

# THE CHRONICLE

*A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Common*  
Port Perry, Ontario  
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## *A SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!*

### **REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD**

**Spring, 2024**

**Lou Rocha, President**

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The welcome warmth of spring is in the air and activity is buzzing at The Centre. Our adult lifestyle community has been blessed with many activities organized by our volunteers. Power walking, line dancing, zumba and yoga continued through the winter as strength training and tai chi were added to the calendar. Bridge, euchre, cribbage, poker, Mexican train and mah jongg ran in the North and South Hall while the artisans, pool and shuffleboard players met in the Lower Level. The Prayer group, Knitwits and Book Club gathered weekly and our Library was refreshed with book donations. The popular Coffee Hour and Happy Hour gatherings ran throughout the winter with new residents joining those who have been here for years. As summer approaches we can look forward to aquafit in the pool and our golf leagues at Sunnybrae and Crestwood. All of these activities are convened by our neighbors and we appreciate their efforts that contribute to the community spirit that makes Canterbury Common special.

The management of Canterbury Common is also run by volunteers. The nine members of the Board of Directors are elected by the Members to manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation. Most of the directors also serve as liaisons or chairpersons on the six standing committees. Each standing committee has a chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer and volunteers to fill each area of responsibility. Administration and House and Property are the two largest committees and they work together to maintain our Centre and property.

House and Property is responsible for Contract Management, Building Maintenance, Lands Maintenance, Gardens Management, Tree Maintenance, Snow and Ice Clearing, Pool Maintenance, Windows and Insect Maintenance. Administration is responsible for Activities, Bereavements, Fire Safety & Security, Health & Safety, Homeowner Records, Janitor Services, Keys & Fobs, Office Schedule & Equipment, Private Events, Scheduling & Calendar, Supplies & Purchasing, Centre Set Up and the Pool.

The Communications committee manages a number of services that keep our community well-informed. The quarterly Chronicle magazine is produced by a team that is responsible for writing, editing, layout, printing and distribution. The Bulletin is our electronic newswire that goes to more than 400 residents by email each month. Our technical team is responsible for the infrastructure and content of the public and private Canterbury websites along with the Electronic Message Board in the foyer of The Centre.

The Finance committee is responsible for the developing the Annual Budget, collecting the Annual Assessment and managing the Accounts Payable. The committee produces quarterly reports and works with the Auditor to prepare the annual statements. The Insurance sub-committee handles the renewal of the Corporation's policies.

The members of the Governance committee assist homeowners to ensure that plans for adding or restoring external structures and landscaping meet the requirements of the Protective Restrictions which all of us must follow under the terms of the CCRA Homeowner Membership Agreement.

The Social committee has grown as many new events have been created for our community. Every event is organized under the committee's guidelines. The Social committee publishes its events through email distributions and flyers posted on the EMB and the Waterbury mail kiosk. All activities are listed in the calendar on the CCRA website. Admission is available through ticket sales to residents and fees are used to cover

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expenses. Our residents experience the spirit of Canterbury when they join this committee.

The director for Municipal Affairs is assigned to establish and maintain relations with the Township of Scugog and the Region of Durham. This director meets with staff and elected officials to discuss matters of interest to all CCRA Members. Such matters may include other organizations such as the Kawartha Conservation Authority and the Lake Stewards.

The new Strategic Plan is built on a foundation of capable volunteers to fill the many roles that are described above. The future of Canterbury Common depends on the recruitment, training and support for volunteers. There are over 100 volunteers and 24 of the committee members have recently moved to Canterbury. This is a positive trend that will serve the community well in the years ahead. Much of the credit goes to the Welcome Group and the Nominations Committee. These volunteers are the first people to meet the new homeowners and offer the opportunity to engage with their neighbours in meaningful roles that benefit the entire community.

If you have some interest or expertise, please go to the CCRA website and look up the volunteer roles for every committee. You can find all of the role descriptions under CCRA Organization > Standing Committees. Contact a committee member to find a role that suits your interest and time.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Suzanne Brolley, Chair

As we begin a new year, let's work together to ensure everything is switched off at The Centre. The most common ones that need attention are lights in both halls, pot lights, taps in both washrooms, doors wedged open and balcony doors left unlocked.

We have so many activities and all with different needs. It is extremely important to leave each hall the way you found it. If you need extra tables or chairs from the storage cupboard, please return them and do not stack chairs against the wall as it can cause damage.

The schedule is full of many different activities. I hope you all find something to join and enjoy. All new ideas are welcome.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Susan Allward, Chair

I hope you are enjoying the colour in this issue of The Spring Chronicle, celebrating our wonderful Canterbury volunteers. There are some interesting perspectives on volunteering from the people who help to keep our community informed, entertained, fit, beautifully maintained, and safe. The Communications committee has worked hard to produce this interesting and informative issue!

Our website, thanks to our volunteer webmaster, has had several improvements made over the last year, including an obituary page, details on committee member roles, a reference page for those selling their homes and self service for parking passes for using The Centre's parking lot, just to name a few. It's well worth checking out the website frequently to keep up with everything happening in Canterbury. We presently have 332 registered users for our website.

If you are interested in joining the Communications Committee, we would love to hear from you. Contact me at [director.communications@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:director.communications@canterburycommon.ca) for more information about joining the group.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Cushnie, Chair

Key Highlights for Canterbury Commons Residents Association, Fiscal Q3:

- As at Q3 we are tracking to have a small operating surplus thanks to the good control on spending and value added by our resident volunteers.
- We have spent all our Capital funds (\$53k). We acquired acoustic sound baffles, a new flag pole, solar lighting on Barry's Path, folding chairs, benches and the walking path behind the pool. These have had a material impact on the enjoyment of our facilities for our residents. We have had a material capital funding from three non-reoccurring events:
  - \$500 new residents' initiation fee applied to new Geranium home owners
  - fund raising events
  - small carry over balance from last year

New sources of funding will need to be identified if we are going to address the new capital projects in the hopper. Currently we have \$6.8k in annual funding through the annual fee's allocation.

