

**Prince Rupert Community League Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 24th, 2018 @ 2:30pm**  
**Central Lions Senior Centre Room 12**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order:** The AGM of the Prince Rupert Community League was called to order at 2:45 on June 24, 2018 in Central Lion's Centre by Tony Spencer.
2. **Present:** Tony and Barb Spencer, Angela Saxby, Sandra Lee, Katherine Pike, Myrtle and Norman Homenuk, Tyson and Laura Vandament, Marilyn Dumkee, Shannon Biafore, Ilia Biziaev,

**Regrets:** Ralph, David, Victor

**3. Approval of the agenda:**

M/S/C - Tyson/Ilia

**4. Introduction of PRCL Board**

**5. Approval of 2017 AGM minutes**

M/S/C - Tyson/Ilia

**6. Keynote Presentation by Councillor Bev Esslinger**

- Blatchford Update
  - i. 500 geothermal points, and getting ready for district energy system, wells have been drilled.
  - ii. Education centre will be open to learn about district energy model.
  - iii. construction starting to happen on drawings (21 builder interested), through a process, all offered pieces of land, as they get the land, they'll start building. 250 units in phase one. We'll see people living there by the end of 2019. Townhouses and apartments are in phase one.
  - iv. Phase one is all around the tower. The second phase is commercial and this area is for business. Usually, the business section isn't approved until a certain number are living in the area; however, because we all live her the process will be quicker.
  - v. Blatchford has 10% affordable housing in EACH phase. Seniors, affordable, single mom's, etc. housing.
  - vi. Question about main entries and exits: The entrance across from superstore is main entrance then there will be one on the west end, then there will be on closer to the yellowhead. Hoping for residence to have access to LRT so

- there won't be as many vehicles going in and out, but the businesses will require roadways/parking.
- vii. What businesses?: Retail, medical, etc. Must be balanced with what's in mall (i.e.: not likely big box stores). Looking to have 10000 people working on Blatchford. Attempting to make it walkable.
  - viii. Timeline: 25 year, 8-phase timeline. Phase 1: 250 units around tower, Phase 2: housing, Phase 3: commercial. Must be moved in logical sequence. No single-family homes.
  - ix. Will there be student housing: Yes, negotiations are in progress. Maybe a high school/post sec institution. There is no money for this yet.
  - x. Adjacent industrial sites (What's happening with them?): Some have moved out, but not all. We haven't forced anyone out.
  - xi. What's going to happen with 119 St: As Yellowhead redevelopment happens, there will be community engagement. 127 st. will have an interchange, which means all access points will have to be considered. Nothing has been decided, except the interchange. Repeated concern about 119 St because it's so busy already. There have been and will be Blatchford stakeholder meetings, and these ideas are being considered. Speeding is a challenge throughout the city, especially when roads are widened. Speed display boards have been proven successful, and we can look into it. Bev is offering for us to call her office if we have any traffic concerns.
  - xii. Any rec facility?: Maybe, we are looking at a few options. A school is in the discussion, too. There is potential for school/library/rec centre combo.
  - xiii. Ages 20 - 34 crowd and the 55 plus population want to live there.
  - xiv. Airport museum staying?: yes. The names of streets will pay homage to history of the area, similar to Griesbach.
- City of Edmonton residential speeding bylaw
    - i. There is a city charter to set our own residential speed limit. Rather than changing signs (currently 50 unless otherwise posted). Controversial topic, and it seems to divide communities rather than support community.
    - ii. 50/50 on people who want 50 K or 40 K.
    - iii. Schools and playgrounds are most vulnerable, so those have been taken care of first. We can add slower speed limits to places that happen to have a lot of foot traffic.
    - iv. In one year, we will discuss 30/40 K for residential question again. Council is divided on this, too. Whatever we do, we need to be able to enforce it.
    - v. Tower road is not considered a residential road. It's a collector road, used to get people from A to B. It would remain a playground zones.
    - vi. Several components to traffic safety: Engineering, education, enforcement, feasibility, etc.
  - City of Edmonton position re: new stand alone community facilities
    - i. City doesn't have an opinion on this. The option is up to the community. We can pursue any grants that are applicable to us.

- ii. Community league building has been a challenge because of cost of upkeep. Lots of renting out to pay for building, which prevents the community from using it. Some are struggling and some are building new.
- iii. COE will not allow any “for profit” facilities.
- iv. Is it possible to bring in Blatchford as part of PRCL?: Yes. Greisbach is a huge facility, but they don’t have a building; they are using a school. Central Lion’s is looking to pursue connections with Blatchford.
- v. Is there a sweet spot for size of building vs. size of community?: Some are getting modulars, even if they’re a large community. They only want it for small scale events. You do need a parking lot, regardless.
- vi. How flexible is the city about how much parking we’d need?: We need to negotiate. For example, day care facilities no are no longer required to have so much parking because kids are just getting dropped off. Every situation is unique, and COE is open to working with communities.
- vii. How much is taken into account, based on walkability?: Everything is negotiable, but many drive anyway.
- viii. Will the city ever tell us that they’ve had enough with our indecision and take the land back?: Not that we’re aware of.
- ix. Are there playground upgrade programs?: Yes. Our CRC. Natural playgrounds are becoming popular and cheaper. Working with identifying more companies who can work in this world.
  - 1. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park near the Valley Zoo and Dermott District Park near Bonnie Doon Mall are examples.
- x. Grand trunk fenced dog park?: concerned about dogs running into roads and also having fencing that looks ‘cagey’. Some communities are using rinks for this purpose. Concern about 119 st as off leash because of the busy road. City is making considerations along this vein.

**7. Presentation and approval of financial statements for 2017**

- o 72000 from our casino
- o Total now: \$755000
- o There are sections of funds that have to be spent on certain things.
- o CFEP - \$125000 for building. With interest it’s now \$133000
- o We have to spend some money. We are talking about hiring a planner for the land. Maybe we could employ someone for communications. (just ideas).
- o We get regular grants coming in \$11000 (approx). (CLIP and COG) We have to apply for these every year. Ralph’s been taking care of this. We don’t spend a lot, so this money is accumulating, so we need to spend it.
- o Rest is unallocated funds, but they are public, so we can be audited at any time. We must be careful about how we spend it.
- o We can get more money through 50/50 grants.
- o We need to act and put ideas into place.
- o We need to be more solid in our planning before we choose and apply for grants.

- Auditors have been in and they've signed off on our work. We are above board with finances. Audited statements will be presented to corporate registry.

**M/S/C - Tyson/Ilia**

### **Budget 2018/2019**

- Tony has put together a budget for the future
- Includes proposal to spend \$8000 on a communications person.

**M/S/C - Katherine/Barb**

### **8. Reports**

- President - Current concerns - detailed report attached
  - i. New league site
  - ii. Community engagement
  - iii. Dry Pond
  - iv. Blatchford
  - v. Social events
  - vi. Website
  - vii. Funders reporting extension
  - viii. Casino annual report
  - ix. New city contact
  - x. Communications
- Social and community events
  - i. Winter family fun day, May day, casino
- Tyson - proposal for school site - Presentation attached

### **9. Nominations and Elections**

- President - Tony
- Vice President - Ralph
- Past President - Dave
- Secretary - Secretary
- Treasurer - Katherine Pike
- Membership Director - Barb
- Social Director - Vacant
- Communications Person - For hire
- Casino Director - Not needed this year
- Winter Sports Director - Tyson
- Summer Sports Director - Ilia
- Ways & Means Coordinator - vacant
- Directors at Large - no positions

### **10. Adjournment**

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