

LCL AGM Reports

AGM - April 04, 2022

Memberships

Joanne Hamel

2020-21 (September 1 - August 31)

107 Family Memberships
7 Individual Memberships
29 Senior Memberships

2021-22 (September 1 - current)

80 Family Memberships
3 Individual Memberships
29 Senior Memberships

Hall Rentals

Mark Lund

I see in last years report, I had NO rentals to report. Now having a full year under my belt... just eight rentals I helped with! And of course collected fees were way down from pre-COVID times. The hall has been returning to some use, and I expect that for 2022 rentals will increase further, but it will take some time before we get back to previous use. Over the year I have helped to keep an eye on the hall (assure regular checks when vacant), responded to some maintenance issues (back flow valve inspection), and have attended our regular board meetings, mostly on-line this past year. We have not had to enlist our rental support crew this past year. I expect to be back for another year, and if it is busier as expected, I will need some assistance. Lois and I hope to do some travelling this year.

Programs Coordinator

Melissa Kean

I started in the program's role part way through the year. This is my first-time volunteering for the community league so there is lots to learn! I have been working to understand the tripartite agreement and its new requirement to enter into sub-licence agreements with some hall renters. We are starting by developing and entering into a sub-licence agreement with the Girl Guide groups that use the hall regularly.

Thanks to the work of dedicated program liaisons, a number of programs have continued to run in our community this year including pottery, crafting, and stitching groups, among others. Through the league's engagement activities this year, community members have expressed interest in having some new programs created. I look forward to seeing some of these ideas come to life in 2022-23!

Social

Julie Moehler

Most events were canceled again due to covid, but things should be getting back to normal in 2022. The following events were held:

East Egg "Hunt" - Easter weekend

Kids and adults decorated large cardboard eggs and volunteers hung them on the fence and in trees around the north end of the Lendrum island. There was a riddle to solve and treat bags available for the kids. The eggs were left up for a few days over the weekend, and neighbours enjoyed walking around outside to look at the artwork. This was a first time event and was well attended and a good addition to the social calendar as we don't normally have a spring event.

Pumpkin Parade - November 1

The second annual Pumpkin Parade was a huge hit. Neighbours dropped their pumpkins off directly in the dry pond to avoid volunteers having to carry them down the hill. Volunteers lit the pumpkins from 5:30 to 6:00. The event ran from 6:00 and 7:30 and we had over 200 people come by to look at the pumpkins and vote for their favourite. Prizes from Awn Kitchen were awarded to the three winners. In total there were 160 pumpkins, and they were all brought to the Green and Gold farm for composting.

Bottle Drives

February bottle drive raised \$2451.20

September bottle drive raised \$2518.45.

Lendrum Food Network

Keith Fenrich

We held our annual winter/spring meeting online on March 2, 2022. The meeting was well attended a core group (8 people) and we made several plans for the upcoming year based on the progressive lifting of COVID restrictions in the province (effective March 1)

and likely lifting of the City of Edmonton restrictions. Our goal is to increase the in-person meetings and workshops for 2022.

- **Group seed purchase** (organized by Janet Smith and Heather Hindman): There were 9 participants in 2021, down from the year before. It has been decided to drop this initiative for 2022 and will proceed with an in-person Seed Exchange this spring (see next point).
- **Online seed and perennial exchange** (organized by Heather Hindman): There was reduced participation in this event in 2021. It has been decided to hold this as an in-person event this spring at the community league. This would include organizing a date and time where community members can bring seeds and plants they are willing to trade or give away to people looking for seeds and plants. Ideally this will be an outdoor event, but could also be held in the community league hall if weather is not favourable.
- **Geranium sale** (organized by Lance Adamson): This initiative was started with good success in early 2021 whereby orders were taken for the purchase of geranium seedlings were delivered in spring of 2021. The surplus plants were donated to the LCL for the planters around the hall. This program was renewed this year, with our order of 256 plants submitted in December 2021 and expected delivery this spring.
- **Speaker series** (organized by Keith Fenrich): Since we could not reasonably host in-person workshops, two speaker series were organized. The first was given by Jim Stevenson on May 11, 2021, who gave a talk on raised bed gardening, and the second talk was given by Claudia Bolli on June 15th, who gave a talk on designing gardens to maintain our local pollinator populations. Each speaker was given a \$150 honorarium, which was reimbursed by the City of Edmonton. To supplement these speaker sessions, a membership to the Edmonton Horticultural Society was purchased to allow LFN members to attend their monthly online/in-person (when possible) seminars.
- **Garden tours** (organized by Jen Medos and Erin Flaherty): There were two organized garden tours in 2021 and each was well attended. This year we will aim to organize informal pop-up *Open Gardens* where the host will provide some hours they're available to show their garden when it's peaking or perhaps having regular tour times (e.g., every other Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00).
- **Harvest festival (Picnic in the Park)**: As in previous years, Heather Lamoth organized the event with the help of other LFN members and hosted as an event for the entire Lendrum community. Once again it was *picnic-style* with families bringing their own food to comply with COVID restrictions. The event included live music from 100 MILE HOUSE a Make your own scarecrow activity. The event was once again well attended and there was a strong consensus that it was very nice to meet with many neighbors again after a summer that wasn't quite as *open for summer* as we'd hoped.