- The Replacement Reserve Fund (RRF) is projected to have a balance of \$62k down from \$82k at the end of last year. The sidewalk replacement (\$6k) and South Hall doors and window assemblies (\$42k) are now complete and have been charged to the RRF. The South Hall project occurred earlier than had been anticipated in the RRF review performed by independent consultants. To address this, the Finance Committee refreshed the analysis considering this new information. It concluded in order to keep the fund in a positive balance over the 40-year planning horizon an increase in funding was required. The amount of increase needed for the RRF (currently \$85) was \$15 this year and \$10 the following year. This is subject to Board approval as part of the overall budget process and will help ensure that the fund is adequate to cover expected replacement costs going forward.
- Our property tax situation has moved forward thanks to a volunteer resident Joan Young with previous MPAC experience. We were able to submit a clear case that Ontario Regulation 289/98 section 45.4 applies which essentially says:
  - *Residential Communities which hold common land should have the market value of the common land deemed to be zero.*

We have submitted a Request for Reconsideration with MPAC for all current property owned by CCRA and are awaiting a response. If successful it will eliminate the existing property tax bill of \$600 and avoid the new tax bill of \$2700 per year plus future lands coming in a few years: a potential total annual saving of \$3 300.

- The Annual Budget process is in full swing. It involves working with each of the committees to determine next year's financial requirements including maintaining or reducing current levels and adding new things. For example, this year Geranium is responsible for sidewalk snow removal for residents on McCaw. This will transfer to CCRA for next year and needs to be included in the budget. We anticipate Board review and approval in April. Once approved the annual dues amount will be determined and the collection process will begin shortly after. The collection of annual dues has been moved forward this year to eliminate the need to top up the operating reserve fund to cover the costs of inflation.

# BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Todd Glenn, Chair

Nothing to report at this time.

## HOUSE & PROPERTY

Malcolm Ward, Chair

### SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS PASSING THE TORCH TO NEW VOLUNTEERS

Several of our most tenured team members have passed their roles onto newer resident volunteers.

**H&P Recording Secretary:** Marilyn Bowskill, who has been the H&P Secretary for close to a decade, has retired from her role and has been replaced by new resident, Dawn Wilson.

**Trees:** Ulo Sibul retired after 17 years as the lead for the H&P Tree and Shrub Committee. Ulo will remain in a consulting role on related best practices. Tara Laidley, another new resident to Canterbury, will carry on in the role of Committee Tree & Shrub leadership with the help of Dorothy Bull. In March, Dorothy Bull joined the H&P Committee to assist with trees, shrubs, vines and special tree planting projects. Dorothy was a past Municipal Liaison to the Board and is currently the Social Committee Liaison to the Board.

**Grass & Gardens:** Wreyn Blimke has completed his tenure as lead for Grass and Gardens. The following two new residents have joined the Committee to take on these volunteer roles. Bob Ralph took on the leadership role for Grass Maintenance activities while Bill Taylor took over the lead role for the Gardens Committee. Thanks to both Bob and Bill for volunteering their time and expertise for these important roles.

Special recognition is deserved for the 2023 garden volunteers Debbie Mayne (with help from "Woody"), Pat Spence (with help from Burcley), Margaret Hamel and Murray Smith. Their job was to ensure the Coulter St. Island garden and grass was properly watered. Unfortunately, the watering system in that area was not the most user friendly. Many thanks to the support and cooperation from Waterbury residents, Worsel and Krys Vaughn, for providing the water source. Welcome also to the new Garden volunteers that have been recruited by Bill Taylor.

Over the next two years Geranium will be responsible for cutting the grass in the common areas & open space(s) in Phase 2 of the new home development (Leonard, Holtby and the Simcoe meadow). Thanks to the transition team for getting this done.

Interested in what House & Property is responsible for? Want to volunteer? Be sure to log on to the Canterbury website to find an up-to-date index and general outline of each area the H&P Committee is responsible for.

In particular, our Gardens team designs, plants and maintains the gardens around our Community Centre building, the Pool retaining wall garden and below the pool rain garden, the Coulter street entrance way around the Canterbury signage monument and the Simcoe street entrance way around its Canterbury signage monument and the street divide rockery garden.

This year we will be looking for a few more volunteers to help spread the gardening load and especially help in manually watering the two entranceway gardens which don't have an inground sprinkler system. Interested gardener volunteers should contact Bill Taylor at [wpt3wpt3@gmail.com](mailto:wpt3wpt3@gmail.com) to come out to our Gardens planning meeting early this spring.

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Phil Egginton, Chair

At the Board level there has been a lot of activity but Municipal Affairs didn't have much action during the Winter months therefore there isn't much to report. We are still waiting for confirmation from the Township as to what their budget will allow for improvements to the Waterfront Trail and the pathway down to the trail. We just recently heard that the Township staff will do the work on repairing the damage and inserting a new culvert pipe on the trail as soon as they can. As to the walkway, they will get a quote from their asphalt contractor when they are open for business before any work can begin. Updates will be passed along as they become available.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher, Chair

Since the last edition of The Chronicle...

Our valued volunteers magically transformed The Centre for our NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION, which turned out to be one big "happy" party. Good friends, good food, good fun....so good - we have booked the same DJ for 2024!

