

## **Lendrum Community League AGM Civics Report April 2014.**

The focus of this work continues to be centred on issues relating to the development of South Campus. This involves meetings of the South Campus Consultation Group (liaison with the University) and meetings of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (working with other local community leagues to provide mutual support).

Issues in the last year have included the process by which the UA sought Amendments to its Long Range Development Plan. And the SCNC push to require greater community voice i.e. being part of the planning process not simply reacting to UA decisions. For awhile we withdrew support from the SCCG due to abrupt announcement of leasing Michener Park land to private developers (that would have resulted in excessive intensification). Once this obstacle was overcome, relations with the UA have been more cordial.

The SCNC conducted a survey of residents so as to better represent local communities. This provided a very worthwhile indication of those topics on which people feel very strongly. For example, disappointment was expressed over the lack of outcomes from the UA “guiding principle” that this would be a green-focussed campus with considerable emphasis on environmentally friendly initiatives. Vehicular access was supposed to be restricted to the periphery; this has not occurred.

In the forthcoming year the main issues will concern the construction of a new South Campus access from 122<sup>nd</sup> Street that will hopefully serve to reduce the current traffic volume through Lendrum; and development of Michener Park. On the horizon will be construction of ice arenas and ensuring that parkade construction occurs at the same time. Within Lendrum, attention is needed to address increasing complaints from residents around the north end of 115<sup>th</sup> Street about parasitic parking by LRT users.