

President's Report – Highlights of 2021/22

Fitzroy Harbour Community Association 2022 AGM

Events

- Unfortunately, with the COVID 19 Pandemic, our hall was closed all of 2021.
- However, we did have our first major hall rental event in two years in April 2022. Things are getting back to normal.
- While we did not host any FHCA events in the past year, we very much look forward to hosting the following upcoming events, with possible more events in the fall and winter:
 - Spring Cleaning the Harbour – Saturday May 14 from 8 am to Noon
 - Harbour Days 2022 from Thursday July 7 to Saturday July 9
 - FHCC 45th Anniversary - Saturday August 27
- We welcome any volunteers who are able to get involved and help out.

Programs

- Most FHCA programs over the past year were cancelled.
- We did have a skating season on our outdoor rink, with an unsupervised rink and the change rooms closed. We also offered the Outdoor Hockey League in the winter for youth with about 40 registrants.
- Our youth softball program is also now back for 2022 with approximately 100 registrants.
- The City is offering a Yoga program at the Hall.

Field usage

- After no rentals in 2020, there was some rental of the ball diamonds by youth and men's softball in 2021.
- There was also some casual use of the soccer fields for which the local club made a donation.
- For 2022, fields will be used by Men's League Softball, Women's League Softball, Competitive Men's Softball, Competitive Boys' Softball and Adult Soccer

Community Centre Projects

- The City has replaced our heating system to a much more efficient unit. Our old play structure was also replaced with a new structure.
- The FHCA undertook a bathroom renovation project in 2022, thanks in part to a grant from the City of Ottawa.
- In the upcoming year, we are looking at improvements to our picnic shelter area by putting in a concrete base, and replacement of our beer cooler.
- We are also looking at setting up pickleball courts on the outdoor rink surface.

Employees

- We had a reduced number of employees over normal years in 2021 but we did have some staff.
- Our head groundskeeper for 2021 for the summer season is Dale Hopper, and he is back for another season in 2022. He had 5 part time students help last year and our new students will be starting soon.
- We also had Andrew Reid who did some hall maintenance and maintained the outdoor rink with a helper.
- Our hall booker Pat Antler did not work over 2021 but is now back in 2022 helping us organize things.
- We did not have the canteen open in 2021, but we will be reopening for 2022 and have hired student staff.
- Due to some insurance concerns, we will not be offering the drop in youth day camp in 2022.

Communications

- We continue to try to use multiple ways to keep in touch with the community and update our membership. These include the fitzroyharbour.com website and the Fitzroy Harbour Community Association Facebook page.
- The FHCA also uses an email distribution list to almost 500 recipients to send out the Peeper newsletter electronically and send updates to "Harbourites" using "MailChimp".

Scholarship

- Our 2021 winners were Maddy Villeneuve and Sam Hopper. Both received \$500 towards their post-secondary expenses.

Bar prices

- Reflecting increasing costs, the executive has proposed that bar prices will go up effective this week, by an average of about \$0.50 per drink.

Membership

- We appreciate those who took the time to purchase FHCA memberships. Most sales were online through our website. Some purchased a membership when registered their kids for hockey or softball, or when booking the hall.

Governance

- The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act passed in 2021 means that the FHCA has to reevaluate our governance structure.
- There will be a motion later in the meeting to allow for the new executive to create and adopt new by-laws that comply with the Act.
- There is also direction on how our books must be properly reviewed by an accounting professional.
- To remain in good standing as a not for profit corporation, which receives government funding, the new executive will need to ensure the FHCA remains compliant with the ONCA legislation.