



Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 7:30 pm

APPROVED June 2021 Minutes

Present: Darren Bourget, Jérémie Bourqui, Karen Bradshaw, Scott Chomistek, Jennifer Dotchin, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Brian Pshyk, Monique Tambay-Roest, Kay Wilford

Office Staff: Rita, Sherry

Guests: Heather MacKay, Mike McLeod, Janis Rogers, Dustin Williams

Notes taken by: Monique Tambay-Roest

1. Introductions

Jennifer

Meeting was called to order by Jenn at 7:30pm

2. Remarks from the Chair

Jennifer

Jenn thanked everyone for their work over the past year.

3. Approval of meeting agenda

Jennifer

Jérémie moved to approve the June 2021 Meeting agenda as presented, Kay seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approval of [May 2021 Minutes](#)

Jennifer

Kay moved to approve the May 2021 Minutes as presented, Jeremy seconded. Motion carried.

5. Acknowledgment of Written [Board Reports](#) Submitted

Jennifer

Botanical Gardens (June), Edible Garden (Kay), Community Safety (Jérémie), CHA (Darren), Pump Track (Monique and Karen B.), Preschool (Brigitta), Counsellor's Report - E-Scooters and Covid Vaccine (Ralph)

a. Questions arising from Board reports

Jennifer

No questions arose from the June 2021 Board reports

6. Guest Reports

NPC Report

Heather MacKay

Heather met today with Counsellor Sutherland's office, to discuss the Community Counsellor's fund, and has shared a few more grants with Deb and Rita. The SSCA was declined for the City of Calgary Quarter 2 COVID Relief Fund. With the municipal election approaching in October 2021, City Council is approaching the Red Zone and cannot ask for funding or approvals for projects that have not already started.

Calgary Police Service

Cst. Dustin Williams

Cst. Williams reported no concerning crime trends in Silver Springs, but did state that seasonally and because COVID restrictions are lifting soon, the community could expect a slight increase in social disorder. There were two collisions due to new bike lanes, which hadn't been



reported to CPS as of yet, but Cst. Williams expects they will be due to the extent of damage. Counsellor Sutherland's office and the Roads department are investigating. Parking along Silver Springs Blvd. at the top of Bowmont Park has become a concern, the design of the remaining parking may require adjustment to accommodate parking that was removed. Counsellor Sutherland will bring to the attention of Roads as well. Cst. Williams will be at St. Sylvester doing traffic control while the kids are painting the wheeling facilities with Heather.

7. Executive Committee Updates

Jennifer

Summer Policy Project List:

1. Board Member Conduct and Expectations
2. Code of Conduct and expectations as private citizens and Board members and when they connect. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in working on this policy. Heather will forward templates to Jennifer.
3. Grant application procedure/ process. This policy will help to answer the question of who, or which sub-committee is applying for grants. The Board has 7+ projects that are sometimes competing with each other for funding. We do not have a procedure outlining how much the CA can ask for. Kay volunteered to work with Rita on this policy, to outline how the Board makes the decision regarding who will apply for which grants (triage, or hierarchy of needs, how to prioritize).
4. There was a discussion about a donations policy or procedure being created that is separate from the Sponsorship policy. It would delineate between in-kind and cash donations, and include an explanation or condensed version of existing legislation (i.e. Charities Act). Deb will be approached to help develop the policy.

8. Financial Reports

Scott

May 2021 internal F/S

The Board received the Alberta Relaunch Grant of \$10,000. Rental income is approximately \$5000 below what was expected (due to ongoing COVID restrictions), but the decreased income is offset by reduced facility costs. The SSCA has approximately \$81, 000 in unencumbered cash. Scott moved to approve the May Internal F/S as presented, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising from May meeting

9. BGSS OLA "Park" Working Group Report

Jérémie

Jérémie reported a summary of the findings and suggested solutions of the BGSS OLA Working Group. Some of the solutions presented require action by the SSCA, including the creation of a Multi-User Standing Committee (MUSC). It was reported that many park users and community members feel that there is a lack of communication from the BGSS, and that decisions are



made by BGSS Board do not always take into consideration other (non-gardener) users. The group's aim would be to help address some existing challenges within the space, and to ensure that all views are taken into consideration. The group could also be tasked with taking on some of the solutions suggested by the working group, such as better signage and re-naming/re-branding the park.

Jérémie would like to propose the formation of the MUSC and discuss how they would report or liaise with the SSCA Board, i.e. would a director be the chair, or would the chair of the MUSC liaise with the Board similar to the PSAC? The MUSC would consist of an SSCA board member, a BGSS board member, and representatives of other user groups. There was a general consensus that the Board could support the formation of the MUSC, but that it shouldn't be tasked with long-term planning of the park. Jérémie will begin searching for a chairperson and get the committee started. Heather will send Jeremie templates with Terms of Reference for sub-committees.

