

**Attended:** Allan Bly (left early), Heather Boli, Vince Bowen, Rob Chaput, Rosa Ficko, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Brad Mielke, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Tony Van Herk, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthing.

**Total: 14**

**Regrets:** Earle Clements, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Barrett Kyle, Shauna Richard.

## **1.0 Approval of agenda**

**February 07, 2017 Agenda**  
Agenda APPROVED.

## **2.0 Approval of minutes**

**November 01, 2016 minutes** (no January meeting)  
Minutes APPROVED.

**Guest speaker:** Warren Sarauer, a solar consultant from Solar Power Investment Cooperative Edmonton – SPICE – speaks on Grovenor getting solar modules.

- Warren says there are CLIP grants community leagues can access.
- He says our assessment is okay; we are good to do solar.
- He recommends it be done on the recreation centre roof, as the structure, slope and sun are better.
- He recommends an electrical update be done at the rec centre as no switch for rink lights.
- The panels will have to be bolted or weighed down.
- He estimates we would need 20 modules (panels) to offset our electricity costs; 10 on each side.
- There is a \$750.00 permit required for solar panels. We connect for free.
- We can generate on the rec centre and count it for both buildings (hall and rec centre).
- Micro generation regulation -- special bi-directional meter. A new regulation with farmers in mind.
- There is a 3% loss due to shade/weather.
- We used approximately 14,000 kw hrs. a year before new rink lights. Now 3273.
- Typically, a 5.2 kw system would be required.
- He estimates a 6.9 kw solar system needed as it (rec center roof) doesn't face south.
- He estimates we will pay \$800.00 a year in electricity, roughly.
- He says the price of big systems is really dropping.
- Also, we can get more power density in the same square footage currently.
- The cost is \$3.00 – 3.50 a watt installed. All costs included.
- Because our system is below 10 kw, slightly more expensive.
- He **highly recommends a flashing kit of sheet metal around the panel bases to prevent roof leaking.**
- Solar panels will last 30 years. They degrade due to the sun's ultraviolet radiation.
- There is no storage in these systems.

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- With solar, we will avoid both energy and delivery charges on electricity.
- EPCOR only earns money on distribution of power; they don't produce it.
- The delivery charge is not fixed.
- The regulated rate option is variable. Not good for fixed incomes. Fixed term contract, fixed price contract.
- There is a daily distribution charge for being connected to the grid. It is .33 cents per day, \$120 a year. Plus, a \$ 60 a year (\$5.00 a month) admin fee, for a total of \$180 a year in fixed costs. This is eliminated with solar.
- He advises us to tell our insurance company we installed solar panels so covered.
- He says there are grants available: **CLIP** and MCCAC for municipally owned buildings (or on city leased land, for those leagues that owned their buildings).
- We would have to come up with 30% of the cost, approximately.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 Introductions for the new 2017 Board of Directors Kersh

- Kersh gave an update on the new roles. Rosa is the new Sports Director; Peggy is the new Treasurer.
- He introduces new members: Rob Chaput, Allan Bly, and Tony Van Herk (returning).

### 3.2 Vice President's report Kersh

- Kersh thanked Tony & Brian for the solar assessment.
- He thanked Brian for the solar light for the hall sign.
- He thanked Rosa for being the Casino Coordinator.
- He thanked Brad, Gerry & Vince for the Playground.
- He thanked Mariette for preparing the minutes.
- He thanked Brian for the Famosa community involvement initiative.
- He said the next EFCL general meeting is February 26 in Calder.

### 3.3 Treasurer's report Peggy

Peggy reported that the balances as at January 31, 2017 were:

- General account - \$59,096
- Casino account - \$53,535.16

She mentioned we now have direct deposit for membership when sign up with EFCL.

### 3.4 Civics report Gerry/Cassandra

- Cassandra reports (via Gerry) that private and public property damage is on her radar.
- She is getting concerns addressed.
- Densification and rezoning are issues with the Blue Chicago project, as well as Transit Oriented Density plan.
- We have to voice our opinions.

