



## Oliver Community League

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

April 19th, 2023

YWCA - Cushing House

<https://zoom.us/j/97724751146>

#### Agenda

#### A) Introductions

- 1) Call to Order 6:30 pm
- 2) OCL Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

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- 3) Announcements:
  - i. Overview of meeting & question format
  - ii. EFCL is attending today's meeting to help with virtual procedures and to oversee elections
  - iii. This meeting is being recorded for documentation purposes.
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**MOTION: AGM Motion 2023/04/19-01 To approve the 2023 AGM Agenda.**
- 5) Approval of Minutes of the Last AGM (AGM, May 26th, 2022 found in appendix 1)  
**MOTION: AGM Motion 2023/04/19-02 To approve the 2022 AGM Minutes.**

#### B) Reports (Attached in Appendix 2)

6) *Reports*

- a. President's Report – OCL Year in Review
- b. Vice-President's Report
- c. Civics
- d. Communications & Engagement
- e. Social Advocacy Committee
- f. Programs
- g. Peace Garden Park
- h. Volunteer
- i. Membership
- j. Hall Redevelopment & Recreation

C) **New Business**

7) *Adoption of 2022/23 Membership Dues*

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8) *Approval of the Financial Statements*

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2023/04/19-05**

*That the Oliver Community League accept the 2020 Financial Statements as presented.*

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2023/04/19-06**

*That the Oliver Community League membership allows the OCL Board to select the 2022 auditors in accordance with OCL Bylaws and the Alberta Societies Act.*

9) *Thank you to departing board members*

- Robyn Paches
- Sam Busby
- Brent Colman
- Brad Smart

**10)** Election of the Board of Directors

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2023/04/19-07**

That ballots of this AGM be destroyed.

- President (1-year term)
- Vice President (2-year term)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Events Director (2-year term)
- Communications Director (2-year term)
- Membership Director (2-year term)
- Volunteer Director (2-year term)
- Director-at-Large (1 position for a 2-year term)

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**12)** Adjournment

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## **Oliver Community League**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 26th, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church Gymnasium and Virtually via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97724751146>

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##### **4) Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-01 To approve the 2022 AGM Agenda.**

Moved by David Shepherd, seconded by Tristan Donnelly. No objections - motion approved.

**5) Approval of Minutes of the Last AGM(AGM, April 29th, 2021 found in **Appendix 1**)**

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-02 To approve the 2021 AGM Minutes.**

Moved by Kelly-Dawn Clarahán, seconded by Meghan Hickey. No objections - motion approved.

**B) Reports **(Attached in Appendix 2)****

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

Robyn Paches noted that a written report was provided with the agenda package.

Robyn commended the Board as a great and positive team, and that it is on the forefront for a community league. While Covid19 was a challenge for community connections, the Board was able to focus on internal Board connections.

Regarding the Oliver name change project, Robyn spoke on how it arose and that the League worked with the City of Edmonton to secure a grant, that Heartstage Consulting has been hired and pre-engagement is currently happening, and that leaders across the city have been engaged and wider community engagement is coming up.

Regarding the 2021 municipal elections, Robyn noted that the League met with each candidate for counselor and Amarjeet Sohi as well to discuss the community's priorities, and congratulated the electeds; and noted that the League hosted a candidate forum with the Downtown Community League.

Robyn thanked Jody Craig for the work she does as the Board's administrator, leaving the Board to focus on its priorities, and the Grace Lutheran for renting its space to the League.

Regarding the status of the hall, Robyn advised that the Board is working with the City of Edmonton on exploring options, noting a tripartite land agreement with the City, and that hoping for incorporation with the Oliver swimming pool.

Robyn noted that his main role is to support the Board's directors in the work they do, which is approximately 60% of his time.

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

Kelly-Dawn Clarahán spoke about her role in supporting the directors in event planning, administration and grants; as well as behind the scenes help with volunteers.

Kelly-Dawn noted that the new Spike Ball league is open for registration and begins the middle of June and will play on every Monday thereafter.

**8) Civics**

Daniel Morin spoke about the committee in that it is involved in development, buildings, street improvements, advocating and informing change to ensure the community's voice is heard. The committee consists of 10 members, and its stakeholders are developers and city representatives.

Over the past year, the committee has provided input for a number of buildings (Mercury Block, letter of support for the Jamieson Building), dealing with mobility constraints, bike parking and amenities.

Daniel also noted projects involving a team consisting of University of Alberta planning students.

## **9) Communications & Engagement**

Carolyn Stangeland spoke about her role in supporting the committees with their communication needs, looking after the Board's social media posts and the newsletter. Carolyn noted the involvement of Grant MacEwan design students, and that a new League web project was started last year, and worked with the City of Edmonton regarding Uncover Oliver and community plan.

## **10) The Yards**

Carolyn Stangeland noted that the magazine is now on pause pending finding a chair and publisher. Carolyn noted that funding and finding advertising is a challenge too.

## **11) Social Advocacy Committee**

Robyn Paches spoke on behalf of Marc Workman, noting that the committee started up in 2016 to fill in gaps in social services, not as a service provider but as a bridge. Some of the issues dealt with were mental health, tax filing and legal aid.

## **12) Events & Programs**

Robyn Wilson noted that there were many events over the past year - Art in the Park, Folk Music Festival and smaller ones. Also, collaborations - municipal election forum sponsored with Downtown Community League, off-leash dog park with the City of Edmonton and the Orange Ribbon Tying with the Truth and Reconciliation initiative. This upcoming year will have a lot of events as well.

## **13) Peace Garden Park**

Ale Equiza noted that the park is a mixed-use space with 87 plots. Over the past four months, the committee has worked on acquiring a composting system and anticipate it to be ready within a week. Also, the Park became part of the City of Edmonton public garden system this past year; 25 new members joined the park as well.

## **14) Volunteer**

Meghan Hickey spoke about how the committee is about engaging and connecting people to events and committees. Volunteer intake for large-scale events has been slow the past year, but

has been good for smaller events; and they have been engaged and provided much help. Volunteers are always welcome - so reach out if interested.

