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GREELY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first newsletter that will allow us to keep our Members and our Community better informed.

On behalf of the Greely Community Association Board of Directors, I would like to thank both those who have renewed their GCA memberships and the many residents/businesses supporting our organization. The current Board, elected in June of 2019, has strived in many different ways to represent the interests of our residents and our business leaders. Prior to the Covid19 Restrictions in March of 2020, our Board and volunteers organized a very successful 2019 Canada Day Celebration and a truly exciting 49th Annual Greely Winter Carnival in January 2020. Our last in person GCA Board Meeting was held in March of 2020 and since then we have been meeting via Zoom due to City and Provincial Covid Regulations. We would also like to thank the Greely Rink Guys for maintaining the Greely Outdoor Rink at the Community Centre during the difficult Covid times.

GCA Events Organized in the Past Year

Greely Canada Day in Greely is a truly exciting Community Event but July 1st, 2020 was a very different celebration. Unable to hold our traditional event, the GCA organized a Canada Day Parade through the Village consisting of 34 Vehicles representing our FrontLine Heroes. In December of 2020, the Board Members organized a Greely Home Decorating Contest, as well as the "Drive-in" Caroling and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Greely Community Centre. The Tree Lighting is in recognition of Volunteers who have served, are serving and those in the future who will serve our remarkable Community. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our 50th Annual Greely Winter Carnival in January 2021 but we plan to celebrate that milestone in January 2022.

Submissions to the City

The GCA area includes the Village of Greely (population 7,300) and a large area outside of the Village making a total population of close to 10,000 within our boundary. Our Association has been very busy formulating Reports to the City on a variety of topics. Special thanks to our Government Relations Sub Committee for their ongoing support of our submissions. Where possible, we post these on our website (www.greelycommunity.ca) but please contact our Board Secretary Chris Leblanc (secretary@greelycommunity.ca) if you would like more information on any one of the following -

City of Ottawa Ward Boundary Review; City of Ottawa Growth Management Strategy; Albion Road Corridor Study; Urban Boundary Expansion (Tewin Project); City of Ottawa Official Plan Review (highlighting the Greely Community/Secondary Plan). The timeline for our Submission on the City Official Plan Review (Greely Secondary Plan) was very short so if there is anyone we missed in our consultations or anyone who may wish to add a comment, please contact the GCA Secretary. The Greely Community Design Plan, now called the Greely Secondary Plan was updated in 2012 but was not reviewed in 2017. It now seems that this Secondary Plan will be updated in 2022 or 2023 once the new City Official Plan is in place. We also submitted comments on City planning issues that have had impact on our Community.

Grant Applications

On March 9th, 2021, the GCA submitted a Grant Application of \$250,000 to the Federal Government's Healthy Community Initiatives Program for improving, upgrading and expanding the Greely Loop.

In 2020 received a \$300 Grant from the South Nation Conservation Authority for a tree to be planted along the Greely Loop. A Grant from the City of Ottawa, for the purchase of Picnic Tables, was applied for and granted during the tenure of the previous Board.

Committee Structures

The Government Relations, Greely Business, Recreation/Greely Loop, Canada Day and Greely Carnival), and Youth Sub Committees help support the efforts of the GCA in building an even stronger Community. Our Association is very proud of our first ever Youth Board member, Cole Rideout of Greely. We are working with Cole to build a membership list that will enable us to develop an active Youth Committee for Greely. Any youth between the ages of 12-18 or parent who would like to assist our efforts are welcome to contact our Secretary, Chris Leblanc (secretary@greelycommunity.ca) to offer support to this important initiative.

Greely Community Association Annual General Meeting

Due to Covid Restrictions, the GCA Board of Directors postponed our 2020 AGM. With the current Covid issues still affecting group gatherings, we have decided to delay the 2021 Annual General Meeting until further notice. In order to fulfill our obligations, the GCA is providing in this Newsletter to our Membership, our Financial Statement posted on our Website, as well as a commitment from our Board Members to continue their roles until further notice.

Greely Community Association Board of Directors

President, Doug Thompson; Vice President, Kerry Charron; Secretary, Chris Leblanc; Treasurer, Sandi Bonini; Past President, Adam Sooley; Aline Breton, Todd Bush, Cole Rideout

Connect with the GCA

We keep an active presence on social media through the following platforms.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/greelycommunity> (1000+ followers)

Website: <https://greelycommunity.ca/>

Twitter: @greelycommunity (505 followers)

President@greelycommunity.ca

Secretary@greelycommunity.ca

Local Community Associations

Currently, there are 8 local Subdivision Community Associations. We are currently working on coordinating their efforts with those of the GCA to improve our community interaction.

The Greely Community Association is dedicated to working with our residents and business owners to ensure that we continue on a path of making our Community the best place in which to live, work and enjoy our recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Doug Thompson

President, Greely Community Association

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INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

	<u>YTD</u> 2020	<u>YTD</u> 2019
Income	<u>13,379</u>	<u>21,909</u>
Expenses		
Memberships	125	238
Canada Day	552	14,021
Winter Carnival	11,271	10,339
Greely Loop	-	484
Other Events/Rentals	955	-
Office	2,470	860
Insurance	-	397
Interest and Bank Charges	10	3
Total Expenses	<u>15,383</u>	<u>26,342</u>
 NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR YEAR	 <u><u>\$ (2,004)</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ (4,433)</u></u>