

Dovercourt Recreation Association: Board Business for October 2017

Financial Reporting: Problems with the launch of our new registration software over the past year have presented some challenges in getting timely and accurate financial reporting. As a consequence, the board has engaged a consultant to assist staff in getting a more accurate projection to year end, and to begin the process of preparing for the audit. We have approached the software company to advise them of the challenge and secured a 50% contribution to the cost of the accounting work.

Building expansion: As we approach the winter construction season, we are at a point where we have the option of pausing the project until spring to avoid winter costs such as snow removal and on site heating. Staff are reviewing the situation with our construction Managers, Talco, and will present a report to the board with a recommendation at the November meeting. As well, there may be some advantages in terms of managing cash flow to a delay until spring. At this point, the hydro relocation is complete, clearing the way for the major excavation.

Nominations: We have received three expressions of interest to join the Board of Directors to date. The committee is reviewing the Board skill matrix to determine the needs of the Board going forward, and will continue to recruit for presentation of a recommended slate of candidates for the April meeting of the Board.

30th Anniversary event: The date has been set for Friday Dec. 1, 7 to 11pm utilizing the whole of the upper level of Dovercourt. Invited guests will include our elected officials, current and past Board members, current and past full time staff, sponsors, and major contributors to our building fund. As well, the part time staff will be able to purchase tickets and the annual staff long service awards will be awarded as part of the evening.

Executive Director Report:

- We have secured a major sponsor in Lapointe Fish for the swim bus, which provides transport from local community housing to Annie's Swim, our weekly disabled free swim. As well, Annie's family hosted a fundraising event to help support the ongoing costs of the swim, raising over \$3500.
 - Principal's Breakfast date is set for Monday November 27, and will feature a panel discussing how to be a welcoming community, with an emphasis on the recent refugee crisis from Syria.
 - SJAM winter trail fundraising for the 2018 season is now underway, we are delighted to note that the NCC will provide 10K in funding this year, as well as providing a backup snowmobile for the grooming team.
 - City to meet with John and Rod Lahey to discuss the re-use of the Trailhead building.
 - The City has confirmed an allocation to increase their funding for building expansion from \$500,000 to \$791,000 or 50% of the project costs.
 - John met with Somerset West, Carlington, and Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centers to discuss and celebrate the Chance Foundation funding.
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