



Canterbury Common Residents' Association

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CCRA INFORMATION BULLETIN

February 2024

BOARD REPORT

Lou Rocha

TOWN HALL

The Board will hold a Town Hall meeting on March 25 to review progress and next steps in the nine components of the Strategic Plan – Volunteers, Finances, Safety, Environment, Parklands, Partnerships, Community Spirit, Adult Lifestyle and Communications.

The Board will present plans for the use of the former golf course lands, which include environmentally protected areas. The plans follow the 3-year Rolling Plan (2021) and the results of the 2021 community survey which supported upgrading a portion of the land to “park like” quality.

In the Strategic Plan, the open spaces will be preserved and protected for the use and enjoyment of Canterbury residents. The Board applied for a grant from the 50 Million Trees Program that was cited in the 2021 community survey. The survey results were reported to the community in 2022.

The lands were transferred to CCRA in 2021 from the Township of Scugog. The Board is currently working with the Township of Scugog and MPAC to appeal a tax levy on all of these lands, which were designated as open space for parkland in accordance with the Planning Act.

50 MILLION TREES

The 50 Million Trees Program is an environmental initiative supported by the federal and provincial governments that is intended to restore and preserve forested areas in communities like Canterbury. The Board decided to apply for a grant that would reduce costs to less than \$1,000 to plant 500 seedlings on the west side of the former 4th fairway and the north side of the former 2nd and 3rd fairways, respecting town easement limitations.

THE FIREPLACE

The Board has approved the installation of an electric fireplace unit in The Centre to replace the natural gas unit that could not be repaired.

PROPOSED SENIORS RESIDENCE

LEV Living (formerly Greenwood Retirement Communities) has reported that its feasibility study will be ready by the end of March. LEV has raised the possible need for 215 rental units for seniors in a 6-storey building on the north side of Country Estates between Simcoe Street and Waterbury Cres. The Township of Scugog will require a community consultation before any plan is approved. The Board of Directors is planning to hold a meeting for Canterbury residents in April.

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (AVENU PROJECT)

Mayor Wotten and Councilor Coyne will attend our Coffee Hour on March 7 to hear your thoughts on the proposed development north of Canterbury Common on the shores of Lake Scugog at Castle Harbour Drive. A 13-minute video will be shown to provide an overview of the AVENU project.

The Board of Directors has formed a sub-committee to research impacts on Canterbury Common under the initial categories of Infrastructure, Environment, Safety and Heritage & Tourism. Meetings have begun with the Township of Scugog. Residents with related experience will be added to the committee.

TRANSFER OF PHASE 2 PROPERTY

The Board has approved Option 3 from the Canterbury Transition Committee to transfer Phase 2 properties from the Township of Scugog to CCRA in December 2025. Phase 2 properties are the common areas around Holtby Court and the land between Simcoe St. and Candlelight Court. The Phase 1 properties were transferred in 2021.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The updated Policies and Guidelines for Administration have been approved and will be posted in the public section of the CCRA website.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This is the first call for nominations for positions on the Board of Directors. There are four positions up for election on the nine member Board. The elected directors will serve a two-year term beginning after the Annual Meeting on June 19, 2024. Interested residents should contact Lauren Maher at nominations@canterburycommon.ca.

CANTERBURY TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Gord Simmons

On March 31, 2024 the Canterbury Transition Committee (CTC) will have completed its mandate and will cease its activity after serving our community for eight years. The Executive Committee consisted of Roger Doe, Lauren Maher, Barry Smythe, Doug

Thiemann and was Co-Chaired by Ed Richards and Gord Simmons. Vern Reynolds, John Rintoul and Jim Worsley were valued advisors during that time.

CCRA Presidents, Marilyn Stafford, Gord Simmons, Jim Brady and Lou Rocha served on the committee as Liaison to the Board. The contributions of numerous community members, the support of the Board of Directors and the long-term commitment of the CTC members listed above made the success of the Committee possible. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this very important task of creating our newly invigorated community.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Suzanne Brolley

There is an unused Table Tennis table in the lower level. If anyone is interested in setting up a league please contact me and we can discuss the schedule and where it will be located. It's a great way to keep moving during these winter months.

ARTISAN GROUP

Birgit Pullen

The Canterbury Artisans are now meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. in the lower level of the Centre. Unfortunately, at this time our group is at the maximum capacity for the space provided, but feel free to contact me if you would like to be added to the waiting list. Birgit.pullen@gmail.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher

Friday,
March 1st

HAPPY HOUR RESUMES
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday,
March 7th

COFFEE HOUR
9:30 a.m.

Guests: Mayor Wilma Wotten and Councillor, Terry Coyne

Saturday,
March 16th

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tickets, \$7.00 pp. on sale at The Centre
February 27th and March 5th, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Saturday,
May 4th

“The kids don't want it”...we have the solution for you...

CANTERBURY'S ANNUAL YARD SALE
8 a.m. – NOON