

President's Report

2018 AGM Report

By Leslie DeGagne
President

Looking back on what has transpired over the year I am reminded of the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." TGCA is a vital part of that village for many members and outlets exist to provide the necessary supports for growing a community. We are very lucky to have dedicated individuals who are community minded and they dedicate their free time to ensure our community continues to provide programming and services that build healthy citizens that keep the village strong.

It takes many people and much time to achieve a community like this. We have over the years always managed to find the right people to run the programming that allows our children to play and grow. I thank all the people who have dedicated their time this year:

- To the hockey, figure skating, soccer, ringette and fastball programs. The directors, coaches, managers, officials and parents who have worked hard to make the programs fun for the kids, you are the quiet volunteers without whom the games do not go on.
- The gym night organizers and volunteers; this year we have a volunteer who has given time to organize a program and the children are having a great time. TGCA is lucky to have you.
- To Mary Lacoste and her volunteers and all the people who attend the family dances and children's parties. Without your hard work and dedication, the events would not occur. Attendance is up this year at these events. This tells me that families are looking for activities to attend together and I am glad TGCA has provided.

My thanks on behalf of the membership go out as well to the Adult sport volunteers:

- Volunteers run TGOTs, Dream Team, Slo Pitch and Adult volleyball programs. Thank you for your dedication and continued support of the community. Besides providing programs for adults, these people provide volunteers that help in the canteen when asked.

Over the years, the Booster Club and TGWL have provided leadership and unwavering support with their efforts to ensure this community can continue to function. The roles have diminished over the years as we become a fully staffed complex but their dedication and support stays the same. Thank you to all the volunteers of these groups who make sure that pancakes fly at Stampede and the craft fair comes in November. You represent our history and stand as a symbol of what volunteerism can accomplish. You and those who came before had

the vision of what a community should be and have passed the torch on throughout the years and this community thanks you.

The board of directors is a group of people who work hard over the year to ensure the community voice resonates throughout the city as well as overseeing and providing support for the complex staff. These people take on challenges in their spare time to oversee complex issues, plan for future projects, manage city demands and support community initiatives. My thanks go out on behalf of the membership to everyone who dedicated his or her time to this vital role.

We do not work in isolation. At this time, I would like to thank Amanda Turvey and Tannis Eapen from the city for their role in keeping us in touch with the greater city community. Their work along with director Simone Lee has provided our children with opportunities to discover skills needed to become healthy adults. The My Neighborhood program has brought new ideas and valued improvements to the community. Thank you to all members who provided input and ideas.

- Tannis has worked hard to ensure our disadvantaged youth have a summer camp and started programs for youth that build cooking skills, entrepreneurship and social skills vital to youth. I hope moving forward we continue to build this relationship as it benefits and exemplifies what community is about.

Thank you for your dedication and showing the value of collaborating.

Every year we lose People who were vital to the Community. This year is no exception. TGCA lost two very special volunteers this year, Jackie Fietz and Warren Schram. Their work with this community was invaluable and done without fanfare. We send our thoughts and prayers to the families and thank them for sharing their loved ones with us. A part of us goes with them as they made us better as they made a community.

As the community grows into the future, the work done is impossible to do without the support of our complex staff. They do the quiet work behind the scenes that ensure our mandates and functionality are met and maintained. Thank you to Kevin Kromm and his wonderful staff for all you have done this year to support the community.

Moving forward to next year, I hope we continue forge relationships with city, provincial and Federal government representatives. These relationships help us keep the facility ship shape through grants and they provide us with insights that help us keep our membership informed and educated. Thank you to Sean Chu, Craig Coolahan and Michelle Rempel for your continued support and involvement this year.

Lastly, my personal thanks to all who contributed to TGCA this year. I am sorry if I left any one out it is a risk I take every time I do one of these reports. My hope moving forward is that the membership continues to support community initiatives and programs. We have worked hard

this year to provide services for the community of Thorncliffe Greenview , such as the new 56 restaurant, and we hope to use your feedback to continue the is path to the future so that our children and grandchildren can have a place that feels like home.

Community Relations Report
By Mary LaCoste

For Christmas we held a concert performed by the Youth Singers of Calgary. This event was enjoyed by all in attendance, however I felt because of the length of it that it was hard to keep the little ones' attention. We are trying something different this Christmas.

Easter time we had the Canadian Rabbit Hopping Club and Magician, Richard Rondeau perform.

At Stampede the children had the Bouncers outside while inside the hall we had balloon animals, face painting and target shooting. It was a full day and a good time was had by all.

We have just held our Halloween party with over 330 tickets sold, with many grandparents in attendance.

This year for Christmas we are planning to have a family dance again.

These events would not be possible if it were not for the volunteers that came out. Thank you for all your help.

PSR for Oct 2018 AGM:

In reflecting on the past year of the TGCA public service events, it's hard to delineate the progress of issues that have been slowing grinding on for years.

Nevertheless here we go:

Calgary Drop In Centre & the Old Hotel:

Mandated discussions continued with the DI regarding a Citizens Liaison Committee & a Good Neighbour Agreement. In late 2017 at a TGCA hosted public meeting, the DI in an attempt to demonstrate a change in attitude and leadership at the DI made an apology to the community. This was later published in the Horizon. In early 2018 public allegations of workplace bullying and sexual harassment were made against the DI. The named individuals were the same that TGCA had encountered significant strife with in the long six year engagement over this project. The executive director of the DI stepped down and an investigation of the organization was undertaken by both province and city. TGCA stepped away from negotiations during this time. On Oct 24 we finally met again with DI leadership including a new executive directive. We are hopeful that a transformative change is taking place with the DI as all we have asked for and more is now inclusive in the project. While it is tempting to say that TGCA played a part in the DI's reform, we can at least say we have been on the right side of the debate (often against tremendous pressure) since more or less the beginning.

Golf Course Development:

Similar to the DI, a nearly transformative change has taken place over the past year. In a condition as part of the land use change application for development of the site a "regional water study" was completed and essentially confronted any possibility of its expected building plan. Again we can feel vindicated for holding to a likewise position since 2013 when this began and again against pressure often from community voices that we were taking a losing and less than progressive perspective. During the last year we have continued to have discussions with water services, toured elected officials on the site and proudly participated in the first ever "Sprawlcast" taking a journalist "into" the creek itself.

Secondary Suites:

After eight years of advocating for secondary suite reform. TGCA was pleased to go before City Council when a motion finally passed to improve the process.

Homeowners will no longer need to seek a land use change to develop a suite and significant rules are in place to ensure suites are safe and meet all planning criteria.

Laycock Park:

This disappointingly is being shaped without the promised wetland creation and riparian zone improvements initially promised from 2007 onward. A new bridge and playground are however part of Laycock Park's redevelopment.

Outdoor Amenity Space:

TGCA worked with an architectural student from the U of C to develop a future plan to compliment the upcoming playground. Concept drawings can be viewed in the office.

North Hill Planning Engagement:

TGCA successfully lobbied the city to have at least part of our area included in this upcoming process. All residents can go online to add feedback as this begins.

Greenview Industrial Business Improvement Area (BIA):

Mandated by council just over a year ago we have been pleased to attend BIA meetings and provide support to this group as we have continued to do with the GBA (Greenview Business Association) and Skyline Industrial businesses.

Community Representation Framework:

Continue to engage with FCC the city & other community associations on what may change the very structure of how city engagement and community association operation works in the future.

Wing Kei:

Ongoing meetings with the Wing Kei group on what may be a major development for them on Centre Street and 40th Avenue

DP'S/LOC'S

Reviewed and commented on over fifty development permit and land use applications including six cannabis retail locations in this area (all of which are still going through the process)

Finally thanks to all who have contributed to the public service for TGCA this year who are either members of the board or not.

Marvin Quashnick

Director Update

It has been a busy year fund raising for the Thorncliffe Greenview Community Playground Replacement Team.

To date we have raised approximately \$400,000.00 in donations and grants for the TGC Accessible Playground (Lets All Play 2gether).

The City of Calgary has informally stated that the site will be prepared in April 2019.

The installation of the Playground is scheduled for May 2019

The TGC Replacement Team is looking for donations and volunteers.

We need:

Advertising Materials

Signage for Playground

Use of a Bobcat

Landscaping Supplies and Service

Lafarge will be donating all concrete and gravel for the project

We are also hoping to create a donor wall inside the Community Centre.

I would like to thank Maureen O'Brien and Amanda Ocampo for all their tireless work and tremendous efforts as we could not have done this without them.

Patrick Saunders