Meeting minutes of the Rio Terrace Community League Board March 23, 2016 Rio Terrace Community League Hall

Present: Lance Burns, Aman Athwal, Dan Mallett, Tony Andrzejewski, Councilor Michael Oshry (City of Edmonton), Lisa McColl (City of Edmonton), Erin Waye, Gary Burton, Emma Woolner, Peter Wong, Auriana Burns, Catherine Darrah (Preschool Chair), James Lavoy, David Feldman, Dawna-Lynne Duffy Power, Jessica Nattrass (recording).

Mary Sturgeon, Rory Waye, Trent Bjorndahl, Mary Knight, Thomas Braun, Jane Sokalski, Sherry Waroway, Susan Thompson, Rod Thompson, Dianne Johnson, Wayne Oakes, Gary Elliott, Yves Forté, Michele Foley, Ingrid Lundell, Connie Baxter, Robert Lundell, Gordon Fuerst, Joyce Fuerst, Howard Johnes, David Jolly, Nafisa Bowen.

Call to Order: 7:09p.m

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes for February, 2016
 - Motion to approve the minutes by Tony, seconded by Emma, carried.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda by David, seconded by D-L, carried.
- 3) Appointment of Treasurer and Financial Report

MOTION by Tony Andrzejewski

I move to appoint Dan Mallet as Treasurer until the term for this position ends at the next Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Auriana, carried.

Dan circulated his financial report. (See Appendix 1) Over the past month mostly generic revenue came in and the expenses were primarily related to maintenance. Cash available is \$230,985.40.

Gary asked Dan to provide him with an itemized list of of maintenance expenses.

MOTION by Dan Mallet

I move that the financial report be accepted as information. Seconded by Gary, carried.

Aman Athwal left the meeting.

4) Infill Discussion

Lance introduced our councilor, Michael Oshry, and gave him the floor.

The City of Edmonton has changed their guidelines on infill and subdivision. The bylaw that was recently approved was for the splitting of 50ft lots. The bylaw to split bigger lots (such as in Rio Terrace) has actually been in place since 1980.

The reason for the bylaw changes is to encourage new builds in existing neighbourhoods. The costs to support the development of new neighbourhoods in the suburbs is high and the mature neighbourhoods are seeing a decline in population and school utilization.

The bylaws apply evenly to all neighbourhoods. The City cannot pick and choose. There has only been one infill property in Rio Terrace in the last 10 years, compared to the 19,000 infill properties in the rest of the City.

A question and answer period took place.

Question: Does the City have any control of the architectural design of the infill properties?

Answer: The City can only zone the land and approve the application based on the maximum height, front and rear setback requirements.

Question: How does it make sense that so many communities oppose infill when it is supposed to be a positive thing for our city? Answer: Council has to make decisions that are best for the City and not based upon the opinions of some people within some nieghbourhoods. Densifying mature neighbourhoods is one tool that is needed to control the City's costs and taxes.

Question: For the infills that have been completed, what has been the impact on property values and the social acceptance of the people who initially opposed these projects?

Answer: Studies have shown that statistically lot values increase when infill properties are constructed. This is because people value smaller lots when the trade off is modern style homes that are close to the core of the City. The new houses often exceed the value of what was initially a poorly maintained property.

Question: Please explain your comment in the recent news about Rio Terrace's population stagnating when we have just added 15 new lots and our schools are at capacity.

Answer: The data shows that Rio Terrace School is at 74% utilization and that the province evaluates schools for closure when they are under 85%. The overall population has also decreased in Rio as many households now only have a couple or single person compared to the past studies. In the new neighbourhoods the majority of single-family homes have growing families. Even if infill weren't taking place, the replacement of families into older homes would have less people than in the past. City administration has projected that Rio Terrace will experience a slow uptake of infill development vs. planned community developments like Blatchford.

Question: How will lot subdivision affect parking? Our neighbourhood has no back lanes.

Answer: Once a lot is split, the property still needs to abide by the same rules as a single home so there will be a double garage constructed. Traffic studies show that Rio Terrace has no traffic currently and the increased amount of traffic from visitor parking to these properties will be negligible.

Question: How does this kind of infill provide more affordable housing in the core?

Answer: This type of project is not about affordable housing. That will be achieved by higher density housing (condos, townhouses). This type of infill is designed to increase density.

Question: Won't this affect overall traffic into our neighbourhood, as there are only two entry points that cannot accommodate increased volume?