Many of us were treated to delicious dishes from around the world at our INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK DINNER, as our residents generously shared their family favourites. We had many determined participants in the Name the Country Flag competition - congratulations to the winners.

COFFEE HOURS have been well attended, and we most recently welcomed Mayor Wilma Wotten and Councilor Terry Coyne. We were also pleased to welcome some "special" former residents: Carol Sambrook, and Patricia and Dennis Bailey.

HAPPY HOURS provide a bi-weekly casual gathering of neighbours and friends, and the "Happy Appy Hour" once a month is very popular. Many of us shared Scottish delicacies at our Robbie Burns Happy Hour.

Dabbers ready, eyes down - the competition was on to win the jackpots at our very popular PIZZA/BINGO NIGHT. Congratulations to our winners.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST - The griddles were sizzling, the sausages prepared, the coffee was on, and the syrup was "real maple" as we shared pancake breakfast with our neighbours and friends. It was such a festive atmosphere with music, games, prizes, and special treats for all.

Details are being finalized for a "Remember When" evening on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details.

"The kids don't want it!" We have the solution for you---the ANNUAL CANTERBURY YARD SALE returns on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details.

2024 is shaping up to be an "event-full" year. Please watch for details of future events on the EMB, the Canterbury Website, posters at The Centre and the mail kiosk, as well as the gentle reminders via email blasts.

We are pleased to extend a Warm Canterbury Welcome to our new residents, and thanks to valued volunteers, and everyone for your continued support.

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush"  
Doug Larson

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair 289-356-2825

Dust off the golf clubs and clean up your golf shoes. The 2024 Canterbury Men's League golf season is fast approaching. New members are very welcome. This is just a reminder that our 2024 schedule of events at Sunnybrae Golf Club starts soon.

Registration for Men's Golf is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (register and stay for lunch - further details to be announced) at Sunnybrae Golf Club. Our registration fee is \$50. Our first golf game in 2024 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> with tee-off about 9:00 a.m.

Last year's members will receive an email with further instructions on registration and the start of the season. New members wishing to join our league should contact Roy Wilson at 647-955-9101, [mbepic@gmail.com](mailto:mbepic@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **POOL COMMITTEE**

Joan Cushnie

Our clocks have “sprung ahead” and we’re shedding our winter wear and looking forward to our spring and summer activities.

We have a great team of technicians that take care of the overall running and maintenance of the pool. On a daily basis, we need others to help! There are two ways to volunteer:

1. Opening/closing the pool. This involves taking the cover off in the morning and putting it back on in the evening, removing the vacuum and a general tidy up of the deck. It works best in teams of two.
2. Water samples: we are required to take samples of the pool water and record results after comparing colours on a chart. The technical team looks at the results and makes any necessary changes.

Both tasks are vital to keeping the pool open for everyone to enjoy throughout the season. The more people we have to help out, the better. We will work with all the volunteers to make an accommodating schedule. If you are interested in volunteering or getting more information, please send an email to [pool@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:pool@canterburycommon.ca).

### **SCRAMBLE GOLF & SOCIAL**

Robbie MacDonald, Chair

The Scramble Golf & Social Committee is looking forward to the 2024 golf season. New members, couples and singles are welcome and encouraged to join this fun event and meet other Canterbury residents. Registration for Scramble is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at The Centre. New golf members should contact Robbie MacDonald [rjmac13@gmail.com](mailto:rjmac13@gmail.com), 1-778-731-0381 to be added to our database and receive instructions on how to register for golf each week using our website. We will remind current members via email to register. Our first Scramble golf event will be held at Crestwood Golf Club on Thursday, May 2 continuing weekly until September 26. It will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Social events and dinners at The Centre will continue Thursday evenings on a bi-weekly basis starting on May 2. We will require Convenors and helpers for each event. Please add your name periodically to Convenor or Helper volunteer sheets when dates are posted. Looking forward to a successful, “dry” golf season in 2024.

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### **THANK YOU CTC**

Board of Directors

The Canterbury Transition Committee (CTC) is concluding its duties on March 31, 2024. The CTC members originally served on the Canterbury Residents Planning and Action Committee. In November 2017 the CTC was mandated to oversee the completion of twenty-five items in the Ontario Municipal Board Minutes of Settlement. Working in collaboration with the Canterbury Land Development Corporation (“Geranium”) the CTC negotiated many improvements for this community including the expansion of The Centre and the construction of a pool designed for seniors’ activities. Its final task was to coordinate the transfer of 25 acres from the Township to CCRA thus ensuring that the former golf course lands would remain as open space parkland for the use and enjoyment of Canterbury residents.

The CTC’s accomplishments were documented in the final issue of What’s Happening which is posted on the CCRA website. A plaque was dedicated in 2021 and is hanging in the foyer of The Centre. On behalf of the community, the Board of Directors thanks the Canterbury Transition Committee for its work: Ed Richards, Gord Simmons, Roger Doe, Lauren Maher, Barry Smythe, Doug Thiemann, Vern Reynolds, John Rintoul and Jim Worsley.

# THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Board of Directors

In July 2022 the newly elected Board of Directors began the work of preparing a Strategic Plan for the Canterbury Common Residents' Association. This work was undertaken in light of the Corporation's responsibilities and the growth of our community. After initial consultations the Board struck a steering committee and drafted the elements of a plan that was presented to the standing committees and the residents in the spring of 2023. The plan was designed with two major goals. The first goal is to **preserve** Canterbury's respectful and helpful culture, its community spirit, the engagement of residents and a commitment to communication. The second goal is to **protect** our environment, our community assets and our activities and services.

