

Secord Community League Board Meeting – November 20, 2017

Location: David Thomas King(DTK) School

Meeting Called to Order 7:09pm

Attendees - Candace Smashnuk (President), Brittney Pechtel (Memberships), Maxime Belanger (Civics), Carmen Kristel (Vice-President), Candice Simpson (Treasurer), Thomas Zurch, Angela Richardson

Absentees – Tami Dmytruk , Fiona Dwyer (Secretary), Shaun Boyle, Melody Wilson, Aleks Miklas,

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Angela Richardson

Second: Maxime Belanger

Approval of Minutes(for June, September & October)

Motion to Approve: Carmen Kristel

Second: Maxime Belanger

Introductions – Paul Hicks, Kelsey Wasylenki

Guest Speakers – Kelsey Wasylenki (DTK Grade 9 Teacher) & Rebecca Henuset (CRC)

Kelsey Wasylenki, Science workshop

- ❖ Proposing a JR High Science club on weekends.
- ❖ Run Sunday February 3/17th
- ❖ Advertise on Facebook and Website. May be a grant for teen engagement to help with costs.
- ❖ Run as a registration or a drop in?
- ❖ 2-6 parent volunteers are needed
- ❖ Max 30 kids
- ❖ Send out reminder mid-December

City Liaison Report – Rebecca Henuset & Tammy Francis

- ❖ Sports field is a municipal reserve – still not an off leash area. May require signage for pet owners. In the meantime, temporary signage may be able to be brought in (will take 1-2 weeks)
- ❖ Consider telling other nearby community leagues to remind their communities about this, as this isn't just Secord causing these issues.
- ❖ Playgrounds – prepping paperwork to be submitted December 15. Submitting \$5000 that was allocated for strategic documentation (PM retainer, architect, designers etc.)
- ❖ City of Edmonton letter RE: CRC rule – help & answer questions & inspire more
- ❖ CRC's = NRC (Neighborhood resource coordinator) – focusing less on recreation development, and more on community development
- ❖ Rebecca to find out where letter is
- ❖ Chris Auton – New NR in January
- ❖ Sending invite to open house, date TBC
- ❖ Trudy is helping with transition

- ❖ Rink permit discussion

Candace Smashnuk, President Report

- ❖ Skating rink – Rebecca getting final license, City of Edmonton changed a few things. In the future, get license first, then build rink.
- ❖ Needs assessment results – ranks results in order, will review in the New Year

Note from Maxime: Many community members don't know what the board does. What does the membership do?

- ❖ Send newsletter with board and membership details
- ❖ Continue distributing magnets – utilize junior high students to deliver

Candice Simpson, Finance Director's Report

- ❖ Review of Financials
- ❖ Do we plan on forecasting out financials? It's not mandatory, but may help with strategic planning

Carmen Kristel, Vice President's Report

- ❖ Christmas Party – December 9th 1:00-4:00 – will be there early to set up tables and chairs
- ❖ Candace to bring projector for movie with laptop and DVD
- ❖ School still trying to figure out cost of cleaning charge – Carmen will need cheque for \$300 for cleaning fees. No other costs, rent of facility is free
- ❖ Will advertise on Facebook, website and signage.
- ❖ Rebecca to look into scanned vs. original receipts
- ❖ Party will include cookie decorating, ornaments, popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, movie, snowman building contest.
- ❖ Looking for a Santa Clause – Brittney checking with father-in-law
- ❖ Volunteers needed from 12:30 – 4:30
- ❖ Brittney to change signage
- ❖ Free for members, event is cash only - \$5 per individual, \$10 per family – motion to approval Maxime, Candace Sm.

Maxime Belanger, Civics Director Report

- ❖ See notes attached

Old Business

- ❖ Still looking to fill Communications Director and Social Director Position

New Business

- ❖ Communications Director was still vacant
 - Paul/Katie Hicks was nominated and accepted

Motion to approve – Angela Richardson
Second : Candace Smashnuk

- ❖ Motion to accept and approve the new Mission Statement: Secord Community League strives to develop a safe, inclusive and friendly community. Helping residents develop and foster relationships with each other, builds a sense of community and pride, enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Secord Community League is committed to community engagement and the development of programs and infrastructure to enhance the lives of residents.
 - Motion to approve: Candace Smashnuk
Second: Carmen Kristel
- ❖ Maxime to do garbage can inventory
- ❖ Snow angels – Facebook post re: snow shovelling
- ❖ Advertise social director on Facebook
- ❖ Discussion re: policy for missing SCL meetings (unexplained/unexcused absence)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Next Meeting – David Thomas King – January 15th, 2018

CIVICS DIRECTOR UPDATES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2017 MEETING	
Topic	Update since last meeting
TRANSPORTATION Intersection of Secord Boulevard and 215 Street (Winterburn Road) Traffic Lights - Street Light Phasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Back in September 2017, Maxime requested to have the traffic light timing improved to facilitate existing the neighbourhood in the morning and entering it in the afternoon. The City has since told me the traffic study was done and they are at the implementation phase. I was told the duration of the green light out of Secord would be increased in the morning. Its not yet in place. Its taking a long time. Maxime will follow-up. . In early November 2017, Maxime also recently asked for a left turning light to be added. The Director of Network Operations and Traffic Safety Supervisor are involved on these discussions and we are waiting for an answer. Andrew sent an email, as our Councillor, to the Director of Network Operations last week to have something done at this intersection. We are still waiting for a response.
TRANSPORTATION Secord Boulevard near Winterburn Road (east of 217 Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents were wondering if Secord Boulevard is 1-lane or 2-lanes going east, east of 217 Street to 215 Street. . Maxime asked the City if lines could be painted on the road. . The City replied that the road is too narrow to have 2 official lanes of traffic. . Therefore, residents shall consider this road as having only 1 lane of traffic. Near the intersection, most residents know to pick a side, as two cars fit side-by-side
TRANSPORTATION 92 Avenue and Connection to Secord Boulevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 92 Avenue and connection to Secord Boulevard won't be complete this fall/winter. No construction in winter. Construction will continue in Spring/Summer 2018. Therefore, opening of our second main access should be in 2018.
TRANSPORTATION Playground Speed Limits to 30kmh, and neighbourhood speeding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 30km/h needs to be respected in playground zones. . 50km/h everywhere else. . Maxime initiated conversation with the City Transportation and EPS regarding the speeding and speeding enforcement. Maxime will continue to discuss with them. . Residents shall complain to EPS or 311 if they have concerns with speeding and distracted driving.
TRANSPORTATION Winterburn Road Widening and Sidewalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with Andrew Knack to have this included in 2019 Capital Budget Plan.

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REZONING Rezoning of RA7 to RA8 – 9615 – 231 Street First Reading Passed. Second Reading in Q1 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . First Reading was passed in September 2017. . Planned to go back to Council in Q1 2018 for administration to answer neighbourhood access questions and for second reading. . Maxime will gauge the feedback from residents through Facebook prior to Council date. . Maxime may make a presentation against the rezoning, depending on resident's feedback.
REZONING Land east of Winterburn Road and north of 98 Avenue in Lewis Farms Industrial. Rezoning from RR to CB1 Avatex Corporation – Represents developer – Represents Shell Canada.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Public Hearing date is December 1, 2017 on City Maps website, but there are no council meeting set for that day. . Need to find out when public hearing will be. . SCL has no intention on speaking against the rezoning application.
REZONING Lewis Farms Industrial – Rezoning from RR to Industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Proposal to rezone the Lewis Farms Industrial area to industrial (from rural residential). No official request made the City yet. . There was a resident meeting organised by Lewis Estates Community League recently to discuss. Residents are against proposal.
DEVELOPER Secord Crossings (Commercial Development to the northwest)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Initiated Contact with Developer on November 17 by email. . Asked about timelines and retailers. Waiting for response. . Their website is outdated, 2017 to 2019 construction was planned...
ETS - BUS Bus Service to West Secord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . In September 2017, Maxime made request that bus service be extended to the west of Secord given the newly constructed Secord Boulevard and David Thomas King School. . ETS responded that bus service to west part of neighbourhood won't happen until at least 2018 due to budget. . Need to discuss with Andrew Knack again. Something should be done sooner for our residents.
ETS - LRT Valley Line West LRT Citizen Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime will attend the Valley Line West LRT Citizen Working Group as the Secord Community representative. . Attended Public Open House last week. Information was shared and feedback was sought, including park and ride and grade separation plans.