- **New LFN coordinator:** At the March 9 meeting, Keith Fenrich stepped down from the LFN coordinator position. Nina Mori was elected as the new LFN coordinator by all those present at the meeting. We thank Nina for stepping into the role and are very excited to have her in this position!

Age Friendly Lendrum

Jamie MacDonald

Held three brainstorming meetings throughout the year in which many wonderful ideas were developed, focusing primarily on intergenerational and community-building activities. Many were planned to occur once the nice weather returned in the spring and once COVID-19 restrictions had eased somewhat.

- Also focused on increasing the walkability of the Lendrum Community League by investigating good places for benches and looking into the process for getting benches built. No further progress has been made on this issue to date.
- Provided information to seniors in the community about snow removal options, including putting out a call to community members to assist.
- Provided information to seniors in the community about seniors' programs and activities throughout the Edmonton area.
- Organized and hosted a three-week speaker series on Housing options for seniors
- Speakers included:
 - Jolyn Hall from Edmonton55 on February 22, 2022 (attendance at this first session was 11)
 - John Brown, a professor from the School of Architecture at the University of Calgary on March 2, 2022 (attendance of 6 for this session)
 - Charlene Tamura, a Lendrum resident who has built a garden suite in her back yard for seniors in her family on March 9, 2022 (attendance of 12 for this session)

Athletic Parks

Ron Pidskalny, Athletic Parks Coordinator

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. We would also like to thank John Porter for helping to keep the equipment in working order. Equipment is serviced, fluids are changed and worn parts are replaced each spring by a professional mechanic. 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.

The rink volunteers use the snow blower and the John Deere tractor and trailer for the most part, and this group reports on the need for service for these pieces of equipment. The tractor and trailer are also used for spring, summer and fall grounds maintenance.

The sidewinder mower would cost \$60,000 to replace new, and would take up to two years to be delivered – and used mowers cost up to \$20,000. The current mower will continue to be serviced regularly as the replacement cost may be prohibitive without additional fundraising activities.

Several coordinators and many volunteers contribute to the maintenance of the athletic parks, playground, spray park, naturalized areas and plant beds. A manual which outlines the contractual relationship between the Lendrum Community League and the City of Edmonton continues to be updated. The roles and responsibilities of the coordinators are outlined to help understand what was being done, how it was being done and by whom. A section on watering that covers the use of the Epcor water meter has been added.

Our committed volunteers continued their work in the natural area and ornamental beds, led by Bonnie Herring-Cooper and Peggy Folinsbee. Peggy resigned from her position this year. The annual fall cleanup held in conjunction with first year U of A residence students was a success. Activities included weeding and adding mulch to the flower beds, and removal of the encroaching grass from around the volleyball courts south of the ice rink.

Between May 31 and August 30, eight volunteers donated 125 ½ hours to Lendrum Park. This is remarkable given that five evening work bees were cancelled – three because of rain, one due to heat and the other because of heavy smoke. A huge thank you to Greg, Heather, Art, Catherine, Monty, Xanthe, Evelyn, Peggy and Zefira. In addition, U of A student volunteers donated an additional 28 hours working in the park in late August. A big thank you to Lendrum gardeners who worked alongside them: Gord, Monty, Ron, Art and Lance.

The Twist n Spill 2 in the waterpark was recalled due to possible issues with the integrity of the base column, and replacement parts were provided by the manufacturer to the City for installation before the park opens this spring.

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 has also requested that the nets be locked together with the openings facing each other, to prevent them from being moved onto the field by casual users. City mowing operations have been slowed when crews have had to remove the nets from the field.

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 performed on the sports fields, 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.