The goals were framed in a **Mission** statement – "To respect the past, manage the present and plan for the future as we advance the cultural and social interests of our Members; promote aquatic, athletic, physical and other cultural activities among residents; own, operate and maintain recreational facilities for the use of our Members and their guests; improve the operation of the organization. The concepts in the Mission statement are taken from the objects of the Corporation in the Restated Articles that were approved at the Annual Meeting in June 2023.

The Strategic Plan has a **Vision** statement – "Canterbury Common will be a high quality community where residents enjoy an adult lifestyle". This statement aligns with the rationale for establishing the Canterbury Common Residents' Association as referenced in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Law No. 1 and the Policies and Guidelines.

The Strategic Plan is based on the things we value in our community. We value **Community**: our friendly community spirit; our legacy and reputation; our adult lifestyle; our parklands and green space; safety, pride of ownership; celebrating together. We value **Volunteerism**: contributing to the common good; working with others; sharing expertise and resources; passion, dedication and energy. We value **Engagement**: our activities and services; committees and the Board; local organizations and charities; positive municipal relationships. We value **Communication**: accurate information; the Chronicle, Bulletin, email, website and kiosk; resident input; new strategies and technologies. We value **Accountability**: our governing model; communication and consultation; trust in decision making; the investment in our shared facilities and homes; transparent financial management. We value **Health**: safety in our homes and facilities; neighbors helping neighbors; mental, physical, social and cultural activities; local health services; fresh air, green spaces and the lake.

The Strategic Plan has been developed to provide direction for making decisions on allocating our human and financial resources. The Plan complies with the stated objects for this Corporation and it will be the touchstone for guiding the Board of Directors in the future. The Plan sets out operational objectives in nine areas. Some of the objectives have been completed, others are underway and some are still to be developed.

## Volunteers

- Hold volunteer fair and appreciation events
- Share and integrate role descriptions
- Promote mentorship and job sharing
- Recruit at every opportunity

## Environment

- Promote green practices for maintaining our properties
- Respect and protect the woodlands, trails and lake
- Pursue environmental grants and partner with environmental organizations

## Parklands

- Review past plans and projects
- Consult with experts to identify options and priorities for the future
- Seek community feedback

## Community Spirit

- Engage all new residents
- Conduct seasonal and annual events
- Create and support new activities for residents

## Adult Lifestyle

- Promote services to support people in all stages of life
- Educate homeowners, realtors and lawyers about the Articles of Incorporation, By-Law No. 1, the Protective Restrictions and our Policies and Guidelines

## Partnerships

- Collaborate with environmental organizations
- Support charities and health organizations
- Liaise with the Township of Scugog and the Region of Durham

**Safety**

- Review safety procedures for The Centre and the pool
- Facilitate CPR and First Aid Training for residents and volunteers.
- Promote a network for residents living on their own

**Communications**

- Review our current systems and procedures
- Increase the use of technology
- Reduce paper printing
- Research survey tools for resident input
- Improve security and backup systems.

**Finances**

- Maintain the Replacement Reserve Fund to allow for seamless replacement of aging facilities
- Develop a multi-year plan for our four funds including current and future capital funding needs
- Comply with the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act
- Be fiscally responsible with residents' funds including resident access to financial reports

**THANK YOU LEE AND LAUREN MAHER**

Board of Directors

The community of Canterbury Common bids a fond farewell to Lee and Lauren Maher who will be moving to Peterborough to be closer to their family members. As residents for the last 15 years, they gave their talents and their hearts to make Canterbury a welcoming place for everyone. They have also been active members of Operation Scugog Food Bank for nine years.



Lee served on the Governance and House and Property committees before joining the

Finance Committee for six years including three years as the Treasurer on the Board of Directors. He managed the annual assessments, the accounts payable and the financial reports. He also worked with the former treasurers to prepare the Association's annual budget. He and Lauren enjoyed the golf activities and both served as treasurers for Scramble Golf. Lee is an avid bridge player and may find a new bridge club in Peterborough!

Lauren has served on the Social committee for fourteen years, chaired the committee and mentored numerous residents who have joined the group. She led the committee's revitalization after three years of inactivity because of COVID. Her committee has grown steadily while organizing new and traditional social activities for the residents.

Lauren was a member of the Canterbury Transition Committee and served on the Board of Directors four times where she twice held the position of Vice-President. She joined Carol Sambrook on the Welcome Group four years ago and has met most of the new homeowners during that time. Last year she was selected to be a member of the Strategic Planning committee and returned to the Nominations committee for a fourth time. Her proudest memories are the Canterbury Silver Dragons and the Canterbury Players.

On behalf of the entire community, we thank Lee and Lauren for their outstanding contributions to Canterbury Common. Our door will always be open to both of you.



# ACTIVITIES

## AQUAFIT

Nora Senechal

The pool will be open in May. Aquafit will be held Monday through Friday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Look for more information in your Information Bulletin.

## BOOK CLUB

Jane Sibul / Robin Stamper

Spring is the time we start to think about next year's book selections.



Our next meeting is Thursday, April 25 when we will be discussing *The Brideship Wife* by Leslie Howard. Our last meeting (and our luncheon out) is on Thursday, May 30. We will review *Bloomsbury Girls* by Natalie Jenner and receive our next list of books for 2024-25. Be sure to join us Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. by the fireside.

## CANTERBURY ARTISANS

Birgit Pullen

The Canterbury Artisans got off to a good start in the fall, and some of their creations are appearing in The Centre's rooms. We 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 at [Birgit.pullen@gmail.com](mailto:birgit.pullen@gmail.com).

## CANTERBURY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Frances Hurst

Returning by Popular Demand! Our Canterbury Christmas Concert is making a comeback!

