



Scadding Court Community Centre Incorporated Board Meeting
Hybrid - via Zoom & In Person
January 30, 2024

PRESENT:

Board: Doug Lowry, Donna Alleyne, Alex Liang, Peggy Poon, Mona Eldardiry, Alfred Adjetey, Coreen Gittens, Stephen Lane, Terrence Liu, Chartreuse Noutelie, Jasjit Sangha

Staff: Herman Ellis, Iftexhar Hossain, Tamara Sabarini, Brenda Morse, Beje Melamed-Turkish, Rebecca Keenan (notetaker)

Regrets: Nicholas Austin, Alexis Dawson

1. Call To Order

Doug Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Doug Lowry read the Land Acknowledgement for the City of Toronto:

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

3. Declaration Of Conflicts Of Interest

None declared

4. Approval Of Last Minutes

A motion was moved to jointly approve the minutes of the 2023-11-28 SCCC INC Board Meeting and the 2023-11-28 Scadding Court Community Centre Board of Management Meeting.

Moved by: Alex Liang

Seconded by: Steve Lane

Motion Carried

5. Executive Director's Report

Thanks for joining us everyone online and in person.

We hit the ground running, it's been busy already. You'll see the hard work, brilliance, and creativity of staff in the presentation later. I want to start off by thanking all the staff and volunteers, including the board, for all the work that they do to make this happen.

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At the last meeting we talked about the things we are going to be working on. Continuing to improve our core services is key. Getting back to where we were in 2019 is the goal. Hoping that we can tighten up on some of the things that we forgot to do or don't do anymore. You can expect many of these services to be elevated and improved; these include:

- Settlement Services
- Entrepreneurship Services
- Programs for People Living with Disabilities
- Seniors Programming
- Youth Programming
- Childrens' Programming
- Early On programming
- Parent Programming

This is the year we launch our strategic plan. We are having great conversations about strategic planning with development, and will do this with or without funding. I hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Conversations are happening about the redevelopment of the site. The Board Executive, Herman and Rebecca are informed; as soon as we get the go-ahead to share with the Board, we will do that – then there will be more of us who can't share.

We will be doing some training as a Board. Either early this quarter or next there will be an opportunity for some training. Staff will be doing more training this year as well.

There will be work on the building for the AODA. There will be upgrades to doors; we are putting \$100,000 in from a grant. The City will be doing about \$2 million in general upgrades.

I want us to have more opportunities for community gatherings.

Coming up, worth noting: NHL all-stars will be at the Youth Lounge, with big presentations, Wendell Clark will be there. As a result of this partnership, the Youth Lounge has been totally renovated, with new floors, walls, lighting, TVs, tables, chairs - it's amazing. We now have another space for our programs.

Another development is that the Mayor may come to Scadding Court for Lunar New Year. As a Board, you are welcome to come, it's Feb 9th, lunch at 12pm.

On Feb 15th will be Kevin Lee Day, an open house feel for the general community between 3:30pm-6:30pm, then a by-invitation dinner at Dim Sum King for friends and family. The details are coming

together, it would be great if for those of you who remember Kevin can come out so we can make arrangements. Please RSVP to Rebecca.

6. Finance Report

Herman Ellis Jr reported.

At the beginning of the year, we need to speak to the budget for the organization. It helps us throughout the year. This year we plan to use \$2.6m for the core programs of the organization. What is important to know about the \$2.6m is that it's a very conservative estimate, there are a lot of grants that are in, a lot of stuff happening in development, but it wouldn't show up here in case the sure thing doesn't materialize. This budget will change throughout the year to bring into consideration other things that are realized.

This might be a good year to put money into the bank for our redevelopment; we may need to hire a fundraiser.

There was a question over why the Service Fees for 2024 is significantly higher than 2023. The reason is that it we have included interdepartmental transfers in 2024 that weren't shown in previous year's budgets. There have been no significant operational changes. We work hard to submit reports on time, and work with funders.

A motion was moved to accept the Inc Budget for 2024.

Moved by: Alex Liang

Seconded by: Terrence Liu

Motion Carried

7. Management Report

Staff provided a review of what happened in 2023, full PowerPoint presentation viewed.

8. Other Business

A motion was moved to accept the resignation of Nicholas Austin.

Moved by: Terrence Liu

Seconded by: Steve Lane

Motion Carried

Doug and Herman will be on Nominations Committee, will interview and make recommendations to the board. If anyone else would like to join, they are welcome.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Coreen Gittens

Seconded by: Terrence Liu

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.