



**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 7:30 pm**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** J  r  mie Bourqui, Karen Bradshaw, June Bergman, Scott Chomistek, Jennifer Dotchin, Cydney Elofson, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Brian Pshyk, Monique Tambay-Roest, Kay Wilford

**Office Staff:** Sherry Gavlin, Deb Hall, Rita McMillan

**Guests:** Maggie Chernenkoff, Dan Olesen, Cst. Dustin Williams

### **1. Introductions**

**Cydney**

Cydney called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and introduced Dan Olesen, a community member presenting to the Board at the meeting.

### **2. Remarks from the Chair**

**Cydney**

Councillor Sutherland is not running in the upcoming municipal election. Cydney will write a letter on behalf of the Board to Councillor Sutherland's office thanking him, and his staff (Ralph Smith, Tomi Neilsen, and Christine Louie), for their support over his terms.

### **3. Approval of meeting agenda**

**Cydney**

Jennifer moved to approve the October 2021 agenda as presented, Kay seconded. Motion carried.

### **4. Approval of [September 2021 Minutes](#)**

**Cydney**

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

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

**Cydney**

- a. Edible Garden Group (Kay), BGSS (June), Counsellor's Report (Ralph Smith), NPC Report (Heather MacKay), Pump Track and Pumpkin Walk (Monique), Winterspace (Karen B.), Office (Rita), Safety Report and MUSC (J  r  mie)
- b. Questions arising from Board reports

**Cydney**

There was a question regarding the BGSS report and their upcoming strategic planning. June clarified that the BGSS Board will be completing a significant strategic planning session in the winter and will be asking the SSCA for input. June will also connect with J  r  mie and Jane Aldous (the co-chairs of the Multi-User Standing Committee) for input on the strategic planning.

### **6. Guest Reports**

- a. Calgary Police Service

**Cst. Dustin Williams**

Cst. Williams acknowledged the property damage that occurred at both the pool and the CA building. Since school started the vandalism and overnight activities have calmed down, and a few individuals were caught. Rita will keep the cameras on the pool until winter, there has been less activity but there are still some activities happening around 1:00am.

Crime rates in Silver Springs continue to be low, but there has been a slight increase in auto thefts (6 in September). There has been no pattern to the timing of the thefts, but the incidents



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typically include an element that could have prevented the theft (i.e. keys left in the ignition). Cst. Williams highlighted a new [voluntary app](#) designed to reduce the number deaths among individuals using opioids at home alone.

There was a question from Board members who had been made aware of potential abduction attempts of young people in the last two weeks. None of the incidents were in Silver Springs.

Cst. Williams had no information specific to the incidents, but has some general safety information he can share (how to prevent attempted abductions). If he finds any further information Cst. Williams will share with Monique to distribute to the Board.

There was an additional question regarding possible crackdowns on illegal u-turns at traffic lights (are the CPS doing a concentrated traffic blitz?). Cst. Williams has not heard of any traffic blitzes targeting that specific behaviour.

**b. PSAC**

**Maggie Chernenkoff**

Due to internet connection issues Maggie was unable to remain in the meeting.

**7. Executive Committee Updates**

**Cydney**

**a. Board Changes**

**i. Playground Sub-Committee**

Due to the restructuring of the Crowchild Hockey Association (CHA), there is no longer a role for Darren to serve as a liaison between the SSCA and the CHA. Darren will therefore be stepping away from his role with the SSCA, however he has agreed to stay on until the AGM in January to support Monique with the work on the policy manual. Darren leaving the Board also opens up the role of a Playground Board Sponsor. A Board member is needed to work with Marny Paul on the revamping of the Silver Valley Drive playground. We will also be losing our Playground Board Sponsor. Karen B. and Monique will work with Marny in a consultation capacity. Monique will coordinate a meeting with Karen B., Marny and Cydney.

**b. Policy Review**

**i. Conflict of Interest, Program Overview, Communications, Board Member Orientation, Recruitment of New Board Members, Political Affiliation, Sponsorship**

A few members could not access the Policy committee folder. Please review the policies (Monique will resend) and comment on them by Oct. 20. Monique will rework them to include the feedback and email them to all members by Oct. 27. The Board will vote on each policy individually at the Nov. 3 meeting.