## **15) Membership**

Allison Rosland spoke about how hers was a behind the scenes role. Total membership is currently at 523 which is a 21% increase since last year. A new benefit for members this year is the community league swim program where residents can use the Commonwealth and East Glen pools at designated times. Also, Allison worked with Imran Ahmad to implement an Oliver Community League membership web-site which provides better administrative efficiencies. Allison is stepping down as Director but will assist the incoming Director.

A question was asked why the Oliver Pool is not on the free swim program, and as to previous free access being lost: During Covid, access was changed by the City of Edmonton, whereas prior to that, free access was part of the League's swim program. The League is waiting to hear from the City on this and will post an update on the League's web-site when available.

## **16) Hall Redevelopment & Recreation**

Maureen Renaud spoke about that with the Oliver Community League without a hall, the community can now decide what it would like. The committee has worked to ensure the community has amenities, working with other organizations. Bike lanes have been maintained; and in particular, Victoria Park Hill Road, with the committee's involvement, was able to obtain flexible posts for the bike lane versus pylons. The committee also worked to obtain an off-leash dog park which the community has been accepting of and provided a lot of help to make it happen; it is a volunteer-lead initiative going on until the end of September, after which it can be decided how to continue with it. Also, there is the possibility of a snow rink this year.

## **C) New Business**

### **17) 2020 Audit**

Darryl Borle from RSM Alberta LLP (Chartered Professional Accounts) was on hand via Zoom to present the 2020 Audit. As RSM is approximately 60% of the way through reviewing 2021 financial information, the 2021 Audit is not yet ready. The report is an Independent Practitioners Review Engagement Report, an assurance-based type of report (in the range of 70% to 75% assurance) of an organization's financial records. RSM's conclusion was that the review engagement was a clean one, and there were no flags on the League's operations as of December 31, 2020.

- The Report provided a point in time snapshot for 2020 versus 2019 (\$574 thousand in Capital Assets versus \$512 thousand).
- 99% of the League's capital assets are cash, restricted cash and a small amount for a prepaid insurance carry-over

- Tangible assets are a computer purchase with some depreciation - net \$614.00.
- The League's Current Ratio (assets versus liabilities) is 5.32 times versus 7.10 for 2019. As this is above 2.00 times, the League is in a sound financial position.
- Current liabilities are \$5,121.00 for accounts payable and \$107,734.00 accrued liabilities (paid after year end), and deferred contributions (unspent funds from past years' casinos); Total Net Assets are \$466,662.00 versus \$440,520.00 from 2019 which is a solid position for 2020.
- Regarding the Statement of Operations - the main impact was Covid-19 impacting revenue and expenses.
  - Revenues from City of Edmonton grants, Casino and other small fundraising events and programs were consistent with 2019; however, Interest revenue was \$118.00 versus \$6,412.00 from 2019 which can be attributed mainly to a GIC that was redeemed in 2019.
  - Expenses overall were consistent with the revenue base. Of note: professional fees were \$9 thousand higher in 2020 than 2019, mainly for Viewpoint Executive Solutions for business administration services (\$7 thousand) and small adjustments elsewhere; supplies were higher for Community Garden expenses; and other expenses reasonable for the year; decreases for program expenditures (impacted by Covid-19) and rentals.
  - Overall, excess of revenues over expenses is \$26,142.00 for 2020 versus \$38,043.00 from 2019.
- Regarding the Statement of Cash Flows:  
 Cash came in from operations mainly through the deferred contributions from that Casino that were not yet spent, increasing the League's cash to \$65,488.00 less \$851.00 for the computer purchase, closing out with a cash increase of \$64,637.00 for the year.  
 Adding the increase to the League's starting cash position for the year, \$507,108.00, the League's cash position at year-end is \$571,745.00.

All things considered, Darryl noted that the League is in a solid financial position.

Robyn Paches asked for questions - none were raised. Robyn commented that with Covid dormancy, the League has saved funds and looks forward to being able to reinvest in the community.

## **18) Adoption of 2022/23 Membership Dues**

### **MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-03**

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 Brent Colman, seconded by Madeline Mayes. No objections - motion passed.

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-04**

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 Alon Faitelis, seconded by Kai Thompson. No objections - motion passed.

**19) Approval of the Financial Statements**

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-05**

That the Oliver Community League accept the 2020 Financial Statements as presented.

Moved by Kelly-Dawn Clarahan, seconded by Emma Zurawell. No objections - motion passed.

Robyn Paches noted that the Financial Statement for 2021 is anticipated to be available soon and that a special AGM will be held for it.

**MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-06**

That the Oliver Community League membership allows the OCL Board to select the 2022 auditors in accordance with OCL Bylaws and the Alberta Societies Act.

Moved by Monique MacDonald, seconded by Phil Wilson. No objections - motion passed.

**20) Thank you to departing board members**

Robyn Paches thanked the following departing board members for their contributions:

- Marc Workman
- Allison Rosland
- Daniel Morin
- Ale Equiza
- Carolyn Stangeland
- Lisa Brown
- Jeanne Wood
- Rinde Johansson

**21) Election of the Board of Directors**

Sandra Johnson of the EFCL ran this part of the meeting, noting that to run for membership on the Board, a person needs to be a member of the League and must accept the nomination:

- As Robyn Paches and Kelly-Dawn Clarahan are in the second year of their terms as President and Vice-President, they do not need to run for re-election.
- As Imran Ahmad's term as Treasurer is ending, Imran would need to re-run. Imran accepted the nomination. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Imran was acclaimed Treasurer. (One-year term).

Robyn Paches noted that some terms are one-year terms and the others two-year terms to allow for staggering going forward next year so that the Board is comprised of 50% incumbents and 50% electeds, all for two year terms.

