Auditor General in 2012.
- She is open to feedback on monthly health care premiums.
- Previously board members and their spouses couldn't be on the board if their salary came from Alberta Health Services. Which meant nurses. Those with a vested interest are desired. So in now.
- The Health board CEO doesn't report to her, but they chat frequently. This board sees government as a partner and not the enemy.
- Three areas of budget growing fastest are:
 1. Physicians
 2. Drugs
 3. Hospitals
- Growth has been slowed to 2% from 6%; wages frozen for management.
- A community member brings up the potential razing of the Misericordia hospital. Sarah says the current government policy is that if a renovation costs 80% of what it costs to do new, they rebuild anew.

- Sarah mentions the lab deal has been reversed. She said no to the new contract on labs. Dyna-Life has the current contract. It is a provincial system.
- Regarding energy savings retro-fit, she said the details are yet to be established. Will be so over the next few months.
- Various community members point out that ceasing driver's license and license plate renewal notices has not been well communicated.
- Sarah says she will make mention of the renewal notices in her newsletter. She also says the Minister of Service Alberta reached out to the RCMP re the expiring license and plate renewal, but it is not really their problem.
- Regarding shortfall of funds for our playground renewal project, Sarah doesn't have much to offer, aside from suggesting fundraising by schools and a blue cross grant.
- Regarding the provincial budget, one scenario is a 10-billion-dollar deficit.
- She claims revenue in other areas can be used to cover budget shortfalls, and that there would be no health care levy or provincial sales tax, as promised.
- A community member brings up his concern about the interest costs on deficit and wanted to know the plan for that.
- Transfer payments are also brought up. Sarah says Canada Health Transfer gives money to all provinces. 20 % to Alberta; 24% is the maximum. And that the federal health accord is set to expire this year.
- As for regular transfer payments, she will look at getting a proper answer to the question.
- Alberta had an assisted suicide law before the federal one. Physicians can opt out. 80% of physicians are willing to do assisted dying in all zones.
- Standard design and building of schools and hospitals mentioned. Sarah endorses.
- A community member brings up accountability for projects (like the Metro line).
- A community member questions an alleged American for profit hospital in Calgary that was paid to stay (despite losses), that AHS tops them up. Sarah said she'd have to look into this as she had no knowledge of.
- Anti-scab legislation discussed and the Supreme Court decision on the right to strike. Quebec has had for 30 years, apparently, and it prevents picket-line violence.
- Alberta's minimum wage will rise by a dollar this fall to \$12.20 per hour, and rise by \$1.40 next year to reach the \$15.00 an hour goal set.
- Research shows that low income earners spend most of their money locally.

3.0 Reports

3.1 President's report

Gerry

Gerry reports that he prepared documentation and submitted the application a renewal of the property tax exemption for the Community League. Also advised that the league cannot receive another CFEP grant until the previous two grants awarded over four years ago have been properly reported on for the hall renovation, Spray Park and playground upgrade. Potential future funding from Alberta's Teachers Association for the playground was mentioned by someone at the meeting.

The city has notified us that we received the CLOG (Community League Operating Grant) grant of \$100,155.

Gerry met with the playground supervisor for the joint summer program with North Glenora.

We are keeping an eye on the Catholic Social Services move to 146 St. Gerry and others have been in contact with the CSS Vice President. CSS is working on keeping parking to a minimum.

Action Item: Gerry and Rosa will be looking into the CFEP reporting requirements.

Action Item: Gerry will ask Vince to help ask the new principal to join us at a board meeting this fall.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Rosa

Rosa provided via email to Mariette the following balances for June:

- General account: \$75,880.35
- Casino account: \$63,928.74

3.3 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

Although no formal report, Gerry reports that he and Cassandra have been in touch via email regularly. The developers of the Chicago Blue site have not yet applied for permits with the City. The development team has been previously advised that a project of the magnitude being proposed in a residential area has raised several concerns from some Grovenor residents in the adjacent neighbourhood, such as parking, traffic congestion at the intersection of 142nd and Stony Plain Road, potential loss of privacy due to planned towering high rises to be built next to current housing in the neighbourhood, etc.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Stuart

Stuart introduced his replacement starting in August, Shauna Richards, citing turnover and vacations with CRC's. He says he is still in the same spot, and is accessible, but Shawna is now covering Grovenor. Shauna has been in a CRC role for 6 months; with the City for a long time. Stu asked to be invited to the playground opening. He also reported:

- He is getting ready for community league day.
- Chase Gingles has been hired in a temporary role to coordinate permits for fall activities and equipment, and possibly block parties.
- Green Shack started this week and is still taking registration. There is a poster.
- The Valley Zoo has different theme days with extra activities like crafts and games.
- Front Yards in Bloom has started.
- Family Nature Nights is coming up in July and August. See dates on poster.
- Outdoor Pool Promotion at Broadstock Pool, 15720 105 Avenue

Action Item: Stuart would like to be sent the name of new Grovenor principal.



