

AGM Minutes - January 8 & January 26, 2026

Location(s) - Queen Elizabeth School (Jan 8), Zoom (Jan 29)

1. Call to order @ 7:05pm

1.1. Quorum not met January 8. Members in attendance: Lauren Wakelam, Justin Smart, Ella Brown, Cat Woloshuk, and Dustin Harrison. Non-members in attendance: Jorden Whitenect, Erin.

1.2. Quorum met January 29. Members in attendance: Lauren Wakelam, Justin Smart, Jessica Smart, Ella Brown, Amber Neudorf, Stan Neudorf, Cat Woloshuk, Dustin Harrison, Bob McNaughton, Jacob Gadzella & Dylan Gadzella. Non-members in attendance: None.

2. Review and adoption of agenda. ***Motion made by Justin Smart to approve the 2025 AGM agenda as presented, Seconded by Cat Woloshuk. Carried.***

3. Time of adjournment was set for 8pm on both days.

4. Review and approval of the Minutes of the Previous AGM (October 1, 2024). ***Motion made by Jacob Gadzella to accept the 2024 AGM minutes as presented, seconded by Cat Woloshuk. Carried.***

5. Business arising from the minutes of the 2024 AGM.
   5.1 There was no business arising from Minutes

6. Correspondence
   6.1 Justin brought mail that he picked up prior to the last meeting.

7. Reports from City Councillors

N/A, no one in attendance. Lauren received an email from Holly Kelleher's team saying she was on leave and unable to attend meetings in January, February or March.

8. Report from Community Consultant

Extra money deposited into our account ($166.44 and $200). The $166.44 is the leftover unused rink improvement grant money that the City distributed amongst community associations. The $200 was missed by Jan on our annual rink operating grant (we received $2600), and is available to us because of our size (2.5 neighbourhoods).

Jan will be sending out link for Cultural Humility Training through the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association on January 22. Training is free, and available online for volunteers. Great for your resume.

Jan includes her list of favourite places to apply for grants from in her December report.

Sask Lottery community grant due Thursday, January 15. Justin looking at it. Jan advises it is very competitive, but some groups have had success.

9. Reports from the Directors

9.1 Treasurer

9.1.1 2024-2025 Financial Statement

Presented the 2024-2025 financial statements received from Robin Bourgonje at Pro Tax Consultants. Suggestion made to have Robin separate/split events more clearly next year, so we can tell those numbers more easily. ***Motion made by Lauren Wakelam to approve financial review as presented. Seconded by Dustin Harrison. Carried.***

9.1.2. Appointment of the Financial Reviewer for 2025-2026

Motion made by Lauren Wakelam to appoint Robin Bouronje as our 2025-2026 financial reviewer. Seconded by Justin Smart. Carried.

9.1.3. 2025-2026 Budget

Motion made by Lauren Wakelam to accept 2025-2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Dustin Harrison. Carried.

9.2 President (Lauren Wakelam)
Lauren apologized for the delay in having the AGM, and thanked everyone for their dedication and ability to bounce back from what she considered a challenging year. Since our 2024 AGM, we have had the following members resign or end their terms early: Dwight Doering, Lauren Davidson, Valerie Hoknes, Monique Lischka, and Jan Pearce. Dustin Harrison gave notice to end his position at the 2025 AGM. We currently have Jacob Gadzella and Ella Brown who are interested in becoming Directors, and will be voted in ASAP.

This year she tried to make more of an effort to connect with the community and offer different events, or different partnerships. In October 2024, we had our first Halloween Dance and had around 250 people come out. We also had Theatre in the Park, our second Community Cleanup, and our first Community Garage Sale event. These events were all successful.

As she nears the end of her first term as President, she is thankful for the opportunity to be in her position. If her term continues, she is excited. She also expresses her thanks to the outgoing directors - Jan and Dustin.

9.3 Newsletter (Jacob Gadzella)
Jacob was not in attendance, so Lauren read his report that he emailed.

Jacob is working on getting in contact with local community organizations to promote his monthly forecast email blast.

9.4 Indoor Programs (Lauren Wakelam)
In Summer/Fall 2024 we asked residents questions about programming on social media. We asked what kind of programming they wanted, the cost they were willing to pay, and other questions about programming. We used that information to determine our class offerings in January 2025. We offered a variety of new programs, and were able to run some of them at a deficit with leftover cost-as-a-barrier funding. We had a lot of success with two classes in specific - youth art, and Little Yogis.

9.5 Rinks (Justin Smart)
Justin said we had a good year. For Winterfest, we split activities between the two rinks.

Queen Elizabeth still needs a new rink shack.

We received the rink improvement grant for Achs Park rink this summer (2025=2026 fiscal year), and put up rink boards and contracted a skid-steer to do some earth levelling. It made flooding much easier this fall. Justin would like to apply for the rink improvement grant again before April 30 to do the same work at the Queen Elizabeth rink.

9.6 Ski Trails (Rebecca Ridsdale)
Rebecca was not in attendance.

Rebecca emailed and advised the trail had been groomed, and she would provide pictures within a couple of days. Jan noticed only Rebecca is receiving the emails, so she asked to be CC'd on future correspondence.

9.7 Theatre in the Park (Lauren Wakelam)
The event this year was very successful. We tried to add on an art show to the event, which didn't necessarily work, but we got a lot of people out prior to the shows start. We had face painting, the public library was there, Jan brought bubbles and games, and the show was great.

9.8 Volunteers (Ella Brown, Lauren Wakelam)
No update to share. We haven't had too many large scale events where volunteers have been needed.

9.9 Communications (Jacob Gadzella, Jorden Whitenect, Jessica Smart, Cat Woloshuk)
Social Media - The Facebook page has 810 followers, Instagram has 143. The Facebook group has 105 people.

9.9.1 Website - If anyone has issues with the website, please let Jorden know. He has noticed some issues happening with the plug-in calendar. If anyone has winter images, please send them to Jorden. He is also looking to create pages on the website about tobogganing hils in the community.

9.10 Community Relations (Lauren Wakelam, Justin Smart, Terry Hoknes, Karla Combres, Crystal Montoya)
Terry Hoknes, Crystal Montoya and Karla Combes were not in attendance.

9.10.1 Queen Elizabeth School (Justin) - The school is very small, just around 90 kids. There is a new principal this year who has been great. Justin and some other parents started a Parent Fundraising Council to try and raise money to replace the playground.

9.10.2 Business Liaison (Terry Hoknes) - Terry and his wife Valerie worked very hard earlier this year to deliver letters to every business in our directory.

9.11 Community Clean-Up (Lauren Wakelam & Whitney Greves)
Whitney Greves was not in attendance.

We had our second clean-up event last summer in May. We beat our record for the total amount of garbage collected. We had a thank-you BBQ for volunteers afterwards. Next year, we want to tie in a bottle drive to fundraise.

9.12 WinterFest (Justin Smart)
The event last year was very successful. We had shinny at Achs Park, and the family day at Queen Elizabeth.

Motion made by Jacob Gadzella to accept all reports as presented. Seconded by Justin Smart. Carried.

10. Election of Board of Directors
    10.1. The President relinquished the Chair to Bob McNaughton, who conducted the election.
    10.1.1 Lauren Wakelam - President, 2-year term
    10.1.2 Ella Brown - Director at Large (Volunteer Coordinator), 2-year term
    10.1.3 Jacob Gadzella - Director at Large (Communications Coordinator), 2-year term
    10.1.4 Justin Smart - Secretary, 2-year term

10.2. Appointment of Signing Officers
    10.2.1 Motion made by Lauren Wakelam to remove Dwight Doering as signing officer, and add Cat Woloshuk. Lauren Wakelam and Justin Smart to remain as signing officers. Seconded by Jacob Gadzella. Carried.

11. Recognition of departing Directors and other volunteers
11.1. Thank you to Dustin Harrison and Ja Pearce for your contribution to QEXCA.

12. Questions from Attendees - None

13. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:00pm by Lauren Wakelam. Seconded by Dustin Harrison. Carried.