- As Larry MacDonald's term as Secretary is ending, Larry would need to re-run. Larry accepted the nomination. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Larry was acclaimed Secretary. (Two-year term).
- The Civics Director position is open. Emma Zurawell and Natalie Tremblay accepted the nomination as co-directors. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Emma and Natalie were acclaimed as Co-Civics Directors. (Two-year term).
- As Robyn Wilson's term as Events Director has ended and Robyn will not be running again, the position is open. Brent Colman nominated himself. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Brent was acclaimed Events Director. (Two-year term).
- As Carolyn Strangeland is stepping down from the Communications Director role, the position is open. Samantha Busby nominated herself. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Samantha was acclaimed Communications Director. (One-year term).
- The Garden Director position is open. Janine Bennett nominated herself. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Janine was acclaimed Communications Director. (Two-year term).
- As the incumbent is stepping down from the Social Advocacy role, the position is open. Alon Faitelis nominated himself. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Alon was acclaimed Social Advocacy Director. (Two-year term).
- As Meghan Hickey's term as Volunteer Director is ending, Meghan will need to re-run. Meghan accepted the nomination. Sandra Johnson asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Meghan was acclaimed Volunteer Director. (One-year term).
- As Allison Rosland is stepping down as Membership Director, the position is open. Sandra asked for nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no nominations or volunteers. Sandra declared the Membership Director position to be vacant.
- The three Directors at Large positions are ending. Incumbents Phil Wilson, Robyn Wilson and Tristan Donnelly accepted nominations to rerun; in addition, Kai Thompson nominated himself to run. All four nominees provided a brief introduction of themselves. Sandra Johnson collected the on-line votes from the on-line attendees and ballots from the in-person attendees. While Sandra counted the ballots, Robyn Paches conducted the election for Hall and Recreation Director. (For Directors at Large, the terms are one for one-year, two for two-years). Sandra announced the outcome after



Robyn Paches' closure note (Item 22 below) - Phil Wilson, Robyn Wilson and Kai Thompson are the elected.

- As Maureen Renaud's term as Hall and Recreation Director has ended, Maureen will need to re-rerun. Maureen accepted the nomination. Robyn Paches asked for other nominations or volunteers three times (including on-line members attending the meeting). There were no other nominations or volunteers. Maureen was acclaimed Hall and Recreation Director. (Two-year term).

## **22) Volunteer with the League**

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

After the ballots for the Director's at Large had been counted, the following motion was made:

### **MOTION: AGM Motion 2022/05/26-07**

That the results of the elections be accepted, and the ballots of this AGM be destroyed.

Moved by Meghan Hickey, seconded by Kai Thompson. No objections - motion passed.

## **23) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Robyn Paches at 8:03pm.

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**OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2021

*Draft for discussion purposes only*

# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

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Year Ended December 31, 2021

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## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Oliver Community League

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Oliver Community League which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Practitioner's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### *Conclusion*

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Oliver Community League as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Alberta  
April 5, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants

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# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 553,788	\$ 469,011
Restricted cash (Note 3)	100,084	102,734
Prepaid expenses	2,757	2,155
	656,629	573,900
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	277	617
	\$ 656,906	\$ 574,517
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,740	\$ 5,121
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	100,084	102,734
	112,824	107,855
NET ASSETS		
Invested in tangible capital assets	277	617
Unrestricted	543,805	466,045
	544,082	466,662
	\$ 656,906	\$ 574,517

### APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Director

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Director

See notes to financial statements

# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
<b>REVENUES</b>		
City of Edmonton grants	\$ 104,194	\$ 44,821
Casino (Note 6)	15,197	26,848
Edmonton Heritage Council grant (Note 7)	12,500	-
Fundraising and programs (Note 8)	2,096	3,579
Interest	362	118
	<b>134,349</b>	<b>75,366</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Newspaper and advertising	15,178	15,000
Heritage fund programs (Note 7)	12,500	-
Professional fees	11,858	14,005
Programs	9,181	113
Supplies	2,785	7,334
Insurance	2,196	3,126
Memberships	1,839	1,167
Miscellaneous	642	-
Amortization of tangible assets	340	234
Bank charges	139	119
Rental	110	4,900
Utilities	78	193
Administrative	58	237
Meals and entertainment	25	256
Casino	-	2,540
	<b>56,929</b>	<b>49,224</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 77,420</b>	<b>\$ 26,142</b>

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# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unrestricted	2021	2020
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 617	\$ 466,045	<b>\$ 466,662</b>	\$ 440,520
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(340)	77,760	<b>77,420</b>	26,142
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 277	\$ 543,805	<b>\$ 544,082</b>	\$ 466,662

See notes to financial statements

# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN):</b>		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 77,420	\$ 26,142
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization	340	234
	<b>77,760</b>	<b>26,376</b>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	-	1,703
Prepaid expenses	(602)	1,212
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,619	921
Deferred contributions	(2,650)	35,276
	<b>4,367</b>	<b>39,112</b>
	<b>82,127</b>	<b>65,488</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITY</b>		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	-	(851)
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>82,127</b>	<b>64,637</b>
Cash - beginning of year	<b>571,745</b>	<b>507,108</b>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 653,872</b>	<b>\$ 571,745</b>
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Cash	\$ 553,788	\$ 469,011
Restricted cash	<b>100,084</b>	<b>102,734</b>
	<b>\$ 653,872</b>	<b>\$ 571,745</b>

See notes to financial statements

# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Oliver Community League (the "Community League") is incorporated under the Societies Act (Alberta). The Community League offers services and programs to people living in the surrounding community along with maintaining a community league hall. As a not-for-profit organization, the Community League is exempt from corporate income taxes under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Significant accounting policies observed in the preparation of the financial statements are summarized below.

#### Cash and restricted cash

Cash is defined as cash on hand and cash on deposit, net of cheques issued and outstanding at the reporting date.

Restricted cash is defined as cash on hand and cash on deposit, net of cheques issued and outstanding at the reporting date, as well as a cashable Guaranteed Investment Certificate.

#### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Tangible capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following annual rates:

Computer equipment	55%
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When conditions indicate a tangible capital asset is impaired, the carrying value of the tangible capital asset is written down to the asset's fair value or replacement cost. The write down of tangible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of operations. A write-down shall not be reversed.

#### Contributed services

The Community League is largely dependant on the contributed services provided by its many volunteers. The fair value of contributed services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

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# OLIVER COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

#### Revenue recognition

The Community League follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Hall rentals and other revenue are recognized when the service has been provided or the goods have been delivered and collectability is reasonably assured.