The Canterbury Christmas Concert Committee is pleased to announce the return of our Traditional Christmas concert! So, if you sing, play an instrument, dance, act, or love to sing with a group, we are considering having a unison community choir, audience singalong and potentially other entertainment. We invite you to take part in this concert that will be showcased to our Canterbury Community audience! It is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

You will find a sign-up sheet at The Centre. A registration meeting will be held on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** to discuss further details and how you would like to participate. If you have any questions, please call or email Frances Hurst: 905-982-2633, [grove.fg@gmail.com](mailto:grove.fg@gmail.com)

## CHAIR EXERCISE

Jane Lawson

The chair exercise class starting May will be every Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. in the South Hall at The Centre. Please note the change! The class is being provided at no cost by the CCD (Community Care Durham). We have a trained occupational/physiotherapist assistant who runs the class. The goal of the class is to provide a variety of exercises for older adults to keep fit and maintain their independence by promoting strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Please contact Jane Lawson if needed either by phone at 905-410-0683 or by email at [42janelawson@gmail.com](mailto:42janelawson@gmail.com).

## CHAIR YOGA

Sharon Stevens-Hazelton

The current session of our popular Chair Yoga classes began February 26 for eight weeks. There are many restorative benefits to Chair Yoga: a gentle practice which helps improve flexibility and balance, as well as calming breathing techniques. All movements are done either sitting or standing, not on the floor. No previous experience is necessary. Registration sheets are posted on the Board in The Centre. You are welcome to come and observe a class to see if you'd like to join us. Stay tuned for announcements of future sessions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## CRIB CLUB

Bill Anderson

Cribbage continues over the spring months on Mondays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the North Hall. All are welcome. Please bring a toonie for prizes.



## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Doug Thiemann

Our Duplicate bridge group is back in full swing. Special Invitation to all new residents! If you play Bridge and would like to play Duplicate with a very friendly group, please give me a call.



We play Friday afternoons starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Doug Thiemann at 905-985-4644.

# ACTIVITIES

## **BID EUCHRE**

Murray Lennox

If it's Monday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Bid Euchre at The Centre. If you're interested in having some fun, playing some cards and catching up on local news, bring a toonie and show up. It's not a league; you don't have to come every week. Just drop in and play some cards.



## **EUCHRE**

Bill Anderson

If it's Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Euchre at The Centre.

## **JAM NIGHTS**

Frances Hurst

Our Jam Nights take place every other Thursday in The Centre at 6:30 p.m. If you play a musical instrument and would like to jam with some talented community musicians, feel free to come out and join the fun! Please refer to the community calendar for dates.



## **KNITWITS**

Jane Sibul and Robin Stamper

'Spring is in the air!' That means it is time to finish the winter projects and move on to lighter things, like cute toys for babies or little grandchildren. Some members are putting the knitting away in favour of quilting projects! Drop by and see what we are up to now. We meet every Friday by the fireside in the South Hall of The Centre from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, especially if you do any type of needlework, knitting, crocheting, hand sewing, crewel work, petite point, or you name it. If not, come for a visit and a chat. Hope to see you there.

## **LADIES' BRIDGE**

Carol Hough

Ladies Bridge is played weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the North Hall. All Bridge levels are welcome. Please bring a loonie for prizes. We are a very friendly and relaxed group, so we hope you can join us.

## **LIBRARY**

Lorna Zamulinski

Donations of new books to our library have been excellent. Drop by and check out our new book selections. Donations of books in good condition are always welcome. Thank you for all our donations.

## **LINE DANCING**

Alice Lynch and Cathy Spohn

Do you like music? Do your toes tap to the beat? Have you ever tried line dancing? Have you ever wanted to try line dancing? Maybe Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. are for you! Come join our beginner group and before you know it you will be dancing to:

*New York New York...I Feel Like a Woman...Cowboy Up...Boot Scooting Boogie... etc.*

If you want any more information, please call Cathy Spohn at 905-982-2723 or Alice Lynch at 905-982-0766. Or better yet just show up Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with comfortable shoes, a water bottle and happy feet.

## **MAH JONGG**

We are back at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Come and learn this interesting game. No money is involved.



## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

Debbie Fair

Come join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mexican Train is a very popular dominoes game that is easy to learn and fun to play. The goal is to get rid of as many dominoes as possible and have the lowest score based on your dominoes remaining. Everyone is welcome! We will be meeting until May and will resume again in October as we don't meet over the summer months.

## **MIXED BRIDGE**

Carol Hough

During the spring months Mixed Bridge is played on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the South Hall. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the hall each week so I can arrange to have at least two tables to play. All levels of bridge are welcome. Please bring a loonie for prizes. We are a very relaxed and friendly group.

## **POKER BOYS**

Mike Smith

Come out and join us every Monday night from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

- 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. Dealers Choice - ante 25 cents, max. bet 25 cents, 2 bump max.
- 8:45 - 9:30 p.m. Texas Hold 'em - \$5.00 buy in

## ACTIVITIES

### POOL AND DART BOYS

Mike Pullen

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Barb Pedder

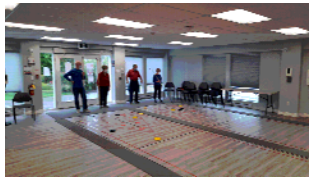


We exercise in the Main Hall on the upper level of The Centre Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Using a variety of Leslie Sansone DVDs, we power walk while engaging muscles of the upper and lower body. Each DVD covers a distance of three or four miles with some routines using an exercise band or weights during the walk. This walking program improves range of motion, muscle conditioning, and the ability to stretch to keep our bodies fit (and young?). No cost and no commitment. Everyone welcome!

