

LCL AGM Reports

AGM April 12 2021

Memberships

Joanne Hamel

116 Memberships Sold (September 1, 2020 - March 1, 2021)

- 85 Family Memberships
- 6 Individual Memberships
- 25 Senior Memberships

Hall Rentals

Mark Lund

Good Evening All;

I have been filling the role of Hall Rental Coordinator since my good friend Bonnie Herring-Cooper left Lendrum in late spring last year. I have lived over forty years in Lendrum, and this is my second round of service to the community league executive. This COVID-19 pandemic has devastated our hall rentals. Since taking over this role I have yet to write one receipt!

In the interim I have:

- helped rewrite our Hall Rental Agreement.
- helped coordinate a crew to keep an eye on the all as it has been empty for most of this past year.
- and most recently corresponding with Elections Canada about the potential for using our hall IF a Federal election is called during this pandemic.

I would like to thank Kris & Jessie Hameister-Ries, and Lisa Sharun for offering to help keep and "eye-on" the hall and hopefully in the near future help to supervise our "one time" hall rentals.

May this pandemic end soon!

Website Coordinator

Marlene Konduc

In brief, the role of the Website Coordinator is to design/maintain, write content, and update the website, providing Lendrum residents with information in a timely fashion and supporting the LCL Board in its endeavors. For full details on the skills required and responsibilities involved, please contact secretary@lendrum.org and ask for the Website Coordinator Role Description (2020) on file.

2020 - Sources of information included the following: Alberta Health Services, the City of Edmonton, Alberta Government, our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (NRC), various

program and event providers, University of Alberta, LCL Board and Coordinators, and weekly updates from the EFCL.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020 and further restrictions throughout the year, the Lendrum.org home page looked very different than in previous years as postings of upcoming events around the City were removed and public health measures appeared instead.

AB Government/Alberta Health restrictions headed the tops of webpages via an 'include' and could be quickly revised without disrupting the layout of the webpage. Information and links were added to the home page and Community Safety webpage regarding COVID-19.

A revised LCL Membership Request Form in the works, to be used for August 2020, but was put on hold.

Programs and meetings were either cancelled or moved to Online, with information on how to participate via zoom or google meet were outlined on the organization's website.

Info was added to the AGM webpage giving instructions on how to join the Annual General Meeting online via Google Meet.

I attended the Lendrum Community Safety presentation online, and used information from the presentation as a starting point to develop content for a Community Safety webpage. With new Coordinators joining the LCL Board, contact information and corresponding webpages were updated.

The Hall Rentals webpage received updates to procedures.

An Age-Friendly Lendrum webpage was created. Resources for Seniors already on the website were gathered and additional resources were added, including an introduction to the new Age-Friendly Lendrum Coordinators.

The Abundant Community Webpage was refreshed to include the name of the new coordinator and will receive more updates in 2021, including a listing of local Lendrum businesses.

As always, accurate information, an unbiased approach, updates in a timely fashion, with recognition of copyright, privacy, and personal safety issues have always been the norm for website postings.

Work continues to ensure that Lendrum.org complies with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

Bootstrap 3.3.7 CSS framework <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/3.3/getting-started/>

w3schools.com <https://www.w3schools.com/>

The W3C Markup Validator <https://validator.w3.org/>

WAVE Web Accessibility Tool <https://wave.webaim.org/>

WebAIM: Contrast Checker <https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/>

AChecker <https://achecker.ca/checker/index.php>

For details and costs of the Website Host and Domain please contact admin@lendrum.org or refer to the Treasurer's Report.

I'd like to thank the residents of Lendrum for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Website Coordinator, and for the kind comments I've received over the years and upon notice of my departure from the position. I decided to step away from working on the Lendrum website to let someone else have the opportunity to acquire practical first-hand experience, develop web design skills or perhaps discover a new career direction for themselves.

On January 4, 2021, the LCL Board gave a warm welcome to Steve Allen, your new Lendrum Website Coordinator and an enthusiastic newcomer to the community.

