



DUNROBIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Annual Report for the 2007 Operating Year

The Dunrobin Community Centre received a major face-lift this year. The interior of the building was painted by a number of high school students in return for their community service hours. The storage areas and kitchen were cleaned out and re-organized. The City replaced a number of boards on our outdoor rink, painted and lined the boards in preparation for the outdoor hockey season.

This year the Community Centre has been rented out to more community groups. The executive has made it a priority to try and increase the traffic in the Centre during the year. We have seen the Centre used for private parties, dog obedience classes, boating courses, charity garage sales, charity BBQ's, canteens for sporting events, community meetings and training sessions. The Euchre club was also run in the spring. A series of new programs will be in place this summer at the centre in partnership with the City of Ottawa.

Last spring proved very busy as softball and soccer registrations took place at the Centre. The baseball season was a big success with local players and umpires playing nightly on both of our diamonds. I would like to thank John Kealey for all his work on the baseball program and commend him for obtaining a brand new shed for to store all of the baseball equipment.

The Dunrobin soccer division again saw a jump in registrations. The DCA oversees the cutting and lining of 6 fields as well as providing much of the infrastructure and equipment for the micro tournament and the year end tournament at West Carleton High School. Debbie Kealey has been the Dunrobin rep for a number of years and is stepping down this year and has been fortunate to find Kelly Robinson who will be one of the people to replace her. Thanks Debbie.

The DCA once again hosted Canada Day in Dunrobin, this year. This year we partnered with the Giselle Mansfield and her 'No Mountain Too High' fundraising event on June 30th, followed by our Canada Day celebration on July 1st. The actual Canada day party began at 5:00pm and featured a Karaoke singing competition that featured many unique renditions of O Canada, BBQ, cake cutting ceremony featuring local Politian's,

community services showcase inside the building, and beer tent. As darkness closed in, people poured into the Centre site to view a breath taking fireworks display. This day would not have been possible without the help of many volunteers from our community.

The City of Ottawa also hosted several programs during the spring, summer, and fall including T-ball, micro soccer and field hockey. The Association has worked diligently with the City to establish more visibility through programs for the coming year. Thank you to Kim Cleevely and her co-harts for being flexible and cooperative in working with our volunteers

This is the tenth season for the outdoor hockey league. Close to a hundred young people are registered in the league. They practiced Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and played their games on Saturdays. The weather this year has been very uncooperative and has resulted in many cancelled games and practices. This is the final year for Barry Green, he stepping down as the Dunrobin organizer. Thanks Barry!

I would like to personally thank Brian Boyd, Gaetan Morin, Kim Cleevely and all of the City Recreation staff that have helped us build great programs at the DCC. In addition I would like to thank all of the members of the DCA Executive for all of their hard work and perseverance.

This is final report as President of the DCA.

A community survey has helped to increase visibility into the need to volunteer time, and also provide input to the DCA and the City as to program offerings the Community of Dunrobin is looking to add to our portfolio. It is my hope this will increase the involvement of the community and provide a much needed burst of energy for the DCA. I wish the new executive luck as they continue to build the DCA.

Respectfully submitted

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President