#### Financial instruments policy

##### *Measurement of Financial Instruments*

Financial instruments are financial assets or financial liabilities of the Community League where, in general, the Community League has the right to receive cash or another financial asset from another party or the Community League has the obligation to pay another party cash or other financial assets.

The Community League initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The Community League subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and restricted cash.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

##### *Impairment*

Financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost are tested for impairment, at the end of each year, to determine whether there are indicators that the asset may be impaired. The amount of the write-down, if any, is recognized in operations. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account. The reversal may be recorded provided it is no greater than the amount that had been previously reported as a reduction in the asset and it does not exceed original cost. The amount of the reversal is recognized in operations.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Significant estimates included in the financial statements are accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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## 3. RESTRICTED CASH

	2021	2020
Casino bank account	\$ 68,381	\$ 83,578
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	19,156	19,156
Edmonton Heritage Council grant account	12,547	-
	<b>\$ 100,084</b>	<b>\$ 102,734</b>

Restricted cash consists of proceeds from casinos, funds from the Edmonton Heritage Council grant, and a guaranteed investment certificate.

Restricted cash in the casino bank account and the guaranteed investment certificate can only be used in accordance with the licensing agreement with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis.

The guaranteed investment certificate bears interest at 0.2% per annum (2020 - 0.5% per annum) and matures October 2022 (2020 - October 2021).

Restricted cash in the Edmonton Heritage Council grant account can only be used in accordance with the terms of the agreement with the Edmonton Heritage Council.

## 4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2021 Net book value	2020 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 2,481	\$ 2,204	\$ 277	\$ 617

## 5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions are comprised of contributions received in the year that are recognized as revenue in future years as the related expenses are incurred.

	Balance, Beginning of Year	Proceeds	Amounts Recognized as Revenue	Balance, End of Year
Casino	\$ 102,734	\$ -	\$ (15,197)	\$ 87,537
Edmonton Heritage Council grant	-	25,047	(12,500)	12,547
	<b>\$ 102,734</b>	<b>\$ 25,047</b>	<b>\$ (27,697)</b>	<b>\$ 100,084</b>

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### 6. CASINO

Casino proceeds are recognized as revenue when expenses are incurred. Amounts drawn from the casino account are spent in accordance with the licensing agreements with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis. During the year, the following disbursements were made from casino proceeds and recognized as revenue on the Statement of Operations:

	2021	2020
Promotional activities and newspaper	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Rent	110	5,600
Repairs and maintenance, utilities and insurance	79	3,255
Bank charges	8	119
Office	-	238
Telephone	-	193
Casino expenses	-	2,540
Interest income	-	(97)
	\$ 15,197	\$ 26,848

### 7. EDMONTON HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANT

Edmonton Heritage Council grant is recognized as revenue when expenses are incurred. Amounts drawn from the account is spent on the project, which was tied to the Uncover Oliver project to raise awareness of the history and heritage of Edmonton for Edmontonians. During the year, \$12,500 of disbursements on programs were made from the proceeds and recognized as revenue on the Statement of Operations.

### 8. FUNDRAISING AND PROGRAMS

	2021	2020
Community garden	\$ 1,826	\$ 2,429
Membership	150	-
Donations	70	-
Programs	50	1,150
	\$ 2,096	\$ 3,579

### 9. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Community League received 78% (2020 - 59%) of its funding from the City of Edmonton. The Community League's ability to continue its programs and services is dependent on this funding.

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## 10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Community League is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following provides information about the Community League's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2021.

### **(a) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. It is the Community League's opinion that there is no significant liquidity risk as of December 31, 2021.

### **(b) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Community League is exposed to interest rate risk on its interest bearing assets which is in place with a major financial institution.



**2023 AGM President's Report/Year-in-Review**  
**April 19, 2023**

Hello all! Welcome to the 2023 edition of the OCL's AGM! We are happy to welcome you both in person at the lovely YWCA Cushing House, or virtually via Zoom. In my biased opinion, we've had an excellent year. Each portfolio has really found its niche post-COVID (knock on wood) and our team is tighter than ever. I'm incredibly proud of the work they've done and continue to do. The OCL continues to be a leader in the Edmonton community league and not-for-profit space – in programs, advocacy, innovation, and community leadership.

I am sad to say that this will be my final AGM. My second term as President has come to an end, and am I choosing not to seek re-election. I feel that with the positive momentum and close-knit team it is the perfect time to transition to new leadership to keep things fresh. Additionally, my full-time job keeps getting busier and I'm starting my own business soon – time to focus on my personal projects for a bit! I've loved my time on the OCL Board and wish the utmost luck to everyone joining the board today. I plan to stick around as a committee volunteer & diligent attendee. I will also be around until the end of April to help with transition.

In this report, I will provide an overview of the projects and files I was involved in this year.

- **Oliver Name Change Project**

The Oliver Name Change Project has continued since the last update at the 2022 AGM. At that time, we had just hired Heartstage Consulting to complete the community engagement surrounding the name change. They will be attending tonight to provide a fulsome update on the process, so please see their presentation for more details. I will provide an overview here.

The engagement was completed over the Summer of 2022. They engaged the community through an online survey, a direct mail out, in-person pop-ups, and attending various events. We also engaged them in completing some communications work associated with the project over the Summer and Fall. They did so by helping us with social media, newsletters, and other items to help get the word out about the engagement. Over the Summer and Fall, they wrapped up engagement and struck the Renaming Circle. This Circle was the steering body of the project – comprised of Indigenous, Black, and Chinese Elders. Urban Indigenous Peoples were also represented, and of course, OCL and Oliver residents were represented. This circle met multiple times over the season to hear stories about the land, discuss the feedback gathered, and reach a prospective name. The circle is currently wrapping up and will hopefully have a suggested new





name soon. Lastly, we also engaged Oliver School and received feedback from the students there.

We currently have a deadline of June to reach a proposed name to reveal to the community. Stay tuned!

- **OCL Financials**

The OCL continues to be in an incredibly healthy financial position. We have significant holdings towards a future hall and are funding our annual operations with no issues. This year, we spent a lot more than in previous years in an effort to climb out of COVID. This was funded by years of previous surpluses.

