



2022 Annual President's Report – Riverview Community Centre

What a busy year this has been for the Riverview Community Centre. Many changes and happenings from opening up from Covid closures and hiring new staff members, to new events and to grant projects.

Staffing

This year we had to say goodbye to Charles Musto, our long time General Manager, and welcome Andrew Ward, our new General Manager. Along with Andrew, we also have Janice Gray - Facility and Grounds Manager, Tessa Allan - Communications and Programming Manager and our newest addition, Kristine Garrioch as our bookkeeper. I can proudly say the club is in very good hands and we have much to look forward to with new and exciting programming, building improvements, and events that our new staff have planned for us.

On a sadder note, we had to say goodbye to our long time custodian, Murray Geddes, who passed away on May 28, 2021. With the help of Sherri Rollins and the City of Winnipeg, a memorial bench will be placed in the green space in front of the centre to honour Murray and his contributions and positive impact he had in our community and in our hearts.

Building and Grounds

Our building and grounds have seen many improvements over the last year; our newly finished multipurpose room (MPR) is being rented consistently and providing a great space for community meetings and small events. In addition to the upgrade of our MPR, the renovations to the hall and kitchen are very much paying dividends as we have many renters that use both the kitchen and hall. Some of our renters include but are not limited to: Men's Shed, Manitoba Fly Fisher's Association, Riverview Risers, Taste of Africa, Tasty Heat Kitchen, and Peckish Winnipeg. We are more than happy to host, provide space, and opportunities for our local groups and small businesses.

Our permanent rink has seen huge improvements over the past couple years thanks to the "Save the Rink Campaign", much needed painting and board replacements made possible by countless volunteers along with great financial support from businesses and community groups. Donations for the campaign came from the "We Are Rougers" Facebook group, Age Friendly Riverview, the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, and countless other families and individuals within the community. The "Save The Rink Campaign" also incorporated a clothing promotion with the winning design being created by Rose Pallone of Clare Ave. With the rink improvements, we were able to add an area for advertising/supporters promoting local businesses and groups. When skating on the ice, out for a walk, or drive, one can see the signs for Village Optical, Park Theatre, Legacy Mechanical, Seniors Moving Company, The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, MLA Wab Kniew, Jeannine Carman of Mary Kay, Park Line Coffee, and the Oakwood Cafe. What better way to promote your business and be recognized for your support than by investing in your community resources!

Our nordic ski trails and outdoor ice rinks were beautifully maintained through the winter season despite all the weather challenges. This would not be possible without the efforts and leadership of the following individuals: Darrell Durling, Dennis Cunningham (ski trials) and Colin Pochailo, Scott Brown, Jack Menic, and Aaron Shand (ice). We thank you for always being available and ensuring everyone in our community has access to these great amenities.

Events



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This past year, despite all the hardships and struggles we faced with the pandemic and restrictions, we were able to welcome back some long time favourite events in addition to some new ones. Last summer we offered summer camps consisting of 7 weeks of activities enjoyed by over 100+ kids. We were able to enjoy each other's company at the fall supper which was also successful by bringing in funds for the club as well as bringing the community together, huge thanks goes Paul Trevenan, Harold Kluger, Natalie Isford, Jean Altemeyer, Dennis Cunnigham, Julie Strong, Ben Morrison, and many more . Our garage sale was also a huge success like always thanks to the hardwork and leadership of Kathy Larson, Steve Lennon, and Cathy Land. Our Annual Fund Drive could not have been a success without Randi Hunter and Heather Smith, many thanks. Two of our new events happened this year with Movie Night in the rink and Skate with Santa. Much fun was had by all, but could not have happened without the audio and video expertise of our Board Member, Dominic Lloyd. The Frostbite River Run brought us into the depths of winter, and the 4x4 Hockey Tournament brought us out. Both events were a great success and were made possible by the leadership of Dennis Cunningham for the Frostbite Run, and Aron Brown, Scott Brown, and Colin Pochailo for the 4x4 Hockey Tournament. Going into a hopefully more Covid free year, we are looking forward to hosting new events like a community puzzle night, games night, music events and bringing back past events such as the Spring Carnival, Kids Hockey Tournament, Winterfest and Trivia Night.

Programming

Programming this year was very diverse, consisting of sports, art programs, and interest-based classes for all ages and skills as you can see in the chart below.