### 3.5 City of Edmonton Shauna

Shauna was absent but sent a report including:

- Drainage update information for public engagement with group discussion guides
- Winterscapes, like Front Yards in Bloom
- Individual resident surveys
- Community Organizational Development – Clip & Clog grants.
  - Clip (**Community League Infrastructure Program**) grant applications are **due March 24, 2017**
  - Clog (**Community League Operating Grant**) applications are **due April 28, 2017**
  - Kersh and Gerry will tend to these.

## **4.0 Old business**

### **4.1 Sign Upgrade for hall – update**

**Brian**

- Brian reports that the solar light has been installed on the hall sign.
- He is not sure if it provides enough light. He will look into more reflective letters.
- Alastair was asked to start doing letters for sign, Gerry says.
- Rosa mentions there is a new sign system available that could be adopted in future, a panel that pulls out.

### **4.2 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update**

**Brad**

- Brad considers us funded.
- There is a base price with new equipment and extras.
- He discussed the swap of 3-disc swing for another item that will give adequate play spots for the kids. Getting rid of quad swing.
- The ground surface will be covered in engineered wood fiber. Rubber chips are very expensive.
- There is no tire and no traditional swings. The trend is now for the disc swing.
- There is a sandbox and more open space. The space can be filled with different options.
- Igloos, or spintower or monkey structure are among the options available under \$50,000.
- It will require extra funding to fill the empty space. The plan is to raise going door to door.
- Anything we get from CFEP he considers gravy.
- The original budget was \$650,000. Now approximately \$550,000.
- Brad is waiting on Blue Imp, then will take proposal to City by March 01. Tenders April/May.
- Trees, benches out of steel with higher backs and 4 picnic tables are part of the plan.
- The playground will be closed during the duration of the construction.
- Canada 150 funding of \$233,000 has been approved. The grant is not contingent or based on a percentage of total project costs, and therefore can be expended in total for the project.
- The playground will have to be closed for the construction of new one. Maybe for summer.

### **4.3 Casino status update**

**Rosa**

- Rosa thanks everyone who is signed up to volunteer for the event a week and a half hence.
- She says she still needs 2 chip runners and has a lead on 2 ladies.
- She says she will give Gerry the license and that Peggy will need to provide up to 6 cheques at the casino.
- Rosa will be roaming. Tony will be back up.

### **4.4 Recreation Centre – update on renovations**

**Allan/Barrett**

- Barrett and Andrew completed the repairs to the rink boards and fencing this winter.

**4.5 Ice Rink status update**

**Gerry**

-- Gerry reports that we received a couple of questions earlier this month regarding the ice not being cleared properly on a particular night. Gerry asked Barrett (coordinator) to follow up with Alastair and Andrew to ensure that the ice is always cleared prior to the official posted start times. They reported back that the ice surfaces are in excellent condition and that everything is back on track.

**4.6 First Aid and CPR course update (N Johnson)**

**Allan**

-- This needs to be put in the newsletter again.  
-- To confirm with Allan if Nancy is in for sure.

**4.7 Energy Audit/Hall Solar Panel project status update**

**Tony**

-- Tony said he will obtain 4 or 5 quotes, as there is a large list of recommended vendors.  
-- He will be applying for grants; including other grants not mentioned by Warren.  
-- He said the energy assessment is still outstanding due to the pot light. Their breaker is off.  
-- Note to Allan re pot lights.

**A Motion** for quotes is requested. Vince MOVES. Rosa SECONDS. CARRIED.

**4.8 Mural project update**

-- Gerry reports that one more mural was done last fall on the west side of Hall building.  
-- We haven't been billed for that mural to date.  
-- It is not completely done; the school students will be adding color spots.  
-- They will be involved in the rec centre mural as well.  
-- There are still 2 outstanding murals to be completed in the spring and then over coating is to be applied to facilitate cleaning of possible graffiti in future.

**4.9 CLIP reporting – status update**

**Gerry**

-- Gerry and Kersh will reconcile past application funding this year.

**4.10 Other old business**

**All**

**5.0 New business**

**5.1 Board Executive signing authorities at TD Canada Trust**

**Gerry**

- A new playground account was opened at TD.
- A \$50,000 cheque for the playground from Inhouse VP was picked up by Gerry and deposited, as well as a cheque for \$17,000 from the general account for deposits in previous years.
- The playground design work depleted the previous funds held in the City Trust account for Grovenor.
- Gerry has asked AGLC for approval to use the \$15,000 in the casino account previously approved by the board for the playground project.
- Signing authorities at TD Trust were changed for the new board executive.

