

1. **Tennis Court:** April to October

a. St. Andrews Heights was awarded partial funding by the City of Calgary Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) Program for the renovation of the tennis court and practice pad/basketball court; court resurfacing and repair of the chain link fence and access gate (Award notification attached). CCG was awarded for a maximum of \$64,527.59 (100%) of Total installed cost (TIC) of which (75%) \$48,395.69 can be reimbursed from the City program; The amended TIC will be about \$67,000. The CCG will pay for about \$48,000 of this (72%).

A Provincial grant for the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) has been applied for, for the remainder of the funds for this project. Acknowledgement from the CFEP application evaluators will come in August prior to the start of construction.

The project work will be awarded to Tomko Sports Systems based on their initial bid and as amended for the addition of a programmable security access gate. Work will begin near the end of August. A 25% TIC down payment is required for by Tomko at the time the contractual agreement is signed and prior to work beginning. The tennis court and practice pad will be closed for about one month. The vendor requires about one week prior to construction for the preparation work and stock piling of material for the work and about a week after construction for clean up.

Terry Nail has provided advice and support through out the grant preparation and final project review with the vendor for this renovation and continues to volunteer support for the ongoing maintenance of the tennis court. Thank you Terry Nail for your ongoing and continued support for the tennis court program. In May Terry Nail and I met with TOMKO representatives to discuss the project execution and to go over the details and scheduling of the work; TOMKO Bid attached. The work will include asphaltting over the top of existing (cleaned) surface, painted red and green (lined white), new electronic security gate and locking mechanism, repair of the derelict portions of the existing fence, having a 3" steel base plate placed around the surface perimeter of the fence, providing a backstop netting for the practice board.

The City Liaison, Cathi Groves, can help with required permits and any letters of approval needed from the City since they own the tennis courts. According the new lease, will we need one because this is a project TIC over \$50,000.

b. The current tennis court activity coordinator, Gisela Durlacher, will not be continuing with this support next year. Gisela has been providing the community with support as the tennis coordinator for the last 16 years. Thank you Gisela. Now we need to have someone else volunteer to carry on with this vital tennis coordination activity. This year there were 10 registered users from the community. Last year there were 16 registered users from the community. Last year registered members paid a registration fee for private access privileges. This year there is no registration fee for private access privileges. What the protocol shall be for next year is up for consideration now.

c. New business:

i. The paper copy of the CFEP application requires authorized board signature. This document needs to be couriered to Edmonton and into the hands of the application committee by this Friday. Authorizing copy attached.

ii. A member of the community, Philip Thomas, an ardent tennis player and tennis coach at the UoC, would like to organize a program for junior and adult tennis lessons on a volunteer basis, for July and August. He would like to advertise for this on the community hall signage and the newsletter. He is aware that the tennis court will be closed near the end of August. Should this be pursued as a program sponsored by the board?

2. Soccer: April to June

a. Registration: this year for 45 children from 2 yrs. to 15 yrs., however, only Starters, U6 and U8 age groups had sufficient registered numbers to be able to put teams on the field. The U10, U12 and U14 children had to be transferred to other communities. For the previous 3 years that I have been involved there have been over 60 children registered.

b. Cost: of soccer program usually pays for itself; between \$2,000 and \$3,000 (field of play lease \$800, pictures \$500-\$600, medallions and trophies \$500-\$600, field line paint and maintenance \$200 -\$300, referee fees and incidental resources). This year this may not be the case because of the diminished turnout for the older age groups. For example there are two play fields that are leased from the City of Calgary and applied for and paid for prior to the registration for the soccer season is completed. This year the St Andrews Heights Field on University Drive was leased but not used by SAH soccer teams. This field's use was turned over to the the pleasure of other soccer league users, to whom some of our players had been transferred too, and scheduling for this was coordinated by Adev Ahluwalia.

Many parent volunteers participate to make the soccer program a successful endeavor for the children and this year we had the the need for and good fortune of having additional volunteer support from a non parental member of the community, Nic. Topps, a UoC student that provided coaching for the U8 "Green Gators" soccer team. Thank you Nic Topps.

c. The SAHCA Board offered to sponsor funding for the annual inter community soccer tournament @ \$250/team; held this passed weekend. SAH has up to 3 teams (1 x U6, 2 x U8) that could have attended but there was not sufficient interest in this all day Saturday event to field any teams for it.

d. New business; Soccerfest & BBQ: end of soccer season soccer skills contests, refreshments and lunch, awards, pictures and medallions presentations; June 24th, this Sunday, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm.

3. Ice Rink and Skating: December to February

a. Nic Rasula and the ice crew build and maintain the ice rink. It is a tough and taxing activity that requires dedication and perseverance; a task well done again this year. Thank you Nic and your team of ice men volunteers.

b. The Young Skaters Training Program is a volunteer based program, much like the soccer program, that is self supporting. Registration: this year for 20 children from 2 yrs. to 10 yrs. Ice skating lessons were provided for young beginner and intermediate ice skaters between December of last year and February. The community ice skating lessons program focuses on the different skating skill levels of the children. The lessons covered basic skills, from learning how not to fall down and stay stable to falling down and getting up; stand still marching to push and glide; from snow-plough stopping to swizzles and turns; backwards skating and stopping to backwards turning; from forward cross-over's to (non-contact) stick handling and goal shooting (sticks, pucks and goals will be provided) and participation in hockey type games for the skaters. This program ended with a wrap up skills festival and hot chocolate featured at the annual community winter festival. There were 30 children registered in this program the previous year.

c. New business: The start of this program for the coming winter season will be advertised for in October's and November's newsletter. The community hall skate room will have to be reserved for the season prior to this.

4. General:

a. There has been a 50% decline in the participation of each of the above sports programs from last year and years previous. Why? Changing demographics in the community? **Is there some other problem? Is this an advertising issue?**