



Date: 2020-05-05

- 1) **Call to Order.**
 - a) General Meeting of the Ramsay Community Association was held virtually via Google Meet due to COVID-19 in Calgary, AB, May 5, 2020. Meeting convened at **7:07pm**. President Vince Bodnar presiding.
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda (1 min):** MOTION: Lindsay Vala /Julius von Bieberstein; all in favour
 - a) Additions:
 - i) Under **New Business**: Shamrock signage.
 - ii) Under **Safety Committee**: Waste issue raised by a volunteer
- 3) **Approval of Past Minutes (1 min):**
 - a) Minutes 2019-03-03 GM - MOTION: Julius von Bieberstein/Lindsay Vala; all in favour
- 4) **Guests (10 min):**
 - a) **Ward 9 Representative**: Regrets
- 5) **President's Report (15 min): (Vince Bodnar)**
 - a) **RCA Response to. Covid-19:**
 - i) Ramsay Community Association responded quickly and effectively at the onset of the state of local emergency during Covid-19 pandemic, closing our facilities, suspending recreation programs and meetings, all in keeping our staff and volunteers safe, to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances
 - b) **Closure of the Hall:**
 - i) The Board and Treasurer have reviewed our initial forecasts of scenarios and the financial shortfall (or gap) created this year as a result of impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, we have made the difficult decision to release our Hall Manager and have eliminated contracted services. Despite finding savings, long term we do not believe this will suffice. As such, we have decided to maintain lease on the Rink and Skate Shack, and to suspend our lease of the Ramsay Community Hall and grounds, located at 1136 8th St. SE, with the City of Calgary in the coming weeks. Our Ramsay Community Association Hall will close.
 - c) **Read the full message addressing the pandemic response and the Hall closure here:**
<http://ramsaycalgary.ca/2020/05/06/presidents-update-to-the-ramsay-community-association/>
 - i) Question from Attendee: Do any financial obligations for the Hall remain? Answer: All contracts have been cancelled, there is about \$5-6000 outstanding.
 - ii) Comment: Calgary Public Library can help store some historical items if needed.
 - iii) Question from Attendee: Where will the mail be redirected? Answer: Either a temporary postbox or at the Shack. It will take a few weeks to close up, so in the meantime, it will still be going to the Hall.
- 6) **Secretary's Report (2min): Nicole Battistella**
 - a) Email / electronic Motions – none
- 7) **Treasurer's Report (5 min): Dirk Vanderkooi**
 - i) Cash is tight. Hoping that closure of Hall and letting go of contracts will extend cash to next casino event. Spoke with Rob D, our City NPC, and it looks like we are OK to get through the next year. City has indicated there is possible financial support to CA's through COVID-19, we are awaiting those details.
 - ii) Question from Attendee: When is the next Casino? Answer: All postponed, date TBA.
- 8) **Committee Reports to the Membership and the Board:**
 - a) **Hall & Rink: Julius von Bieberstein:**

- i) Hall: The Hall Closure Committee has most of the remaining tasks organized.
 - ii) Rink: I check on the Shack regularly. We need to have a look at changing master water turn-off as it is seized. No reports otherwise.
- b) Revenue Optimization Sub-Committee: John Holt. &. David Graham:**
- i) Vince Bodnar addressed in John & David's absence: This committee formed to come up with alternate revenue streams for the RCA. They did a bunch of work with a partner, which was presented at March 3, 2020 RCA GM meeting for a beverage project. The feasibility study was underway, but with COVID-19, they suspended the ongoing conversation and the project has been dissolved.
 - ii) Addition from David Graham later in meeting: Gave it our best shot to look at ideas for the Hall. To reiterate Vince's comments, the decision was not made lightly. There may be more opportunities to come.
- c) Memberships: Teresa Smith:**
- i) 153 voting members as of May 5, 2020.
 - ii) Without soccer or t-ball this year, we may not reach 200 members as we have in the past.
 - iii) If anyone is interested in a membership, email membership@ramsaycalgary.ca – or - drop off a completed registration form + cheque to "Ramsay Community Association" to the Hall. Forms found on our website or send an email to the address above for a copy.
- d) Bellevue Park (2 min): Teresa Smith**
- i) Recently awarded \$10k from Federal Youth Accessibility Grant
 - ii) Transferring project management from Variety to Parks Foundation Calgary to streamline processes moving forward. City is behind the project, should have final design in 2 weeks.
 - iii) Barring any issues, playground should be completed by end of Fall 2020.
 - iv) Question from Attendee: Can you provide overview of plan? A: The park will contain playground equipment pieces and naturalized areas, located on the slop of dog park of MacDonald Ave bridge. Inclusive refers to the age, appeal and accessibility.
(1) See Facebook Page for more: <https://www.facebook.com/RamsayPlays/>
 - v) Question from Attendee: How close is it budget-wise? Answer: Money in the bank is 300-350,000 + in-kind. To reach \$500K, in all, we are about 80K short.
- e) Casino (5 min):** see Treasurer's Report above.
- f) Communication: Kevan Hayes**
- i) **Newsletter:** No print newsletter recently. E-Newsletter will be circulated shortly.
 - ii) **Website:** Big plans underway. There is a Communications Committee online meeting is in place next Tuesday. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please email kevan@ramsaycalgary.ca
 - iii) Question from Attendee: Will there is a Press Release regarding the Hall Closure? Answer: External Stakeholders will be notified, including Ward 9 and the City. We will put everything on the RCA website.
- g) Civic Affairs (5 min): Vince Bodnar**
- i) Currently a vacancy for VP External
 - ii) A few DP's every few weeks or so, including Secondary suites, parking relaxations
 - iii) No major concerns to note
 - iv) Comment from Attendee: We can have a speaker come in regarding secondary suites to do a workshop, if there is interest, contact Erin Joslin.