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PLAYGROUND Red Playground - Safety – No Parking Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime contacted the City to suggest having a no parking zone east of red playground, along 217 Street. This would be for safety around the playground, and enhanced visibility. . There is already a no parking zone on north side of playground on Secord Boulevard. . City advised that no parking zone along east edge of playground on 217 Street is not recommended. It would increase width of road open to traffic and promote speeding instead. It will not happen.
LANDSCAPING Stony Pond (Secord Landing) / Southwest Pond SWMF Landscaping Deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime made initial contact to Andrew Knack on August 4, 2017. Andrew explained that FAC of vegetation was accepted in September 2016. . The pond looks unfinished. Hard to believe all of landscaping was approved. Something needs to be done. . Asked 311 for landscaping drawings of all the Secord Ponds at three occasions, but the Drainage Contact never got back to me. . Maxime sent an email to 311 specific to the pond's poor condition on November 9th. Request redirected to Drainage. Waiting for answer from them. . If no answer within the next week, Maxime will contact Andrew Knack to expedite the request.
NOISE Noise from Highway 16A / Stony Plain Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime is suggesting a review of noise levels from the Highway 16A. There may be a need for better noise management. . Emailed City on November 9th. No response. . Sent another email November 20.
CRIME Theft - Police	<p>Crime is down in the last couple months. Improvement over previous years and from this Summer.</p> <p>Secord Statistics - In last 60 days (to Nov 18):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 theft of license plate - 1 attempted break and enter of garage - 1 theft of automobile - 1 theft of \$5,000 <p>Our crime rate is similar to other nearby neighbourhoods.</p> <p>There are lots of vehicle and license plate theft in other neighbourhoods.</p>
PLANNING Long Term Plan for the Community Baseball Diamond Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime called Senior Planner and left message to be contacted back. November 20, 2017. . Will ask what is being planned for the Secord area in the next year. . Will ask what is planned for the baseball diamond area, near Secord Treestand.
OTHERS Sand Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . On November 4, Maxime requested that our Community sand box be included on the City website. It is located at Secord Boulevard and 217 Street, near the red playground. . Maxime also requested that the sand box be filled.

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ACTIVITY Ice Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Ice Rink Installed in early November 2017 near baseball diamond. . I would like to thank Shaun, Candace, Nathan, Heather and Teodore for helping with the installation. . Received positive feedback from residents. . Ice rink is to be removed in March 2018.
ACTIVITY Spring / Fall Cleanup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . We need to plan for the Spring Cleanup 2018 Event, and promote it early. . High demand for the clean-up according to survey (86% support; highest of all events).
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT Engage Edmonton 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Maxime will attend Engage Edmonton 2017 on November 30th. . The event is open to the public.