### SHUFFLEBOARD

Dave Streeter

Our shuffleboard season is now over and we will start up again in October. Look out for sign-up sheets to come out some time in September.



Thanks to all who participated; we all had a good time in our first official Shuffleboard season.

The shuffleboard courts and equipment will still be available for use downstairs at The Centre, if the space is not being used by other groups. Please leave the equipment as you find it.

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Sue Munroe and Joan Kelly

Solo Social is an evolving group within Canterbury for people on their own to come and socialize monthly at The Centre. The shared experiences, laughter and warmth of friendship are rich. If you are on your own, we encourage you to come and meet this amazing group of people.

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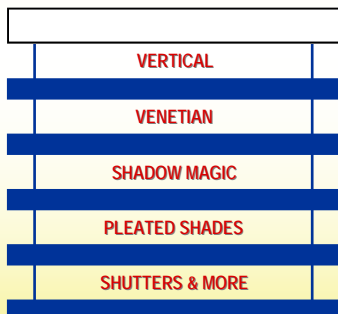
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**THE PARKLANDS**

Board of Directors

The term “parkland” is used in the Planning Act which requires the allocation of some open space to be dedicated as parkland in any development plan. MPAC uses the term “vacant land” for these areas. In the subdivision plans Block 108 was the first fairway, Block 106 was the second, third and fourth fairways and Block 77 was the sixth fairway. CCRA committees have used the term “Meadowlands” or “Meadows” when discussing these areas.

The master plan for the Parklands comprises one segment of the Strategic Plan for Canterbury Common. The Parklands are the open spaces in Blocks 77, 106 and 108. Block 77 is the land between the homes on the west side of Candlelight Court and Simcoe Street. This land connects to the common areas that surround the new homes on Holtby Court. Blocks 106 and 108 are adjacent to the odd-numbered homes on Waterbury Crescent beginning at The Centre and ending at the fifth hole site which was purchased by Greenwood Retirement Communities to build a Seniors Residence.

In the Ontario Municipal Board Minutes of Settlement it was agreed that CCRA would become the owner of the 25 acres that were not used by Geranium to build 99 new homes. Those lands are Blocks 77, 106 and 108 plus smaller parcels of land adjoining the new homes. Ownership of these lands allows CCRA to maintain the areas as open space for the use and enjoyment of its Members. These lands cannot be sold or leased without the approval of the Members. (It is worth noting that another 65 lots are illustrated in these blocks in an earlier subdivision map.)

In March 2021 the previous Board of Directors formed a Land Use committee to develop a plan for the use of the open spaces. The committee created a 3-Year Rolling Plan which is still posted on our website. In September 2021 the Board sought the Members’ opinions in a survey that received 203 responses from 267 homes. The survey results favored upgrading a portion of the land to park like quality (64%) and returning a portion of the land to a natural forested state (77%). Most respondents did not want the land left as it was (62%) and a greater number wanted to protect and improve the condition of all or part of the land (82%). The survey results supported low cost activities (63%) but rejected private or public racquet courts (88% and 97%). The results also rejected the building of a private or public golf course on the lands (94% and 98%).

A second Land Use Committee was formed in October with representatives from 12 neighborhoods across Canterbury Common. The committee met during 2022 and developed proposals based on the 3-Year Rolling Plan and the 2021 survey results. In May 2022 the Board approved funds for low cost activities, flower gardens in the first fairway bunkers and a new path beside the Pool. The three projects were reported in the Chronicle and presented and ratified at the Annual Meeting in June 2022.

Equipment was purchased for the activities and a grant was approved by Kawartha Conservation Authority to subsidize the plan for the flower gardens. The path was not done and the gardens were not planted due to weather and turf conditions. The KCA grant expired in 2023 and the cost for the path increased by \$3,500 when it was finally done in 2023.

While those two projects were delayed a complementary program was successful. The Adopt A Bench program was advertised in the Bulletin and Chronicle in 2022 and eight residents donated the funds for the memorial benches that are located at the Centre and in Block 108 and 106. The benches were provided for rest and reflection by Canterbury residents walking on the parkland. These memorial benches were part of the vision for the flower gardens but they were not funded by the previous Board.

The current Board has continued to implement the 3-Year Rolling Plan by consulting with experts in the use of the parklands. Attention has been focused on Block 106 where the woodlots are dying in the environmentally protected area beside the fairway. Our volunteers have consulted with representatives from Kawartha Conservation on several occasions and they have walked the property together as KCA analyzed the soil and provided recommendations.

In December 2023 the Board applied for a grant from the 50 Million Trees Program which residents supported in the 2021 survey. Five hundred seedlings will be planted in Block 106 while avoiding the Township easements around the settlement pond. The adjacent woodlots are full of trees that are being strangled by invasive vines.

This program is federally and provincially supported to reforest urban communities and it will help to replace the hundreds of trees that were removed when the Canterbury Golf Club was built.

Block 77 will be reforested with 174 mature trees to be planted on both sides of the former sixth fairway. These trees are part of the 423 trees that the builder has restored after removing nearly 600 trees to build homes. These trees are a mix of deciduous and coniferous trees that have been recommended by the builder and approved by the Canterbury Transition Committee and the CCRA House and Property Committee. The trees in Block 106 will be a similar mix of trees that have been approved by a certified forester.

The plan to plant flowers in the bunkers will be reviewed again and another grant may be sought if this project is approved by the Board for the 2025-2026 budget. The Scugog Water Fund is another KCA grant program that will subsidize a significant portion of any related costs for this project.

The Adopt A Bench program will be re-visited and several more locations may be approved in the open spaces if there are sufficient donors.