(1) <https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.calgary.ca%2FPDA%2Fpd%2FPages%2FHome-building-and-renovations%2FLegalize-an-existing-suite.aspx>

h) Recreation (10 min): Vince Bodnar

- i) **Programming:** Vince: Covid-19 has impacted programming. The rink volunteers did a great job keeping ice as long as possible this season up until the closure. Regarding closures and parameters for the rink and other facilities, RCA is working with the City – look forward to a more concrete update in near future
- ii) **Try-It-Tuesdays:** Christa White – Still a go, done virtually. Initial goal was to create an active program, but the virtual sessions still connect the community, while supporting local vendors and businesses. Starts May 12, Posted on Ramsay Rec Insta and FB page. Quick 30 min program. In future, Dandy, Bricks, Cake Decor, Turkey, Yoga, Meditation, Rosso, etc. For more details, see: <https://www.facebook.com/Ramsay-Recreation-155044271216460>

i) Gardening: Vince Bodnar / Carol Engstrom

i) 2020 Season: Community Gardens are allowed with restrictions

- (1) Social distancing must be maintained, RCA is responsible
- (2) Carol Engstrom is the Committee Lead and is ready to go for this season.
- (3) RCA is looking for one more volunteer to assist due to the additional guidelines this season. If interested, please email: president@ramsaycalgary.ca
- (4) Carol Update: 20 plots have been rented. Vince and Carol to connect on the money collection. There might be one or two plots left but may leave them empty to comply with social distancing. For more info, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/218917508154234>

j) Maintenance (5min): David Graham

- i) Relinquished our contracts from the Hall, may need volunteers for lawn maintenance.
- ii) **Community Clean-Up:** This year is cancelled due to COVID-19. We will reapply for next Spring's clean-up.

k) Safety (0 min): Vince Bodnar

- i) **6th ave & Spiller waste** - A volunteer recently did some clean-up and found an amazing amount of garbage, debris and reno materials. The area is prone to grassfire; therefore, excess material needs to be picked up and secured. We share the escarpment with many animals and it was requested that we relay this message at the meeting to spread awareness and mindfulness.
- ii) Comment: If you find needles call for pick-up.

9) Old Business (0 min): None:

10) New Business (5 min):

- a) **Shamrock signage:** Cyril & Jenny Jensen stored some bricks and the Shamrock sign. Putting a call out for ideas to repurpose, please let us know as they need to be moved by the end of the month. Email: president@ramsaycalgary.ca
- b) **FYI: There is a Turk Tracker** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/393363711519568>

11) Tasks (5 min): Nicole Battistella

- a) A large amount of information was shared this evening. The only action items are to reach out to provide feedback or to assist in any of the areas seeking help – all contact and information pages have been linked above.

12) **Dates and Times for Next Meetings** (2 min): GM Tuesday, June 2, 2020, held virtually via Google Meet due to Covid-19.

13) **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Bas Wheeler/ Julius von Bieberstein 8:08pm**

14) Nicole Battistella _____

Volunteer: Secretary

Ramsay Community Association

_____ Date of approval

Virtual Sign-In:

Count	Google Meet Attendees – Signed in as:
1	Vince Bodnar (President)
2	Julius von Bieberstein (VP Internal)
3	Lindsay Vala (Director at Large)
4	Dirk Vanderkooi. (Treasurer)
5	Nicole Battistella (Secretary)
6	Andrew Squires
7	Arthur Matsui
8	Bas Wheeler
9	Chris Joslin (Erin)
10	Christa White
11	Rick Gendron
12	Teresa Smith
13	Trevor Lenehan
14	Melissa Lampman
15	1-403-***-**51
16	1-587-***-**61
17	Kevan Hayes
18	Mary Jane Adderley