



Oliver Community League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 29th, 2021

Virtually via Zoom

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A) Introductions

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.
- 2) OCL Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather in Treaty Six Territory, is the traditional gathering place for many Indigenous people. We honour and respect the history, languages, ceremonies and culture of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit who call this territory home. The first people's connection to the land teaches us about our inherent responsibility to protect and respect Mother Earth. With this land acknowledgment, we honour the ancestors and children who have been buried here, the missing and murdered Indigenous women and men and the ongoing collective healing for all human beings. We are reminded we are all treaty people and the responsibility we have to one another.

3) Announcements:

- i. Greetings from Elected Representatives - each elected representative below expressed greetings to OCL and community members.
 1. James Cumming - Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre
 2. David Shepherd - Member of the Legislative Assembly, Edmonton City Centre
 3. Scott McKeen - City Councillor, Ward 6
 4. Trisha Estabrooks - Edmonton Public School Board Trustee, Ward D & Chair of the Board
 5. Alene Mutala - Edmonton Catholic School Trustee, Ward 75
- ii. Overview of meeting & question format.
- iii. EFCL representatives, Chris Hyde & Marissa Maclsaac, are attending today's meeting to help with virtual procedures and to oversee elections.
- iv. This meeting is being recorded for documentation purposes.

4) Approval of Agenda

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-01 To approve the 2021 AGM Agenda.

Moved by Tristan, seconded by Josh. Majority voted in favour of approving the agenda. Approved.

5) **Approval of Minutes of the Last AGM** (*AGM, October 1st, 2020 found in appendix 1*)

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-02 To approve the 2020 AGM Minutes.

Moved by Luwam, seconded by Josh. Majority voted in favour of approving the 2020 AGM Minutes. Approved.

B) Reports (*Attached in Appendix 2*)

6) **President's Report – OCL Year in Review:**

Robyn Paches spoke on the challenges of COVID-19 impacting the OCL board, and commended the board's work despite these challenges.

He spoke on #UncoverOliver and updated the attendees; a committee is now drafting a Request for Proposal to find the ideal consultant for this initiative.

The OCL has renewed its contract with Jody Craig, office administrator, for another year.

The space at Grace Lutheran church continues to be rented by the OCL for storage, many thanks to them.

Robyn worked with Allison and Tristan to develop new Institutional Associate Membership structuring, commended Lisa Brown and the Hall Redevelopment & Recreation committee in their work to save the Oliver Pool when facing closure, and gave thanks to the OCL board for all their hard work and effort throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

7) **Vice-President's Report:**

Kelly-Dawn Clarahan was appointed in November. Since then, she has been assisting the President, lending support whenever needed including submitting a pop-up garden application to the City of Edmonton, and participating in the Social Advocacy Committee.

8) **Civics**

Daniel Morin became appointed as interim Civics Director in February 2021. There are currently over fifty people on the Civics mailing list, and around ten consistent attendees in the monthly meetings. Recently the committee provided letters of support to Grandin IV and OEXII, and gave the city a letter of non-support regarding the Abbey Lane development.

They have been in discussions with EPCOR regarding the hoarding project happening on 104 Ave., and have been involved in advocating for the upcoming 124 St. renewal, Imagine Jasper Ave., and 100 Ave. corridor projects.

9) **Communications & Engagement**

Carolyn Stangeland was appointed as Communications Director in the Fall, and dove right in with raising awareness for the #UncoverOliver initiative. She also ran a successful Black History Month awareness social media campaign, and assisted with the Volunteer Meet & Greet virtual event. Her future goals are to build a larger online community and have a new website built for the OCL.

10) **The Yards**

Carolyn is speaking on behalf of this committee - the pandemic has impacted the magazine. Despite this the committee continues to come up with fantastic article ideas.

11) **Social Advocacy Committee**

Not being able to physically gather during the pandemic has posed challenges for the committee, despite this they continue to build connections in the community. Under Marc Workman's

leadership, a successful tax webinar was held and there are upcoming plans for webinars hosted by Legal Aid.

12) Events & Programs

Robyn Wilson has been director since October, the committee has faced challenges during the pandemic. Since the Fall, the committee has compiled a Halloween map, a local business holiday gift guide, and internal board connectors for the OCL board to get to know one another better in a virtual environment.

13) Peace Garden Park

Without a director since the Fall, Garden Chair Alanna-Jane Krepakevich, spoke on the committee's behalf. The pandemic has restricted some aspects of community gardening. The committee is using this time to undertake changes to the compost program. In the future, the committee will put on garden-related workshops for the community.

14) Volunteer

Carrie-Anne Cyre welcomed 45 new potential volunteers into the OCL mix since the Fall AGM. The March Volunteer Meet & Greet event was a success. Overall, the goals of the volunteer director were met, including building a consistent core group of volunteers and building a diverse mix of community helpers.

15) Membership

Unable to recruit new community members in conventional ways due to the pandemic, director Allison Rosland worked with Carolyn to do a social media drive and gained many new members this way.

She worked with Tristan Donnelly and Robyn Paches to revise the Institutional Associate Membership structure, discussed later in the meeting.