**c. Land Acknowledgement**

The Executive met on Oct. 6 and discussed whether it would be appropriate to add a Land Acknowledgement to the beginning of our meetings. They also asked what the SSCA could do in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation in addition to acknowledging National Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30 on social media. Moving forward, the Board would like to work with Elders in the community to learn what steps the SSCA can take that are more than a Land



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Acknowledgement which could potentially be viewed as tokenism if there is no additional action taken. It was also suggested that the SSCA close the office on Sept. 30 in future years (Alberta does not recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30 as a statutory holiday). Rita and Jeremy had discussed giving one of the new rooms added during the building expansion and Indigenous name. Brian has some Treaty Seven contacts, Brian and Jennifer will work together to reach out to local Elders. There was consensus that it's important to learn more about Truth and Reconciliation.

There was a discussion about having a designated outdoor space for ceremonies, celebrations, educational and artistic displays. This will continue to be an ongoing discussion as the Board explores meaningful steps to move forward with recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. Deb shared the following link:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html> if Board members are interested in taking an online course.

## **8. Financial Reports**

**Scott**

### **a. August & September 2021 internal F/S**

**August:** Over the outdoor pool season, the pool brought in \$160,000 revenue. At the fiscal year-end, the CA had a \$22,000 deficit on expenses not related to the pool, but ended the year with a \$138,000 surplus due to pool revenue. Scott recognized Rita, Deb, Dawn, and Sherry for their excellent work managing the pool. All restricted funds remain in surplus positions.

Unrestricted cash available was sitting at \$243,000. In September Scott and Deb moved \$100,000 into term deposits and will move an additional \$50,000. .

Scott moved to approve the August Internal F/S as presented, Monique seconded. Motion carried. End of year audit will begin next week.

**September:** Scott and Deb are still working on the September 2021 financial statements as well as a first draft of the 2021/22 operating budget. It will be shared with the Board prior to the November Board meeting.

## **Business Arising from September 2021 meeting**

### **9. Outdoor Improvements**

**Rita & Jeremy**

Rita and Jeremy applied for the Council Community Fund on behalf of the SSCA, requesting \$300,000 for the building expansion. On September 13, Jeremy, Rita, Heather MacKay, and Christine Louie (Ward Sutherland's office), presented to the City Council and Council unanimously granted the request. Cyndey thanked Rita, Jeremy, and Deb for their hard work on the grant application.

The outdoor rink asphalt and mesh are at the end of their life cycle. Rita has collected quotes and met with contractors for the work required. Jeremy, Kevin Mullie, Derwin, and Rita met and compiled a list of the work that the rinks require. The rink committee is expecting to spend approximately \$200,000 to redo the asphalt and screening. The work will be completed in the



spring of 2022, at the same time as the building addition. Rita would like to apply for the CCG grant which will cover 75% of project costs. The CA has funds from the Crowchild Twin Arenas (CTA), or can apply for other grants to cover the remaining 25% of the project costs. A curb on the NW corner is heaving and may require additional work, which may cause the price to increase. There was a question regarding the use of concrete vs. asphalt. Jeremy and Rita explained that outdoor rinks are typically covered asphalt, concrete is approximately three times more expensive than asphalt and is more susceptible to cracking. The quotes Rita collected include a top finish for the asphalt making it smooth enough to potentially paint lines (i.e. pickle ball), and taking steps to mitigate future heaving due to the springs underneath.

- a. Jeremy moved that the SSCA apply for the CCG for a maximum project cost of \$200,000 (CCG covers 75% of project cost) to cover the costs of the upgrades to the rink surface and screening, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **10. Community Member Presentation**

**Dan Olesen**

Dan shared a powerpoint presentation with a proposal to revamp the four garbage bins in the BGSS. He has spoken to Guy Beavers (City of Calgary), Guy is willing to support the project if the SSCA supports it. Dan is asking the SSCA to provide him with a letter of support and to act as the fiscal agent for the project. Additionally, the SSCA would help oversee and collaborate with Dan and Guy. Dan is proposing having area residents to sponsor a "wrap" on the garbage bins that would be decorated with photos of their dogs. Excess funds from the sponsors would be kept in a restricted fund with the SSCA accounts, and be used to pay for upkeep of the wraps, and to help cover the costs of the "doggie bags" provided by the BGSS. Monique shared a one-page summary of Dan's presentation with the Board during the meeting. Terms of Reference (ToR) would have to be developed and approved by the Board if the SSCA agrees to act as the fiscal agent. A decision will be made after the Board has reviewed the ToR provided by Dan. Dan indicated that the wraps will not be ordered or purchased until they have been paid for by community members, so there should be no financial risk to the CA.

