

**RIO TERRACE COMMUNITY LEAGUE Executive Board Meeting**  
**March 22, 2023, 7pm**  
**DIGITAL MEETING: Google meet**

**In attendance: Emma Woolner, Lance Burns, Deb Perram, Andrew Chambul, Auriana Burns, Perry Wynn, Stuart York (NRC), Aleksander Stefanov, Jen Osmond**

**With regrets: Brandon Blanck, Marly Johnson, Kristin Bauer, Andrew Olsen**  
**Not in attendance: Jason Herstad, Carrie Anne Doucette,**

## **Minutes**

**Call to order at 7:04 pm**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda** by Perry; motion to second by Lance; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried.

**2. Approval of February 2023 Minutes**

**Motion to approve the February 2023 minutes** by Perry; motion to second by Lance; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

**3. Action items follow up** from the previous meeting.

**4. Finance Report** – Brandon, provided via email, attached:

For a quick financial report: things look good overall. Mold remediation is under control. \$5 in the Business Society :) Please forward any questions to Brandon.

Emma will send another message in search of a new Treasurer. A new Bookkeeper is also requested.

**Motion to accept the February 2023 monthly financial report** as provided by Perry; Motion to second by Aleks; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

**5. Energy Efficiency project** – Information provided by Perry – the energy in March is way up, at 1.45 MWh. A comparison to the previous year is on par, therefore working with some magnitude.

**6. Items for discussion**

• **Preschool report – Auriana**

All is proceeding well. The Andy's IGA shopping spree was awarded, with others in the planning.

Family Fun Day is planned and on schedule.

• **Soccer report - Perry**

RTCL Soccer Coordinator Soccer Report – Mar 22, 2023 - 2022 / 2023 Indoor Season

The 2022 / 2023 Indoor season was completed in mid Feb. The season ending Slush Cup soccer tournament took place the first weekend of

March. 6 of Rio Terrace's 9 indoor teams participated in this tournament – a great way to end their season. Collection of soccer jerseys and soccer gear not needed for the Outdoor season is now underway.

#### 2023 Outdoor Season Registration Update

Player registration for the Outdoor season has now closed, but of course we will accept late registrants if we have teams needing more players. Our FunSoccer program - U4, U5 & U7 - accepts players right up until the first week of play in May. We currently have over 270 players registered for the coming Outdoor season, with 75 plus in the U4/U4 & U7 FunSoccer program and 200 in the older age group categories. Rio Terrace will host 1 boys team in each of U19, U15 and the U13 age groups. We will host 2 boys teams in each of U17, U11 and U9. We will host 2 girls teams, 1 in U11 and 1 in U13. These numbers are as high as they have been in the years immediately prior to the Covid pandemic. Player registration takes place on-line using the emsasoccerportal.

#### Jersey Replacement.

The current Rio Terrace soccer jerseys acquired in 2008 are finally about to be retired! We will keep the jerseys that are in decent condition to use of possible back-up sets. We have completed an order with Elite Promotional Marketing for new jerseys and expect to receive them in mid April. We ordered a total of 525 jerseys at a cost of less than \$40 per jersey - a cost that my fellow community soccer coordinators are in awe of. Wait until they see these jerseys !!

Total order cost including GST but possibly excluding delivery to Edmonton (may be included in the pricing) is \$19,983. We approved a spend for new jerseys of up to \$20,000 in the Feb Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Perry Wynn, Rio Terrace Soccer Coordinator  
Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$20,000 for RT soccer jerseys purchase; seconded by Kristin; Approved? Yes. Carried.

- **Hall rental report** – Carrie, provided via email.

March was not a very busy month for rentals. Our regular rentals with Jujitsu, Tai Chi and Ping Ping are still ongoing as usual with no changes I am aware of. We had a couple rentals in March and another one booked for April at the moment. Will need to know when the rink is closing or is it closed.

- **Old Business:**

1. Hall Renovation report – Andrew C

The exterior work is about to begin (April 4). The contract has been approved, presented to the City with standards and details all acceptable. Upon an additional review by PINCHIN, they made recommendations to be completed; a bug and bird mesh be placed and add an extra layer of membrane.

Art, our contractor, an expert in the business – suggested these recommendations are overkill and over-engineered. He requested a budget with substantiated reasoning, which was presented to PINCHIN. PINCHIN will charge \$3000 to review the questions, indicating the changes would also bring an additional cost of between \$17 and \$18,000, to a total of

\$21,000. As a Board, we should discuss whether to lean on the Consultants, make sacrifices, or go with bigger change. Art is adamant the change is overkill, the work he is performing is warranted, recommending we stick to the original plans. Or we could go with additions to have only added to problem areas, although PINCHIN wants the whole area done. The additional work would entail equipment rental and additional persons, with weeks added to the timeline of completion.