Answer: Traffic studies have been done and show that there is little to no traffic in Rio Terrace. Eventually, if many lots were subdivided and many families moved in, there could be an issue with increased on street parking. Residents, however, do not own the parking space directly outside their house.

Question: Why haven't there been more higher density projects like the Rio Terrace apartments if the City is interested in increasing populations?

Answer: The City would welcome kind of development and is also looking into this; it is not solely focused on lot splitting.

Question: Won't parking cause friction amongst neighbours? How does a 26ft garage fit within the setback guidelines? Answer: Most lots in Rio are bigger. The subdivision being proposed at 155 street is a 75ft lot. I am unsure on how it would work for small lots (50 ft.)

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Question: Has there been a utility study on the impact of lot subdivision on existing homes?

Answer: Unsure and will need to find out before the April 9 forum.

Final comments from Councilor Oshry:

Ideally the City wants families moving into infill properties because that will increase the density the most. However, the City has no say in what developers build and what customers want. It is possible that the developer could build two bungalow style homes for people who want to downsize but remain in the core of the City.

Under the he Municipal Government Act (MGA), the City cannot stop people from cutting down trees on infill projects. The City has been working to provide incentives for developers to keep trees or replace them. The City is also working on ways to create enforcement of rules around construction practices.

The community open forum will take place in the afternoon of April 9th. The Moravian Church has been booked but Rio Terrace School will also be contacted about potentially using the gym.

Lance thanked Councilor Oshry and indicated that the Community League would like to be more involved with projects that affect our neighbourhood at the planning level.

A statement was made by Gordon Fuerst (community member whose home is adjacent to the proposed subdivision). The full statement is found in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

Councilor Oshry and the majority of community members left the meeting at this point. Aman Athwal rejoined the meeting.

5) Items for Discussion

Old Business

i. **Spray Park Sub-committee update:** Since our last meeting we have had 3 successful fundraisers. The Chapter's shopping night raised just under \$500, Famoso day raised \$1500 and Mundare Sausage sales raised \$500. We have raised close to \$60,000 out of \$127,000 of our community fundraising requirement.

The Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP) grant contract has been reviewed with our legal counsel and revised

contracts have been sent to the City. The next step is to make a motion to sign the contract and pay the deposit to be put in the queue for design and construction. We have submitted our Community Facility Enhancement Program grant to the province and are waiting to hear back. Our next meeting is April 21. In this meeting the group will create a plan to raise the remainder of funds by January of 2017.

There was a suggestion made to mail direct letters to people in the community (specifically seniors) explaining the benefits of the spray deck. This could include a return mail envelope and donation form.

A question was asked about getting seniors involved in the community and in this project. There is an opportunity for intergenerational connections to be made. The committee intends to target seniors in the public involvement plan and hopefully will obtain feedback on how they could be involved with the project.

ii. Hall rental Policy: Discussion tabled until a future meeting (no more than 3 months from now). The President will decide when it will be added as an agenda item. A question was asked about whether a task force or subcommittee needs to be established. The board needs to establish a mission and vision and what our group values are before we can move ahead with making policies. Question was asked on our existing policy documents. We have a binder but they are not digitized and not up to date.

There was a question about whether we might have someone come and facilitate a visioning session for the board. It could be our CRC; it could be David Feldman or someone else. We should think some more about this as a board.

New Business

i. Syrian Families Soccer Fees: We have about a dozen Syrian refugee children (elementary age) that have moved into our neighbourhood and possibly more. The Principal at Patricia Heights School told these families that we have a community soccer program. This is an affordability issue for these refugees, but also for other kids in our neighbourhood. Lance stopped by the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association West offices. They indicated that they have no policy but there are groups in the City that can help (Jumpstart, Sports for Kids). Lance also made contact with our MP and Councilor Oshry. Lisa indicated that Councilor Oshry put an inquiry in and there is a meeting happening later in the month (with all the sport funding organizations mentioned). The season starts May 1 and registration is

still open. Fees vary depending on age group and only a small portion of the fees goes to the community league.

Peter Wong indicated that there are already groups that need funding and it cannot be isolated to one group of kids. The question is how to establish funding as we add more kids. Some communities have eaten the fees and just provided the fees for the kids that need financial assistance. Normally this is done with the expectation that these community members help out by way of volunteer time.