SOCIAL

Julie Moehler

New Year's Day Celebration

Cancelled

Winter Fair (February)

Cancelled

Volunteer Appreciation (March)

May possibly host a virtual event, still waiting for feedback on the idea

Soccer wrap-up BBQ (June)

Cancelled

Canada Day Bike Race (July)

Cancelled

Campout (August)

Cancelled

Mens Beer Night

Cancelled

Picnic in the Park (September 20)

Organized by: Heather Lamothe

This event was held instead of the Harvest Fair from 2019. Families brought their own picnic lunches to the park along with their own chairs/blankets to encourage social distancing. The Diamonds Band performed and individual bead crafts were handed out to the children. Food bank donations were also accepted. The hall was only open for bathroom use. The event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone after many months of no league events.

Turkey Trot

Organized by: Julie Moehler

The annual Lendrum Turkey Trot was held on Sunday, October 4. The weather was beautiful and there were 40-50 people who took part in the 3km and 5km walk/run/bike through the neighbourhood. This event was Covid friendly as families were able to stay together and social distance on the route. There were no refreshments in the hall afterwards, just cookies and juice boxes for the kids after. Refreshments and turkey were provided by the League (total cost was \$57.68). Also had some extra door prizes donated by the EFCL.

Pumpkin Parade (November 1)

Organized by: Julie Moehler

This was the first year holding the pumpkin parade and it was a huge success. Residents dropped off their pumpkins in the afternoon, and volunteers lined them up along the path in the dry pond. We lit them up and people could walk through and vote on their favourites with toothpicks. Also provided glowsticks for the kid. Was very COVID friendly as the walking was

one direction and entire event was outside. Had gift certificates from local Lendrum restaurants for the winners. At the end of the night, the pumpkins were brought to the Green and Gold farm for composting. Total cost for the event (lights, glow sticks and gift cards) was \$120.99, the City covered \$45.99 of it with a grant.

Lendrum Community Chili Cookoff (November)

Cancelled

Bottle Drive

We had one bottle drive in August that raised \$2161.15, and another in February that raised \$2451.20. We switched bottle depots and used Triple H for the second one. Will definitely book future bottles drives through them.

Lendrum Food Network

Keith Fenrich

We held our annual winter/spring LFN meeting online on March 22, shortly after the COVID lockdown. The meeting was well attended by a core group (9 people) and we made several plans based on reduced COVID restrictions. Unfortunately, despite planning numerous events/initiatives planned we eliminated events in which we could not reasonably meet COVID gathering guidelines and in the end went ahead with only four as follows:

1. Group seed purchase. Janet Smith organized this initiative including ordering, dividing, and delivering the seeds at the start of spring. Fourteen people contributed to the seed purchase and we are continuing with this initiative again this year.
2. Perennial exchange. Organized by Heather Hindman, this initiative was setup to allow for the easy exchange of perennial plants within the community. Heather put together and managed a spreadsheet listing the perennials available within the community. Anyone who had perennials available and willing to share them could post to the spreadsheet and were contacted directly by individuals who were interested in getting the plants. This too was a success and are expanding it this year to also include a seed exchange spreadsheet for all those with *surplus* seeds.
3. Vermiculture (worm farming) workshop. This workshop was organized by Sarah Brandvold and Janet Smith and held on July 29. There were four families that participated in this event, which is likely the close to the maximum we could accommodate and maintain social distancing. Sarah and Janet did a presentation on the principles of vermiculture and described the bins to raise worms followed by a step-be-step demonstration of how to setup a worm-bin. Each family then made their own starter bins and populated them with worms supplied by Sarah and Janet.
4. Harvest Festival. As in previous years, Heather Lamothe organized the event with the help of other LFN members and the event was open to the entire Lendrum community. Unlike previous years, we had a picnic-style event called 'Picnic in the Park' where people brought their own food and picnic blankets to maintain social-distancing. There were also crafts for kids and a live band. We had a good turnout considering the circumstances and feedback from the attendees indicated that it was a huge success. Overall it was very nice to meet with neighbors again after being separated for so long due to COVID. We will be running this event again this year, however the format will be decided closer to the Fall.