We are currently seeking a new Treasurer. If you want to work with us to find great ways to invest in our community, reach out!

- **OCL Casino**

This year the OCL had an opportunity to work a casino. In Alberta, registered not-for-profits can register with AGLC to work casinos every two years. It is two days and many volunteer hours, but the sprint is worth it. We often get between \$60-\$70k from these. Our event this year was a success and we thank everyone that came out to volunteer! We have already registered for our next casino.

- **The Yards**

The Yards magazine is currently on hold as we seek new volunteers to help run the governing board, the Central Edmonton News Society. If you, or someone you know, cares about local news, please reach out! We need good people – no previous experience in journalism is needed. Additionally, we'd like to hear from residents about how they prefer to receive their news. Do you like receiving a print magazine every quarter? Would you prefer monthly? Or, do you prefer totally digital? Please reach out to any board member, and let us know.

- **OCL Hall Planning**

One of the most common questions we receive is, what is the status of the new OCL Hall? The OCL continues to hold a Tripartite Agreement for land in Oliver Park. We are a few years, and lots of money, away from building a new hall. The key factor is the long-term plan for Oliver Arena and Oliver Pool. We have been told by the city that those two buildings are at the end of



their life. We hope to develop a plan with the City to replace them with a multi-purpose community centre that includes space for the OCL. If this is a topic you are passionate about, we encourage you to reach out and join the RecreACTION Committee.

- **Social Advocacy Committee**

Alon Fatelis has taken the Social Advocacy Committee from a semi-dormant state and ran with it. Check out his report for the great things he has organized and continues to plan!

- **Peace Garden Park**

This year, we were lucky to have Janine leading the Peace Garden Park Garden Committee. She has done an excellent job of bringing a creative mind to the Garden. Please look at her report for an overview!

- **Civics Committee**

Civics continues to be one of the largest files at the OCL. I worked closely with Natalie Tremblay and Emma Zurawell this year on multiple files that will be detailed in their report.

- **RecreACTION Committee**

The RecreACTION Committee continues to do excellent. Please see Maureen's report for a full overview!

- **Communications**

From time to time, I assisted with OCL communications but really Samantha Busby was an independent professional. She did an excellent job this year, and we will miss her as she moves on. See her report for more details!

- **Events Committee**

Summer 2022 was big for the Events Committee! We celebrated our centennial in awesome fashion with a big event in Ezio Faraone Park. We had events for all ages during the day and wrapped up with a beer garden and live music in the evening. Sadly, it rained most of the day, but we still had some hearty people come out!



The Events Director position remains vacant. If you, or someone you know, is detail oriented and loves fun events – we want you!

- **New Director: Programs Directors**

This year, the Board decided to split the Events & Programs Committee into two separate groups and Directors – Events and Programs. Thus, the Programs Director was created! Robyn Wilson is our first and current Director and she's absolutely killing it. Check out her report for info on all the awesome programs the OCL has running.

- **Thank you, departing Board members!**

I'd like to personally highlight and recognize the hard work of the members of our board that are moving on after this AGM. The work we do would not be possible without the amazing people we are lucky to have. Therefore, I'd like to thank the following people for their contributions to the Oliver community.

- Samantha Busby, Communications Director
- Brent Colman, Events Director
- Brad Smart, Membership Director
- Me! President, Treasurer

Thank you for taking the time to read my report, and please reach out with any questions or comments.

Robyn Paches  
President, Oliver Community League  
[president@olivercommunity.com](mailto:president@olivercommunity.com)

## **Treasurer Report. 2023 AGM**

### ❖ Treasurer - Imran Ahmad

- Organized all bank accounts and funds
  - All funds except RBC GIC in ATB now
- Streamlined invoicing and reimbursement process
- Created 2023-2024 tentative budget for OCL
- Supporting website development and other directors
- Supporting various directors in their endeavours (RecreAction, Membership, Comms, Garden)
- 2021 Year End Audit completed and 2022 year end review started
- Lead and support CLOG and AGLC reports
- Organized and ran a successful 2023 casino drive (thank you all volunteers!)
- 2022-2023 reconciling in QBO
  - Looking at a potential switch to FreshBooks (easier interface and better pricing)
- Supporting and improving new director onboarding
- Organizing OCL Google Drive
- Password security at OCL

# 2023 Civics Director Report

The Oliver Community League (“OCL”) supports working with developers, designers, municipal administration and city council, its membership, and all Edmontonians to create positive downtown area developments. The Oliver Community League Civics Committee reviews development applications from the perspective of how the proposed development will impact the Oliver neighbourhood.

## Looking Back...

Over the past year, the Civics Committee has focused on collaboration and advocacy with developments throughout our City. Notably, we have written two letters of support for projects within our neighbourhood, one for a mixed use high rise development at 10137, 10133, 10129, 10107 - 115 Street NW & 11460, 11452 - Jasper Avenue NW, and the second for Jasper House Rezoning/Plaza Design.

Although the amount of development within the previous year has been low our committee has created a Standardized Question List for Developers/External Partners. This questionnaire will provide consistency amongst developments and projects seeking the support of the Civics Committee. This document asks questions that are important to us such as: how does this development interact with the public realm? How do you plan on encouraging active transportation? What kinds of cycling amenities will be on site?

We have also attended multiple community engagement events representing our neighborhood. We have attended engagement events for the City of Edmonton's District Plans, new Zoning Bylaw, West Valley Line LRT expansion amongst others. Advocacy has been top of mind for the Civics Committee within the past year.

## Looking forward...

In the upcoming year the Civics Committee will continue to advocate for developments that enhance the livability, walkability and built environment of our community. We are excited to collaborate with various stakeholders as well as other OCL committees, such as the RecreAction committee, to continue to improve quality of life for Oliver residents through an urban planning lens.



# COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Oliver Community League AGM April 19, 2023

Prepared by: Samantha Busby, Communications Director

My role is to oversee the communications initiatives of the Oliver Community League (OCL). I manage the league's social media accounts, e-newsletter and websites. I work with other board members to plan, create and share communications that are relevant to Oliver residents and community league members.

Here's what I've been up to over the past year.

