

Prince Rupert Community League Executive Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021, @ 19:00

Virtually via Google Meet

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Vision:

An inclusive, healthy, and thriving community where residents feel connected to one another and the land on which we live.

Mission:

- Facilitate and encourage diverse opportunities to connect.
- Maintain and nurture our urban environment.
- Foster a sense of safety within the community.
- Increase community involvement.
- Advocate for the community to other organizations and governments.
- Keep residents up to date with community-relevant information.

1. Call to order: 19:03

Present: Kathy B., Angela Saxby, Anna, Ashley McDine, Bev Esslinger, 2macneils@gmail.com, Carrie Anton, Carrie Thuesen, Cindy Langlois, Danielle Stewart, Denise Bereber-Biziaev, Doris Shannon, georgejoylynn@gmail.com, Marilyn D., Mona Eng, Randy Smith, Roy Jefferson, Sandra lee, Tara Graham, Tony Spencer, Stephanie L.

Regrets: n/a

2. Introduction of Councilor Esslinger

- a. [Carrie Thuesen](#) , Community Liaison
- b. Bev - Support the work, listen to what we have to say and discuss the rezoning. Reimagining Edmonton - prepped for feedback

3. Thank yous and updates:

- a. Most activity recently: Proposed rezoning on 119 St. Thanks to Marilyn for her community/collaboration efforts in that regard.
- b. Thanks to Ralph for supporting the hand-off of the tractor. It's safely secured in the Slow Pitch's shed. Thanks to the Slo-pitch Association for helping us out.
- c. Katherine is still helping us out with Treasurer stuff, and Shannon Biafore has agreed to help us out with getting cheques written and preparing a report.
- d. Tony has been picking up the slack with treasurer work as well, including making an emergency transfer.
- e. [RIWG Post-meeting Update](#) (Residential Infill Working Group) - take a look
- f. Reminder of our goals for the year. Tough to focus and challenging to get enough volunteers to help. General thank you to the Board

4. Approval of the agenda: Motion to approve the minutes by Ashley, seconded by Tony

5. Approval of the Minutes

- a. **November** - Motion to approve by Denise, seconded by Stephanie
- b. **January** - Motion to approve by Marilyn, seconded by Amy

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Interim treasurer plan - to aid in reimbursement:

- i. Submit an email to Tony with photos/copies of receipts,
 - ii. Tony to create and submit/share cheque.
 - iii. Check shared drive
- b. A reading of the bank statement (December)- a lot of cheques submitted and cashed
- c. Some numbers (numbers below are approximate)

Item	Dollar Amount (\$)
Membership	430.00
Pixel Blue	902.00
Foster Park Brokers Insurance	2000.00
Room Rental	50.00
Outdoor Arena - grounds renewal	2,100.00
Casino Fund	20,000.00
General Account	150,000.00
GIC	231,000.00

- i. Two other accounts renegotiated - two GIC's rolled over for additional funds (Put back in for 90-day term)

Motion to approve report by Tony, seconded by Amy

- d. Signing Authority - has been finalized. Angela, Tony, and Ralph are all signers

7. Proposed Rezoning:

- a. [Prince Rupert Planning Applications](#) - website shows what is happening in our community
- b. Crematorium on 119 St. (11406 119 St.)
 - i. Update from Marilyn - A lot of research completed. Part of the building is leased out, so no clear answer for future of this portion of the building. (About 8 people working with Marilyn)
 - 1. Health concerns and property value concerns
 - a. Mercury, dioxins and radioactive implants are incinerated and so overtime exposure could be detrimental.
 - 2. Crematorium near Flea Market/Kinnikinnick - recent photos of dark plume taken
 - a. Not being covered under Small Incinerators Regulations
 - b. Reported to city via 311 - no action yet taken by bylaw
 - c. Reported to the funeral services regulatory board

- i. They look at equipment, they “do not” look at emissions and air quality.
3. Property values near crematorium could be impacted.
4. Council hearing moved to March - Bev to make motion to move meeting to March 16
5. Feb. 9 was date but will be postponed
6. Bev to remain open to all positions and cannot take a position prior to the meeting
7. Will speak to many councilors prior to the meeting.
8. Challenges of the situation is standard zoning (medium industrial moving to light business)
9. Development office can decide yes to go forward.
Once it goes to the development office stage, the counselor has no more say.
The community will be notified at which time the community can appeal.
Then the applicant can appeal.
10. Proximity to residences, unknown health and environmental impacts, propose to postpone and come back with more information to be provided to the community
 - a. Health - nothing artificial is removed from the body and so plastics/metals/etc. Are particles that are exhumed to the air.
 - i. Applicant said “everything to be self-contained” we don’t know if this is true
 - ii. Does not need to prove this is the case.
 - b. Environmental - air quality - typically only checked after something “happens”.
11. Is this the appropriate land use with the close proximity to residential?
What evidence do we have that there are limited health or environmental impacts?
Said to planning we are in the midst of doing a whole rezoning review.
Is IB the appropriate Zone to have a crematorium. This is more like medium industrial.

