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Your Community Association

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President's Report to the AGM October 3, 2023

Our first in-person AGM in three years to top off a pretty good year! Thanks to Adam Touet and the W Law Group for providing the refreshments.

Winterfest was successful with the help of Tara Bryant and Queen Elizabeth School students (current and former). Thanks to Sean Pion for coordinating it all. We have just heard that we have been awarded a Wintercity YXE grant from the City for the 2024 edition.

Theatre in the Park used the new venue in W.W. Ashley Park provided an opportunity to promote Your Community to a wider audience. Monique Lischka's liaison with SUM Theatre improved our relationship with the organisers.

Both of these events generated new interest in the QEXCA and new volunteers.

Finding programs that will appeal to residents and recruiting instructors to lead them has been a challenge. Wesley Wizniuk, Programs Director, seems to have found a couple hits, this year, with Badminton and, most recently, Pickleball.

The rinks are our winter focal points. Josh Remai and the Rink Crews work hard through the worst of weather to keep them open for your enjoyment.

Our relationship with City Council and our awareness of civic issues has been great thanks to , Dustin Harrison, Civics Director, who has kept the communication lines open and posted items of interest to residents on Twitter.

New volunteers were the highlight: Janet Pearce as Secretary, four School Liaisons – Mike Pearce with St. Frances School, Lauren Wakelam and Lisa Kozmyk with Queen Elizabeth School and Karla Comres with Pavillion Monique Rousseau. I hear, there are others willing to help with programs and the newsletter. A good year, indeed.

Our Social Media Coordinator, Tanbir Chahal has moved to Alberta and continues in the role remotely.

Our website is always up to date as Jorden Whitenect is constantly refreshing the information and looking for improvements.

We are finally developing relationships with the numerous churches, thanks to Sherry Gore, who has been contacting them in person and by email.

A long-time volunteer, Crystal Touet, continues to work to provide residents with interesting programs.

This year we referred residents to the Diefenbaker Park Ski trail, so Matt Gorman, Ski Trail Coordinator, wasn't quite as busy. His efforts were, nonetheless appreciated. We'll see what this coming season brings.

Please talk with Ashley Goy, Volunteer Director to see how you can help.

We are happy to see Lauren Wakelam put her name forward as Vice President. This is a job that has been looking for a candidate for a number of years.

The Weaver Park Storm Pond is to be open this time next year. We will keep providing project updates on the website.

As I step away from the Presidency, I am confident that the new Board, with Lauren as VP, will carry on providing Your Community with the leadership you have come to expect. I will stay around as Past President for a year and keep my other two hats; Communication Director and Community Relations Director, that long as well.

Thank you for your trust and confidence these past four years.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob McNaughton

