

Prince Rupert Community League General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 17th, 2016, 7-9 pm

Location: Central Lion's Recreation Centre, Room 12

Attendance:

Tony Spencer, Victor Dorian, Sandra Lee, Ralph Dyer, Marian Tidsbury, David McDine, Ashley McDine, Brandy Harris, Ron & Myrtle Homeniuk, William (Bill) Gowans, Carly Chen

1. **Round Table Discussion:** Blatchford being in the news as they are starting construction of the infrastructure. Check out their website. The drypond is not looking good and is not being maintained, the grass is very tall and it looks like an abandoned site. That being said, the pond design was available for review at the public consultation as well their landscape maintenance plan, which the community ultimately agreed to, so what is our course of action for having it cleaned up? The board should consider contacting the city in a formal way about our concerns – 1. Aesthetics; 2. Potential Recreation Value of that area for the community. Perhaps the wild tall grass so close to homes and in the centre of our community is not ideal. Talk to Heather to see if she could facilitate a meeting – David will send an email to Heather and cc Ralph.
2. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm
3. Attendance: Taken/ Brandy taking minutes.
4. Agenda: **MOTION to approve:** – Under other business add: the notion of a Motion that the Board approve a neighbourhood block picnic that is scheduled for this Saturday. If the board approves this minor function, then our insurance will cover the picnic. Under Sports Reports add: Potential preparation for this winter's snowbank rink. July 23rd Meeting minutes to be approved at next meeting as they weren't available. Victor/David/carried
5. Minutes of June 20: **MOTION to approve as amended:** Ashley/Ron/carried.
Minutes of June 22: **MOTION to approve as amended:** Ralph/Victor/carried.
* July 23rd meeting minutes to be approved at next meeting.
6. Action Items from Previous Minutes:
 - a) Monthly meeting dates to be reviewed again to include Chris hopefully
 - b) Signing authority has been done.
 - c) PRCL sign is ready and David to coordinate pick up with Tony. Permits are underway with Heather's help – ideally getting it in time for Big Bin.
 - d) Community Swim Programs – Tony to take care of. David met with one of the recreation directors at NAIT about our community having access to their pool. Also have access to the work out facility. The day she suggested was Sunday evening but other options are available as well as

sharing access with Queen Mary. Costs and dates are still unknown and will be discussed further. David hopes to provide details at the next meeting.

e) Connecting with Queen Mary Park – Lindsay to discuss next time she is available.

f) Has the Big Bin Event been applied for? We don't think so – should try to do it for next year.

g) Website design. Square space or Wordpress options – David to look into the existing website – Tony/Lindsay to get him the log in credentials. He will also get a price to have someone build a new site.

7. President's Report – Aurora Place Discussions

Our concerns created a major ripple in the partnership and the design process for Aurora. Victor and Tony found out today that there will be a redesign but that the city will not be gifting that to us. It will be about \$20,000 additional between the 3 partners for this redesign. It was proposed that the City may grant us the money to go ahead, but they want confirmation that we will go ahead before giving us this money. Both PRCL and the City had problems with the design of the plan. Councillor Bev Esslinger felt that we should get in touch with the broader community to see how the residents are feeling about the building as well as an information session to discuss. Need to have our final decision made by November 2nd, so the concept design would have to be done and it agreed to upon before then.

What about the motion that was voted against in June? We cannot just put a full stop to this project/partnership without doing our due diligence. Tony is continuing to investigate and will bring more information regarding the financial aspects and answers about the project at the next meeting. Exactly how much money are we losing if we stop right now, how much goes back to the AGLC? Should have clarity by the September meeting with regards to the money, partnership penalties, contracts, builders, architects etc. A motion will be presented at the September meeting to approve further discussion about the facts and figures at least. Possibly have an emergent meeting with the people who voted on the June 20th motion about continuing the discussions.

8. CRC Report – Heather was not in attendance.

9. Vice-President's Report: One of the responsibilities of the VP is a review of the bylaws, so Ralph is committing to undertake this review and if agreed to by the board, submit a revised set by the next AGM. If anyone wants to be part of this process let Ralph know.

2nd Item: Hockey rink: Last year the board agreed to sell the boards and has had a number of calls about it but haven't been able to sell it. Do we want to continue trying to sell it, or potentially work with another community league to operate it in a joint partnership? A discussion should be held about this at a future meeting. Tony will bring it up with Queen Mary Park.

10. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris can't make it to Wednesday meetings. 3 cheques have been written since the signing authority was changed. Tony will ask Chris to give a written report for future meetings that he cannot attend.
11. **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report. Energy Efficiency Workshop being held on August 31 from 8am-12pm at Fantasyland Hotel – feel free to register.
12. **Social Director's Report: Motion:** This board sanctions the event known as the 112 Avenue Park Party scheduled for August 20th, 2016. Ralph / David / All in favour.
13. **Sports Director's Report:** Last year there was a snowbank rink in Prince Rupert Park that went over pretty well. We should look at the possibility of approving it again for this year – where, and how the city can help us with regards to a water truck etc. Or do we just use our rink area? A snowbank rink within the rink boards? Should we get a heated Atco trailer type facility for skate changing? Water is the biggest issue and community volunteers to build and maintain it is another. Put it out on the website or facebook for an expression of interest about the rink and call for volunteers. We will need a clear motion to authorize the investigation of pursuing the rink option, based on the fact that we had motioned to sell it previously.
MOTION: To temporarily suspend the previous motion of selling the rink boards. Ralph / David/ All in Favour.
14. **Ways and Means Report:** David has looked into the grants we need to apply for and when. Will stay on top of these items.
15. **Communications Director:** Lindsay has stepped down as the director, but will stay on as director at large. The board should send out the description of this position and the membership position to the community as a call for volunteers.
16. **Membership Director:** N/A
17. **Other Business and Parking Lot:** More Dry Pond discussion. We think they should at least mow the top portions for aesthetics and if the grass is long in the bottom that's not as big a deal. Maybe Heather can help us with this maintenance request.
Big Bin Event: Flyers? Website? Facebook? Canada Post mail out? Brandy and Ralph to coordinate.
18. Next Meeting date is September 7th, 2016. Adjourned at 9 pm.