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<p>DOGS OFF-LEASH Observations Bylaw Enforcement</p>	<p>Here are some facts, not opinions, about dogs off-leash in Secord.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Dogs Off-Leash in Secord is not allowed anywhere, including besides the baseball diamond / Secord Treestand. Its actually not allowed anywhere, other than in approved Off-leash dogs sites. Its a City Bylaw. . Parkland Bylaw 2202 even stipulates that dogs cannot be in any park space, even on a leash, unless there is a path. . Still several off-leash dogs in Secord Treestand area daily. Off-leash dogs are also seen in other community parks and around ponds. . Lots of dog poop seen last week in Secord Treestand area (4 seen on top of snow, fairly fresh - pictures were taken; also lots of poop along multi-use trails). . Animal Control Officers are patrolling the area, and issuing warning and fines, according to some dog owners. There has been complaints by residents. . Animal Control advised that dogs are not allowed at all in the Secord Treestand Park area. . Residents are advised to use an approved off-leash dogs park. The closest is in Callingwood. . https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/parks_rivervalley/off-leash-locations.aspx
<p>DOGS OFF-LEASH Bylaws and Fines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Why are dogs not allowed in the Park area at all? Parkland Bylaw 2202 17 (1) Unless otherwise permitted by this bylaw no person shall allow any animal under their control, or for which they are responsible, to be on Parkland. (2) A person may have a Dog on Parkland so long as the Dog is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) leashed and on an Improved Trail or an Unimproved Trail; (b) leashed and on a Boulevard; (c) leashed and in an area governed by signage permitting Dogs; or (d) in an Off Leash Area; but only if the Dog is, at all times, kept at least 10 metres from any developed playground or picnic site. . Regulations applying to all dogs: Animal Control Bylaw 13145 10 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Restricted Dog shall ensure it does not bark in a manner that is reasonably likely to annoy or disturb the peace of others. 11 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, or Restricted Dog shall forthwith remove any defecation left by it on public property or private property other than that of the Owner. 13 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog or Nuisance Dog shall, at all times when it is off the property of the Owner, have it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) under control; and (b) held on a leash not exceeding two metres in length. FINES (a) \$100.00 for any offence for which a fine is not otherwise established in this section (e.g. having a dog in the park, even on a leash); (b) \$250.00 for an offence under section 10(1), 11, or 13(1) if the dog is a Nuisance Dog;

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DOGS OFF-LEASH Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy Dogs Open Space Implementation Plan	<p>. Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy Document - January 2016.</p> <p>Future Off-Leash Park - July 20, 2017 - From City: The City has put a temporary suspension on the establishment of new off-leash areas in order to focus on creating a process for requests of new locations. The Dogs Off Leash program team is currently completing work on a 10 year Implementation Plan that will align with the recommendations outlined in the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy. We will be presenting this plan in a report to Council this fall and that plan will guide the process for creating new off-leash spaces as well as managing our current off-leash areas. The feedback we received during the development of the Strategy confirmed that there is demand for new off-leash areas in West Edmonton, and once new off-leash area establishment becomes available, will be considered for a new site.</p> <p>September 13, 2017 - From City We will be moving forward with creating a detailed process for how community groups can establish new off-leash areas and we will also be creating a detailed budget to request Capital and Operational funding that can help the City to establish new off-leash areas as well. If we are granted capital budget, it will be in the 2019 budget cycle. Once I have more details about when our community led off-leash establishment has opened again, I will be sure to let you know.</p>

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COMMUNITY SURVEY Playground - Needs Assessment Survey	PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM SURVEY: 1- Neighbourhood Watch Group - 87% 2- Community Organized Sport for Kids - 83% 3- Green Shack (77%) 4- Learn to Skate (67%) 5- Community Garden (62%) 1- Spring Cleanup (86%) 2- Annual BBQ (84%) 3- Movie in the Park (79%) 4- Block Parties (78%) 5- Holiday Christmas Party (65%) 6- Winter Lights Contest (62%) 7- Garage Sales (62%) 1- Walkways (99%) 2- Areas Lit at night (96%) 3- Garbage Containers (94%) 4- Pathways near natural area (92%) 5- Natural Area (92%) 6- Planted Trees / shrubs(91%) 7- Cleaned Winter Paths (89%) 8- Open Grassed Areas (85%) 9- COmmunity Plauground (85%) 10- Spray Park (77%) 11- Bike Paths (70%) 12- Benches along pathways (70%) 13- Sliding Hill (69%) (X) Off-Leash Dog Park (55%)