Jérémie would also like to suggest removing the OLA from the north end of the park (table for September). He is asking members to spend time over the summer using the gardens and think about it and also review the OLA management plan from the City.

New Business

10. SSCA Addition

Jeremy

Documents from all trades are 95% complete, and Rita will send them to four different contractors for preliminary pricing. The preliminary price estimates will be used in the permit application. The drawings have been sent to the City for a technical and financial review.

Jeremy moved that the SSCA apply for the CFEP Large Grant (maximum \$500,000.00), the application deadline is June 15th Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy moved that the SSCA apply for the Council Community Fund for up to \$500,000.00 (Counsellor Sutherland's office will support the SSCA), Monique seconded. Motion carried.

11. CHA Update

Darren

Guests: Janis MacIssac and Mike McLead (Directors of CHA)

Hockey Calgary is proposing an amalgamation of the Crowchild Hockey Association (CHA) with the Westwood Hockey Association (WHA). In 2013/14 CHA merged with the WHA to form one operation program, the North West Warriors (NWW). The CHA has \$400,000 in cash to disburse prior to the amalgamation to ensure it stays within CHA communities, and they are proposing to donate it to the Crowchild Twin Arenas (CTA). The target of the NWW is to have



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the amalgamation effective June 30 as this ties in with their fiscal year end. The proposal requires a Special Resolution from the three CHA communities to approve the donation.

There was a discussion regarding the reasoning of donating the \$400,000 to the CTA rather than using the money to purchase \$400,000 of pre-paid ice time. Janis clarified that it would take a long time to purchase \$400,000 (several years). Leaving the funds with the CHA at the time of the amalgamation would reduce the amount of control the CHA has over it and they would like to use the money to support the three CHA communities (Silver Springs, Varsity, and Scenic Acres). Under CHA bylaws, the three founding communities are identified as members, and the Societies Act requires two thirds of a membership must approve the Special Resolution. Moving forward, the NWW may explore changing the definition of members, allowing families and program users to have a vote; this decision will be benchmarked against other hockey associations in the City. New bylaws will be developed, NWW is looking to streamline communication with the six member communities. As the SSCA Board Representative on the CHA Board, Darren supports the amalgamation and proposed governance structure as it better aligns the NWW with other hockey associations. Further discussion will determine who reports to SSCA or how. Janis and Mike already have a Special Resolution worded, Janis will send it to Darren.

Note: On June 3 - 4, 2021, the Board voted via email on the following motions:

Darren moved that the SSCA accept the Crowchild Hockey Association special resolution to enter into an amalgamation agreement with the Westwood Hockey Association to continue as one society hereby known as the Northwest Warriors Hockey Association. Kay seconded, motion carried.

Darren moved that the SSCA accept the Crowchild Hockey Association proposal to donate surplus program cash assets in the value of \$400,000 to the Crowchild Twin Arena Association. Kay seconded, motion carried.

12. Wheeling Facilities

Jennifer, Monique & Jérémie

The discussion online has been very interesting regarding the lanes. There have been a few hiccups and unintended consequences with the wheeling lane installations. Jennifer spoke to Counsellor Sutherland today, who has spoken to the Director of Transportation, and as a result some changes to the lanes will be made. There is misinformation on Facebook being circulated that it is not a pilot, this is contrary to the information provided to the SSCA in June 2020 when the project was first discussed. Counsellor Sutherland spoke to the team working on the wheeling facilities project and they reassured both Counsellor Sutherland and the SSCA that it



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absolutely is a pilot. Jen Malzer is looking into installing angle parking on the west side of Silver Springs Blvd. in response to concerns about the reduced parking for Bowmont. There have been two vehicular accidents on SS Blvd involving single vehicles and the wheeling lanes (infrastructure, no injuries to drivers, cyclists or pedestrians). All calls regarding the wheeling lanes to the SSCA office should be redirected to 311 or Counsellor Sutherland's office. The City Transportation department is drafting a response to address the misinformation being shared on Facebook. If any members hear concerns or have any, please direct them to Jennifer, Jérémie or Monique. The flower pots should be installed next week, and there will be painting on the concrete for transition areas at corners (right hand turns and transition areas/ flex lanes). The SSCA has asked for greater communication from the City of Calgary about the project to community members. An evaluation of the pilot will be done in the fall, with the aim of getting wider engagement from the community.

13. Next Board Meeting

Jennifer

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14. Adjourn

Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm.