



**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 7:30 pm**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** June Bergman, Jeremie Bourqui, Karen Bradshw, Scott Chomistek, Jennifer Dotchin, Cydney Elofson, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Brian Pshyk, Monique Tambay-Roest, Kay Wilford

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

**Guests:** Maggie Chernenkoff, Heather MacKay

**Notes taken by:** Monique Tambay-Roest

### **1. Introductions**

**Cydney**

- a. Maggie Chernenkoff (PSAC chair)

Called to order by Cydney at 7:37. Cydney welcomed everyone back after the summer and introduced Maggie Chernenkoff as the new PSAC chair.

### **2. Approval of meeting agenda**

**Cydney**

Jeremy moved to approve the September 2021 agenda as presented. Scott seconded, motion carried.

### **3. Approval of June 2021 Board Minutes**

**Cydney**

Jenn moved to approve the June 2021 Minutes as presented, Jérémie seconded. Cydney abstained as was not at the June meeting. Motion carried.

### **4. Acknowledgment of Written Board Reports Submitted**

**Cydney**

- a. Edible Garden Group (Kay), BGSS (June), Counsellor's Report (Ralph Smith), Calgary Police Services (Cst. Dustin Williams), NPC Report (Heather MacKay), Office Report (Rita), CTA, Development, Outdoor Rink, Nosehill Development, and Outdoor Expansion (Jeremy), Community Safety (Jérémie)

- b. Questions arising from Board reports

**Cydney**

Jeremy and Rita clarified that the grant they are presenting for on Sept. 9, is the Council Community Fund. If the committee approves the application, Jeremy and Rita will then present to Calgary City Council.

June highlighted the open house at the BGSS on Sept. 11 from 10-11am to present the opening of the mural. It was requested that a representative of the Board attend to present and set up a table to sell memberships. Cydney will coordinate with June offline.

Congratulations to Kay and all gardeners on the work done on the Edible Gardens this year.

Cydney would like to acknowledge the enormous contributions and support of Heather MacKay on the Council Community Fund application.



## **5. Guest Reports**

### **a. NPC Report**

**Heather MacKay**

Heather stated that she would like to acknowledge all of the work that Jeremy, Rita, and Deb have done with Heather and Christine Louie (Councillor Sutherland's office) on the application for the Council Community Fund. On Sept. 13, they are presenting to the Priority and Finance Committee. The Organizational Health Services Measures due by Sept. 30, all communities complete it, and it is an opportunity to provide feedback on NPCs and the support received from NPC. The Executive and office staff can complete on behalf of the Board. Heather then congratulated the Board on the successful outdoor pool season.

### **b. Calgary Police Service**

**Rita**

On July 24, 2021 several individuals dumped over the planters, rolled the recycling and organic bins down the hill, before dumping them out and leaving the hose on by the SOKO entrance at the SSCA, they then threw plants into the pool. A similar incident happened again approximately two weeks later, it was the same individuals as they were caught on camera. Rita is now storing the recycling bins in the kitchen, the hoses are no longer left outside and water to the tap has been turned off, as well as plants removed from all the planters except the ones by the front door. The group of individuals have been caught on camera 4 times. The incidents are occurring between 2 and 3 in the morning. One one occasion Rita attended and was pelted with cups of water, mud, and pebbles. She called 911 and two sergeants attended the scent, but the individuals dispersed before CPS arrived. To increase their presence in the area, the CPS are now doing reports from our parking lot, and taking their breaks in the lot. The night of Aug. 31, 5 individuals were night swimming, CPS arrived and caught them. They were not the same individuals as the vandals. The CA building has been tagged on the west side, City staff will come to see if they can remove the graffiti. There was a discussion as to whether or not screen shots from the security camera can be shared either on the Silver Springs Virtual Front Porch or from the SSCA Facebook account, Rita will follow up with CPS or Dustin first. Dustin has provided recommendations that the CA can take to minimize the risk (see CPS report). To prevent individuals from climbing on the back shed and drinking, Rita has installed an angle bar with barbed wire so they can no longer access the roof. Rita has requested a quote for cameras on the building. There had been an incident one night before a pool rental, so Cydney thanked the staff and their spouses for cleaning it up to allow the rental to proceed.

