

Southland Park Residents Association Inc.

Minutes for January 29, 2026

In attendance: Jason Friesen, Laurie Forrest, Dave Gowriluk, Jane Drexler

Regrets: Maren Gnall, Paris Fragkoulis, Kimberlee Gray

Agenda approved by group.

Previous meeting's minutes approved by Jane and seconded by Jason.

Councillor Wyatt Update

- Councillor Wyatt was unable to attend the meeting today but will try to set up a meeting in the near future.

AGM and BBQ Update

- SPRA decided on date for bbq and AGM: Sunday, September 13, 2026
- Laurie motioned to approve the rental of one portable washroom for \$200 for the day. Jason seconded.
- Dave will apply for permits and order the washroom.
- Council discussed the possibility of having a theme for the bbq. Dave will prepare some proposals for the next meeting (in March)

Precinct J/Sherwood Development Update

- The gate to the Sherwood Development was damaged on New Year's eve. Nothing else was damaged or stolen, but the Sherwood owners thanked us for bringing the incident to their attention.
- Sherwood is hoping to begin digging the basements for Phase One in mid-February.

Community Updates

Traffic issue

- Laurie has continued to address the need for a One-Way stop sign on East Mint Place. The City has indicated that there is a long wait period for such changes, but Councillor Wyatt was hoping to be able to speed up the process. Laurie will continue to communicate with Wyatt and the City.

Community Notice Board

- Solar lights have been installed on board. One light works sporadically.
- Laurie sent Councillor Wyatt information regarding size and shape of plaque and requested that he provide us with a commemorative statement that would fit. As of this date we haven't heard back from the councillor's office.
- Dave presented a proposed bulletin that outlines the value of the SPRA council. He will send it to all council members for feedback.

Other

- Results of Holiday Lighting Draw: over 240 homes were involved, and \$25 gift certificates went to the residents of 92 Copperstone, 39 Linmar Way and 23 Royal Park Crescent. Dave suggested that we approach local restaurants to donate the prizes next year, and possibly increase the number of prizes.
- We will set the dates for our neighbourhood garage sales as soon as the City determines the dates for their "free weekends".
- One bench, on the north side of the pond, requires repair or replacement. Laurie will look into the cost of replacing the bench.

Website Update

- Kimberlee's husband Chris has completed the new website. Council members have been asked to look at it and make suggestions when we meet with Chris in the near future.

Finance Update

- Jason provided the financial update.
- The remaining Grant money must be spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

- Only 19% of all residents have paid association fees this year. Council discussed ways to increase membership and engagement. It was suggested that we design a questionnaire to determine how residents feel about the work that the council does, what they would like to see done in the future, and the amount that they are willing to pay to maintain the organization.

Other News

- Council approved proposal to have permanent signs printed for garage sales and bbq. Dave will design the signs and submit them to council for approval. Total cost will be around \$200 and the signs can be used for many years.
- Council approved the budget to print 2-3 newsletters in the upcoming year. Since we design our own newsletters, print in black and white, and deliver them by hand, we have been able to keep costs at a minimum
- Lighting around the Basketball/Pickleball court has been improved by the City
- Laurie reported that a private contractor had damaged a tree in the park. She has spoken to the owner of the company and will report the incident to the City if the tree dies.

Next meeting in March 2026, location TBD.