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 was not able to complete this activity in 2021.

Volleyball

Lance Adamson

COVID continued to provide challenges for the volleyball courts in Lendrum for the 2021 season. With restrictions in place, the courts were not set up until mid June when outdoor sports were allowed.

Edmonton Sport and Social Club held their summer program in July/August and their fall program in September. A youth program operated over the summer two afternoons of the week. There were two tournaments and several individual rentals over the summer and fall as well as some school use in September.

In spite of the shortened season volleyball still provided a good source of revenue for the community league. The expenses included some basic maintenance and net repairs and replacement. The weeping tile issue is still being worked on in consultation with the City, Epcor and a landscape company. It is hoped that the work will be done in the spring of 2022. A grant has been received to assist with the cost of this work.

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

Rick Young (Habitat Studio) generously provided a skid steer again for the levelling of the sand in the fall. There were many volunteers that helped with the rink to varying degrees, with the bulk of the effort from Ben Willing, Amit Bhavsar, Gary Yaskowich and Adam Gaumont. Other key contributors include Rick Young, John Porter, Ira Moehler, Darcy Funk, Geoff Ball and Boyd Mori. From October 1, 2021 to March 12th, 2022, approximately 300 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 \$600.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the skate room remained unavailable, however, the capacity restrictions from 2020-21 were lifted.

Expenses were covered by grants obtained. Expenses included water, fuel and repairs to the equipment.

Expenses

Gas: \$100.00

Gate repairs: \$172.26 (hinges/screws)

Keys and parts: \$43.78

Water: Included in utility bills

Gift cards for volunteers >30hours (4 volunteers @ \$150): \$600

Total expenses: \$916.04 + water

Revenue

Epcor community league ice rink grant: \$800

Winter ice surface grant: \$750

Rink rentals: \$270

Total revenue: \$1820

Budget for 2022 (\$4000)

Equipment maintenance and fuel: \$2000

Board repairs: \$1400

Volunteer appreciation: \$600

Civics Annual Report

Carolyn Fenrich

University of Alberta Property Trust Incorporated (UAPTI)

- UAPTI has held consultations with the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC) and public open houses. Lendrum was represented at these on April 21, June 15, June 28, July 21, Sept 14, Nov 15, and Dec 6, 2021.
- UAPTI has agreed to meet quarterly with the SCNC in order that all neighbourhoods in the area, not just those adjacent to current projects are consulted.
- UAPTI has consulted with representatives about the style of mixed houses that would best integrate into the community. It is proposed that there will be 750-900 housing units once development is complete.
- Issues of increased traffic and sufficient parking have been brought up to the UAPTI as the former directly affects Lendrum.
- In December, the UAPTI application for land use designation was submitted to the city. City lead consultations are expected in late spring of 2022.

University of Alberta consultations with the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC)

The two groups met June 15th 2021 and March 1, 2022.

- The current stage of demolition of Mitchener park is complete with the contractor now completing clean up on the site.
- Vanier Tower, the only remaining building on the site, underwent a long term feasibility study and it was determined that it too will be demolished. The timeline and method for demolition is yet to be determined, but will likely take the form of a level by level demolition.
- Frequent update emails regarding Mitchener Park demolition, police training and other activities have kept the community informed throughout the year.
- Two shallow storm ponds are being proposed by EPCOR along 122nd street. The University will continue to update us as this project move forward.
- The outdoor tennis courts will be relocated from Mitchener Park to South Campus. The current courts will stay open this summer and construction of the future 6 hard courts and 2 clay courts north of the Saville Centre and West of the track will begin this summer. There will be no outdoor lights and these courts will offer a pay and play option for the public. The courts will be covered by an inflated dome from September to April, similar to the one that covers Foote Field. The University is in negotiations to find another space for the garden that is currently on this site and the barn will be moved off site.
- The University hosted an open house to consult with the public regarding the Long Range Development Plans Amendment for Sector 14 (West 240) on June 29th, 2021.

The consultations are now complete and the recommendation to transfer governance of Sector 14 to the UAPTI has been made to the province.

Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL)

- CACCL is considering moving from an official society to a more informal discussion group. Currently we as a League pay \$100/year for a membership fee. After the current elected officers discuss options for this transition, they will ask for input from the various community leagues involved.
- Only one CACCL meeting was held on June 22, 2021.

Lendrum Hall Redevelopment Committee (LHRC)

Gary Goulden, LHRC Chair

See attached report