Sports	Mini Soccer, Youth Basketball, Youth Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Youth Indoor Basketball, Youth Indoor Soccer, Jackrabbit Hockey, Adult Indoor Basketball, Riverview Rowdies (Adult Indoor Soccer), Grey Hares Hockey
Programs and Classes	Pound Fitness, Magic Lessons, Grenfell Art Group, Seniors Fitness, Summer Camp

Here are some notable points from this year's programming.

- Grey hares – We had another successful year. We did not hold a tournament but hopefully next year. A huge thanks to the volunteer coaches Dave Bynski and Ryan Rolston.
- Softball – Brad Ewankiw has taken up the reins as convenor for this year - big thank you to Brad. Last season, a few girls were transferred out to other clubs to play and we were able to host a U14 team. By all accounts, the girls had a great season with much fun to be had. A huge thank you to all the volunteer coaches who gave their time and talents to help make softball a reality for our Riverview girls.
- Baseball - We are looking forward to our first May/June baseball season since 2019! This year we had 34 players register for baseball at RVCC, ranging in age from 5 to 17 years old. Team formation will be completed by next week and the season will hopefully start the week of May 9th. We will host teams at the 7U and 9U levels, and the 11U and older players will combine with Fort Garry CC and South Winnipeg CC. Regular season and playoffs (for 11U and up) will be completed by the end of June.
- Mini Soccer - Trisha Fauschou has taken over as our new Mini Soccer Convener. We have 145 kids registered, the season is set to start the second week of May. After two



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years of hiatus due to Covid, we are resuming to play against Wildwood, Lord Roberts, and Fort Garry.

- Youth Soccer - This is Ryan Proulx's last year of being our youth soccer convener. We thank him for his many years of volunteer service and wish him well.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, as I'm sure I have missed a few or many, but we truly appreciate the time, effort and passion you all contribute to making this an amazing community centre and neighbourhood hub. Not only do I want to thank the volunteers, but also their families for being so understanding of the time the volunteers dedicate to our community centre. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

For the upcoming year, our goal is to reach more individuals in our community and provide greater opportunities for learning, activities and camaraderie. If you have any suggestions, ideas or plans for bringing our neighbours together, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Neighbourhood Group Liaison Report - May Wady

In the fall of 2021, I began acting as a liaison between the RVCC Board and 3 neighbourhood volunteer groups who are working to enhance the community. The three groups are: Age-Friendly Riverview, Trees Riverview, and Friends of Fisher Park. At each monthly RVCC board meeting I provided an update about each group's activities. Then I shared RVCC Board ideas and suggestions regarding each group's activities with each group. This helped RVCC and each group work together where possible and facilitated communication with the community. With the proposed changes to the constitution this role would become formalized as the Neighbourhood Group Liaison Director. Other Riverview neighbourhood volunteer groups who are working to improve our neighbourhood are welcome to become part of this liaison process. Benefits include improved communication with the entire community and the possibility of joint projects and events between the volunteer group and RVCC.

New Constitution and Bylaws

One of the main priorities was to review and introduce a new Constitution and Bylaws which was successfully passed at this year's AGM on April 28th 2022. This process and review was initiated by our Past President Dennis Cunningham, which we continued this year with great help from our board members: Dominic Lloyd, May Wady and Dennis Cunningham.

Social Media and Website

Through the year we have seen some great improvements to the content of our website and social media platforms. One of the most exciting parts is our History Tab; it has copious amounts of Riverview history dating to the origins of the neighbourhood itself. Our Social Media platforms have been filled with updates and happenings of the club so we encourage all to follow us in order to get the most updated information.

New Outdoor Multi-purpose Community Rink and Recreation Space

We were ecstatic to hear the news that our community centre has received significant funding from both the Federal (\$301,250) and Municipal governments (\$100,000). The project will enhance the year round outdoor activities for the Riverview community and surrounding neighbourhoods. The project will provide Riverview Community Centre with an excellent outdoor rink in the winter as well as a multi-purpose community hub in the summer, offering everything from sports like pickleball, ball hockey, and lacrosse to such community events as the spring carnival and much more. The opportunities this project will create for our centre and families is beyond measure. Along with this project, there will be a capital campaign to raise monies to cover the additional costs associated with our upgrades and renovations so please follow us on social media as details will be coming very soon.



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Lastly, I would like to thank the entire board and staff for all your outstanding commitment to the Riverview Community. This work could not happen without you and your dedication to the people of this community.

Respectfully

Jason Oliver

President