

Secord Community League Board Meeting – AGM - April 16, 2018

Location: David Thomas King(DTK) School

Meeting Called to Order 7:08pm

Attendees - Candace Smashnuk (President), Candice Simpson (Treasurer), Melody Wilson (Director at Large), Paul Hicks (Communication), Maxime Belanger(Civics), Carmen Kristel (Vice- President), Tami Dmytruk (Director at Large), Pamela Thivierge (Director At Large)

Absentees – Fiona Dwyer(Secretary), Brittney Pechtel(Membership Director)

Notable Figures - Andrew Knack, Chris Auton

Approximate audience count: 15 plus speakers(plus several children)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Candice Simpson
Second: Melody Wilson

Introduction of Board Members

Approval of Past Minutes(November, 2017, January, 2018 and March, 2018)

Motion: Maxime Belanger
Second: Paul Hicks

Executive Reports

Candace Smashnuk, President Report

- ❖ This was a great year, the block party in September was epic
- ❖ The Christmas party in December, saw a great turn out. Positive reviews on food and prizes.
- ❖ The Ice rink seems to get lots of use, possible expansion for more use by residents.
- ❖ There was lots of growth and development in the Secord area, including the school. Future projects are still in the works.
- ❖ With the school being in our community we have the opportunity to host more programs. The babysitting course was a huge success, there were 17 participants. Looking at working together again: possibly Bike Safety and First Aid courses.
- ❖ Pet faeces is still an issue (no lead, waste etc...). The walking trails are being misused by pet owners, we want to embrace all pet owners but we encourage responsibility.
- ❖ Crime seems to be increasing in our community, try not to leave out any valuables, check all locks, if there is suspicious activity then call the police (or email) for increase presence. Also, make friends with your neighbours and please give feedback to the board.

Candice Simpson, Finance Director's Report

- ❖ This was a good year. The league got operating grant this year which made a big difference. Some of the funds were spent on various programs. All important information are on the

reports (it was printed and made available for the audience and board members). See attachment for **balance sheet and income statement** .

Committee Reports

Maxime Belanger, Civics Director Report

- ❖ See attachment for the civics report

Paul Hicks, Communications Director

- ❖ Currently setting up Mail Chimp to help spread more information to our community members who are not connected via Facebook.
- ❖ Trying to help get a dog park located closer in west end. Any information received will be posted on the Facebook page or sent directly to the individual emails that were collected at the Christmas party last December. There will not really be any definite answers on where or when it will be started until next year.

Christie Delano, Playground Project

- ❖ The Second Community League(SCL) has taken responsibility for developing the parkland on the site next to DTK School to develop a large community playground
 - In the fall, the residents who participated in the Second Needs Assessment indicated this was a top priority
- ❖ SCL has a sub-committee of seven members working diligently to fundraise and work through the City's process. We do still have room for more volunteer members on the committee should persons are interested.
- ❖ After taking the Needs Assessment into consideration the committee made the decision to incorporate three major elements into the concept plan of the park development
 - Playground - inclusive, multi-surface
 - Multi-purpose tarmac with basketball hoops
 - Asphalt pump track - bike track
 - The committee made the decision to go with a bike track over a splash park for several reasons
 - Functionality for total number of days in a calendar year
 - It appeals to a broader age range
 - Unique feature in city parks
- ❖ The parkland is currently in Concept Phase
 - The committee met with the Project Team and Landscape Architect to develop the concept plan and estimate - both will be made available to the committee at the end of May
 - Public consultation will take place afterwards
 - After public consultation and committee approval we will move forward with a 10% cash deposit into Design Phase
- ❖ Once in Design Phase we will select the various elements and features for the playground structures, apply for more grants, and consolidate the funding.

- ❖ To move to construction phase we need 100% of our funds in place.
- ❖ Target construction - Spring 2019 - which means we need 100% of our funds in less than one calendar year!
- ❖ As a result this project will be done in phases. Phase One will include the playground. Number of Phases will be determined once we receive our estimate.

Social/Events Director, Vacant(Candace Smashnuk presented)

- ❖ May 5th will be the Community Garage Sale, about 20 residents have indicated interest in this event and a map being prepared.
- ❖ May 12th is the Big Bin event, more details to come on that
- ❖ Planning big fundraisers this summer for the new playground.