## **6. Executive Committee Updates**

**Cydney**

Cydney, thank you to the Executive committee, especially Jenn for stepping in when Cydney was unable to attend in May and June.



a. Preschool update

Maggie provided a quick update: Staggered preschool entry starts Sept. 2 for the 3-year olds, Sept. 3 for the 4-year olds. Approximately 75% of the preschool spots are full, only the pm classes have some space available. There are some concerns from teachers regarding masking and the sick time policy, specifically regarding a close contact within the student or teacher's families or close network (isolation requirements are unclear at this point). Teachers have presented as an ask, that any staff or students who are close contacts isolate, but it is currently not a legal requirement. There is concern as to whether or not all preschool staff will be required to follow the same masking requirements regardless of vaccination status and the impact the teachers being masked can have on children who are coming to the preschool for the first time (could be intimidating for younger children). Will the mask be reviewed at a later date? Current government regulations shared in August do not require masks in preschools and daycares, but the COVID numbers have since doubled. The Executive met in late August to discuss masking in the preschool taking into consideration the potential impact on the children, but felt that masking should be mandatory rather than face shields as the students cannot be vaccinated and the Executive and teaching staff all wish to protect them without limiting the benefits of preschool. Health Canada, Alberta Health Services (AHS), and the CDC all state that face shields do not protect others from the spread of respiratory droplets, so ultimately the Executive decided to mandate masks for all preschool staff. Masks are not required for the students, but will be encouraged. The Board recognized that teachers are disappointed with the mask mandate and discussed operational ways teachers can be unmasked while engaging with the students (i.e. go outside and remove their mask, talk about why they are wearing masks, have photos of the staff in the classroom). The 2020-21 preschool year was very successful with no in-school transmission, due to the processes in place including increased sanitizing, hand-washing, and masking. Sick leave was actually way down. All close contacts came from outside of preschool, if proven to work, and children cannot be vaccinated why move away from it. All Covid related policies will be reviewed and adjusted as the nature of the variants and information change.

There was a question about the possibility of having rapid tests available in the preschool, could it be further explored? Costs would have to be examined, and parents consulted before a decision can be made. Rapid testing should not be a replacement for masks, but used in conjunction with them and would have to be used for all staff and students to be effective. Cydney has reached out to the university preschool and their guidelines are almost identical to what the preschool has implemented. If any Board members have further comments please email Cydney.

There was additional discussion regarding the legal versus moral obligation to disclose if an individual is a close contact. New regulations no longer require close contacts to disclose that they are a close contact or to isolate. Questions were raised about privacy versus our obligation to protect the students. It was determined that the Preschool can ask families to self-disclose if



there is a close contact but not require them to. If students or staff have symptoms or develop symptoms at the preschool they will be sent home. Preschools are no longer required to collect daily Covid screens, but the families are asked to review it daily (same as schools). Can we expect the teaching staff to stay home if living with a confirmed case? If the SSCA requires the teaching staff to stay home as a close contact, we need to be prepared to pay them as we did last year when it was government mandated. In 2020-21 the SSCA added extra sick time to cover mandated isolation. The Executive will meet and provide guidance for the preschool.

**b. Policy Manual**

Monique presented the SSCA policy matrix that was put together to track policy development. There will be several draft policies for review at the October meeting. In the coming weeks, Monique will reach out to various Board members to work on developing additional drafts.

