

## District G and Neighbouring EFCL Community Leagues – Discussion of Interests, Needs and Concerns

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
**Time:** 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Parkdale Cromdale Community League – Community Centre - 11335 85 Street Northwest

**Meeting Purposes:** To

- Share updates on what has been happening and may be planned at each Community League
- Identify shared as well as unique interests, needs and issues for individual Community Leagues in preparation for a meeting with Councillor Caterina.

**Participants:** Neighbouring Community League representatives

<i>Name</i>	<i>Community League</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Community League</i>
Tamie Perryment	Parkdale Cromdale	Dorothea Thielman	Parkdale Cromdale
Sarah Dotimas	Parkdale Cromdale	Alf White	Boyle Street
Jim Gendron	Parkdale Cromdale	Gillian Daley-deGroot	Elmwood Park
Rak Prasad	Newton	Brian Finley	Bellevue
Adam Millie	Alberta Avenue		

### 1. Introduction

Parkdale Cromdale Community League, as part of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) District 4, received a notice of the opportunity for a meeting with City of Edmonton Ward 7 Councillor, Tony Caterina. The purpose of the meeting with Councillor Caterina, to be held on January 18, 2018, was to identify interests, needs and concerns to help inform him of the current situation within Ward 7 from a District 4 perspective.

Parkdale Cromdale Community Leagues Neighbourhood Development Committee thought it might be valuable to have a meeting prior to share thoughts and determine what common as well as community-unique interests, needs and concerns there may be among District 4 members.

In late 2017, invitations were sent to community league leaders in EFCL District G and selected, adjacent community leagues of Boyle Street and McCauley. Representatives from 6 community leagues attended a meeting at the Parkdale Cromdale Community Centre in preparation for the meeting with Councillor Caterina and to share opportunities for collaboration and co-operation.

### 2. Shared and Unique Interests, Needs and Issues Among Participating Community Leagues

Everyone participated in a discussion of shared and unique interests, needs and concerns. Fourteen (14) items were raised during the meeting. The discussion is summarized in the table that follows:

**Table 1: Interests, Needs and Concerns Identified and Discussed<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Interest, Need or Concern</b>	<b>Description - Highlights</b>	<b>Community Leagues Affected</b>
<b>New system for Edmonton Community Recreation Coordinators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There appears to be a new title for the CRCs</li> <li>▪ They still haven't been appointed</li> <li>▪ They appear to have to cover larger areas and more community leagues with less time to spend.</li> </ul>	Likely affects all leagues in District G.
<b>Problem properties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of city response to reoccurring problems at the same properties.</li> <li>▪ More consequences more quickly are needed to address notorious problem properties.</li> <li>▪ There seems to be limited action following problem property reporting.</li> <li>▪ There seems to be a failure administratively as well as with the Problem Property Task Force.</li> </ul>	Affects all leagues represented at the January 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
<b>Northlands / Coliseum Station / Exhibition Lands ARP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surrounding community leagues have been in the dark too long.</li> <li>▪ It appears that decisions have been made on both the Coliseum building and the ARP (e.g. boundary changes, name change) without any public engagement.</li> <li>▪ The process appears to have had a major change with the new ARP strategy approved by Council in early December 2017.</li> <li>▪ Reassurance and demonstration that surrounding community interests will be an important consideration in the ARP and subsequent development processes.</li> </ul>	Affects communities surrounding the Exhibition Lands Study Area.
<b>K Days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Noise from outdoor concerts has exceeded Occupational Health and Safety standards.</li> <li>▪ Nuisance problems with patrons (litter, alcohol consumption, vandalism)</li> </ul>	Parkdale Cromdale, Bellevue and Virginia Park have been affected in the past.
<b>City Plans and Public Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are currently 4 major planning initiatives in process – Stadium Station and Coliseum Station / Exhibition Lands ARPs, Norwood Boulevard Corridor Study, Dawson Park – Kinnaird Ravine Master Plan concept study.</li> <li>▪ The demand for public engagement is high and difficult to respond to.</li> <li>▪ There is concern that decisions are made with only token public participation; it's only a "check box".</li> </ul>	Among them the affect 8 (or more) communities within or adjacent to District G.
<b>River Valley / Jasper Avenue Promenade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refers to a length of Jasper Avenue between 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and 90<sup>th</sup> Street along Jasper Avenue as part of the Stadium Station ARP.</li> <li>▪ Potentially important pedestrian area and</li> </ul>	Affects Parkdale Cromdale, Boyle Street and likely river valley community of

<sup>1</sup> Note: The Interest, Need or Concern was discussed as it arose.

