

Dovercourt Recreation Association

Board Business summary November 2017

Financial Update: The board received a briefing on our projected year end result for 2017. At this point, DRA is forecasting a significant deficit. This is largely due to difficulties experienced with our new registration software, which was providing inconsistent and inaccurate revenue data for much of the year. Unfortunately, this led to some overspending as we assumed we were in a better position that we actually were. The board was briefed on the expected impact, and how we are planning to address this going forward.

2018 Budget: the first step to address the expected deficit for 2017 is a fairly aggressive 2018 budget that will project a return to a modest surplus, while also managing the expected costs of the new minimum wage legislation. As a major youth employer, DRA will experience a significant impact from this new legislation. However, demand for our programs and services is still growing, and with internal economies and some passing along of the cost through fee increases, we expect that our 2018 target of a modest surplus will be achievable.

Building Expansion Report: Due to delays in permits and with the relocation of the Hydro feed to the building, the project completion date was looking like March of 2018. As a cost saving measure, the project will be paused over the winter to avoid winter construction costs, and will restart in March, with a new completion date of early summer. As well, we will continue to seek new funding as well as review the finish plans to find economies in the project.

Executive Director Update: We look forward to our 30th anniversary celebrations in early December, and have invited board and staff alumni from our past years as well as many friends and supporters. As well, our recent Principal's breakfast was very well attended and received, on the theme of being a welcoming community. Panel members included our MP Catherine McKenna, speaking on behalf of our federal government; long-time client and friend and co-founder of Refugee 613 Colleen Westeinde; Cameron McCleod, Executive Director of Carlington Community Health Centre, a leader in the process of settling refugees; and Dovercourt staff Antwan Hakko, himself a Syrian refugee from Aleppo, who has found his way in Canada.