Age Friendly Lendrum Initiative Summary

Lisa Vaughn

- Establishment of the Age-Friendly Lendrum Committee
- Age Friendly Lendrum Needs Assessment Survey distributed and 17 responses obtained
- Commenced planning on making the community league more walkable in terms of rest spots
- Age-Friendly Lendrum committee member representation on the Hall Redevelopment committee
- Initiation of Lendrum Snow Removal Program, we connected 4 seniors with local youth for snow removal
- Regular distribution of seniors resources and information in the Lendrum newsletter
- Hosting of the "Building a Community that Supports Aging Well" information session for our community and the 6 surrounding communities

Lendrum Ornamental Beds and Naturalized Area

Bonnie Herring-Cooper

The summer of 2020 in Lendrum park was an odd mixture of the familiar (the core of volunteers returned to weed, edge, prune and sweep) and the strange (masks, physical distancing, no sports or errant baseballs or volleyballs). The spring lockdown made seeing our neighbours and fellow volunteers even sweeter. Additional residents joined our workbee team. Weather impacted our workbees: out of twelve evenings, three were cancelled because of rain and one because of heat. Nevertheless volunteers contributed 75 hours of labour; about two weeks of paid full-time work. A big thank you to Art B, Catherine S, Evelyn, Greg and Heather F, Monty M, Peggy F, Xanthe, Zefira and Bonnie.

Without in-person classes at UofA, there were no first-year students entering residence. As a result Lendrum did not host 40+ students for an afternoon of volunteer labour so the park did not go into autumn as "spruced-up" as usual; however, the plentiful rain made the turf and foliage lush and green.

Athletic Parks

Ron Pidskalny, Athletic Parks Coordinator

I took over as athletic parks coordinator in July, after Harvey Guhl stepped away from the role after a long and dedicated period of service. Park maintenance has continued with the assistance of Gord Okamura. Gord handles mowing and weed trimming – and keeps the fields and park areas looking well-groomed in the interval between City of Edmonton mowings. Harvey has continued to play a role in park maintenance and we would also like to thank John Porter for helping to keep the equipment in working order. Gord's efforts have become even more important given the extended time between City mowing operations this year. While some community fields and parks have become overgrown, the public areas in Lendrum continue to look well maintained.

Over the last few years, the Lendrum Community League (LCL) had hired EnviroPerfect Solutions Inc. to help manage the athletic fields. EnviroPerfect also provided fertilizer for the mini-fields, the smaller fields in the interior of the running track to the east of Avalon Junior High

School. The idea behind this project was to help encourage the natural systems working within the soils – making the turf more resistant to hard use, allowing the soil biota to do their work and helping to keep weeds under control. This contract was not renewed for 2021 since the fields were expected to see less use due to the cancellation and curtailment of soccer programs.

Several coordinators and many volunteers contributed to the maintenance of the athletic parks, playground, spray park, naturalized areas and plant beds. A manual was developed which outlined the contractual relationship between the Lendrum Community League and the City of Edmonton. The roles and responsibilities of the coordinators were outlined to help understand what was being done, how it was being done and by whom.

Our committed volunteers continued their work in the natural area and ornamental beds, led by Bonnie Herring-Cooper and Peggy Folinsbee. The annual fall cleanup held in conjunction with first year U of A residence students did not take place this year.

We would like to thank Lance Adamson and his team of volunteers who added soil and reseeded the area around the newly renovated parking lot. Volunteers came out one evening to assist with moving and packing the soil, allowing Lance to finish the seeding operation. Thanks to abundant rainfall over the summer, the grass seed germinated well and the area around the parking lot looks great.

As in 2019, we had good rainfall in 2020, which minimized expenditures on watering. This also reduced the amount of time required by volunteers to set up sprinklers and move hoses around the sports fields.

The portable soccer nets in the main soccer field are chained together – and the LCL President and the Athletic Fields Coordinator have the only keys to the padlocks. The City of Edmonton requires that the soccer nets be locked when not in use – and users must be informed of the tipping hazard. An adult must be present when the portable soccer nets are in use.

The City of Edmonton sports fields may be taken out of service to be rejuvenated at any one time, city-wide. The rejuvenation period can last up to 33 days. Turf rebuilding programs start as soon as the field is out of service, and ideally, would be completed within the first two days. This allows turf rejuvenation for the maximum portion of the rest period. The City posts a rejuvenation schedule for all sports fields, city-wide. LCL fields are referred to as Avalon #1 and Avalon #2, #3. When the sports fields are closed, no one can use the sports fields under any circumstances. The City of Edmonton has informed the LCL that there are to be no exceptions to this closure.

Horticultural activities, including topdressing, over-seeding, aerating, fertilizing and initial watering, are the foundation of the City of Edmonton sports field rejuvenation program. This format allows the planning and scheduling of maintenance months in advance of the field coming out of service. It also allows field users/customers ample notice to plan and not impact their seasonal scheduling. This rest formula also assists in spreading use over a greater number of large fields in the city, because a greater number of fields would be rested.

In the late summer, the City of Edmonton trimmed the lower branches of the evergreen trees in the community league park areas. This has made it much easier for our volunteers to mow the grass and weed whip under the larger evergreen trees. The City also removed a large broken limb from an elm tree near the north entrance to the playground. Many of the elm trees in the area to the north of the playground and ice-rink/volleyball courts need to be trimmed to remove

dead branches. Due to budgetary constraints, the City may not be able to complete this activity until after the spring of 2021.

Lendrum Soccer

Matthew Hawkeye

Outdoor Soccer

Year-to-year outdoor numbers

Ages	2020 (COVID)	2020	2019	2018	Ages	2017	2016
U5 mixed	9	14	18	17	U4 mixed	14	5
U7 girls	4	8	21*	12*	U6 mixed	13	19
U7 boys	12	14	n/a*	n/a*			
U9 girls	2	2	9	3	U8 mixed	10	10
U9 boys	4	7	7	5			
U11 girls	4	6	4	1	U10 girls	2	0
U11 boys	3	5	4	4	U10 boys	6	3
U13 girls	4	1	0	1	U12 girls	1	1
U13 boys	0	3	2	0	U12 boys	4	5
U15 girls	0	0	0	1	U14 girls	2	3
U15 boys	0	0	1	3	U14 boys	3	3
U17 girls	0	0	1	1	U16 girls	3	3
U17 boys	3	1	2	0	U16 boys	1	1
U19 girls	0	1	0	1	U18 girls	2	1
U19 boys	0	0	0	0	U18 boys	2	4
Total	45	62	69	49		63	58

*Prior to 2020, U7 was a mixed program

It should be no surprise that the COVID pandemic had a large impact on soccer in 2020. The numbers reported above (2020 – COVID) show the number of players in the modified season.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the league and our hard-working volunteers, we were able to run a modified, shortened outdoor season in 2020.

Registration for the 2021 outdoor season has not been confirmed, but the leagues are hopeful that soccer will return this summer in some form. Presently, we are waiting for decisions by the Alberta government, and then the Canadian Soccer Association, the Alberta Soccer Association, and then the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association to provide the guidelines for a return to play.

Lendrum hosted 2 teams in our modified 2020 season:

- A mighty mites (U5) team
- 1 U7 boys team

Volunteer activities

A big thank you to our Coach and Assistant Coach volunteers over the past year! They are the lifeblood of community soccer! These coaches were key in running a safe, fun soccer experience this year.

- U5: Adam Gaumont
- U7: Aaron McBride

Matthew Hawkeye was the Lendrum soccer coordinator in 2020 and looks forward to continuing in that role.