Membership fees for individuals remains free for another year.

16) Hall Redevelopment & Recreation

Lisa Brown and the committee worked hard to campaign to the city to keep the Oliver Pool open when facing closure. They are working on advocating to the city for more recreation for core neighbourhoods, recognizing the gaps our community faces. This includes speaking to a city committee on bike lane infrastructure, as well as advocating for improved trails and sidewalks in our community. The committee has also started a mapping exercise, plotting the various recreation equipment that already exists within the community.

Lisa and the committee look forward to a plan from the city regarding the space in Oliver Park, which will help inform plans for the community league's future hall.

C) New Business

17) Adoption of 2021/22 Membership Dues

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-03

That the Oliver Community League membership dues for all categories of membership except for institutional associate members will remain free of charge for the 2021/2022 membership year. Moved by Carrie-Anne, seconded by Heather. Attendees unanimously voted in favour of approving the motion. Approved.

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-04

That the Oliver Community League Institutional Associate Membership will be split into three categories - Business Members, Not-for-Profit Members, and Faith-Based Members.

Moved by Josh, seconded by Luwam. Attendees unanimously voted in favour of approving the motion. Approved.

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-05

That the Oliver Community League Institutional Associate Membership dues will be \$100 for Business Members, \$50 for Not-for-Profit Members, and \$50 for Faith-Based Members.

Moved by Carrie-Anne, seconded by Josh. After some discussion, majority of attendees voted in favour of approving the motion. Approved.

18) Proposed Bylaw Amendments (Attached as Appendix 3)

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-06 to 21

That the Oliver Community League accept all proposed bylaw amendments as an omnibus motion.

Moved by Kelly-Dawn, seconded by Robyn W. Majority of attendees voted in favour of approving the motion. Approved.

19) Thank you to departing board members

Robyn P gave thanks and appreciation to the departing board members below:

- Amir Zahreddine
- Elizabeth Basaraba
- Carrie-Anne Cyre

20) Election of the Board of Directors

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-22

That ballots of this AGM be destroyed.

Chris Hyde of EFCL spoke on the procedure to follow on the election of the Board of Directors.

Along with any names already put forward, there will be three additional calls for nominations for each position.

- **President** (2-year term)
Robyn Paches nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Robyn P accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Robyn P to the President position.
- **Vice-President** (2-year term)
Kelly-Dawn Clarahan nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Kelly-Dawn accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Kelly-Dawn to the Vice-President position.
- **Treasurer** (1-year term)
Initially putting his name forward for the Volunteer Director position, Imran Ahmad decided to put his name forth for the Treasurer position. Floor opened for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Imran accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Imran to the Treasurer position.
- **Secretary** (1-year term)

No nominees at start of meeting. Floor open for nominations. Jeanne Wood put her name forward. No additional names put forward. Jeanne accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Jeanne to the Secretary position.

- **Hall & Recreation Director** (2-year term)

Lisa Brown nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Lisa accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Lisa to the Hall & Recreation Director position.

- **Civics Director** (2-year term)

Daniel Morin nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Daniel accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Daniel to the Civics Director position.

- **Garden Director** (2-year term)

Rinde Johansson nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Rinde accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Rinde to the Garden Director position.

- **Communications Director** (2-year term)

Carolyn Stangeland nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Carolyn accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Carolyn to the Communications Director position.

- **Social Advocacy Director** (2-year term)

Marc Workman nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Marc accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Marc to the Social Advocacy Director position.

- **Volunteer Director** (1-year term)

Initially, three individuals were nominated to run for the Volunteer Director position. One individual was not able to make the meeting. Imran Ahmad decided to run for the Treasurer position instead, leaving Meghan Hickey as sole nominee. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Meghan accepts the nomination. Majority of attendees vote in favour of nominating Meghan to the Volunteer Director position.

- **Membership Director** (1-year term)

Allison Rosland nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, no additional names put forward. Allison accepts the nomination. Attendees vote unanimously in favour of nominating Allison to the Membership Director position.

- **Director-at-Large** (1 position for a 1-year term)

Phil Wilson nominated. Floor open for additional nominations, Gaby Pelc put her name forward. Phil and Gaby both accept the nominations. Majority of attendees vote to nominate Phil to the Director-at-Large position.

21) Volunteer with the League

Robyn P invites any attendees interested to volunteer with the OCL. All are welcome!

22) Adjournment

MOTION: AGM Motion 2021/04/29-23

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

OCL ACRONYMS

OCL = Oliver Community League

EFCL = Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

MSO = Make Something Oliver

EPL = Edmonton Public Library

AGLC = Alberta Gaming and Liquor Corp

CRC = Community Recreation Coordinator (OCL's liaison with the city)

ACI = Abundant Communities Initiative

CLOG = Community League Operating Grant

CLIP = Community League Infrastructure Program (Municipal \$)

CIP = Community Initiatives Program (Provincial \$)

CFEP = Community Facility Enhancement Program (Provincial \$)

DECL = Downtown Edmonton Community League

CENS = Central Edmonton News Society (manages the publication of *The Yards*)