So, the main questions to be asked by Bev:
Health, Environment and Proper rezoning.
12. Virtual Council hearing - can speak for 5 minutes and then the council will ask questions; they do not have to be answered.
- ii. Questions by community members (*followed by paraphrased reply by Councillor Esslinger in quotes and italics*)
 1. Roy - Will previously submitted material by Marylyn be shared with City Council?

Will noise/hours of operation/impact be a concern to surrounding neighbours

*“Submittals will/can be shared with council (by Bev) or to all.
“Noise concern is unknown. Definitely raise the concern.
Send emails to council@edmonton.ca”*

*Note as per research for hours - 9am to 3pm and occasionally on a weekend. This could change.

*Note as per research for frequency - 1700 cremations a year (1.5 hours for burning and then 2 hours of cool down in between)

2. Angela and other chat participants - Will the abundance of current crematoriums in the surrounding area inhibit our ability to dispute the proposed?

“How many crematoriums are allowed before it becomes an issue and changes air quality, etc.”

Is it necessary for a Board to speak?

“Some say they will not take a position, and some make a presentation on behalf of the league. What you want is to have enough representation. The community collectively has a strong voice when coming together.”

If a board speaks on behalf of the community, are there standards to ensure not one side is taken?

“We are gathering the thoughts and concerns of the community.

“Various community league members will speak on behalf of entire community”

“Numbers matter.”

Marilyn note: Mississauga has a 300m setback bylaw. Waiting for a reply to see how 300m was decided on.

3. Doris - When are petitions valid?

“10000 signatures before appeal is valid. Petitions have limited use except to show interest.

Until there is a vote, nothing is for sure.

Applications cannot be denied if proper procedures are followed.”

4. Frank - Mental health concern, and cultural

- a. Mental Health concern - Beautiful park near crematorium may now be affected.

- b. Cultural - having a crematorium near neighbourhood may inhibit the need to be away from those that pass on, similar to choosing not to live near cemeteries.

“Definitely speak to the issues for the belief of culture and issues with disruption to the surrounding park”

- 5. Mona - Does city council decide on the rezoning use.

“Yes we (city council) will decide then communicate to community”

- a. Best to stop it at the rezoning hearing

“Yes, March 16”

- b. Once hearing is had, when is the decision made?

“That same day”

- 6. Carrie - Prior rezoning, issues. What do we need to do to contribute to the conversation so that the issues are heard? What else can we do?

“Administration recommended and so is it a valid/appropriate land use? Once all issues are raised and addressed (health and environmental impacts). In reference to the crematorium, this is different, the rezoning is the biggest argument.”

“Standard zone to standard zone with discretionary use is the challenge”

- 7. Angela - March 16, 2021 meeting, what is the timeframe?

“If topic is controversial, typically at the end of the meeting”

“It does not hurt to sign up ahead of time, shows you have a lot of people speaking to the issue”

“Will be asked to check-in at 13:30, you can sign in, then see where the issue is going to be and then sign out”

- iii. Planner was not sure if previous emails with concerns would be forwarded

- iv. Marilyn will provide speaking notes to help with speaking.

- v. (Email Don Read - don.read@edmonton.ca for concerns)

- c. 112 Ave and 114 St

- d. Sierra Lane project fell through, (B street) however, new rezoning application

- i. Medium housing 111 Ave

8. Reimagining Edmonton (Guest Councillor Esslinger)

Going through Covid, life has changed drastically. City revenue has dried up, concerned with provincial budget, grants may not be existing and so moving forward (reimagining/rebuilding).

- What are the core services?

