

Prince Rupert Community League Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 12th, 2018, 7:00 pm
Central Lions Senior Centre Room 12
MINUTES

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting of the Prince Rupert Community League was called to order at 7:08 on April 12, 2018 in Central Lion's Centre by Tony Spencer.

Present: Tony and Barb Spencer, Angela Saxby, Ralph Dyer, Bill Gowans, Stuart York, David McDine, Tyson Vandament, Demetrius Garanis, Shannon Biafore

Regrets:

1. **Call to order:** Tony Spencer @ 7:11
2. **Welcome:** Tony Spencer
3. **Approval of the agenda:**

M/S/C - Angela/Barb

4. **Approval of Minutes of the March 8th, 2017 meeting**
 - a. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

M/S/C - Ralph/Angela

February Minutes (no quorum) M/S/C - Tyson/Ralph

5. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a. **Dry pond communications -**
 - i. Bill, Myrtle, and Ralph met last Thursday in response to meeting with City of Edmonton operations/Epcor Group. This meeting lasted about 1 hour, and involved discussions of the drainage pond and area. Team left the meeting on an optimistic note. The city/Epcor team were amenable to the suggestions put forward. Response: we can put anything into the pond that we want, as long as it's temporary, and they are consulted. Anything from the top of the pond and away is fair game, including sidewalks, walkways, or other permanent structures. With the current landscape design, it doesn't promote use by the community. The trees will have to stay, as the expense is too high; however, the grass can be changed.
 - ii. It is up to PRCL to work with Stuart and the city to put forth a plan. We hadn't put forth a plan yet because we don't know about infrastructure, including water source and electricity. Epcor was willing to find these things out. When the question came up about a parking lot, we are concerned about the expense, especially since we've given up parking lots, lights, and ball diamonds on the other sight.

- iii. We've discussed potential options as a community, but now we need to settle on what we want and where we want it. We will have to negotiate who will pay for each of the aspects of the plan.
 - iv. The city (Parks operations/Parks Capital) may pay for walking paths or lights, for example, but that won't happen until we figure out what we are willing to pay for. They wouldn't want to start something that gets in the way of our plan.
 - v. They said they would be willing to cut the grass if we need them to, either the whole thing or paths for us to get through temporarily.
 - vi. Dave is suggesting 3 next steps: visioning, drafting firm/options, settle and work with city on plan. Stuart thinks this is a viable option.
 - vii. Bill again suggests contracting the civil engineering firm at NAIT to do this work for a, hopefully, lower cost.
- b. Temporary sign permit for 2018 is in place** - \$287 was paid. Next year, we plan to ask to waive the fee, as these will be our lands once the lease is turned over. And we would like to consider a permanent sign.
- c. Disposition of the SMALL ice rink** - Tyson
- i. Tyson would like help to take it apart this Sunday.
 - ii. Bill and Dave are willing to help.
 - iii. Boards, tarps, and lights will be stored. Tony is looking at renting some storage space, so that we we can keep all of our items together.
 - iv. The slow pitch bin is still available to us, subject to discussion.
 - v. **Large ice rink with boards** - Tyson suggests posting it for sale at \$20000 + cost to take it away. Dave thinks we should sell it to a local community. Ralph thinks we don't need to rush to sell it, as we spent \$100000 to put it in, and it's a high quality rink. The City would like that area back. Other community leagues use them for beach volleyball or bocce ball in the summer time.
 - vi. We can ask the City to ask what they need and how much that will cost us. We can also ask the community league if they are interested in using it. If we do want to make a private sale, we will have to be careful about how that money is reinvested back into the community. Bill is offering to call AGLC to make sure we are following the rules.
 - vii. Bill Gowans will ask the following questions of the City: In what condition to we need need to leave the land, and when we we need to have that land back to condition? We wouldn't want to clean it up, if someone is going to turn it into a parking lot! Demetrius thinks that we will have to return the land to condition, whether or not they're putting a parking lot in.
 - viii. Dave and Demetrius think we should take the chance to sell the rink to another community league if we have the chance. If we wait, we might miss the chance.
 - ix. Tyson will write up an ad that we can put into a parks and recreation guide.

6. President's report

- a. Tony and Ralph attended Bev Esslinger's community leaders meeting
 - i. Playground zones - Some people like them, and some don't
 - ii. Bev is planning to have 2 breakfast meetings a year, so that she can get input from community leagues.
 - iii. Ralph let her know that we had a positive meeting with the City/Epcor regarding the dry pond area.

7. Director's reports

- a. **Vice President: Report on Planning for the Future** (overview on what the PRCL has been doing and is thinking of doing about community recreation programming and infrastructure development on the school grounds)
 - i. Last November, we agreed to strike a subcommittee (Bill, Tony, David, Ilia, and Tyson).
 - ii. Earlier, Ralph drafted Terms of Reference, and this was sent to the committee members for comment. Ralph shared a draft at the meeting.
 - 1. The committee will make recommendations to the board who will vote on the recommendations.
 - 2. Committee will investigate plans and bring back to board.
 - 3. We agree that we will make a plan based on all the suggestions already gathered from the community then share the plan with the community board to vote upon. Community members are invited, as usual, to monthly meetings and register their votes. This idea will be amended in the TOR.
 - 4. Stuart will need to put all history of community engagement and history of the project, share that with the COE, and find out exactly how much consultation we need to do with the community. We will need to discover what engagement is required for this project. It could be as simple as leaving up a display in the Lion's centre and letting people know that they can ask board members and join meetings to find out what is planned.
 - 5. A summary of engagement, along with a proposal for how we would like to use the land, will need to be shared with the city (through Stuart).
 - 6. Motion to adopt the TOR as amended

M/S/C: Ralph/Angela

- iii. Ralph and Tyson also put together a Report for the Community Facility Enhancement Program Progress Report.
- b. **Treasurer - Monthly report - Shannon** - Shannon has a report, and it was submitted to AGLC.
- c. **Secretary – Any correspondence - Angela** - All minutes and next agenda were posted to the website. She will send out the grant report, budget, casino, Blatchford

stakeholders, governance, and City liaison report, and minutes in the next community email.

d. Social -

i. Winter carnival report - it was great! 60 people attended

ii. Mayday -

1. Ashley and Pam have offered to coordinate
2. Plan for Sunday, May 27th
3. Plan to have it on old school grounds.
4. MarianDiakur and Anne Couy are willing to do the flower pots for the kids.
5. We would like bouncy castles again, and perhaps bowling pins and porta potty from the city.

iii. Tyson/Angela

iv. Communications –

1. Resignation of Denise - We noticed and appreciated how much work she's done with Facebook, and communicating clearly with the board.
2. Message on the Sign will be changed to reflect Mayday.

8. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator

- a. Community league operating grant is due April 25th.
- b. We need to get permits to use the bouncy castles in the park

9. New Business

- a. AGM set for June 24th at the Lion's
- b. Invitation for Bev Esslinger to speak at AGM - no
- c. Alberta Bottle Hunt

Next meeting: May 10th 2018 (Room 12)

Adjournment at 9:00