2. Security cameras – the grant is being worked on by Auriana, and Andrew O.
3. Hall Rental Rates:  
Perry and Andrew C researched and compared our rates to nine other CL's, some of which were larger and smaller, newly renovated, and older: we are charging a much lesser fee than most, at all times (weekday, weekends, and Friday/Saturdays). Suggested we increase our rates, not substantially, but stagger over the next two years, with an increase of 30%.  
Motion to approve an increase in daily rates to \$250 for members and \$400 for non-members by Andrew; seconded by Perry; Approved? Yes. Carried.
4. Snow-To-Go program: Due to a slight misunderstanding regarding insurance between the program and the insurers – the program has been placed on pause.
5. Summer event: Emma will reach out; nothing has been booked at this time.

- **New business**

1. Tennis courts: Agreements will be drawn up by Emma and Andrew C but may not be required – Steve may not be using our courts for lessons this season.  
Tennis court etiquette (and rules) – friendly verbiage is complete and will be sent for printing with posting communication to the next Newsletter and website.
2. RT women seminar – provided to Emma via email by Jen Easaw  
Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Rio Church. I was thinking of calling it Women Living Well, but I'm open to suggestions, possibly from Carrie who is good at coming up with event names.  
Keynote speaker from 9 to 10 ish, who will address effective communication techniques to improve relationships with others. She is awesome.  
The breakout sessions will occur after keynote. Participants will choose 2 out of 4 sessions to attend in the different rooms of the church. Sessions will be 30-35 minutes or so.  
Confirmed topics for breakout sessions are:

1. Dinner in 20 minutes. Odilia, the community kitchen organizer at the church will do a session in the kitchen.
  2. Cancer Prevention - Not sure of the angle yet, but something cancer-related. Physician at the Cross Cancer will present.
  3. Improving Communication - offered by the keynote speaker but more interactive with smaller groups.
  4. TBD. I am needing another speaker and topic that would have mass appeal. Was thinking of reaching out to Joyce for container gardening but would love to have suggestions about topic and speaker ideas from the board if they have any. Also, I've had second thoughts about a yoga session - thinking no since people might be self-conscious in front of others, and logistically difficult to clear chairs away and set them back up afterward for the wrap-up. I am paying \$75.00 for breakout room seminar leaders, who will offer a 30-minute session 2x, to two different groups. An Eventbrite event will be set up in the next few weeks along with a poster and info about the event. For participants, asking \$25.00 to attend which would include coffee and light snacks. Seniors \$20.00. I feel this will be a fabulous morning.
3. Emma presented discussion on pro bono Hall usage – has been requested by various groups. After discussion it was decided Emma would have final decision on allowing or disallowing free rental, without approaching the Board for direction.
  4. The EFCL provided a seminar on 'Grant Advance'. They will be sending a recording of this seminar soon.
    - As a Community League, we should decide on the different areas we may be interested in improving, and the dollar amount we would like in contributions.
    - The EFCL (and us in turn) have paid for this service (for the next two and a half years), so we should take advantage. Even if we were to get started and send out requests for donation at a later date.
    - This service provides full instruction for donation requests, through blogs, for letters of enquiry, how to supercharge a letter, how to follow-up, etc.
    - The service will send reminders to re-apply for grants as necessary (CLOG and CLIP for example).
    - Once a request for donation has been sent, usually the organization will follow up with a meeting (probably you) to confirm the request in an interview environment.
    - We were shown examples, and it was quite amazing 'who' contributes to 'who' (other community leagues in our city). We have to request a username to set up an account and create a password. We require a CRA number (and do we

have a separate number for the registered charity, which is extremely beneficial?). It would be awesome if we had someone to 'specifically' work on grants.

4. Abundant Communities – We are in search of block captains. We will provide all training. It was suggested, as other CL's have done, to hire and 'pay' someone to initiate and manage this initiative. The sub-committee is meeting with the Laurier CL on April 3, to gather research on how to better manage this on our own. Another suggestion, highly liked, was to have a (March Mingle as it was known in the past) pizza and beer 'party.' Provide an incentive meeting to connect people, gathering ideas, or not to do ideas, etc.

## 7. Reports

- NRC report – Stuart provided his report as attached.
- President (and Vice President) –
  - By-Laws are ready to be officially filed.
- Newsletter – Kristin and Marly – complete for February. We are in need of delivery assistance, welcome any newcomers please.
- Senior's programming – coffee will be in the Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

We are forming a committee to begin the Abundant Communities project, with Emma, James, Marly, Perry, Jean Easaw, Vivian, and Deb. Block captains will be located to form connections within an area to gain information on interest in biking? Shoveling? Connecting the neighbours? Block parties/social events? Drive to appointments? Success will be in locating block captains, and planned execution. A meeting will be held to reach out to people, gain participation, make decisions on block parties, distribute flyers, and make introductions. A thorough strategy to align with the initiative. The flyers will contain a QR code to identify queries. The committee will run a database, with survey results allowing the block captains to follow up appropriately. Training will be provided to the block captains. A meeting will be scheduled soon to start the process.

RT was originally identified by the City and asked to form a committee for the initiative.