Cydney moved that the SSCA support, in principle, Dan to proceed with the next phases with the City of Calgary and the BGSS, on the condition that Dan continues to consult with both the BGSS and the SSCA, and provides the SSCA with Terms of Reference, Jenn seconded. Motion carried.

Dan will CC Monique on all emails with Guy as the Board liaison.

### **11. Winterspace Update**

**Karen B.**

The ad-hoc committee would like to revisit the appetite of the SSCA for Winterspace, and to get feedback on possible governance models (moving from an ad-hoc committee to a formal sub-committee). They have several questions regarding various locations that they would like to receive feedback from the Board on, and are waiting to get the relevant information from the



City before moving further on short-listing possible sites. The City has indicated a preference for three possible locations; on the existing SSCA LOC, in the same field as the Edible Garden Group, or in the green space at Silver Creek Drive and Silverthorn Road. The committee would like to meet with members of the Executive and City of Calgary Parks to develop a step-by-step plan for moving forward. Further discussion tabled for November to allow the ad-hoc committee to decide if they wish to formalize their committee as a sub-committee of the SSCA Board. Monique will coordinate an offline discussion with the Executive and the ad-hoc committee before the November board meeting. Jérémie will connect the committee with UofC students working on capstone projects to discuss the possibility of working with the students to complete a feasibility study.

- a. Motion tabled until after the next Winterspace Ad-Hoc Committee meeting

**Note:** On Oct. 13, Karen B. moved via email, that the Winterspace Ad-Hoc Committee become a formal sub-committee of the SSCA. The Winterspace Sub-Committee will develop Terms of Reference (ToR) for Board approval by the November 3, 2021 Board meeting. Monique seconded.

## **12. Habitat for Humanity**

**Karen B.**

After the first phase of the Silver Springs Habitat for Humanity, the SSCA provided the residents with welcome baskets that included donated items from several local and surrounding businesses. Supplies for additional baskets have been depleted, Karen B. asked the Board whether or not we wish to continue providing the baskets to Habitat residents and additional phases open up. Cydney and Karen B. will meet offline to discuss further.

## **13. Pumpkin Walk**

**Monique**

Monique moved that the SSCA approve the purchase of two \$50 gift cards for the Pumpkin Walk to be used as prizes, Karen K seconded. Motion carried.

## **14. Letter of Support - Community Art Installation**

**Cydney**

Cydney shared the proposed art installation with the Board prior to the meeting. There was some discussion regarding the accessibility and visibility of the site and the artists' justification for choosing that location. Rather than a crowd-draw, the artists are looking to provide a more contemplative, and organic experience, there will be no social media or other advertising, the exhibit is meant to be "discovered" and shared by word of mouth. The artists will use the Letter of Support in their application for a microgrant from the Calgary Arts Development Authority. There was a brief discussion regarding whether or not supporting this application would preclude the CA from applying for the same grant in the future. The SSCA could apply at a later date for a similar grant, but the individual artists apply for this grant, so the CA would not be excluded from future consideration. June indicated that the BGSS is in negotiations with a sculpture artist for an application of the same grant. Questions were raised regarding the music



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potentially being a noise concern. Cydney confirmed that the artists will be consulting with all neighbours, as well as working with the City to ensure they are following all relevant bylaws. The music and installation would be in place for 2 hours, during the day, for 45 days. The artists will continue to consult with the City and SSCA.

- a. Cydney moved that the SSCA provide a letter of support for the Artist-Initiated Microgrant application to Calgary Arts Development Authority of Olyn Ozbik and David Agecoutay. Monique seconded, motion carried.

**15. Next Board Meeting**

**Cydney**

- a. Board Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 7:30pm

**16. Adjourn**

Kay adjourned the meeting at 9:53pm