

President's Report – Highlights of 2022/23

Fitzroy Harbour Community Association 2023 AGM

Events

- After covid shut us down for most of 2020 and 2021 we were able to get back to “normal” in 2022.
- We put on community events in 2022-23 such as:
 - Spring Cleaning the Harbour – May 14
 - Harbour Days 2022 from July 7 to 9
 - FHCC 45th Anniversary - August 27
 - Halloween Party – October 29
 - Children's Christmas Party – December 3
 - New Year's Eve Party – December 31
 - Winter Carnival – February 2 to 5
- These events were huge successes thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to make them happen. We continue to welcome any volunteers who are able to get involved and help out.
- We hope to offer all these events again in the upcoming year.

Programs

- While the weather did not really cooperate, we did have a skating season on our outdoor rink.
- We also offered the Outdoor Hockey League in the winter for youth with about 30 registrants.
- Our youth softball program for 2023 has approximately 120 registrants.
- The City offered a learn to skate program on the outdoor rink and a Yoga program at the Hall.

Field usage

- Our sports fields were well used by rental groups in 2022. These groups included: Men's League Softball, Women's League Softball, Competitive Men's Softball, Competitive Boys' Softball, Youth House League Soccer, and Adult Soccer. The same user groups will be using the fields again in 2023.

Community Centre Projects and Acquisitions

- We have started a new pickleball program on the outdoor rink, thanks in part to a grant from the City of Ottawa.
- Campbell Fuels donated a new barbecue this past summer and we thank them for their generosity.
- We have upgraded our refrigeration system in the bar with a new quieter, dependable, more efficient set up. We are grateful to the City of Ottawa's Rural Community Building Grant Program for providing funds to make this improvement possible.
- Our major project this past year was the pouring of a cement slab to greatly improve the use of the picnic shelter.
- Other acquisitions for the FHCC included a new television, new speaker sound system, new floor scrubber and a new rotary mower for grounds maintenance.

Employees

- Our head groundskeeper for 2022 and 2023 is Dale Hopper. He had six part time students help last year and our new students will be starting soon.
- We also employ Andrew Reid who did some hall maintenance and maintained the outdoor rink with a helper and Pat Antler is our hall booker.
- We re-opened our canteen and hired six students for that role in 2022 and we have just hired a new group for 2023.

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 2022 winner was Justin Ovington. He received \$1000 towards his post-secondary expenses.

Membership

- We appreciate those who took the time to purchase FHCA memberships. Most sales were online through our website or through sports registrations (minor softball, outdoor hockey and Ladies' softball).
- Some residents also purchased to take advantage of favourable rates when booking the hall.

Governance

- The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act passed in 2021 means that the FHCA had to reevaluate our governance structure.
- The executive has created new proposed by-laws that comply with the Act and will seek adoption of these later in the meeting. These have been posted on our website for the past month.