



**SSCA Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2022 7:30 pm**

## **APPROVED Minutes**

**Present:** Cydney Elofson, Jérémie Bourqui, Scott Chomistek, Kay Wilford, Margaret Livingston, Patrick Crampton, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Lynda Pannanen, Karen Bradshaw

**Office staff:** Rita McMillan

**Guests:** Kelly Kay, Dustin Williams, Heather Gibbons

**Excused:** June Bergman, Monique Tambay-Roest

**Notes taken by:** Jérémie Bourqui

### **1. Introduction (2)**

**Cydney**

The meeting was called to order by Cydney at 7:33pm.

### **2. Land Acknowledgment (2)**

**Kelly**

Kelly read land acknowledgment

### **3. Remarks from the Chair (2)**

**Cydney**

Cydney noted that as Monique is excused today Jeremie will take care of the minutes.

### **4. Approval of meeting agenda (2)**

**Cydney**

Jeremy Gukert moved to approve the agenda, Patrick Crampton seconded.

### **5. Sept. 2022 meeting minutes**

**Cydney**

Cydney indicated that some information is still missing from the September meeting minutes. They will be circulated and voted on via email.

### **6. Acknowledgment of Written Board Reports Submitted (2)**

**Cydney**

- a.** BGSS (June), EGG (Kay), Office Report, Winterspace (Karen B.),  
Neighbourhood Streets Project Update (Jeremie)

Heather's report will be sent later as it was sent but not added to the shared folder..

- b.** Questions arising from Board reports (10)

**Cydney**

It was noted that Heather Gibbins report was sent to Jeremie and Monique on Monday but did not get added to the shared folder. It will be added and sent to the group.

No questions from the board reports.



## **7. Guest Reports**

### **a. NPC Report (5)**

**Heather Gibbons**

Heather shared the good news that the inspired neighbourhood grant was approved for a value of \$12,000 coming to SSCA.

Heather mentioned the different grants available as indicated in her reports including: ActivateYYC for winter projects. Deadline is October 15. Parks foundation Activate Outdoor Space, \$5k, no deadline, available until money runs out. Energising spaces grant for energy efficient appliances and outdoor lights. Rita mentioned that the SSCA received the Energising grant ones for a new fridge. The SSCA applied for new lights for the hockey rink, but did not get it. Rita speculated that it may be because we have enough money. Heather did not think that was the reason.

City is hiring 15 to 24 year old youth. Hiring event by invitation only.

Patrick suggested we should publish the youth employment to the community. Rita will ask Sarah to send it out.

Heather also warned about scam text messages claiming overdue bylaw infractions have to be paid. The city will never contact you via text messaging.

### **b. CPS Report (5)**

**Cst. Dustin Williams**

Cst. Williams noted that only two break and enters have been reported this month in Silver Springs. However, Varsity had a rash of break and enters, especially from backdoors. He also noted that often residents pay more attention to secure their front door but neglect their back doors. Important to pay attention to them, make sure they are properly secured and locked.

Cst. Williams also mentioned that if we find campers in green spaces and parks, call 311 to for bylaw officers to deal with it. Unless something criminal is happening, then a call to the police is warranted. But usually no criminal issue with these types of campers.

Cst. Williams noted an increase in phone, text scam especially targeting seniors. Often telling they are their grandkids or relatives in need of money.

Patrick, ask about how thieves choose houses to target. Cst. Williams indicated that they often check hundreds of houses over a night to find unlocked doors and not necessarily targeting specific houses.

Margaret wondered if they scope the area before visiting a specific house. Cst. Williams mentioned they might stake out houses during the day. If suspicious activity is happening, call the non-emergency police line. He also noted that break and enters happen during day time usually as they wait for homeowners to vacate the house. Doorbell cameras are great to deter daytime break and enter, and supported by police, those footage may be used in court.