Total Soccer Income/Expenses (including referees) – please defer to Treasurer.

Volleyball

Lance Adamson

As for most things, 2020 was a different year for volleyball at the Lendrum Courts due to Covid and AHS restrictions.

The nets are normally set up at the end of April for leagues, schools, and other programs to begin using the courts. In 2020 the courts were officially set up at the end of June once restrictions allowed outdoor sports groups to play in cohorts.

Edmonton Sport and Social Club held their leagues in July/August and September/October on a smaller scale and following all the guidelines. The U of A Pandas held one on one summer training and the Golden Bears also ran some camps as they were unable to train indoors. A youth program was run by one of the local volleyball clubs and Lendrum was the host to a high school camp for one week as they were also unable to train indoors. A few school programs were able to use the courts in September.

All one time renters were asked to make bookings through the Volleyball Coordinator and they were given information about the additional guidelines that needed to be followed and they had to agree to these prior to their booking being confirmed. There was no access to washrooms and the number of people booking the courts was confirmed to ensure guidelines were being followed.

In spite of all these changes and limitations volleyball still provided a good source of revenue for the community league. The expenses included some basic maintenance and net repairs. There is an issue with the weeping tile system that is causing two of the courts to flood during heavy rain. Some exploration of this issue was done in the fall. Further consultation is underway with the City about next steps.

The Lendrum Volleyball Courts continue to be a very popular space for volleyball users and there is continued appreciation for the facility.

Icerink and snow clearing

Ben Willing

As a result of COVID 19, the main rink was limited to 10 people at a time for the season and the skate room was closed. To help prevent too many people from being on the ice, an online sign-up was established that could be accessed with a QR code posted at the rink and a web link

posted on the website. There was a lot of positive feedback on the sign-up system, with requests to use this beyond COVID.

There was a drastic increase in use over the past year due to the limited activities available to people. Lendrum and Avalon school groups also got use of the ice for their classes in February once it was allowed. The online sign-up system helped manage school group use and is something to consider for future years during the school day. As of February 11th, there were 2366 recorded visits to the rink. There were also many additional visits that were not recorded, as not all users were taking advantage of the booking system. The small rink was also available for drop in use with a maximum capacity of 10 people.

Rick Young generously provided his skid steer again for the levelling of the sand. There were many volunteers that helped with the rink to varying degrees, with the bulk of the effort from Ben Willing, Gary Yaskowich and Amit Bhavsar. Other key contributors include John Porter, Ira Moehler and Adam Gaumont. From October 1st, 2020 to February 26th, 2020, approximately 200 hours were worked by volunteers. There were no honorariums paid this year. However, gift cards will be purchased for key volunteers that contributed more than 30 hours for a total of \$450.

The bulk of expenses were covered by grants obtained. The bulk of expenses were a major repair for the tractor broom, new shovels, new firepit and firewood, snow scaping kits, and lights for the small rink.

Expenses

The tractor broom had a full service. This included the replacement of the bristles: \$706.05

Red L and home depot for hose repairs: \$39.51

Shovels: \$91.32

Gas: \$82.08+\$88.21

Brace wire and key: \$17.22

Firepit and firewood: \$471.44

Lights, poles and snow scaping kits: \$500

Gift cards for volunteers doing >30hours (3 volunteers @ \$150): \$450

Total expenses: \$2,445.83

Revenue

Epcor community league ice rink grant: \$800

City of Edmonton grant: \$471.44

City of Edmonton Snow Fund grant: \$500

Total Revenue: \$1771.44

Total cost: \$674.39

Budget for 2021 (\$4000)

Volunteer honorariums: \$2000

Equipment maintenance and materials: \$2000

Civics Annual Report

Stephen Dobson

The following civics meetings and issues were reported to the board over the year. Carolyn Fenrich was elected Lendrum civics representative on February 1, 2021.

Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC) planned 60th avenue 6 storey apartment building

- Asked the CEO Greg Dewling about the start date for construction of the 60th avenue apartment buildings. Greg said the project is delayed indefinitely and he will inform the league when construction is planned start.
- Greg responded to Lendrum residents' concerns about snow and ice on the path around the site. The path was cleared within days of the concern being sent to CRHC.

University of Alberta Property Trust Incorporated (UAPTI)

- Asked the UAPTI chair for updates on the demolition plan for the Michener Park site. The current plan is to develop a vision for the site and then consider how the site will be managed. The visioning exercise is still underway and expected to be complete this year.
- Discussed development on the University farm with School Trustee Michael Janz (at his request) and forwarded his letter to the UAPTI and UofA supporting family based housing at Michener Park.
- Reported to the UofA border-visible break ins to boarded Michener Park. UofA made repairs.
- UAPTI and SCNC met once on Sept 23 and again on February 24. The focus of the meetings was disposition of the Michener Park site.

South Campus Neighbourhood Consultation (SCNC) / South Campus Consultation Group (SCCG)

- In response to SCNC questions, Alberta Infrastructure told the SCNC the Alberta Health Services north of the school for the deaf site should be sodded and returned to use in the summer of 2021.
- SCNC and UofA (together the SCCG) met on December 2, 2020 and discussed the ice arena proposal on the farm that is unlikely to go ahead and Saville Parking that will likely convert to pay parking for lots closest to the buildings.

University of Alberta Community Consultation (UACC)

- UACC had one meeting in the last year attended by Lendrum. The isotope lab at the old Balmoral rink location will now be managed by Alberta Health Services.

Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL)

- On May 20, 2020, Lendrum was elected the Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of CACCL. In October Lendrum suggested to the vice-chair that it might be best to put the organization on hold/hiatus with Service Alberta. CACCL must make an annual filing and manage a bank account under the *Societies Act*. The group could be managed as a discussion group and no fees gathered from Community Leagues. Director insurance and account fees could be suspended. The \$1500 in the bank could be donated to Queen Alexander Community League to support their efforts on the Scona pool and Rollie Miles park redevelopment. The proposal to put the organization on hold will need to be discussed at the AGM in spring 2021.
- CACCL had the following meeting organized or facilitated by Lendrum:
 - Sept 17: Discussion of the impact of the proposed changes to the City Zoning Bylaw to the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay. Community leagues alone discussed the matter.
 - Nov 5: Meeting with Livia Balone Director Zoning Bylaw Review regarding the impacts of the City Zoning Bylaw Review on the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay.

- Nov 18: Meeting with Peter Spearey City Planner regarding the 109 Street Scape Manual.
- The meetings prompted summaries and associated comments that were circulated by the secretary.

Miscellaneous correspondence

- A Lendrum resident put a letter in all other residents' mailboxes about covid. Concerns about the letter were summarized and sent back to the author.
- Residents' comments on the proposed bike path sent directly to Civics were forwarded to the President with a summary.
- Notice of the Residential Infill Working Group survey were posted to the Lendrum newsletter.

Lendrum Hall Redevelopment Committee (LHRC) 2020

Gary Goulden, LHRC Chair

In 2019, the Lendrum Community League surveyed the community regarding capital projects and it was determined that the hall was the #1 priority. The Lendrum Hall Redevelopment Committee was initiated in November 2019. The committee consists of Gary Goulden (chair), Darcy Funk, Elizabeth Wood, Ira Moehler, Jason Pfiefer, Rick Young and Laura Sherman (Exec. Liaison). Our activity thus far:

- Established Terms of Reference with LCL Board
- Community Survey about the hall
- Submitted Project Proposal to City of Edmonton (COE) - Approved
- Working on Community Led Business Case - as per COE process.

We hope this year to finalize the Business Case - Part 1 Strategy, submit to COE and begin planning for Part 2- Concept phase of the Business Case. Also, as part of the plan, we will need to begin implementing a fundraising strategy.

I would like to thank the members of the committee and our City Liaison, Wendy Keillor, for their hard work on what is a very difficult process for a massive project.