It was decided that our focus as a board right now should be to assist the Syrian families as there is funding in place for other kids and the Syrian families have not been here long enough to apply for this funding. Lisa confirmed that by us putting financial support in place, our chances of obtaining funding from other organizations would not be affected.

Our Treasurer indicated that a \$4500 commitment would not have a negative effect on our balance sheet.

Sports central can supply equipment. Lisa can write reference to get the support. These families also need assistance with the language barrier.

MOTION by James Lavoy

I move that the Rio Terrace Community League waive its community league portion of the soccer fees for the Syrian refugees residing within our community for the 2016 season. I further move that the league guarantee up to \$5000 to be applied towards these soccer fees, should other funding not arise.

Seconded by Auriana, carried.

ii. **Community League Swim:** Currently we offer free community swim at Jasper Place pool as part of our membership benefits. The league pays \$57/month to pay for this program. Jasper place pool is closing for the next 2 years. We need to look at finding another pool for community league swim if we want to continue offering this membership perk.

Last season, Rio Terrace had 368 people swim. Outdoor swim is an option but we haven't done it in the past because the times were not ideal. There is a discount for outdoor swim packages for families. We can advertise this in the community newsletter. A discussion took place on the alternatives for community swim over the next 2 years.

MOTION by David Feldman

I move that the we the Rio Terrace board grant Auriana Burns permission to renew community swim at Terwillegar Recreation Center (with a preference for Sunday night time slot) provided that we get the impression that it will cost less than \$100 a month.

Seconded by Gary, carried.

6) Reports

- **CRC:** Full CRC Report is found in Attachment 3. Lisa is moving offices. Please let Lisa know if you need to book an outdoor parkland space. Lisa also sent infill information electronically. Spring cleaning grants are available. Things went well with Learn to Skate in terms of attendance. The ice -makers did a great job but we did have weather constraints. CLIP grant deadline is tomorrow.
- President: The World Record Ball Hockey game is happening May long weekend. Tania is a graphic designer with the organization and has said she will create a brand and letterhead for our community league, free of charge. The hall parking lot will not be available for the entire weekend (Thurs-Monday).

Lisa is working with Lance and James to apply for grant funding to create a weeklong summer camp for kids who may not be able to afford other camps that are taking place around the neighbourhood. This camp would run out of the hall and Church and involve community member volunteers.

- Vice President: no report.
- Membership: We are up from last month. 75% is families- 32 new memberships came from soccer registration. Full breakdown is included in Attachment 4.
- Soccer: no report.
- Social & Programs: no report.
- Preschool: The 2016-2017 registrations for the 4-year-old morning class are full. The afternoon 4-year-old program has 8 enrolled and the threeyear-old morning class is at 15 registrations. The numbers will fluctuate over the next months but things look good. Thanks to the spray deck committee for including preschool information on the doorknockers that

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just went out. Mother's Day Tea and Norwex fundraising events are coming up. The Preschool board is working well together and the parents are happy with the teachers.

- Maintenance: The Maintenance Director wants a letter written to Lock Surgeon because they overcharged us for 4 keys. Lance will write this letter.
- Hall Rental: We have an additional renter for this summer renting the main hall space Sundays from 10am-12pm and Wed nights from 7pm-9pm from End of June to End of Aug for meditation sessions. Board meetings will have to occur offsite for these 2 months.
- Newsletter & Distribution: Next issue comes out in May. Submission deadline will be mid-April. D-L thinks we should have a BBQ between now and Community League Day.

Gordon Fuerst presented a statement to the board earlier in the meeting.

MOTION by James Lavoy

I move to accept Gordon's report as information. Accepted.

Lance indicated that the Board can, but is not required, to have an official position on infill. Numerous people in our community have approached him on this issue. Lance's conversation with other communities indicated that when the Board took a position, it disrupted the board, in addition to ruining friendships in the community.

If the Board wanted to take an official position, a Special General Meeting would need to be called and the membership would make a vote. Gary's position is that the Board should not take a position. This will be discussed further are our next board meeting.

Adjournment: 9:54p.m.