### **c. PSAC Report (5)**

**Chelsea and Kelly**



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All classes are full including the 3 year old pm class which usually fills up by christmas only. Kids have enjoyed the great fall weather with lots of outdoor activities. Fall walk on monday. All day class had a water fight. Picture week this week. Parent volunteers are back in the class.

Co-chair Cheelsee is looking at how to spend the money they have available. They are looking at additional activities such as ski lessons at Winsport, swimming lessons, and social events for families. PSAC planned for marketing and fundraising at their September meeting.

Cydney mentioned that she will be meeting with Rachel, both psac Co-chair (Chelsear and Kelly) and Sarah from the office to discuss the new policy document as it is outdated. Rachel has done some work on it already.

Rachel did an excellent job by providing each PSAC member with a binder with role description and tasks. Including providing all activity required over the year in a calendar. This is great to have, big thank you to Rachel.

Cydney mentioned that we will have to look before skiing lessons regarding waiver.

**8. Executive Committee Updates (5)**

**Cydney**

Good news, just before the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) application the Silver Springs Outdoor Pool Fundraising Foundation (SSOPFF) has finally received its new name: Silver Springs Recreational Fundraising Foundation (SSRFF). They also applied for another grant.

Marny also talked with Parks Foundation so that the money dedicated to the playground can be transferred to the foundation in order to have this program open for new applications. Rita is interested to know about the timeline.

Patrick asked how much they have so far. Cydney mentioned that they have close to 50k in cash, 31k in kind from park and play and parks 30k. Good position for matching grants. *The exact numbers were confirmed after the meeting, they have 49k in cash and 67k in kind.*

Policy regarding communication will be updated especially for social media. Cydney mentioned a recent issue regarding a person wanting to post a picture on the SSCA bulletin board to identify a dog owner in the community. The person alleged that she was bit by the dog and the dog wonder did not provide her correct contact information. Cydney mentioned that we do not want to circulate any allegation if we have no proof. Also we do not want to vilify people. Our current bylaw is not specific enough and Cydney will work on that gap.

**9. Financial Reports (5)**

**Scott**

**a. Sept. 2022 internal F/S**

Scott reviewed the September financial report. Operation is positive with a net income of \$24,721.77, such high income is due to all registration fees and SSCA memberships. Preschool has about 2k more surplus as the prorated budget for the month of september. Restricted cash



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accounts have remained mostly unchanged except for softball and preschool with an addition of \$9,736 and \$6,668 respectively. We have a total of \$173,705 in casino funds. Unencumbered cash amount as of September 30th is \$250,217.93.

Scott asked when we would need money to start the construction of the addition to our building. Jeremy does not think it will happen soon because they still need to apply for grants. He thinks maybe in one year. Having any new CIC terms for one year or under would be wise so that it can become available without too many penalties.

Scott moves to accept the September 2022 financial as presented, Patrick second. No objections.

A question was raised regarding when we will have the next casino. We do not know exactly, but usually every 18months. They contact us when it is our turn.

**Business Arising from Sept. 2022 meeting**

**10. Neighbourhood Streets Project (15)**

**Jeremie**

Jeremie presented the aspects of the neighbourhood streets projects that have been removed due to budget constraints. He mentioned that we are losing some ramps that would be very nice to have. Jeremie expressed some concerns as the bike lane extension is taking a lot of the budget and all the improvements they are removing could be built if the the wheeling lane extension would be scaled back. When we voted to support the wheeling lane extension we were expecting all the promessed work would happen. Jeremie mentioned that he his willing to push back and try to keep some of those improvements. Especially the ramp along the boulevard at Silverthorn Road. Jeremie asked everyone to provide their opinion on the different elements that are currently removed and how important they are to them.

Kay mentioned that a ramp would be useful to have in front of the botanical garden. She witnessed elderly people having trouble going over the curb. Jeremie will mention this to the project manager but noted that it would have been better to have this information earlier in the process.

**New Business**

No new business.

**11. Next Board Meeting**

**Cydney**

- a. Board Meeting Wednesday, November, 2, 2022, 7:30pm



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**12. Adjourn**

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm