

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

President's Report Annual General Meeting September 19th, 2023

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership as president over the past two years. Time has gone quickly, and looking back I'm am pleased at what has been accomplished this year.

I could have not asked for a better team, my fellow board members. There is constant work that goes on behind the scenes without notice or recognition. This team works very hard and is so dedicated to making this a better place for all of us.

We are a well known for our friendly and caring people and our sense of community. *In the Morning Star, published August 24th, 2023, insert "Best of the North Okanagan", Desert Cove was selected as the winner of Best Retirement Community!* This is quite an honor, but of course, we already know that!

Its wonderful to see so many folks coming out to enjoy themselves at all the events that have been going on over the last year. And it is especially nice to see new faces as well.

We currently have:

- **440 Homes Occupied**
- **806 Residents**
- **716 DCHA Members**
- **89% of Residents are DCHA members**

Our Recreation Centre is a busy place.

- Did you know that there are approximately **23** separate activities going on in the hall every week? From aqua size, fitness, crafts, to card games and bingo (not including the library and fitness room).
- Did you also know that approximately **30-40** special events were booked this fiscal year? That's about one event every week and a half.

Think about the many volunteers it takes to do all of this. We are so lucky to have the best. Our volunteers don't even need to be asked; they are here to help anytime and every time.

Other accomplishments of note:

- The re-introduction of our recycling program, now through Recycle BC
- A successful Flu clinic in the fall, which is tentatively scheduled for October 18th this year.
- A very successful garage sale and holiday market
- Support for our Emergency Contact team
- Fire extinguisher demonstration
- Start up of the Desert Cove shuttle
- Our bottle recycling for VJH donation continues to grow
- There were also a number of changes to BC gaming and societies act which resulted in changes to our bylaws and the way we process our gaming licence.

The Director reports will provide more specific details on the board's achievements over the last year and what is planned for the near future. We are looking forward to another full and active year ahead.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Richardson

DCHA President