

CITY OF EDMONTON AND EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the collaborative relationship agreement between the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 25, 2022, Community Services report CS01485, be approved, and that the agreement be in form and content acceptable to the City Manager.

Requested Council Action	Decision required		
ConnectEdmonton's Guiding Principle	ConnectEdmonton Strategic Goals		
CONNECTED This unifies our work as we achieve our strategic goals.	Healthy City		
City Plan Values Select the most applicable	BELONG. LIVE. CREATE.		
City Plan Big City Move(s) Select the most applicable	A community of communities Inclusive and compassionate	Relationship to Council's Strategic Priorities	Community safety and well-being
Corporate Business Plan	Serving Edmontonians		
Council Policy, Program or Project Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C110 - City/Community League Relations • Tripartite Agreement 		
Related Council Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Parks Framework, 2023-2026 Budget • CS01247, Community and Public Services Committee, September 26, 2022 		

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Executive Summary

- Founded in 1921, the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) is an organization intended to represent, coordinate, and support the community leagues in Edmonton as outlined in City Policy C110 - City/Community League Relations. Like community leagues themselves, the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the *Societies Act*.
- The City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues actively support community leagues to provide valuable recreational, social, and cultural opportunities within City neighbourhoods. These opportunities contribute to the provision of essential facilities and services, enhance the social fabric of Edmonton and contribute to cost savings through the valuable contributions of volunteers.
- The collaborative relationship agreement represents the combination of what used to be two separate agreements including a Funding Agreement and a Partnering Agreement. This combined agreement outlines the terms of the Edmonton Federation of Community League's annual funding, and the respective obligations and responsibilities of both partners as they relate to shared goals for active, inclusive, connected and participatory neighbourhoods.
- The current agreements are set to expire on December 31, 2022. The new agreement would be in effect from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026.

REPORT

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is a not-for-profit organization that supports 162 community leagues currently active in Edmonton. The Edmonton Federation of Community League's mission is to "Engage, develop and connect Edmonton Community Leagues in building healthy neighbourhoods" and supports the following goals:

- championing community leagues
- advocacy and engagement
- broadening reach and diversity
- building effective operations
- supporting league leadership and capacity

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and Administration work together to accomplish the following shared vision, "Neighbourhoods are enhanced when a Community League is active, inclusive, connected and participatory. We meet Leagues where they are at, with customized supports."

Collaborative Relationship Agreement

Several different types and iterations of agreements have formalized the relationship between the City and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues over the years. The most recent Partnering and Funding Agreements are scheduled to expire by December 31, 2022.

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Administration collaborated with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues to combine the Funding Agreement and Partnering Agreement into one agreement that recognizes the longstanding value in the partnership and the maintenance of past relationship commitments through a shared vision and goals (Attachment 1).

Budget/Financial Implications

As per the current funding agreement between the City and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, the City of Edmonton provides operating funding to the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues in the amount of \$546,000 annually.

There are two unfunded service packages going forward for Council consideration as part of the 2023-2026 operating and capital budget. The service package requests are to address the expanded needs of leagues to engage neighbours in new ways, as well as coordinate site assessments in accordance with the Tripartite Licence agreement.

COMMUNITY INSIGHT

Community insights are not available because the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is recognized as the representative and voice of community leagues in Edmonton. As such, the agreement was developed in partnership with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

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There was recognition in the working group that community leagues, particularly at the executive level, have further opportunities to be more representative of Edmonton's diversity. Both the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues are committed to supporting community leagues and neighbourhoods in the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion. At a high level, the City has recently demonstrated a commitment to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion through both the City's Anti-Racism and the Community Safety and Well-being strategies. The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues demonstrates this commitment in their 2020-2025 Strategy as well as their current goal to "Broaden Reach and Diversity". Together, these commitments have created opportunities for the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and the City to discuss equity in park development, as well as equity in the application process for community league operating and infrastructure funding.

ATTACHMENT

1. Collaborative Relationship Agreement - Key Terms