Guest Speakers

Lyndi Karbonick: Principal at the DTK School

- ❖ The school opened last fall and had 250 students when it opened. Currently, there's about 300 students. The school is built for 900, so lots of room for growth. Pre-enrollment for the upcoming school year puts the school at about 420 students.
- ❖ The demographic is young, with 75 Kindergarten students. There are about 25 students in each junior high class, so growth is coming from bottom up. School maybe full in about 6 years.
- ❖ It is a beautiful facility and they are happy to work with community to offer more programs. Lyndi is looking forward to being part of future partnerships. The Parent Council Chair and Fundraising chair were present as well.
- ❖ There is now Sod at the back of school, the children are playing in other areas right now. The west and south school ground is slated for sports fields. There will be a partial field opening 2018, and the full opening 2019. Hoping playground will be ready at similar time.

Chris Auton: Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (NRC)

- ❖ The NRC liaison works with groups to develop community programs and parkland development (like playground). The liaison gives information, referral and facilitate playground programs and register day camps out of community league. He also provided feedback on parks development, tree planting etc. For rinks or other facilities the NRC liaison is also available to assist. Speed limits or signage does not fall under this role.
- ❖ Question: Community garden talk? NRC- could create a sub-committee, see NRC for details.
 Comment: Dogs- only garbage cans by pond, so perhaps more integrated garbage cans would be helpful for other dogs owners. Maxime: Can contact city with specific areas to request cans to dispose waste in.
 Comment from Audience: Possibly mailbox or bus stops?
 Comments from Audience: Sled hills? Candace: Possibly hills behind the school
 Comment from Audience: Dog park? Paul: 2019 information will come. Possible subcommittee.

Andrew Knack:

- ❖ Glad to hear subcommittees are being possibly formed by the community league.
 - Transit- Bus service: (As of September) possibly splitting the 315 bus into A and B route (A would serve Secord, B would just carry north of Secord). Ridership is highly considering the area. It will go to the school area, but possibly not all of the North, due to turn around point for the bus.
 - Covered bus stops: (Community question) please call 311 to make sure it's on the list for covering. Pattison may be covering some shelters. There is also an app to see where the bus is in real time.
- ❖ LRT- Province funding announced, therefore construction is likely to start next year (2019).
 - Changes noted: Lewis Farms Park n Ride will be expanded to include more accommodate for parking (from 650 to about 950, possibly more). The 178th Street LRT station above ground and down just before 178th street, will remain above ground there. Different style of LRT, intersection should remain clearer for this style of LRT (non-stop even at red light). The estimated completion is around late 2024/2025 - about 5 years. Report will be coming back in June, will report further at that time.
 - Question from Audience: Signalling issues resolved and will they affect our line? Andrew says no but it isn't resolved on old line (ours will be different as it's a new style/technology. Like a modern day street car).
 - Question from Audience: New Recreation Centre, is there potential to connect LRT to new rec centre later on? Andrew thinks not realistic in short term, as it will be the largest recreation centre in the City of Edmonton. Would like to see an express bus connect rec centre to different places (including possible transit to Enoch and possibly to transit centre). Andrew recently met with Enoch.
- ❖ Rec Centre: Detailed design is almost confirmed, the programming is set and just need to finish final design work to start 2019. Construction is not yet funded, there will be budget conversation this fall and money is tight. Provincial government has given a lot on transit and a reduction on infrastructure. Our rec center is likely a \$220-\$235 Million dollar project (including academic Catholic High school (funding secured for design) and the entire site is to be built at the same time. Andrew's number one priority is for rec centre funding. Easier to secure the funding, likely a 3-year construction project (which is longer than expected), 2023 is the likely timeline. Will push for this budget cycle because if it's pushed to next budget cycle it'll be 2027. Will likely call on a few representatives from community leagues to help express the need for recreation centre at the next meetings. The administration recommending will be best. If it's not recommended for funding then we will discuss.
- ❖ Jasper Place Fitness and Leisure Centre: This won't be done until end of March, 2019 opening in June of 2019. There was a concern over Asbestos here. Library has identified it as top priority for capital budget ask.
- ❖ Capital Project: Winterburn Road and Webber Greens Drive, number one(1) and two(2) priorities, respectively, for widening to four(4) lanes, possibly six(6) later to accommodate high frequency transit. Andrew will be able to give a better idea in late May about capital investment (i.e. major projects), and will give an update on road widening and where "we" fall in that. Terwillegar may fall first, but likely we'll be on the list. Andrew is hopeful and thinks the Recreation Centre will trigger the need as well.
- ❖ Land by Winterburn School: At the Public meeting held in January at Lewis Golf Course about the area just north between Winterburn school and bottle depo. "Light industrial use" was

approved, once formal application submitted to city there will be discussion. Will notify if larger approval occurs. The request from all area communities is “light industrial” and “light business” with appropriate roadway upgrades. Shell rezoning will come back with site redevelopment. Rezoning note (covered by Maxime, see civic notes).