- EFCL –Andrew O the budget was presented at the last meeting February 10, the next meeting is September 16. He will mention a lobby for assistance with security cameras.
- Maintenance and Renovation - Andrew C reported:  
There are no concerns – no activity with rodents, will ask ORKIN to go back to regular maintenance, instead of monthly.  
We'd like to have the outhouses placed before May 1, the start of the soccer season.
- Memberships – Auriana reported there were some concerns regarding double membership purchases for soccer but has been worked out. The new memberships are being mailed out weekly.

- Signs – Jason was not in attendance – tabled.

When email voting is presented - Please let Emma know any and all concerns you may have, we kindly request a reply for all emails.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.**

**RIO TERRACE BUILDING SOCIETY Executive Board Meeting  
February 22, 2023  
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**2. Approval of February 2023 Minutes:**

**Motion to approve the February 2023 Minutes** by Lance; motion to second  
by Marly; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried.

**3. Finance Report & budget update:**

All reports are in order, donations, educational society.

**Motion to approve the finance report as presented** by Perry; motion to  
second by Lance; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

**4. Items for discussion**

**a) Exterior Hall Renovations –**

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**b) Grant funding –** reporting for CFAB is due March 31. The operating grant is complete.

**c) Donations –** tabled for the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.**

NRC Report - Week of March 20-24, 2023

Stuart York

The **Root for Trees Program** is the City of Edmonton's volunteer tree planting initiative. Help plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers in Edmonton's naturalized areas! Bookings for the Registered Group Planting Program will open to the public on March 31, 2023 at 9:00 am. [For more information.](#)

## Vision Zero

A pedestrian crossing upgrade may be coming to a neighbourhood near you! The **Safe Crossings Program** is expanding to further the City's commitment to Vision Zero by making Edmonton's streets safer and more livable. Approximately 400 crossings are planned for safety upgrades by the end of 2026, with 100 projects confirmed for 2023.

Since the City of Edmonton adopted Vision Zero in 2015, the City has been investing significantly in safe mobility and crossing safety. From 2016 to 2022, over 375 crosswalk upgrades have been installed.

Explore the [Safe Crossings Dashboard](#) to see completed and planned projects. Check out this [video](#) to learn more.

Learn more about the many other programs making Edmonton's streets safer and more livable at [edmonton.ca/VisionZero](https://edmonton.ca/VisionZero).

## City develops new tool to help fight against hate in Edmonton

City of Edmonton Peace Officers have a new tool to help them identify and track hate symbols that appear in public places within the city. The City has created the tool [Lighthouse](#) in partnership with the Anti Defamation League (ADL), the leading anti-hate organization in the world.

City Council amended the Public Spaces Bylaw in 2021 to include communicating acts of harassment based on race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity and includes forms of non-verbal communication such as gestures or hate symbols.



Lighthouse includes a phone application for data collection and a web application for image labeling and analysis using the categorizations provided by the ADL hate symbol database. The phone application allows frontline workers to photograph and upload images of potential hate symbols that are encountered. Images are stored securely, along with time and geolocation to help identify patterns and provide a community-wide picture of hate-related incidents.

In addition to the hate symbols database, the ADL has mentored and supported the development of this technology solution. In return, the city will provide ADL with access to Lighthouse for the organization's use and with the potential to share the technology solution to their chapters and other interested Canadian organizations. Edmontonians can report hate symbols through 311.

**The 2023 Litter Kit Service** will be available from April 1 - October 31, OR, until the supplies run out. Edmontonians can request the amount needed via the Google form on the City's website our website starting April 1, 2023. Each litter kit contains 3 black garbage bags, 1 blue recycling bag, a few nitrile gloves and a safety guideline sheet.

The program will also be providing a large number of litter kits and litter pickers to EFCL's centralized location in the last week of April (as requested by EFCL), as their membership supplies start on May 5. Any community leagues you work with that are interested in getting supplies, there can:

1. pick up the supplies with EFCL on May 5 through EFCL OR
2. request supplies via our website on April 1 if they need it sooner than **May 5, 2023**

### **Festival and Events Micro Grant**

The Festival and Events Micro Grant program has been created to support smaller, outdoor community (niche) festivals and events that showcase local talent, celebrate local histories and cultures, and add vibrancy to our City throughout the year.

This program is available to registered not-for-profit, charitable organizations, and business improvement areas. The festival or event must take place by December 31, 2023.

The maximum grant is up to 50% of eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$10,000; the minimum grant amount will be \$500. \*Please note that groups are only eligible to receive one of the Festival and Events Micro Grant, Neighbourhood Services Micro Grant, or Neighbourhood Connections grant for a single event.

The deadline to apply is April 30. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

The [Community Mural Grant](#) is now open for applications.

Capital City Cleanup has partnered with nonprofits and community leagues providing grant funding for over 50 murals to be installed throughout our City. This year, we continue these efforts by offering a Community Mural Grant for up to a maximum of \$8,000. This funding can be used for consultations, artist services, paint supplies, anti-graffiti coating or other needs associated with the creation and installation of a mural(s). Hosting costs such as providing food and drinks or renting spaces will not be covered this year as in previous years.