O7 July Family
Nature Night.pdf



O7 July Green
Shack.pdf

4.0 Old business

4.1 Cost estimates for Sign Upgrade for hall – status update

Brian

Barrett, Kyle & Brian met and looked at options. Trenching is a big undertaking for power. Solar panel on pole above sign discussed. There is a possibility that we dig. We only have to go down 2 feet. Still getting pricing. Will have to look into permitting. Still mulling options.

4.2 Recreation Centre – update on planned renovations for 2016 **Gerry**

Barrett absent. But Gerry reported that Frank will be cleaning the Rec Centre this weekend, and that it will be getting regular maintenance. A bucket truck was out to look at the lights on the rink. They are 1000 watts and there are 16 lights. The plan is to change the heads to LED lights to decrease the footprint. There is money from former CLIP grants. Edmonton Community League association vendor has given estimate for solar panels. The hall would be first for the solar CLIP grants; Rec Centre second.

4.3 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update **Brad/Vince**

Brad emailed Gerry his report. He is reviewing feedback on design concepts and will send out a redesign request to the four design firms in July to get final designs and quotations, which will eventually determine the final budgetary requirements for the project. He has also requested assistance from other board members for fundraising in September/October.

4.4 Garage Sale at Grovenor Community League Hall **Barrett**

Barrett absent. No report.

4.5 Green Shack at Grovenor – status update **Stuart**

Green Shack started on Monday. It is full steam ahead. There is a sandbox outside. Registration is still open for the drop-in recreation program. See poster. Lauren Peirce hired as the coordinator of green program.

Action Item: Brian (Rosa) to update sign promoting Green Shack.

Action Item: Gerry will follow up with Stuart re the contact for Green Shack.

4.6 Estimates for Murals and Coatings **Vince/Gerry**

We will start with 2 walls and the coating on top. Approximately \$3000 for coatings, which can't be applied until after the murals have been completed. Vince is working on a collaboration between the last artist we used and the art teacher at Grovenor school. It won't be until fall when school is back in.

Action Item: Let Vince know if we need him to contact Ross Shepard for volunteers.

Action Item: Vince will do more to trim tree outside hall entrance.

4.7 Fall Fest Planning (Sept. 10) – status update **Gerry/Kersh**

Kersh was absent, but Gerry reported Kersh and Angie are making good progress on Fallfest planning.

Kersh advised that we ideally need a minimum of 35 volunteers. We are awaiting word from St. Paul's church. We will post a sign and send a list using the online system via Facebook and our website.

Fireworks, Band, and porta-potties have been confirmed. Chris the restaurant owner is mentioned. Also that we should scale back the variety of food. Planning to purchase pre-cut items like veggies, fruit, desserts, salads wherever possible. Sourcing a better burger and hot dog is also planned. There are new rules for 50-50 applications. You have to cash out at the end of the night. A rotation schedule is planned for volunteers. There is a standard volunteer form.

Action Item: Brian will send a form to Kersh and list of (potential volunteers for Fallfest and casino.

4.8 Joint summer program with N Glenora – status update **Gerry**

Grovenor does the morning (10 am – 1:30 pm) and N Glenora does the afternoon. The opposite schedule for both Leagues has been established for the Green Shack program with 2 – 6:00 for Grovenor.

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Gerry also met with the North Glenora rep to discuss supervision, access to rec centre, advertising, coordination with Greenshack program, etc.

- 4.9 Casino coordinator – status update** **Barrett**
Still need a coordinator for casino. Barrett still trying to source a volunteer from his residence.
- 4.10 Other old business** **All**

5.0 New business

- 5.1 Catholic Social Services – Hub Insurance Building** **Bill/Gerry**
- 5.3 Other new business: Membership** **Brian**
Brian picked up the package for the 2017 membership drive. Online it can be done through EFCL. We will do a big push in Sept. and Oct. And at Fall Fest. We currently have 185 members.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm due to extended visit with Sarah Hoffman.

6.0 Next meeting – August 2, 2016, 7:00 pm.