



ZOOM Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2020

Scribe: Tammy Truman

At the time of the meeting, weather conditions were foggy and temps hovering around zero.

COVID-19 again tops all the headlines with so many new cases and increase of deaths. Provinces continue to make daily changes on requirements. Who knows, by the time you read this, what our province will have further implemented in order to get this virus more manageable? All we can do is take extra precautions, limit your visits and activities. I still encourage you to try and do some form of physical activity even if it's push-ups or sit-ups in your house. Keep your brain active by doing things like a puzzle or word search. Try to focus on what you have, not what you cannot have or do, and keep smiling !??

This is the 322nd day of the year, and there are 44 days remaining until the end of the year. If you are trying to learn French, then today is Mardi.

38 Chinook Rotarians and guests were on the ZOOM meeting today, led once again by our president Rob Wolfson. Special hello to guest Jim Uzum, a Rotarian originally from Nigeria and now in YYC. Jim, if you are looking for a new club to officially join, please reach out.



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Today's guest speakers were Kirsten Dodds
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and Ben Sargent
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Kirsten Dodds is the Relationship Steward for all Rotary Clubs in Calgary and has been supporting this project with Rotary since 2018. She joined United Way in 2016 and is currently the Manager of Operations for Resource Development, and a

relationship manager for key United Way partners.

Ben Sargent is the Project Manager for the Community Hubs Initiative. His work experience is in leading non-profit programs and initiatives, specifically in areas of community development, employment supports, and homelessness supports. He is also a board director for Hope



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Shares Canada, a non-profit equipping leader to build long-term community impact internationally. Ben holds a BA in International Development from the University of East Anglia, and an MSc in the Management and Implementation of Development Projects from the University of Manchester.

The community we live in impacts the kind of opportunities we have in life. Living in neighbourhoods with high levels of poverty can negatively impact life expectancy, physical and mental health, early childhood development, and overall quality of life.

In Calgary, poverty is clustered in certain neighbourhoods of our city where up to 1 in 3 residents are struggling with low-income. This is significantly higher than the citywide average of 1 in 10. And that is not all — 40% of lower income Calgarians report being lonely, more than double the percentage of higher income Calgarians. Many of these people simply do not know what supports and services are available, or how to access them. In fact, only 60 per cent of Calgarians feel they know their neighbours well enough to seek help.

This is why United Way partnered with the City of Calgary and Rotary Clubs of Calgary to develop Community Hubs in five Calgary neighbourhoods, and works with numerous organizations and programs to ensure all the supports and services needed are provided. For example, the Community Mobile Market, a partnership between the City of Calgary and Leftovers Foundation, sells fruits, vegetables and other grocery items below market price, in support of Village Square's food scarcity program.

Community Hubs works with community to build community. Because one individual, organization, or program cannot solve this complex issue alone.



Since the initiative launched in 2017, it has engaged more than 53,000 individuals. The Hubs exist in five neighbourhoods across Calgary, each tailored to meet unique community needs.

Areas where a variety of programs, activities, and services residents can be accessed through their local Hubs:

- Bowness, Greater Forest Lawn, North of McKnight, Sunalta, Village Square

All Hubs have four key features:

- Welcoming and inclusive gathering places
- Engaging residents in the design and activation
- Provide access to supports and services
- Platforms to spark community economic development



Bits and Bites:

- As mentioned in last week's Arch, a type of Go Fund Me has been started on behalf of a former member John Barrett. If interested funds can be e transferred to Treasurer Al Holt at info@chinookrotary.org who will make sure funds get to his surviving spouse Annette.

- Another call was also made to support the Calgary Rotary Foundation. Please refer to Bev Tomkinson's email for full details and how easy it is to donate.

- Paul Gaudet reported the Nomination Board has presented the following slate for the 2021-2022 Rotary year:



President Elect — Bev Tomkinson
New Directors — Jack Steen, Sandy Swan and Garth Plunkett



- Jim Thompson provided some funnies in his role of SG at Arms.

- Rob Wolfson shared that we will NOT be having a regular Christmas soiree this year. Believe me it's a tough thing not to have this, but it's the right thing to do. As the organizer of this event, I encourage you to tuck away the \$50 per person, which is the typical cost, so that next year you can contribute \$100 for the 'Christmas Party of the Decade', and we can celebrate the survival of our fist pandemic!



To end off this week's Arch, I thought I would share a recent insurance/claims story. Enjoy the read ??

Blind Grandmother Drives Sports Car ...

We received a call from an elderly lady about a single vehicle collision she was in. A review of the claim [cont'd on page 4 ...](#)

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

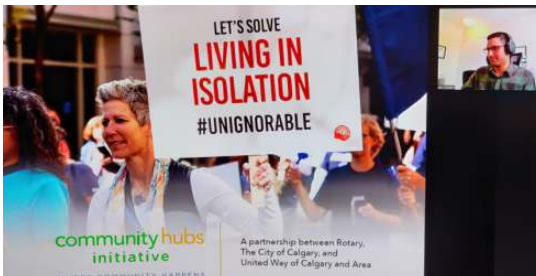
"Much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good."
Past RI President W. Jack Davis 1977-78

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

Rotary 

community hubs initiative

WHERE COMMUNITY HAPPENS



THE ISSUE

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CALGARIANS DON'T FEEL THEY BELONG IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

At the same time, in some local neighbourhoods, up to one in three residents live in poverty. Living in neighbourhoods with high levels of poverty can negatively impact many aspects of an individual's life.