Next Meeting: April 27 at 7PM, Rio Terrace Community League Hall

	Budget	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
Revenue	FY 2016	2/29/2016	2/29/2015
Casino	83,100.00	83,935.07	-
Hall rental	18,900.00	11,895.00	13,780.50
Newsletter	4,005.00	3,580.00	2,710.00
Programs	3,540.00	3,574.00	-
Soccer	55,000.00	6,622.00	6,714.50
Social		_	61.00
Other - Schedule 1	22,700.00	21,021.21	60,721.29
Total revenue		130,627.28	83,987.29
Expenses			
Repairs and maintenance - Schedule 2	55,610.00	42,974.16	52,101.87
Other - Schedule 3	47,375.00	42,877.10	1,696.00
Soccer	54,000.00	9,691.89	8,861.25
Programs	9,019.00	5,519.67	6,943.26
Social	9,700.00	4,350.91	5,050.21
Office - Schedule 4	5,375.00	3,160.34	3,738.60
Hall rental	4,725.00	2,943.75	3,549.25
Casino	2,100.00	2,638.88	
Newsletter	3,525.00	2,476.83	3,597.95
Total expenses		70,499.03	29,697.92
Net surplus		13,993.75	(1,551.10)
Cash available		22-Mar-16	29-Feb-16
Operating account		44,698.74	47,392.28
Casino account		85,418.80	87,895.45
Restricted in GIC		100,867.86	100,867.86
Total		230,985.40	236,155.59

Rio Terrace Community League Summary of revenue and expenses For the period 1 Jun 15 to 29 Feb 16

		Budget	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
Schedule 1 - C	Other revenue	FY 2016	2/29/2016	2/29/2015
Gra	ants	12,500.00	12,568.00	52,997.00
Do	nations received	120.00	21.00	183.95
Inte	rerest	1,000.00	917.21	645.34
Me	embership	9,080.00	7,515.00	6,895.00
		22,700.00	21,021.21	60,721.29
Schedule 2 - R	Repairs and maintenance			
Rep	pairs and maintenance	19,500.00	13,950.96	25,725.99
Rin	nk attendants	12,000.00	12,716.58	8,459.26
Util	lities	13,810.00	7,451.62	9,669.62
Inst	urance	5,000.00	4,555.00	4,247.00
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A Statement presented to the Board of RTCL

2016-03-23.

Statement presented to the Board of the Rio Terrace Community League on 2016-03-23.

My name is Gordon Fuerst. I live in Rio Terrace and I am a member of this Community League. In 1961, my wife Joyce and I purchased a lot and house in Rio Terrace at 7306 - 155 Street. We still live in the same house at that same address. In a broader sense, Rio Terrace is where we live. Rio Terrace is our home!

At 3:15 PM on February 29th, we received a letter (dated February 23) from the Subdivision Authority of the City of Edmonton. In summary, that letter informed us that Manhattan Homes Ltd. had submitted an application to subdivide (split) Lot 51 at 7304 – 155 St and that the stated intent of Manhattan Homes Ltd. was "to demolish the existing building(s) and construct two single family dwellings". Lot 51 is the lot immediately south of our lot. In shock, I suddenly realized that this was an example of "two house infill" right beside our lot. For the next 24 hours, Joyce and I experienced a variety of feelings ranging from shock, dismay, frustration and helplessness to one of deep, deep anger. It all seemed like a very, very bad dream.

The next day, March 1, we realized that the situation was for real. It was only natural then that we realized that we must share our situation with some of our close friends and neighbours. Through that process we found out that four neighbours in close proximity to Lot 51, had also received the same letter of information! The theme of our conversations with these four neighbour families had one common thread: "What to do? What to do."

Through a variety of telephone calls throughout Rio Terrace, it soon became readily evident to Joyce and me that if any form of rebuttal to the City was going to happen, then those of us that had received the City's letter would have to grab the bull by the horns and initiate a plan of action. The plan of action would have to be one of opposition to the subdivision (splitting) of Lot 51. Someone once said, "God helps those that help themselves" and at that stage of the situation we were going to need all the help that we could get.

To get the ball rolling, we spoke to and invited the four neighbour families, those that had received the City letter of February 23, to come and join us at our dining room table. The purpose of that gathering would be to get consensus on and initiate a game plan as to how we five families could create a unified voice. That voice would express our view to City Hall that the application to subdivide Lot 51 must be stopped. We, the five families, were unanimous in our feelings that Lot 51 must NOT be split. We

strongly opposed the concept of "two house infill" in our neighbourhood because the overall plan of Rio Terrace is one in which there are NO BACK ALLEYS.

On March 6, representatives of the five families did sit around our dining room table and very quickly chose a simple and straight forward strategy to fight back.