**5.2 Goals and Objectives for 2017**

**Gerry**

- Gerry read off the extensive list of goals and objectives for 2017. See attached.
- He then asks for input from members.

1. One additional objective is to reach out to new residents to Grovenor. Different ideas are bandied about before it is decided to offer them a one year free Grovenor community league membership.

**Motion** to approve gratis memberships proposed for new Grovenor residents. Brian MOVES. Bill SECONDS. CARRIED.

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2. A second additional objective was added to become a greener community. Tony says installing solar panels this year is an effort in that direction.

**Motion** to approve Goals and Objectives subject to revisions agreed to. MOVED by Gerry. SECONDED by Tony. APPROVED.

3. Keeping the website up to date is brought up as a goal and objective.

- It is stated that many pages are out of date.
- Heather said she gets conflicting information about details people want posted online.
- She asks for support in getting pages up to date & providing accurate information.
- She said people don't tell her when an event has been cancelled.
- She said the facilities calendar has not been reliable (that is changing with Allan).

**Action Item:** Heather to follow up with Kara re: email connections for various board positions, payment to web support service's company, etc.

### **5.3 Hall Rental process/access Update**

**Allan**

-- Mariette reports (on Allan's behalf) that he has very much streamlined the process of dealing with renters by employing Google forms. Easier for successors as well.

■ Steps in Hall rental process include:

1. Go to <http://www.grovenor.ca/community-hallbookings.html> (or click on Community Hall Bookings link on left side when in <http://www.grovenor.ca/> ) and read.
2. Determine hall availability for desired date(s) by looking at Grovenor's Hall calendar.
3. Contact [grovenorhall@gmail.com](mailto:grovenorhall@gmail.com). This will generate an auto response with more information and links.
4. Click on link (<https://goo.gl/forms/Nz9wgXbEzxnYtsN83>) to fill in online rental form (Google form) and submit.
5. Fill out insurance and/or liquor forms as applicable.
6. Facilities director will respond in 2 days.
7. Renter deposits deposit cheque in hall mailbox.
8. Renter receives entry codes.

-- All renters and board members and staff will get their own security code for the hall alarm.

-- There has been damage in the hall to the Jazzercise lady's things.

-- A key was broken off in the lock on February 04. Allan had to spend 2 hours on Sat Feb 05 dealing with a locksmith. (For which he will submit receipts for reimbursement.)

-- He would like to get pin pad code access to the hall door, as well as to the security system.

-- Allan would also like to see the Grovenor hall email address on the notice board outside.

-- Gerry suggested that Allan should request Alistair and Andrew to clean out the storage rooms at Hall.

**Motion** proposed to permit Allan to spend up to \$1000 on getting pin pad access for Hall door. Vince MOVES, Brian SECONDS. Carried.

### **5.4 March Newsletter – article planning**

**Bill**

-- Bill requests a hard deadline for submissions of February 25 as he is going away with delivery for first week of March.

-- He asks for distribution help.

-- New board member Ron Chaput offers himself and his girls to help with delivery route.

### **5.6 Drainage Infrastructure Survey – deadline change**

**Kersh**

-- Kersh says this was extended to March 10.

-- He says there is an online link given by the City.

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-- Shauna's February CRC report also discusses this.

**Action item:** Kersh will circulate email as reminder.

**5.7 Playground construction may impede Green Shack program Gerry**

-- We will look at having the Greenshack in the area of where the small kids ice is in winter.

**5.8 Neighbourhood Renewal Project – update Gerry/Kersh**

-- Gerry spoke with Jeff Ward today who stated that any concerns we have, they should be sent to Felix Lam, City engineer directly. And copy the board. Gerry will advertise in newsletter and include a new Gmail address to be set up by Kersh.

-- We need to speak up before he signs off.

**Action item:** Gerry to prepare something for the newsletter regarding renewal project.

**5.9 Summer STEP Program Gerry**

-- Gerry says that we are jointly applying with N Glenora for a STEP student this summer. He is in touch with Ryan Young there.

**Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.**

**6.0 Next meeting – March 07, 2017, 7:00 pm.**