THE INITIATIVE

THE COMMUNITY HUBS INITIATIVE IS AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY OF ENOUGH FOR ALL.



Community Hubs provide residents the unique opportunity to access a variety of supports and services while connecting with their neighbours.

Community Hubs in Priority Areas

THE GOAL

SUPPORT RESIDENTS TO INCREASE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION, IN TURN CONTRIBUTING TO STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOODS

HOW?

BY COORDINATING, FUNDING, AND ACTIVATING COMMUNITY HUB SITES IN PRIORITY COMMUNITIES BY 2021

BOWNNESS - GREATER FOREST LAWN - NORTH OF MCKNIGHT - SUNALTA - VILLAGE SQUARE



KEY FEATURES

ALL COMMUNITY HUBS SHARE FOUR KEY FEATURES:

1. Welcoming and inclusive gathering places
2. Engaging residents in the design and activation
3. Provide access to supports and services
4. Platforms to spark community economic development



WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE

- Community Gardens at Bob Bahan, Sunalta, and the Alex
- Youth-made murals at Bob Bahan and the Alex
- Indigenous smudge and prayer before Wednesday meals at the Alex
- Bowness Living Room



ENGAGING RESIDENTS

- Facility Animator at the North of McKnight hub
- Program Director at Sunalta
- Project Inspire, a senior's art program
- Community Brokers



ACCESS TO SUPPORTS & SERVICES

- Skills-based volunteering (e.g. employment, money saving, computer literacy)
- Agency partners (e.g. Library, Fair Entry, Food Bank)
- Community Social Worker program
- Variety of groups and events (She Leads Women's Series, Habesha Mum's group, childcare collective pilot)



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Matched Savings circles
- Mobile Markets
- Resident contractors
- Tax clinics
- Community grants
- Youth financial empowerment project (launching 2021)

2019 BY THE NUMBERS:



HUBS DURING COVID-19

- Initial closure of facilities to public. Some sites became meal prep and food distribution sites
- Community Hubs as an initiative has remained very much open and responding:
 - Shift to virtual programming, many new activities, new grassroots initiatives supported, new partnerships, 1000+ personal check ins
- Pivot examples: Tax clinics online, Homework clubs, Gardening workshops, Ruckify/ERA partnership
- Process of balancing of opening facilities while abiding by AHS regulations
- Hubs as having increased resilience to combat impact of COVID-19

MOVING FORWARD

- COVID-19 recovery phase
- Advancing equity and diversity in all we do:
 - Integrating the indigenous parallel into our work
 - Acknowledging and untangling systemic racism
- Encouraging and deepening resident participation
- Deepening impact in community economic development
- Community Hubs Initiative 2.0 (January 2022)

Rotary Foundation Month
November 26th

Dixon's Networking Evening — via ZOOM, 7 - 8:15 pm
Speaker: Mark Stephens, Stampede's Grey Cup Broadcaster

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 1st

Club Assembly — Strategic Plan and Membership Committee Updates
Peter Bickham / Moe Tynan and Rhea Graham

December 18th

Chinook Rotary Virtual Christmas Party — via ZOOM
Asking \$20 donation to attend — to be donated to a local Xmas charity
An evening of family Xmas stories, traditions, pictures & some holiday fun!

December 21st

Joint meeting with Lethbridge Club — details to come
Speaker: Jennifer Jones, RI President Nominee, 2022-23



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showed our insured, a grandmother, had health issues that included problems with her vision, living at an assisted living facility and having a driver's license that was expired.

This did not stop her from insuring a sports car with a standard transmission, though ...

She initially reported that she was driving the vehicle when it hit a curb at 11pm. She then admitted during her statement with the Auto Claims Representative, that her grandson was driving the vehicle. This grandson was certainly not listed as an operator of her vehicle.

Numerous Facebook photos posted by the grandson showed him either operating the vehicle or posing with it. Further investigation showed that this little granny had insured two consecutive vehicles on the policy that she likely could neither afford to purchase, nor drive. The bills of sale showed different signatures from our insured. Both cars were sold by the grandson to the insured, and despite being different vehicles, were sold for exactly the same amount.

After a frank discussion with the insured she declined to pursue a claim.

For those of you who are wondering ... of course you can let your grandkids drive your vehicle, but you can't pretend to own the vehicle when the grandson is the true 100% driver.

I think she should have followed one line of the Rotary 4 Way Test: *Is it the Truth?*

Sergeant at Arms

<p>New MONTHLY Budget Gas \$0 Entertainment \$0 Clothes \$0 GROCERIES \$1624</p>	<p>This will be the first year we're not going to Hawaii because of Covid-19.</p> <p>Normally we don't go because we can't afford it.</p>
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<p>Because of Covid for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee is cancel... cancel... cancel... It's been called off.</p>	<p>Department of health is looking to hire couples married for 7 years or more to educate people on social distancing.</p>
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<p>AFTER ALL OF THE CRAZY & STUPID THINGS I HAVE DONE IN MY LIFE, IF I DIE BECAUSE I TOUCHED MY FACE, I'M GONNA BE REALLY PISSED!</p>	<p>DO NOT LET THEM TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE WHEN YOU ENTER A STORE! IT'S A SCAM! THEY ARE ERASING YOUR MEMORY! I WENT IN FOR BREAD AND MILK & I CAME OUT WITH 6 BOTTLES OF WINE!</p>
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Rotary Foundation

We (the Board) have made it easy for members to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation.



It's Easy to Donate!!

Go to: www.rotary.org/en/donate
Click on it and make a donation! It's that simple!

Anthony Tonkinson