## OUR DYING WOODLOTS

Board of Directors



The woodlots surrounding the homes on Waterbury Crescent are aging and some are being strangled with invasive vines. These vines are resident in the environmentally protected woodlots that border Canterbury’s land. You can see them if you walk along the Waterfront Trail from The Centre to Simcoe Street and also on the former fairways of the Canterbury Golf Club.

One of the most damaging vines is the Dog Strangling Vine. (DSV). It grows by wrapping itself around trees and other plants and can grow up to 6 feet high. It prevents forest regeneration by overwhelming native plants and young trees by releasing chemicals from its roots that affect nearby foliage.

This DSV suppresses young saplings and groundcover plants due to heavy shading and will overtake mature woodlots like ours. Some of these vines have been found at the north storm water pond between the first and second golf holes. Without intervention, these vines will suppress young trees in mature woodlots.

The other prominent vine in the woodlots is the Grape Vine. While not considered invasive, it is plentiful and blocks out sunlight to the tops of trees and impacts their survival. We have spoken to the Director of Parks for Scugog Township to report these issues and the future damage to the woodlots but removing these vines and reforesting those woodlots is very challenging and

expensive to remediate after the vines have taken a strangle hold of the trees.

The CCRA House and Property committee has consulted numerous experts as well and the recommendation was made to plant new trees beside the woodlots. The Kawartha Conservation Authority has visited our land and suggested the location and types of trees that will flourish on our property. CCRA has been awarded a grant from the 50 Million Trees Program that will reduce our cost to \$771 to plant 500 seedlings beside the dying woodlots. With monitoring and proactive remediation before the harmful vines take hold, the seedling planting will provide healthy tree coverage and improved sight lines as well as other ecological benefits while replacing the unsightly dying trees in the wetland’s areas.



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## Flower Season

Dave Streeter

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1. How did you get involved/hear about the volunteer opportunity?
2. What committee or activity do you volunteer with?
3. Have you been a volunteer before coming to Canterbury?
4. What is your favourite part of volunteering?

Suzanne Brolley

I had been thinking about volunteering for a few months. I thought it was a great way to get to know my community and be useful. I joined the Administration Committee and had not volunteered before. I began with one small task and quickly took on more responsibilities when needed. I enjoy being a part of running The Centre and being busy. I am a born organizer and this has helped me multi-task the many aspects of this committee. It's nice to be part of a great team that has the same goals and to serve our community.

Dawn Wilson

I got involved with volunteering when I first moved to Canterbury. I have always volunteered in different capacities throughout the years before coming to Canterbury. Being a new resident meant that volunteering would allow me to meet the other residents who lived here that weren't my immediate neighbours. Through word of mouth about the different Committees and reading the Chronicle it helped me decide to join the Social Committee and the House & Property Committee. I get to work with a group of like-minded people toward a common goal or team project. It's fun to volunteer, especially when you discover how your own talents/skills can be used and by learning more about the function and operation of our Canterbury community. My favourite part of volunteering is collaborating with others, relationship building through teamwork when organizing and planning a community event.

Blain Woodruff

I first heard about the volunteering opportunities during the visit from Lauren and Carol on the Welcoming Committee. During the "Meet and Greet" I spoke to several longtime residents and was asked about my work experience. Being a technical person, I explained I would be best suited to volunteer for the technical team for the swimming pool, which also entails being on the House and Property Committee. This seems to suit me very well as I have enjoyed learning about the chemical side of pool water management and have also enjoyed working on projects to improve The Centre. Before moving to Canterbury, Pam and I lived in a community in Brampton similar to Canterbury. The big difference was we were paying a monthly maintenance fee and we felt we were not getting value for what we were paying. When we found Canterbury and we were speaking to the sales agent for the McCaw phase, it was explained that Canterbury had a yearly fee and costs could be held in check by the volunteering aspect. This interested me, and both Pam and I felt it was a great idea. As far as volunteering is concerned, that really was not an option in Brampton. Pam was still working, and her honey-do-list kept me active enough. My favourite part of volunteering is the interaction and meeting with so many of the residents of Canterbury. I think sometimes though I am best known as Pam's husband. (lol) I am a firm believer in staying active as we age so volunteering suits me and as long as I remain healthy I will be volunteering.

Tara Laidley

I saw something happening with the meadows that I wasn't happy with and during a conversation with a Board member, I was encouraged to write a letter to the Board. In the Board's response, they encouraged me to join the House and Property Committee. That seemed like an excellent way to discover what is happening, to learn about other perspectives and considerations and to have a voice in decisions, so I joined. On the House and Property Committee, I have been fascinated to learn about all the different issues that this committee deals with and the knowledge and expertise of the people on the committee. I have helped with a few small projects and another member and I now have committee leadership for areas related to the trees in Canterbury. I haven't volunteered before. I was retired for a few years before coming to Canterbury, but I hadn't yet found a volunteer opportunity that I wanted to make a regular commitment to. I found that in the H & P Committee. My favourite part of volunteering has been meeting and getting to know some wonderful people. The people involved are intelligent, caring, willing to share their expertise and the list goes on. However, I am also learning new things all the time on this committee. Also, I quickly learned that although I don't always agree with the decisions that are made, the

volunteers on the Board and the other committees truly care about the community and the residents and do their very best to make the decisions that will benefit the community and the majority of the residents.

After reading this, might there be a volunteer opportunity for you to consider? As you know, many hands make light work, which means we are always looking for new volunteers. If you have any questions or would like more information as to how to get involved, please contact Suzanne Brolley at [administration@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:administration@canterburycommon.ca) or call the office at The Centre at 905-985-5258.