- 1. Inform the entire neighbourhood of Rio Terrace of the issue we five families faced.
- Prepare a petition to provide an opportunity for like minded home owners to confirm their opposition to the application for splitting Lot 51.
- 3. Encourage all like minded home owners to write letters to the City to oppose the application to split Lot 51 and to oppose the concept of undertaking "two house infill" in our neighbourhood which has NO back alleys!

Those five families (which were soon labelled as the "Group of Ten") then designed and printed a bulletin (flyer) that captured the above three strategy points. Between March 7 and March 9, thanks to an army of volunteers, approximately 700 bulletins were delivered to mailboxes of all the homes in Rio Terrace and a fringe portion of Patricia Heights on the westerly side of 156 Street. That bulletin was officially addressed "To all home owners in or near Rio Terrace" and made note of a community meeting scheduled for 10:00AM on Saturday, March 12.

Through a process of action planning on March 6, arrangements had been made to rent the space facilities at the Rio Terrace Moravian Church for the scheduled community meeting. At approximately 9:50 AM on Saturday, March 12, a flood people began arriving and within approximately 15 minutes, the meeting room was filled with just over 200 people, some of them upset and angry. The agenda for the meeting was to provide information to attendees concerning some history of Rio Terrace, some history of Lot 51, the apparent intent of the subdivision applicant, Manhattan Homes Ltd., and to describe an action plan for the days and weeks after March 12. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 AM. Petition forms for home owners to sign were also available at that information meeting. Specifically, the petition states: "We demand that the application to subdivide Lot 51 located at 7304-155 St NW in Rio Terrace be rejected." The end result after the meeting was that there were 142 signatures on the petition.

On Sunday, March 14, 16 volunteers embarked on a campaign of door to door doorbell ringing to provide home owners with the opportunity to sign the petition. By the end of the campaign on Sunday afternoon, March 20, a total of just over 490 signatures were recorded on petition forms.

As part of a campaign to display opposition to the splitting of Lot 51, 200 lawn signs were ordered by the Group of Ten. These lawn signs of protest displayed the words: "CITY COUNCIL – SUBDIVISIONS NOT NEEDED OR WANTED HERE". Again, through the help of volunteers, these signs were made available to home owners that really felt strongly about the situation that was unfolding surrounding the issue of splitting Lot 51. As of now, today March 23, all 200 lawn signs are on display throughout the neighbourhood.

At 3:00 PM on Monday, March 21, Joyce and I along with our neighbour friends Michele and Yves Forte, delivered the petition plus 51 neighbourhood letters to the office of the City Subdivision Authority, 33 letters to the Mayor's office in City Hall and 103 letters to the Councillor's office in City Hall. The City gave us until March 22 to make comments regarding the application to split Lot 51. Between February 29 and March 22, expressions of concern and questions in the form of hard copy letters and emails have been directed to the Subdivision Authority with copies of those concerns and questions provided to the Mayor and to several specific Councillors. For example, the concerns addressed a broad spectrum of issues such as: future parking, future traffic volume, destruction of trees, inappropriate new housing designs that conflict with the character of the existing housing styles, reducing the feeling of free space as a result of more housing and the big question of potential changes in market value or assessment value of existing houses.

The waiting period has begun: waiting for the Subdivision Authority to make a decision and respond to the formal application to subdivide (split) Lot 51 at 7304-155 Street. It is my understanding that IF the Subdivision Authority accepts the application and thereby allows the splitting process to proceed, then the Group of Ten (the five families recognized as being in close proximity to Lot 51) are NOT permitted to appeal the decision. To many people, that seems VERY UNFAIR. The scales of justice appear to be tipped in favour of the applicant (developer) whereas citizens in the community seem to be considered as unimportant.

For the remainder of my statement, please understand that when I use the pronoun "we" and "us" I am now referring to those individuals that have signed the petition along with those individuals that have erected lawn signs of protest.