- What do we have to do to maintain?
 - What can we deliver differently that we have done before?
 - Do service centers need to be always open?
 - Can we move things online?
- a. What are our priorities?
- i. Essential services - fire and police would be considered to be kept “at maintenance.” Currently not part of discussion for reimagining.
 - 1. Much work is with mental health and so some work to be changed. With a committee (community and safety)
 - ii. Looking to change waste management with new program
 - iii. Recreation - has been challenging
 - 1. Pools and challenge for economy, revenue
- b. Looking for feedback from community
- i. LRT completion, and extension to airport
 - ii. Urban sprawl, city needs to enhance image (capital of Alberta), re envision public perception (on a global scale)
 - iii. Bike lanes not well spent in a winter city; others agree they are used frequently - good discussion (maybe warrants more polls/surveys - but city wide)
 - iv. Fire/police - kept as is: Fire depts funded when there are “more fires” would not want to see budgets decreased.
 - 1. Would love to see Fire and Paramedic services working more closely
 - 2. 2% female firefighters in Edmonton (Bev pushing hard to see this increased as the National average is 4%)
 - v. City council, be transparent and accountable, many times there is barrage of red tape that needs to be addressed
 - 1. Ex. “money being spent, more due diligence how money is to be spent in projects. LRT -miscommunication, misunderstanding, misinformation
 - vi. Look at postal service - how often, maybe decrease
 - 1. However, this is federal, not municipal.
 - vii. Communication is always struggle - front line workers never get messages
 - viii. Less need for public transportation - could be an area for restructuring and saving of costs.
 - 1. Many people still depend, we need to find a good balance, eliminating the frequency of routes instead of eliminating routes completely.
 - 2. Maybe an app to “request” a ride, book a ride. (For lower demand areas)

Please email Bev’s office if anything comes up: Carrie Thuesen: carrie.thuesen@edmonton.ca

Angela - Thank you Bev! Many questions answered and great advice for being represented well at the upcoming meetings.

9. Priority Planning- Creating connections

a. Priority Planning Subcommittee Update

i. Call for volunteers (A plea really). Communications, social committee and Treasurer.

1. Communications (Rajah)

a. New help - [Amy Hildebrant](#)

- i. Amy - What is she willing to take on? What kind of communications? All platforms?**
- ii. Curtis - how can he help? Where?**
- iii. What capacity do we have? Who can do what? How might we divide up the work?**

2. Social Committee (Stephanie)

- a. Amy, Hal, Curtis, Cindy, Stephanie - the more the merrier to shoot ideas around**
- b. Terms of reference to share**
- c. Another event for early March with quotes to be obtained**
- d. Another idea to be pitched for outdoor activities (March 6)**
 - i. Rent out Edmonton Ski Club**
 - ii. Have drift food truck**
 - iii. Still at 10% cap (for the entirety of the event)**
 - iv. Ski club would have to enforce restrictions**
 - 1. Denise - Awesome idea for those that cannot typically afford to go**
 - 2. Staff is very aware of restrictions and rules for Covid**
- e. Ashley's ideas**
 - i. Community cookbook - Fun!**
 - 1. Denise - Cool to speak to the history of the Community**
 - ii. "Share your cultural dish" - Fun!!**

3. Treasurer (open) - Katherine is still helping us out with transfer Treasurer duties. Shannon B has agreed to help us out with getting cheques written and preparing a report.

ii. Membership update (Cindy) - 115 members!

1. Logo - We cannot find PRCL logo of proper file format

a. Curtis has proposed another rendering.

- i. Motion to approve by email the revised PRCL logo by email - Roy, Seconded by Kathy**

10. Kristy - NRC:

a. Reminders

i. New cart rollout is this year - encourage us to look at website (www.edmonton.ca/waste)

- 1. June 2 to July 27th should have carts**

2. Big container to start if you want a smaller one, the deadline is the 12th of Feb.
- ii. Neighbourhood challenge every couple of weeks
 1. This is “notes of kindness”
 2. Link for more: [Neighbourhood Programs & Resources](#)
- iii. Citywide newsletter
 1. [City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Services](#)
- iv. Tripartite agreement
 1. Licensed Land - transferring licensed land and how that would work
 - a. Meeting is delayed
 - b. One of the options is that we may be able to keep both places

11. Community Tractor update:

- a. Successful transfer, still investigating insurance (will make a call to two other leagues, article in newspaper,

12. Playground update:

- a. Tony/Ashley - Email was just received with revised numbers.
 - i. Committee to have another meeting.

13. Sign message - Social committee - Feb 16, Next Board Meeting March 3. Membership.
Are emails being received?

Next meeting: March 3rd, 2021 @ 19:00

Adjournment 21:00