**c. Bike Lanes**

There have been no complaints for several weeks about the bike lanes, and the office has received several thank yous or notes in support of the lanes. Anecdotally, people living adjacent to the Blvd have noted a significant decrease in traffic noise and speed. Jen Malzer (City of Calgary) has stated that there will be an evaluation in the fall, and that they are developing a plan. Jennifer recommends that the SSCA take on some of the engagement in addition to the pieces by the City to provide constructive feedback. If any Board members have suggestions as to how to gather the feedback, not just from the vocal members in favour or against the lanes, but as many community members as possible. The next few months will be very important to the evaluation of the lanes (kids returning to school, winter), with further evaluation needed in the spring. Jérémie has been speaking to people when he sees them, gathering informal/ anecdotal feedback.

**7. Financial Reports**

**Scott**

**a. June and July 2021 internal F/S**

Scott will discuss June and July Financial Statements. Karen B. moved to amend the agenda to June/ July 2021 instead of August 2021, Karen K. seconded. Motion carried.

In June, the SSCA ran at a deficit which was expected due to decreased rental income, due to the ongoing pandemic. The opening of the pool in mid-June helped to offset the decreased revenue. The preschool finished the 2020-21 year with \$48,000 revenue due to wage subsidies available during the pandemic. Unencumbered cash available was \$91000 at the end of June. In July, the SSCA ran a \$13000 deficit out of general operations, but the pool brought in \$77000 net income. Unencumbered cash on July 31st was \$116000, Deb will be asked to move another \$50000 into a term deposit. The SSCA term deposits, CEBA loan and casino funds total \$487000.

The SSCA is asking the City for \$300000, the federal government for \$500000, and the provincial government for \$600000 to go towards the building expansion, with the expectation that the CA would contribute \$250-300000.



Scott moved to approve the June and July 2021 internal financial statements as presented, Kay seconded. Motion carried.

**Business Arising from June 2021 meeting**

**8. BGSS OLA Multi-User Standing Committee (MUSC)**

**Jérémie**

Jane Aldous has agreed to co-chair the MUSC with Jérémie. The Terms of Reference (TOR) were developed by Jane with assistance from June. The goal of the group is to advise the BGSS and SSCA on the running and development of the park (Botanical Gardens/ Birth Place Forest) and to share the voices of all users; dog owners, gardeners, artists, photographers, community members, etc. The MUSC will consist of 8-12 community members. Monique will redistribute the TOR and proposed projects to the Board for feedback. The TOR state that the MUSC would act as an affiliate of the SSCA, therefore, the Board is required to approve them.

**Note:** On Sept. 7 - 15, 2021, via email, the SSCA voted on the following motions:

Jérémie moved that the SSCA approve the formation of an advisory group (Multi User Standing Committee) for the park home of the Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs, as defined in the terms of reference document (MUSC - Terms of Reference - v1.0), Monique seconded.

Jérémie moved that the SSCA approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) developed for the Multi User Standing Committee as presented, Monique seconded the motion.

On Sept. 15, 2021, both motions were carried.

**9. Wheeling Facilities and Construction update**

**Jérémie**

In the spring the Board was asked to prioritize some traffic calming measures within the community, to date none have been implemented. Jérémie is following up for more information as to when the projects will be completed, possibly next year.

**New Business**

**10. Outdoor Expansion Update**

**Jeremy & Rita**

Architectural, structural, and electrical plans are completed to about 90%. They were sent to the City for review, and Jeremy and Rita have asked for quotes from three companies, with the understanding that the quotes will be redone once the drawings are finalized. Comments from the City after the initial review were extensive and have been shared with the trades to be added. Jeremy and Rita are presenting on Sept. 9 to the Priorities and Finance committee (smaller committee of counsellors) which reviews applications for the Community Council Grant. The Committee will determine whether or not the SSCA can proceed in the process and present their application to City Counsel. In the application, the SSCA has asked for \$300000 (approx. 20% of budget). Jeremy thanked Rita, Heather and Deb for their fantastic work putting the application together. Jeremy and Rita will update the Board after Tuesday.



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**11. Next Board Meeting**

**Cydney**

- a. Board Meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7:30pm

**12. Adjourn**

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm.