



**Edmonton Rugby Union
FY2022
President's Year End Report**

December 11, 2022

It has been an honour to serve as the Edmonton Rugby Union President this past 2 years. I would like to thank the ERU clubs, their respective boards, the referees and all volunteers for their support and hard work after 2 years of Covid. I also want to thank the ERU board and staff who have done a great job this season under difficult circumstances, it has been an honour and pleasure to work alongside. I have enjoyed being a member of the ERU board for 6 years but will not seek re-election.

The board, as in every year, is undergoing a change in representation. I would encourage anyone interested in the roles up for election to step forward and support the Edmonton Rugby Union in growing and developing our sport in northern Alberta.

Season Highlights:

Finances: The Edmonton Rugby Union continues to be in a strong financial position running a better than expected surplus this year. I want to thank Darrell, our Treasurer, for the financial leadership he has provided this year. I would also like to thank Carmen Mayday who has work very closely with Darrell.

Sale of ERP: The ERU held an SGM where the vote to proceed with the sale was approved. To get to this decision the ERU developed and approved the Field Use Agreement which ensures all clubs will have a place to play in the future.

This effort is to ensure that the legacy of Ellerslie Rugby Park will enable our union to develop and grow amateur Rugby in Northern Alberta for many years to come.

Behind the Scenes: This year has seen a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure the future success of the ERU. The following work has been completed:

- Discipline Policy
- Field Use Agreement as mentioned above
- Revised Job Descriptions
- Revision of the current Bylaws (from 1991)

The new bylaws will need to be ratified at a future SGM. The reason for not proceeding this year is due to allowing the new board who will be bound by the updated bylaws to review and make any further changes before an SGM.

Red Deer Mini Festival: It was a pleasure to volunteer and attend this years mini festival in Red Deer where our junior players got to play against teams from the CRU. A big thank you to Nikki and everyone who helped put this together.

U23 League: The fall U23 league was a huge success. A big thank you to Rod Kuryl and the other volunteers that made this age grade possible. This is an important league as it helps retain youth players who will then transition to senior teams.

Rugby Alberta AGM: The Rugby Alberta AGM is being held on December 3rd at 10:00am via Zoom. As in every year, it is important to the long-term success of our union that all clubs participate. This is also an opportunity for our members to participate on these boards and have our voices heard. If you are interested, you can be directly involved in improving the development of our sport.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Healy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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