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## Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA) Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015

### **Board Attendance:**

Maureen Smith, President  
Roy Kuhnlein, Vice President  
Kewal Khakh, Treasurer  
Sanjeev Kad, Development and Community Safety  
Shelley Bartole, Development (New Schools) and Traffic (Aspen)  
Simon Fletcher, Strategic and Business Planning  
Vere Adamson, Public Art Projects, Partners in Planning

### **Also in Attendance:**

James Runge, City of Calgary, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)  
Erin Brown, City of Calgary, Parks, Environmental & Education Initiatives

### **Item 1: Additions to Agenda**

None

### **Item 2: Safety Minute – Azad Chandler**

The SCA will host a Crime Prevention Seminar hosted by Joanne McKenzie-Hicks from Strathcona, Shannyn De Kruff from Christie and Constable Wayne Chandler from the City of Calgary Police Department.

### **Item 3: Approval of Minutes**

Maureen Smith made a motion to approve the April, June, September and October 2015 Minutes as tabled. Motion seconded by Kewal Khakh. Motion carried.

### **Item 4: Special Guest – Erin Brown, City of Calgary, Parks, Environment & Education Initiatives**

Erin Brown advised the SCA of two initiatives the City of Calgary was planning:

1. Urban Forestry has pre chosen locations for planting trees where dead City trees have been removed, as well as storm damaged trees. If a tree location is on the back walk of a property, that home owner will be notified a minimum of two weeks before the tree is planted. In addition, the City of Calgary will provide free education sessions to each community to host, the SCA would provide the space, advertise the sessions and help with registration.
2. The second initiative is to plant trees/landscape a specific site in each of the SCA's three neighbourhoods – Strathcona, Christie and Aspen. Once the site has been landscaped maintenance of these sites will be the responsibility of the City. Site selection committees would select the site and plan the project with the City.

## **Item 5: James Runge, of Calgary, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)**

James Runge tabled his NPC Report for the Board's consideration. The NPC Report included the following topics: portable skate board parks, #GetMovingYYC, National Child Day Event, Utility Box Public Art Program, grant opportunities and FCC workshops.

## **Item 6: President's Report – Maureen Smith**

**Seedlings Spanish Pre School** – Maureen Smith made a motion to support the Seedlings Spanish Pre School's application for Day Care status. Motion seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.

**Christmas Bonuses** – A discussion was held regarding staff Christmas bonuses. Maureen Smith made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses as tabled. Motion seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.

**Tri Party Lease of Occupation** – The City of Calgary has requested that the SCA remove the letter that the SCA attached to the Tri Party Leases Agreement when it was signed and returned to the City. The SCA Board agreed that they would not remove the letter as it clarifies the SCA's understanding of the agreement.

**Christie Rink** – Maureen Smith made a motion to set a maximum budget of \$1,000 for Christie Rink expenses. Actual costs to be reimbursed at the end of the skating season. Motion seconded by Vere Adamson. Motion carried.

**SCA Events Budget** – Maureen Smith made a motion to approve the SCA Events Budget as tabled with the condition that events would be removed from the schedule if costs became a cash flow concern. Motion seconded by Sanjeev Kad. Motion carried.

**Community Orchard** – Maureen Smith, Trevor Lakatos, Judy Lowas and Ron Neff, City of Calgary, Parks Community Strategist met to discuss suitable sites for beginning to plant fruit trees at the SCA. The SCA currently has donations that would fund the planting of two or three trees. Ron Neff advised that the City would conduct soil testing of the suitable sites and report the results to the SCA.

**City of Calgary, Parks – Playground Life Cycle Initiative** – Maureen Smith, Trevor Lakatos and Ron Neff, City of Calgary, Parks Community Strategist met to discuss the City's plan to renovate/replace selected Strathcona playgrounds in 2016. The City will advise the SCA of the playgrounds that they have chosen for this initiative and ask for the SCA to work in partnership with the City to involve residents in the process. Maureen Smith made a motion to partner with the City of Calgary, Parks in the initiative to replace/renovate selected playgrounds in Strathcona. Motion seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.

**Rundle College/CFEP Application** – The Board discussed Rundle College's request for a letter of support from the SCA for their CFEP Application. The Board requested that more information regarding community engagement and access to the proposed facility be addressed before it entertains supplying a letter of support.

**Sobey's Development** – The SCA supplied the concerned resident group with a general letter of support for the issues raised on their appeal to the Sobey's development.

### **Housekeeping**

The SCA will be hosting Christmas celebrations for people who have found themselves homeless this year. Barb Downie who is leading a Mindfulness Meditation program at the SCA is donating the revenue from these classes to the aforementioned Christmas celebrations – thank you very much Barb.

An Aspen resident requested support from the SCA for a proposed community rink. James Runge, the SCA's Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator advised that the proposed site of the rink was on an environmental reserve and too close to homes to be safe. As a result, City/Parks would not approve the rink.

It is with sadness that we shared our condolences with Lorna Stasiuk, one of the ladies that work in the SCA Office, on the passing of her father, Donald Frederick Bowhay. Maureen Smith made a motion to make a \$100 donation to the Veterans Poppy Fund in memory of Lorna's father. Motion seconded by Simon Fletcher. Motion carried.

### **Item 7: Treasurer – Kewal Khakh**

Kewal Khakh tabled comparative financial statements for the periods January 1 – October 31, 2014 and January 1 – October 31, 2015. Kewal explained the variations to the Board. The SCA continues to operate with adequate operating funds. The CCG report will be filed before the end of the month.

### **Item 8: Development – Sanjeev Kad and Shelley Bartole**

Sanjeev Kad provided the Board with an update of the Aspen Summit development and the resident Appeal.

Shelley Bartole provided the Board with an update regarding the progress of the new school builds in our community. Shelley also advised the Board that she was preparing a letter for her meeting with the City of Calgary's planning department and Councilman Pootmans.

### **Item 9: Casino – Roy Kuhnlein**

Roy Kuhnlein advised the Board that only a few volunteer positions were left for the upcoming SCA Casino on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Gazette Submissions due December 15, 2015**

### **Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7 pm**

Motion made by Maureen Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.