

ABC Association – Members Update February 17th. 2014

Dear Member,

This will be a brief update to give you some news.

I will be going to hospital for an operation very soon, and will be taking a “medical leave of absence” from my role as president of the ABC Association, effective immediately. I don't know how long this leave will last but it could be some time.

Brian Saunders, our Vice President, will be taking on my responsibilities while I'm away, and I'm sure you will give him all the help and support he needs as he takes on the role. Brian's number is 273-3198, and his email is saundersjamesbrian@gmail.com.

We held a board meeting last night at which Pat Hough presented a full program of events for the year, including several exciting new initiatives. You'll hear about them all in our next newsletter, but why not find out all about them from our web site – www.abchall.ca? It also has all our contact information and even a way of writing emails to us directly.

Also at the Board meeting we regretfully received the resignations of two Board members. Betty Ann Gillespie resigned as Treasurer and Garnie Gray as Director of Facilities. Many thanks to them both for all the hard work and contributions they have made to the Association and community over many years! We are now left with a large hole in our organization. If any of you can see a way of coming forward to fill either of these roles, please call Brian. We need you!

Thank you for participating in the (rather rushed!) vote over Christmas about our application for a Trillium Grant. As a membership you agreed that we should move ahead with the application and that we should proceed with the project to build a front canopy for the hall and install better signage.

So far we haven't heard anything more from The Trillium Foundation, but we really don't expect to until probably the end of March. When we know the result of our application we'll be able to plan our program of improvements for the Hall in more detail.

Also thank you to those who renewed your memberships over the last few weeks!

As we start gearing up for a lot more activity as Spring approaches, please think of how you can help! We don't want to become an Association where only a few do all the work, and the more we all participate, the more successful we will be in making our Association a great organization and our community a great place to be! Don't hesitate to contact Pat, Freda, Brian, Joyce or anyone else if you can help, or if you have ideas for improvements.

I said this would be a short letter, so will just close by wishing you all the best of fortune as I step back for a while.

With best Regards,

Martin