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From: <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteering-and-its-surprising-benefits.htm>

### **Benefit 1: Volunteering Connects You to Others**

One of the more well-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

#### **Make New Friends and Contacts**

One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. It strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.

#### **Increase Your Social and Relationship Skills**

While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills, since you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. Once you have momentum, it's easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts.

#### **Volunteering as a Family**

Children watch everything you do. By giving back to the community, you'll show them firsthand how volunteering makes a difference and how good it feels to help other people and animals and enact change. It's also a valuable way for you to get to know organizations in the community and find resources and activities for your children and family.

### **Benefit 2: Volunteering is Good for Your Mind and Body**

Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health.

Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety. The social contact aspect of helping and working with others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Nothing relieves stress better than a meaningful connection to another person working with pet and other animals has also been shown to improve mood and reduce stress and anxiety.

Volunteering combats depression. Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against depression.

Volunteering makes you happy. By measuring hormones and brain activity, researchers have discovered that being helpful to others delivers immense pleasure. Human beings are hard-wired to give to others. The more we give, the happier we feel.

Volunteering increases self-confidence. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals.

Volunteering provides a sense of purpose. Older adults, especially those who have retired or lost a spouse, can find new meaning and direction in their lives by helping others. Whatever your age or life situation, volunteering can help take your mind off your own worries, keep you mentally stimulated, and add more zest to your life.

Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not. Older volunteers tend to walk more, find it easier to cope with everyday tasks, are less likely to develop high blood pressure, and have better thinking skills. Volunteering can also lessen symptoms of chronic pain and reduce the risk of heart disease.



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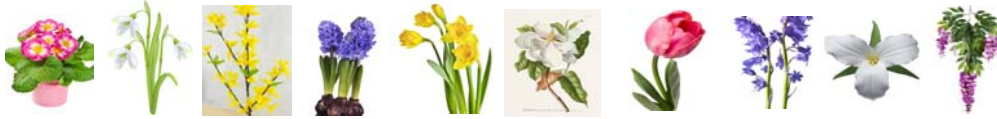
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**SMILE OF THE DAY!**

Dave McBride

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**Blast from the past!**



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## **FROM THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

Sharon Schmidt

Here is some news from the Port Perry Hospital Auxiliary. We are so pleased to be included in your Chronicle.

Our volunteers continue to be an asset to our hospital (day surgery, the Coffee Shack, Friendly Visitors at the bedside and Camille's Corner Gift Shop). We are also very active in Camille's Closet in the Food Basic's mall. We support Operation Scugog, Pegasus Sanctuary CP and the Animal Rescue Centre.

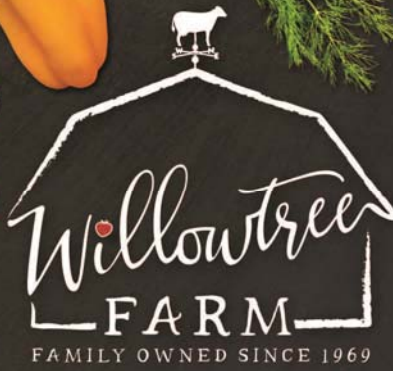
Volunteers are always needed and welcomed in every area of the Auxiliary!! Applications are available at Camille's Closet and Camille's Corner Gift Shop or by calling Sharon Schmidt at 905-982-1021. We had a successful fund raising with our Jewelry Sale raising over \$2,600.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Port Perry Legion, our auxiliary is hosting PRETTY IN PINK FASHION SHOW! Tickets are \$20 cash and will be available as of April 15<sup>th</sup> at Camille's Closet and Camille's Corner Gift Shop. All proceeds are going towards patient equipment at our hospital. Tickets are limited for this fun evening. You don't want to miss it!

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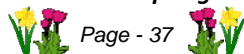
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## UPDATED Policies and Guidelines

CCRA Policies and Guidelines for House & Property were updated late last year providing alignment to best practices for the maintenance and management of our recently acquired Woodlots and Meadows areas.

Our Policies and Guidelines now delineate the CCRA practices for the “Commons’ lands”, those closely cut turf grass areas, ornamental trees and shrubs around the Centre and in the common areas directly behind our homes versus the “Meadows and Tree lot” areas, formerly the old golf course lands now CCRA property.

The Meadows and hardwood tree lot areas are situated in some of the most environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas around Lake Scugog and are directly over a portion of our regional Aquifer. Preservation and protection of these natural meadow lands and hardwood tree stands requires practices that support and sustain the ecosystem that is very different from maintaining our closely cut, turf grasses, trees and flower beds as we have in our yards.

Several relevant excerpts of the updated policies are as follows, with the full text of all CCRA Policies and Guidelines being available on our CCRA website.

### Sub-section 09 – THE MEADOWS

CCRA shall maintain and manage the Meadows for the benefit of the entire community, while ensuring the protection and preservation of the existing and future ecosystems including the woodlands, wetland, vegetation and animal habitat.

The House and Property Committee shall ensure that the Meadows are maintained and managed while ensuring the protection and preservation of the ecosystems. This may include, but may not be limited to, activities such as: periodic grass cutting, grounds and woodland rehabilitation, and removal of invasive species such as Dog Strangling Vines.

### Sub Section 10 – TREES

CCRA shall control and maintain the trees on the Commons and the Meadows for the benefit of the entire community.

Dead or diseased trees in the Commons will be removed as safety dictates.

Dead trees in the Meadows may be left to enrich the wildlife habitat. Trees removed and branch trimmings within the Meadows will, to the extent possible, remain in place.

Trees removed from and branch trimmings in the Commons will, to the extent possible, be relocated and spread in the bush lots in the Meadows to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the soil.





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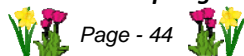
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