## Highlight #1 - OCL 100

My fondest memory is overseeing the communications for OCL 100. I had a fantastic time collaborating with other board members to get as many people as possible to attend. We really pulled out all the stops in terms of marketing. From social media and event posters to media spots and hype events – we used every tool in our arsenal to get folks out to our 100th-anniversary celebration. It was an event I'll never forget.

## Highlight #2 - #UncoverOliver public engagement

Over the summer, I worked with the folks at Heartstage Consulting to spread the word about the OCL's public engagement around a new neighbourhood name. This included a social media campaign, newsletter features, website updates, mail-outs and more to get as many people as possible to fill out the online submission form. In the fall, I worked with Heartstage to share the results of that public engagement through social media posts and newsletter and web updates. I was happy to get the OCL one step closer to a new name.

## Social media

The OCL kicked it into high gear on social media in 2022-2023. We're active on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter (@oclyeg).

Follow us on social media so you're the first to know about:

- events and programs hosted by the OCL (e.g. Art in the Park, book club and Bus with Us trips)
- news from the community garden and off-leash dog park
- updates about #UncoverOliver and neighbourhood renaming
- shoutouts to local businesses/Institutional Associate Members
- social advocacy efforts (e.g. winter clothing drive and social issues survey)
- issues that impact the day-to-day of Oliver residents (e.g. updates from the city)

We often interact with folks who DM us with questions and we do our best to connect them with the information they're looking for. We also love to reshare content from other community leagues, local businesses and non-profit organizations in and around Oliver.

### **E-newsletter**

We send out a monthly newsletter to our 1,700+ (and counting) subscribers. This newsletter is a one-stop shop for the latest news about the OCL and typically goes out mid-month. We also occasionally send out email blasts about significant events and updates. You can subscribe to our newsletter via our website or bio link on Instagram and Twitter.

### **Website**

We try to keep the OCL website ([olivercommunity.com](https://olivercommunity.com)) fresh with upcoming events, community updates, league news, and more. We also have a separate website ([uncoveroliver.ca](https://uncoveroliver.ca)) dedicated to the Uncover Oliver campaign, which has everything you need to know about where things are at with neighbourhood renaming.

### **Looking Forward**

I look forward to connecting with the next Communications Director and making sure they are set up with all the tools and knowledge they need to flourish in the role. Exciting times are ahead for the OCL. I can't wait to see what the future holds (hopefully a Communications committee!).



## Social Advocacy 2022-23 Summary

**Date:** April 16, 2023

**By:** Alon Faitelis

### Highlight #1: Launching a Social Advocacy Committee

In February 2023, the OCL relaunched its Social Advocacy Committee after several years of inactivity. The Director of Communications helped us share the news and solicit volunteers to join the committee via social media and monthly newsletter.

In the months since its launch, the committee has grown in membership and continues to meet on a monthly basis. The committee's wonderful members have helped the OCL make progress and streamline several social advocacy initiatives, including the social advocacy survey, bike repair day, and fare free transit zone.

### Highlight #2: Running the OCL's First Annual Winter Clothing Drive

We ran a successful winter clothing drive to benefit CHEW Project - an Oliver-based organization that provides frontline support for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and emerging adults. We partnered with three local businesses: Oliver Exchange, Doughnut Party, and YEG Cycle.

Between late December 2022 and early January 2023, the OCL's donation boxes at these three businesses received hundreds of clothing items, hygiene products, and other essentials for CHEW.

This was a first step toward building working relationships with local social service organizations and businesses, and provided the OCL with a great template for future clothing drives.

### Highlight #3: Learning More About Oliver

In March 2023, we launched [a social advocacy survey](#) in order to learn more about issues that the community cares about and help inform the league's future activities. The survey was distributed both online (via social media and newsletter) and through fliers handed out to a number of local business fronts.





The survey will be running until early May 2023. We have so far collected 69 replies. In the next several weeks, we will be reading through the responses and putting together a summary of key takeaways and ideas.

#### Highlight #4: Promoting Active Transportation with a Bike Repair Day

We have been brainstorming ideas for more sustainability initiatives and ways to promote more active transportation within Oliver and across the city's core. The first step in that process will take place on May 13, when the OCL will be hosting its first-ever bike repair day in partnership with Cranky's.

Cranky's will provide Oliver residents (and anyone else who shows up) with free safety checks, brake checks, shift checks, tire top-ups, pressure washing, and registration.

Once the details have been finalized, we will begin promoting the event via newsletter and social media.

#### Highlight #5: Fare Free Transit Zone

We have recently been brainstorming an OCL-led initiative to push the City of Edmonton to reinstate its fare-free transit zone for LRT travel between Government Centre and Churchill stations. Such an initiative aligns with the OCL's renewed commitment to accessibility and livability, sustainability, supporting vulnerable populations, and reconciliation.

Following some preliminary meetings, outreach, and research, the OCL Board formally approved this initiative on April 5, 2023. The Social Advocacy Committee will be discussing next steps at its next meeting in late April. These will most likely consist of:

1. Conducting preliminary research.
2. Identify potential stakeholders, partners, and obstacles.

#### Highlight #6: EFCL Anti-Racism Funding

Several months ago, the EFCL announced that it received a significant amount of funding to partner with up to eight community leagues over anti-racism initiatives.



We reached out to the EFCL shortly after this news came out, and were given assurance that the OCL was on the Federation's short-list of community leagues to engage and potentially partner with. We expect to hear back from the EFCL in early to mid-May 2023.

#### Highlight #7: Other Exciting Works in Progress!

We have several other exciting initiatives in progress:

1. Oliver + River Valley Cleanup Day.
2. Harm Reduction + Naloxone Training Sessions.

# **PROGRAMMING REPORT**

Oliver Community League AGM April 19, 2023

Prepared by: Robyn Wilson, Programming Director

This year we made the decision to split the Events and the Programming to allow more dedicated focus on each portfolio. This provided an opportunity to develop more intentional, ongoing programming that brings community members together. Email [programs@olivercommunity.com](mailto:programs@olivercommunity.com) for more information.