- ❖ Access Points: This was updated a week ago, Andrew will continue to us on this. MLC Group (Webber Greens into 92nd – road will be completed by end of June 2018, if the weather permits). 231st Exit - MLC has taken over from Walton, they will try to complete by end of October 2018, with firm paperwork from city with timed commitment.
- ❖ Speed Limits – This is a long term issue with many communities. 40kmph residential speed limit is ideal, as there is a proven 27% reduction in serious injury-based collisions. Signage would be needed at every single access. It is difficult to do speed bumps and enforcement. Road design, like narrower road, etc. helps with speeding and is the ultimate solution. Please direct questions and feedback to Andrew via Facebook, his YouTube channel or other method.
- ❖ Soccer field across 231st - send a message to get more information.

Elections: Run by Chris Auton

- ❖ Vice-President: Nomination: Christine Delano (Candace Smashnuk nominated), nomination accepted. Acclimated.
- ❖ Treasurer: Nomination: None
- ❖ Social/Events Director: Nomination: None
- ❖ Membership Director: Nomination: Eilyn Oropesa (Candace Smashnuk nominated), accepted. Acclimated.
- ❖ Director At Large: 4 openings: Nomination: Madison Steel (Candace Smashnuk nominated) , accepted. Acclimated.

Draws done.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Next Meeting is on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7pm.

ATTACHMENTS

Maxime Belanger Civics Director Report:

Neighbourhood Facts

- Today, Secord has about 4200 residents living in about 1500 homes.
- Growing rapidly will fully-developed population forecasted to reach 13,000 people. About 1 new residence every 2-3 days.
- Most than 40% of our population is between 30 to 40 years old, and many new babies and kids.
- About 10% of population is 50+ y.o. (average for entire City is 35%).

Our elected Voice:

- Your City Councillor, Ward 1 (Municipal): Andrew Knack
- Your MLA (Provincial): Jon Carson
- Your MP (Federal): Kelly McCauley

Main Achievements from Last Year

Spring/Summer 2017:

- Crosswalk Marking across Secord Boulevard near playground at entrance. Enhanced safety.

Fall 2017:

- Re-election of Andrew Knack as City Councillor for Ward 1 – Happy to work alongside Andrew for the next 4 years.
- Grand Opening of David Thomas King School, and roads in the area.
- Construction of Secord Boulevard providing more direct connection to Winterburn Road for areas to the west in Secord.
- Playground/School Zones (30km/hr speed limit); there are three in neighbourhood.
- Timing of traffic lights at 215 Street improved (extended green light to exit neighbourhood in morning). Significant difference, although still some backup during rush hours.

Winter 2018:

- Rezoning application from RA7 to RA8 in the middle of Secord failed to be approved; many residents were concerned about density of proposed rezoning. Parcel of land will remain RA7.

Priorities for Next Year / Future Year

Transit:

- Trying to get 315 bus route extended further west in Secord and to DTK school. Our request was denied by Transit Planning, stating lack of budget. We were told nothing would be done until 2019.
- We will continue to ask for extended local bus route in Secord.
- Major "Bus Network Redesign" coming up. City holding many workshops until mid-June every couple days or so. Voice your opinion and concerns:
https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/bus-network-redesign.aspx?utm_source=virtualaddress&utm_campaign=newbusroutes

Roads:

- Winterburn Road Widening:
 - o Many discussions with Andrew Knack. Need to wait for next capital budget cycle (2019) to fund project. Hoping that it will be high priority given growth in area, increased traffic, and new Recreation Centre.
- 92 Avenue construction is underway is planned to be completed in 2018. There will be construction at the 215 Street intersection soon. Will provide second access to Secord neighbourhood.
- 231 Street from Stony Plain Road to 97 Avenue (DTK school road) is planned to be upgraded in 2018. There will be intersection improvements at Stony Plain Road. Will provide third access to Secord neighbourhood.
- 231 Street from 97 Avenue to Secord Road is planned for 2019.

Safety – Reduced Speed Limits (City-Wide)

- Many residents do not follow speed limits in the neighbourhood, especially at the 30 km/hr Playground Zone at Secord Boulevard and 217 Street. We need to keep our neighbourhood safe. More than 20% of our population is below 15 y.o.
- Please report any speeding incidents with licence plate number to police (non-emergency line - 780-423-4567).

Safety – Marked Crossings near DTK School

- We will request that street marking be added at crosswalks near school, for enhanced safety. Street Parking bans near intersection with school will also be requested to increase visibility of kids and students.

Development:

- Three residential developers are in full force constructing roads:
 - o Hopewell Residential finishing few phases.
 - o College Woods area still growing.

