

# **ARENA DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING**

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Queen Mary Park Community League Hall

## **Attendance**

### **Stakeholders:**

Reymund Palpal-latoc	Central McDougall Community League
Ian O'Donnell	Downtown Community League
Jarrett Campbell	Oliver Community League
Rylan Kafara	Bissell Centre / Boyle Street Community Services
Laurene Viarobo	North Edge Business Association
Randy Shuttleworth	Queen Mary Park Community League

### **Edmonton Oilers:**

Kevin Lowe

### **City of Edmonton**

Rob Smyth, Manager, Community and Recreation Facilities  
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office  
Rod Heinrichs, Senior Planner, Arena District Project Office  
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator  
Tannia Franke, Civic Events and Partnerships  
Nicole Poirier, Director Civic Events and Partnerships  
Doug Costigan, Director Northeast District  
Bohdan Maslo, General Supervisor Transportation  
Brian Murphy, Supervisor Transportation  
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer  
Graham Hogg, Edmonton Police Service  
Brian Roberts, Edmonton Police Service  
Tony Harder, Edmonton Police Service

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together in February was shared. This is the fifth meeting of the Community Benefits committee to date. These meetings are a mechanism for the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Oilers to communicate with community stakeholders and gather feedback.
- Since the last meeting a Downtown Community Arena programming meeting was held with stakeholders and some valuable information was gathered. More discussion around Downtown Community Arena programming will be held at future meetings.
- Rick Daviss provided an update on the arena project and Rogers Place is on track for opening in fall of 2016. The Entertainment Plaza is scheduled to open in 2019. Future meetings will focus with more discussion around the plaza.

- Rob introduced Kevin Lowe from the Edmonton Oilers as the new representative on Community Benefits committee. Kevin indicated he is excited to be a part of the Rogers Place Arena project and wants to work with the communities surrounding the Arena. Oilers have a strong community presence and this commitment will not change.
- Plans for 2016 opening will include some concerts and events will be designed as a celebration for all Edmontonians.
- Graham Hogg from Edmonton Police Service was introduced and he shared information on the new additional police officers being hired for the Downtown core. Neighbourhood hot spots have been identified and more consistent policing will occur.
- Bohdan Maslo and Brian Murphy from Transportation discussed the residential parking study that has been underway over the past several months. City Council has approved the Pay by Plate technology and it will be expanded in coming months.
- Central McDougall and Queen Mary Park are the first communities identified for this technology.
- Stakeholders requested that LRT, Transit and Park and Ride representatives attend a future meeting to discuss how other modes of transportation will be handled
- Rob indicated Transportation representatives would continue to be invited to meetings to provide updates as required.
- Rob shared the current committee Terms of Reference and asked for any suggested updates. For example a new business association has been formed in Little Italy which used to be part of Chinatown. Committee agreed to invite Little Italy and Chinatown as separate business associations to future meetings.
- The next meeting will take place in late October 2015. Darrell Nordell will be in touch with future meeting agenda and location.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.