## **Art in the Park**

- In its second year, Art in the Park continued to be a success. We had 5 opportunities to gather in Paul Kane Park to watch different artists perform and the number of participants who brought their own art projects to work on has grown month over month.
- The artists we brought in in 2022 were:
  - Dan Davis Trio
  - Party Queens
  - Sangea Academy Djembe Drumming
  - Kimberly MacGregor
  - Josh Sahunta
- We also invited White Rabbit ice cream truck to join us for Art in the Park from July - September to offer added incentive for people to stop in and enjoy the

## **Bus with Us**

- We heard from Oliver residents that as many do not have vehicles, they don't have much opportunity to get out of the city. In response to this, we started hosting bus trips to locations of interest outside of Edmonton. This allows community members to meet each other and spend time together on the bus and as they enjoy the location. These trips are well attended and the feedback from participants is overwhelmingly positive.
- Locations we have visited/upcoming locations:
  - Elk Island Park
  - Luminaria at UofA Botanical Gardens
  - Chatsworth Farm

## **OCL Book Club**

- In January 2023, we added a monthly Book Club to our ongoing programming. The Club has now met 4 times this year and we have a robust and sustained attendance of engaged members. This allows members opportunities to connect over a common interest in a low-pressure environment. We have been hosting it at the Cabin Pub + Party which allows us to support an Institutional member.
- The books we have read:
  - The People We Keep - Allison Larkin
  - Anywhere You Run - Wanda Morris
  - Bandit Queens - Parini Shroff
  - Matchmaker's Gift - Lynda Cohen-Loigman
- We added a Free Little Library to Peace Garden Park and it is well used

### **Looking Forward**

- We plan to continue with the above programming going forward as each is well received in the community. We are already in the process of booking the 2023 summer for Art in the Park to begin in May and are planning 2 more bus trips over the summer as well.
- We are also working with members to help individuals in the community begin their own interest-based community group
- Our biggest hurdle in planning programming is the lack of a community space to hold gatherings. We are continuing to reach out to community partners to find opportunities to collaborate that provides us with an indoor gathering space.



## Peace Garden Park Report

Oliver Community League AGM April 19, 2023

Prepared by: Janine Bennett, Garden Director

Peace Garden Park has kicked off the 2023 gardening season!

### **Committee – Existing & New**

The committee continues to grow and be served by gardeners who help maintain and run Peace Garden Park. The committee members contribute a significant amount of their personal time and effort, in immeasurable ways, which ensures all gardeners have the space and tools to garden successfully. We say thank you to Faith, Linda, and Mary for their incredible contribution to the garden, as they pursue other passions with their time. We appreciate that Ale, Justina, Randi, Coralie, MaryLeah and Rob, continue to contribute their valuable time to our committee and garden. We are happy to welcome Sarah who will be helping coordinate volunteers this year! We are also excited to have two other Oliver community members who plan on joining our committee in the next month!

Within the committee, we have continued to work on building our collective capacity to tackle all the different tasks associated with the garden. We have clarified the coordinator positions, helping to further spread out the workload. This continues with our goal of having a cooperative model that helps us avoid overloading responsibilities onto any one single committee member.

### **WaitList Update**

Google Form is proving to be an effective tool for rapidly and effectively processing our waitlist. In March, we sent our 2022 Gardeners a survey asking them to confirm if they were planning to return to PGP this season. We received 81 replies (93% of our membership), with 20 plot holders not planning on returning this year. 12 ground plots (from a total of 75) and 8 raised beds (from a total of 12) became available. This quick response rate has allowed us to reach out to 40 people on our waitlist already. 12 have confirmed their intention to have a plot - a 30% acceptance rate, which is down from a 50% acceptance rate last year. There are still 96 people on the waitlist, which is starting with those who had signed up in December of 2021. We plan to continue moving down the list, as we receive responses. The deadline to renew your garden plot is April 30th.

## **Fee increase**

We increased fees from \$42.00 to \$50.00 starting this gardening season. Based on a May - October growing season, the cost is \$8.33/month for the Garden bed, water, and compost. One of the reasons for the fee increase is that Edmonton has been having increasingly hot summers, which has been requiring more water needing to be delivered. Plot fees help to cover the cost of the water and compost which are hauled in, both of which have increased with inflation. Anyone experiencing financial hardship is very much encouraged to reach out to myself/Garden Director by email, at [garden@olivercommunity.com](mailto:garden@olivercommunity.com), as we have a subsidy for those in need.

## **Membership**

We continue to provide flexible options to our membership for completing their registration process: both online and in-person options are available to pay fees, sign contracts, and sign up for a volunteer shift for our WorkBees. This year's in person membership sign-up will be on Sunday April 23, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. During the event, gardeners will be able to pay membership fees, sign the garden contract, and sign up for our volunteering shifts - all while catching up with long-time members and meeting new ones!

## **WorkBees**

WorkBees have been very important in helping the committee maintain Peace Garden Park. The collaboration allows committee members more time to focus on the running of the garden. It also allows the garden community to gather, socialize, and get to know one another while contributing to the community. To get as much value as possible from the WorkBees, we have decided to increase the time commitment to one and a half hours. This will allow time for introductions, instructions, and gathering/putting away tools - and still contributing an hour of work towards the garden.

## **Pop-up Planters**



Last year we were able to offer an additional 15 raised beds to gardeners on our waitlist for a plot, thanks to the CoE's Pop-up Garden Pilot Project. The CoE has extended the pilot for this year and we are waiting to hear back if our application has been approved. Gardeners who chose to accept a pop-up planter get to keep their position on the waitlist for a permanent Peace Garden plot.

## **New compost system:**

We have revamped our compost system and chosen to keep the previous compost containers to hold fresh compost to be used in the fall. The new system has quickly become popular within our community and we were happy to be able to keep it open throughout the winter this year. Due to it becoming full, we had to briefly close the compost at the end of winter, until the thaw began and the composting process was able to start again. Currently, we are not producing enough compost to meet our gardening needs. We will be hauling in compost again this year, for gardeners to use in their plots this Spring and Fall .



## Free Library

OCL has added a Free Library to the Peace Garden Park, for community members to give, take, and exchange books. Come grab a book and curl up on a bench, or under a tree, and read while enjoying the garden!

