

# **Desert Cove Homeowners Association**

## **President's Annual Report – September 22, 2021**

To begin, I'd like to thank the team that supported and helped me during the past year. Phil Hoeksema, Denise Harper, Jacke Palmer, Shaunie Wood, Tracy Cox, Jim Horsford, June MacGregor, and Marilyn Richardson have been an amazing group to work with, as well as Diana Fortier and Linda Klym who had to step down from their positions. Thank you all for your support and hard work!

It's been a challenging year with the Covid-19 pandemic and more recently the wildfires burning near Desert Cove, which put us on Alert and Evacuations orders twice in two weeks.

In the last year, the Board of Directors have dealt with the following:

- Recently a safety concern has been raised regarding gas containers being stored near the water supply for Desert Cove. The Board of Directors will follow-up on this concern with management.
- The ongoing challenges revolving around the Covid-19 pandemic and how to follow the Public Health and Interior Health orders with respect to our Desert Cove activities.
- Putting together a Fire Safety Plan for residents of Desert Cove on very short notice. Thanks to management for supplying air horns for the second evacuation order. The DCHA has proposed to management that the purchase and installation of a warning siren at the Recreation Center would be more beneficial for the future. The DCHA would take responsibility to sound the siren if/when an evacuation occurred in the future. The DCHA will bring this item forward again to management at a later date.
- The installation of Bocce Courts with the help of Desert Cove staff and volunteers.
- A petition regarding the potholes in Head of the Lake Road was received and presented to Don Westgate, who agreed that the more pressure put on OKIB and MOTI regarding the condition of the road, the better. June MacGregor followed up with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and finally, on September 7<sup>th</sup> they repaved Head of the Lake Road, making it much safer and easier to drive on.
- Questions from residents regarding the Desert Cove Lease Extension were received and forwarded to Management to deal with, as this issue is not part of the DCHA mandate.
- Tip-It Recycling cancelled their curbside recycling program, and Management passed the issue on to the DCHA to deal with. Services within Desert Cove are not within the mandate of the Homeowner's Association either, but as an avid recycler, I took on the issue and was able to arrange the installation of the large recycling bins behind the recreation centre.
- The ongoing issues with the swimming pool liner have been discussed with Management, and alternative ideas were put forward, as well as improving the camera system, and these ideas are already being considered.
- An email was sent to Mike Fotheringham at OKIB requesting updates on the firehall certification and this information was received and forwarded to all residents as well as posted on our DCHA website.

It is with mixed emotions that I am stepping down as President of the DCHA, as it has been an extremely rewarding, albeit a sometimes-thankless job, but knowing that Marilyn Richardson has agreed to take on the President position has made the decision much easier. I will still be on the Board of Directors as Exofficio and will remain being a strong voice for members of the DCHA. Thank you to all the members of DCHA for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the past two years.

Respectfully,

Kathy Burwell