First of all, we do hope that the decision makers at the Subdivision Authority do recognize that the Rio Terrace neighbourhood, along with Patricia Heights and Quesnell Heights were created on a common subdivision pattern. That is, there are lots and streets, but, THERE ARE NO BACK ALLEYS. We believe that allowing a "two house infill" on Lot 51 is a recipe for disaster! We assume that each of those intended infill houses will have a driveway and a garage for at least one motor vehicle. It would seem that providing a garage with each house will significantly increase the size and shape of the skinny houses and we question the degree to which it is possible to design a front view of such houses so as to blend in with the current visual character of Rio Terrace. To date we are not aware of any successful "two house infill" being completed in a laneless subdivision in Edmonton. Hence, without such information, we have no choice other than to object, and object strongly to the application to subdivide Lot 51. We assume and we hope that the Subdivision Authority will do the right thing and reject the subdivision application that sets the scene for "two house infill" in a laneless subdivision. We assume and hope that our Councillor and our Mayor and other Councillors will understand the many serious situations that will come forward with a "two house infill" in an existing neighbourhood that has NO BACK ALLEYS. Via the petition, via the protest signs, via many, many letters and emails that have been submitted, we are requesting, we are pleading, that the appropriate decision makers for the City of Edmonton do the right thing and do whatever it takes to **REJECT the application to subdivide Lot 51 at 7304-155 Street**.

If rejection occurs, then a new opportunity presents itself to City Council and to other City decision makers as well as for all of us in this community. The opportunity can be a time for all to step back, take a deep breath and, maybe, follow a path of finding a solution to the overall infill situation.

A recommendation for positive action is:

- 1. Establish a nine month moratorium that prevents any application for subdivision in the neighbourhoods of Rio Terrace, Patricia Heights and Quesnell Heights.
- Invite representation of all the stakeholders to "the table" in an effort to use a collaborative approach to find a solution to the overall infill issue.

 Note Councillor Oshry has mentioned on more than one occasion that a recent collaborative approach has proved successful. Let's try it.

It takes a lot of effort to build a great City. It takes a lot of effort by the municipal government and the citizens to be pulling in the same direction instead of dealing with each other in a confrontational manner. It takes a lot of effort to build a great City. Let's do it.

Thank you.

Gordon Fuerst

Presented by Lisa McColl

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1. Office Move

- Lisa moving to the Parks and Community Services Northwest Office (PACS)
- New address: #110, 11410 149 Street NW
- New phone number: 780-668-5852

2. Park Usage

- It is the time of year when CRCs receive request for groups to use parkland
- Please let Lisa know about any events you have planned in Rio Terrace Park, Ken Poyser Park, Quesnell Heights to ensure the park is not double booked
- CRCs write permits for regular park use (picnic, games, etc) as well as for activities that are not every day occurrences or that are normally prohibited on parkland (concerts, jumpy castles, food vendors, movies in the park, etc)

3. Infill Resources

- There are several City documents that will help you understand the City's strategy for infill
- Infill Road Map
 - http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/Infill _Roadmap.pdf#search=infill roadmap
- Infill Road Map Progress Report (September 2015)
 http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/Infill
 _ReportCard_v04.pdf#search=infill roadmap
- Mature Neighbourhood Overlay
 http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/projects_redevel
 opment/mature-neighbourhood-overlay.aspx
- Good Neighbour Guide
 http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/EvolvingInfillGNG_WEB_apr15_2015_SPREADS.pdf#search=infillroadmap

4. Spring Cleaning Grants and Programs

- There are several grants and programs available this spring to help clean up neighbourhoods
- Grants and programs include Community Bin, Graffiti Wipe Out Program, Graffiti Professional Cleaning Program, Adopt A Block
- Contact Lisa for further details or check the City website at www.edmonton.ca

5. Learn to Skate Program at Rio Terrace Rink

- Total Number of Learn to Skate visits per hour: 85
- Average number of participant per session: 14.17
- Average number of participant per hour: 4.72

Reminder: 2016 CLIP grant is due March 24, 2016

RTCL Board Meeting 23th 2016

Membership Report by Erin Waye

Est. Full RT Community Membership Capacity: 1360 for approx \$45,000.00

Current RT Memberships Sold: 299 (+32 from Feb), 22% of capacity, \$10,165

Who are the Members

Family 223 = 75% +S. Parent 22 = 7% -Sing/Couple 27 = 9%Sr. Couple 14 = 5%Sr. Single 13 = 4% -

Where are we selling

159 = 53% +Mac's **EFCL** 56 = 19% +Preschool 8 = 3% 46 = 15%Big Bin CL Day 2 = 1%4 = 1.5%AGM Misc 13 = 4%Halloween 1 = <1%Craft Sale 1 = <1%

Upcoming Events: none at this time

Membership sales up likely due to Spring outdoor soccer registration.

Board Members NOT in good standing with Rio Terrace Community Memberships are:

- -Jenn Bungay
- -Peter Wong
- --- These members cannot vote ---