- MLC Group (Secord Heights and West Secord) (southwest of neighbourhood) started constructed last year and will be there for many years to come. They have also acquired the Henley Heights area to the northwest.
- There will be many condo buildings constructed in Secord in the next few years. Look at the Neighbourhood Structure Plan (on our website) for more information on where these buildings might be.
- I will be asking all developers and builders to clean roads and maintain sidewalks clear of debris and construction material. We ask for residents to do their part in calling 311 and report any concerns with them directly.

Parks and Sports Facilities

- Landscaping (grass) and sports fields behind DTK planned for this year. Not sure when it will officially be open.
- Future playground for which we are fundraising will be constructed on that site. Date TBD.

Off-Leash Parks

- City recently completed Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy.
- Starting in 2019 (next budget cycle), City will start public consultations and discussions regarding new off-leash areas in West Edmonton.
- We will continue our discussions with the City on the matter, as this is important to many residents. We are in the process of forming a group of residents to work more directly with the City on these discussions.

West LRT

- Andrew Knack to provide updates.

Lewis Farms Recreation Centre

- Andrew Knack to provide updates.

Rezoning

- Lewis Farms Industrial: Looking at being rezoned from Rural Residential to Light Industrial. There was a public consultation in Winter 2018.

Noise (from Stony Plain Road)

- Highway noise is increasing each year. City mentioned the middle section of the noise wall will be constructed in College Woods and should reduce noise levels. If not, we will continue our discussions with the City to see what can be done.

Stony Pond (Pond by Secord Landing)

- The Stony Pond is not retaining its water. We brought our concerns to the City and they will work with the developed to get that addressed. We'll continue to follow-up with the City.

Other - Civics

Ice Rink

- Declare ice rink closed for 2017-2018 season. Success, no concerns raised.
- Once snow and ice is fully melted, we will remove ice rink and put in storage.
- Will discuss with Shaun and will need some volunteers to help remove.

Dogs in Natural Reserve / Green Space / Ponds

- There are no off-leash areas in Secord.
- In some areas, dogs are not allowed even on-leash, such as the green space south of the Secord Treestand by Winterburn Road. Animals Control has put up signs and issued fines for people that do not comply.
- Please keep your dogs on-leash at all times in Secord and use the designated City off-leash sites. Also ensure to pick-up after your pets. Any concerns or complaints, call 311.

Others – Non Civics

Garage Sale:

- Community Garage sale happening on Saturday, May 5th from 10am to 4pm. These are suggested times.
- About 25 garages sales registered. More than last year. Will be advertising soon.
- Residents need to provide address and general list of items sold by April 27th.
- Map of all participating garage sales will be released on April 28-29.
- Maxime will need to get signs prior to garage sale.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors

Secord Community League

I have audited the Balance Sheet and related Income Statement (Statement of Operations) of Secord Community League for the period of January 01, 2017 to the year end of December 31, 2017. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Canada. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Secord Community League as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS:

Auditor Name: Daunine Pardeley Date: Apr. 18/18

Signature: 

Second Community League
Balance Sheet As at 12/31/2017

ASSET

Current Assets

Common Shares/Servus Divid...	6.11	
Chequing Bank Account	21,353.42	
Total Cash		21,359.53
Total Current Assets		21,359.53

TOTAL ASSET 21,359.53

LIABILITY

TOTAL LIABILITY 0.00

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

Retained Earnings - Previous Y...	17,211.10
Current Earnings	4,148.43
Total Retained Earnings	21,359.53

TOTAL EQUITY 21,359.53

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 21,359.53

Candice Simpson
 Candice Simpson, Treasurer

C.S.M.O.
 Candace Smashnuk, President

Second Community League

Income Statement 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

REVENUE

Sales Revenue

Playground Fundraising	79.44
Membership Fees	5,315.00
City of Edm- Comm.L league Op...	9,725.00
City of Edm - Other Grants	2,800.00
Donations - Corporate	2,000.00
Net Sales	<u>19,919.44</u>

Other Revenue

Interest Revenue	9.94
Total Other Revenue	<u>9.94</u>

TOTAL REVENUE 19,929.38

EXPENSE

Program Costs

Playground	5,000.00
Total Programs Cost	<u>5,000.00</u>

General & Administrative Exp...

Advertising & Promotions	94.13
Business Fees, Licenses & Per...	1,587.00
Post Box, Courier & Postage	170.10
AGM costs	244.22
Insurance	1,965.40
Interest & Bank Charges	134.12
EFCL Membership Supplies	358.00
EFCL - Supplemental Fee / Do...	1,469.50
Kids Activities - Special Events	3,162.97
Swim Program Expenses	170.05
Storage Unit Rental	1,425.46
Total General & Admin. Expe...	<u>10,780.95</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE 15,780.95

NET INCOME 4,148.43