## Events

Our events coordinator organized two Tai Chi in the Park sessions last year, as a fundraiser for the Edmonton Food Bank. We received a lot of great feedback from the events and are happy to be able to offer more sessions again this gardening season! Once the dates and times are confirmed, we will be posting them on social media and in our OCL newsletter.



We are co-hosting a Companion Gardening Seminar, with Westmount Vegetable Garden and Sustainable Food Edmonton, for both beginner and experienced gardeners! It will be held on **April 30th, 2023 at 1:45 p.m.** at Westmount Community Hall, 10978 127 st NW. *Please sign-up by following this [link](#).* There will be some gardening swag (such as seeds) for participants to take home and a light snack.

We will be holding a Balcony Gardening Seminar, with Jim Hole, on **May 13th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** at Grace Lutheran Church, 9907 114 st NW. *Please sign-up by following this [link](#).* Thank you to Phil Wilson, Director at Large, for spearheading this event!

## Looking Forward

It has been my great pleasure volunteering as the Garden Director for Oliver Community League, and I'm looking forward to working with this year's committee. As we continue to provide a space for our community to have a little garden of their own, we will also be looking into ways that we can increase the access for more of our community to have an opportunity to have a vegetable garden.

# **Volunteer Director Report**

Oliver Community League AGM: May 26, 2022

Prepared by: Meghan Hickey, Volunteer Director

This year, the OCL had two major events that could not have been possible without the help of our amazing community volunteers:

- OCL100; where we celebrated 100 years as a community
- Oliver Community League's Casino at Grand Villa Casino

We appreciate each and every one of you that has spent your time volunteering with us - thank you!

We also had ~24 new volunteers join our casual volunteer list and connected new volunteers with each of the OCL's committees.

If you are interested in adding your name to the casual volunteer list or would like to be connected to an Oliver Community League committee, please send an email to [volunteer@olivercommunity.com](mailto:volunteer@olivercommunity.com); we're happy to connect you.

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# 2023 Director report - RecreAction Committee

Director: Maureen Renaud

*The RecreAction committee looks to grow a healthier community with amenities that support physical activity, social connections and emotional wellbeing. We advocate to the City for our bike lanes, maintain the off-leash space in Oliver Park, and work with various partner organisations to create more space for healthy living. We're grateful to our dedicated members: Lisa, Tyrel, Daniel, Aimee, and Kathy.*

## Looking back:

Last year we worked with the City and provided feedback on their **Vision Zero Street Labs installations** throughout the neighbourhood. Some of the installations were suggested based on feedback we'd heard from our neighbours, and some of the installations were led by the City following their engagement process. It was a valuable process to try new ideas to see what works to make our streets safer and more usable for all residents and all modes of transportation.



We continue to maintain the **off-leash space in Oliver Park** (118 St/103 Ave) and are excited for the changes the City has made to their bylaws, allowing these community-led pop-up parks to exist. This little fenced area has become a hub for dog-lovers in the neighbourhood and the residents have very respectfully used and maintained the space. We hosted a Welcome party in May, and a Halloween party with treats and prizes for costumes, but it's the day-to-day use that makes the space so special. So grateful to our residents for adopting this off-leash space and taking such good care of it.

## Looking forward:

Based on the feedback we've heard from community members, we would like to have access to more opportunities for recreation in the neighbourhood. Over the next winter season, we're hoping to work with a company to create a **snowbank ice rink** in Kitchener Park for resident use.

We've also been working with Housing For Health and are excited to host a **set of workshops** to brainstorm and implement solutions for making our neighbourhood into a more liveable

community. These sessions are open to all and we encourage you to come and provide your thoughts and experience - what would make the neighbourhood more enjoyable for you?

And as our major ongoing project, we are considering innovative solutions to fill the gap of not having a **Community Hall**. While not being tied to a single building, with the maintenance and upkeep that requires, has provided a great deal of flexibility in our programming and budgeting, the neighbourhood needs a meeting space. We look forward to continuing to brainstorm and research opportunities to fill that gap and meet the needs of the residents for a place of social connection.

*The RecreAction committee welcomes new members! We meet online on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. If these projects are of interest to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to Maureen, [hallredevelopment@olivercommunity.com](mailto:hallredevelopment@olivercommunity.com).*

## **Director at Large Report- Phil Wilson**

### **2022/2023**

#### **Summary of the past year**

Since joining the OCL as a Director at Large in October of 2020, I have focused largely on assisting programming director Robyn Wilson to create, plan, and execute recurring programming for our neighborhood that brings our residents together and helps to weave a stronger fabric in our community. I am proud of the creative programming we have done.

This past year has largely been similar, but I did add other responsibilities as well. Below is outlined a recap of the initiatives that I have brought forth or assisted in the successful operation of.

#### **Programming**

- Art in the Park
  - I helped book acts for our annual Art in the Park series in Paul Kane Park, running from May - September
  - I attended all events, delivered the welcome message from the board, and posted on social media from the OCL account.
- Bus With Us outings
  - We completed trips to Elk Island Park in September 2022, and to Luminaria at the UofA Botanical Garden in December. Both trips were well attended and the feedback was very positive.
  - The next trip is our biggest yet- a tour of Chatsworth Farm near Vegreville
- OCL Book Club
  - Assisted programming director Robyn Wilson in running/hosting the event

#### **Membership Portfolio**

- The OCL only had a membership director for a few months of the last year, and our list of Institutional Members had dwindled down to under 5. I took on the task of beginning to rebuild our relationships with the Oliver business community. I worked with Robyn Wilson and communications director Sam Busby to tweak the design of the membership logo, print new stickers, create a new brochure to be used when contacting businesses, and ultimately we brought our Institutional Memberships up to a total of 19 currently.

### Clothing Drive for The Chew Project

- Assisted Social Advocacy Director Alon Faitelis with his winter clothing drive initiative in support of The Chew Project, a charity located in the neighborhood. Building donation boxes and dropping off at donation locations, delivering donations to CHEW.

### Other

- Worked a volunteer shift for our fundraising casino
- Provided support and social media posting to Hall and Recreation director Maureen Renaud's 2 events at the Dog Park- grand opening party, and Halloween party