<b>Interest, Need or Concern</b>	<b>Description - Highlights</b>	<b>Community Leagues Affected</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>neighbourhood attraction.</li> <li>Recently had sidewalks and light standards upgraded.</li> <li>Area continues to be attractive and a haven for illegal camping.</li> <li>Lack of vegetation management on the south side of Jasper Avenue impedes the views, creates shelter for illegal camping and traps litter.</li> <li>Constantly presents as unkempt and forbidding area; it deters pedestrian and bicycle users.</li> <li>It's an embarrassment to the neighbourhoods adjacent and to the City of Edmonton.</li> </ul>	<p>Riverdale.</p> <p>Impacts beyond immediately adjacent communities since people are likely afraid to walk and cycle in the area.</p>
<b>Infill Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owner occupied infill and well-managed apartments are welcome.</li> <li>Infill constructed without permits are unacceptable.</li> <li>There needs to be higher standards for safety and community impact during all stages of construction – excavation, framing, finishing, site grading; damage has been caused to neighbouring properties due to poor construction.</li> </ul>	<p>Likely affects all neighbourhoods in District G as well as McCauley; some more than others.</p>
<b>Need for public washrooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to lack of access to public washrooms, people are urinating and defecating in public areas.</li> <li>The City seems to have addressed it along Whyte Avenue.</li> </ul>	<p>Near downtown problem where there are noticeable numbers of homeless people – McCauley, Alberta Avenue, Parkdale Cromdale.</p>
<b>Residential construction permitting process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dozens of residential properties have been constructed without permits.</li> <li>City has granted approval following construction, usually when the building has come up for sale and demonstration of permit approvals is required to close sales.</li> <li>Has been know to be related to notorious problem properties.</li> <li>No permits should result in demolition.</li> </ul>	<p>Has affected Alberta Avenue and Parkdale Cromdale.</p>
<b>Boyle Street Community League Building surrender</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is proposing to take over the Boyle Street Community League Building in the Quarters.</li> <li>Appears to be arbitrary with management to be handed over to the YMCA.</li> <li>Loss of control for the Boyle Street Community League.</li> <li>Concern that community members and events will be excluded from the community league building.</li> </ul>	<p>Unique to the Boyle Street Community League.</p>
<b>Community League Tripartite Agreement Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tripartite agreement among the Community Leagues, EFCL and the City of Edmonton is coming up for review to be in place in 2021.</li> <li>There are rental restrictions in the agreement that</li> </ul>	<p>Affects all community leagues in District G.</p>

<b>Interest, Need or Concern</b>	<b>Description - Highlights</b>	<b>Community Leagues Affected</b>
	<p>should be re-examined to allow for more discretion and support for community business use and income generation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-examine the current restriction that states: <i>League facilities cannot be used for commercial purposes, which are defined as “commercial, retail, business, or merchandising activity or undertaking, profession, trade, occupation, or an activity providing goods or services... by a for-profit entity”.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Commonwealth Stadium major sports and concert events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major sports and concert events have a significant impact on nearby residents.</li> <li>Illegal parking both on street and on illegal lots (i.e. residential lots) create problems for residential property owners.</li> <li>Noise from the events affects residents' quiet enjoyment of their properties.</li> <li>Noise often exceeds the limits of exposure for occupational health and safety standards.</li> <li>There are significant public nuisance problems (e.g. litter, liquor consumption and intoxication, urination)</li> </ul>	Affects Parkdale Cromdale, Alberta Avenue, Boyle Street and likely McCauley.
<b>Edmonton 311</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting is inadequate</li> <li>If multiple incidents (e.g. illegal parking by a number of vehicles) are reported in one call it's treated as one incident rather than multiple.</li> <li>Has been refusal to receive calls that have legitimately been made to 311.</li> </ul>	Likely affects all residents in District G.
<b>Kinnaird Ravine; Elmwood Park and Playground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal camping, garbage and human waste occurring at both sites.</li> </ul>	Parkdale Cromdale and Elmwood Park

### **3. Discussion Summary from the Meeting**

Jim Gendron, member of the Parkdale Cromdale Community League (PCCL) Neighbourhood Development Committee (NDC) will transcribe the results from the meeting. Jim will distribute it to participants for their reference when they attend and participate at the meeting with Councillor Caterina on January 18, 2018.

Participants agreed that the listing of interests, needs and concerns would be a reference for community league representatives attend the meeting with Councillor Caterina on January 18, 2018.

### **4. Other Items – Agenda for the Meeting with Councillor Caterina**

Participants asked if there had been an agenda distributed for the meeting with Councillor Caterina. As at January 10, 2018, an agenda was yet to be received.

Tamie Perryment, Chair of the PCCL NDC said that she and Jim Gendron, NDC member will follow-up with Councillor Caterina's office to ask for an agenda for January 18, 2018.

**Note:** Jim Gendron followed up with Councillor Caterina's office. He was informed that an agenda was sent to community leagues in Ward 7 on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

The agenda is included here:

**Hosted by Councillor Tony Caterina**

**Community League Presidents/Representatives meeting**

**Date** January 18 2018

**Time** 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Location** Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre (11000 Stadium Road)

**Multi-purpose room #6 (Green and Gold Room)**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Introductions of new board members / Presidents, etc.
3. Current community projects and/or plans
4. Questions
5. Discussion

**6. Meeting Close and Thanks**

Tamie Perryment, PCCL NDC Chair thanked everyone for attending and participating with the PCCL NDC. She said that it's important for community leagues to take the opportunity to meet from time to time to discuss and collaborate on mutual interests, needs and issues. This will allow us to present a concerted and coordinated community positions and commentary to the City of Edmonton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.